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## IN THE WORKS

### What lies ahead

**OUT TO BID** – Bucksport is seeking bids on the first year of the three-year, \$3 million effort to upgrade many local roads. The Town Council last week reached a consensus, and while no vote was taken, Mayor Peter L. Stewart told Town Manager Susan M. Lessard to, “take that as a good-to-go.”

*The councilors still have the option of rejecting all of the bids if they aren't satisfied with them.*

**OPENING UP!** – The town is planning to open the municipal marina on June 1. The town's docks are scheduled to be ready by May 19.

**DRAINED** – Despite nine contractors requesting bid documents to repair the municipal pool, not one submitted a bid, and frustrated Town Council members want to know why. The detailed plans and specifications prepared by a consulting engineer drew nary a nibble.

When Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said she might meet with a local contractor, Mayor Peter L. Stewart said, adding, “If we meet with one we have to meet with them all.”

**FURLOUGH THAT WASN'T** – The two people on the staff are back at work inside the Buck Memorial Library. The two were to be furloughed effective this week, but on Friday(5/1) the trustees came up with an arrangement that keeps the two working on a major review of the library's collection. They are opening up space by removing some of the rarely requested volumes.

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## Booms with a view!



PHOTO BY EMERIC SPOONER

**Linemen set a new utility pole on the edge of the River Road site being developed by Whole Oceans LLC as an on-shore Atlantic salmon-rearing operation.**

## Town office reopening on Thursday

**BUCKSPORT** – The slight easing of the governor's State of Emergency COVID-19 guidelines had little impact on the local rules, government staffing will now remain in effect until May 15.

The Bucksport Town Council last week endorsed the continuation of the rules previously imposed here, and provide for the

## Council starts budget review

**BUCKSPORT** – The Town Council tonight (5/7) will begin its review of the town manager's proposed budget for the 12 months beginning July 1.

That budget calls for a 3 percent wage increase for most of the town's personnel. It adds another full-time police officer, as well as payments to beef up emergency medical service coverage without adding more full-time personnel at this point.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard is proposing no increase in the tax rate, which has been held steady for the past four years.

The budget review process is beginning on a positive note for, despite the pandemic, taxpayers have been submitting their taxes and fees and even buying a number of new and used vehicles.

The vehicle purchases have bolstered the town's excise taxes as of April 21 to 87 percent of the sum anticipated for the entire fiscal year. As of the same date, 1.5 percent of the property taxes were already in hand, along with 83.5 percent of the sewer fees.

That's despite an extension of the local tax payment deadline and an extension of the vehicle registration deadline through at least June 15.

The number of calls from residents buying new or used vehicles was described as “significant” by the town manager.

The council's review, which will be streamed on the internet beginning at 6 p.m., will start with the budgets for the general

fund, streets and roads, the town garage, the rubbish transfer station, general assistance, the health officer and the major Central Street bridge repair. The span is being upgraded with the financial help of the Maine Department of Transportation.

Here are the initial figures:

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
\$1.1 million, \$12,000 more than this fiscal year.

- Pavement costs are being cut by 10 percent \$116,000 to reflect anticipated lower petroleum costs. Sidewalk paving is being held even at \$15,000.

- Salaries and overtime – \$75,000, up 4.7 percent. The crew members receive regular pay of from \$19 to \$21.50 per hour, while the highway director receives \$66,800. Longevity increases can raise that range to \$22 to \$25 per hour for the crew and the mechanic. The janitor receives \$12 an hour for 10 hours a week year-round.

- Road salt is being reduced by 6 percent to \$122,000.

- The department expects to spend \$95,000 a year on rental equipment.

**TRANSFER STATION** –  
Proposed: \$226,000, down \$20,000. Over \$20,000, or 8 percent, is expected to be saved in tipping and hauling fees.

- FEES: The annual tipping fees are being budgeted at \$100,000 and while the hauling costs are listed in the new draft budget at \$21,000.

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reopening of the Town Offices building next Thursday (5/14).

The current town rules intentionally do not require the public to wear facial coverings here during the virus pandemic.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said imposing a mask or facial covering requirement would mean the town would have to provide the protective gear at

entrances to town buildings or deny service.

“I do not wish to put any of my personnel in the position of ‘enforcing’ face covering us, and I do not want to create controversial encounters with people,” the manager said.

