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Trustees closing library 'until further notice'

Buck will reopen with new director

BUCKSPORT - The Buck Memorial Library, closed to the public since the pandemic took hold, will remain that way "until further notice," the trustees announced Monday.

Geraldine Spooner, the long-time librarian, retired that afternoon, "it's been a wonderful journey, but even wonderful journeys must end." She told the trustees, "it's been an honor to serve the library and its patrons for more than 30 years."

Spooner said, "Now, it's time for someone else," and she assured the trustees she was leaving no loose ends for her successor.

Emeric Spooner, the assistant librarian for some 24 years, will be seeking new employment.

While the library has been closed to the public, the two have continued to work inside, and have handled telephone inquiries. At the trustees' request, they recently culled the collection by more than 2,000 volumes to clear space for the trustees' new plans.

The two were told on Monday of the closing, as well as the trustees' plan to restructure the entire operation of the not-for-profit, private institution.

While four trustees attended, all seven agreed to take the library in a new direction, according to Douglas Knoblock, the president of the board.

NOW UNDERWAY

The trustees are introducing new technology, including the bar coding of all of the books and purchasing new computers for use by the public.

New LED lighting will replace the current fixtures, and the office and other spaces will be renovated and repainted. New office furniture will be purchased.

While some of the less technical tasks will be done by volunteers, the trustees have access to an endowment the treasurer has said approaching \$1.5 million.

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RSU 25 refines educational options

In-school and remote learning

BUCKSPORT — With the resumption of the academic year looming, the RSU 25 School Board this week got down in the puckerbrush, spelling the details of both in-school and remote learning options.

The parents of guardians of roughly 80 percent of the 1,100 students in the system have opted to send their children to school. The rest want remote learning as the pressures of the pandemic wear on.

The school board examined 42 pages of how the two options will work. The plans draw heavily on the previously published draft but they also include a number of updates. The goal is the same: to assure students and staff are as safe as possible and assure the programming being offered meets state and federal standards.

That's vital to maintaining the grants schools that re-open will receive the money they need to do it.

Many of the updates also are based on the return of two surveys from the parents and guardians of the region's students. School personnel beat the bushes to assure a good response from the most-impacted households, and apparently were successful.

The RSU got responses from those responsible for 898, or 84.3 percent of the 1,065 students enrolled last spring. Those results showed 80 percent of the families would prefer in-person classes. The remaining 20 percent preferred remote or virtual programming.

Of those choosing in-school classes, 40.9 percent will use school transportation. That totals

367 students and means there will be limits on how many students can safely ride each bus, and how many can be allowed to pass one another at any one time in the school hallways.

The numbers have caused Supt. of Schools James Boothby to order, with the school board's blessing, a full-time in-person learning (with accommodations for a virtual synchronous learning option) for pre-kindergarten through grade 4 students.

RSU is supporting a Level 3 opening (hybrid model) for grades 5-12. Those students learn both in person and remotely (rotating attendance). Classes run from Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

www.rsu25.org for any updates

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Enough's enough, officials say

Town acts on derelict home

BUCKSPORT — After at least four years of residents' complaints, the town manager has until Oct. 15 to do something about an all-but-abandoned house on an overgrown lot at 5 Olive Heights, at the corner of Broadway.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said the town is trying to work out an arrangement with the Bucksport owner to sell the property in a way that will cover the back taxes, the balance of a Seaboard Federal Credit Union mortgage and still leave the owner with some money.

Lessard agreed Thursday (8/20),

"the property is becoming a public nuisance." However, she said she's reluctant to seize the empty house, sell it and leave the mortgage-holder and current owner with nothing.

Neighbors and others regularly have complained to town officials about the property. They've reported animals coming and going through the open front door, a partially open garage door and windows. The house, across from the G.H. Jewett School playground, also apparently has a rat infestation.

Lessard asked for the extra time to try to work things out.

More than nine years ago, the

Town Council had problems with a Town Site property owned by the same woman. That issue dragged on until it was sold in 2013.

Town Councilor Paul Bissonette said the deadline now for taking action "is more than gracious by the town."

The town is owed \$3,000 in taxes over four years and \$1,550 in sewer fees since 2018.

The bigger issue, officials say, is the run-down condition of the property and its impact on neighborhood property values.

The council regularly has tried to work with taxpayers who are encountering financial issues.

Dock sold

BUCKSPORT — The American Iron & Metal affiliate that bought the paper mill and continues to sell off pieces of the property, has sold the fuel pier to a South Portland firm.

Bucksport Mill, LLC sold it to Penobscot Bay Terminals, Inc. The real estate transfer fee was \$150,000. Penobscot Bay Terminal reportedly already held a long-term lease on the dock, and has spent millions to improve it.

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Congressman comes calling

BUCKSPORT — Tourism may be down but the political folks, like the tides, are coming in as predictably as ever this re-election season.

