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Fire guts rural cabin

Six departments shuttle water to site

BUCKSPORT – A fire early Sunday afternoon swept through a small cabin in one of the most-remote sections of the town.

The blaze, which began in a shed adjacent to the cabin quickly spread to the cabin and flames were showing through the roof when the first fire truck arrived. The trucks left the station less than two minutes after the first call was received.

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The cabin, owned by Stephen Scott, was leveled and one or more dogs were unaccounted for immediately after the fire.

The cause, which Deputy Fire Chief Michael Denning says was not suspicious, but still remains under investigation.

Firefighters pumped water from Hancock Pond off State Route 46 and then trucked it the considerable distance to near the end of Upper Long Pond Road.

Lots of water was needed because the blaze that destroyed the two small buildings also set fire to roughly three-quarters of an acre of woodland.

Firefighters from Bucksport, Orland, Holden, Penobscot, Dedham and Orrington were on the scene for three hours.



KAYLEE GRAY tags out a Central runner at third base.



KAYLEE MOREY sends the ball over the right field fence, her first home run of the season.

Softball at its best!



ELLA HOSFORD closes out an inning with this high-up-in-the-air catch.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY BY RICK McHALE

THE SCORE – Central 2, Bucksport 1 – doesn't reflect the excitement of a softball game very well-played by both sides. The Lady Bucks now are 3-1 for the season.

Solar farm plan up to council

BUCKSPORT – The idea of building a five-megawatt solar array on 41 acres off the River Road gained Planning Board support Tuesday, and now heads to the Town Council next Thursday (5/13).

The solar panels on roughly 20 acres of the site require the councilors to set up a contract zone for the three lots being combined near the high tension power lines that will feed the solar-generated power to the electrical grid.

The other 20-or-so acres probably will remain as they are, because they contain multiple wetlands.

Penobscot Narrows LLC, which is developing the site for

the Ameresco corporation, had the plans cleared by the Planning Board after a lengthy review. Board members asked about noise, heat, dust or contamination issues, but in the end were satisfied with the responses.

The property now is owned by Bucksport Mill LLC, the American Iron & Metal (AIM) affiliate that has sold off most of the other assets of the now defunct paper mill.

The special zoning is required because power generation operations now are forbidden in the current RT15RC district.

Engineers for the developer assured the Planning Board the site will be grassed, and only a few vehicles will enter the property for maintenance each year.

Ballfield decision postponed

BUCKSPORT – It's back to the drawing board on the plans to significantly improve the playing fields at the Bucksport Middle School.

The initial estimates came in at more than \$700,000, well above the initial "guesstimate," so the RSU 25 Facilities Committee is going to look again at the scope of the project aimed at achieving a proper

ballfield. The current field, which also is the one built when the school was new, tends to get downright swampy after heavy rains and is unplayable when saturated with snow melt-off.

Meanwhile the only thing keeping the new lights installed at the nearby high school soccer field from being lit, is getting power to the towers on which they're mounted.

Meet Bucksport High's top scholars – Page 11

37 YEARS . . . of caring for dogs, cats and those who love 'em

FRAN MAGUIRE of the Bucksport Veterinary Hospital, is retiring this month.



ORLAND – The headline doesn't say it all for Frances Maguire, like James Herriot, is all about caring for all creatures, both great and small.

Since 37 years ago this week, she's been the friendly lady at the Bucksport Veterinary Hospital. Now, she will retire on May 19.

Maguire has worked for three owners of the practice, and did all that was need-

ed to be done for more than a dozen veterinarians who staffed the practice through the years.

When she began working for Dr. Elmore, Maguire was the Bucksport Veterinary Hospital, the sole staff member backed by several part-time veterinarians.

While her training was as a veterinary technician, she's contributed far more than those skills to the service of animals

and the clients who bring them in.

Still, her greatest reward has come from working alongside a number of great people who not only joined an animal practice, they built a "family" together. "Yes, it felt like a family. It really did," the Orland resident said this week.

PLEASE SEE 37 YEARS, PAGE 7.

