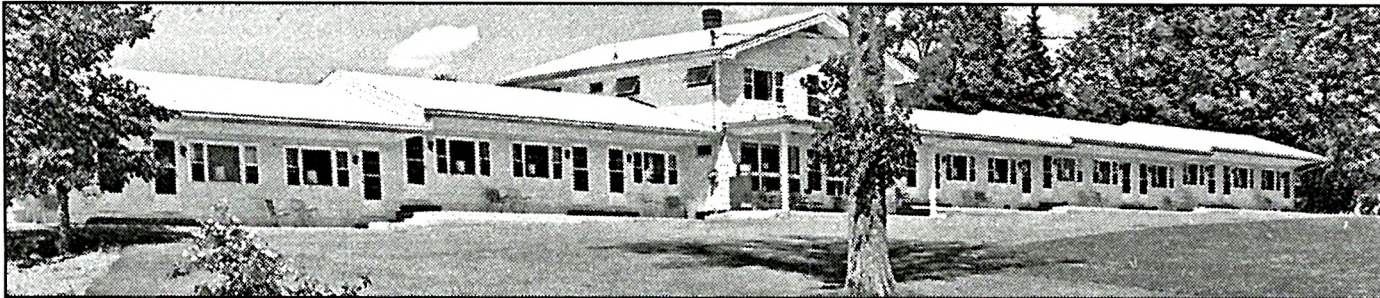
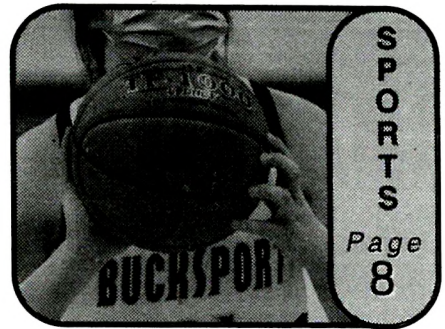


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**BACK IN THE 60s**, when the Spring Fountain Motel opened and this postcard was printed, it was a showplace — beckoning visitors who were transitioning from the traditional tiny overnight cabins to more luxurious accommodations. A pool and fountain added to the street appeal of the business.

## Motel may be 'dangerous building'

**BUCKSPORT** — As residents of the Spring Fountain Inn this week continued to report they lacked heat and, in some cases, electricity, town officials scrambled to find alternate housing as they try to declare the motel a "dangerous building."

The Town Council has agreed to rule on April 8, the first step to an order to vacate, which would take effect immediately upon issuance.

Meanwhile, residents of Building 2, the one west of the office in the center and at (left in the photo above), have received written notices from management saying that part of the motel will be closed "within a few days."

Also, those who have been staying there with housing vouchers got notices that said those vouchers expired in mid-January, and they now must make alternate payment arrangements or face eviction.

"We're very sorry for your inconven-

ience," the notes say.

The legal steps to get the building declared dangerous will take several more weeks because the owner, Kaleen Adnan of New Jersey, and any mortgage or lien holders first must be officially notified of the Town Council hearing in April.

Local officials say they're trying to work out a humane way to aid those who now reside in the 40-unit motel.

There may be 60 and, perhaps, more - including a number of children - residing in those rooms, officials say. Some of the children line up at the curb to catch the bus to school.

A recent in-depth inspection turned up a lack of central heat in Building 2, inadequate plumbing, faulty smoke detectors or

no detectors at all. The list of life and safety issues they cite include the non-functioning central furnace, electrical issues, a build-up of trash and debris and rodent infestations. A weasel once emerged from a wall in the office of the motel.

As for the most-glaring concern, the possibility of a fire. One local official told the councilors, "It's not a question of 'if'

but 'when.'

The police also report numerous calls for service, especially in the past year-or-so, and the need to arrest a number of those either staying or visiting the motel at U.S. Route 1.

The town "has tried to work with the owner and the motel staff for over two

years in an effort to bring the business up to at least the minimum health, safety and building codes", according to Luke Chiavelli, the code enforcement officer.

However, at this point it's clear progress is not being made, Chiavelli said. That has prompted Town Manager Susan M. Lessard to cope with what they say has become "a delicate situation."

A number of those residing in the motel for weeks, months or longer "have no other place to go" and the town is not anxious to put them out on the street.



**Kaleen Adnan**

PLEASE SEE MOTEL, PAGE 6.

*Why will it take so long to resolve the situation?*

— Page 6.

## ORLAND: Edging toward a new firehouse?

**ORLAND** — A committee studying the Orland Volunteer Fire Department and its needs expects to have its recommendations ready by the Town Meeting in June.

At the top of the list will be a proposal for updating or, more likely, replacing the fire station on School House Road.

Under consideration by at least some on the committee is the town-owned property adjacent to Orland's recycling center and the highway department's salt shed. That's very roughly a quarter to a half mile from the present site, which was a gift to the town from H.O.M.E., Inc.