The latest to take a chair on the porch at *The Bucksport Enterprise* was Jared Golden, this area's Congressman.

Golden, a Democrat, narrowly beat Bruce Poloquin, the Republican incumbent, two years ago. That race involved Golden raising \$5.4 million, and with Poloquin's spending, the Second District race cost roughly \$10 million.

This year may be more of the same, for his race for re-election against Dale Crafts continues to be a high-profile contest.

Getting in a little campaigning during the unusual August Congressional recess called by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Golden had just gotten word that he and his 434

peers in the House were being summoned back to Washington by Pelosi.

On Saturday, the House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the Democrats' latest effort to protect the U.S. Postal Service against what the party claims is a President Donald J. Trump/Republican effort to block more money for the agency.

That means yet-another nine-hour road trip through eight states for Golden, for he stopped flying when the pandemic took hold.

On Monday, a masked Golden and two of his masked supporters arrived at the newspaper, from a visit to the lobster processing plant in the industrial park with Bucksport's economic development director, and before departing for Stonington to talk to the "fishing people" there.

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<p>27 Sandy Acres Drive Sullivan</p> <p>Kyle McGeechan 207-249-0049</p>	<p>366 State Route 46 Bucksport</p> <p>Crystal Harlan 207-299-4642</p>	<p>Bucksport—Easily accessible to all in-town amenities sits this well-maintained 4BR/1.5BA colonial perched on a hill. This attractive 0.44-acre lot provides a shaded lawn w/seasonal water view. Step inside from the covered porch & find everything from a stylish & upgraded kitchen w/island & tile counters to a formal dining room w/ elegant built-ins. A sizeable living room, den w/ pellet stove & pantry w/ laundry all on the 1st level. Four bedrooms & a contemporary full bath w/ soaking tub on the 2nd level. Also, a full basement, barn addition & a detached 1-car garage used for storage.</p> <p>Sedgwick—This cozy 3 bedroom home is located on a private lot close to town and shopping. Property includes home & improvements but not the land which is leased by Covenant Community Land Trust. Restricted to low income buyers not to exceed 80% of Hancock County area median income set by HUD. First floor also has a room w/ washer/dryer hookup that could be an additional bedroom if needed.</p>		<p>571 Muskrat Farm Road Prospect</p> <p>Kathy Coogan 207-632-5246</p>
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Mark Eastman, Wendy Carpenter, Daniel See, & Lorrinda Connolly.



<p>New Listing</p>  <p>Bucksport—This wonderful, move-in ready home is less than 3/4 of a mile from downtown Bucksport. Yet it is totally private. The large 3+ acre lot on route 15 is commercial/residential. Live in this lovely home and run your business on this lot as well. The oak kitchen features plenty of cabinet space, as well as a roomy pantry. Hot water on demand means you can make your morning coffee or tea directly from the tap. It is possible that one of the two first floor bedrooms could be used as a tv room, den, or office. The other first floor bedroom is covered in natural light. Upstairs, are two very large bedrooms, either of which could be a master because of its size. This house is completely handicap accessible, since there is a ramp in the garage that makes entry possible. The deck off the kitchen is large and very private, overlooking the Penobscot River / Penobscot Bay through the trees. This is one of the largest lots, close to town that offers the size and possibilities.</p> <p>Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter \$260,000</p>	 <p>Orland—Great building lot! This 7.1 acre lot is conveniently located between Bangor and Ellsworth. Improvements include an established driveway and a slab for a 2 car garage. Nice open lot with good southern exposure and seasonal views of Branch Lake. Lots of recreational opportunities including Great Pond Mountain Conversation Trust, state owned land on Branch Lake with a beach and an organic farm right up the road. Easy commute to Bangor, Ellsworth, Bucksport or Blue Hill. Bring your building plans!</p> <p>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$59,000</p>
 <p>Subject property with approximate boundaries</p> <p>Orland—Looking for an elevated building site with public sewer already on site? This 1.75 acre lot has the potential for water views and nice summer sun. Located in the historic village of Orland only a few minutes to the town of Bucksport. Lot could be divided!</p> <p>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$19,900</p>	 <p>Bucksport—Interesting find! This complex consists of 2 residential units with the potential for additional residential units or commercial possibilities. Set on a 5 acre lot with good traffic flow and easy access to to Bucksport, Bangor or Ellsworth. Each residential unit has a garage space as well as a deck and lots of room outside. Bring your ideas and invest in the rising Bucksport real estate market!</p> <p>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$209,000</p>

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

BUCKSPORT – Here the recent local property transfers recorded in the office of Katlyn Howlett, the town's assessor:

- 1714 River Road, from Stanley G. and Gloria Jacobs to Stephen M. and Serena Hanrahan on March 27 for \$188,000. The nearly seven developed acres are assessed at \$151,810.
- 441 Town Farm Road, from, Robert B. Branc to Tyler Adams on March 31 for \$114,000. The developed acre parcel is assessed at \$66,970.
- 659 State Route 46, from Darren J. Bishop to Derek T. Hawes on April 3 for \$134,000. The developed 2.27 acres are assessed at \$150,740.
- 132 School Street, from US Department of HUD of Washington D. to Robert Brouillard, on April 2 for \$35,000. The developed quarter acre is assessed at \$72,580, and was sold in a foreclosure.
- 32 Moosehorn Drive, from Celeste A. Ransom to Celeste A. & Charles Ransom on April 9 for \$0. The 0.85-acre property, assessed at \$139,630, was transferred among related parties.
- 47 Poverty Ridge Road,

- from Mary H. Allen to Susan Ribecora. The developed property was transferred on April 8 for \$185,600. The 6.35 developed acres are assessed at \$134,690.
- 1393 River Road, from Donald R. Durkee to Heather M. Noyes on March 20 for \$129,000. The ten developed acres are assessed at \$130,940.
- 455 River Road, from Carl L. and Mary Louise E. Morin to Andrew Bowles and Brandy J. Corbin on April 17 for \$210,000. The property is assessed at \$185,820, and comprised 4.34 developed acres.
- State Route 46, from Suzette L. Tapley to Lyn Carter on April 22 for \$0. The lot is assessed at \$20,620. Land was transferred between related parties.
- 11 Williams Pond Road, from Donna R. Rollerson to John E. and Kelsi R. Christopher on April 28 for \$140,000. The 4.3 developed acres are assessed at \$133,340.
- 1587 River Road, from Sonja and David A. Hannington to Trevor and Sara B. Farwell on April 30, for \$193,800. The four developed acres are assessed by the town at \$200,650.

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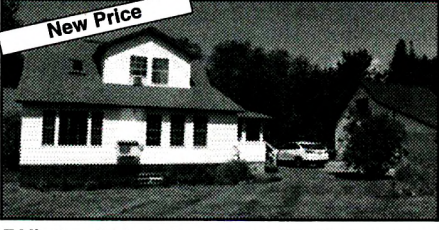
New Price



Bucksport: Great investment property in excellent condition! Ready to move in with your business on the main level and live on the second floor in your 3-4 bedrooms, large kitchen, dining room area. New windows, beautiful character with stained glass window in front of building. Natural gas heat. Lots of parking. Views of the Penobscot River! Schedule a showing today!

\$225,000


New Price



Eddington: Bright & Cheery country cape with many updates! Hardwood floors, new windows, granite countertop, newer cabinets, stainless steel appliances, oversized 2-car garage with storage above! 2 bedrooms, 1.5 updated bathrooms, laundry room on the 1st floor and private back yard! Don't overlook this one...it won't last long! 15 minutes to Bangor and choice of schools.

\$174,900

New Listing




Bangor: Lots of character and charm at this home! Conveniently located to all Bangor amenities this 4 bedroom, 2 bath colonial with many updates will surely make you a great home! Newly updated kitchen with granite countertops and plenty of cabinets. Large bedrooms, attic completely finished with full bath! Enjoy the outdoors on your back deck! Call to see today!

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TAKE A NUMBER—Newcomers have to take the luck of the draw, even if it is something as mundane as where your office is located within the Capitol office building when you first arrive.

U.S. Rep. Jared Golden found that out two years ago when his number in the office drawing came up. That number entitled him to a decent office on the second floor.

It turns out to have been the same office occupied by **William Cohen**, when he first arrived began his illustrious career representing Maine in the Capitol, back in the early 1970s.

OOPS!—The cablecasts of the local Town Council and RSU 25 School Board meetings now include electronic captioning for the hearing impaired, but sometimes a few of the electrons go astray, as they did at last week's council session.

Public Safety Director **Sean Geagan** became, "puppet safety direc-

tor" in one of the captions. Typos get even the best of us.

DEAN'S LIST—These area residents are on the latest dean's list to be posted at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine:

- **Justin Burgess** of Orland, marine engineering technology.
- **Kilah Chaar** of Orland, international business and logistics.
- **Meagan Doucette** of Orland, marine transportation operations.
- **Paul Gaultier** of Castine, international business & logistics.
- **Lesis Nickolau** of Castine, marine transportation operations.
- **Jessica Lindsay** of Castine, marine biology small vessel operations.
- **Elisabeth MacArthur** of Castine, international business and logistics.
- **Riley MacLeod** of Bucksport, international business & logistics.

• **Rebecca Rankin** of Castine, vessel operations and technology.

• **Ashlyn Royal** of Orland, marine Biology small vessel operations

• **Adam Witham** of Penobscot, marine systems engineering.

• **Jennifer Zdrojowy** of Bucksport, marine biology small vessel operations.

OPEN FOR PRAYER—The sanctuary of the **Elm Street Congregational Church** here will be open for worship at 10 a.m. this Sunday.

The service also will be streamed live on-line for those unable to attend in person. To access the service, people can click on <https://elmstcongo.church/live>.

