

ENTERPRISE PHOTO  
BY SANDY HOLMES

A NEW YORK RESIDENT'S boat, large enough to take up the entire Verona Island boat ramp, was hauled into town on Monday. There was no competition for the space.

## Marketing study aired

### Councilors poised to authorize additional spending

BUCKSPORT – A short Town Council discussion of the recommendations by a Millinocket consulting firm on marketing Bucksport to the world went smoothly, with some suggesting they support the proposed three-year effort and will vote to underwrite it.

How much that will cost still is being worked out, although some rough numbers have been discussed privately by the consultants and Richard Rotella, the town's director of community and economic development. Once those figures are firmed up, "there will be one more review and the council will be asked to approve" the first year of marketing expenses.

DesignLab of Millinocket was paid just under \$10,000 for the initial ideas that run the gamut from seeking more tourists and more year-round residents to, perhaps, buying or building a ship for visitors to

tour as part of an exploration of the maritime history of Bucksport. The vessel could be floated, or simply placed on shore, the consultants said.

The goal of the town's latest "re-branding" efforts with a new logo, literature and events is to make the point that Bucksport is a good place to visit and to live.

While town officials eventually want to pay for much of the marketing with tax incremental financing (TIF) dollars from the development of the Whole Oceans salmon farm planned off River Road, that project won't produce its first marketable fish until 2025 at the earliest. In the meantime, the TIF fund has been depleted as previous business incentives have been paid off and no new ones have been launched.

PLEASE SEE MARKETING, PAGE 6

## Council reviews two proposals for using vacant lot

### Not-for-profit wants site for \$1; architect asks \$10,000 for services

BUCKSPORT – The Town Council has asked for more details from each of the two bidders seeking to play a role in redeveloping the empty lot the town owns at 27 Main Street.

The lot, vacant since the Town Council acquired and cleared it four or five years ago, suddenly drew interest from bidders offering very different ideas for how best to get something built there.

Both plans seek to tie up the property for a year while the would-be redevelopers plan their next step.

The bid by the Penquis not-for-profit, affordable housing group would involve the agency spending \$30,000 or more on a detailed feasibility study before deciding whether to invest more than \$6 million in the property.

Acting on behalf of a not-for-profit group of investors, Penquis wants to build 35 to 40 apartments in a two- or three-story building on the roughly one-acre site. It also wants the site for a token \$1.

The investors would receive tax breaks and other benefits, as well as the tax write-offs from the depreciation on the real estate over time.

The cost of building the apartments works out to roughly \$150,000 to \$175,000 per unit, depending on how many are con-

structed. Most would be one-bedroom apartments, and probably would be restricted to those 55 or older who qualify financially for government assistance. The units would range from 600 to 650 square feet, according to a Penquis spokesman.

The building would not be tax-exempt, but the Penquis spokesman said Town Manager Susan M. Lessard appeared to be open to discussing the idea of a discounted tax bill because the rental rates would not allow much money for taxes, according to Jason Bird, the housing development director at Penquis.

Some commercial space also might be developed on the ground level, but it's too soon to say whether this will occur, Bird said in an interview yesterday (1/14).

The plan immediately drew five calls of support from residents after the plan was previewed in last week's *Bucksport Enterprise*. The town councilors began discussing it, and before the hour-long session ended Lessard reported she had just received the calls.

The other plan, submitted by John Gordon of Bucksport would provide design and related services to help market the property.

PLEASE SEE EMPTY LOT, PG 6

## IN THE WORKS . . . Tidbits from the week's news

**WALLS, WALLS & MORE WALLS** – The long-anticipated rebuilding of the failing retaining walls along lower Main Street and U.S. Route 1 is about to be started—a \$550,000 series of projects.

*The town will pay half the expense of rebuilding the wall at the Stubborn Cow stained glass shop, at Mill and Main, the one near Ming's Garden restaurant, and the one at the intersection of Main & Pine streets.*

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After listening to the latest update on the years-long saga of the town's failed efforts to get a dilapidated property at 1861 State Route 46 torn down or fixed up, the councilors backed the latest bid to again move ahead with the existing foreclosure. They heard of a proliferation of rats and piles of junk in the yard, as well as a septic system that is reportedly little more than a metal drum with a pipe running from it, according to the code enforcement officer.

The property has been the site of previous foreclosure efforts, most recently in 2018. The owners, Keith and Betty French, haven't paid on the site since January of 2018. At that time, the council said that if the issues persist they wouldn't grant any more time to remedy the situation.

**GOALS FOR 2021?** – The Town Council will devote time to

reviewing and setting municipal goals for the year when it meets on Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.. The council also will take up the status of various major projects involving the town's infrastructure when it meets next Thursday (1/28) at 6 p.m.

*The council will continue to meet virtually, with sessions viewable by the public on the town's cable channel and as live-streamed on the internet. Efforts to return to an in-person format, either at the Bucksport Center for the Performing Arts or in the conference room at the Maine Maritime Academy's new mariners' safety school on River Road have been scuttled.*

**SEEN AND HEARD FROM AFAR** – Councilor Mark Eastman has been attending the Town Council's "virtual sessions" from New Mexico. Former Councilor **Robert Carmichael Jr.** had sought to

attend via a computer hook-up from his winter address in Florida, but that request was said to violate the Town Charter requiring councilors to be physically present at meetings.