Because the current site also is town property, the land and the firehouse could be sold for another use if the station is replaced.

The committee's goal is to get a recommended plan of action included in Orland's long-term planning.

An engineering study by Sewall Associates of Bangor in late-2019 reported a number of deficiencies at the current site, and a group of volunteers appointed by the selectmen has been reviewing the town's options since September.

The group meets monthly since September, with its most-recent meetings being conducted via Zoom.

### Current problems

The Sewall report listed many problems at the station, a pre-engineered metal building that dates to 1974. The issues include poor drainage and periodic flooding, roof and siding leaks and front doors that are too short to accommodate modern equipment. The consultants also cited a lack of work space for existing equipment, and non-compliance with modern safety and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA standards).

An addition added to the back of the building in 1992 is in better

shape, but the engineers noted flooding damage and poor drainage there, too.

Correcting the deficiencies would take hundreds of thousands of dollars, the survey said.

On the study panel are: Fire Chief Robert Conary, Capt. John Gray, Selectmen Brenda Leavitt and Lester Stackpole, and residents Ed Dailide, Cliff Guthrie, Marc Restuccia and Pete Robshaw and John Barlow.

Barlow, a former fire chief, said the firehouse was meant to last about 40 years and added, "it's time we figure out a plan to keep Orland safe for another 50 years."

### Options under review

The options being considered include: doing nothing at the present time, closing the department and contracting for fire services with neighboring towns, repairing and renovating the current building, or

building a new one on the current site or somewhere else.

Barlow believes, "problems with the current building make it unwise to do nothing, and after consulting with neighboring towns, including Ellsworth and Bucksport, we have learned that they are not able to extend their coverage to Orland."

He said, "it's unlikely that town residents would be happy with the property insurance rate changes or the service delays that would occur under that scenario." several months ago.

(Orland's selectmen requested and got estimates on what it might cost if Bucksport provided fire coverage in their town. There was no follow-up.)

The Orland committee has visited fire stations in nearby towns to learn more about anticipated opportunities and the costs involved.

PLEASE SEE FIREHOUSE PAGE 5.

This week's  
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is on Page 2.

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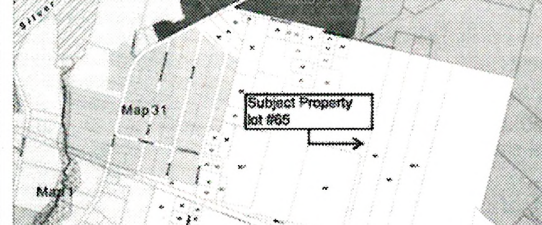
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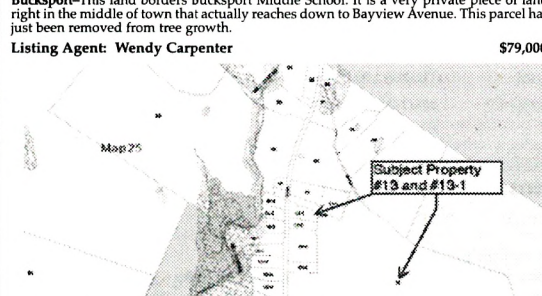
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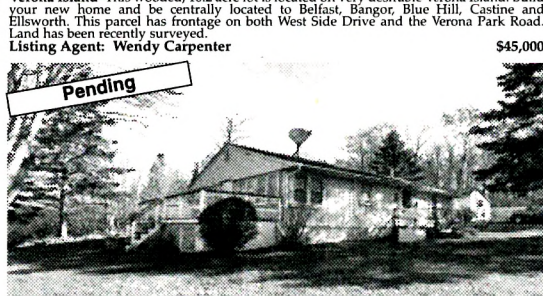
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## Town councilors less than luke-warm on housing bid

BUCKSPORT – The Town Council apparently is again taking a wait-and-see attitude when it comes to what should be placed on the town's empty lot at 27 Main Street.

They encouraged the Penquis housing agency in Bangor to explore the possibilities of a lot off Nicholson Avenue, or one at the top of Park Street for their plans to construct a 40-unit apartment building, for older persons of "moderate incomes." However, at least for now, they did not hold out much enthusiasm for Penquis' efforts to pick up the Main Street lot for free.

While Mary Jane Bush, a Bucksport activist, wrote the councilors in support of the original Penquis plan, she noted it would be in keeping with the Age and Ability-Friendly Action Plan they adopted. She also said it

would be in keeping with 'a serious issue that Senior Resource Committee members have brought to your attention on many occasions'.

Bush also cited the town's partnership with AARP's Age-Friendly Program, which endorses such locations in rural communities.

The councilors, however, said they'd prefer a commercial business use, one that paid full taxes. The Penquis representative said they would seek to negotiate a lower than market rate tax from the town to hold down rental fees, which he estimated at \$800-and-up per month for a single-bedroom unit.

