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WHAT'S NEW
AT THE
SPRING FOUNTAIN?

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Poof! Swish! Making chemistry fun!

High school 'chemists' stage colorful 'show & tell'

BUCKSPORT – For some of the high school students seeking to amaze and amuse the first graders gathered for an introduction of the silence of chemistry, it was a bit of *deja vu*.

Now juniors, they remembered when they were sitting there in the first grade, waiting in wonder for what another set of high school students would be doing with their chemicals and the odd glassware of the chem lab.

The high school chemistry classes have been inviting the Miles Lane School classes to the lab for nearly an entire generation.

So last month Virginia White's chemistry class kept the tradition alive via Zoom. It's one thing to see and hear a teacher teach, but it's sometimes more exciting, more riveting when the same message is told by those who could be your older sister or brother.

This year the "magic" the students produced was linked to what they've learned about the importance of pH and precisely measuring pressure and temperature to spur chemical reactions. Achieving stunning color-filled fast-moving effects enhanced the juniors' "show and tell" session.

Once they'd witnessed White perform the various processes it was entirely up to the high school lab students to hone and make magic themselves.

Those who'd witnessed the magic of chemistry a decade earlier knew they had to keep everyone involved and generate lots of enthusiasm, as well as make substances interact quickly and change one color to another.

Said White, "I love to see and hear the energy that the first graders have while watching this. But I think even more than that, I can see and hear the excitement that my students have when they realize that they are so well-received and appreciated by the first graders."

Said White, "They really understand that they can do good things for their community and they come away from this with a good feeling about themselves and what they can do for others."

The first graders responded with "thank you" notes, many citing different chemical reactions as their personal favorites.

As for the biggest beneficiaries, "I don't know who has the most fun, the juniors or the first graders. White said.

Omnibus Covid bill brings billions to Maine towns

BUCKSPORT – Windfalls of cash are being doled out to communities across the country, with Maine reaping some \$6 billion.

Hancock County communities alone will share in \$10.66 million, with Bucksport getting just under half a million dollars.

Making it all possible will be \$1.9 trillion in federal cash, although much of the money will have to be borrowed. That could run, the final tab much higher.

Here are the local allocations:

- Bucksport, \$ 490,000.
- Orland: \$ 220,000
- Prospect: \$ 70,000.
- Verona Island: \$ 60,000.
- Blue Hill: \$260,000.
- Holden: \$310,000.
- Orrington: \$ 370,000.
- Stockton Springs: 160,000.

Bucksport Town Manager Susan M. Lessard this week was

waiting details on how the money can – and cannot – be spent. Some of it might be able to be used to produce revenue to pay for some of the costs of rebuilding several downtown retaining walls, and the new fishing pier. The money can't be used directly to lower taxes, for example.

According to multiple estimates about 9 percent of \$1.9 trillion in the American Rescue Bill actually will go for Covid-19 related projects. The bill also pays for the \$1,400-per-person checks that 85 percent of the nation's households will get. Children under 5 will qualify for more.

Maine Sen. Angus King, an independent, and U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, a Democrat, supported the bill. Republican Sen. Susan Collins, and Rep. Jared Golden, the Democrat representing the Second District, did not.

Initial RSU budget includes 2.9 % hike

BUCKSPORT – The RSU25 School Board is starting off with a draft 2021-2022 budget of \$16,456,000, 1.9 percent more than the current \$15,990.

However, those numbers should trend downward slightly before a final figure is reached by May 11.

Meanwhile, the school administration will be totalling up several million dollars in additional federal and state aid, some of which will pay for projects now listed in the operating budget.

Those sums – which Supt. of

Schools James Boothby said he's not yet tabulated – also will allow the schools to pay for a major ventilation overhaul of the G.H. Jewett School. That project alone is forecast to cost \$600,000 to \$750,000.

The RSU also expects to be able to pay cash for some of the 21 new and used buses the School Board just agreed to buy. The district also will get a 53% reimbursement a year-or-two from now for the 13 new buses.

As a result, the RSU's impact on local taxes in the four member communities should be comparatively small, Boothby said.

Verona Town Meeting may be true snoozer!

VERONA ISLAND – The island's annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27, and the Covid-10 precautions will be in effect.

