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## IN THE WORKS

*Tidbits about  
what lies ahead*

**PLOWING ROUTE 46** – In anticipation the town may have completed its snowplowing of State Route 46 for another winter, the Town Council tonight (4/23) will be asked to extend the contract for the work for three more winters.

*The current contractor - Lanpher Excavating LLC on Verona Island - wants a three-year extension, equal payments each month for six months and 4 percent increases during each of the next three years. The company has been working under a one-year extension of its previous contract, which was awarded without seeking competitive bids last year.*

**BUILDING WALLS** – The town is preparing to spend \$499,000 on rebuilding the long-discussed teetering retaining wall on lower Main Street. Half of the money will come from the state Department of Transportation.

*By backing down the scope of the work just a tad, the plan lets the Town Council go ahead without getting voter approval. Had the town planned to spend another \$1,000, the town's share of that - \$500 - would have put the project up against the \$250,000 lid the council can spend on its own. The town's cash is from the "undesignated fund balance," the "rainy day fund."*

**MANAGER'S REVIEW** – The councilors tonight (4/23) will launch the annual job performance review of Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.

The first step is a four-page evaluation form being distributed to each councilor.

**PAYING RESPECT** – The Town Council will offer a moment of silence for the late J.E. ("Jef") Fitzgerald, the town's assessor for eight years.

*Fitzgerald, 60, succumbed earlier this month.*



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*Every patriot has his day!*

**This fellow proved a traffic-stopper as he stood his ground on Main Street on Monday, Patriot's Day, a holiday observed only in Maine and Massachusetts.**

## Town's roads lead committee's docket

**BUCKSPORT** – The Town Council's infrastructure committee again tonight (4/23) will take up the thorny issues of which local roads should be fixed first, and how thoroughly should that work be done to avoid having to repeat the repairs in a few years.

In what may be the last council subcommittee meeting for a while, the Infrastructure Committee again will review the \$3 million plan prepared by Town Manager Susan M. Lessard and highway superintendent Jay Lanpher.

(The council tonight is expected to place a moratorium on all of its subcommittee meetings for the duration of the state of emergency arising from the virus pandemic. The business of the committees would move to the regular council meetings, which traditionally have covered the same matters twice on council meeting nights, once during the committee sessions and again before the full council.)

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## Town's cash aid being distributed

*Council to ratify earlier votes*

**BUCKSPORT** – The Bucksport Town Council tonight will return to the area's television and computer screens with a meeting that, at times, will sound a lot like the one the councilors held earlier this month.

At the earlier session, the council overwhelmingly endorsed the idea of taking \$115,000 from the town's "rainy day account", adding in a \$60,000 gift from benefactors and then distributing the entire sum to help tide local businesses and individuals through the days before more substantive federal relief is distributed to those knocked off their financial pegs by the coronavirus pandemic.

The council continues to distribute the checks - \$600 to qualifying businesses and \$150 food gift cards to qualifying residents.

However, a new round of formal votes to ratify the earlier consensus agreements is on the agenda of tonight's session.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard scheduled those votes to assure that what was done dur-

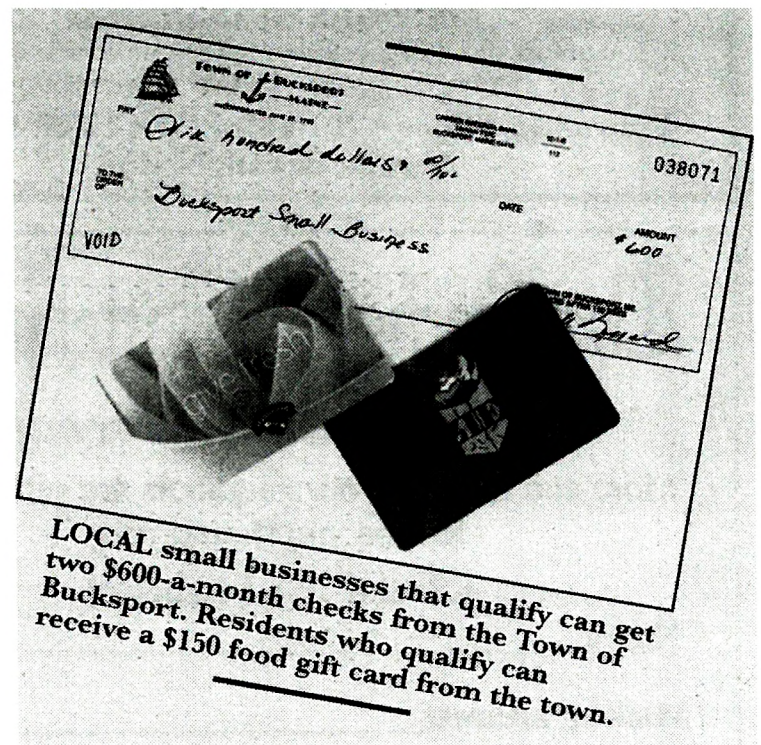
ing - and legally - through the continuing emergency is well-documented for the future.