The Penquis units are targeted to those with an annual income of from \$24,000 to \$30,000.

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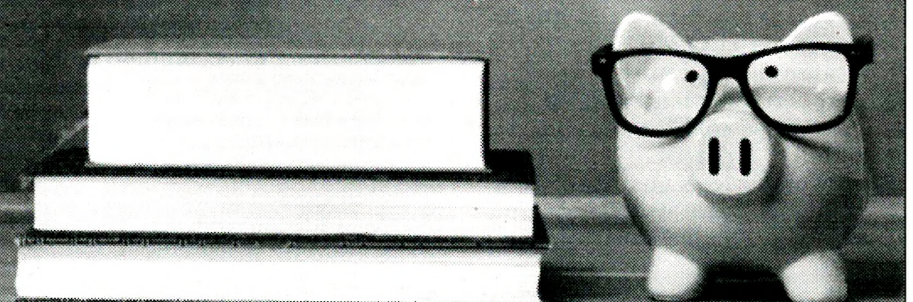
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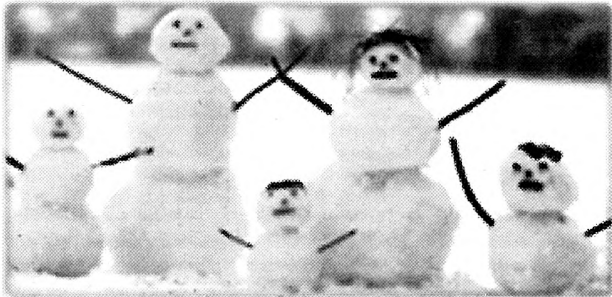
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The **University of Maine at Augusta** has named these area students to its latest dean's list: **David Leon**, of Bucksport; **Emma Verrill** of Bucksport; and **Cindy Polley** of East Orland.

**BACK IN THE PULPIT** – This Sunday, Rev. Cleveland has concluded duties at the **Elm Street Congregational Church**. The pastor, **Rev. Dr. Stephen York**, is through his vacation and study leave and returning to the pulpit to preach on the First Sunday of Lent.

**CHRISTMAS RE-VISITED** – The **Castine Historical Society** continues to preserve Castine's history but Covid-19 kept people from its exhibits last year. The staff looked for new ways to present a free Zoom event

allowed the far-flung participants to be centered around what life was like during Christmas in Castine during the 1950s.

**Don Small, Paul Gray and Judith Sandven** shared their memories of Castine Christmases past. Their stories, along with photographs from the society's collection, were recorded and are available for viewing on the society's website: [castinehistoricalsociety.org/living-history](http://castinehistoricalsociety.org/living-history).

**RE-ELECTED?** – Three members of the board of directors of the **Seaboard Federal Credit Union** – **William Cohen, James Duplissis** and **Don Sorey** – are expected to be re-elected at the annual meeting on April 30.

The three, each a retired employee of the Verso Paper Co., have been nominated and the nomination period

has run out. As a result, nomination is tantamount to re-election.

Cohen has served for two years; Duplissis, 12 years; and Sorey re-joined the board in 2012. Cohen now will serve for another two years, while the others will serve for three more years.

**KEEPING SCORE?** – The **Bucksport Highway Department** reported responding to 13 storm events this winter - or at least through the end of last month. Six of those were snowstorms.

The department hauled five loads of trash to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Co. plant in Orrington last month. It also spent two days receiving 500 tons of road salt.

**HONOR POSTPONED** – The auditorium at the **Bucksport Center for the Performing Arts** will be named in honor of the late **Peter D. Clain**, the retired drama and Spanish

teacher at the high school. However, the proposal hit a slight hiccup last week when Councilor **Kathy Downes** sought to make it clear that the dedication plaque be in or near the auditorium and not on the entire arts wing of the Bucksport Middle School. She said it was important to honor Clain, but not diminish the work done by the **Bucksport Area Cultural Arts Society** (BACAS), which played a major role in getting the center added to the school when it was built.

*Downes made it clear she meant no dishonor to Clain, but only wanted to keep the town's commitment to the arts in the forefront. The Town Council voted down the initial resolve, knowing a revised one will be on the agenda at its next session clarifying any confusion.*

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# Shame on us!

There's certainly a lot of blame for what has – and has not – happened at the Spring Fountain Inn. Once a well-kept respite for travelers, six decades later, the motel is a sad reflection on this community, and its obligation to

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assure people are living in safe and healthy housing. The deterioration of the motel has been known for a long time. Even the code enforcement inspector before the current one was warning of the dangers that were developing at the U.S. Route 1 landmark. Now, 60 and, likely, many more, now call the motel "home", the only one they have or can afford.

The motel has been filled with many semi-permanent residents, some of whom are desperate and some have special needs. Mixed among them are those whose activities have brought the police to make many more arrests there than anywhere else in town. The pace of those arrests seemed to soar, especially over the past year-or-so.