## 2020 . . . The season that never will be!

J.P. SKALA

**BUCKSPORT** – At this point in past years, spring sports at Bucksport High School are very much in bloom. However, like just about everything else, Covid-19 has changed that this year.

The scourging global pandemic forced the Maine Principals' Association to call off all high school sports on April 9. For many, the loss continues to be frustrating, saddening and, yes, hard to accept.

The seniors are impacted the

most, missing their final chance to compete and represent their school one last time.

“Destroyed” is how Senior Kobe Hamby described it. This was his last year of playing baseball, and now that is lost. Hamby, who has been playing baseball his whole life, said, “looking back, baseball holds some of the best memories.”

Another baseball-playing senior, Christian Chase-Hurd, was hoping for “one last ride with the boys on the B-port diamond”. Missing a chance to bring the team and the commu-

nity together for a shot at a state championship is what he misses the most. “We, the seniors, and Coach [Mike] Cowing don't get to show our community who we are and what we are capable of, for one last time.”

Two other seniors, Quincy Howes-Mosher and Isaac Moore, said the sadness deepened as the realization hit they never again would play here.

Howes-Mosher said, “it's been a heck of a four years with these kids.” He advised those coming along to high school to, “enjoy it while you can.”

Several players also said they feel bad for Coach Cowing, noting regret they won't be able to play for him again.

Katelyn Cloutier and Zoe Hosford, two of seniors on the softball team, were not surprised the season was called before it even began.

For Hosford, “missing those final big moments of senior year is hard”. The spring sports season is something she'd looked forward to all year. “The cancellation of it truly was heartbreaking, no matter the circumstances.” This was to be Hosford's fourth year playing soft-

ball for Coach [Mike] Carrier.

“Missing my track family”, is how Cloutier described her loss. When Brookelyn Knowles learned spring sports were cancelled she refused to be heartbroken, deciding instead is grateful for the experiences she had during track.

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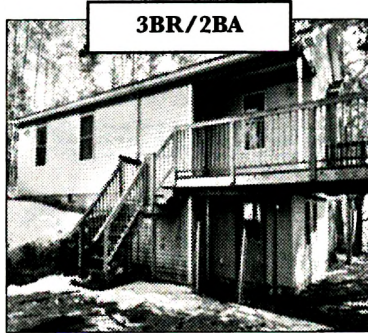
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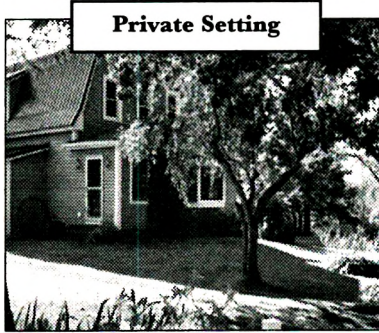
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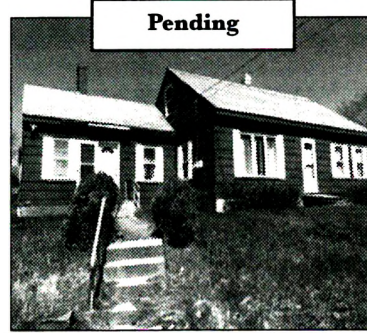
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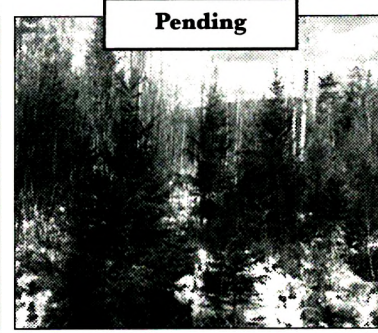
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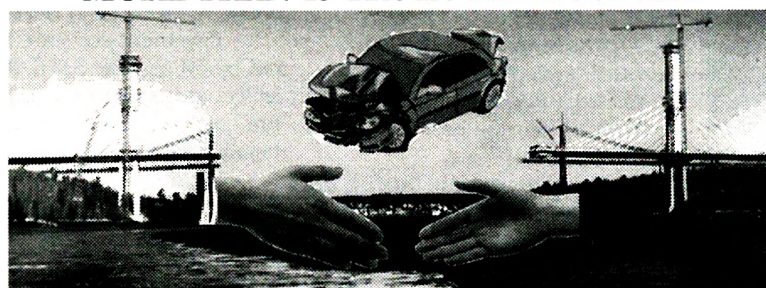
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**BUCKSPORT**—These property transfers were recorded in the office of Bucksport Assessor Katlyn Howlett:

58 Central Street, from the estate of Ellen Archer to Jaylene Thomas on Dec-02-19 for \$100,000. The developed half-acre property, assessed at \$89,700, was transferred in an "arms length" transaction.