The church also has a number of its recent services archived for viewing on-line at any time.

IN THE SCHOOLS—The RSU 25 School Board endorsed these recent personnel decisions:

• Faculty: Marilyn Jones, teacher of first and second graders at Miles Lane

School, has retired. **Sharon Haskell**, a teacher of eighth graders at the Bucksport Middle School, has resigned to take another teaching post nearer her home.

• Staff: **Kim Laplant**, an ed tech at the high school, and **Bridgette Harvey**, an ed tech at the G.H. Jewett School, has resigned. **Seth Reed**, football coach at the middle school, is stepping down from that post but will continue to teach science classes.

• New faculty members include: **Elas Seip**, to staff a first and second grade classroom at Miles Lane; **Cody Davis**, to be a long-term substitute teacher at the middle school; **Sara DeBeck**, will be a long-term substitute at the G.H. Jewett School's pre-kindergarten program; and **Alyssa Kilgour**, will be a mathematics teacher at the middle school; and **Rachael Hallett**, will teach first and second graders at Miles Lane. **Lauren Lugdon**, an ed tech at the middle school., **Zachary Smith-Hess**, an ed tech at the middle school.

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'The book lady'

For over three decades the Buck Memorial Library has been the happy home of Geraldine ("Gerry") Spooner. Through the years the librarian watched the smallest of tykes grow up to have children of their own and then enter that same magical world she now has been sharing: grandparenthood.

Library patrons were not simply card numbers or strangers, for Gerry greets most of those entering the landmark institution with their name and a smiling happy, how-can-I-help-you face.

She has seized seemingly idle inquiries for a fact or a subject with a Sherlock Holmes determination to sleuth out exactly what

EDITORIALS

each person wanted to know, and where to find a book or document to learn still more.

Her specialty has been history, especially the history of this community and those who have written it over the past two plus centuries. She's also been the go-to person for anyone with any question involving genealogy.

Through her efforts, many children in this community got their first-ever, very own, brand-new book at Christmas time. Those volumes, distributed to households that often had few, if any, books became insights into the wonderful world of imagination and knowledge that awaits within the covers of a book.

Each year she became a kid again, staging readings of "Santa Mouse" for tots who have spawned memories, a tradition that ought to be continued.

She knew her visitors well, seeking out the large print books she knew each of her older readers would like, and, on occasion, even delivering books to the patron's doorstep.

There's much more to be said about Gerry Spooner, but those who know her need no more. They know her love of this community and everyone in it, and her continuing commitment to the Buck Memorial. They also know a spunky lady who may have just retired, but not from life and her commitments to make this place a better one.

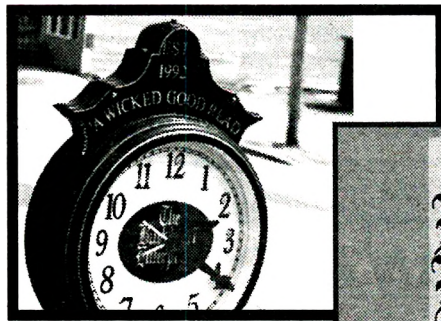
Kickin' the tires

The other night the Town Council, uncharacteristically, split over whether or not to assign a used police cruiser to the deputy chief of the fire department. While the seven councilors unanimously backed spending nearly \$50,000 to buy and equip a new cruiser for the police, the vote was 4 to 3 to give the old one to the deputy fire chief.

Mayor Peter L. Stewart and councilors Mark B. Eastman, Paul Bissonnette and Kathy Downes endorsed the idea. Councilors Edward A. Rankin Jr., James Morrison and Daniel Ormsby balked, saying they meant no disrespect to the firefighters but questioned the need to add another vehicle and its maintenance expenses to the municipal budget.

The vehicle in question is worth \$5,000 to \$8,000, depending on who's doing the estimating.

A lot of last-minute public jawboning about managing the town's fleet of 40 registered vehicles could be avoided. Just name a three-person panel of mechanically savvy folks, - one councilor and two members of the public - to once a year review the fleet and make recommendations. Bucksport may well be doing a great job, but an independent, unhurried review would confirm that and build public confidence.



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Morning light in AUGUST

You have to get very early to catch a moose taking a leisurely bath, but with the mist rising off the water, the early hour provides the photo - and the permanent memory of the scene - are well worth it. This is another of Bucksport photographer Rick McHale's efforts to become one with nature.

— RSU 25...Back to school information

(updates as of 8/17--subject to change) www.rsu25.org

— The top six health and safety requirements —

Taking precautions begin before the student leaves home, and continues from the time they board the bus and continues throughout the school day and until the time they return home.

Here's a capsule summary:

1 Masks/face coverings- are among the most-critical components of reducing the risk.

They may be removed during mealtime and outdoor activities where students and staff can maintain at least six feet of physical distancing and put back on as needed when activity stops. Teach students to cough or sneeze into their elbow when not wearing a mask (if tissue used, discard) and then perform hand hygiene. Masks/face coverings should be provided by the student/family, but the RSU will provide them, to families with financial hardship.