At midweek 47 checks had been sent to local businesses and another three were pending. There were 58 food vouchers issued and more were in the process of being issued. Applications still were being accepted.

Meanwhile a similar program has been launched in Belfast, where officials have opted to go with the original sums suggested here: \$500-a-month for qualifying individuals and \$100 worth of groceries for qualifying individuals in that city.

And U.S. Sen. Angus King this week called Lessard to praise the local effort to provide interim assistance to those most in need.

The U.S. Senate on Tuesday passed the second round of business stimulus funding, a move required when the first allotment quickly ran out. The action is slated to go to the House today (4/23).



## Senate campaign already an economic stimulus

**AUGUSTA** – While the election is not until November, the massive television advertising shootout between incumbent Maine Sen. Susan Collins and her Democrat challenger, Sara Gideon, is every-

where.

Fueled by, in large part, out-of-state contributions, the continuing political ad blitzes will be the most expensive in the state's 200-year history. It also has included numerous negative campaign attack ads spawning charges and counter-charges about the accuracy of some of the more bombastic language.

The Republicans are seeking to retain Collins, a veteran member of the Senate and the ranking member of the all-

important Appropriations Committee, while the Democrats have long targeted Collins for removal as part of the party's underlying effort to regain a majority in the Senate.

In her March 31 report, Collins showed contributions toally \$13.2 million and spending for \$8.5 million, leaving \$5.6 million on hand.

Gideon reported raising \$13.3 million, spending of \$8.5 million and \$5.6 million still on

hand.

That works out to nearly \$20 for each man, woman and child in the state, and the campaign still has over half of a year to run.

Collins raised \$1.43 million from individuals donating \$200 or less each and \$8.1 million from larger donors. Political action committees chipped in \$2.6 million and other sources provided \$1 million.

In Gideon's case, small

donors provided \$6.1 million, large donors added \$6.1 million and political committees provided another quarter of a million dollars and other sources came up with nearly a half million dollars.

None of the other candidates, including some who have since dropped out - raised \$500,000 and several topped out at considerably less than that amount.

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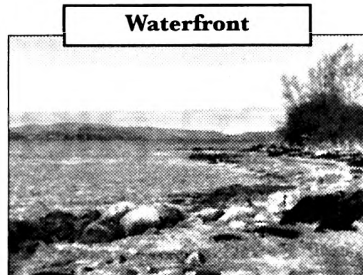


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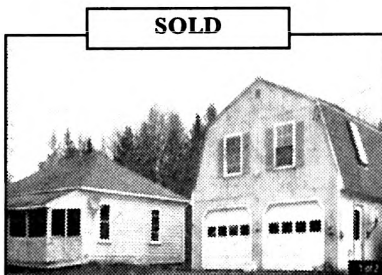
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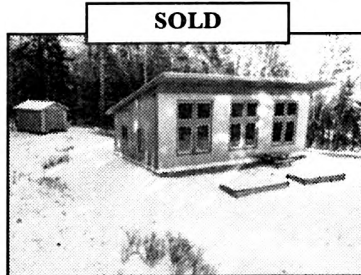
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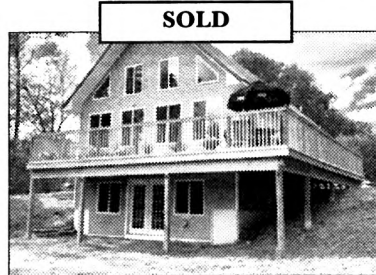
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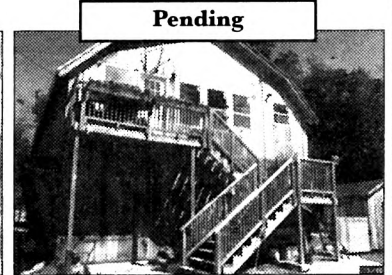
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**BUCKSPORT**—These building and land use permits were issued by Luke Chiavelli, Bucksport's code enforcement officer:

• 890 Silver Lake Road - Jared Bowden got permits for a single-family modular home, a subsurface wastewater system, the plumbing of the house and a basement bathroom, March 2.

• 412 State Route 46 - Dana Wardwell got a permit for a new single-family home, March 9, as well as a plumbing permit for that house.

• 24 Mariner Way at the former paper mill - Maine Maritime Academy obtained a permit for the plumbing of showers and a laundry, March 9.

• 20 Bridge Street - Bill Doty received a permit for the plumbing needed to add a full bathroom, March 19.

• 22 Main Street - Debra Carpenter obtained a permit for the plumbing work needed to install a shower, sink, dishwasher and laundry, March 19.

• Central Street - The Hawes Group received a permit for a complete underground wastewater system for the new trailer park, March 30.

• 384 River Road - Geoffrey Bellows a permit for a complete replacement of a subsurface wastewater system, March 31.

