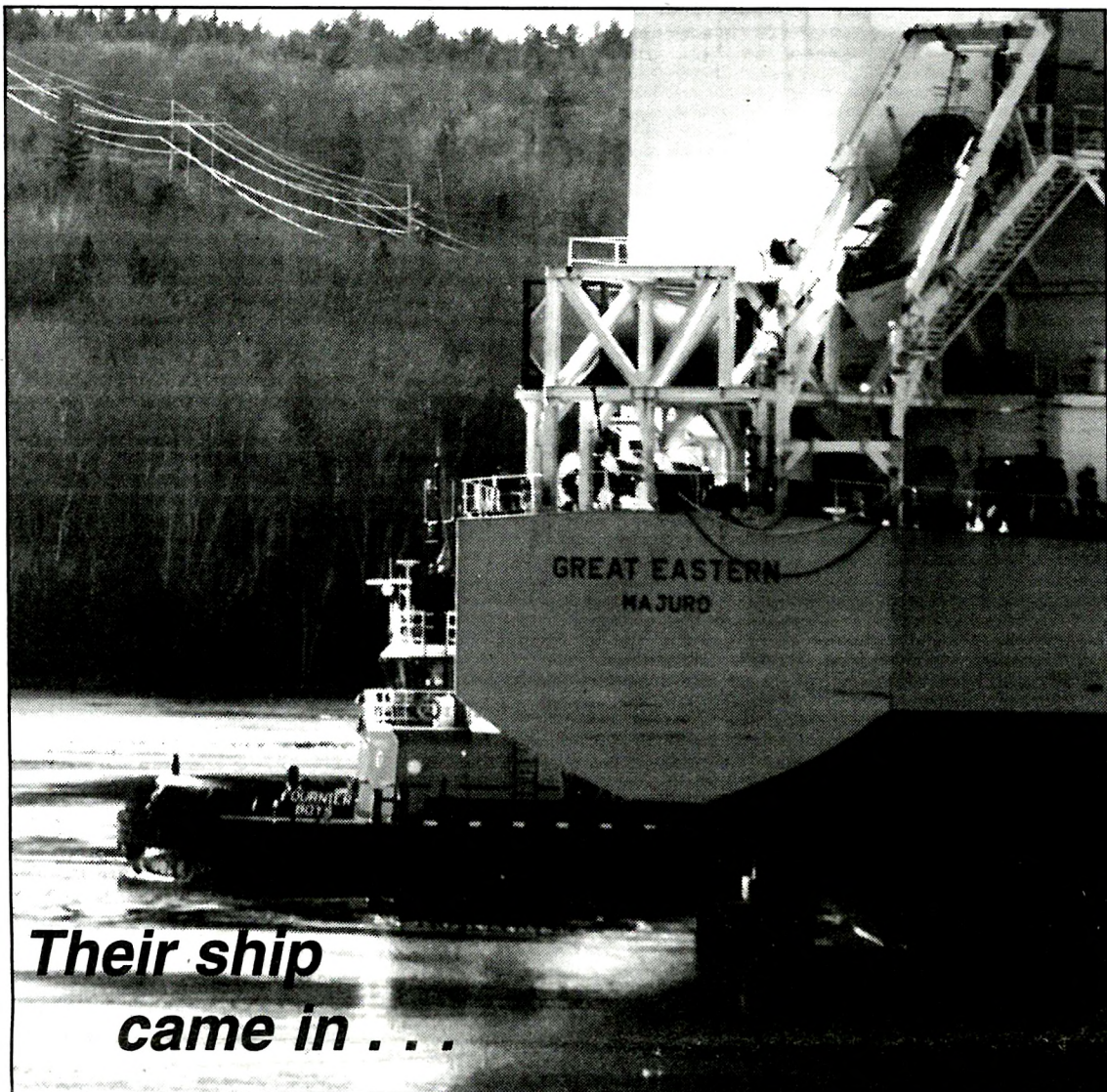


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## 2021

The Enterprise  
is back after a week  
off, and is ready to  
chronicle another year!



**Their ship  
came in . . .**

THE GREAT EASTERN, a tanker displaying the flag of the Marshall Islands, became the first vessel of 2021 to dock on Bucksport's waterfront. The ship, built in 2005, is seen here being nudged into the dock by one of the two tugs that accompanied the tanker up the Penobscot from Belfast.

## Council ponders latest proposal to market town

BUCKSPORT – The latest of several consultants' reports on how the Town of Bucksport should best promote itself now is in hand.

The nearly \$10,000, 26-page report by DesignLab of Millinocket repeats many of the recommendations contained in the previous reports.

These include encouraging more development activity on social media and television advertising, and another call to develop a new logo and new brochures for the town's promotional efforts.

The report, many months in the making, suggests three-year projects to concentrate on various marketing goals, some of which have already been tried but have not been repeated in recent years.

The study includes many demographic statistics gleaned from various public sources.

The report, now labeled a draft version, will be discussed by the Community & Economic Development Committee next Monday during a virtual meet-

ing that will be streamed on a Google Meets site on the internet, starting at 6 p.m.

That panel, directed by Rich Rotella, the town's community and economic development director, includes RSU 25 Supt. of Schools James Boothby, John Wardwell, Ron Russell, John Paul LaLonde, Frank Dunbar, Robert Carmichael Jr., Rob Carmichael and Richard Peterson.

Also invited is the entire Town Councilor: Mark Eastman, Kathy Downes, James Morrison, Edward Rankin Jr., Dan Ormsby, Paul Bissonnette and Mayor Peter Stewart.

The virtual meeting was called because the Town Council's committee assignments have not been determined for this year.

Once the final marketing plan is established, the Town Council will vote on whether to accept the plan. The councilors also will decide how much money will be allocated over the next few years to carry out the final recommendations.