Some can blame the absentee owner. The New Jersey resident got a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan guarantee to buy the place. The Machias Saving Bank participated in the transaction. (SBA, bank and town officials posed for the ceremonial ribbon-cutting shot.)

A cursory set of Google searches at the time showed a pattern of buying-and-selling commercial properties, some with less than stellar reputations in their communities.

Some can blame the state. The fire marshal's office sent inspectors who compiled a devastating report. More recently, that office said that getting the safety issues they found resolved would be up to local authorities.

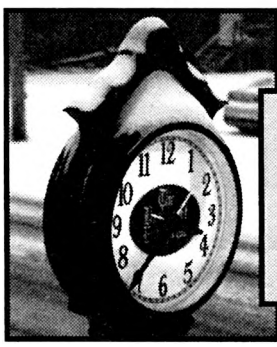
How about blaming the state people who issue vouchers for housing assistance, but don't seem to care what conditions those vouchers are providing?

The court system also can bear some of the burden. The region's housing courts have all but shut down during the Covid-19 pandemic, even for dire cases. Covid or no-Covid, life goes on for those who huddle by their space heaters and hair dryers, seeking relief from the wicked cold just outside their doors. *(The latest calls about no heat and no electricity were logged in the past few days)*

When a crew of town inspectors, clad in all the Covid gear the situation demanded, toured the building late last month they knew what they were going to find.

This newspaper regularly has chronicled the problems within the motel, and on those who ended up in court and then jail for all sorts of activities. We should have reported more on the human plight of those who simply have been trying to stay alive.

We editorially supported the town officials for finally taking action. That said, it's incumbent on the Town Council to not pussy-foot about when people's lives are at stake. This is a supportive, caring community, but too many of us waited too long to take action. Being humane is good; looking the other way is not.



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## LETTERS... TO THE EDITOR

### Biden is no Reagan

President Ronald Reagan vs. President Joseph Biden I feel compelled to react to the statement someone made in your paper that Biden would be another President Reagan.

Because I have always believed that President Reagan was one of our most wonderful presidents and a person of great integrity, I almost fell ill at the comparison.

As I watched this footage many times during the campaigns, Mr. Biden openly laughing and bragging about how he managed to get a Ukraine investigator fired who was, at that time in the process of investigating the Ukraine gas company who had given Biden's son, Hunter, a very high paying position in spite of the fact Hunter knew nothing at all about gas companies. Biden had been encouraging Ukraine to increase their gas production while over there. Hunter was only one of several members of Biden's family who became rich in similar ways while Biden was in office as vice president.

In this particular footage, that was shown many times while Biden was running for president, (but some stations refused to show it) he is meeting with several people and laughing as he told the story of how he had threatened Ukrainian officials that they would not receive the several millions of dollars they had been promised if they did not fire the investigator who was, at that time, investigating Biden's son and the gas company Biden's son was working. The official said he didn't believe this and would call President Barack Obama, and Biden laugh and told him, "Go ahead." The official didn't call and fired the investigator, stopping the investigation. Biden is laughing as he told of how he got the man fired, apparently very proud of himself.

It reminded me of Hillary Clinton, destroying her computers and documents when she came under suspicion; in my humble view, this was treason; and yet she never faced any kind of punishment. I believe, because there has been no punishment for this kind of corruption these past years (at least not for the Democrats) is the reason seasoned politicians are actually open about it now. They have become so powerful, in their minds, they can do anything and the people can do nothing about it.

During this same time Democrats have lied, schemed and wasted millions of tax-payer dollars

coming up with a scheme to impeach President Trump with the Russian hoax and, unbelievably, actually doing it all again now.

This is a punishment to all Americans who voted for Trump, and yet they want everyone to come together now- at the same time!!! What a joke!

Apparently they believe Americans are too ignorant to make up their own minds about anything and have no right to express their opinions, so everything has to be one person's fault?

Of course, Americans are too stupid to have opinions! So ridiculous. Why do they think Trump became president? Could it possibly be because the majority of rich politicians refuse to listen to the people?

At the same time, the majority of the Republican Party has become a complete failure; cowards, or simply wanting to sit back on their fannies instead of speaking for the majority of Americans all this time. Perhaps they see us as lower class, ignorant people too? I see only a small handful of people in that party speaking or listening to us just as the Democrats don't listen. In fact, many of those who call themselves Republicans don't even stand up for one another and did not stand up for their Republican President. In fact, I personally think many of them purposely tried to hurt him, (and those who voted for him). It's shameful, disgusting & heartbreaking! I've been around for 78 years now and never seen anything like it.