• 25 Small Drive - Desirae Peddle got permission for a 14 by 18 foot loft inside an existing residence, March 2.

• 537 Millvale Road - Rob Perkins took out a permit for a new 24 by 12 foot, enclosed front porch, March 10.

• 343 Jacob Buck Pond Road - Zachary Jones got a permit for a porch, March 24.

• 1541 Bucksmills Road - Jim Johnson obtained a permit for a new 28 by 24 foot, single-story garage, March 30.

• 100 U.S. Route 1, DMCC

Enterprises, took out a permit for three exterior signs that had been posted outside the Spring Fountain Inn, March 30.

• 28 First Street - Sarah Falvey got a permit to build a deck, March 31

There were only four permits issued during February, for two projects:

• 1527 River Road - Michael Larrabee Jr. obtained a permit on Feb. 3 for plumbing work on a relocated mobile home. The permit was issued after-the-fact. The owner also got an after-the-fact permit for a storage shed.

• 32 Royal Ridge Lane - Russell Saunders got permits on Feb. 27 for plumbing for a 1,708 square-foot modular home.

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## Friends & Family

**HOOT, TOOT & SIRENS** – For the second time in two weeks, the Birthday Brigade was dispatched from the Public Safety Building, this time to help a South Carolina boy remember his fifth birthday, the one he spent in Bucksport.

The vehicles - two cruisers, a fire truck, an ambulance and a game warden - went down the River Road to pass by grandma's house as **Wesley Kelly** and his mom, **Geneve (Spaulding) Kelly** took in the passing show. The lights were flashing, the sirens wailing.

"It was the icing on the cake, Wesley's grandma reported.

The two were visiting here for a month, "trapped" in Bucksport in part because of the pandemic concerns.

**REASSIGNED** – Bishop Robert P. Deeley has announced the **Rev. Timothy J. Nadeau**, the parochial vicar of the Bucksport-based **Stella Maris Parish**, as the pastor of the

Good Shepherd Parish, Most Holy Trinity Church in Saco; St. Joseph Church in Biddeford; St. Margaret Church in Old Orchard Beach; St. Philip Church in Lyman; the Most Holy Trinity Church in Saco; and St. Brendan Church in Biddeford Pool.

His reassignment will take place on Aug. 1.

Father Nadeau now serves the three-church Stella Maris Parish with churches in Bucksport, Castine and Stonington; St. Joseph Parish in Ellsworth; and the Parish of the Transfiguration of the Lord in Bar Harbor.

A native of Caribou, he has a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Southern Maine, and completed his clerical studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

On May 18, 1991, he was ordained to the priesthood at Holy Rosary Church in Caribou. His first assignment was as a parochial vicar at the Holy Family Parish in Lewiston, until becoming pastor of St. Ann Parish on Indian Island in

June of 1995. In July of 1996, in addition to his duties at St. Ann, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish in Orono. In June of 1997, Nadeau became pastor of St. Ann Parish in Bradley, while continuing as pastor of St. Ann on Indian Island.

In June of 2000, Fr. Nadeau was named pastor, in solidum with the Rev. Claude Albert, of St. Ignatius Parish and Holy Family Parish, both in Sanford, and Notre Dame Parish in Springvale. (The three churches now comprise St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish in Sanford).

In June of 2008, Nadeau was appointed administrator of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Bangor and, in May of 2010, he became pastor of the parish where he served until becoming pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston in July of 2016. In May of 2017, in addition he also was appointed pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Sabattus.

**DOCKED!** – The two small cruise ships that have come calling at

Bucksport's dock in recent summers - the *American Constitution* and the *Independence* – are among the 11 vessels the **American Cruise Lines** has docked in American ports, awaiting the end, or at the least, an easing of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a letter to the Town Council, an official of the line said the management is anxious to resume its cruise schedule.

He outlined some of the steps being taken to assure the safety of its passengers, crews and those in the communities visited by its boats.

**ON FOOD PATROL? Public Safety Director Sean Geagan, Deputy Police Chief David Winchester and Officer Matthew Schmidt** joined the volunteers delivering luncheon meals from the Bucksport Senior Center last week.

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## Livening Main Street!

There will be no Bucksport Bay Festival this year. That's understandable, considering the continuing deaths, the suffering and the economic pain that continues to impact the entire world.

Still, amid the gloom, it's vital that we all look ahead to that brighter day when the current virus pandemic finally is consigned to the history books.

### EDITORIALS

We need to plan for some happiness, an outpouring of community spirit and celebration not seen in years. We need not wait for the federal or state governments or for the politicians who, too often, have disappointed us by not recognizing when it's time to come together, not rip apart.

Here in our little chunk of Maine we'd like to propose the most-massive school reunion ever seen here. Backing up the Class of 2020 which will graduate without the full traditional trappings of commencement, we all can take to Main Street. We can do it with pride and smiles and laughter and good cheer - qualities that so suddenly have become in such short supply. We also can do it without public cash.