– 26 pretty pages of advice –

## Another study tells most what they already knew

BUCKSPORT – The latest 26-pages of neatly packaged advice on what the Town of Bucksport ought to do to enhance its dot on the map may prove disappointing to some.

Regrettably, the latest marketing consultants appear to have repackaged many of the ideas floated by the town's previous

### NEWS ANALYSIS

Millinocket, appears unaware of how many of their ideas fared when they were suggested by others and attempted here in the past.

Much of the report seems a flowery delivery of cookie-cutter, one-template-fits-all list of ideas from the marketers' songbook. Get a new logo, build a new website, publish a few flyers, booklets and ads, rename the Bay Festival to celebrate the introduction of salmon to the local economy, all of it in language akin to what the first hen said after delivering the first egg to the world.

Most of DesignLab's ideas are not new; they're just surrounded by larger and splashier graphics designed to encourage the town's leadership to purchase a few more years of continuing advice from more people who visit the town like the itinerant trombone salesman seeking to peddle 76 of 'em.

Again, the consultants are urging more tourism, even though that industry and its short season in this part of Maine is currently deep in the doldrums, thanks to Covid-19. The plague virus isn't even mentioned in the latest report.

The DesignLab staff, instead, delivers

up a rather rosy picture of the economy along Main Street, contrary to what the few remaining merchants there have been reporting, especially since the onset of the pandemic. They also have great faith in the redevelopment of the paper mill site. That's despite the fact that all of the current forecasts suggest only about 100 jobs there, and many of those are now over two years away.

A possible need for a hotel to accommodate the seamen in town for several days or weeks at the new mariners' safety school has been dangled, but as-yet that remains a vision, not a reality.

The folks at DesignLab did spotlight one potential area that until now has been almost an unspoken taboo: encourage residential growth.

A former town manager 20 years ago bragged to a businessman purchasing a local service business that the population of Bucksport was just under 5,000, and he, by golly, was committed to keeping it that way. He viewed new residents as more schools, more roads, more trash, more nuisance than valuable to a well-run, frugal community. Three town managers later, Bucksport's population still is right there: just under 5,000. That no-growth policy was practiced with little, if any, public participation.

### GROWTH IS GOOD

Growth is not all bad, especially when Bucksport has many large houses that no longer meet the emerging needs of the -

aging population that resides in them. The local schools were built to accommodate 1,700; they now serve 1,100.

Here's what the DesignLab suggests should happen here over "the next three years and beyond" Begin by setting a three year goal of 36 new families (100 to 120 new residents).

No mention was made of the continuing outflow of seniors seeking the support services not available here. The continuing departure of young people - a problem across Maine - also isn't mentioned. Those numbers are vital when doing the math on growing the local population.

The firm suggests launching an "Opportunity by the Bay" development campaign with a spiffy logo and a memorable tagline to accomplish growth.

### ON THE SHELF

There's a lot of *deja vu* in the latest marketing study. Just re-read the previous studies the town bought and that now sit on the shelves at the Town Offices.

A group from Saratoga Springs, NY recently got \$200,000-or-so after they suggested some ideas that already had faltered while their study was being compiled. They suggested buying the former fitness center at the paper mill for a small business "incubator" office structure. The local Methodists didn't talk about the possibilities: they bought the building for a very reasonable price. The Saratoga Springs people also included a lot of suggestions for Bucksport that were remark-

ably similar to those they had tucked into a series of planning studies they sold individually to communities across New York State.

Then there was the study by a one-man Maryland consulting firm that at the last minute included a suggestion that the town back raising fish and have pens installed in Bucksport Bay; no matter that the pens would be in the middle of an active shipping channel controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers. To buttress his research, he tucked in a Time magazine article about fish farming, one he'd clipped out while flying back to Maryland.

The town manager ended up re-writing the executive summary of that \$14,000 study because the summary was so pitiful he didn't want to share the original version with the council or the public.

Each of the studies over the past 20 years-or-so has called for new logos and updated websites. Updating the current municipal website has been in the works for at least two years, but the site has changed only slightly. In the second year, DesignLab suggests a new website and an

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**4 Bedroom**




**Orland**- Conveniently located, this 4BR/1.5BA cape style home offers a wooded 0.31 acre lot with public sewer. Spacious interior rooms include a bright eat-in kitchen w/wood stove hookup, laundry room, formal dining room & living room all on the first level. Efficient on-demand propane hot water heater. Some cosmetic work including painting will need to be completed. Great investment potential with close proximity to Maine Maritime Academy.

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**Edgecomb**

**Mark Eastman**  
\$319,000

**Pending**




**Orland**- Cozy cottage on Hardscrabble Hill! This 2 Bedroom 1 Bath New Englander has been completely remodeled including a new roof, furnace, as well as flooring throughout! Did I mention the kitchen? A complete kitchen remodel including new appliances, granite counters, LED lighting and a stone backsplash. Easy commute to Castine, Ellsworth or Bucksport! Come take a look!

**Orland**

**Mark Eastman**  
\$119,900

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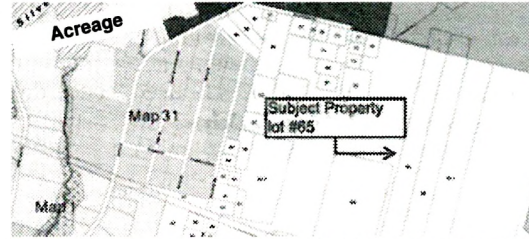


**Orland**- Lovely Cape in Orland Village! This 3 to 4 Bedroom 1 Bath home is within walking distance of the Orland Community Center and only 5 minutes from Bucksport. Amenities include first floor laundry, an eat in kitchen, storage shed and potential for a first floor bedroom. Nice corner lot with room for the kids to play. Motivated Seller!