• 157 Town Farm Road, from Kenneth W and Sarah Drake M D Living Trust to Michael and Katie Libby on Oct 31, for \$5,000. The third of an acre was assessed at \$0, the sale of what previously was a right of way.

• 1022 River Road, from Changing Seasons Federal Credit Union to W & S, Inc. on Dec 9, for \$40,000. The 1.4-acre developed property was foreclosed.

• 890 Silver Lake Road, from Frank M and Jacqueline A Dunbar, to Jared M and Krystle S Bowden on Dec. 6. for \$49,000. The 86 developed acres were assessed at \$116,020.

• Bucksmills Road, from Brianna L Sullivan to Kimberly and James Johnson on Dec-6 for \$31,000. The 5.1 acre

property was assessed at \$31,940.

• 44 Power Line Drive, from Wells Fargo Bank, N A as trustee for the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated May 1, 2005, to Park Place Securities, Inc. The asset-backed pass-through certificate series went to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as the trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc asset-backed pass-through certificates series 2005 on Dec. 3 for \$149,040 The transfer was between related corporations after a foreclosure.

• 8 Silver Street, from Colleen Littlefield, fka Colleen K Fairweather, to Daniel Seamans and Katlyn JT Cox on Dec-17 for \$120,520. No assessment figure was listed for the developed 0.17-acre property

• 53 Central Street, from Thomas A for \$205,880. There was no assessment listed for the developed 0.45 acres.

• Donovan Road, Betlin's to Justin William Clapper and Rebecca Lee Cresswell on Dec-13 for \$42,720. No assessment was listed for the developed 29 acres

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**THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE!** – The Bucksport Town Council meetings will continue to be available streaming via the internet through at least June 15. Tonight's budget begins at 6 p.m.

The cablecasting and streaming services will continue as long there is a limit of only ten at any gathering in Maine. Otherwise the meetings would have to be limited to the seven councilors, the town manager and only two other people.

**50 YEARS – Bob and Brenda Ronco**, now of Winterport, but until last year residents of Verona Island, were looking forward to marking their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23.

Now, they're still looking ahead, but have postponed the big "do" at the Lucerne Inn until the virus pandemic eases.

The celebration will be rescheduled because, after all, 50 years is 50 years

and that's well worth celebrating with friends and family. The Roncos say they can wait, for they don't want to put anyone at risk.

**GONE** – An overgrown mound of earth surrounding a utility pole on the front of the empty **Town of Bucksport**-owned lot on Main Street now is gone. For a couple of years now some town councilors have wanted to see the eyesore removed, but working out the details with the utilities that use the pole have dragged on ... and on ...

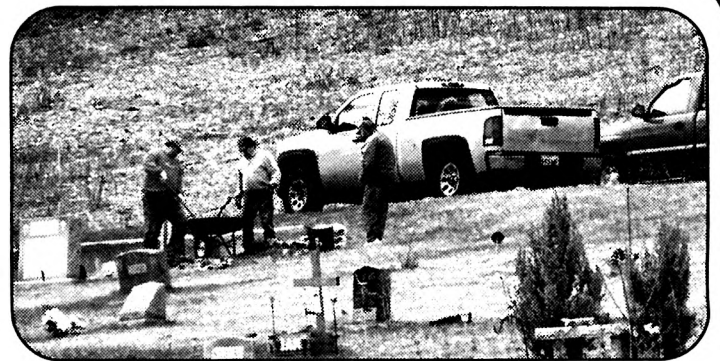
**WHO ARE THOSE MASKED-PEOPLE?** – When the Town Offices building reopens late next week, the staff will be wearing protective facial coverings.

*When they accept your tax or other payments, all comments involving the word "robbery" are discouraged.*

**STUDY OUTDOORS INDOORS** – A program that had been working in Bucksport and Ellsworth schools, the YMCA, Blue Hill Library and others to introduce young people to outdoor, hands-on science has been moved online.

The program was started in 2017, a collaboration of the **Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust** and **Downeast Audubon**.