Two, three or four people can handle each of the many aspects of such a celebration, and they can do it at a safe distance, thanks to electronics.

Operating under a reunion czar or czarina, we should be able to stage a proper parade in July of next year. The parade would feature everyone that ever set foot in one of our communities' schools. If everyone is in the line of march and nobody's left on the sidewalks to view it, then so be it.

## 'Jef' is missed

The Town Council tonight (4/23) will observe a moment of silence for J.E.F. ("Jef") Fitzgerald, the town's assessor for eight years, a quiet leader who paid attention to all of the details and an all-around good guy.

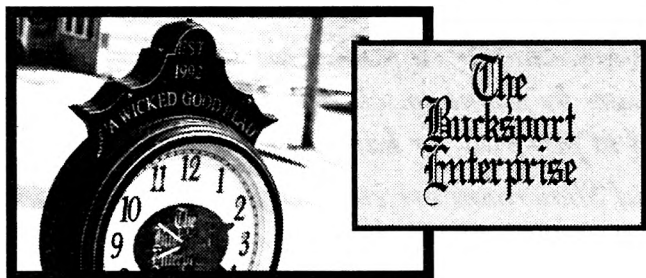
Jef succumbed to cancer after a very brief battle with the disease. He was 60.

Jef was the embodiment of what a public employee ought to be; he served everyone equally and with remarkable patience deciphered the most complex of issues and then expressed them in layman's terms. Jef managed to express more in a five-minute briefing than others could do in an hour, and he did it with enthusiasm and total respect for alternative opinions.

Indeed, Jef often went out of his way to suppress his own opinions until all of the other views had been made. More often than not, his analysis - careful, deliberate, well-researched - persuaded entire committees to settle on a common course, for, quite simply, that course was the best one available for the community.

While he briefly pursued the job he had wanted for years, that of chief planner for the City of Ellsworth, Jef's heart and support always remained on the issue at hand. With no fanfare, he carried out a town-wide revaluation that saved Bucksport taxpayers thousands of dollars and yielded a better approach to assessments. He also quietly guided disparate interests toward achieving a revised Comprehensive Plan for the town. Perhaps his greatest gift was making everyone he encountered welcome.

Like Jef himself, everything in the assessor's office was transparent and available. Visitors were not an intrusion; they were valuable taxpayers and deserving of great respect.



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— From the margins of the editor's notebook —

## As far from the Big Top as you can get

It was many, many years ago, but who can forget finding an entire circus right there in the center of their paper route. Spread out in the tiny field next to the veterans' hall were all the trappings: a half dozen mechanical rides, a dozen-or-more games of chance hunkered down under well-faded blue tents and a huge (at least if you're 10) trapeze set-up, with three trapezes suspended some 30 feet in the air, perhaps 20 feet above the waiting, many-times-patched net.

It quickly was clear this was no traveling circus/carnival to gaze too closely upon. Everything about it was thread-bare as the roustabouts who were setting this thing up for the delight and amazement of the populace of our tiny town.

There was no tent, no bleacher, no clowns, just mainly very portly older folks who would not see 50 again. Each was stuffed into an undersized tee-shirt or a leotard missing most of its spangles. The leotarded were the performers.

A strong aroma of fresh sweat hung in the air, for setting up a circus/carnival in July is warm work, even in New England.

Upon delivering the last of my 76 copies of *The Daily Sun*, I returned to the field, for who knew when such a sight would ever appear here again. I arrived just in time to see the trapeze people warming up, which meant they arose from their canvas chairs leaning against one of their plywood trailers, and sauntered to the edge of the rope, wire, metal pole and net contraption.

The men made a big deal of pulling on some of the ropes, while an unseen amplified and apparently pre-recorded voice intoned something on the order of "death-defying . . . straight from their tour of the great cities of Europe . . . and the beautiful Stella will attempt something so incredible it never has been done before."

Hey, wait-a-minute! European tour? Why do all their license plates say "Georgia." And "Stella"? Do you mean that old, chubby lady who outgrew that leotard at least 20 years ago.

Oh, this is going to be something. The old men

tried to clamber up to their perches, but not before hoisting Stella on a rope fed through a pulley at the top of the apparatus. The only problem was that through the years Stella had grown larger and the men much weaker. This resulted in Stella being hoisted three feet only to slowly slide back down a foot or more. It was like watching an upright piano being hoisted to the third floor.

Eventually, the deed got done, and Stella didn't look half bad up there. On the ground, she was just an ordinary lady, but up there, she was reliving old dreams.

The frail, old men dangling from trapezes on either end of the apparatus, and Stella about to take flight, a tinny recorded drum roll fired up the gawkers. That's when Stella sailed out over that net made contact with the guy billed as "Olympus, the Olympian." Olympus proceeded to let go of her left leg. That left Stella dangling precariously by one foot, and she knew from experience what that meant. She was about to be dropped into the net - again.

Ordinarily trapeze artists can prance about atop a net like a gazelle. Stella no longer remembered her prancing days.

