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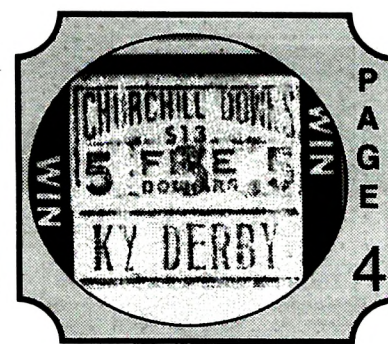


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NEITHER rain, sleet, nor threat of an April snow kept these virus-spaced Mainers from their ice cream cones. This was the scene last weekend at the Dairy Port on Main Street.

Pool project temporarily down drain!

POOL COMES UP EMPTY – Tonight's (4/30) special Bucksport Town Council "virtual meeting" at 6 p.m. was primarily called to award the contract to repair the municipal swimming pool. However, 4 p.m. yesterday, the deadline for submitting bids to do the job came, and nary a bid. That was somewhat surprising as nine potential bidders requested the engineering specifications to do the work. There were no bids, and not even a phone call, the town manager said.

Tonight, the councilors will consider what might be "Plan D" or "Plan E" as many snags were hit over almost a year. The pool was ordered closed soon after it was opened last summer because it wouldn't hold water.

MEETING STILL ON! – The councilors will meet via internet anyway to map out this year's launch of a major three-year local paving and road reconstruction program. They also will talk about what, if any, impact the governor's latest virus pandemic regulations will have on the town.

The meeting will be on-line at townhallstreams.com and on the public access cable channel.

'Must see TV' school budgeting

BUCKSPORT – In what the superintendent jokingly referred to as "must-see TV", the RSU25 School Board gathered on-line Tuesday to hear how the school district is preparing to meet the financial challenges of the next two to three years.

The good news is the RSU will end this school year with a projected \$1.4 to \$1.5 million in reserves, thanks to some "surprise" savings from a leveling off of insurance premiums and other major expenses. The RSU should be able to hold next year's budget to just under \$16 million, a 1.5 percent increase over this year.

That could result in little or no increases in the sums sought from the four member towns, and there even may be see slight cuts.

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Library staff furloughed

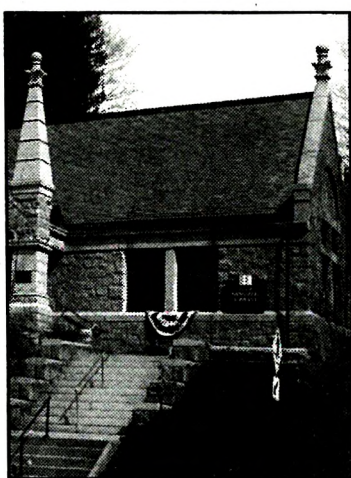
BUCKSPORT – The two-person staff at the Buck Memorial Library has been furloughed.

Until earlier this month, the two - librarian Gerry Spooner and her son, Emeric Spooner - had been working inside, culling the collection by some 1,250 books and updating the card catalog and other records.

The work is part of "a weeding of our entire collection rigorously to keep the collection vital, relevant, and useful," the trustees said.

The trustees of the privately operated library decided to close the building completely on April 1, and the furlough now has become official.

A trustee said the library will remain closed until state



BUNTING again was recently hung on the landmark library, in preparation for Memorial Day.

and federal authorities report non-essential operations can be reopened to the public safely.

Spooner has been the librarian for 36 years; her son has assisted her for over 20.

Governor eases ban on operating some businesses

Stay-at-home precautions continue

AUGUSTA – The governor this week amended the emergency pandemic rules to allow some businesses to reopen, a process that could begin as soon as tomorrow (5/1).

However Gov. Janet T. Mills let stand most of the stay-at-home and self-quarantining advisories through the end of May.

The contributing precautions could cost the state much of its summertime tourism income, causing Mills to impose freezes on all discretionary spending and on new hiring except in emergencies. Those moves are projected to save a quarter-of-a-billion dollars this year, state officials said.

Meanwhile, those coming into the state still are being urged to self-quarantine for at least 14 days, and residents are encouraged to limit their travel

and continue the previous social distancing requirements that have kept many from coming closer than six feet from one another when in public.

The Bucksport Town Council today at 6 p.m. will conduct a special "virtual meeting" on-line and on the public access cable channel. Among the topics up for review are what, if any, changes should be made in the town's local COVID-19 restrictions in light of the governor's latest actions.

Mills on Tuesday also added a requirement that everyone wear facial coverings when social distancing is difficult or impossible. The details of this new regulation still are being worked out.

PLEASE SEE GOVERNOR, PAGE 8.

Alamo says sign for rent

BUCKSPORT – Northeast Historic Film, the group that operates The Alamo theatre, has furloughed most of its staff.

That means five people are not working at all, and the rest are limited to five hours a week.

"Even if we could afford it, going full-tilt is not in the cards right now," according to David Weiss, the executive director of the not-for-profit group.

Weiss said the organization could have saved a few bucks by letting the marquee out front go dark. However, instead the theater is going to use the electronic billboard for some community building while trying to turn a few bucks for The Alamo in the process.

The goal is to keep the organization alive and relevant to its patrons while keeping

some key festive downtown lights on each evening.

Here's the deal: For 25 bucks anyone can post a message on the electronic sign for two days. In some cases, that may mean sharing the space with up to two other messages.