In the works . . . Tidbits gleaned from news

TEMPORARY QUARTERS – The Vietnam-era veteran who was the last resident to leave the now closed Spring Fountain Inn here, finally was placed temporarily at a shelter for veterans in Augusta. The staff there are seeking to find him a more permanent home, and officials at the Togus Veterans Home are evaluating what services the man may need.

Ironically, that outcome is identical to the one agreed to by Bucksport and Togus officials on April 24, but then got short-circuited by someone at

Togus until the offices of the state's two United States senators were asked to intervene.

INTO THE POOL! – The Tim Emery Swimming Pool staff has been selected for the summer. The local YMCA office also is well into the planning of a broad range of recreational programs, including a summer camp

"We're trying to get to as normal as possible" after having to make major cutbacks during the past Covid-19 dominated year, said Matt McGinnis, the director of the local "Y" operations.

IN THE GRAVEYARD The town manager and the public works director last Thursday (4/29) met with the new owner of the property at 917 River Road, where the old Methodist burial ground is located. As a result, the highway crew was to begin clearing a path to the cemetery this week so that ground-penetrating gear can be brought in to locate the now-unmarked graves. The town is involved

because the long-neglected site contains the remains of Revolutionary War veterans. A previous town manager, at the request of the former owner of the property, ordered the grave markers be removed by the highway crew.

The current owner, "was 100 percent cooperative and helpful," Town Manager Susan M. Lessard reported.

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DROPPIN' IN!



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ON SILVER LAKE . . . The landing field is now open, especially if you have the right landing gear!

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Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

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Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

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Acreage



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!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

\$175,000

Acreage



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

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Friends & Family

HELP SOUGHT – The annual pleas for both money and volunteers are going out again this year. The area's private cemetery associations find their financial resources dwindling, their expenses rising and their current volunteers aging to the point where younger participants are desperately needed.

The only option: turning the sacred ancient resting spots over to their local community, where officials traditionally have skimmed when it comes to maintaining graveyards filled with those who no longer vote.

At the **Evergreen Hillside Cemetery**, for example, the association tries to honor those graves, but has only about \$1,000-a-year to spend. This year, the association has asked the town for \$500 to help out.

While the association only charges \$500 per lot, it has to set aside \$167 of that to help build a reserve account and it can only spend the interest from

those reserves. All in all, that's less than 100 bucks a year.

To help out, the association also charges each lot owner \$35-a-year each plot for maintenance. Years ago, when interest rates were much higher and labor costs much lower, those reserves helped mightily. Today, not so much.

The officers say, all of the associations maintaining the old burial grounds are continuing to struggle to do right by those who have passed.

At the Evergreen association the officers are: **Mary, Woodman**, president and treasurer; **Casey Littlefield**, vice president; **Muriel Grindle**, secretary; and the trustees are **Joan Goodwin** and **Francis Grindle**.

50 YEARS, but who's counting? – Yup, it's really been a half century since the members of the **Bucksport High School Class of 1971** heard *Pomp and Circumstance* played in their honor.



QUILTING can leave you in stitches! Details in the continuation of the *Friends & Family* column on Page 7. Here, from left, are: **Susan Walsh**, **Bill Foster** and **Elsa Marsh**.

As a result, some folks are doing something to mark the milestone. They're organizing a 50th reunion on Sept. 7 at the Orland Community Center.

There'll be a barbecue, some 1970s-era tunes and dancing will be encour-

aged.

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And a postscript: **Brenda Cooper** says "Hi!"

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Holes in the ‘net’

It was sad to chronicle in last week’s *Bucksport Enterprise* the conditions under which a local Vietnam Conflict veteran has been living for much too long at the now-closed Spring Fountain Inn.

While the man finally has gotten some of the help and support he’s entitled to, it took a veritable army of folks to keep pressing his case - from the building inspector to the police to the town manager to agencies all across the state, and at the last moment, interventions by the offices of the state’s two United States senators.

We have nothing but praise for everyone involved in finally cutting through all of the bureaucratic roadblocks, endless passing-of-the-buck, and callous avoidance of taking responsibility.

The real culprits in this sad tale are the management and ownership of the motel, for this situation - like the dismal unsafe, unsanitary conditions there - did not arise abruptly. Too many people knew, and yet did nothing. The actions taken two weeks ago should have been carried out months, or even a year-or-more earlier.