I fear we will be seeing a very different country very quickly now that corruption has become accepted by our government (and too many Americans too). Our Constitutional rights are already being stripped, jobs already ruined, and our mouths will be totally shut just as in so many countries today. We see the proof of this every day now. Biden is already bringing in thousands and thousands of illegal aliens inside our borders and not even checking them for Corona virus. Election integrity is gone and our great constitution means nothing now. It all adds up to this: American is no longer run by the people and for the people, but by a corrupt government. God have mercy on our country.

No, Biden is not another President Reagan; far from it.

Brenda Drake,  
Argyle Twp.  
(Formerly of Bucksport)

### Backs Sheriff Kane

Hancock County is very fortunate to have had excellent county sheriffs dating back to my ancestor, the Hon. Charles Hutchins, who was "high" sheriff in the 1820s.

In 1784, Sheriff Charles Hutchins built the home I grew up in and was twice a member of the legislature from the town of Penobscot. His first term was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1819 and then in 1820 in Maine's first Legislature and appointed a member of the Governor's Council.

Our current sheriff, Scott Kane, continues Hancock County's two-centuries-old, proud tradition of competent law enforcement officers.

Public safety is on everyone's minds these days, even in Maine, one of the safest states in the country.

I am pleased that Sheriff Kane is committed to promoting improvements to all systems in place that are designed to protect us, his deputies, and those jailed in his care. That includes review of the process and procedures surrounding the return of inmates to society as stable citizens.

Sheriff Kane is committed to securing qualified help with a unifying philosophy that benefits everyone concerned. He is a strong leader and, with countless others, I am proud to give him my full support.

State Rep. Sherman Hutchins  
Penobscot



# IN THE WORKS . . .

## Tidbits gleaned from the week's news

PENQUIS takes a new direction. Concerned that it may not be able to lock up the town's lot at 27 Main Street, the Penquis housing agency in Bangor is looking at other sites here, including one that runs behind some of the homes on Nicholson Avenue. Developing that property, however, will take an agreement to take over the 72-foot-wide right-of-way to access the property. The councilors last week listened to the idea, as presented by Town Manager Susan M. Lessard, but they said they would need more information before making any decision.

*The latest plan surfaced after subtle opposition seemed to be growing within the council about giving the Main Street lot to Penquis.*

ON THE WATERFRONT – Town officials are still seeking ways to pay for the multi-million dollar overhaul of the Town Dock and the fishing pier. The expansion of the town's dock and gangway is combined with a number of other improvements. A Portland firm is designing the project.

*The key to selling the project to the voters remains finding one or more financing sources so the town would not have to pay for all of*

*the work, which is projected at some \$3.3 million.*

MUTUAL AID – Bucksport has renewed its emergency response contracts with Orland and Verona Island. The pacts provide police services in very specific incidents, those involving life-threatening situations or, “when an emergency response from a law enforcement is necessary” and the county sheriff's deputies can't get there. The officer will return to Bucksport as soon as the incident is resolved.

*Orland and Verona Island will pay for each of the calls to Verona ends of the the Edward Thegin and Penobscot Narrows bridges.*

SOLAR PLANS NIXED – The town manager has - at least temporarily - dropped plans to seek a solar farm developer for the roughly 30-acre former landfill off Central Street. The reason: there already are several firms competing to send power to the regional electrical substation, which has a limited capacity to accept more.

## – How green the grass! –

The year was 1956. I was not quite old enough to drive, but old enough to know everything any young lad might ever need to know.

This was the year of my great adventure, spawned by an invitation from my “much-older sister” to come to Washington, D.C. to see whatever I might see.

My brand new Samsonite in hand, I boarded the train, assured by my sister someone would be there at the station, lest I get lost and wander the capital, perhaps for days.

Because my sister Anne and her new husband had jobs to attend to, the plan was for me to set off on foot to wherever I wanted to go. The two briefed me on the logical grid that is home to so many of the nation's treasures, and they gave me a map of the metropolis. I either lost the map or decided I didn't want to appear a tourist; either way I soon was mapless.

My hosts went to work early, so I had long days in which to hike about in search of I knew not what.

Rounding one corner I came upon a large granite building with a sign out front inviting one-and-all to enter for free to view the small museum within.

The place obviously housed a health agency, for the museum was stuffed with all sorts of weird medical stuff. My personal favorite was the amputated leg of a Civil War soldier floating in a glass tank of formaldehyde. A card, obviously hand-typed decades earlier, clued me in on the fact that more soldiers died or lost limbs from infection than succumbed to bullets or heavy ordinance in that bloody war.

I filed that fact away, and wandered on to a museum linked to the U.S. Treasury. There, in one of the cases, was a \$20 bill, - or at least the very rough remnants of one. The accompanying info let me know a farmer had lost the bill in a pig sty, and a pig, being a pig, devoured it. The farmer, being fru-

gal, later recovered more than half of the piece of currency. That entitled him to a fresh twenty, and me to remember never to lose more than half of a folding bill.