*However, that was pre-Covid, and the virus has re-set the situation all over the country and at "virtually" all levels of government.*

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?** – The Town Council has joined forces with the RSU 25 School Board to consider a request to re-name the Bucksport Center for the Performing Arts in memory of Peter Clain, the long-time Spanish teacher and high school drama coach who died early last month.

*Three town councilors will meet with school board members to discuss the idea. Among the volunteers was Councilor Paul Bissonnette, who formerly served as chair of the school panel.*

**KEEPER OF THE BOOKS?** – The call has gone out to recruit a new librarian for the Buck Memorial Library. The trustees will begin reviewing the applications on Feb. 16, and the search will remain open until a candidate has been selected.

The new director also will be the chief operating officer, responsible for everything from preparing a draft of the annual budget to community outreach and overseeing day-to-day operations. While initially the librarian will be the sole staff member, additional help may be hired as needed on a part-time or seasonal basis.

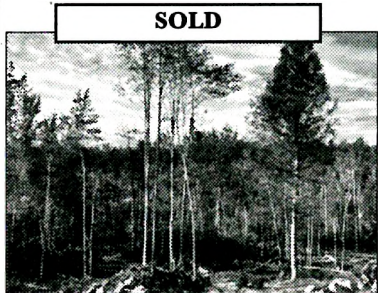
*The post is being offered at \$25-an-hour for 32 hours a week, year-round, with the equivalent of three paid weeks off, including holidays. There's no mention of other benefits. Application details are on the library's website.*





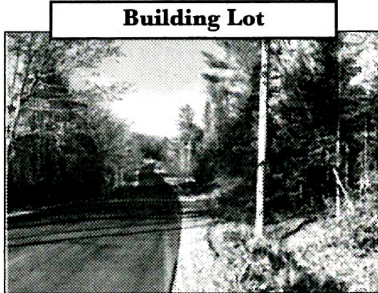
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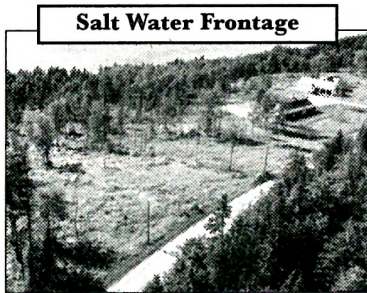
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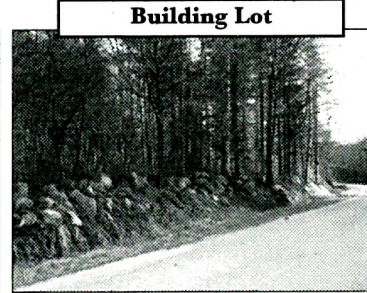
**Building Lot**

**Bucksport**—Conveniently located building lot only a short commute to Bangor/Brewer area. This wooded 2.03-acre lot features a sloped topography overlooking Stubbs Brook, perfect for a potential daylight basement home site. This lot also has two springs and offers over 300' of frontage on Millvale Road. Private yet only minutes from town and local amenities.



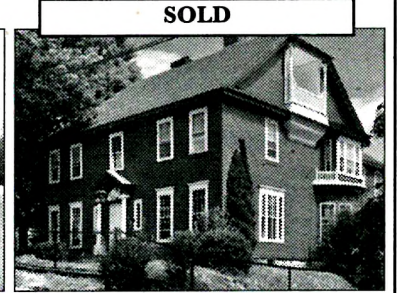
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**Building Lot**

**Stockton Springs**—This 2.0 acre wooded lot offers a private location yet convenient to Belfast & Bangor not far off Route 1A. Lot is fairly level with rock wall along road side. Neighboring driveway/right of way runs alongside the north boundary. 2020 taxes are less than \$300 per year!



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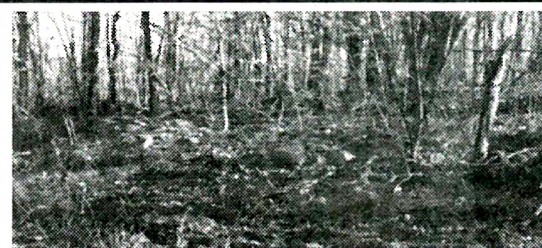


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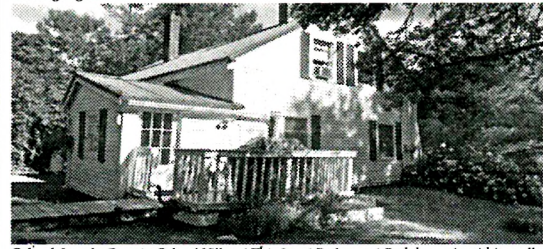
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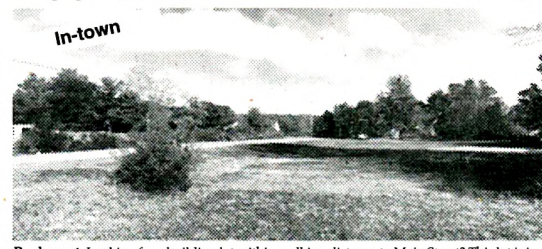
**Edgcomb**—This 3 Bedroom, 1.5 New Englander is set on a 6.2 acre lot with an attached barn with storage above. Recent improvements include a new roof, an on demand generator and an updated septic system. Enjoy pumpkin pine floors and lots of original trim. Large deck off back of house is great for summer entertaining. Lovely sunsets.  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$287,500