The long lists of arrests – many for serious drug activity, dozens of well-documented building, health and safety code violations were not the responsibility of the last resident to leave. Not only was he battling his own post-traumatic stress disorder demons, his care and welfare - and that of many of the other tenants – should have been monitored regularly by the state agencies, who month after month authorized subsidies for this sorry excuse for housing.

It’s now important for local leaders to look at what can be done to prevent others whose welfare may be in danger. A local professional, well-versed over a long career of serving others in crisis in this area, reported there are a number of less-visible people whose needs are being neglected or, worse, ignored.

These people living among us have failed to find the “safety nets” a caring society long has sought to provide. As local officials learned over the past few weeks, those nets have far too many very gaping holes in them.

Digging for a solution?

Once again good people are grappling with the same age-old dilemma: what to do about the cemeteries?

Elected officials have more than enough to do than to get concerned about this usually out-of-sight, out-of-mind, but still vital public and private service. Why not give the Cemetery Commission enough money and authority to get as much done as the resources allow. No, don’t dismantle the private fiefdoms which long have monitored the many private graveyards. Just give them a chance to share their expertise, and join in a competitive group bid for any services both public and private burial places need. Surely, there’s a contractor who could make a good seasonal return. Get the road crew back on the roads and out of cemetery maintenance. Some in nearby towns also might want to join this experiment to more effectively provide respect-filled resting places for our ancestors.



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THE WAY IT WAS in the late 1890s

THE BUCKSPORT CENTRE STATION: It’s long-gone now, along with the way of life it reflected.

In the latter half of the 19th Century, the rails from Bucksport to Brewer were rode by everyday people . . . some traveling just to the next stop; others headed without vehicles and who needed to go beyond walking distance, rode the Maine Central Railroad Co. trains, the one of the Eastern Division or Bucksport Branch line.

Recently some of those rails have been pulled, ending the last rail link in Hancock County to points west. The infrequent trains rolling into and out of the paper mill railraod will run no more.

Soon, those rails will be like the trains that served the long-gone Bucksport Centre Station. Few have seen the remants of that depot; many fewer have even heard about it.

Once there were a half dozen small train depots starting in Bucksport with most only knowing of the downtown station, the one that continues to serve as the museum of the Bucksport Historical Society.

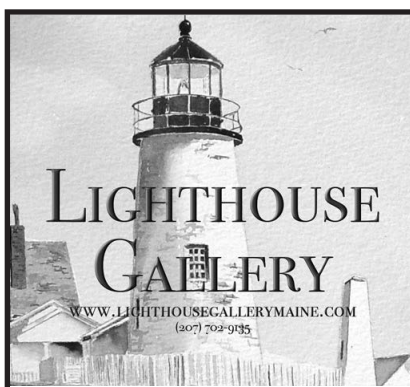
Five other stations were arrayed along the line west to Orrington. In fact, there’s an 18.1 mile spur to Brewer Junction, and trains back then passed a dozen stations as they rolled west from Bucksport on that line.

Hink’s Landing was 9.90 miles from Brewer Junction. North Bucksport was 11.2 miles. Haywood’s Pit was 11.5 miles. Bucksport Centre 13 miles. Chipman’s was 15 miles.

All but the depot the historical society occuppies have been lost to history in what was once full of life and in their heyday each was the place to exchange pleasantries, gossip and news..Each was an actual rail station, not just a whistle stop.

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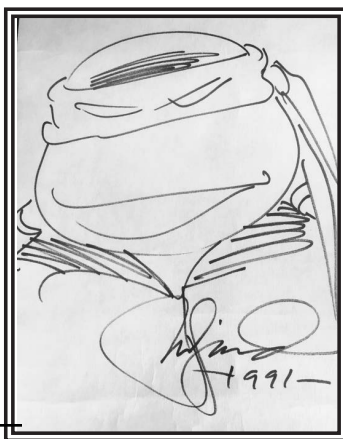
A small daily newspaper in western Massachusetts offered a weekly, locally produced magazine to boost sales on Saturdays, ordinarily the least-read day of the week. Its editor included a potpourri of interesting tidbits, including a cartoon by a quirky local cartoonist.