The session at the the Verona Island Town Hall start at 7 p.m. and will be limited to the first 50 to show up.

Given past attendance and a look through the warrant, may

mean maybe more of a problem than holding the doors open for 50. In recent meetings office-holders have outnumbered the generally citizenry.

The voters also will elect a third selectman, the post now held by Otis Hanscom.

Otherwise, the short warrant consists primarily of routine municipal housekeeping matters.

- The snow removal budget for the 2021-2022 season is recommended to be \$65,000.
- The sum of \$8,700 is requested for resurfacing the basement floor at Town Hall.

Otherwise, the various articles seek to keep the existing staff paid, the trash picked up and the streetlights lit.

IN THE WORKS . . . Tidbits gleaned from week's news

SCHOOL POLICIES – Watch for new policies to aid those whose academic progress has been severely impacted by the past year of Covid-inspired school procedures. The new policies range from holding some students back to repeat a year to adding extra after-school hours for tutoring to encouraging more participation in summer classes.

SHOCKS ABSORBED – Town Councilor Edward Rankin Jr. took a drive to the recycling center after hearing complaints about the condition of the entrance road. "It's horrible," he told his colleagues last week.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said maintenance of that road is done from general maintenance accounts. While she made no promises, those who deliver their trash to the site will be reporting on any progress.

REPAIRS NEEDED – Bucksport's third ambulance needs emergency repairs and a test of the aerial ladder truck uncovered hydraulic issues. A new ambulance is due soon, but the Town Council backed up to \$5,000 in repairs to the

2008 diesel-powered unit. Among the issues: the floor under the driver has rotted through.

The councilors are awaiting a more-detailed review of what may be wrong with the ladder truck.

HIRED – Olver and Associates of Winterport was hired to advise the committee trying to figure out what to do about the crumbling outfield wall at the ballfield off MacDonald Street. The committee has met several times but doesn't have the data needed to make any recommendations about what to do next. In answer to Councilor Edward Rankin Jr., the town manager said the consultants will detail the panel's options.

TIMBERRRR! – A few trees soon may be cut at the old Methodist Burial Ground at 917 River Road. That will allow the use of ground radar-penetrating equipment to try to locate the some long-lost graves of those buried there, including those of several Revolutionary War veterans.

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Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$35,700

Pending



Plymouth—Looking for a building lot with a field? This lot is located on the Rutland Road in Plymouth. Bring your building plans!

Listing Agent: Dan See \$20,000



Bucksport—Looking for a large tract of land within 20 minutes of Bangor? This 147 acre tract has a woods road in place and has harvestable pulpwood available. Great area for recreation pursuits or a kingdom lot for your new home. Come take a look!

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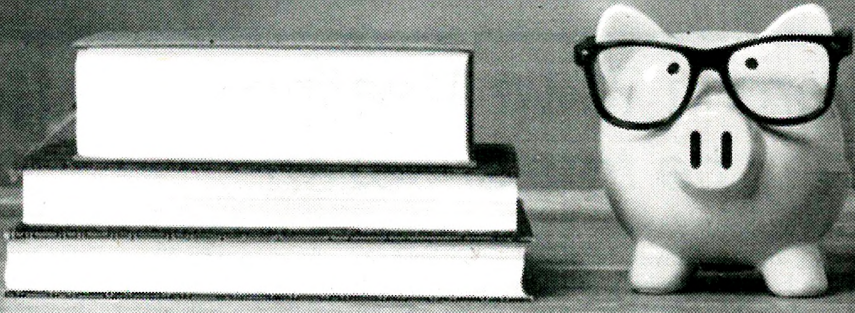
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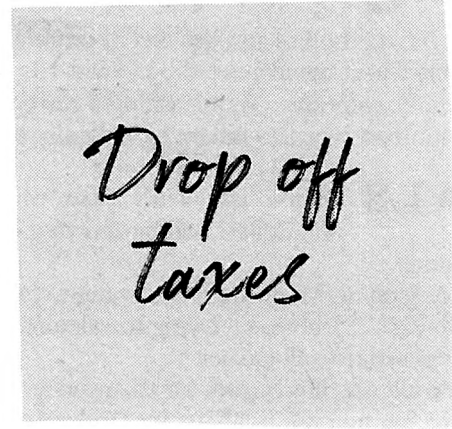
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Friends & Family

NEW HOME – The massive bar that was the centerpiece the **Jed Prouty Tavern** for decades has now been relocated to Calais.