**Orland**

**Mark Eastman**  
\$149,900

**Acreage**



**Bucksport**- This land borders Bucksport Middle School. It is a very private piece of land right in the middle of town that actually reaches down to Bayview Avenue. This parcel has just been removed from tree growth.

**Bucksport**

**Wendy Carpenter**  
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## SENIOR CENTER

### Sock

BUCKSPORT - The Bucksport Senior Center now is collecting new clean socks for seniors this winter.

Anyone can bring their new clean sock donations to the Bucksport Area Senior Center at 125 Broadway.

### Weekly menus

BUCKSPORT - Here are the menus for the take-out and delivered meals offered three times a week by the Bucksport Senior Center. The meals are \$6 each and are available to anyone within ten miles of the center, regardless of age or income. Call 469-3632 before 9 a.m. on the day of the meal.

- **Friday, Jan. 8** - Chicken noodle or minestrone soup, corn bread and a chocolate doughnut.
- **Monday, Jan. 11** - Baked haddock, rice pilaf, peas, a crisp.

### • Wednesday, Jan. 13 -

Shepherd's pie with corn, hamburger and gravy, mashed potato and fruit.

### • Friday, Jan. 15 - BBQ

pulled pork sandwich, potato salad and a whoopie pie.

### • Monday, Jan. 18 - No

meal. Martin Luther King Day.

### • Wednesday, Jan. 20 -

Stuffed shells, tossed salad, garlic bread and ice cream.

### • Friday, Jan. 22 - Roast

turkey with gravy, mashed potato, carrots and a lemon tart.

**Monday, Jan. 25** - Baked ham dinner, scalloped potato, green beans and a cookie.

### • Wednesday, Jan. 27 -

Chicken alfredo, broccoli, dinner roll and a brownie.

### • Friday, Jan. 29 - Pork

tenderloin with gravy, mashed potato, mixed vegetables.

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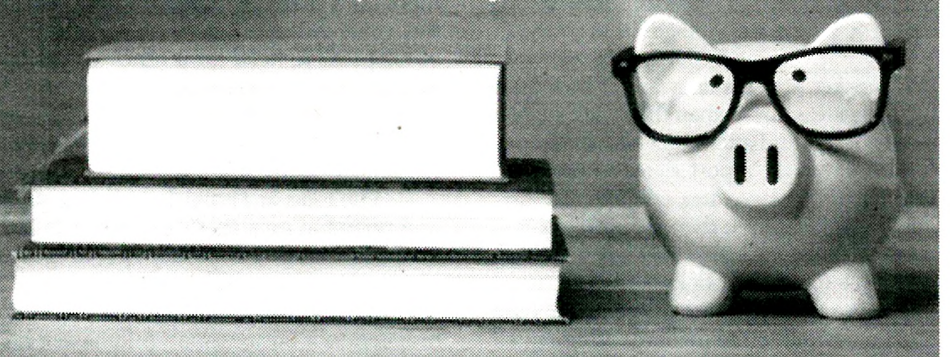
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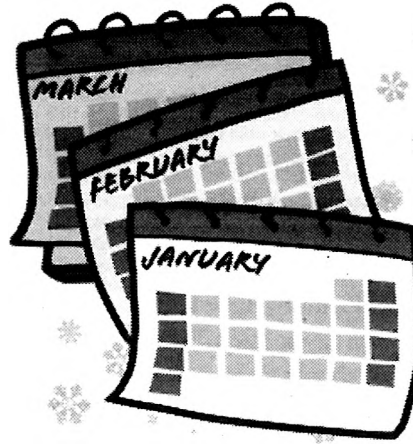
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[mainstreetbucksport.org/snowflake-days](http://mainstreetbucksport.org/snowflake-days)

\*No purchase necessary. The winner will be notified in the first week of April 2021. Check-in with each shop to find out their hours, each shop's hours may differ.

## Friends & Family

**SHARING** – Scott Murray, the former owner of the local **Dunkin' Donuts** franchise, gave \$1,000 to



**SCOTT MURRAY** presents a the donation to **Linda Hayward**, co-president of **Bucksport Community Concerns**.

**Bucksport Community Concerns (BCC)** to help the all-volunteer agency's food pantry.

He made the gift during the grand re-opening of the shop at 74 U.S. Route 1. The store was remodeled and now has indoor and drive-through digital menu boards. Dunkin's tap system offer cold teas and coffees, and there are new tables and seats for customers, front counter bakery cases, and high-volume coffee brewers.

BCC provides groceries, clothes and other essentials to residents of Bucksport, Orland and Verona Island.

**TWO-WHEELIN' IN' FOR A CAUSE** – The Hancock County chapter of the **United Bikers of Maine** gathered donations from local business to provide 21 families with baskets with a roasting pan, large turkeys, potatoes,

cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, home-made pies and a box of candy. Each basket also included a personalized Christmas card and a grocery store gift certificate.

"We reached out to local grocery stores and businesses for donations and we were completely blown away with the response from people who were more than willing to pitch in to help out neighbors in need," according to **Robby Perkins**, Hancock County director of the United Bikers group.

The baskets were put together by the motorcyclists and then were delivered on the Sunday before Christmas.

United Bikers of Maine do community service work regularly, but this year that was more difficult to do because of Covid-19 restrictions. As a result the bikers picked up and delivered the gifts themselves.

"We will be doing this again next year on a larger scale," Perkins said.

**WOW! – A Bucksport**

**Enterprise** subscriber sent in his family's annual renewal check at Christmas time, and in the process, did something extra special.

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We're not publicly identifying the donor, or the person who helped us find the recipient for that would not be in the spirit of what the gift-giver intended.