What ensued was ten to twenty minutes of men and Stella slowly climbing the rope ladder, taking flight only to plunge into that net. For every maneuver that succeeded, three failed.

While the show was entirely free, some of the onlookers soon came to believe they weren't getting their money's worth. Things were said that should not be said, and certainly not yelled with so many small children present. Before long the aerial artistes looked at one another, and then one swan-dived into the net. They retreated to their well-worn trailer, and slammed the door.

. . . An hour or so later, I looked in on them, for their door again was open. Stella was at the stove with a huge pot of spaghetti, still wearing her costume as she vigorously stirred the sauce, trying to keep any more spangles from falling into the pot.

## LETTERS . . . to the editor

### 'Thank you, friars'

This past Easter Sunday morning was a beautiful sun-filled day with clear blue skies and snow - lots of snow from the recent storm two days before.

As I was out walking our dogs, I was filled with thankfulness- for the sunshine, for the blue skies and for the beautiful chimes coming from the Friar's Monastery ringing out an Easter song- *Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia!*

It made my walk a very joyful one, listening to that beautiful music.

The world is a different place these days, but we still have hope for tomorrow because of our faith.

Thank you, friars, for that absolutely lovely accompaniment to my walk.

Linda Delbridge  
Bucksport

### 'Let's be careful'

A few weeks ago, I wrote about a pleasant experience shopping at Hannaford's in Bucksport in an early morning, seniors-only hour.

At that time, I had not yet caught up on the latest advice about covering our faces in public. With a helpful nudge from my well-informed daughter, who also happens to be an emergency responder, I learned that proper masks could help prevent the spread of the Corona virus.

I have extra motivation to fashion face masks out of scarves, t-shirts, assorted other fabrics—to protect me from spring allergy pollen. From internet information, I am learning to have at least two cloth layers, maybe more. I do understand we still have to breathe through the masks.

Unfortunately, very few people cover their faces when they shop, visit the health center, take walks in public places. Come on, folks, step it up. We must protect each other.

Business proprietors and staff should insist that we wear masks going into their shops, offices, transfer stations (a.k.a. the dump), and the super-market.

Just because the media (print and electronic) have not reported confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our towns, we should not assume no one is car-

rying or sharing this dangerous disease. Our local journalists can only tell us what they gather from reputable sources.

Let's be careful, and let's continue to seek more and better information while we wait out the pandemic.

Sharon Bray  
Orland

### 'A terrible day'

I had a terrible day today. Our house is on top of a long slope that goes down to the river. The river is about 400 feet away. Around 3p.m., at low tide, I saw what looked like an upright log in the water near the shore. I looked through the binoculars and it was still tough to make out.

It looked like a penguin standing in the water(?). I couldn't decide if it was my mind playing tricks with me and thought it was probably a log. Then, what appeared to be the head turned and I saw a beak. I recognized that it was a young eagle (no white head) standing with about half of his body in the water.

I put on boots and ran to the garage and got a big plastic rake. I figured maybe I could lift him out of the water with the rake. I jogged down the hill and watched as he disappeared under the water . . . and thought oh, no. Then, one wing came out of the water, straight up, rolled over and down it went. By now I was at the shore and about 50 feet of mud separated me from the eagle who I could see under the water.

I took two or three steps and my boots went way down into the mud. As I tried to take another step the boot stayed in the mud and my foot started to come out of the boot. I looked and saw that I had another 45 feet to go and the eagle still hadn't surfaced. I thought, Oh, this is impossible. I can't make it. . . and even if I did, the bird was dead.

I think it was a young eagle that had tied into a really big fish and couldn't get his talons out. The fish and the eagle were stuck in a game of tug of war. On the next low tide I will check and see if they're still there . . . probably not. The tides run really fast and high here. It was tough. I thought that I had a chance, but it was not going to happen. Very sad.

Al Farah  
Orland



# OBITUARIES

## Kathy F. Small, 1955 – 2020

ORLAND – Kathy F. Small, 64, died on Sunday, April 19, 2020, with her loving family by her side.

She was born on May 27, 1955 in Castine, the daughter of Patrick and Nancy (French) Bouchard.

Kathy loved anything connected with the outdoors and nature, diligently cared for her perennial gardens. She also loved attending and operating yard sales, and collecting rocks from many beaches to add to her rock garden. She even inherited rocks from her mother-in-law, and proudly made them part of her garden. She enjoyed the holidays, especially Christmas.

She had a great knack for making peanut butter fudge, which was happily received by many.

She was given the nickname of "Giggles" by her uncle because of her infectious giggle.

She is survived by her loving husband and soul mate, Keith Small of Orland; two sons, Jerome Ashmore of Hancock and Adam Ashmore of Oklahoma; a brother, Timothy Bouchard; sister-in-law Jeanette Tardif; sister-in-law Janet Bouchard, her adopted sister, Dot



Kathy F. Small

Kehr; a niece, Kate Tardif, two nephews, Chris Bouchard and Joey Bouchard; her special aunt, Linda; and many aunts, , and cousins. She loved her family deeply.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a grandson, Troy, and a brother, Gerold Bouchard.