And the acceptable messages? Almost anything. Congratulate a graduate. Thank a teacher. Wish someone a happy birthday. Encourage others to patronize a local business. Just be creative, be positive, non-political and tasteful. The Alamo wants everyone to know the powers-that-be reserve the right to ban any message that he or she doesn't believe meets the guidelines, adding, "This is not up for discussion."

To get in on the messaging email jane@oldfilm.org or leave a message at 469-0924.

p.s. The Alamo survived the 1918 flu epidemic, too.

Bucks' Buck\$. . . Spreading the help around

BUCKSPORT – A group of residents is trying to raise \$10,000 to aid non-essential small businesses and programs.

The group is seeking non-tax-deductible donations to bol-

ster the roughly \$4,000 already in hand.

The backers say the money will be used to help non-essential local businesses which agree to offer goods, services or gift certificates in return for Bucks' Buck\$.

The newest plan was outlined in a letter to the Town Council, signed by Ron Russell, John Paul Lalonde, David Doane and Nancy Minott.

The \$10 Bucks' Buck\$ will be available starting next Thursday (5/7), and can be used

at any participating businesses on a two-for-one basis. That will convert a \$10 Bucks' Buck\$ purchase into \$20 in spending power.

A second \$4,000 program is helping those in need - and local eateries. Page 8.

Each Bucks' Buck then will be redeemed by the businesses for \$20 by the program's administrators, who include some of those signing the letter to the council.

A statement noted, "the fund is endorsed by Main Street Bucksport, the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and Bucksport Heart & Soul."

The backers believe the program will spur economic activity and give those less affected economically by the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic a chance to spread their money around while giving Bucks' Buck\$ buyers a price break.

Bucks' Buck\$ buyers also can opt to give their bucks" to

Bucksport Community Concerns and the program will match the initial \$10 gift.

The "bucks" are being offered only to individuals and the amount sold won't be allowed to exceed the sum raised through the private donations, according to backers of the project.

Because the program ultimately benefits for-profit businesses, gifts are not tax-deductible on anyone's taxes.

The money is being held in an account at the local Bangor Savings Bank branch.

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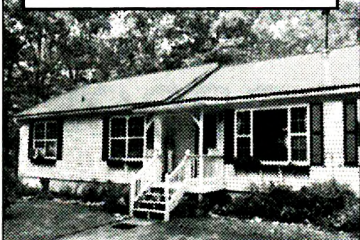
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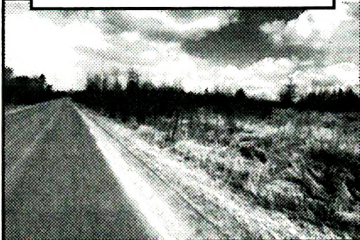
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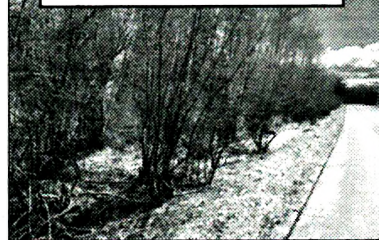
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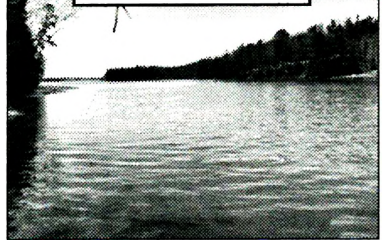
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New Listing



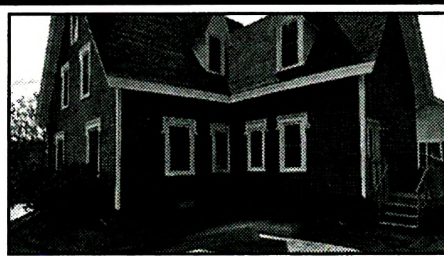
Sullivan—Come visit this nearly 4 acre lot locate on the shores of Bass Cove. Power, well, and driveway already in place. Owners previously had small camper on site for there summer visits. Great opportunity to build your new home, as this property is being sold well below assessment. Located just minutes from Acadia National Park.

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VICAR NAMED - The Rev. **Anthanasius Sangnyuy Wirsy** has been appointed parochial vicar at the **Stella Maris Parish**.

The current parochial vicar, the Rev. Joseph Cahill is retiring from full-time active ministry, but will provide coverage in parishes as needed.

The parish consists of the St. Vincent de Paul Church here, the Our Lady of Holy Hope Church in Castine and the St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Stonington.

It also includes oversight of the St. Joseph Parish (St. Joseph Church in Ellsworth; Blue Hill Mission in Blue Hill; Our Lady of the Lake Mission in Green Lake; St. Margaret Chapel in Winter Harbor), and Parish of the Transfiguration of the Lord (Holy Redeemer Church, Bar Harbor; St. Peter Church, Manset; St. Ignatius Church, Northeast Harbor).

Currently, Father Wirsy serves as a

chaplain at the Maine Medical Center and Mercy Hospital, both in Portland, and parochial vicar for the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes.

Father Cahill, a native of Lynn, MA, attended Lynn schools and graduated from Lynn English High School. He completed his clerical studies at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, MA, and Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

He was ordained on June 20, 1976, at St. Joseph Church in Lynn. His first parish assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Lewiston. After serving until July of 2013, he was appointed pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Pittsfield and Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Dexter in July of 2013, where he served until receiving his current assignments in June of 2015. Father Cahill also has been a Knights of Columbus chaplain.

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LOUD & CLEAR! – Northeast Historic Film, the not-for-profit outfit that operates **The Alamo** theatre here, has received \$6,000 from the **Maine Community Foundation's Hancock County Fund**.