**Bucksport**—Looking for a place to build a cabin in the woods? This 7.9ac parcel is located in the woods, yet only minutes to the village of Bucksport. Great recreation area with a power line located on one border for the hunting crowd, as well as a 10' walking Right of Way to Thurston Pond for the anglers. Good southern exposure could provide good solar options. Enjoy the peace and quiet of "out back".  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$32,000



**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. Come take a look!  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$149,900



**Bucksport**—Looking for a building lot within walking distance to Main Street? This lot is just under an acre and is cleared with public water available at the street. Bring your building plans and your ideas. This is a rare lot located in the village of Bucksport. Walk to the movies, dinner, or take a stroll on the waterfront.  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$48,000

## Barnard House sold

**BUCKSPORT**  
The Barnard House, the bright red landmark property at School and Franklin streets, was sold to Brian and Kathleen Young of Monroe, OR last Thursday (1/14).

The property was sold by Joan

Arnuthnot. The seller was represented by Kathy Coogan of Two Rivers Realty, LLC. Jody Morse, agent of North Country Properties, LLC in Newport represented the buyers.

The large house was owned by Enoch Barnard (1804-1863), the son of Ezekiel Barnard, a shipbuilder in Waldoboro who settled in Bucksport. He had a general store, and out-fitted ships for long voyages.



**Enoch Barnard**



Barnard, president of the Bucksport Bank, organized in 1854, married Julia Cobb Darling (1821-1899) in 1842. They had eight children.

Most of the family is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, but one daughter, Isabelle, and her husband are entombed in an impressive family vault at the Silver Lake Cemetery.

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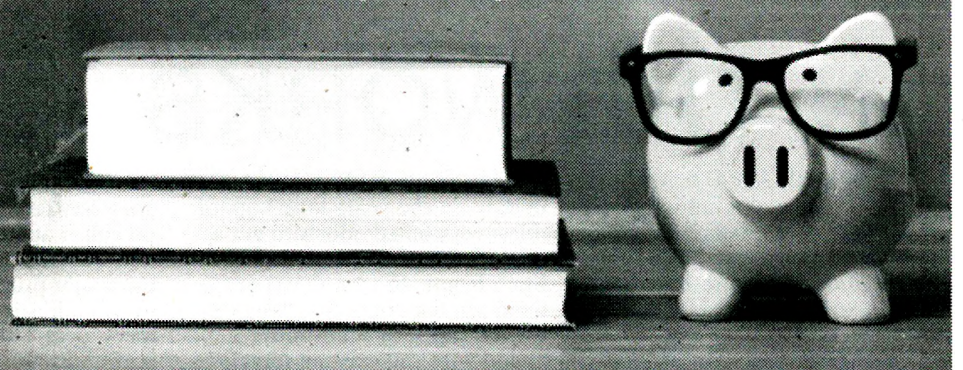
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**ANOTHER TRADITION FALLS** – Instead of the traditional night on which eighth graders are invited to preview life at **Bucksport High School**, the School will hold a virtual “Step-Up Night” on Tuesday.

The eighth graders and their parents or guardians will learn about the programs being offered from the academic classes to extra- and co-curricular activities.

Registration is required by calling the guidance office in advance at 469-6653.

**REMINDER** – As the winter sports start has been delayed, the first **Bucksport High School** home game of the season will be played tomorrow (1/22). Fans can not go to the gym under the current Covid-19 safety guidelines so the gym is coming to them

via the internet.

All of the games will be streamed free all season long using **SeasonCast**, which can be viewed in any of several ways:

- Download the SeasonCast app on your phone and add BHS Athletics to see the action from your phone
- Watch on any computer at [www.bhsathletics.mylivegame.com](http://www.bhsathletics.mylivegame.com)
- Visit SeasonCast.com and search for the BHS Athletics channel on the home page.

It's all free all season long, and the games are being archived so anyone can view them later.

**Richard Rotella**, the town's director of community development, will provide the play-by-play, while also providing a weekly tally of the outcomes of the games.

All of the away events will be streamed on the BHS Athletics Facebook page on the

day of each contest.

The boys' and girls' teams were on the road this week, playing at Deer Isle-Stonington. Rotella reported the boy's lost 58-50 while the girls fell 77 to 14.

**Aaron West**, the school's athletic director, said, “Our student athletes and coaches have worked hard this winter under difficult circumstances and would greatly appreciate your support from afar as they compete this winter.”

**IN THE SCHOOLS** The **RSU 25 School Board** this week ratified these personnel changes:

- **Carol Cooper**, of the **Miles Lane School** 's special education staff will retire June 30.
- **Hailey Betts**, a member of the special education staff in the elementary schools, resigned to take a new position
- **Cody Davis**, an educational technician has joined the after-school program staff at the **Bucksport Middle School**. This assignment is in

addition to his regular duties.

• **Matt McGinnis** will coach the middle school boys' basketball A team.

Appointed as volunteers in the athletic programs were: **Donna Short**, middle school girls' basketball team; **Danielle Freeman**, middle school cheerleading squad; and Kyle McGeechan -boys' basketball team.