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## Modest growth is good

The key finding in the latest municipal marketing study commissioned by the Town Council is one most in charge should know already: This area has a growth problem, one brought on by decades of public policies that failed to realize standing still is second only to falling backward.

Unfortunately, most of the \$10,000 study re-hashes ideas generated by local residents and earlier consultants. The report lacks measuring sticks to gauge what their projects will accomplish. In fairness, the town's previous marketing gurus didn't do that either.

### EDITORIALS

Growing a younger, more dynamic demographic here is not going to be based on logos or slick social media or the latest turns-of-phrases. We suggest the demographic we should be looking at is the outward moving of people no longer pleased with where they are. Enough of them left New York State last year alone to populate Portland, Bangor and still have thousands left over. The same is true of increasingly less attractive metropolitan spots across the country. Many of the 'mover-outers' are savvy and now work from home. We can show why those homes should be here, and do it without spending a lot of money. Some experienced local people can offer short lists of cost-effective ways to recruit, nurture and welcome a few hundred of these fine folks to our shared community. And they won't charge for their advice. (We love our tourists, our summer visitors and our "snowbirds", but young, all year-round residents are, just that: year-round contributors to our community and its economy.)

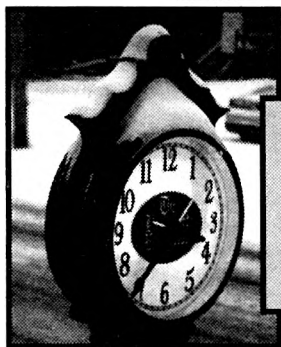
### Adding zest to everything!

We join with those now mourning the loss, but also celebrating the life of Peter D. Clain, a/k/a "Señor." Throughout his decades of helping hundreds of teens along the often-awkward paths that separate childhood from adulthood, Clain maintained his commitments to himself. He always strived to bring out the best in others, and he always did it with unrestrained passion and zeal.

In many ways, Clain never grew up. To the end, he reveled in the energy and enthusiasm and inquisitiveness of young people as he shared his own life-long enthusiasm for travel, foreign cultures and the wonders of the stage.

Directing dozens of musicals, each as if it was his first, Clain invited his students to return to their childhoods and, together, transform make-believe into a new happy reality. In the process even the timid learned to speak up in public and all of those involved got to come to grips with emotions they otherwise might have been uncomfortable with expressing in front of their peers. Both those who performed and those who enjoyed the performances were the better for Clain's gifts.

As a teacher and a human being Clain nurtured others the same way he tended to his magnificent gardens; endlessly, silently and with the knowledge that when the petals of each blossom are brought together meticulously, they yield an exquisite bouquet.



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**P**eter Clain and I spent 25 years directing musicals together. Whether it was directing the students of Bucksport High or actors of every age with Bucksport Community Theater, Peter always poured his heart and soul into each production and the cast and crew gave their best effort in return. His actors always knew how much he cared for them as people. Peter loved the theater and instilled that same love in generations of Bucksport students.

Peter held the same high standards for his Spanish students. Affectionately known as "Señor" by his pupils. Though Foreign Language is an elective, Señor's classes were always fully enrolled. He expected each student to give their best effort and would not accept anything less.

Peter loved teaching. He was often found head down, red pen in hand, elbow deep in student papers, correcting furiously. When correcting papers, he was "in the zone", oblivious to those around them. He would enthusiastically celebrate good work out loud "Great job!" or loudly bemoan a poor effort.

**W**hether in Spanish class or the Drama Club, Peter taught with great passion and energy, which is what endeared him to so many. In Mr. Clain's class, in addition to Spanish, you learned there are clear rules and expectations. Hard work is valued and rewarded, what you do matters, everyone has value, and to



**Peter Dow Clain:**

*Encouraging everyone to give their best!*

always give your best effort.

As a colleague and friend, I got to know Peter as someone who was always willing to help those in need. Whether it was helping people pack and move, providing rides for folks to get to their appointments, helping someone paint their house, or just sit with you when things were going terribly, Peter was supportive of others.

Bucksport was fortunate to have Peter as a part of our community for over four decades. His life touched countless others, especially his students'.

*Adios y muchas gracias Señor Clain.*

— MARK NESLUSAN

The writer heads the music program at Bucksport High School.

## 'Señor' and his legacy



PHOTOS BY MARK NESLUSAN

To: The folks in Bucksport, Verona Island and Orland

## 'Thanks for the memories'

### EDWARD DES JARDINS

As an architect/artist, my work has been available at the Lighthouse Arts Center for the past four years. I have now gathered the collection and donated it to the Bucksport Community.

Now that I am 84 years of age, and not sure how long the "Good Lord" will have me around, I made a major decision to share all my artwork by donating it as charitable gift contributions to the many historical and charitable organizations in the Bucksport area. They can keep it, display it, or sell it for fund-raising events, prizes, auctions, etc.

Growing up in Bucksport, and since my profession has been good to me, I want to give back to my community. I have estimated the retail value of my charitable contribution of artwork to be \$8,300, distributed among eight organizations. Many thanks to the historic preservation organizations for their accomplishment to "Keep our local history alive, for once its gone, its gone forever."