"Going online with the lessons and other materials makes it possible to reach students and give them activities they can do on their own or with a parent in their backyard or at easily-accessed places, like the Miles Lane trail system in



**A CREW turns out to pour a solid foundation for the flagpole being installed at the St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery on the Silver Lake Road.**

Bucksport," said **Emily Carvalho**, the coordinator. "Of course, we eventually will get back to face-to-face programming, but in the meantime this is a great alternative."

The lessons are on the website [www.exploreoutdoorsmaine.org/online-learning/](http://www.exploreoutdoorsmaine.org/online-learning/), and a new one is posted there each week.

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## Blame someone

There appears to be something in the human psyche that kicks in when calamities occur. Everything bad must be somebody's fault. Either someone caused it by doing something . . . or they are responsible because they didn't do the right thing when we thought they should have done it. Or, perhaps, they did nothing. Any way you cut it, somebody must be the cause of all human calamities, both big and small.

This, of course, is where we - and just about everyone on the planet - is right now. Enough with the pandemic. At the very first, it was novel, people walking around wearing masks, but then it was us wearing masks. Not so novel. Then, it was, when will this all be over? In a world with a short attention span, surely, somebody should be able to say something definitive, something like a date certain so we scattered in more than 180 nations around the world can get on with our lives..

No date. No miracle anti-virus serum. Not enough of all sorts of things . . . masks, gowns, ventilators, or even a steady supply of toilet paper.

Surely, somebody should be doing something more. Throw in too many politicians and too many uninformed or - charitably - misinformed reporters, and we've got a pandemic of fear in pursuit of a true medical pandemic.

The point of all this is that the current crisis - the worst in a century - is not going to stop by the actions of any one person or any one group of people. It is not going to cease by marching in the streets and hollering, for being yelled at does not make anyone smarter or even more savvy. It may vent spleens and stir political pots and plots, but it doesn't bring us a day closer to the way things were just a few months ago.

It is shameful the leaders of this nation cannot come together to develop reasonable answers to such a clear and universal dilemma. Maintaining both the physical and economic health on which we all depend. Still, if they cannot do that, we must.

What's needed is a lot less blaming and a whole lot more common sense. Do not put yourself at unreasonable risk, and do not endanger others by your own foolish actions. Think before you act, and care about - and for - those most at risk. Don't expect the White House, the Capitol or even the governor or State House to rescue us. That won't happen until more of those we elected see the folly of confusing partisanship with leadership.

## Forget thrive! Think survive!

There are some very small businesses in our midst that are struggling, and every day they remain closed or even partially closed the pressures grow on those who operate and staff them.

Even in lean times, small businesses in Maine have major challenges. These are well beyond the scale that defines lean times.

Anything you can do to help any of these vital parts of our small communities survive is appreciated!



## - From the editor's notebook - It's a tough job, but ...

While reporting the business news of Kentucky it's necessary to learn more than a little about bourbon. *Yes, it's rough, but somebody's got to do it.*

In a commonwealth where so much of the economy is based on processing tobacco, breeding fine horses and distilling whisky meant spending hours over glasses of the finest spirits ever poured on this planet.

In Kentucky, it's downright socially unacceptable to decline a gentleman's offer of a few sips of the glorious alcohol-infused nectar from the distillery that has sustained his family for generations.

That means knowing - and remembering - which brand belongs to which distillery. Ordering a competitor's brand while dining with a third or fourth generation distiller could abruptly end an interview.

One needed to know the characteristics that distinguish Maker's Mark from Old Weller from Rebel Yell or any of the hundreds of other worthy bourbons so meticulously lined up behind any Kentucky bar worthy of the name. One soon differentiated the all-but-anonymous brands routinely poured for out-of-staters so ignorant they'd naively order, "a bourbon and water" with no mention of the brand. The "branch" - pure, unadulterated limestone water to the uninitiated - could vary, but the bourbon brand never.

Also, as every Kentucky colonel knows, the instruction is, "and go easy on the branch" for pure water is a precious resource. There'll always be more bourbon.

Then when it comes to sippin' fine bourbons, those in the know do just that, savoring the bouquet and then the initial droplets dancing on the tongue, before allowing the nectar to smoothly roll across the tongue and seep down the throat. Forget that barroom cowboy tossing back a full shot glass; for that's only what you must do when the bourbon is made by folks who do not love what they do or what they so lovingly produce.

The first sip can be accompanied by almost a true reverence. Indeed, there's a private dining room at a distillery in Bardstown, Kentucky where the meal always begins with a solemn recitation of "The Distiller's Prayer," delivered by the senior distiller.