Generations of local residents either sat at or were served from that bar. Now it will serve those drawn to a new pub being opened in Calais. It took a sizable crew to remove and load the bar for the trip northeast last week.

Rhonda Chambers, who with her husband John, operate the Jed Prouty Retirement Home on Main Street, said this week she reluctantly decided to let the bar go. "I never could see it being used here again," she said.

Chambers said the bar probably will need extensive repairs at its new location, but the facade will endure.

Through the years the tavern hosted at least three presidents of the United States, and Jefferson Davis, who later became the president of the

Confederacy. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

ALAMO: A YEAR LATER –

According to **David Weiss**, the man in charge at Northeast Film, the operator of **The Alamo**, "It's been one year this weekend since we said "goodbye" to our patrons and shuttered the Alamo Theatre.

"We locked the upstairs, too. Then, two weeks later, we furloughed the staff from 268 hours a week down to 28.

"The patient wasn't dead but we spent a couple of months in the ICU! We had just enough staff to keep the building and the collections safe, open the mail, and check the e-mail."

"It may have looked quiet this last year but it has actually been quite a productive stretch. Our membership has stepped up spectacularly and continued renewing even though we haven't had movies! That support

reminds us all that this will end and we will be back."

"Our spirits and our hopes have been lifted by the generosity that we have received from funders, members and friends. We received a \$5,000 grant to support operations from the Marshall Dodge Memorial Fund, \$5,200 from the Art House Convergence to support the Alamo Theatre and our annual fund far surpassed our expectations, and did even better than 2019!

One grant, "allowed us to bring the staff back to full strength and we were able to post over 2,000 new videos on our website, as well as process hundreds of new collections of moving images," Weiss said.

AT RSU 25 – Judy Fraser, a Bucksport Middle School Title I instructor, and **Cheryl Peters**, a kindergarten teacher at the G.H. Jewett School, will retire at the end of the school year. Fraser will be retiring for

the second time, having returned to the staff after her first retirement to assist with the program. Peters has been a long-time teacher of the youngest tots.

These spring sports coaching appointments were endorsed:

• Bucksport High School softball: – **Michael Carrier** - varsity; **Rich Rotella**, junior varsity; and **Corey Bires**, a volunteer.

• High school baseball – **Michael Cowing** - Varsity, **Tyler Pye**, junior varsity; and **Josh Jackson**, volunteer.

• Bucksport High School track: BHS Track: **Matt Morrison**, head coach; **Jon Geagan**, assistant; and **Michael Garcelon**, assistant.

• Bucksport Middle School softball: **Kaylee Chaffee**, head coach and **Emily Hunt**, assistant.

• Bucksport Middle School baseball: **Cody Davis**, head coach.

• Bucksport Middle School track: **Kara Beal**, head coach, and **George Watkins**, assistant.

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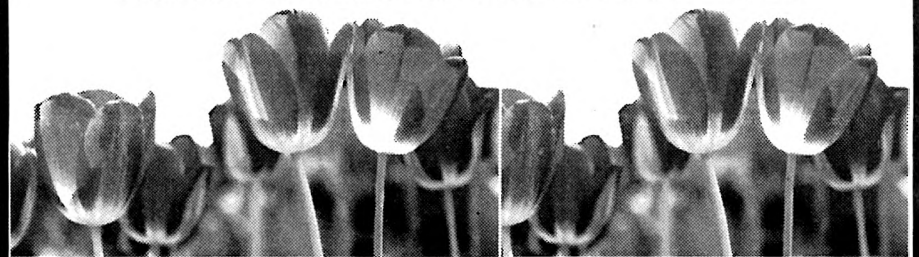
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The spigot opens

Whether one likes the method or not the recent omnibus bill sold on providing relief to those impacted by Covid-19 – both individuals and small businesses - is unleashing a torrent of money across the country. Over \$20 billion of federally borrowed cash is coming to Maine, and nearly a half million dollars will be showing up in Bucksport's coffers alone.