**HIS HONOR**— As expected **Peter Stewart** has been returned to another term as mayor of Bucksport. Town Councilor **Paul Bissonnette** was elected deputy mayor. There was no competition, and both votes were unanimous.

**IT'S OPEN, BUT . . .** The municipal ice rink is open, but everyone must follow the posted Covid-19 safety guidelines. The rink lights shut off at 9 p.m., and no ice skates are available for rent or to borrow.

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## EDITORIAL

might disagree. As citizens of the United States of

America we have the same

constitutionally-protected right to peaceably say what we want and support the causes of our choosing. Over the past few years there's been a growing shout to silence those with whom some disagree.

We have seen this on college campuses, ironically the places that traditionally have encouraged freedom of thought, protected the right to dissent and where carefully researched facts easily overpowered socially media-generated philosophic nonsense. We have seen it in our elected politicians who rightly condemn what happened inside our Capitol after all-but-ignoring nearly nightly terror and deaths of the innocent throughout the minority areas of our largest cities. We are seeing this effort to control minds and issues on internet platforms and news outlets. Major media is trying to tell us suppressing some people's access to their sites and channels is, somehow, how defensible. They ask us to trust them; they say they know what's best for us.

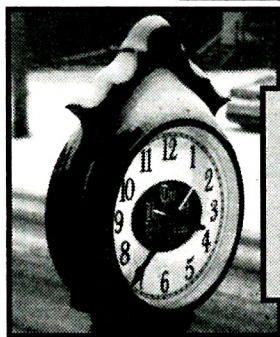
History reveals the problem in deciding for us who we can and cannot hear or read. The robber barons of the early 1900s sought to control our minds and our votes in similar ways.

The lesson from history is that when someone comes for someone's else's rights and freedoms, it's only a matter of time before they come for yours.

## Kick the tires!

After months without a nibble, it's heartening to learn the Town Council has not one, but two proposals for developing the empty lot it bought and cleared at 74 Main Street. Both involve affordable but non-tax-paying housing. The offers are ironic, for the council bought the properties because they wanted to remove the tax-paying apartments that stood there. The councilors are wise to ask each of the would-be developers for much more information, for the data in hand doesn't justify tying up a prime site for an entire year on the possibility something may come from it.

The councilors also must decide "the highest and best" use of a key downtown lot that will remain whatever it becomes for generations. One offer seeks the lot for a token \$1; the other bidder is asking to be paid \$10,000 for his services if he opts not to be the redeveloper. The councilors already have put some \$300,000 into the property.



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## LETTERS . . . TO THE EDITOR

### Some development ideas offered without consulting fee

To the Editor,

After reading all of the new ideas for rebranding and promoting the Town of Bucksport that the Town Council is promoting, I have to wonder if the Council is actually serious.

The proposal to spend more town tax money on studies for ideas that previously have been presented, in other paid-for studies, that did not show any realized gains. I have to wonder: What happened to all of those hotels that one council member, repeatedly stated were going to be built.

The council has created a Department of Public Safety for a town population of 5,000. We now support a police chief, a deputy fire chief and a deputy police chief. I am not diminishing the effort by those employees, I am just wondering if this town's size warrants all three.

The idea of low income housing to be built on the empty lot on Main Street is being proposed. Reading of the constant problems at the Spring Fountain Inn on U.S. Route 1, does the council intend to transport those same problems to Main St., and what damage would be done to the existing, struggling businesses. Tax breaks were given to the exiting mill and to the salmon farm. We could have asked for that office building on Bagley Ave. as a donation to the town for senior housing.

All of the money being spent to go for studies; how about using that money to clean up and paint all of the buildings on Main Street, so the town looks more inviting. How about promoting the idea of cleaning up some of the front lawns of some houses.

When the transfer station looks more inviting then some homes, well enough said.

Why not put a carousel, you know a merry-go-round, on the waterfront. Why not a small ferris wheel on the empty lot in town and once a week it's circus time.

Let's draw people by our initiative and they will spend money in town. Hey, let's have a study to obtain grants and state-wide donations for a botanical gardens. It's too late for the waterfront, but how about by Silver Lake. Hey, electric boat rides offered on Silver Lake would be a year-round local draw, a winter festival of lights. Hey, a paddle wheel boat, electric of course, trip from Bangor to Bucksport, include a dinner in Town.

Bucksport has one of the oldest Hook organs in Maine. The oldest, I believe is in Stockton Springs. How about some concerts.

We have the Performing Arts Center sitting there empty and The Ten Bucks Theater needs a

place to perform. How about some concerts and plays. I go to Lakewood Theater in Madison for a dinner and a play. Why can't we.

How about some concerts, The Renaissance Choral singers from Bangor, The Katahdin Valley Boys, local bands or ask for a performance by the students at Kneisel Hall.

The craziest idea that I have is, why not a cable car ride from Fort Knox, along the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Verona Island to Bucksport. No special parking would be needed, everyone parks at the fort!!! That's got to draw families. More so than having another marijuana shop

Hey, that's all. I'm giving away all of my crazy ideas for free, when I should be asking for money. All I do know is that printing tee shirts with a Bucksport logo is ridiculous. Business's moved here because of promises and have had to close up and leave because of an empty bag. It's not right.