Coupled with \$12,000 that was donated anonymously, the theater will have a state-of-the-art inductive hearing loop when the theater can be safely reopened.

The coil "is the latest thing and quite exciting," according to **David Weiss**, the executive director of Northeast Historic Film. "If you have hearing aids which contain a t-coil, short for telecoil, and most of them do, it will automatically pick up the audio signal from the hearing loop we will install, giving you great sound," Weiss said.

And it all will be done without wires. Just walk in and sit down.

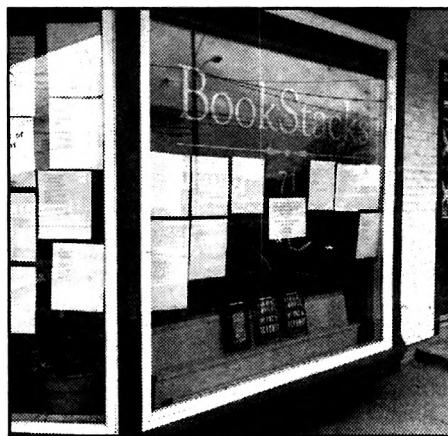
The theater's old infrared head-

phones still will be available for those who don't have hearing aids but would like an audio boost.

The new gear will be installed during the virus pandemic closing, avoiding the need for a two-week closing later to get everything up and operating.

READY TO TEACH! – The RSU 25 School Board this week endorsed the hiring of several teachers and the reassignment of two personnel.

- **Kaylee Grindle** will teach kindergarten;
- **Cori Carter** will have a class of first and second graders;
- **Aaron Scillia** will teach third and fourth grade students;
- **Judy Fraser** has been reassigned as a Title One mathematics teacher;
- **Grace Patterson** now will serve as a literacy specialist;
- And **Kara Beal** will teach English language arts to seventh graders at the Bucksport Middle School.



LOCAL POETS – two dozen of 'em – have shared their thoughts about the pandemic. Their poems will remain posted on the window at BookStacks at 71 Main Street throughout May. The exhibit was arranged by Pat Ranzoni, Bucksport's poet laureate.

REACHING OUT and touching someone! The **Elm Street Congregational Church** put its Sunday morning service on-line on April 19, and the service was viewed in 51 households, including members of the church currently in Louisiana and Florida. Some of those households had more than one adult watching and listening, a nice start-up for the new weekly electronic sharing of the Gospel.

The weekly services, Bible study sessions and church news are available at any time, and now are being archived for those who may have been unavailable to experience the original service live on-line from the study of **Rev. Dr. Stephen York**.

DRIVE-UP CONFESSIONS – St. Joseph Church at 122 Main Street in Ellsworth is joining the growing list of Catholic churches offering drive-up confessions in their parking lots.

The confessions will be heard from 3 to 4 p.m. each Saturday. Drivers must stay in their vehicles.

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From away

ALAN F. SPEAR

I'm essential. I have a piece of paper that says so. It says that I am an essential worker because I do security consulting for a warehouse company that handles materials which are critical to the economy.

Six months ago, I scheduled three trips for this spring to assist my client in achieving security certifications. Appointments like this require a lot of coordination so we decided to make them happen even though it looked like travel would be difficult.

On Wednesday, April 15, I flew to Baltimore from Chicago. I was trying to get to Carlisle, PA, near Harrisburg, but most Harrisburg flights were cancelled. I had to fly into Baltimore instead, rent a car and drive a couple of hours.

I arrived at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago about 10 a.m. There was no traffic, and only a few cars in the main garage. Up an elevator and down to the transit level you can get a train into the city or walk through a long tunnel to the terminal. The tunnel's are usually packed, including some really good musicians who perform for coins or bills tossed in their hats or music cases.

Today, there was nobody and no

musicians either. I walked the tunnel alone, a strange and eerie feeling to be so by myself. I was glad to see an O'Hare employee coming toward me, a mop and a bucket in hand. When he got closer, he stopped to share, "Isn't this terrible? It's worse than 9/11."

"Yes", I said, "It's very strange and sad."

"So, what do you do here?" I guess he thought I worked there.

"I'm a passenger," I replied.

"Really! Wow, you're the first one I've seen this morning." He went on his way.

Then, it was up the escalator to the main baggage area. It, too, usually is buzzing with hurrying travelers. Nobody. Not a soul. I took a picture.

Further up to the terminal I encountered almost no one, and those I saw were wearing airline or airport uniforms. At my gate, only six people waiting. We eventually left with but ten boarding. On the taxiway, there was not a plane in sight at the International Terminal.

Sitting alone a couple of rows from anybody, I noticed a lady behind me with a small dog in her lap. The flight atten-

dant stopped, and suggested she go up to first class as there was nobody there and there'd be more room for her dog. The lady thanked her and moved up.

When the attendant passed my seat, I was thinking maybe I could get first class, too so I said, "WOOF!, WOOF!" She frowned, turned to me and said "What?"

"Hey, I just figured that if dogs were getting into first class . . ." She looked at me and said simply, "Sit!" I stayed in coach.

In Baltimore, I went down to the car rental counter, and encountered the only guy working. In the parking lot, he showed me the car he was offering. I asked if, maybe, I could have something a bit bigger.

"Sir," he said, "I have 500 cars. Take whatever you want." I grabbed an Equinox because that is what I drive at home. It had 300 miles on it.