Learning all of this can take hours of practice and much tasting. *It's tough, but somebody's got to do it.*

Half of Kentucky's 120 counties are "dry," even some with distilleries in them. There, one's hosts - unless they are in the ministry - often have a few bottles of their best stashed in a locker at the local golf course, just to keep everything convivial.

Most distillers certainly partake of their products, but often with a subdued, restrained appreci-

ation of how each bottle was produced.

Occasionally when a member of a distiller's family turns up with what discreetly is referred to as "the problem," the chances are better than good the offender will be set up with an auto franchise or some other business venture far from Kentucky. Such folks are admonished not to come home, even for the holidays, with anything but mint (as in juleps) on their breath.

The fact is, distillers more than most recognize some people ought not to use their products.

They are strictly serious about the warnings they issue on every bottle, but they also firmly believe the majority ought not to be punished for the transgressions of the minority. And good bourbon should be shared with those who can handle it, physically and psychologically.

The age-old battle over spirited drink continues, but as long as there is a still, there will be a distillery. In the meantime, alcoholic beverages remain a major tax-producer.

In an era when bourbon has slowly lost its market share in the liquor business, the market for it remains especially strong in the Far East, especially in Japan but also in China. Most of the expense account drinkers know a great bourbon when they sip one.

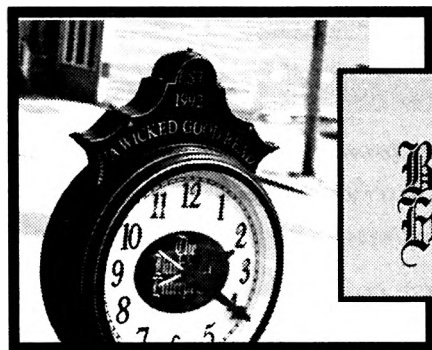
Reporting on the bourbon biz requires attending long, often boring, meetings or new product introductions. These generally end in a stroll to the corporate bar or executive dining room where a fair amount of tasting ensues. *Again, not an easy thing to do, but somebody has to do it.*

The chairman of the board of one of the largest distilleries in Kentucky had his own private, very limited edition, stash of supremely well-aged in fine oak casks bourbon. Each bottle bore a distinctive label with gold lettering lest anyone doubt its pedigree.

He had the corporate jet refitted with a small table crafted from exotic wood installed next to his overstuffed leather chair. Three holes were cut in the top, each lined with thick velvet to precisely cradle one of the treasured bottles and two crystal glasses. The crew was instructed the bottle was to be replaced at the end of each leg of any journey, even if only an ounce or two had been consumed. The tax stamps were to be left intact, an assurance the new bottle hadn't been sullied.

And the "used" bottles? Those were taken care of by the crew after the final touchdown. *That, too, was a tough job, but somebody did it!*

- DON HOUGHTON



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## Downes formally announces for Senate

BUCKSPORT – Town Councilor Kathy Downes has announced formally she is running for state House of Representatives seat that represents Bucksport and Orland.

Downes, a Republican, served her hometown as town clerk for 26 years before she retired in April, and was elected to the council in November.

Downes is seeking to succeed Rep. Richard Campbell, who will be term-limited out this year. She is being challenged by Nicolas Delli Paoli of Bucksport, a Democrat and newcomer to Maine politics.

"I like to stay busy," Downes said. "There was never a dull moment working at the town office. You could be helping someone register their car, pay their property taxes, scheduling a council meeting or helping get the word out about a benefit supper all at the same time. You've got to be flexible and ready for anything. You learn a lot about the community and what's going on, because a lot of times it's the only place people can go to get help from their government, or have their voices heard."

"I ran for council because I found that I missed helping the people with their problems. It's the same way running for the Legislature. We need people in



**Kathy Downes**

politics who like to get into the nuts-and-bolts and work for people. We need people there with common sense who don't just look at issues as black and white, but really try to work with one another to get things done."

Said Downes, "I think this COVID-19 pandemic has shown us all that experience really matters," she said. "Our communities have been crippled by it, but it is not going to keep us down forever, any more than the closing of the Verso mill kept us down."

"It was heartbreaking, tragic, and a lot of people went through life-changing circumstances because of it, but we worked together to get back on our feet, and we will do the

same with this coronavirus. I think Augusta needs to do the same, and I know the Legislature needs people with technical skills, compassion, and experience who want to do the same thing for Maine citizens, families and businesses.