The sketch artist eked out a living selling comic books from a closet under the stairs in the lobby of a building, on Main Street. His only advertising, a sandwich board propped up on days he decided to sell his wares.

The cartoons he sold to the paper brought him five bucks a pop, and later \$7.50. When a request was made for \$10, one of the co-owners of the paper said he wasn't sure the crazy things were worth even \$7.50.

The cartoons ceased. The originals of those that had been published had long since made their way into the dumpster out back.

**From the margins of
the editor's notebook**



The cartoonist was Peter Laird, who later partnered with Kevin Eastman to launch the Mutant Ninja Turtles international phenomenon. The exploits of the three weird dudes soon generated royalty checks faster than Laird and Eastman could cash 'em..

In 1991, Heidi, my daughter was working as the summer-fill-in at the paper's advertising department, and while at the reception desk she struck up a conversation with Laird.

As they chatted Laird scribbled an original drawing of one the three odd *amigos*, and gave it to her. The process took Laird seconds for he'd sketched the dude so many times before.

At Christmas that year, Heidi gave me that drawing. I had it framed. It's a testimony to the artistry of Laird but, more important to me, it's a reminder of my daughter's thoughtfulness and ingenuity at a time when her college finances left her very little to share.

A year or so earlier in her college career at Christmas she gave me a small, run-of-the-mill carving of an old mariner.

The small crudely crafted block of sculpture has no monetary value, but my daughter knew I reveled in all things nautical.

Like that framed and unique piece of paper, that chunk of wood remains priceless in a father's heart

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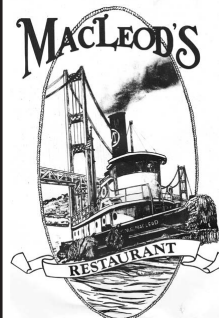
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— OBITUARY —

Shirley Manookian, 1949 - 2021

BUCKSPORT – Shirley Manookian passed away early Tuesday morning April 27, 2021, at home with her daughter after a long battle with COPD.

Shirley was a wonderful home cook and baker, and made a living at it. She was a self learner and educated herself. She enjoyed house decorating, doing crafts, knitting, cake decorating, blueberry picking and dandelion digging. She worked many jobs: construction, cooking, seafood processor, house cleaning, cutting hair or whatever needed to be done.

Shirley enjoyed collecting cookbooks and recipes, teacups and growing plants, and she loved playing cribbage, yahtzee and a good game of Scrabble, and having picnics and a seafood lunch.

She had a heart full of love and always tried to leave things better than she found them, and she had such a special touch and paid attention to detail. She always thought of others and gave of herself. And loved her children and her grandchildren even more.

Shirley was born on March 19, 1949 to Elizabeth Carey-Bowden and Willis (“Willie”) Bowden.

She is predeceased by her sisters: Marie, Beverly, Brenda and her brother Ronald, and also the love of her life, Philip O’Brien Jr., and her dog Roni.

She is survived by her daughter, Dawn Manookian, and her son, Philip O’Brien III of Milo; a brother Richard Bowden of Blue Hill; four granddaughters and one great-grandson who she had infinite love for. She also leaves many nieces and nephews and cousins.

She felt blessed to have had three very good best friends that traveled through life with her. Shirley was a SURVIVOR!

Shirley will be reunited with the rest of her family at the Hillside Cemetery in East Bucksport.

A special “thank you” and much love and blessings to Bertha Coleman, Debra Ashmore.

There will be no funeral per her request.

– IN THE WORKS . . . Continued

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DIVVYING UP THE CASH – The Town Council next Thursday (5/13) is expected to make some decisions about which social service and other community agencies will get how much financial support from the town in 2021-2022.