Meanwhile, huge federal and state sums are going to local school systems, with the RSU 25 here still trying to calculate just how much the school system will garner.

The spending spree already has begun, for the money from the Covid bill is freeing up cash to allow the local schools to purchase some of their new buses for cash instead of having to finance them. The soon-to-arrive money also will let the RSU School Board think seriously about undertaking a huge upgrade of the ventilation system at the G.H. Jewett School, a project that could cost \$600,000 to \$750,000.

Then, too, are the \$1,400-per person checks flowing to some 85 percent of the households in this country. Meanwhile, the higher-than-normal amounts stashed in the accounts of those still working but curtailed their shopping during the pandemic.

Those factors could set the stage for a major spending spree as so many seek a more normal, pre-Covid life. It also could be a pre-cursor to severe inflation. (Inflation-that will come as no surprise to those buying groceries or fueling their vehicles.

So watch out for those inevitable "sales" popping up to garner a share of those \$1,400 windfalls.

Perhaps a few of those dollars would be more wisely invested or simply set aside in a secure place to be tapped if and when real inflation again rears its ugly head. Economies, like trampolines, are giddy and exhilarating on the way up, but they're not so great on the way down - especially after a hard "thud" on landing.

The missing year?

RSU 25 has done a yeoman's job of trying to keep things as normal as possible during a truly abnormal year of Covid-19 pandemic confusion. They also know that those who paid the price are many of the students who missed so much educationally and socially and, just as importantly, invisibly within their outlook on life which, even in the most normal of times, can be confusing.

It's heartening to hear that work is well underway on everything from added programming, after hours tutoring and counseling to coping with those who will be best served by repeating a year of their education. A special program is being developed at the middle school, for those adjustments can be especially awkward.

There's no stigma in any of this. Sometimes, it's best to seek and receive extra help rather than dismiss a traumatic incident as if it didn't happen. Covid-19 truly happened.



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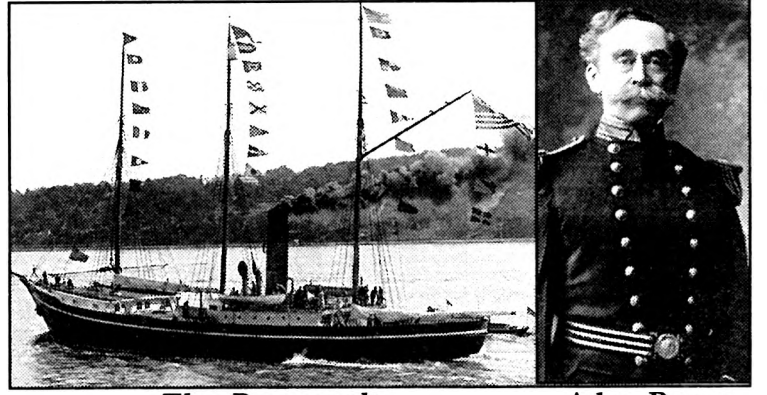
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The way it was — 1903

Admiral Richard Peary would need to reach his goal, of reaching the North Pole in a vessel built to his exact expectations, one that had egg shaped sides, to allow the hull to ride up on the ice. The hull itself was as much as 30 inches thick in places. Massive crossbeams braced the hull. The *Roosevelt* was built narrow and, above water at the bow, she flared to let the ship cut easily into the ice floes.

The vessel was launched on March 23, 1905 from the area where the Verona boat landing now stands. It went directly across the river and in the mud in the Bucksport side. The hull was towed to New York and fitted with the mighty engines needed to make the final push to



The Roosevelt

Adm. Peary

Cape Sheridan on Ellesmere Island.

The *Roosevelt* survived until January 21, 1937, when it was beached on a mud bank in the old French Canal in Panama.

Later efforts to salvage the ship for a museum failed and she

rotted away

Peary remarked of his famous Verona Island-built ship, "I do not believe there is another ship afloat that would have survived the ordeal."

LETTERS . . . to the editor

Putting pieces together

To the Editor

In *Peace by Piece*, Cheryl Fuller, writing in the first person, narrates in an emotionally powerful way, the story of her capture in profound trauma, overlooked by her community.

Surviving her youth alone until she met a compassionate guide who joined her in unveiling her amazing innate resilience.