"It's going to be a full plate, but we have a great community and I have a lot of folks I can lean on who want to see everyone succeed."

Downes said she would like to serve on either the State and Local Government or Veterans and Legal Affairs committees.

"Both committees really impact how well local government is able to serve the people it represents," she said. "Having been heavily involved with the Maine City and Town Clerks Association professionally, I am well aware of the work both of these committees do, and how much of an impact they have on our communities, even if they aren't the most glamorous or high profile committees in the Legislature, they are critical, and they need people with a real belief and passion for local control, for grassroots government, and for helping communities provide the very best for their citizens."

Downes can be reached at 949-3593 or by email at kathydownes1952@gmail.com

## 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 8** - Chop suey, garlic bread, garden salad and a cookie.

- **Monday, May 11** – Roast pork tenderloin, wild rice, green beans and pudding
- **Wednesday, May 13** - Baked ham, mashed potatoes, carrots and cake.
- **Friday, May 15** – Meat loaf, baked potato, mixed vegetables and fruit.
- **Monday, May 18** – Baked haddock, rice pilaf, carrots and a cookie.
- **Wednesday, May 20** – Chicken alfredo, garden salad, garlic bread and cake.
- **Friday, May 22** – Pot roast, mashed potato, carrots and a whoopie pie.
- **Monday, May 25** – Memorial Day. No lunch..
- **Wednesday, May 27** - Spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad and pudding.
- **Friday, May 29** – Turkey and gravy and stuffing, Pot roast mashed potato, green beans and a cookie.

## – The sports season that wasn't!

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Knowles wanted to extend a thank you to everyone who made her track experience as "one one I will never forget."

Justice Hazlewood was upset that he would not achieve the goals he had set for himself.

Lucky Mourredes was a newcomer to track as a senior. Mourredes, who recently competed in indoor track events, said he "couldn't wait to get back into another season in outdoor."

He, too, had set high goals for the season that now will not be. Unfortunately, I didn't realize that the final meet in indoor track would be my last."

Christian Winslow's first thought went to the distance runners involved in track when he heard the news. "We had a phenomenal cross-country team for the past two years, as well as a great indoor distance team. I will miss Bucksport sports, and this is no way to end a seniors' athletic career."

Winslow and Hosford provided daily announcements for all of the staff and students on how the sports year was progressing.

Their words still stand: "All right, Bucksport High School! Have a great day, and Go, Bucks!"

Here are the seniors who would have been competing this spring:

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### TRACK

David Hileman, Brooklyn Knowles, Madison Cyr, Emily Crocker, Lucky Mourred, Katelyn Cloutier, Christian Winslow and Justice Hazlewood.

Bucksport Post 93 of the American Legion. Bowden said he'd not heard whether Prospect will have its traditional parade this year.

The veterans still will see to the traditional marking of all of the graves of those buried in Bucksport soil. A small flag will be placed on each grave.

## – IN THE WORKS

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The private library remains closed to the public, but phone inquiries are welcome. The library also offers Wi-Fi internet access in the parking lot.

NO MEMORIAL DAY? There will be no Memorial Day events here this year. That's the word from Richard Bowden, the commander of



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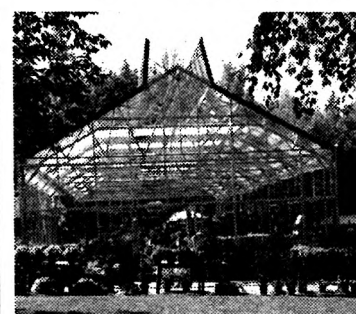
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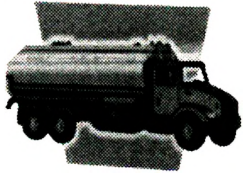
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## Virus stats

**AUGUSTA** — The Maine Department of Health and Human Services yesterday (5/6) reported 61 deaths recorded in the state from the COVID-19 virus. The cumulative total of Maine cases was 1,226, with 1,150 of those confirmed by tests. Another 76 cases were deemed "probable." The current hospitalized tally is 187, and 741 have recovered.

## Deer struck

**BUCKSPORT** — Ashley Peters, 37, of Bucksport hit a deer while driving on the River Road about 5 a.m. on Friday (5/1). Considerable damage was done to the front end of the sports utility vehicle, police said.