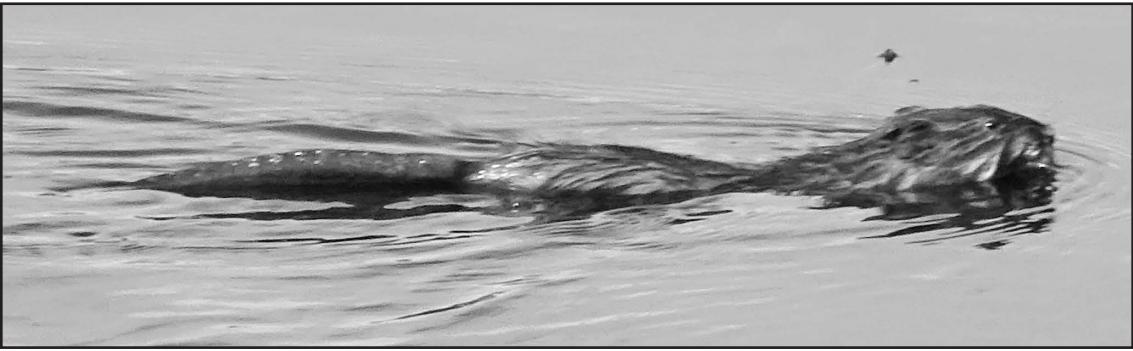
The groups have submitted their requests and some sent representatives to a previous council session. Now, the councilors must decide what sums they want to allocate without going over the cap on total contributions they set for themselves several years ago.

LGBTQ+ – The leaders of a small, newly formed Bucksport Pride group have asked to be on the agenda of a Town Council meeting, but as of mid-week they’ve not submitted a formal request. They met earlier with Town Manager Susan M. Lessard, seeking to enlist the town’s support for a series of events they want to stage here during June.

Lessard said yesterday (5/5) she’s ready to place the group’s request on the agenda for next Thursday (5/13), but she’ll wait for the formal request before doing so.

BUDGET HEARING As town officials near the end of the 2021-2022 municipal budgeting process, they are scheduled to hold what could be the last of their public workshops on the subject. Part of the session next Thursday (5/13) will focus on the town’s projections for revenues expected during the 12 months that will begin July 1. Also on the agenda will be RSU Supt. of Schools James Boothby, who will detail the school system’s all-but-complete budget request for the next fiscal year.

There will be separate public hearings scheduled later on both the municipal and the RSU budgets, and the school budget also will come up for the traditional ratification votes at the polls in each of the four member towns in early June.



OUT FOR A SWIM on Silver Lake. – Photo by Emeric Spooner

LETTERS . . . to the editor

Stop being a milltown

To the editor:

I retired from the paper mill in 2000, and today Main Street still looks like a milltown. There have been a lot of conversations on how to turn Bucksport in to a thriving coastal town. The enhancements I would like to see are:

1) Bury the power lines. I realize it would be a considerable expense.

Let’s support them!

To the editor:

Are you tired of it yet? I know I am.

Here in Maine we are fortunate to have our state police, our local law enforcement and our Inland Fisheries and Wildlife rangers. To think about defunding any of these would not only be ludicrous but also counter-productive.

Therefore, I am proposing a contest for ele-

- 2) Install lamp posts with lights directed to the pavement below.
- 3) Assist business owners in putting up colorful awnings on their storefronts.
- 4) Assist business owners with tasteful illuminated signs, as at The Alamo theater.
- If you have any disagreements. check out Main Street in Ellsworth. They’ve got it figured out!
- “Hook” Alley
Bucksport

mentary school students. Design a decal that could go on a car or home window or a bumper sticker. The essence of the design would be an affirmation of, “Support Law Enforcement”.

The Town Council could pick out the top ten designs, which would be published in *The Bucksport Enterprise*. Then, the readers could vote for the winning design.

Al Farah
Orland



ENTERPRISE PHOTO BY SANDY HOLMES

THE ALAMO THEATRE on Main Street now sports a huge mural, celebrating among other things spawning salmon, an homage to the as-yet-unbuilt on-shore

salmon breeding farm to be constructed here. The mural was painted by Main Street Bucksport using grants from a regional foundation.