The eight artwork recipients include:

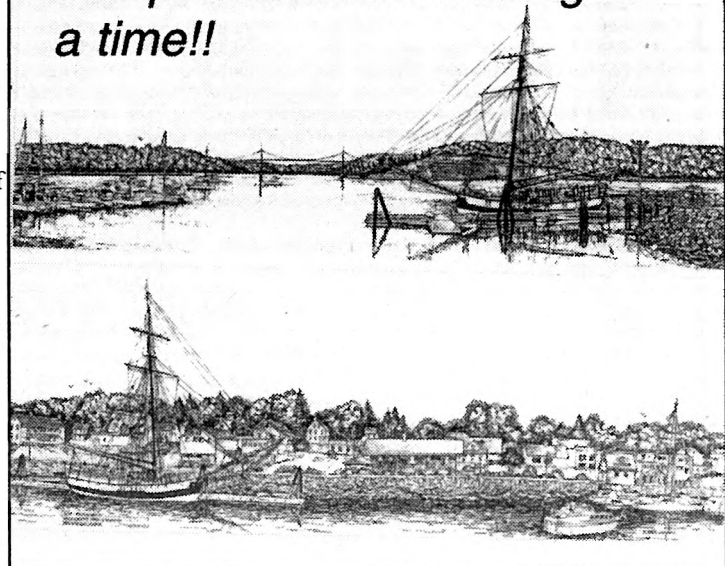
- Lighthouse Arts & Education Center
- Bucksport Historical Society
- Orland Historical Society
- Verona Island Historical Society
- Buck Memorial Library
- Friends of Fort Knox
- Bucksport Senior Center
- And Helen's Kitchen (part of

Bucksport Community Concerns).

Many thanks to all you folks that have made this possible. Love and best wishes to each of you,

Ed Des Jardins and family  
Merimac, MA

## Preserving Bucksport area's history: one pen-and-ink drawing at a time!!



Growing up on the Penobscot, Edward Des Jardins was inspired for a life of preserving the past. Now 84, he and his family's roots run deep here.



# OBITUARIES

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## Peter Dow Clain, 1948 - 2020

MERIDA, Yucatan, Mexico – Peter Dow Clain passed away in his beloved Merida, Yucatan, Mexico home on Dec. 4, 2020 after valiantly enduring a long illness at the age of 72. Peter was born in Swampscott, MA on Nov. 9, 1948 to Philip L. Clain and Karen Dow Clain. He attended schools in Swampscott and graduated from Swampscott High School. He attended a post-graduate prep school year at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, ME. Next, he attended the University of Maine at Orono where he majored in French and Spanish. He later got a master's degree in French. He had a life-long tenure of teaching foreign languages at the secondary level. He taught at Sanford High School, Maine Central Institute and for the most years at Bucksport High School.

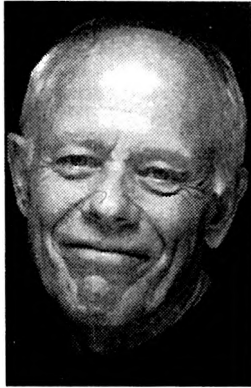
Peter liked to joke that he had become a fixture at Bucksport. He was a popular Spanish teacher and directed drama as well. After retirement he taught at the John Bapst High School for a year then in the local Bucksport Schools.

During summers he was active in many theater companies, The Ebb Tide Players in Searsport, The Penobscot Regional Theater and Shakespeare Festival in Bangor, Belfast Maskers, Assembled Players and Northport Music Theater.

He made his home in Stockton Springs from 1980 to recent seasonal stays.

Peter was a singer in the Pen Bay Singers and its previous version of the Robert Collier Chorale for 25 years, more or less. He sang tenor and helped stage manage. He also was a singer in the choir at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Belfast. He also sang in the English Mass choir of the Cathedral chapel in Merida. He was a past vestry member of St. Margaret's in Belfast, ME and a current vestry member of St. Luke's Episcopal in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

The last 12 years Peter wintered in Merida, first part-time then permanently in the recent past years. He was active in volunteering at the Merida English Library, volunteer teaching of Spanish to adults at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and before that for the Las Monjas RC Church in Merida.



Peter D. Clain

He rescued four Yucateco cats and more than 20 in Maine, not all at the same time.

He is survived by his husband and partner of 42 years, Richard Tourigny; his brother, Christopher and his wife, Mary Clain of

Swampscott; and nephews, Philip and Chris of same. He also is survived by Richard's family members and his as well: Paul Tourigny, of Wells, ME, Louise and Randy Reed of Brunswick, ME, Jerry Tourigny, his wife Katya Zenko and nephews Andrei and Daniel of Scarborough, ME and Marilyn and Brian Long of Waxhaw, NC and nephews, Jimmy Long of Charleston, SC and Jake Long of Raleigh, NC. He also leaves two cousins, Olivia and Dick Storey of Cornelius, VA and Rick Blaker of Southport, CT; Hubbard Wells and Kornelia of Brewster, NY, Susan Clain of Manchester, ME and Brian Clain, John Clain and aunt Barbara Clain of Massachusetts. Also cousins Jim Dow of Palos Verde CA and Valerie Dow of Berkeley, CA and a long list of friends too numerous to name are left behind as well.

Peter was an avid gardener whose gardens were often included in home and garden tours to raise money for local charities.

He leaves behind a legacy of having taught for more than 35 years and performing and directing many plays for the enjoyment of all and volunteering in other settings such as food banks, and taking groups of students and chaperones on numerous trips to Spain and Mexico, and found in the 1980's his favorite, Merida where he planned to retire and did.

Requests have been made on how to honor his memory. In Merida, please donate to St. Luke's Episcopal Church or the Merida English Library, web sites which have the links for donations. A Peter Clain Kindness Fund will be established at the Camden National Bank in Bucksport, ME.

It is hoped the pandemic will ease restrictions this summer for a service to be held for Peter at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Belfast with interment in the memorial garden. An announcement will be made when the date is known.

## Joan A. Bridges, 1933 - 2020

–BUCKSPORT– Joan A. Bridges gracefully entered into rest on Dec. 24, 2020.

She was born in Bucksport on Aug. 17, 1933, the daughter of Raymond and Edith (Arey) Atwood.