One day, also by accident, I came upon the Smithsonian, “America's attic”. Truly a treasure trove of treasure troves, and I only wandered one of the many gargantuan buildings. Did you know the body of James Smithson, the man behind the museum, is in a sarcophagus sort of thing right there in the vestibule of the museum? (At least I think that was what the carved inscription said!)

Another day I turned a corner and stopped where I stood. The awe of it all! There before me was the greenest, most perfect lawn I ever had seen. I walked across the broad street, and stood with my face between the bars of the iron fence. I peered through not at what I instantly knew must be the White House, but at that expanse of green. Not a blade out of place, not a weed intruded. The lawns I regularly cut back home for 75 cents or \$1 a pop suddenly became little more than ill-kept cow pastures.

At the end of the week my sister and her husband took me to the Washington premiere of Michael Todd's “Around the World in 80 Days.” It was in Cinerama, an amazing cinematic breakthrough. (I think I still have the ticket stubs I know the tickets cost a lot)


Today, I reflect on the idea that should I ever take my grandchildren to Washington, I cannot get them such an up close view of that wonder-filled lawn.

I just hope that if I do take them, the troops will be gone. As much as I respect those in uniform, their presence does not reflect well on a democracy.

– DON HOUGHTON

## We were wrong

A column in last week's *Enterprise* offering background on the impeachment process incorrectly identified the political affiliation of the author. The author, Ralph Chapman of Bucksport, noted, “While living in Maine I have been a member of three political parties and twice been unenrolled, but never a Republican!” Point noted.



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## – Firehouse

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It also has looked into building on the current less-than-acre site or relocating to a new one. The current site is lower than the surrounding ground. That, Barlow noted limits the scope for future growth and contributes to drainage issues.

Chief Conary said during the past decade the department has answered almost a thousand calls, including structure fires, vehicle accidents, weather-related emergencies and mutual aid calls from other communities.

For more information the committee's minutes are on the town's website or see the department's Facebook page or contact the group's chair by email at [john.barlow0945@gmail.com](mailto:john.barlow0945@gmail.com).



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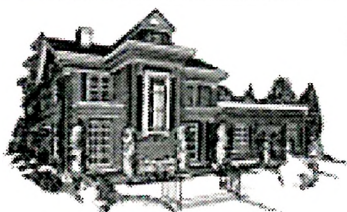
BUCKSPORT – Every week-or-so somebody mentions the word “soccer”, and Syupt of Schools James Boothby all but winces.

Sometimes the rugged sport can seem a stepchild to the glory of the football field. But not to Boothby. Many months ago, the superintendent of RSU 25, with great persistence and verve, mustered the forces and, just as importantly, the cash to answer local soccer players’ dreams.

He found what it would take to put floodlights on the soccer field off Miles Lane. However, getting those tall lights erect and working has proved to be moist-challenging. Many of the problems have been weather-related. Too wet. Too cold. Too very, very cold. Snow. And now ice.

Still, Boothby, a very positive fello, dreams of the day when the crane is brought in and the oh-so-nearl-ready light poles can go up. He just wants to push the switch, and then there will be lights.

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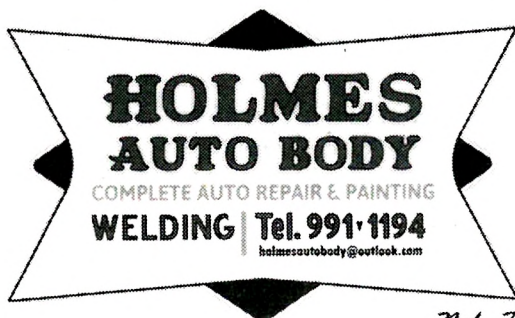
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## OBITUARY

### Gary Adams, 1954 - 2021

ORLAND – On Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, Gary Adams passed away at the age of 66 at his home.

Gary, a loving husband, father, step-father, and grandfather, went into eternity that evening.

Gary was born in Bangor on Sept. 20, 1954. He spent the majority of his childhood in Attleboro, MA, and he loved to travel all over the East Coast from Maine to Florida. He eventually settled in the Bucksport area for the remainder of his adult life. This is where he worked for several decades as a residential contractor, both building and remodeling homes, and also where he started his family.

At the time of Gary's passing anyone who knew him knew he loved four things: God, his wife, his family and fishing. Gary loved fishing above all other hobbies, and he was incredibly talented at it. He would share stories and techniques with anyone who would listen. He always was looking

for “just one more cast”. For this reason Gary also was a “fisher of men”, always angling for the Kingdom of Heaven. He loved to share the Gospel with anyone he talked to, which was everyone he came across because Gary didn't know a stranger. His love of angling and Jesus continues on with his children and grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by his father Melvin Adams.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Gloria, his sons: Gabriel and Delmore and their wives; his step-children, Jennifer and Amy, and eleven grandchildren. He also leaves behind his loving mother Doris; his siblings: Steven, David and Debbie, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A remembrance of his life will be held in Maine this summer with the date and location to be determined. Details will be announced in the near future for all to attend.