Fuller was born in 1962 in Bucksport amidst the darkness of her psychopathic father who, she said, had wanted a son instead.

Her story of survival and overcoming inspires, invites soul-searching, and is a cautionary tale for all people about how great evil can hide in plain

sight. This is a rallying cry for all to a vigilant, "I am my brother and sister's keeper" form of community mindedness.

Fuller's story asks communities everywhere, "Will you love each other and care for each other above all, making sure to leave no one behind?"

With the decades long invigorating work and demonstration of caring by town leaders, RSU 25, groups like the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition, Heart and Soul, and the 20 diverse participating groups of Bucksport Next, readers of *Peace by Piece* will surely be moved to pass along a truly caring community for future generations!

Tom Gaffney
Stockton Springs

Cash it vs. donate it?

To the Editor

In your most-recent editorial (3/11) you came close to suggesting that all, or perhaps just many of the recipients of the \$1,400 stimulus checks will be either felons or terrorists.

Forgive me for presuming, but I would imagine

you, individually, earn less than \$75,000 per annum and will thus be eligible for one of the stimulus payouts. Would I be wrong in concluding that it is therefore probable or likely you are a felon or terrorist? And if not, do you plan to donate whatever money you do receive from this deeply flawed bill to some worthy charity?

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Orland

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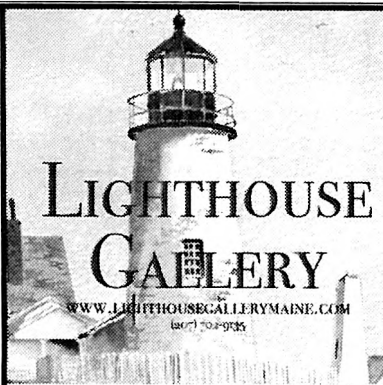
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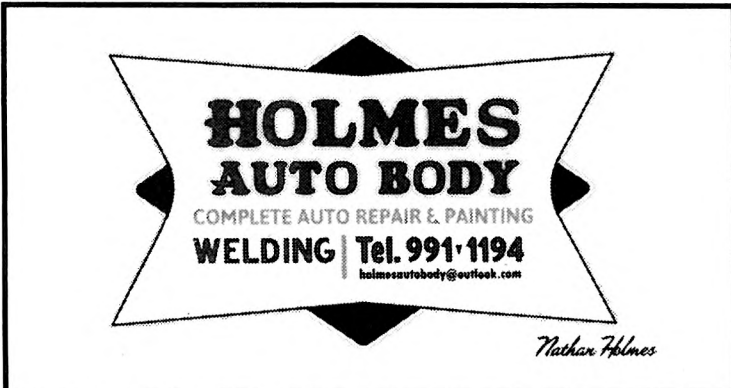


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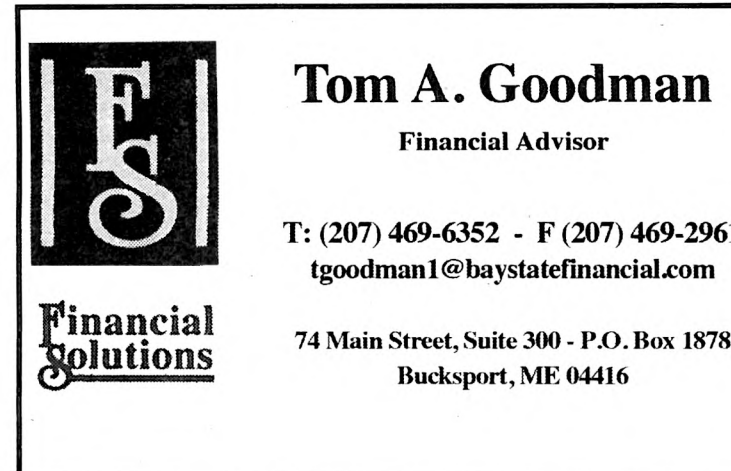


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Motel issues continue to stir concern

BUCKSPORT – While the maintenance manager of the Spring Fountain Inn last week defended the business and attacked the police department for its handling of complaints there, the business still must assure its mortgage-holder it is not behind in its financial obligations to the town.