Joan was educated in Bucksport where she met and married her husband, Raymond, and they went on to raise a large, loving family.

She spent countless hours preparing winter food from the gardens that Ray grew and that were tended to by their children.

Later, she and Ray owned and operated Ray's Farm Market in Millvale, where she made lasting friendships due in part to her delicious pizza.

While raising her family, Joan went on to work at the Sylvania plant in Bangor. Later, she worked as a deli manager at Doug's Shop N Save.

In later years, she very much enjoyed playing poker and Bingo at the Bucksport Senior Center, where she served for a while as a luncheon waitress, endearing herself to everyone she met there. Joan later found comfort in watching the birds outside her window where she spent most of her time.



Joan A. Bridges

Though Joan could have a "feisty" side, her love for her children and grandchildren was unmovable always.

She is survived by her sons, Brian, Larry (and Judy) and Raymond and her daughters Joan (and Lloyd), Tina (and Robert) and Lesa. She leaves many adored grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews, who loved their special Aunt Jode. She also is survived by three brothers - Ernest, Fred and Wilford - and sisters-in-law Thiry and Shirley and soul mate sister-in-law Irene.

Joan was predeceased by her husband, Ray; her daughter, Lindy; and her granddaughter, Corinne. She was left behind also by five sisters - Ruth, Shirley, Barbara Edith and Yvonne - and brothers Herlbert and Bud.

Joan will be remembered as an image of love by her family and by all who were fortunate to know this remarkable loving woman.

A memorial service will be held in the spring. Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport.

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## Free on-line help offered to cope with issues of aging

ELLSWORTH – Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County is offering a free on-line workshop, *Choosing Resilience: Developing a Healthy Approach to Aging*.

There are many facets to healthy aging, including responding more positively to losses such as deaths and impaired health, and this program is

aimed at helping people understand and develop skills and resources to cope with the challenges.

The free program will run for six consecutive Thursdays, from 1 to 3 p.m., Registration is required by tomorrow (1/8), by calling 667-2531 or email [jcornman@hospiceofhancock.org](mailto:jcornman@hospiceofhancock.org).



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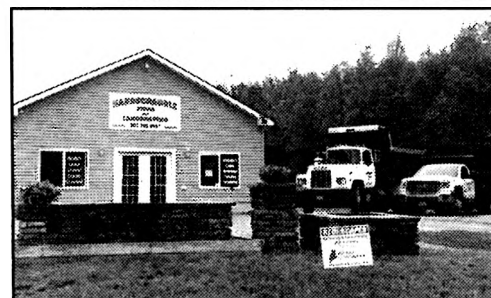
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## OBITUARIES - Continued

### Sylvia Burpee Harrison Tweedie, 1934 - 2020

BUCKSPORT – Sylvia Burpee Harrison Tweedie, passed away peacefully on Dec. 30, 2020 after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Sylvia was born on April 16, 1934 in Bucksport, the daughter of Arthur "John" and Marion Burpee. She attended schools in Bucksport and graduated from a hairdressing and cosmetology school, working in her chosen field for many years.

She married Sydney Harrison in 1954. The couple lived in Colorado, North Carolina, Florida, Germany and Arizona as a U.S. Air Force family before retiring to Bucksport in 1972. She often spoke of how her travels helped her understand how fortunate she was to be from the beautiful State of Maine and to also experience so many other places and friendships.

In later years, Sylvia married Chester Tweedie in 1998. They enjoyed many summers on Toddy Pond in Surry and winters in Dunedin and Palm Harbor FL.

Born on "The Farm," she enjoyed gardening, cooking and sewing. Having achieved her WSI, she loved teaching others, especially her grandchildren to swim. Sylvia could be found working hard, always busy with yardwork and home maintenance activities. She also enjoyed fishing, boating and canoeing.

She is survived by her husband, Chester Tweedie of Bucksport and Palm Harbor FL; two children: Becky Mountain and her husband

James of Bangor and Greg Harrison and his wife Susan of Phippsburg; a stepdaughter, Linda White of Orland; two sisters: Florence of Little

Deer Isle and Charlotte of Bucksport; four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, three step grand and four great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband Sydney in 1991; five brothers: Lewis, Luther, James, Arthur and Wilfred; six sisters: Mary Avis, Kathleen, Mary Frances, Lillian, Arleen and Thurline; and stepdaughter Pam Tweedie.

Sylvia's large family was her greatest source of pride, joy and purpose. She was fiercely loyal and would help her family in any way she could. Sylvia was truly a loving, happy and wonderful person.

Special thanks to Kindred Hospice of Bangor, Woodlands Memory Care of Brewer and Silver Linings of Hermon for their compassionate care and assistance to Sylvia's family.

A grave side service will be held in the spring, June 2, at the Silver Lake Cemetery in Bucksport. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sylvia's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association website: [alz.org](http://alz.org)

Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport.

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Sylvia Burpee  
Harrison  
Tweedie

### Justin T. Gray, 1994 - 2020

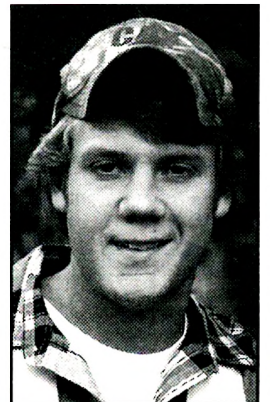
VERONA ISLAND – Justin T. Gray, 26, of Verona Island passed away on Nov. 23, 2020 in an automobile accident.

He was born in July of 1994, the beloved son of Terry and Carrie Gray; treasured brother to Kayla Gray; adored grandson, nephew, cousin and faithful friend to many.

Justin was a graduate of Bucksport High School and pursued his career as a Class A truck driver for GAC.