**Gary Adams**

## – Motel

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Because it accepted vouchers, the motel attracted many low-income residents from other towns. Many, “are good people, just down on their luck,” Chiavelli said.

Meanwhile, those in Building 2 are using alternate heat sources like space heaters that don't have switches that shut off automatically if they tip over, the inspectors said.

Several claim some residents use ovens and even hair dryers to warm their room. That sends electric meters spinning and complaints flow into the Public Safety Building, some as recently as Tuesday, by those who've had their power shut off.

The town manager contacted H.O.M.E. Inc. in Orland and other shelters, but yesterday (2/17) she reported “there are very few options” for those at the motel. She also said the town may receive an influx of requests for public assistance.

BUCKSPORT – Town officials have run out of time trying to cooperate with the owner of the Spring Fountain Inn, and they know it.

In recent conversations with the town's lawyer, however, they now find themselves ensnared in the lengthy process of declaring the U.S. Route 1 structure “a dangerous building,” the key step that must be taken before an “order to vacate” can be issued.

As a result, weeks will pass while the appropriate authorities serve formal legal notice on the owner in New Jersey and anybody who is owed money for financing, goods or services provided to the local motel.

That will set up a formal hearing on April 8 before the Town Council.

If the councilors agree the

## Motel intervention

### Why does it take so long?

motel is a safety and health hazard they will move on to issue the order to vacate.

The owner can appeal but he must do so to the Town Council.

And town officials say any such appeal will have no effect on the council's ability to instruct Town Manager Susan M. Lessard to move ahead on the order to vacate.

The continuing dilemma for the town, however, is what to do with, or for, the dozens of people now housed at the motel, many with state housing vouchers.

Finding alternate sites will prove difficult, if not impossible, they concede. Some of the residents have relocated here because they have not been able to find suitable affordable housing in their original communities.

## Large solar firm eyes local site

BUCKSPORT – People representing Ameresco Inc., a solar power producer, are scouting a Bucksport site now owned by the American Iron & Steel (AIM) affiliate that's been selling off the land that formerly was owned by the paper mill.

The Framingham, MA-based company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and

has roughly 1,000 employees around the country.

A Zoom session was held late last week to discuss the idea with the facilities committee of RSU 25. The goal: to see if the school system might be a potential user of the power generated

The company, which as yet has not sought any local permitting for any project, is seeking to

market the power in return for “net energy billing credits.”

The RSU panel asked to be kept informed, but no commitments were made. Many such projects depend on receiving government subsidies to be financially viable. The town has shelved efforts to market a potential solar site (See Page 5).

## Death Notice

**Feb. 1, 2021**

CAPE CORAL, FL –

Henry Malcolm Stewart, was born Aug. 30, 1935. Funeral services are to be held May 15 at St. Kathryn's in Hudson NH.

The Fuller-Metz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway E, Cape Coral FL 33909; or to: The Diabetes Foundation.

## RSU seeking \$130,000

BUCKSPORT – RSU 25 is seeking a three-year grant totalling about \$130,000 to provide extra emotional, social and psychological help for middle school students as they cope with the Covid-driven impacts on their education.

Spearheaded by West, the principal of the middle school, the money being requested will provide programming beyond that already offered for traditional education classes.

Given the age and rapidly changing emotional and physical development the middle school

students are considered especially vulnerable to the shocks that have impacted all aspects of education since the impact of Covid-19 began to be experienced.

School officials are seeking the money under the Innovative Educational Grant program administered by federal and state authorities.

This is in addition to the huge sums the RSU already has received and spent for COVID-related programming and equipment, including large quantities of protective gear for both students and the staff.

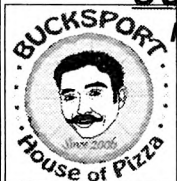


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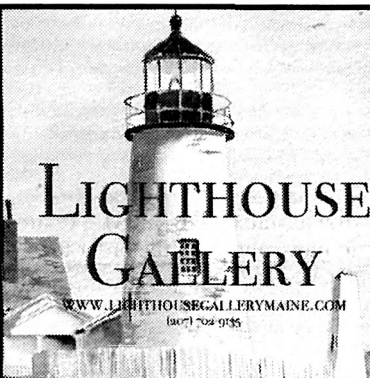
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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Man apparently shoots himself at Hincks Street residence

BUCKSPORT – Early Sunday evening the police responded to a Hincks Street residence to what first was described as a “wellness check”, but found a man had shot himself. A handgun was found at the scene.

The identity of the man is being withheld until his relatives can be contacted.

A woman was in the residence, according to Sean Geagan, the director of public safety.

Geagan said the investigation is continuing. The incident about 5:30 p.m. also drew state police and Hancock County sheriff's deputies.