Masks/face coverings or face shields for those who meet the criteria to wear them - are required to be worn by everyone while on school buses.

2 Physical distancing - The local schools are seeking to provide at least six feet of physical distance whenever feasible and three feet is the minimum allowed. Classes and activities will be encouraged to be held outside whenever possible.

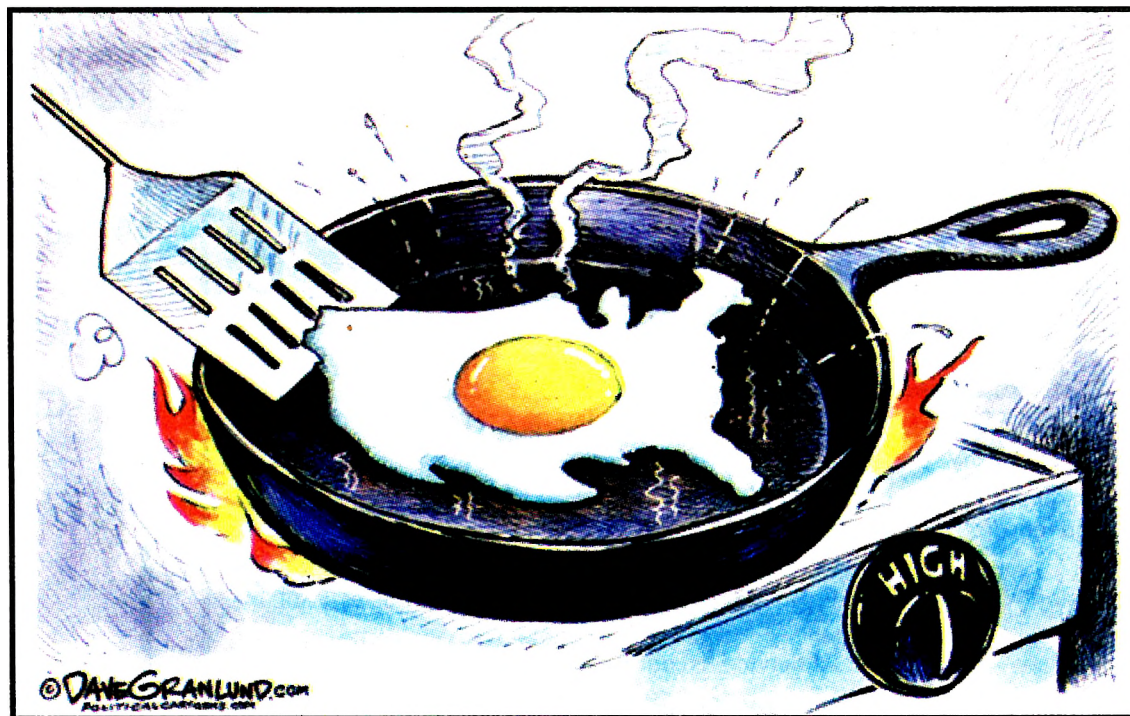
3 At-home symptom screening Families and care givers school screen their children for illness before sending them and should not send them to school if they are ill. The questions to be asked: Do you feel sick with any symptoms consistent with COVID-19? Have you been around anyone who is unwell? Have you been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19? Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever or used any fever-reducing medicine?

Additional guidance on return to school after illness is forthcoming from various agencies.

4 Hand Hygiene- Handwashing is the best option but when that's not possible use the sanitizer--should be placed at various locations throughout the schools. Use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting school buses.

5 Personal protective equipment - Teachers do not need to wear gloves while teaching, but they may need them during any necessary contact with students.

6 Additional Public Health Considerations - Various recommendations and strategies are being used to discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect.



Week of heat!

Hot enough for ya? Want relief? Think of Death Valley in California where it hit 133 degrees this week, the hottest there in a century. Now, that's HOT!

OBITUARIES

Ruth Darragh, 1940 - 2020

BUCKSPORT and INDIANTOWN, FL – Ruth Marie Darragh died on May 19, 2020 in her home in Indiantown. Her passing was due to a heart attack.

Ruth was born on April 28, 1940 in New Haven, CT to Russell Schweitzer and Mable Dickenson.

Ruth had two sisters and a brother. Ruth's youngest sister Corrine and her husband Arnold, and their five children; Russell had three children before meeting his new wife, Vivian, and Emily and her husband Joe had two girls.

In the early 1980's, Ruth met



Ruth Darragh

Micheal Darragh. Her life had begun anew. Micheal brought to their new family four children: Michael Jr has two children and his new wife Shawnie; Laura and her three children and new husband Buster; Kelly and her three children and her fiancée Dave; and Stacy and her two children and husband Wayne.