Outside of his work, he could be found mowing lawns, cutting wood, plowing snow, gathering with family, or socializing with friends. He loved to sing along to Country Gold music and could name every artist to come across the speakers in one of his many Ford trucks. From deer hunting to working in the garage, he never hesitated to lend a helping hand to fellow family and friends. Justin had a work ethic and sense of humor that ran as deep as his Maine accent, bright smile, and love for jeans paired with boots. His character and charm will remain unmatched and forever missed by those who knew and loved him.

Rest In Peace and may your legacy live on.



Justin T. Gray

### Merton ("Mert") P. Hanscom, Sr., 1950 - 2020



Merton P.  
Hanscom, Sr.

BUCKSPORT/HANCOCK – Merton ("Mert") P. Hanscom Sr. passed away peacefully on Dec. 31, 2020 in Ellsworth.

He was born on July 17, 1950 to Archie and Louise Hanscom. Mert grew up on Verona Island and in Bucksport and lived his last few years in Hancock.

Mert was a truck driver for many years. He enjoyed his time driving semi-trucks; he enjoyed going to the race track; and he enjoyed watching sports. He also enjoyed time with his family and friends. Mert was a kind man with a big heart who would do anything for anyone.

Hanscom is predeceased by his parents Archie and Louise; a brother, Clyde; and step-son Larry.

He is survived by his wife Deborah of 34 years and their children: Ralph, Mert Jr., Wayne Sr., Adrian, Adam, Erica and step-children Stewart Jr, Michelle, Jason and their families. several grandchildren and great-grand children.

A service will be held at a later date.

## HANCOCK COUNTY COURTS

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

• Rhonda A. Westerman, 60, Bucksport. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Bucksport, Sept. 18, 2019. Restitution \$32.68. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Bucksport, Sept. 20, 2019.

• Awale Ismail Ali, 25, Florissant, MO. Unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs at Bucksport, Feb. 10, 2020. \$400. Department of Corrections for four years with all

but one year suspended. Probation for three years.

• Francis Elwin Tuttle Jr., 31, Ellsworth. Reckless conduct at Orland, Jan. 19, 2020. \$500. Restitution \$500. Driving while license suspended or revoked with prior convictions, at Orland, Jan. 19, 2020. Dismissed.

• Dustin Smith, 28, Bucksport. Violating condition of release at Bucksport, Feb. 21, 2020. \$250. Violating condition of release at Bucksport, July 28, 2020. \$250. Suspended \$250. Failing to report at Ellsworth, July 17, 2020. Jail two days.



## – Consultants' study

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In the third year, add a "wayfinding sign system," build a town kiosk and add a digital communications board, replace the information panels on the walking path using updated branding, continuing redevelopment of the website and increase use of social media.

Where have you seen stuff like that lately? Answer: Among municipal marketing consultants, just about everywhere.

Town councilors have been asking for these signs for years. Updating the dilapidated sign at the entrance to the industrial park alone took over two years.

DesignLab suggests more collaboration among town and downtown committees and many other existing groups. The study also suggests appoint "ambassadors" to represent Bucksport as "a great place to start" a family.

In the second year DesignLab would have the town support "quality of place initiatives" by collaborating with a number of local and regional organizations and agencies.

Were the consultants aware that such a coordinated collaborative group already is doing just that, and meets regularly to encourage cooperation and discourage duplication? Or that the economic development director spends hours each month fulfilling the same role in dealing with many groups and agencies?

The consultants offer the most encouragement for projects that would draw tourists,

although they say that most people passing through don't go down Main Street when coming from Ellsworth or Bar Harbor, or turn left when headed home from those destinations.

Like the Portland consultants now designing a proposed \$3.3 million upgrade of the town dock and the waterfront, the DesignLab people see a bright future in catering to recreational boaters and those on small cruise ships. The Saratoga Springs study said the same.

However, nobody has offered any sort of cost/benefit analysis of what that actually might do for the town's economy.

When it comes to specifics, the latest study suggests adding "kinetic art like 'spawning salmon' at the entrance to the town that would connect with an 'art tour' through the rest of downtown. They also suggest a local panel stage, 'a schedule of brand-supportive festivals. Their ideas include a Salmon Food & Drink Festival, classic car show, 'Movie by the Bay', boat festival '(similar to the small craft festival in Portland), etc.'"

Renaming the festival is comparatively easy? Remember the recent year when it was also dubbed the "Papermaking Festival"? Car shows, events on Main Street, movies on the waterfront? Nothing new here, been staging them for years, until Covid-19 intervened.

Three years from now the consultants suggest, "purchasing a William (sic) Peary era ship or replica and promote the Roosevelt

### Survey says:

### Bucksport's avatar isn't into 'sophistication'

BUCKSPORT – The draft of the latest study on how best to boost Bucksport is, like most consultants' reports, heavy on 50-cent words when dime ones would do.

Buzzwords also get updated: Instead of suggesting the town's marketing shoot for those under 50, the DesignLab folks want the town to "develop a target market avatar. . . . In the case of Bucksport, the target profile is a "genuine original."

Who's that? It's seeking visitors "with an average age of 46, who enjoy natural splendor, outdoor adventure, and visiting historic sites and parks."

Genuine originals are those that like, "authentic trips with exposure to unique local people, culture and experiences, and, not necessarily, luxury or urban sophistication."

. . . . Town could contract with a tourism company to offer ship tours." (*The Arctic explorer was Adm. Robert (not William) E. Peary Sr.*)

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Now, it's up to the town councilors to decide whether Bucksport also needs or wants a tourist ship in its future.