EVENTS MEETINGS

Thursday, May 13

• The monthly meeting of the Hancock County Republicans will be held at 7 p.m. at the party's regional headquarters at 225 High Street, Suite 14 in the Maine Coast Mall in Ellsworth. Jason Joyce, lobsterman from Swan's Island, will speak on what some consider a serious threat to lobstering and away of life in Maine. There is no charge, and the meeting is open to the public. *Sandi Blanchette, Orland, Chairman. 813-0020*

Sunday, May 16

• **EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY** – The annual meeting of the cemetery association will begin at 2 p.m. at the home of Mary and Harry Woodman at 927 Millvale Road, Bucksport. Masks are optional although the Woodmans, who have had their vaccine shots, will not be wearing them. A best effort will be made to socially distance but the space does not allow for a guarantee of six feet between the attendees.

The hosts note: "Please come if you feel comfortable doing so." 469-7613. *A related article is included in the Friends & Family column on Page 3.*

Saturday, May 22

• **PLANTS & PIES** – The Bucksport Garden Club's annual spring plant and pie sale will be held across Main Street from the Community Pharmacy from 9 until noon. Plants, baked goods, pies and books will be available.

PUBLIC MEAL

Saturday, May 15

• **FISH SUPPER** – The Bucksport Copuncil of the Knights of Columbus are holding another of their fresh had-dock take-out suppers.

– 37 years

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Through the years, Maguire has tyended to all sorts of animals, including some wild ones back when that could be done by a public veterinary practice. Loons, owls, porcuopines . . . they all needed help and the animal hospital was there for them.

Maguirfe especially remembers a l;icense dwildlife rehabilitation person, who regularly brought in a porcuypine for X-rays and blood work. She also remembers the patient removal of many porcupine quills from domestic pets that unwittingly had encountered the cri8tters. She's also cleaned up the results of more than one skunk's revenge- uh, dxefense - when surfprised by a cat or dog, which in turn got their own surprise.

Then, too, Maguire recalls her multiple encounters with wshat she delightfully phrasedc as, "hyper diligentclients" who brought their pets in for treatment.

When some of those pets underwent surgery, some of those pet people wouldn't leave the build-

ing until they were reunited wswith their animals.

She looked back in fodness at those clients, but suggested it might have been helpful if they could be medicated during their ordeals. Sometimkes, the pets took the treatment better than those who brought them in.

Most of all she will miss dealing with soime neat people, both on the staff and those who came through the doors each day. She said the hospital has had many of the same employees for 20 years or more, leading to great camaraderie and rapport with both the animals and those who love them.

While she spends years on Long Island in New York, she came to Maine for the veterinarian's assistant training in the early 1970s at the University of Maine at Orono, and she and her husbandsubsequently decided to stay in Maine.

They built their home 27 years ago, just a hoot and a holler down the road a piece from the veterinary center.

Now, as she enters retirement, Maguire expects to drop in from time to time, just to revel in the carwing atmosphere.