Joseph D'avanzo  
Bucksport

### Biden, the healer

To the Editor,

Your recent editorial focuses on the healing Abraham Lincoln intended to do and concludes by complaining "There is no no Lincoln in sight."

Can't you "see" President [Joseph] Biden? His numerous pledges to heal the country and be the president for all Americans are no less far-reaching than Lincoln's. He is proposing numerous policies to help all Americans. And, if you haven't noticed, he has never called the majority of Trump voters "rabble."

The question is whether Biden will be thwarted in his efforts to deliver on his promises.

Lincoln, of course, was prevented from realizing his grand dreams of binding the nation's wounds when he was gunned down by a 19th century white nationalist. The predecessor of the 21st century white nationalists who attacked the Capitol, vowing to kill police, legislators and the vice president...all in order to prevent a healer from taking office.

Joe Biden may not have the stature of Abraham Lincoln, but he's the closest thing we've got and we all better hope that he succeeds.

George Schelling  
Orland

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## OBITUARIES

### Maureen (Martin) Moore, 1930 - 2021

VERONA ISLAND – Maureen (Martin) Moore, 90, was called home to the arms of her Lord and Savior in the early morning hours of Jan. 12, 2021.

A daughter of Angus and Inza (McLaughlin) Martin, Maureen ('Mo', 'Reenie') was born in Wilton at the family home on March 14, 1930.

Maureen was a working mother for most of her life, both in and out of the home. Her life on the family farm undoubtedly helped instill in her a strong work ethic and a determination of spirit that carried her throughout her life.

From a young age, Maureen developed a love for animals and was particularly fond of cows. She liked telling stories of life on the farm and when she and her sister Marilyn would sometimes ride them.

Maureen graduated from the Wilton Academy in 1948, where she was Head majorette and voted Most Popular and Winter Carnival Queen.

After graduation and while building her own family, Maureen worked raising chickens, in the shoe industry, at a paper mill, and in restaurants and was last employed at the Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, where she remained into her 70's.

Maureen loved her family and cherished the times they could all be together, especially at Thanksgiving each year when she worked tirelessly to prepare incredible meals.

Maureen was not just a great cook, she was the best cook, and whenever her children or grandchildren came to visit, she always insisted on feeding them, often making something to eat from what she had on hand – and that included dessert! Everyone will miss her homemade breads, rolls, donuts, pies, cakes, meatballs, stuffings.... the list is endless.

Maureen was an avid sports fan, and it brought her great joy to watch her children and grandchildren participate in them. While she enjoyed watching all New England sports teams and professional sports in general, she was a die-hard Red Sox fan and rarely missed a game.

Maureen also enjoyed coffee with her sugar,

Freudent gum (has to be the green package), and ID TV.

Maureen is survived by her sons, Kevin and wife, Brenda of Oxford; Cecil of Oxford; Andy and partner, Tisha Smith; Eric and wife, Corinne, Morgan and wife, Renee, all of Mechanic Falls; daughter, Kelly of Bucksport; and sister Bonita Oakes of Newburgh; and son-in-law John Ready of Verona Island. She also leaves 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her siblings: Vernon Martin, Russell Martin, Marcelyn Farnum, and Marilyn Dunham; daughter Karen (Moore) Ready; son-in-law Rick St. Louis; grand-daughter Kristin (Ready)

Lessard; and infant great-grandsons Colton and Bronson Moore.

Bye for now Mom, Ma, Gram, Grammy, Grammy Ma, Super Gram. The special relationships shared with each of us and the many life lessons we learned will help us get through this difficult time.

Because of Covid restrictions, a private service for family only will be held at the Bucksport Bible Church in Bucksport, where Maureen was a member. A larger celebration of life will be scheduled for later this year with a date and time to be announced.

*'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.'* Psalm

116:15

*'His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.'* Matthew 25:21

Arrangements are under the care of the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport. Memories and condolences can be shared at mitchelltweedieyoung.com. Donations may be made in Maureen's memory to Peace Ridge Sanctuary, Brooks, ME or to the Mary Dow Center for Breast Cancer Care in Ellsworth, ME.

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Maureen (Martin) Moore



### Judy Miller, 1947 - 2020

BUCKSPORT – Judy Miller, 73, passed away on Jan. 9, 2021, at the Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

She was born on Oct. 4, 1947 in Castine, the daughter of Colon and Hazel (Rich) MacDonald. Judy graduated from Bucksport High School and a hairdressing school in Bangor.

She is survived by her husband, Peter Miller; sons Glenn Terry (a very special friend, Jennifer of Bucksport), Dana Terry (Hannah), of Bucksport; brothers Robert (wife, Vicky) of Ellsworth, and Gary (wife, Donna) of Ocala, FL; sister, Carol Lally, (husband, Dick) of Bucksport; stepdaughters: Lori Grant, of Hampden, Lisa Joy (Dwayne) of Bowdoin; grandchildren:

Tamra, Hunter, Spencer, Jordana and Justina, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Judy was predeceased by her parents, and sister, Linda MacLeod.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.



Judy Miller

### Rep. Downes named to two legislative committees

AUGUSTA—First-term State Rep. Kathy Downes of Bucksport has been appointed to two legislative panels: the Committee on Judiciary, and the Committee on State and Local Government.

Downes said she was looking forward to bringing her perspective as a longtime town clerk to the Committee on State and Local Government.