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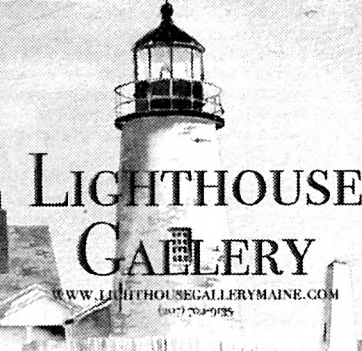
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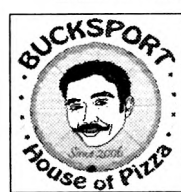
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## Arrests listed

**Arrested twice and sentenced once**  
BUCKSPORT – Andrew Paul Gerrish, 41, of the Springvale section of Brooksville was stopped here twice within two weeks.

On Monday he was sentenced in Ellsworth to 48 hours in the Hancock County Jail as the result of multiple charges.

He was stopped twice, roughly in the same section of U.S. Route 1, and each time the officer filed the same charges.

He first was arrested in Bucksport about 1:15 a.m. on Dec. 20 and a different officer arrested him about midnight on Sunday.

Gerrish faced charges of failing to be in court as required, violating the conditions of his release in an earlier case, and driving after a license suspension or revocation. He also was charged with attaching false license plates to a vehicle.

**Assault alleged**  
ELLSWORTH – Angela Sue Kimball, 42, of Bangor was booked at the Hancock County Jail here about 9:15 p.m. last Thursday (12/31) after being arrested on Seminary Road in Bucksport for an alleged aggravated assault and for reportedly obstructing the reporting of a crime.

**Drug charges filed**  
ORLAND – Jesse Davis, 29, of Boothbay was arrested here on Christmas Eve after he reportedly was found to be in possession of a number of drugs.

A Bucksport officer questioned Davis at a State Route 46 convenience store and held him until a deputy sheriff could arrive and take over the case.

Davis was charged with possessing illegal drugs and violating the terms of his bail in an earlier case.

## Vandalism listed

BUCKSPORT – A resident reported damage to a vehicle, a flag and a flag pole. The incident was reported last Thursday (12/31) morning.

## Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT – Local police reported these run-ins with deer:

• Tiffany Harrington, 34, of Bucksport hit a deer on the Bucks Mills Road about 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 30.

• Michael McLinnis, 74, of Bucksport struck a deer on Central Street about 7:30 a.m. on New Year's Eve.

## Accidents - Other

BUCKSPORT – These recent roadway accidents were reported:

• Vehicles being driven by Thomas McGinty, 31, of Bucksport and Ashley Brown, 30, of Sullivan collided on Main

Street, at Pine Street, about 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

• Bailey Cox, 31, of Old Town reported striking some mail boxes while driving on the River Road on Dec. 20. The accident was reported after the driver returned home.

• Gabriel Whittemore, 16, of Winterport lost control of her vehicle when she was coming off the Town Farm Road onto the River Road about 2 p.m. on Christmas Day.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These court summonses were issued here recently:

• Annamarie Bernard, 33, of Bucksport got a summons for reportedly driving on State Route 46 without proof of liability insurance on her vehicle. She was stopped about 5 p.m. Saturday.

• Arryn Garey, 36, of Prospect was cited on Dec. 29 for driving on U.S. Route 1 without a valid driver's license. The traffic stop was made on U.S. Route 1.

• Kyle Nevells, 23, of Stonington was written up for allegedly misusing a cellphone while driving on U.S. Route 1 about 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 29.

• Deborah Lawson, 61, of Bucksport, was cited for allegedly driving on U.S. Route 1 after her license either was suspended or revoked.

• Cody Ames, 35, of Orland was issued summonses for driving on Main Street after a license suspension and for violating the conditions of his release in an earlier case. He was stopped about 5:30



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a.m. on Dec. 21.

• Dale Pollard, 29, of East Orland got a ticket for reportedly driving with a suspended license. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

## Scams reported

BUCKSPORT – Two scams were reported here recently, both involving false charges on credit cards. One was reported on Dec. 23; the other on Dec. 21.

## Stolen? Not really!

BUCKSPORT – A vehicle was reported stolen on Dec. 22, but the owner later reported it had been loaned to someone and then had been returned.

## Motel incidents

BUCKSPORT – Police were called to the Spring Fountain Inn twice on U.S. Route 1 to resolve disputes on Sunday, Dec. 27. One of the incidents was successfully resolved, while the other involved an alleged shutting off of heat to a motel room, reportedly for non-payment of rent. One incident was called in about 8:45 a.m., and the other was listed at about 10 a.m.

## Found: Lots of stuff!

ORLAND – A cellphone found in Orland on Saturday morning is being held at the Bucksport Public Safety Building on Franklin Street.

Someone also recently turned in some cash.



**HUCKLEBERRIES**  
Card and Gift

**NEW WINTER HOURS!**  
**Thurs - Sun 10am - 4pm**  
**Closed Mon - Tues - Wed**

**81 Main Street 207-702-9352**

**Town of Bucksport**  
**Susan Lessard, Town Manager**  
**January 7, 2021**

### BUCKSPORT SENIOR RIDE PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS!

#### WHO QUALIFIES?

• BUCKSPORT RESIDENTS AGED 60 AND OVER WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE MAINECARE RIDE PROGRAM

#### WHAT DOES IT COVER?

• RIDES TO MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS IF THE RIDES ARE FOR MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY APPOINTMENTS

#### WHERE CAN I GO?

• BUCKSPORT, BANGOR & ELLSWORTH AREA

#### HOW DO I USE THIS SERVICE?

• CALL DOWNEAST COMMUNITY PARTNERS AT 664-0012 AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU NEED A RIDE

#### WHAT DOES IT COST?

• THIS PROGRAM IS PAID FOR BY THE TOWN OF BUCKSPORT AND THERE IS NO COST TO THE USER

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