The countdown continues to the April 8 hearing at which the Town Council will decide whether the 43-unit motel at 296 U.S. Route 1 is a health and/or safety hazard.

Last Thursday (3/11) the town received a "To Whom It May Concern" e-mail from the motel's maintenance manager claiming the Spring Fountain Inn has made great progress in responding to the health and safety concerns that have spawned the call for the hearing.

Her lengthy memo contends "the building will be "finally cleared" of all of the alleged building and safety code violations.

Meanwhile, the mortgage-holder, the Machias Savings Bank, has asked for documentation the motel is current in the payment of its municipal fees. As of today (3/11) records show outstanding charges.

The maintenance manager, who signed the e-mail only as "Felicia B.", acknowledged, "some serious setbacks, repeatedly, at our place of business." She said, "There are a few known elements staying at the motel, known {or} rather notorious, for indulging in various criminal activities, not limited to drug peddling, breaking and entering, theft and burglarizing and terrorizing multiple individuals." As a result, she said cameras recently were installed to monitor outside areas at the motel.

However, she continued, "It seems like that the Bucksport Police Department has given a clear indication to all the hooligans and miscreants that they can disrupt and dislodge anything within the confines of this business and they would not be held accountable for any, making it impossible for us to proceed in fulfilling the requirements put forward by the town officials within the time frame provided. Not only the police department is not providing us a safe environment, it is acting as an accessory in keeping the environment of stagnating progress."

Sean Geagan, the town's public safety director, said the police respond to every call from everyone in the town. If an investigation determines a law been broken, charges are pressed or other legal actions are taken.

The maintenance manager called the Town Council while it was in session last Thursday. She's been told the hearing will be solely to the conditions that exist at the motel. Any other issues are irrelevant.

Any concerns about the police must be held under strict rules governing the public discussion of an individual municipal employee's conduct.



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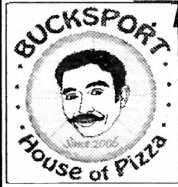
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— OBITUARIES —

Mary Edna Lowell, 1938 - 2021

BUCKSPORT — Mary Edna (Bennett) Lowell, 82, of Bucksport passed away March 6, 2021 at a Belfast hospital.

Mary was born on Aug. 1, 1938 to Robert and Nina (Varnum) Bennett in Bucksport in the same house she would later raise her family in.

Mary graduated from Bucksport High School in 1957. She married Robert Lowell on Dec. 31, 1966 and became a homemaker for her family. Mary was a timid, quiet soul who loved and provided unwavering support to her family. Mary loved to cook and bake goodies for everyone, and she stored away all of those special recipes. Mary had a deep love for animals and loved to watch birds and squirrels from her living room window, while nestled in her favorite chair.



**Mary Edna
Lowell**

Mary was predeceased by her husband, parents, brother James Bennett, and a special son-in-law Mark Wescott.

Mary is survived by her cherished daughters: Nina Desmond and husband Craig of Castine, and Hildy Lowell and husband Joseph Hills of Bucksport. Mary leaves her three grandchildren: Danielle Wescott and partner Ethan Moon of Castine, Andrew Wescott of Castine, and Joey Hills and wife Kimberly of Verona Island. She also leaves behind her great-grandchildren: Mark, Clayton, Cadence, Isaiah, Emmett, Kaylee, Bella, and baby Grace, who will be born later in March. She also leaves an honorary granddaughter, Alecia Smith of Orland.

Per Mary's request there will be a private memorial service for family members.

John Richard Atkinson, 1947 - 2021

ORLAND — John Richard Atkinson, a devoted husband, stepfather and a lover of Afghan hounds, trains and music, died of natural causes at his home in Orland, Maine, on Jan. 25, 2021.

John was born on Dec. 18, 1947 in Crouch End, London, to Nancy (Jagger) and Edward Atkinson. He spent his childhood in Richings Park, Iver, earning the nickname "Akers" among his peers at Langley Grammar School.

John studied waste management and mechanical engineering at the Hackney College of Building and spent his professional career as a waste management engineer for the cities of London, Slough, and Leeds. He loved to regale family and friends with stories of the lorry drivers and residents he met in those jobs.