During the last four months of her life, she was cared for meticulously by the doctors and nurses of Cancer Care, the doctors, nurses, and staff of the oncology floor at the Eastern Maine Medical Center, and the home care nurses of New England Life Care. Even at her

most-difficult moments, she found the strength to share a "giggle" with them, too.

Kathy's family will be forever grateful to all the people whose blood and platelets were donated to keep her with us and giggling.

Donations in Kathy's memory can be made to Lafayette Family Cancer Center, Post Office Box 931, Bangor, ME 04402.

A graveside service will be held later.

Arrangements are by Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bucksport.

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## James ('Jef') Fitzgerald 1959 – 2020

On Saturday, April 11, 2020, James ("Jef") Fitzgerald, the father of six, passed away at the age of 60.

James was born on Dec. 28, 1959, in Norwood, MA.

James had many jobs, including carpentry, surveying and grant work. He served as the Ellsworth assistant city planner for six years. He was the Bucksport assessor for another seven years, until returning to Ellsworth last year, as the city planner.

He had six children, Grace, Peter, Timothy, Silas, Paul, and Joy, and six grandchildren: Gabriel, Alana, Peter

Jr., Alexis, Jonathan and Zechariah.

James loved to be outside, often gardening, , or cross-

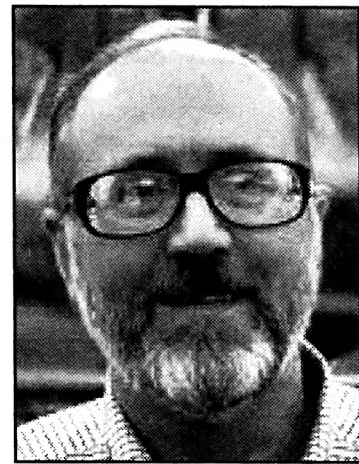
country skiing. He frequented the Bucksport summer soccer games.

He was a true MacGyver; in his eyes, nothing was truly broken. He played many instruments and enjoyed writing music.

James was preceded in death by his father, John.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia, five siblings, and all of his children and grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held in Bucksport in the summer.



James ("Jef") Fitzgerald

## – State House races – Magnan again seeking District 131 seat

STOCKTON SPRINGS – Veronica Garvey Magnan, a Democrat, has announced her run to return to the seven-town District 131 Maine House seat she held a decade ago.

In November, she will challenge Herman H. Hutchins, a Republican who took office in December, 2018 and now is seeking re-election.

That district includes Orland, Nobscot, Prospect, Stockton Springs, Irona Island, Dedham and Otis. Magnan held that seat in the 124th Maine Legislature, serving from 2008 to 2010.

She said, "I have just joined the 2020 campaign after much consideration and encouragement and I am committed to a campaign of moving forward with courage, care and hope."

While the COVID-19 virus has eliminated most of the traditional, the usual political campaign activities, Magnan plans to personally connect with as many people as possible during her campaign. She said she also will be more visible when

the restrictions on gatherings are lifted.

Magnan said, "It's time to move the state forward with expanded broadband to rural areas whose need is so well demonstrated as so many now work from home. We need increased support to farmers, fishermen, educators and small businesses which are the backbones of District 131."

Magnan has a website: veronica-magnan.com. which while under construction still can be viewed. She can be reached via Facebook, by calling 323-7900 or e-mailing vgmagnan@gmail. Magnan is seeking to qualify for state Clean Elections campaign money.

Magnan has worked with the Stockton Springs Historical Society, and as a grant writer and political consultant. A school principal, teacher and superintendent, she served on the MSAD #56 School Board, the Sandy Point Congregational Church, Sandy Point Community Club and the Maine State Democratic Committee.



Veronica Magnan

## Local man running for District 130 seat

BUCKSPORT – A political newcomer, Nicolas Delli Paoli, is seeking the State House seat representing Bucksport and Orrington.

Paoli, a Democrat, will face former Bucksport Town Clerk Kathy L. Downes, a Republican, in November. Downes, a current town councilor, announced earlier for the District 139 seat.

The 26-year-old challenger grew up in New Jersey and came to Bucksport, year ago from Arizona. He graduated 2016 from Prescott College in Prescott, AZ, after studying "sustainable community development and outdoor recreation and personal wellness."

While an employee at the Epic Sports shop in Bangor since May, he described himself "an avid rock climber, trail -runner, hiker, mountain biker, and kayaker." He has lived off the grid for four years in a recreational vehicle and is committed to alternative energy sources.

He said, his mission in the Legislature will be, represent Orrington and Bucksport soundly against neo-liberal economic practices that take industry away from the United States and only supports the wealthy class."