## Stats & cats

**BUCKSPORT** — There were 17 ambulance calls last week and one fire run.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

## Bucksport man charged in drug case

BUCKSPORT – A 35-year-old Bucksport man was arrested on the afternoon of April 29 for allegedly dealing in drugs and committing an assault.

Dennis James Fongellaz of 396 Central Street was arrested in Ellsworth.

He was charged with unlawfully trafficking in scheduled drugs, illegally importing drugs and participating in an aggravated assault.

## Monroe man faces charge of sexual contact

BUCKSPORT – A 42-year-old Monroe resident reportedly had unlawful sexual contact with a child under the age of 12.

Chris E. Tripp of 19 Moody Street was charged by Bucksport police, acting after a lengthy Hancock County Sheriff's Department investigation. He was arrested on the night of April 29, and faces two counts of having unlawful contact and one count of sexual misconduct with a child.

It was not immediately clear how long ago the alleged offense is said to have occurred. The victim may have resided in Bucksport briefly but does not live here now, the police said.

## Man out on bail gets re-arrested

BUCKSPORT – A 34-year-old Bucksport man, arrested on April 27 as a result of a Waldo County felony warrant, was released on bail but got arrested here again on Saturday.

Kevin Donald Wiseman, a resident of the Spring Fountain Inn at 196 U.S. Route 1 in Bucksport was arrested at the motel, and charged with taking some beers from the nearby Walgreen's Pharmacy and for allegedly violating the terms of his parole in the earlier case. He was booked at the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth about 11:30 p.m.

Also arrested at the motel was Maggie Hopkins, 26, of Bucksport, who was charged with a violation of her bail by having contact with Wiseman.

Both were taken to the jail, Wiseman this time was charged with two counts of unauthorized taking or transfer and one count of violating the conditions of his release in the earlier case.

## Other arrests

BUCKSPORT – The police also recorded these arrests:

- A report of suspicious activity on Bald Mountain Road on Tuesday resulted in the arrest of Shane Richard Jacobs, 33, of 239 Church Road, Bucksport and Paul Earl Hannegan, 55, of Hermon. Jacobs was arrested for allegedly possessing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Hannegan was arrested up for allegedly possessing hero-

in. Both were taken to the county jail.

- Joshua Pelletier, 28, of Greenville was booked into the Hancock County Jail shortly before 6 p.m. on Monday, after being arrested in Orrington on two counts of theft by unauthorized taking or transfer and driving after a license suspension or revocation.

A state trooper caught up with him about 2:45 p.m. on Monday on Acadia Highway (U.S. Route 1) in Orland after the pick-up he was driving was reported stolen from the Webber Oil yard on the River Road about 11 a.m.

Another vehicle reported stolen in Bangor was recovered in Bucksport, and that theft may be linked to the truck theft here.

- Jenna Eva Marie Maddocks, 27, of Searsport was booked at the county jail about 8:45 p.m. on Saturday after being arrested after a traffic stop on U.S. Route 1 in Bucksport. She allegedly was wanted on a Waldo County warrant. She later posted bail and was released.

The driver, Raymond Pomeroy, 37, also of Searsport, was issued a summons for reportedly driving after a license

suspension or revocation.

- Maggie May Hopkins, 27, of 196 U.S. Route 1, the Spring Fountain Inn, was booked at the county jail about 10:15 p.m. Saturday after being arrested in Bucksport for reportedly violating the conditions of her release in an earlier case. She put up bail and was released.

- Courtney Gray, 24, of Bucksport was arrested on May 27 after an alleged domestic assault. It previously was reported that Benjamin Cough, 31, of Bucksport was arrested on a similar charge after allegedly being involved in the assault.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These court summonses were issued here:

- Brandon McQuarrie, 30, of Orrington was cited for improper use of a cell phone while driving on U.S. Route 1 about 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

- John Meigs-McDonald, was issued a ticket for allegedly misusing a cellphone while driving on U.S. Route 1 about 2:45 p.m. on Sunday.

- Gorman Mojica, of Bucksport was issued a summons

for driving while under the influence after being stopped on the Seminary Road about 5 p.m. on Saturday.

## Accident -Deer

ORLAND – About 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, a deputy sheriff began the investigation of a late report of an accident in which a truck struck a deer on Acadia Highway (U.S. Route 1) here.

Allen Hart, 47, of Bangor reported that while he was driving toward Ellsworth early Sunday morning a deer ran into the road and was hit by the truck.