"Based on the bills I have seen so far, Covid-19 has focused the obligation we'll have to make sure officials are managing the pandemic with the best interest of all Mainers in mind. The State Legislature is sworn-in and ready to work, and I'm excited that my committee assignments will allow me to be a strong voice for the people in Bucksport and Orrington.

The 13 members of the State and Local Government Committee review all new bills relating to state government, including the Legislature, state property, public purchasing and contracts,

state agencies and government organization, state employment, oversight of state officials, periodic review of State Government Evaluation Act; Maine State Archives; administrative procedures, boards and commissions, state holidays and designations, and capitol area planning; county government, including regional planning, budget process and county officials; municipal and local government, including deorganization and consolidation, planning and regulation, land use; discontinued and abandoned roads and cemeteries.

Downes also is serving on the Judiciary Committee, which reviews proposals pertaining to the judicial system and budget; criminal procedure; civil procedure; civil actions, Maine Indigent Legal Services Commission; attorneys; attorneys general; district Attorneys; constitutional rights and laws relating to Maine's native people in Maine.



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## – Consultants' marketing study

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Last week Rotella told the councilors he recognizes that many of the Design Lab recommendations are repeats from some of the four other ones he has seen from recent years or suggestions that arose from various local volunteer groups during that period. In fact, he said he liked that for it shows consensus among the consultants and the local groups. Now, he said it soon will be up to the Town Council to decide which ideas they want to support financially for at least the next three years. That's what Rotella believes will keep the latest DesignLab study from gathering dust.

To support the three-year marketing plan would likely require annual allocations to the program, hiring consultants and vendors as needed to carry out each part of the project the council wanted to encourage.

At this point, Rotella said he only has broad estimates for a few of the recommendations.

• One idea suggests \$20,000 to re-work the town's existing website, a project town officials have been trying to pull off on their own for several years.

## – Two proposals for empty lot

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Gordon proposes to charge the town \$10,000 for those services, but would waive the fee if he were to become the redeveloper or the architect of record to the eventual developer. The initial offer made no mention of what, if any, payment would be offered for the lot in the future.

Both proposals surfaced publicly for the first time last week, the Gordon offer on Monday and the Penquis plan, dated Tuesday, was sent to the councilors on Wednesday of last week.

Gordon submitted his offer with a draft dated last Friday (1/15) of the proposed memorandum of understanding giving him exclusive right to develop plans for the property for one year.

The Penquis letter to Lessard was dated Jan. 12 and was included with the packets of background information e-mailed to each of the councilors the next day. That allowed time for consideration of the competing offers at the councilors' meeting last Thursday (1/14).

Bird, representing Penquis, and Gordon both attended the councilors' meeting, which was held via a Zoom hook-up streamed on the internet.

In the interview yesterday (1/20), Bird said Lessard approached Penquis several years ago, and she asked him to work with her and Richard Rotella, the town's director of community and economic development. Penquis has looked at four or five sites in Bucksport. Among them, Bird said, was the former that has been the forest products offices adjacent to the

• Wayfaring signage" to help visitors find their way around town and to see certain sites is pegged at from \$50,000 to \$100,000, depending on how extensive the council wants the project to be.

• The consultants are suggesting paying someone a \$4,000-a-year retainer "for a full service social media management package," rather than budget \$500 to \$700-a-month for those services.

• They suggested the broad range of \$20,000 to \$80,000 to design and build an information kiosk and install an electronic bulletin board. The cost would depend on how elaborate the council wants the design to be.

• Erecting new information panels along the walkway was pegged at \$20,000.

• Developing a dog park is estimated at \$25,000.

• The Design Lab consultants have suggested spending up to \$200,000 on some sort of public art. That, apparently is in addition to the sums Main Street Bucksport is spending on more murals and the cash that was raised for the Schoodic sculpture installed several years ago on the waterfront.

Town Site.

The American Iron & Metal (AIM) affiliate liquidating the former paper mill real estate, and equipment, recently sold those offices to a local private apartment developer.

Bird said Lessard sought Penquis' help as part of what he views as the town's effort to develop additional affordable housing here. He praised Lessard and Rotella for their willingness to work so closely with Penquis.

While there have been no commitments on either the tax issue or the suggested \$1 purchase of the site, he said the town manager appeared open to the idea of offering some sort of tax incentive to encourage the project.

At the moment, Penquis has "some commercial properties in our portfolio," but the one proposed in Bucksport would be the first the group had developed from the ground up.

Gordon's offer includes turning over all of his research and concept drawings to the town in return for the \$10,000 fee should he not become the developer of the site, or the architect for the eventual buyer of the property.

Bird at Penquis said his group, too, would turn over the materials it generates as part of its detailed feasibility study if the project gets dropped after a year when Penquis' exclusive developer status lapses.

Bird confirmed the proposed units would work out to some \$150,000 or more to build. That translates to roughly \$250 per square foot of rentable space.

## HANCOCK COUNTY COURTS

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

• Nicole Lynn Sargent, 34, Sullivan. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Hancock, Dec. 28, 2019. Operating while license is suspended or revoked at Bucksport, March 20, 2020. \$250. Suspended \$250. Violating conditions of release at Bucksport, March 20, 2020. \$250. Suspended \$250. Domestic violence assault at Ellsworth, Aug. 15, 2020. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct, use of offensive words and gestures at Ellsworth, Aug. 15, 2020. Jail for 24 hours. Violating condition of release at Ellsworth, Aug. 15, 2020. Jail for 24 hours.