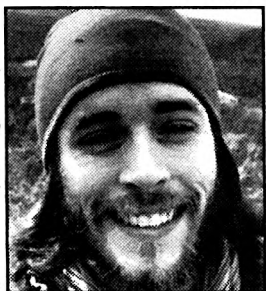
"I will attend to the injustices brought upon people by the war on drugs and the prison indus-

trial complex. I am extremely passionate about bringing power to individuals and families who deserve their fair share of the great wealth this nation produces.

"I am for universal healthcare, incentivizing community based business creation, acting on climate change through local investments, taking away Citizens United to get free and fair elections nationally, a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, tuition-free college, increasing social services and subsidies for low income community members, and creating low-cost housing.

"I am against bigotry, racism, sexism, xenophobia in all its manifestations socially and legislatively, the war on drugs which stigmatizes and cages people who live within a struggling economic landscape, and large corporations who don't pay their fair share in taxes by controlling the elected officials of our government.

"The vision that I have for our future is filled with building resilience and solidarity through localized investments. I do not want to have a massive, inefficient government, but rather one that invests into an economic and social landscape, leading to greater market and personal freedom."



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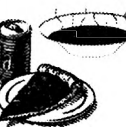
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### News that hunters can gobble up!

**MAINE** — To encourage Mainers to enjoy the outdoors, several changes have been made in the turkey hunting rules:  
 Season dates: Youth days will be Saturday, April 25 and Monday, April 27. On these days, Junior hunters who hold a valid junior hunting license may hunt wild turkeys and take up to two bearded wild turkeys with a shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow.  
 The start of the regular spring turkey hunting season will be moved up to Saturday, May 2, instead of May 4. This will give hunters an additional Saturday to be in the field.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

### A really, really slow week!

BUCKSPORT — It was a slow week in Bucksport crime-fighting last week. How slow was it?

• Well, two of the top cops and one of the officers found time to make deliveries of food prepared at the Bucksport Senior Center to join the volunteers who regularly drop off the meals.

• A wandering pony munching on lawns on outer Route 15, beyond Millvale Road, generated two calls to police, one on

Saturday and the other on Sunday. The responding officer on Sunday managed to take the animal into protective custody and it subsequently was adopted by some Winterport residents.

• A burglar alarm sounded, but there was no burglar.

• Conditions surrounding a dumpster at a local apartment complex were reported to the code enforcement officer for possible action.

• Did we mention the stray cat . . . or the lost cat . . . or the "maybe-rabid" raccoon calls?

• But the highlight of the week may have been another impromptu "parade" - the second

in two weeks - of public safety vehicles outside a River Road home where a youngster visiting from South Carolina was observing his fifth birthday. (See details on Page 3.)

• Even the Hancock County Jail couldn't come up with a single booking of an area resident or one resulting from a Bucksport-area incident. The inmate census continued to dwindle, and at mid-week stood at 22. The jail's capacity is 57, resulting in a temporarily fine staff-to-inmate ratio.

That's an indication of how hectic things were in Bucksport as most people stayed at home in keeping with the government's self-quarantine guidelines.

## Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT - Shawn Bernier, 17, of Bucksport struck and killed a deer while driving on the River Road about 8:30 p.m. on Sunday. The damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

## Theft claimed

BUCKSPORT - On Thursday (4/16) morning, a resident reported some 300 feet of PVC pipes were taken from his camp near the Holden end of State Route 46 as a result of a break-in.

## Weekly stats

BUCKSPORT — There are no public safety statistics on file again this week.

The animal control officer reported he has both dogs and cats ready for adoption. Call 469-7951 for the details or to arrange a visit.

## Senior Center luncheons

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Senior Center is continuing to offer its free luncheons for seniors three times each week, but only by home deliveries.

The pick-up of meals at the door of the center has been suspended.

Meanwhile, the number of meals being delivered from the Senior Center has grown to 115 last Friday (4/17).

The meals, which only are free to Bucksport seniors, are \$6 for others, and are available to those of any age or income. To order one or more meals, call 469-3632 before 9 a.m. on the day of the meal.

The \$6 meals are available for delivery to residents of Verona Island and Orland, as long as the address is less than ten miles from the Bucksport Senior Center.

Telephone messages can be left at any time of day.

Here are the menus:

**Friday, April 24** — Turkey with gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce, salad, brownie.

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## Pool bidders want to put Bucksport back in swim

BUCKSPORT — While it's very unclear whether there will be a swimming season at the municipal pool this year, the effort to get the pool ship-shape finally is moving ahead full bore.

With the deadline coming on April 30, at least six pool contractors have expressed an interest in reviewing the specifications for the stop-gap efforts to repair - rather than replace - the pool off Broadway.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard also will ask the Town Council tonight to schedule a special session for the day after the bid openings to award the contract.

The goal is to have the pool ready for filling with water, if not swimmers, in time for the roughly eight-week swim season this year.

While actually using the pool will require an end of the social distancing efforts on the federal, state and local level, town officials see the

pool as an effort to show a community dedicated to moving on once the COVID-19 pandemic has passed.