In 1971, he married his first wife Rae (Gibson) and in 1975 they had a son, Douglas John, who died suddenly at the age of 14 months. The loss of his child was a heavy burden for the rest of John's life. In 1984, he moved to Halifax, West Yorkshire, and worked for the City of Leeds until retiring in 1991.

The American chapter of John's life began with his love for the comedic operas of Gilbert and Sullivan. In 1994, his troupe, The Savoyards Appreciation Society (now The West Yorkshire Savoyards), hosted the First International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival and invited the Gilbert and Sullivan Society from Hancock County in Maine, to attend. It was while working backstage for that company's performance of *Utopia, Limited*, that John met Rosamond Johnson (Ronny), whose group went on to win the competition. Their meeting was the start of a months-long correspondence and more than one transatlantic trip (including John's first-ever airplane flight), as the two discovered a shared love of music, movies and crossword puzzles, which they completed together in black and red ink for the next two and a half decades.

Eager to embark on a new adventure, John moved to Maine to live with Ronny and her two daughters, Jennifer and Lily Krichels. They enjoyed teaching John for Liding Ketchup to almost every meal (even lasagna), and came to love his sense of humor and the music and travel he introduced into their lives.

Ronny and John were married at their home in Orland on January 6, 1996. John was the household's resident mechanic, keeping its Subarus in top shape throughout years of his stepdaughters' school sports and extra-curricular activities. When boys began to call the house to speak with them, he liked to make an impression with a loud, British, "Allo!" John became known

for walking his elegant Afghan hounds, first *BoBo*, then *Aashaa*, and most recently *Maya*, with a hat, walking stick, and pipe on the roads of Bucksport and Orland. A portrait of him on a walk made the front page of the local paper in his early months stateside.

John and Ronny took part in the Hancock County Gilbert and Sullivan Society's annual shows as chorus members for several more years. John was a source of many anecdotes about the traditions of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, having worked and performed with several former members of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company while in the Savoyards.

Though retired from his early career in waste management, John found a second career as a school bus driver in Bar Harbor, Bucksport and Blue Hill. John worked safely through

the pandemic for the Surry Elementary School until the time of his passing. He was fond of the children he met on his routes, often recounting the amusing conversations he overheard during their daily rides together. For several years, he also worked for the Island Explorer bus service during the summer, shuttling visitors to popular destinations around Mount Desert Island.

John was a fan of Arsenal Football Club for more than 50 years and an encyclopedic resource on the history of the team for anyone who got him started. His knowledge of world history also was vast, and at parties and holidays he would often seek out a fellow history buff and discuss British and American politics long into the night.

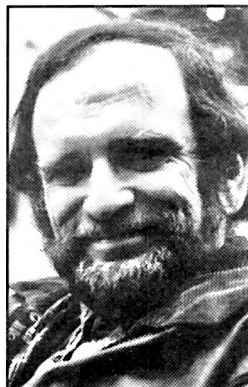
He enjoyed restoring and riding vintage motorcycles and was a life-long train hobbyist with a significant collection of model trains, books and documentary railroad films. He was an avid photographer and made several cross-country trips by train, documenting them with the Nikon camera that was always by his side.

John will be remembered by his family and friends for his dry sense of humor, customary appreciation of a hot cup of tea, Indian cuisine and, of course, blueberry pie.

He is sincerely missed by his Maine family Lesley, Faith, Peter, Eleanor and Michael, as well as family members and friends across the United States and the United Kingdom. In addition to Ronny, Jennifer, Lily, and their extended family, John leaves his sister Julia Kellett, nieces Louise and Gemma, and nephew Mark.

Celebrations of John's life are being planned in Maine and Yorkshire.

Gifts in his memory would be welcome at the Surry Elementary School, Library and Music, 754 North Bend Road, Surry, ME 04684.



**John Richard
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Only pre-orders for a person's choice from more than a dozen flavors will be taken. The pies must be picked up at the Verona Island Town Hall between 8 a.m. and noon on April 2.

Pre-orders will be accepted by phone until Thursday, April 1: Call Elaine Morey 735-3111, Cora Webster 469-3740, Marlene Smith 469-7992, Paula Webster, 659-1801, or Carolyn Bennett 217-4189.

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03/18/21

Senior Center 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 themeal.