Ruth also has eight great-grandchildren on Mike's side of the family.

Ruth had a huge heart and kind soul. After retirement she and Micheal travelled a lot. She will be missed by all.

Until we see you again, we love you and we miss you.

Doris Shorey, 1931 - 2020

VERONA ISLAND – Doris Shorey (Lanpher), 89 of Verona Island passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020 at her home.

Doris was born on July 4, 1931 to Ralph and Gertrude ("Mae") Lanpher.

Doris was a certified nursing assistant at the Colliers Nursing Home and an in-home caregiver in the Bucksport area for many years.

She is survived by her son, Donald Shorey, and his wife Susan; sisters Laura Snow and Sylvia Gilbert; and brother, David Gallagher; granddaugh-



Doris Shorey

ters Victoria Blackmer and Stephanie LeMay; great-grandchildren Jenna Giles and Parker LeMay; and great-great-grandson Lane Giles.

She also is survived by her companion of 50 years, Wilfred McAllian.

She was predeceased by her husband; Ralph Shorey Jr., daughter Donna; and sisters Leona Phyllis and Evelyn.

Interment will take place at the Riverside Cemetery in North Bucksport at a later date. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

- Congressman Golden

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While here, Golden defended his record for independence, contending he is among the top ten independent Democrats in the House of Representatives. He said he has "reached across the aisle" to vote with republicans at least five or six times.

He seemed especially pleased that he was the only democrat in the House to split his vote on impeaching the president. Before his election Golden pledged support the president, "to the greatest extent possible," but eventually voted to impeach Trump for abusing his powers." Then, he voted against the measure seeking to impeach Trump for "obstructing justice."

(The only other member of Congress to do that as Mitt Romney, the Republican senator from Utah.

Golden's decision was after a review of the constitution, a reading of the Federalist papers and talks with various advisors, including William Cohen,

the former U.S. senator from Maine.

Golden's position is a unique one: he eked out a recount win over Poloquin, the Republican, in the only Congressional district in New England that favored Trump, adding one more to Trump's electoral college win.

As a result, the local district continues to draw strong national interest - and campaign contributions for both sides.

The Republican National Committee, understandably, views Golden's performance in the House quite differently. The office cites numbers they claim Golden voted against the President 88 percent of the time, and with the Democrat leadership 84 percent. Anybody can offer numbers, Golden said during the brief interview.

As for what has happened since the impeachment effort fizzled, Golden said he would vote the same way he did then if he has to vote on the issue again.

- Buck Memorial Library

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A two-page, single-spaced job description for a new library director has been drawn up. It may be revised before the application process begins.

The new director, who will work alone, will be required to have a degree in library science or a combination of education and experience to qualify, according to the draft of the job description.

As for the timing of the recruiting process, "We do not currently know when that will be," the trustees said.

BACKGROUND

The Buck Memorial Library's board has undergone some major shifts during the past couple of years, with several of the long-time trustees opting to step aside.

The self-perpetuating board, long-dominated by older residents now includes a majority of younger persons.

The library, a private institution dating to a bequest, was completed in 1886, generally has operated very frugally through the years. While the library receives token sums annually from the Town of Bucksport and much smaller amounts from Orland and Verona Island, the interest in the endowment and tax-deductible gifts have covered the modest operating expenses.

The previous trustees also were able to raise significant sums to repair the failing walls of the landmark Greek Revival style building at 47 Main Street. Each face of the building had all of the granite stones removed, numbered and set aside while the interior brickwork was repaired. Then each stone was replaced in its original position. The entire process took a number of years, but was completed last year.

Now, the current trustees want to consider a number of issues within the building, as well as ways in which to increase the visibility of the library in the community, with special attention being given to new programs.



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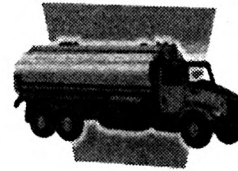
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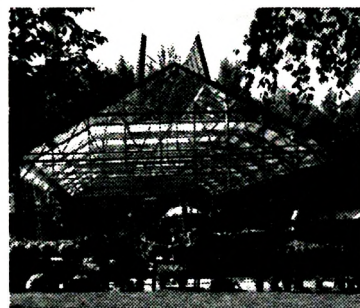


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Senior Center Menus

BUCKSPORT - Here are the menus for meals prepared at the Bucksport Senior Center for delivery to people throughout the area.

The meals are \$6 each..

Anyone within ten miles of the center can receive the meals, regardless of their age or income.

To order one or more meals call 469-3632 before 9 a.m. on the day of the meal.

• Friday, August 21 -

Pepperoni pizza, garden salad and ice cream.

• Monday, August 24 -

Seasoned chicken tenders, mashed potato, snap peas and a cookie.

• Wednesday, August 26

Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potato, carrots and a crisp.

• Friday, August 28 -

Baked ham dinner, scalloped potato, broccoli and pudding.