Hart was not injured but his pick-up sustained minor damages.

## False alarms

BUCKSPORT – Several false alarms were reported at businesses at both ends of Main Street last week. All were found to be the result of faulty systems.

## Burn permits

BUCKSPORT – Police and firefighters are checking on those conducting outside burns. Because of the pandemic all per-

mits are being issued by the state via the internet and only five are being granted per day in Bucksport.

## 'Smile, you're on cop-cam!'

BUCKSPORT – The first of the local police department's body cameras is up and operating, generating videotaped footage of who did what and who said what to who.

The first unit is in the department's lead cruiser, and the other cruisers will be similarly equipped shortly.

The quality of the footage was described as "excellent" by one of the local officers.

The cameras can be activated manually by the officers at any time. They also can be set to begin recording the moment the siren on the cruiser is activated.

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## — Town office reopening

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The town has posted notices asking those who are not feeling well to stay home, and they ask for voluntary compliance with social distancing practices.

Once the town office reopens, the staff can process vehicle registrations, fishing licenses, boat registrations and the rest of the usual permits and licenses.

Because of the backlog caused by the state-wide shutdowns, a longer delay in reopening could leave everyone way behind. Lessard said she did want to reopen and then have to undergo a second closing.

Lessard said the social distancing requirements will limit the number of spots at the counter to two as

opposed the previous three.

While two work at the counter, a third staff person will be assigned, on a rotating basis, as the "door monitor" to assure no more than two people are at the counter at one time.

"Xs" will be taped on the floor at six-foot intervals, and each work station for customers, as well as 6 foot designations at the entrance. People will be asked to enter one door and exit through the other.

Even when the office opens to the public, all staff will not be in the front office at once because it is impossible to maintain required distances. During the time the office has been closed to public access, callers have received the service they needed.

## Here's how town is operating

BUCKSPORT — Here's a capsule summary of the emergency COVID-19 precautions and the municipal responses put into place here since Monday:

### HIGHWAYS

The town crew will has resumed its regular schedule. They will work individually or in the same two person team that has been in place since the state of emergency began. "Spring work" will be done on a more comprehensive scale, as well as hauling gravel to repair road edges.

### TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer station today (5/7) reverted to two operators. The two will practice social distancing, from each other and the public - and they must wear face coverings and gloves.

A drop box was placed by the office door so people can pay any required fees.

### SEWAGE TREATMENT

The processing plant has resumed normal two-person staffing, with social distancing, face coverings and gloves required.

### RECREATION

Until the ten-person maximum limit on gatherings is increased, recreation programs cannot operate.

In June the limit is supposed to be raised to 50 persons but even that will prohibit participation at most/some mass events. The YMCA is working on programming that will be compliant.

The ten-person limit will keep the town's playgrounds closed because the hard surfaces there cannot effectively be kept sanitary.

### MARINA

The municipal marina will open June 1 and be able to operate in compliance with the latest state order. The Town Dock and the marina will operate more or less as normal this summer, although distancing will be enforced and larger than ten-person gatherings will be barred.

### CRUISE SHIPS

There will be no cruise ships in Bucksport, or any where else in Maine, this summer.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

The police, fire, emergency medical and dispatch services will continue to operate as they are now. Only department employees are allowed beyond the lobby. All employees have their temperatures taken when they begin working. Responses to any call in which COVID-19 symptoms are possible will require the wearing of personal protection gear.

*Amy Reynolds, one of the dispatchers, has made many face coverings which are in the lobby for anyone who needs one.*

### TOWN OFFICE

A second person began staffing the office this week, answering the telephone and providing services to customers. The bulk of the staff continued to work remotely on the other two days of the work week, and that will go on until next Thursday (5/14).

A plastic shield has been installed in the counter area so a barrier will exist between the customers and the staff when the office officially reopens.

### OTHER OFFICES

The economic development director and the code enforcement officer will continue to operate remotely until next Thursday (5/14) when the Town Office re-opens. The two then will work in their basement offices, and if meeting with the public will move to the At that time they can both be the Council Chambers in to allow for social distancing.

The assessor will begin doing exterior inspections of all buildings which were worked on with building permits during the past year to check for additions and other property enhancements.

### PHONE IT IN

Town officials across the area continue to encourage residents to use their telephones or computers to check in with their offices. Often, matters can be resolved with a single call or e-mail, and everyone's concerns about social distancing vanish.

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