I drove on up to Carlisle, about a 90 mile trek, most of it through Amish country. It was a lovely drive. Lots of spring flowers sprouting in the sunshine, farmers working with their animals, including their sturdy plow horses.

Days later I flew direct back to

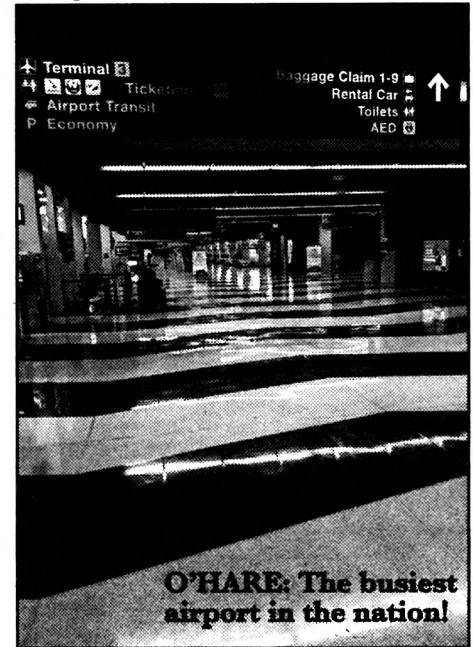
Essentially quarantined



Photographs by
Alan F. Spear

Chicago from Harrisburg.
Overall, it was the easiest trip I've ever taken.

The writer generally observes life from his home in Batavia, IL, but relishes his regular forays to Maine all year long. He is a long time subscriber to The Bucksport Enterprise.



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Magic money?

Hey, we've got a problem! OK, let's have the government fix it. No, this is a really, really big problem. OK, then let's have a really, really big government fix it. Laughing yet?

The reality is that aside from waging wars and responding to more run-of-the-mill natural disasters governmental track records around the world suggest a certain sameness when it comes to ineptness. Give a pile of money to a bunch of bureaucrats or elected (or even appointed) officials and you will see that cash vanish faster than any magician's imagination is capable of even conceiving.

The current pandemic - the worst in a century - is no different. In many cases, these mega-mega programs for redistributing of our taxes would look like the most massive food fight in history - if they were conducted in the public. Instead, they are being done and re-done behind massive closed doors, with seemingly no persons of certifiable sanity in attendance.

While everyone in this country is distracted by the daily rush to the mail or the bank to see if their (our) government check is waiting, the leaders of big companies and powerhouses of secondary education seem to be suggesting they have no idea how that check for millions of dollars got in their mailboxes. As for giving the cash back?

Maybe? Maybe not?

— From the margins of the editor's notebook —

'On the first Saturday in May'

It's been said that unless you've been in Louisville on the first Saturday in May you ain't been nowhere and you ain't seen nothin' yet.

Alas, for the first time in 75 years, there will be no Kentucky Derby this Saturday, the first Saturday in May. Oh, sure, a "virtual derby" is being offered on TV for those so-quarantined-crazed they actually think that's a sporting event. And there will be a "replacement derby" as if there can be a replacement derby.

My first visit to the shrine that is Churchill Downs was exactly 50 years ago this week. (In fact that was my first visit to any kind of track ever.) The occasion was the annual National Mixed Drink Competition, a sort of hokey event staged by one of Kentucky's finest liquor producers. Barkeeps from across the country were flown to Louisville to shake, stir and blend the best of their stuff, all in the limelight of the prestigious Skye Terrace high atop the Churchill Downs grandstand.

I was selected as one of the many judges, a group of "B" list Hollywood celebrities and local distinguished citizens (with "distinguished" being interpreted exceedingly liberal). As the financial editor of the local newspaper I was placed on a panel that included among others, Buddy Hackett. Whether or not you liked his comedy or his acting, Mr. Hackett, the comedian and actor, certainly knew how to liven up a mixed drink marathon.

My goal was to squeeze a column out of the experience for the next day's paper. The bartenders were competing for some serious cash and tiny trophies. The judges were encouraged to take but a sip or two. There were many drinks to be sampled, requiring multiple panels, lest signs of inebriation surface within our midst.

Several teams were served simultaneously, the better to cover the dozens of entries. There also were long periods between rounds to allow for the delivery of fresh barware, a toting up of the latest scorecards and a chance to wager on the nine races going on immediately several stories below. Several restroom breaks also were *de rigeur*.

I soon lost my first eight \$2 bets and with one race to go, I asked the nearest bartender for a tip. He offered a number but no name. I blindly bet the number, and stood in awe as a magnificent steed bearing that wonderful number crossed the finish line. That horse turned my \$2 into 18 bucks. I was fiscally even, and had snagged a box of commemorative glassware to boot.

We now jump ahead four years. This time, I would

be attending my first - and only - Kentucky Derby. And not just any Derby. This was the 100th running of the Run for the Roses. I and 163,627 others would witness the spectacle in person.

The general manager of the paper that

employed me asked that I host two reporters from one of those *hoity-toity* slick magazines that each month sell very expensive gee-gaws to the very, very rich. (Most of us *hoi-polloi* never had even heard of the publication.)

Picking the two gentlemen up at their hotel, their first question was, "What's so great about the Kentucky Derby?" I had to concede I didn't have a clue. I, too, was a Derby virgin.

Sitting there in folding chairs directly on the finish line, we were ensconced in the boss's private box.

Eight races were called, and eight races were run. It was more or less like watching the same thing eight times. Under a warm Kentucky spring sun, we sucked away on slightly watered down mint juleps, each delivered in an overpriced commemorative glass to remind us how special this day must be.