### Arrests listed

ELLSWORTH – These arrests involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were logged at the Hancock County Jail:

- Cullen Schneider, 40, of Front Ridge Road in Orland, was arrested in Orland for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol and for using force while refusing to be arrested. He was booked at the jail about 10:30 p.m. last Thursday (2/11), and later posted bail.

- Nathan Z. Chauvin, 42, of Thorndike was booked at the jail about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 after being arrested in Orland by a sheriff's deputy for allegedly violating the terms of his release in an earlier case. He later posted bail again and was released.

- Ann Katie Carter, 44, of Blue Hill was signed into the jail about 10 p.m. on Feb. 10 after being arrested in Orland by a sheriff's deputy for reportedly being sought on a court warrant and for engaging in criminal conspiracy. She later posted bail and was released.

### Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT – These encounters with deer were reported:

- Cameron Lawrence, 18, of Bucksport had a run-in with a deer on the Millvale Road about 6

p.m. on Feb. 7.

- A dead deer that had been by the roadside on the River Road for some time was given to a resident on Feb. 7. The carcass was to be used as coyote bait.

### Accidents - Other

BUCKSPORT – These accidents were reported:

- Wendy Cassidy, 39, of Brewer struck a tree and a fence on the River Road about 4:30 p.m. last Friday (2/12). The driver was taken to Bangor for treatment of her injuries. She later was issued a summons for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

- A vehicle being operated by Genevieve Greco, 27, of Austin, TX slid off State Route 46 just before 8 a.m. on Feb. 8.

- A cat was struck on Main Street about 5:45 p.m. on Feb. 10.

### Summonses issued

BUCKSPORT – These accidents were investigated:

- Kevin Cokgormusler, 20, of Bangor was cited for allegedly driving 69 miles an hour in a section of State Route 46 posted for no more than 45. He was stopped at approximately 4:45 p.m. on Feb. 10.

- Adam Gray, 37, of Bar Harbor and Ashley Sargent, 35, of Holden each were issued summonses for reportedly violating the terms of their release in earlier cases. The two were stopped on U.S. Route 1 about half past midnight on Feb. 7.

### Truck expected

BUCKSPORT – The Bucksport Fire Department is about to take delivery on a new light duty rescue truck. Purchased from a Waterville firm, the body of the truck was shipped to Bangor for finishing. The new unit will replace a 2004 model, which will be sold to recover a few thousand dollars to offset a small portion of the new one.

## SPORTS

It continues to be a mixed bag for Bucksport High School's basketball players, both at home and on the road.

Here, amid this Covid-impacted season, are the most-recent scores:

- The boys fell to Belfast 64-45, but beat Sumner 64 to 50 and 55 to 38.

- The girls, who are in the midst of a rebuilding season, lost to Belfast 38-24, to Sumner 45-33 and to Deer Isle 62-25.

The home games are being streamed online because no more than 50, including the players, officials and staff can be in the gym. Richard Rotella provides the play-by-play and commentary.

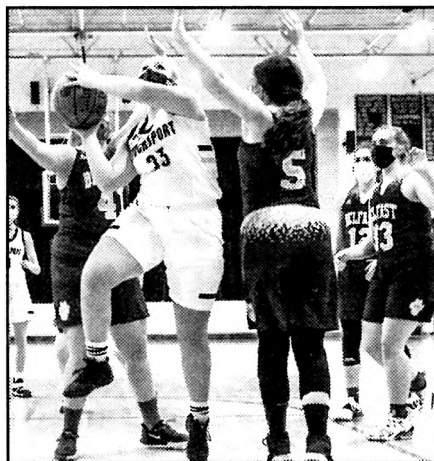
### Surpassing a bar and firing a shot

Here's how the Bucksport High School athletes fared in last Thursday's (2/11) Penobscot Conference/Eastern Maine Indoor Track League events:

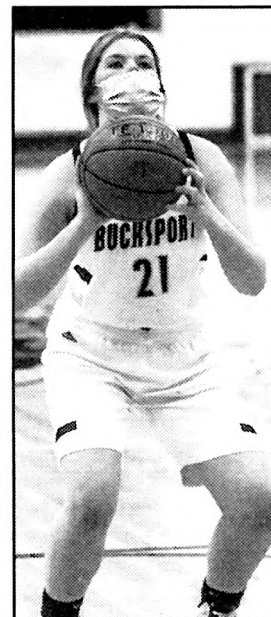
Victoria Watkins came in sixteenth with a shot put hurl of 21-10.75.

In the boys' match-up in that sport, Gabriel Stegner, threw it 29-00, earning him fifteenth place.

In the girls' high jump, Victoria Watkins topped 4-06 for fourth and in the boys' high jump, Hugh Jack came in eighth.



**SENIOR Kaylee Gray, above, drives the middle and picks up two points for the Bucks. At right, Sara Bos concentrates before taking a shot.**



**SAMMY CYR on a fast break for the Golden Bucks for 2 pts.**

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