• Monday, August 31 -

Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, carrots & peas and



Public meals

BAKED BEANS - The Orland United Methodist Church Orland will hold a baked bean supper on Sept. 5, beginning at 4:30 with seating until 5:30. There will be a limit of 50 people seated to be served "restaurant style, with protocols for spacing. People need to wear their mask until seated and served, and wear masks at the completion of the meal and departing. Tickets will be sold at the door, using the sanctuary entrance. Cell phone numbers will be collected, and seating will be assigned. The cost of the meal is \$10, with \$2 of each meal helping the "Good News Shoes" program to provide shoes for those in need this school year. For more information, or to request a take out meal to be picked up, call the church at 469-3714 or e-mail Orlandumc@aol.com.

MORE BAKED BEANS

The East Orrington Congregational Church will be baking beans for a public church supper from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 5. However, the emphasis of this otherwise traditional public church supper will be take-home meals, and outside seating will be available if the weather permits. Reservations for the \$8 meal can be made by calling 825-3404.



Area students graduate at MMA

CASTINE - The spring graduates at the Maine Maritime Academy here included two area residents:

• Justin Burgess of Orland, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in marine engineering technology.

• Riley MacLeod of Bucksport, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in international business and logistics.

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Taxes due

BUCKSPORT — The first half of Bucksport's taxes are due by Aug. 31 to avoid interest; receipts currently are doing well.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard reported last Thursday (8/13) that 12 percent of the total already was in the town's coffers. She also said 40 percent of the previous liens placed by the town for unpaid taxes have been paid off.

The town reported a slight reduction in taxes for many property owners, thanks to a five cent reduction in the mill rate, and an increase in the benefit for those who qualified for the homestead exemption.

Lessard also told the Town Council that to date 55 percent of the households in Bucksport had replied to the U.S. Census. That's a full 10 percent below the pace in the last census a decade ago. There's still time to fill out the form or to respond on-line.

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POLICE LOG

Jailed

ELLSWORTH — These arrests involve either Bucksport-area residents or stem from incidents in the Bucksport area:

- A routine traffic stop on the River Road about 7:15 p.m. on Saturday resulted in both occupants of the vehicle being arrested. Charles Howard, 50, of Brewer was held for reportedly driving after a license revocation or suspension, failing to heed the bail conditions in a previous case and on several warrants. A passenger, Rochelle Cleaves, 38, of Bangor also was arrested on several warrants. All of the warrants were issued in Penobscot County.

- Shelley Perry, 49, of Bucksport was arrested last Thursday (8/13) about 7:30 a.m. when she was found in someone's room at the Spring Fountain Inn on U.S. Route 1. Police claim she was in the process of taking items from the room.

- Mark S. Crichton, 38, of Bangor was booked at the Hancock County Jail here shortly after midnight Sunday after being arrested in Bucksport for allegedly driving down Main Street while under the influence of alcohol. He later posted bail and was released.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT — These court papers were issued:

- William Prescott, 35, of Orrington was issued a ticket for reportedly driving 17 miles an hour over the posted speed limit. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 1 p.m. on Saturday.

- Mary Watkins, 39, of Bucksport was ticketed for improperly using a cellphone while driving on Nicholson Avenue about 7 a.m. on Sunday.

- Jason Bowles, 21, of Portland was issued a court summons about 3:15 p.m. for failing to heed the seat belt regulations. The charge was made after a routine traffic stop on Main Street.

- Lisa Bas, 48, of Bucksport was cited about 2 p.m. on Saturday. She was stopped on U.S. Route 1 and written up for an alleged child safety seat violation.



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

Assault probed

BUCKSPORT — A report of a child being assaulted in the Central Street area remains under investigation. The report initially was filed on Aug. 12.

Accidents — Deer

BUCKSPORT — These local run-ins with deer were reported:

- Jordan Treadwell, 25, of Bangor struck a deer on the River Road about 6 a.m., Aug. 11, resulting in an estimated \$1,400 in damage to his vehicle.

- Aaron Mutty, 49, of Holden, also hit a deer on the River Road about 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 10. The deer ran off.

Accidents - Bucksport

BUCKSPORT —

- A vehicle parked at Jerry's Hardware store on U.S. Route 1 was struck around noon on Aug. 12 by a someone who drove away without stopping. The vehicle had been parked by Jordan Malefant, 17, of Orland.

- Vehicles driven by Heather McLaughlin, 45, of Stockton Springs and Sharon Blanchette, 73, of Brewer were in an accident on McDonald Street about 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 10. The damage was roughly \$800.

Drug tips solicited

BUCKSPORT — The police are

seeking tips on drug activity anywhere in the area, and they stress the info can be processed anonymously.

On the pet patrol

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport animal shelter has some kitty cats - nine of

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Joy also can offer information on the adoption process.