Then it happened.

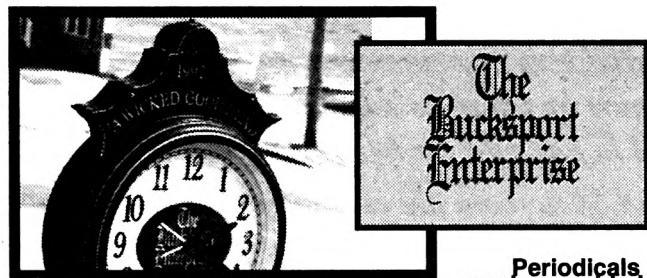
The ceremonial trumpet sounded, the assembled horde rose as one, the initial notes of "My Old Kentucky Home" wafted in from the infield. Even the staid folks from Indiana teared up.

The parade of meticulously curried horse flesh turned, and each of over 20 three-year-olds found their place in the expanded starting gate. The bell that makes it all happen clanged to life, and they were off. A mile-and-a-quarter ahead lie glory!

The hoofbeats did pound, the crowd did roar. Even stablehands who'd seen it all before again were transfixed by the annual spring opening to capture the elusive Triple Crown. The half-mile. The three-quarter mile One-mile. The excitement of the greatest two minutes in sports built with each pounding stride. The announcer, his voice all but lost in the roar, now made it official: *Cannonade* - my \$5 horse - had won!

More than a minute later, almost as long as it had taken the leaders to get to the final stretch, the crowd remained alive. I turned. There, standing on their unstable chair seats were my two new friends, still reveling in their first Derby. Tugged gently by his pantleg, the wearer looked down. Yelling above the sustained roar, we agreed we'd just witnessed, "what's so great about The Derby!"

— DON HOUGHTON



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– RSU 25 budgeting

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The not-so-good news is that the annual allocation of state educational aid, always a confusing situation at this point in the budgeting process, this year is more uncertain than ever. That is the result of the dramatic drop in state tax revenues because of so many business closings during the pandemic.

Still, the savings this year locally is generating the largest fund balance ever, and that will cushion the blow.

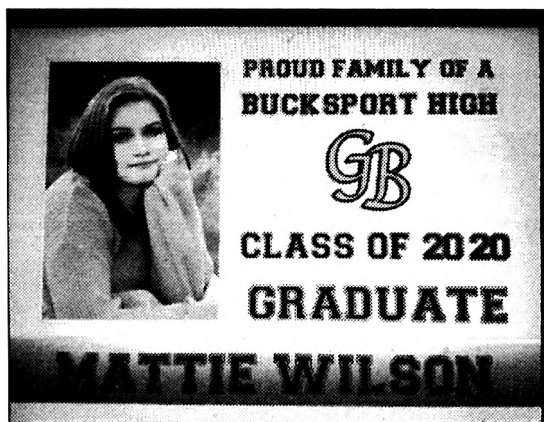
The preliminary calculations are based on a conservative estimate of what the eventual state aid will be to RSU 25, and that certainly will change before the current fiscal year ends.

Several factors are clear: Supt. of Schools James Boothby wants to retain the entire staff, but will propose no new hiring or programs for next year.

His staff also is preparing projected budgets for at least the next two fiscal years, both to provide long-term guidance, but also to encourage local town officials to hold the line on the sums set aside for local education rather than press for reductions.

Traditionally, the school budgeting process has only looked one year ahead, but Boothby told the school board members that new challenges demand new approaches, for there will be new pressures and new educational processes immediately ahead.

The board endorsed the continuation of the remote learning programs that have been developed to aid parents and students with their at-home schooling through the end of the current school year.



A LAWN SIGN designed by Karin Bos and Jen Skala, was delivered to each high school and Reach School graduate's home yesterday (4/29).

Signs of graduation sprout across region

BUCKSPORT – Teachers and others yesterday (4/29) drove around the four towns served by RSU 25, hammers in hand.

They were pounding home the message that graduation is near, with or without the pomp and circumstance. They delivered individualized signs to the front lawns of the 70+ members of the Class of 2020 at Bucksport High School and the Reach School.

There are a lot more graduation surprises in store for the graduates of the RSU kindergarten, the Miles Lane fourth graders, the eighth graders at the middle school, and the high school seniors. Each school is exploring innovative ways to mark educational milestones during a unique time.

Transitions underway

BUCKSPORT – While local educators are working to wrap up this academic year, their biggest challenge appears to be in assessing what each student will need next fall to make proper educational progress.

This week's school board session highlighted some of the challenges, and Supt. of Schools James Boothby said he may authorize additional summer employment of some faculty members if that will aid the students in covering subjects they didn't get full exposure to this spring.

The use of distance learning can be expected to increase in the years ahead, and the practices could be used in lieu of cancelling classes entirely during snow or ice storms.

Is baby forced to stay after (home) school?

BUCKSPORT – Hudson McGeechan has been home-schooled since birth, but in the fall he'll have a new teacher to guide his baby steps.

When Hudson was born last year, Kyle McGeechan took a leave of absence from teaching at the Bucksport Middle School so he could be a stay-at-home dad. Now, that's coming to an end, for it's his wife's turn to anchor the home front.

The RSU 25 School Board this week unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the new leave for Kali McGeechan. She's experienced at this sort of thing, for she's a teacher in the pre-kindergarten program at the G.H. Jewett School.