• **Friday, March 19** — Mild chili, corn muffins and lemon cake.

• **Monday, March 22** — Chicken tenders, mashed potato, green beans and sliced strawberries

• **Wednesday, March 24** — Turkey casserole, dinner roll and apple pie.

• **Friday, March 26** — Pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw and a brownie

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— PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS —

Driver arrested on drug charges

BUCKSPORT — About 3 a.m. on Sunday, a routine stop for an alleged traffic infraction resulted in the arrest of a 47-year-old Brewer woman on three separate drug charges.

Officer Ryan Welch stopped Sherry Lynn Bedard on MacDonald Street, and the resulting investigation uncovered quantities of oxycodone, hydrocodone and more than seven grams of crack cocaine.

Bedard was taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth.

In another arrest, Jamie L. Rafi, 39, of Lewes, DE was arrested in Bucksport shortly before 7 p.m. on Sunday by Officer Eric Marcel for driving while under the influence of alcohol. He posted bail and was released.

Shoplifting alleged

ELLSWORTH — Shoplifters

were videotaped at the Walgreen's drug store on U.S. Route 1. Police were contacted about 2:30 p.m. on March 9.

The case remains under investigation.

Accidents probed

BUCKSPORT — Someone hit and killed a deer while driving on the Russell Hill Road. The driver left the scene about 6:15 a.m., but there was a witness.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT — These court summonses were issued here:

- Brooke Malo, 33, of Bucksport was given a ticket after being stopped on Main Street about 8:30 last Friday (3/12) and reportedly was found to be driving after a license suspension.

- Carlos David, 24, of Bucksport was issued a summons for allegedly not having proof of liability insurance on his vehicle,

a lack of a registration and failure to have applied for a Maine license. He was stopped about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday while driving on U.S. Route 1.

- Jacob Fallich, 20, of Lamoine was cited for driving on Central Street about 12:30 p.m. March 10 after his license reportedly had been suspended. Fallich was involved in a single-vehicle accident, resulting in police checking his identification papers.

Horses rescued

BUCKSPORT — Local police assisted state animal rescue personnel in removing five horses and other animals from outside a foreclosed home on State Route 46.

The rescue was carried out as a result of a court order, according to a local police spokesman.

At least one dog remained inside the residence as the house appears to be still occupied despite the foreclosure and the town's code enforcement officer declaring the property a hazard.

The animals were removed last Thursday (3/11) morning.

The town remains stymied in its effort to take full control of the property, which lacks a proper septic system and numerous other violations have been logged by the building code officer.

Girl takes drug, suffers reaction

BUCKSPORT — Police are continuing to look into the circumstances after a girl took an illegal drug at lunchtime March 10, resulting in an adverse reaction.

The juvenile was found near a



school, and was vomiting and unsteady when a medical crew arrived. Officers Chris McCrillis and Chris Lowe will determine whether more action is needed.

Councilors may lower charges for some ambulance responses

BUCKSPORT — Some are calling them "I've-fallen-and-I-get up" ambulance calls, the ones in which a person has had a definite problem but is not in need of urgent medical care and a trip by ambulance to go to the hospital.

The local ambulance service deals with about ten or 15 such calls each month, and the EMTs are enthusiastic about rendering their services to anyone in need.

The problem is that these calls are being billed at hundreds of dollars each, the same rate that qualifies for reimbursements from insurance companies.

Now, the Town Council and Bucksport's ambulance service is considering billing them at a far lower figure for, quite frankly, they are not that expensive to handle. When an ambulance ride is not needed for a an 18-mile round trip to a hospital, the unit and its personnel often are back in service awaiting the

next call with 15 or 20 minutes

Local authorities do not want to discourage the calls, for even such simple services, for a fall could prove serious and a person might be better off sooner if they are checked on immediately.

They also do not want to make the ambulance service into a taxi either so the higher figures for services actually being rendered will remain in place.

The more serious calls put more mileage on the expensive ambulances, and time going to the emergency, transporting the patient and then cleaning and restocking the ambulance for its next occupant.

The town councilors and the public safety department appear in agreement that the sharply reduced rate for non-transport services is justified. A final figure will be set, a public hearing will be set and the council more than likely will back the idea.

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