• Paul E. Hanegan, 55, Hermon. Unlawful possession of a scheduled drug at Bucksport, May 5, 2020. \$400.

• Tonya H. Warren, 37, Ellsworth. Burning prohibited material at Bucksport, March 25, 2020. \$50.

• German Luis Mojica, 87, Bucksport. Driving while under influence of alcohol at Bucksport, May 2, 2020. Dismissed. Driving so as to endanger at Bucksport, May 2, 2020. License suspended 30 days.

• Terrance J. Mansur, 55, Bucksport. Assault at Bucksport, June 5, 2020. \$300.

• Keely M. Sullivan, 30, Bucksport. Driving after registration suspended at Bucksport, May 24, 2020. Dismissed.

• Jeffrey Warren Ross, 40, Castine. Violating protection from abuse order at Bucksport, Aug. 8,

2020. Jail for 48 hours.

• Maria Connors, 32, Bucksport. Permitting attachment of false license plates at Bucksport, June 25, 2020. \$200.

• Louis J. Capasso Jr., 20, East Moriches, N.Y. Minor transporting liquor at Castine, Sept. 21, 2019. Dismissed. Minor consuming liquor at Castine, Sept. 21, 2019. \$200.

• Kris E. Maggs, 63, Orland. Animal trespass at Orland, Jan. 6, 2020. Dismissed.

• Andy A. Pham, 22, Winoski, VT. Use of marijuana at Bucksport, June 6, 2020. \$75.

• 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. Department of Corrections FPR four years. 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. Operating while license suspended or revoked, priors, 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.



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**BUCKSPORT** — Here are the plumbing and building permits issued during November by Luke Chiavelli, Bucksport's code enforcement officer.

### BUILDING PERMITS

• 32 Main Street, to Dino Kisamitakis to replace foundation wall and slab at the Bucksport House of Pizza shop

• 222 Turkey Path, to Valerie Hovey to build a 12 x 16 foot addition, Nov. 9.

• 90 Baxter Boulevard, to David Chambers to install a 28 x 60 foot double wide mobile home, Nov. 16.

• 86 Baxter Boulevard, to David Chambers to install a 28 x 44' foot double wide mobile home, Nov. 16.

• 90 Baxter Boulevard, to David Chambers to build a 26 x 28 foot garage, Nov. 16.

• 418 Millvale Road, to Davenport Rentals to install a 14 by 46 foot mobile home and a 10' x 12' Storage Building, Nov. 20.

• 81 Baxter Boulevard, to James and Terry Doley to install a 14 by 76 foot mobile home, Nov. 19.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

## Arrests listed

**ELLSWORTH** – These people were booked at the Hancock County Jail as a result of incidents in the Bucksport area:

- Justin Pratt, 23, of Bangor was arrested for an alleged assault and criminal trespassing incident at 70 Franklin Street shortly before 1 a.m. on Sunday. He was taken to the Hancock County Jail where he remained at mid-week.

- Rachelle Marie Welch-Nickerson, 35, of Bangor was booked at the jail shortly after midnight on Jan. 13 after being arrested about 10:15 p.m. that

night by a Bucksport police officer about 10:15 p.m. on Jan. 12. She reportedly possessed scheduled drugs, and a hypodermic apparatus when she was arrested near the Irving gasoline station on U.S. Route 1.

- Joshua Perry, 39, of Prospect was arrested for driving after a license suspension or revocation and for reportedly violating the terms of his release in an earlier case. He was arrested near the Irving gasoline station on U.S. Route 1 about 11 p.m. last Thursday (1/15).

## Accidents - Deer

**BUCKSPORT** – Local police reported these run-ins

with deer:

- Edward Rich, 59, of Bangor was driving on the River Road just before 3:30 a.m. last Saturday when he came upon a deer. The next thing he knew he struck the deer and the airbag in his vehicle was activated by the impact.

**ORLAND** – A Bucksport resident encountered a dead deer on the Acadia Highway last Friday. The Bucksport resident was given permission to take it away.

## Accident - Other

**BUCKSPORT** – These accidents occurred in this area:

- Vehicles being driven by Matthew Brannen, 16, and Robert Pritchford (age not given) collided on Jan. 11 shortly after 5 p.m.

**SURRY** – Just before 7 p.m. last Friday (1/15) just before 7 p.m., Christina Snow, 39, of Penobscot failed to negotiate the corner at the Morgan Bar and Cross roads intersection in Surry. Her vehicle ended up in a ditch with front end damage and was estimated to be a total loss.

Snow was not hurt.

## Summonses

**BUCKSPORT** – These court summonses were issued here recently:

- Sarah Damon, 35, who listed her address as both in Stockton Springs and Spring Fountain Inn on U.S. Route 1, was issued a notice claiming she trespassed at the Family Dollar store on U.S. Route 1. She was issued the notice about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

- 0130 – Amber Burpee, 59, of Bucksport was issued a ticket for allegedly improperly using a cell-phone while driving on Jan. 12 about 7:45 a.m.

- David Dorr, 50, of Orland was cited for allegedly driving with an expired license. He was stopped on the Silver Lake Road about 2 p.m. on Saturday.