HANCOCK COUNTY COURT LOG

ELLSWORTH – These cases involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were handled in the Hancock County court system, according to the official records:

- Julie A. Trajano, 42, Bucksport. Keeping unlicensed dog at Orland on Sept. 28. Fined \$50. Allowing dog to be at-large at Orland on Sept. 28. Fined \$50.

- Jonathan A. Cormier, 21, Hermon. Minor consuming liquor at Bucksport on Sept. 20, 2019. \$200.

- James Edward Moore, 45, Bucksport. Domestic violence assault at Bucksport on Sept. 10. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct, offensive words and gestures at Bucksport on Sept. 10. Dismissed.

- Phillip T. Alleyne, 27, Brooklyn, N.Y. Driving while license suspended or revoked at Bucksport on Sept. 18. Dismissed.

- Christopher Paul Rigiero, 24, Bangor. Obstructing the report of a crime at Bucksport on Oct. 22. Jailed for 10 days. Violating condition of release at Bucksport on Oct. 22. Dismissed.

- Michael Anthony Mercer, 59, Searsport. Violating protection from abuse order at Bucksport on Nov. 2. Jailed for 12 hours. Harassment by telephone at Bucksport on Nov. 2. Dismissed.

- Ricot Z. Thomas, 31, Bucksport. Driving without a license at Bucksport on Sept. 30. \$150.

- Jason M. Gross, 49, Bucksport. Unlawful possession of scheduled drugs at Bucksport on Dec. 2. \$400. Unlawful possession of scheduled drugs at Bucksport on Dec. 24. \$400, jailed for 36 hours. Violating condition of release at Bucksport on Dec. 24. Jailed for 36 hours.

- Brandon Snow, 25, Blue Hill. Theft by unau-

thorized taking or transfer at Bucksport on Nov. 15. \$250.

- Kris E. Maggs, 63, East Orland. Two counts of keeping unlicensed dog at Orland on Oct. 29. \$50. Violation rabies prevention, Chapter 720, at Orland on Oct. 29. \$50.

- Tara Thurlow, 40, Bucksport. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Southwest Harbor on July 16, 2017. Jailed for 15 days, with probation partially revoked. Restitution of \$1,050 ordered. Falsifying physical evidence at Bucksport on Dec. 2. Jailed for 15 days.

- James E. Astbury, 56, Bucksport. Driving while under the influence of alcohol, with a prior conviction for that at Bucksport on May 27, 2018. Dismissed.

- Brooklynn M. Pond, 21, Milford. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Bucksport on June 6, 2018. Dismissed.

- Justin Jordan, 29, Glenburn. driving while under the influence of alcohol at Bucksport on Aug. 11, 2018. Dismissed. Reckless conduct at Bucksport on Aug. 11, 2018. Fined \$850.

- Jon Turner, 52, Hancock. Violating condition of release at Orland on Nov. 14, 2018. Unconditional discharge. Harassment by telephone at Orland on Nov. 14, 2018. Unconditional discharge. Terrorizing at Bar Harbor on July 22. \$100.

- Melanie K. Jordan, 45, Verona Island. Driving while under the influence of alcohol at Bucksport, Nov. 24, 2018. \$500. Jailed for 48 hours, license suspended for 150 days.

- Sandra Reed, 37, Eddington. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Bucksport on June 6, 2018. Dismissed.



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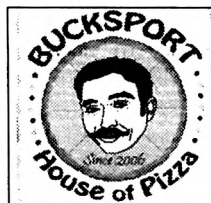
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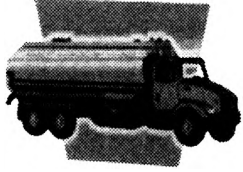
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Weekly stats and kitty cats

BUCKSPORT — There were 14 ambulance calls last week and one fire run.

Ten medical runs were in Bucksport and two each went to Orland and Verona Island addresses.

The police logged 72 calls for service.

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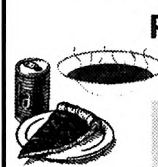


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04/30/20

PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

One arrest yields second at local motel

BUCKSPORT — A domestic disturbance at the Spring Fountain Inn on Monday night resulted in one arrest and then later a second, but unrelated, arrest at the motel.

Initially called to the disturbance at 196 U.S. Route 1 shortly before midnight resulted in the arrest of Benjamin T. Cough, 31, of 150 Williams Pond Road, Bucksport for assault.

While that investigation was going on police encountered Kevin Donald Wisdeman, 34, a resident of the motel, and determined he was wanted on a felony warrant.

Both were taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth, where they each later posted bail.

In an unrelated case, Bridget M. Sawyer, 27, of Bucksport, was arrested in the U.S. Route 1 area on Friday (4/24) about 10:45 p.m. for allegedly violating her parole in an earlier case and for reportedly possessing heroin.

While she, too, was said to reside at the Spring Fountain Inn, she was arrested nearby but not at the motel, according to a police spokesman. She also gave a Searsport address when she was booked at the county jail.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT — These court summonses were issued here recently:

- Cameron Depaola, 23, of Bucksport was ordered to court for reportedly driving 72 miles an hour in a section of the River Road posted for no more than 50. He was stopped shortly after 7 p.m. last Thursday (4/23).

- Charles Doughty, 22, of Brewer was stopped on the River Road late Saturday and issued tickets for traveling at an imprudent speed, making an improper pass and a proof of liability insurance violation.

Theft resolved

BUCKSPORT — A computer was reported taken from a home in the River Road area, but with the aid of Ellsworth police, it later was recovered and no charges were filed.