COUNTY COURTS —

ELLSWORTH — These cases involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were processed by the Hancock County court system:

- Aaron Estabrook, 31, of Verona Island. Driving without a license at Blue Hill on Dec. 10, 2019. \$250.

- Michael Lanahan, 46, Charleston. Driving while his license suspended or revoked in Bucksport on Dec. 10. \$250.

- Margaret L. McNinch, 45, Stockton Springs. Driving while license suspended or revoked with prior convictions on Verona Island May 8, 2019. \$500.

- Aaron Moses Esposito, 36, Waterville. Theft by deception at Bucksport, May 19, 2019. Jailed for 25 days. Restitution \$110. Assault at Bucksport, on May 20, 2019. Jailed for 25 days.

- Aggravated assault at Bucksport, on June 19, 2019. Dismissed. Reckless conduct in Bucksport, June 19, 2019. Dismissed.

- David E. Lawry, 37, Ellsworth. Driving after being found to be an habitual offender revocation, with three prior convictions, at Penobscot, May 6, 2019. Dismissed.

- Steve M. Kane Sr., 56, Bucksport. Speeding: more than

20 miles above posted limit in Bucksport, June 16, 2019. \$500.

- Corey B. Riemersma, 25, Bucksport. Speeding at over 30 miles an hour above the posted limit in Bucksport, on July 18, 2019.

- Erin Abele, 39, Brewer. Driving while license suspended or revoked with prior convictions, at Bucksport on July 19, 2019. Dismissed. Violating conditions of release at Bucksport, on July 19, 2019. Dismissed.

- Robert Beal, 37, Trenton. Burglary in Bucksport in Nov. 30, 2013. Dismissed. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer in Bucksport on Nov. 30, 2013. \$500. Restitution of \$500.

- Nathaniel I. Sargent, 31, Bucksport. Operating without safety equipment at T9-SD, July 2, 2019. \$100.

- Joseph A. Cocchiola, 24, Hauppauge, N.Y. Driving without safety equipment at Orland on Aug. 11, 2019. \$100.

- Andrea M. Unger, 52, Broque, Pa. Operating without safety equipment at Orland on Aug. 3, 2019. \$100.

- Edd B. Hamor, 50, Mount Desert. Operating/permitting operation of unregistered motorboat at Mount Desert, Aug. 4, 2019. \$200.

- Michael Tyler Bragas, 23, Hauppauge, N.Y. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, Aug. 11, 2019. \$100.

- Kyle Alexander Heinrich, 26, St. James, N.Y. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, Aug. 11, 2019. \$100.

- Susan J. Landry, 63, Bucksport. Allowing dog to be at large at Bucksport, Sept. 1, 2019. \$50.

- Matthew A. Burnett, 18, Ellsworth. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, Aug. 24, 2019. \$100.

- Deborah A. Knickerbocker, 66, Bucksport. Passing stopped school bus at Bucksport, Nov. 13, 2018. Dismissed.

- Randy Jon Bunker, 50, Penobscot. Driving while under the influence of alcohol in Orland on Dec. 29, 2018. \$750, and license suspended for 150 days.

- Nichole Thomas, 36, Gardiner. Domestic violence and reckless conduct in Bucksport on Jan. 10, 2019. Dismissed.

- Domestic violence assault at Bucksport on Jan. 10, 2019. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct, offensive words, gestures at Bucksport, Jan. 10, 2019. Unconditional discharge.

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I want to say a tremendous thank you to Susan Lessard and the Town Council of Bucksport for the Pay It Forward Program that they and Mr. and Mrs. Silvernail sponsored for the last four months. Because of that amazing generosity, the Senior Center was able to deliver just under 7,000 meals to Seniors in the Bucksport Area. I also want to thank the wonderful crew of volunteer drivers, be they our regular volunteers, the volunteers provided by the town of Bucksport or all those that stepped up on their own to lend a hand. Also, thank you to the Kitchen staff, provided by RSU 25, and to the staff and volunteers here at the Senior Center. At our peak we were cooking packaging and delivery 159 meals a day. The meals are important because they not only bring nourishment to our friends and neighbors, but they also bring a friendly face and a short visit. Many Seniors look forward to the visit they get from their friendly delivery driver. Now that the town's generous program is complete the meal count has dipped back down to between 70 and 80 meals on a daily average. This tells us that there are about 70 to 80 Seniors in our neighborhood that are now going without meals or visits and check ins. The Center has a small amount of funds, provided by generous individuals, organizations and churches. These funds are used to help a few of the Seniors in our area that we recognize could really benefit from a warm meal and some company from time to time. Unfortunately, those funds only go so far. So, at the Center we always invite individuals, groups, organizations, businesses and churches to let us know if there are friends and neighbors in our community that are in need. In doing so we also welcome them to sponsor these individuals. They can sponsor them for one meal or as many meals as they wish for that individual to receive. In this way anyone can start a kind of Pay It Forward Program for someone. If you or your group would like to sponsor someone reach out to the Center and let us know.