The efforts to repair or replace the pool began almost immediately after the closing of the pool just days into the 2019 swim season because of massive leaks. The council, an advisory committee, and a Boston-based pool engineering consultant were at odds over what to do.

Some wanted to attempt to repair some of the exterior plumbing rather than incur the entire up-to-\$1 million expense approved by the taxpayers in November to repair or replace the recreational asset.

The dispute raised concerns among those concerned about the large cost of a new pool. It also fueled concerns from those with a long emotional attachment to the role the pool had played in their early lives, growing up here.

## Town's e-mails could be posted on-line

BUCKSPORT — At the urging of Councilor Mark Eastman, the Town Council may amend the group's rules to call for the public posting of all e-mail exchanges among and between the councilors and town officials.

Those electronic messages long have been considered public records, and last year at the suggestion of *The Bucksport Enterprise* the local officials involved are reminded at the bottom of each message that any comments transmitted via the internet may be open to public scrutiny.

Recently, the *Enterprise* relied on those records to reconstruct the context in which various messages were exchanged after the May 2 "virtual

meeting" conducted over the town's cable system and the internet.

The town manager made those minutes instantly available upon the *Enterprise's* request, and the newspaper noted that the meeting in question met all of the guidelines in place during the emergency resulting from the virus pandemic.

The session was publicly posted in advance, and the public was given electronic access during the meeting to ask questions or offer comments either by phone or over the internet.

Now, it is being suggested that those exchanges be regularly posted on the town's website, according to Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.

## Road work review

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Although there is unanimity among the councilors that the extensive road-work is needed, there have concerns about whether the repairs being proposed will last long enough to avoid requiring another major road upgrade a few years from now.

Some councilors also object to patching or upgrading short sections of lesser-used roads scattered around the town. They have said they would prefer to see some big money spent on the

more critical roads first. It also still is unclear how the work will be paid for, as a 10-year, \$3 million bond issue has been endorsed by voters for the three-year catch-up effort.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard has suggested the money could be borrowed as the work progresses, and then the bonds issued once it's clear how much was spent during the first three years. Asphalt prices also continue to dip as the global petroleum market is mired in an oversupply situation.

## Go to a public meeting without leaving your home!

BUCKSPORT AREA - The Town Council and the RSU 25 School Board are going video during the pandemic.

- To watch the Town Council meeting tonight at 7 p.m., go to Channel 1302 or 1303 on the local cable system. To send comments during the program call 469-7368 or e-mail your queries or comments to [slessard@bucksportmaine.gov](mailto:slessard@bucksportmaine.gov).

- To view the school board on Tuesday at 6 p.m. go to [rsu25.org/youtube](http://rsu25.org/youtube) on your computer. To offer comments, visit [publiccomment@rsu25.org](mailto:publiccomment@rsu25.org). The telephone number for call-in queries is (207) 307-8099. The public comment portion is at the beginning of the session.

An effort is being made to cablecast the meeting in those areas served by the public access channel, but that may not be available by Tuesday, according to school officials.

## — Pastoral comments —

### Psalm 23 & COVID-19

In the uncertain times we find ourselves in I would like to direct our attention to a portion of God's word that has helped many a hurting soul through times of difficulty. I believe it can help us through the COVID-19 crisis as well. That portion is Psalm 23.

There are six verses in the psalm, and I would like us to consider six points. They all begin with the letter "P".

#### **'The Lord is my shepherd.'**

Please notice the "personal" aspect of this. We need to ask ourselves is the Lord my shepherd? Am I continually looking to him for guidance or do I rely upon myself? The best way to live a life is with God in it leading and guiding. We get this by receiving Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

#### **'I shall not want.'**

The word for "want" has the meaning of "lacking or going without". This points to "provision". God will provide. There is no need to for us to run to the grocery store continually and hoard supplies. The supply chain for us to get these things is running well and smoothly.

*'He makes me to lie down in green pasture; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.'*

"Still waters, (like the Penobscot on some mornings), and "Green pastures" both speak of "peace". We do not need to be controlled and consumed by worry and fear as to what we think might happen. We can have a peace that passes all understanding. This peace comes from knowing Jesus. He Himself said, *"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* - John, chapter 14, verse 27.

***'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.'***

*This is the portion that so many remember. The phrase in verse 4, "The valley of the shadow of death" pictures death so close that it is casting its shadow. In verse 5 we read of a table being prepared in the midst of one's enemies. This speaks of the "protection" that God can supply in dangerous, difficult times. Please note though, this protection is found in His "presence", "for you are with me". How comforting to know that God never has, nor will He ever practice "social distancing"! He always is there, just a prayer away from us!*

***'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.'***

The Psalm concludes with the "POSTLUDE." In the postlude are some great promises. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth has made these promises possible. In order for them to be true in our life we have to turn from our sin and trust Jesus as our one and only Savior. Consider His words, *"Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"* - Matthew chapter 11, verse 27.

*I trust you will find these thoughts helpful.*

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