Aid offered

ORLAND — A routine well-being check by a Hancock County sheriff's deputy on April 8 on a resident of Orland resulted in the individual being taken to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

Graffiti probed

BUCKSPORT — Police are seeking information from the public on who may have spray-painted graffiti on the dam at Silver Lake. The markings were found on April 1.

Compiled from official reports and interviews with police and fire personnel.



Dog bite listed

BUCKSPORT — A person was bitten by a dog while they were visiting at a home on Main Street on April 19. The bite was not promptly reported, but the investigation continues.

Virus concerns

BUCKSPORT — The reopening of some local summertime dining options resulted in a flurry of telephone calls to the police.

Some callers thought the patrons should be required to wear masks when ordering or retrieving their food, while others objected to multiple persons standing close together while waiting to place or receive their food.

The police said there is no requirement that people wear masks while outdoors and that groups of people living or traveling together in a vehicle can move about outdoors without breaking any laws.

However, the local police on several occasions have noted that the playgrounds have been closed and posted, as there is no way to assure the surfaces are regularly sanitized.

A mom and her child, for example, were asked to leave Ian's Playground on Elm Street on Saturday afternoon and several youngsters have been told to leave the basketball courts on Miles Lane. That's because the town's emergency pandemic order bans people from using play areas.

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– Governor eases rules

COVID-219 CASES - There were 1,056 known COVID-19 cases in Maine as of late yesterday (4/29). That's 18 more than a day earlier. Officials said 615 have recovered. There was one new COVID death here, raising the total to 52.

The governor's four-stage plan focuses first on resuming business and activities which can be done safely. That means small businesses can reopen, but only with additional safety measures. That phase begins tomorrow (5/1).

If everything goes smoothly, the remaining restrictions, will be reduced each month after that, but nothing is "hard and fast," the governor warned.

PHASE 1

Grocery stores, pharmacies, financial institutions, home repair services, child care agencies and car repair services, among others have been allowed to operate.

Beginning tomorrow gatherings of more than 10 remain banned, and all entering or returning to Maine must self-quarantine for 14 days. Those able to work from home can continue to do so. Limited expansion of some business, religious, and quality of life activities are

allowed with safety precautions. These include barber shops, hair salons, and pet grooming; and limited drive-in, stay-in-your-vehicle religious services, drive-in theaters, outdoor recreation: guided outdoor activities and restricted use of golf and disc golf courses; state parks, public land trails, and historic sites, (some coastal state parks will remain closed); auto dealerships and car washes.

PHASE 2

Tentatively beginning June 1, the limitation on gatherings would be raised to 50 people. People who can work from home could continue to do so, but it allows that for employees in certain fields to begin to reenter the office as needed, including state employees.

The 14-day quarantine for all people entering or returning to Maine and the special precautions for older Mainers and others at risk of COVID-19 would continue.

With appropriate safety precautions,

Stage 2 would allow for some degree of opening with reservations, the capacity limits, and other measures for: restaurants; fitness and exercise centers and nail technicians; retail stores for broader in-store shopping; lodging and campgrounds for Maine residents and those who have met the 14-day quarantine requirement; day camps for Maine children and those who have undergone the 14-day quarantine; and coastal state parks.

PHASE 3

Tentatively beginning July 1, may move to maintain the prohibition on gatherings of more than 50 people and other previous restrictions from the earlier phases would continue. That includes the 14-day quarantine on those entering Maine.

Some degree of opening may be possible for: lodging, such as hotels, campgrounds, summer camps or RV parks for Maine residents and visitors. (The

administration is developing guidelines to assist them in safely reopening, and reservations won't be taken until those guidelines are issued); such as charter boats and boat excursions; bars; personal services such as spas, tattoo and piercing parlors, and massage facilities, among others

PHASE 4

At a time yet to be determined, restrictions would be lifted, allowing all businesses and activities to resume with appropriate safety precautions.

TIMETABLE

The schedule for all of this is subject to be changed, and could be sped up, slowed down or even reversed if health data on the COVID-19 suggests the changes are being done wisely based on the continuing collection of health data. Changes also may be made in one parts of Maine and not in other sections, again based on the health statistics.

A \$4,000 project

Effort offers free pizzas or other take-out meals

BUCKSPORT – A recent Go Fund Me internet plea to help area residents wind their way through the pandemic economic crisis resulted in roughly \$4,000 in donations.

Now, that cash is being put to work, with the first batch of 90 \$40 gift cards redeemable at any one of three local restaurants hitting the mail last weekend.

Each card entitles the recipient to a \$40 credit at their choice of MacLeod's Restaurant, the Bucksport House of Pizza, both on Main Street in Bucksport or at Snowman's Variety on State Route 46 in Orland.

The recipients were selected from a list compiled by those familiar with many they know who are undergoing exceptional

stresses. Anyone receiving a card who may feel they don't need at this time, are being encouraged to sign it and give it to someone they believe would appreciate using it.

Peter Remick, the pastor of the Bucksport United Methodist Church, is administering the program on behalf of the two men who initiated the Go Fund Me page.

The idea began as a way to help some in the community, while also aiding restaurants and their workers at the same time.

He said he will tally up the redeemed cards and pay the three businesses \$40 for each one they accepted.

Remick said he'll distribute more cards until the full amount is spent.