## Ex-officer's theft case continued

**BUCKSPORT** –

A theft allegation against Dan Joy, the emergency dispatcher and former animal officer here, now is scheduled for a court appearance on March 11.

Joy, 55, of Bucksport also has filed a motion seeking the appointment of a lawyer to present his case.

Originally the case was to begin this week.

After his last day on the town's payroll on Oct. 26, Joy later resigned, giving up his two long-time jobs and all benefits. He acted after he learned he was about to be confronted with an allegation that several years ago he took three firearms that had been turned in by a resident who did not want them. When someone came to the Public Safety Building recently to reclaim the weapons, an investigation was begun. At least one of the guns has been recovered.

## Recently found

**BUCKSPORT** – If you're missing something, the Police Department has all sorts of stuff that has been turned in for safekeeping after being found in spots all over the area. They range from bicycles, wallets, to cellphones, to whatever people can lose.

## Clarification

**BUCKSPORT** – Last week's *Bucksport Enterprise* reported on the Jan. 7 arrest here of Alan Cross, 34, of Swanville for violating the terms of his release, which required him to stay away from a 30-year-old woman. Acting on a tip, a police officer found the two

at a local business, and Cross was arrested. The age of the woman was listed incorrectly as 17 in the Jan. 14 newspaper.



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

## Arrested driver experienced a little déjà vu!

**BUCKSPORT** – Anybody can be in the wrong place at the wrong time, but Robert Seger of Frankfort managed to do it twice - and in just over three hours.

The 31-year-old was driving along U.S. Route 1 shortly before 10 p.m. last Friday (1/15) when he made the acquaintance of Sgt. Darrin Moody during a traffic stop. That encounter resulted in Seger's arrest for violating the conditions of his bail set in an earlier case, and a charge of driving after a license suspension or revocation.

Then, about 1:15 a.m. the next day, just over three hours later, Seger again was driving on U.S. Route 1 when he made the acquaintance of Police Officer Chris Woodman. Once again the resulting traffic stop ended the same way. Seger was arrested again for driving with a suspended license and for violating the same conditions of the same earlier release on bail agreement.

## Ready for a shot (of vaccine) in the arm?

**AUGUSTA** – Vaccinations for Maine residents 70 and older began this week in Farmington and Brunswick with other MaineHealth locations getting under way next week.

MaineHealth officials stressed that, for now, there will be limited supplies of the vaccine and that it expects demand to far exceed the amount of vaccine being allotted through the state. The health system also stressed that demand for scheduling so far has been overwhelming, and they ask everyone to be patient as they seek vaccinations.

On Monday, the first day MaineHealth's vaccination call center was fully operational, more than 18,000 individuals called seeking a vaccination, many placing multiple calls. As a result, MaineHealth is looking at alternatives to manage the high volume of requests. In the meantime, MaineHealth is asking people not to contact local MaineHealth practices to schedule a vaccination, but to check [www.mainehealth.org/vaccine](http://www.mainehealth.org/vaccine) for the most up to date information.

Last week, after suggesting

there were vaccines being held in reserve for second doses that could be released early, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in fact it had no such reserves on hand and distribution would remain largely flat for coming weeks. As a result, MaineHealth's weekly allotment of vaccines hasn't increased significantly over previous weeks. The health system is still working through vaccinations in the so-called Phase 1A group, which includes health care workers both within MaineHealth and the communities it serves. Nursing home residents and staff are also part of Phase 1A and are being vaccinated through commercial pharmacy chains.

Now, with Phase 1A nearing completion, there are vaccines available for the Phase 1B group, which has been defined by Maine officials to include people over the age of 70.

Both the Pfizer and Moderna versions of the vaccine require cold storage and special handling. Also vaccine recipients must be observed for a period of

time afterward to monitor against adverse reactions. Because of these requirements, vaccinations will not be done through MaineHealth medical practices, but instead at clinics set up specifically to administer the vaccine.

Vaccinations are by appointment only, and people should not arrive without one.

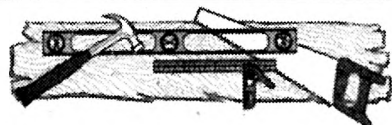
**Phase 1a:** December through January: Health Care Personnel, residents and staff of long-term care facilities; other Patient-facing Health care personnel; public safety personnel; critical COVID-19 Response personnel.

**Phase 1b:** February through April – People aged 65 and older; adults with high-risk medical conditions, "front line essential workers."

**Phase 1c:** May and June – Other essential workers (This term still to be defined).

**Phase 2:** June and Beyond  
Persons aged 16-64

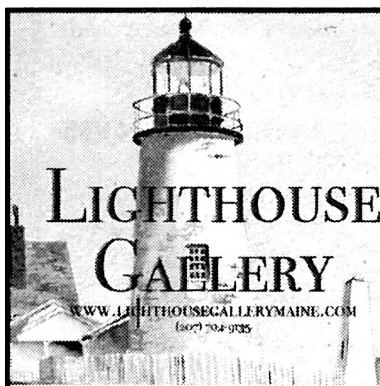
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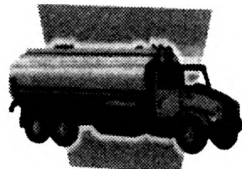


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