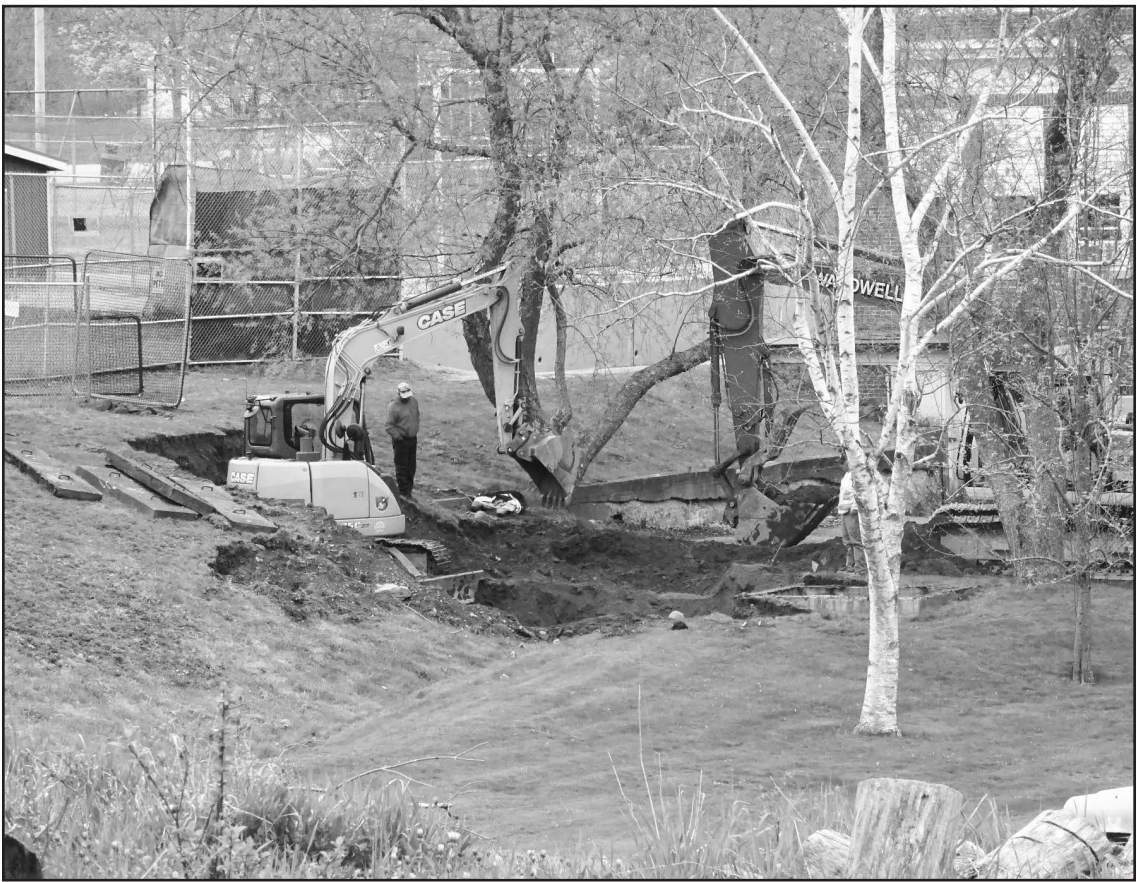


PHOTO BY EMERIC SPOONER

The local water company personnel decided another valve would enhance the delivery of water in the vicinity of the former Luman Warren School off Elm Street. A backhoe, a six-foot hole, pipe found and the new valve now has become a part of the system.

A valve job!

Senior Center

LUNCHEON MENUS

BUCKSPORT – Here are the \$6 take-out and delivered meal menus offered to all, regardless of age or income, by the Bucksport Senior Center. Call 469-3632 before 9 a.m. on the day of the meal to order one or more meals..

• **Friday, May 7** –

Chop suey, garlic bread, garden salad and a cookie.

• **Monday, May 10**

–Roast pork, mashed potato, green beans and pudding.

• **Wednesday, May 12**

–Ham, mac & cheese, baby carrots and Hawaiian cake.

• **Friday, May 14** –

Meatloaf, baked potato, mixed veggies, and a brownie.

• **Monday, May 17**

–Baked beans, hot dogs, coleslaw & biscuit, and lemon bar.

• **Wednesday, May 19**

–Chicken pot pie, stuffing, cranberry sauce and a cookie.

• **Friday, May 21** –

Lasagna roll ups, garlic bread, salad and fresh fruit.

• **Monday, May 24**

–Mild chili, corn muffins and a cookie.

• **Wednesday, May 26**

–Chicken alfredo, snap peas, dinner roll, and chocolate tart.

• **Friday, May 28** –

Pulled pork sandwich, pasta salad, and brownie.

– Friends

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SEW-SEW NEWS - The Bedtime Quilters met on Sunday for the first time in what seemed to some a very long time because of the Covid 19 restrictions. Ten fully vaccinated members attended

The quilters meet the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 at the Senior Center. However, the group is an independent chapter within The Pine Tree Quilt Guild.

The next session on May 23 will include a class on an old block called, "Turn About Granny."

The group's new president, **Susan Walsh**, and new vice president, **Elsa Marsh**, presented **Bill Foster**, director of the Senior Center, with a quilt for a raffle and as a "thank you" to the Center for allowing use of the space..

Bedtime Quilters invites anyone with an interest in quilting to visit a meeting.