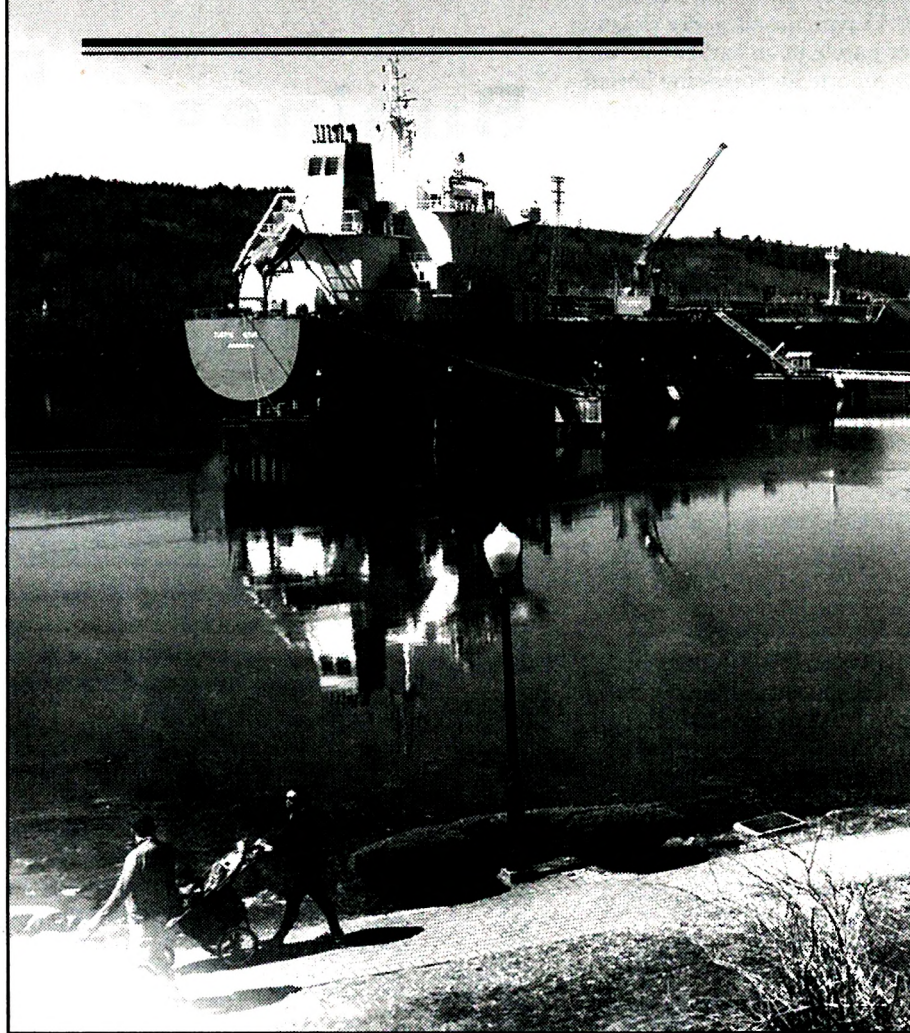
It's now time to respond to the 2020 Census!
The U.S. Census Bureau has been preparing for this once-a-decade population count for years.

Here are some quick tips to help you to respond and it should take just a few minutes:

- **By now, most households have received** at least one invite to the 2020 Census, which includes instructions how to respond online, by phone, or mail. You can even go online at 2020census.gov and respond now.
- **Your name isn't on it.** It will be addressed to "Resident" – that's you (and everyone in your household).
- **Determine how you will respond:** online, by phone, or by mail. Paper questionnaires are arriving by mail to households that haven't yet responded.
- **Responding online is easy.** Your invitation includes a Census ID number or you can use your address. *Remember: If you respond online, you must complete the census in one sitting. You will not have the ability to save your progress and come back to finish.*
- **You can respond online and by phone in English and 12 different languages** including American Sign Language, and guides in Braille and large print. There will be a drop-down menu online, or a special phone number on your invitation.
- **On the paper questionnaire use blue or black ink – no pencils!** You can write in the margins, though, if you need space. Be sure to return the questionnaire in the envelope provided. Or return it to: U.S. Census Bureau, National Processing Center, 1201 E 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132.
- **Figure out who is "Person 1/Head of Household."** If more than one person lives in your home, Person 1 is generally someone whose name is on the mortgage or rental agreement and who is over age 15.
- **Count everyone who lives in your home** – including children. Count every one who lives and sleeps in your home most of the time, including relatives, friends and others. Learn more about who to count and special circumstances for specific groups of people such as military. If more than 10 people live in your home, respond online at 2020census.gov where there is plenty of space.
- **Respond as soon as you can.** Respond on your own now to avoid a visit from a census taker later this year.

Learn more at 2020census.gov.

Still more fuel!



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SOME FOLKS may have to seek out toilet paper during the pandemic but fuel remains available in large quantities just about everywhere. Here the tanker Cape Gavi unloads more fuel at the dock in Bucksport Bay. While the winter may - or may not - be over here, storage tanks are being filled to capture the unusually low wholesale prices brought on by the temporary oversupply.

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.

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

The \$6 meals also 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.

Here are the menus:

- **Friday, May 1** – Pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans and pudding.
- **Monday, May 4** – Baked stuffed haddock with lobster sauce, rice pilaf, broccoli and fruit.
- **Wednesday, May 6** – Chicken and gravy, with stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots and cake.
- **Friday, May 8** – Chop suey, garlic bread, garden salad and a cookie.
- **Monday, May 11** – Roast pork tenderloin, wild rice, green beans and pudding.