Susan Walsh at 469-0070, or SWalshinMaine@gmail.com

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5/13

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5/13

WANTED TO HIRE: Need a server and line cook. Will train. Immediate opening. Apply in person at Glenn's Place, 214 US -1, Bucksport. (207) 702-9412

4/29

BOAT INSPECTOR. Toddy Pond, Orland launch. May 28 through Sept. 6. 9- 27 hours-a-week. \$15/hour. Information at toddypond.org Must have own transportation. Seniors welcome. Contact Lucy at (207)-266-3212.

4/29

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- Transporting of remains throughout Maine and Massachusetts.
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We are looking for a team player who likes people, is patient, flexible, likes a busy work environment, and can embrace our 'We are here to help people' philosophy. Experience working with TRIO software is a plus, as is experience working in a Town Office, however, we are willing to train if necessary. This person will often be the first person that anyone sees when coming in to the office. Since the first impression is a lasting one –we want our residents to be greeted with a smile and a good attitude!

The Town of Bucksport offers a comprehensive benefit package including health insurance, Maine State Retirement, life insurance, and sick & vacation time. Interested persons should submit a job application (which can be picked up at the Town Office or found on the town website at bucksportmaine.gov under Application Forms) including 3 references as well as a cover letter indicating why they think they would be right for the job.

Deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 19th at 4 p.m. and should be submitted to Town Manager, PO Drawer X, Bucksport, ME 04416 or emailed to: slessard@bucksportmaine.gov

The Town of Bucksport is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and retains the right to accept or reject any/all applications.

05/06/21



PHOTO BY EMERIC SPOONER

Birds of a feather flock . . .

A couple of blackbirds - a female and a male - take in the passing scene, their birds' eye view unfettered by the foliage that's about to sprout as the wonders of another spring emerge.

Better mail boxes aid mail carriers

BUCKSPORT AREA – The postmasters throughout the area want their postal patrons to observe, “Mailbox Improvement week” May 17-23.

How do you do that? The U.S.Postal Service wants those served by outside mailboxes to inspect and repair their boxes.

According to a press release,. better, well-maintained mailboxes will help make the delivery of mail easier and safety for both the carriers and the postal patrons.

The service also said well-maintained mailboxes enhance the appearance of a community.

The annual request reminds everyone to recognize the wear and tear on mailboxes.

Specifically, the mail service suggests its customers:

- Replace loose hinges on mailbox doors.
- Repaint the boxes that may have rusted and show signs of peeling paint.
- Re-mount the posts on which the boxes sit if they have

become loose or may have been hit by a passing vehicle.

• Replace or add house numbers, a major aid when substitute carriers or new mail deliverers take on a route. (In Bucksport, the fire department hand-delivered reflective house numbers to each property a year-or-so ago).

Consider replacing a current mailbox with a larger one to better accommodate large envelopes and small packages.

Major high-speed pursuit ends in driver’s arrest in Orrington

Suspect posts bail in drug, traffic cases

ORLAND – A major police pursuit involving officers from Hancock and Waldo counties that began in Orland last Thursday (4/29) evening ended in Orrington a half hour-or-so later.

With support from officers throughout the region, more than a dozen law enforcement officers, were involved in the pursuit and arrest of Gage Shepard Roberts-Watson, 25, of Bradford that ended in Orrington.

While Roberts-Watson was taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth, he later posted bail and was released.

He now faces a number of drug- and traffic-related charges, including trafficking unlawfully in scheduled drugs, aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs, speeding more than 30 miles an hour above the posted limit, driving after a criminal suspension of his license, driving so as to endanger, and seeking to elude an officer.

The initial attempt to stop Roberts-Watson was made on Acadia Highway in Orland about 7 p.m., by a Hancock County sheriff’s deputy. That deputy

and another in a second cruiser turned on their flashing lights and sirens, and the pursuit was on.

Law enforcement agencies throughout the region were alerted by the regional dispatch center in Ellsworth.

By the time the vehicles came down U.S. Route 1 onto Main Street, there were three cruisers involved, all traveling at a high rate of speed with both sirens sounding and lights flashing.

. That’s when Bucksport police - Sgt. Darrin Moody and Officer Robert Findlay - came down Elm to Main Street and joined the chase.

A few minutes later, two more cruisers came thorough and, minutes after that, an eighth cruiser came down Main Street heading east toward River Road. That officer, too, used his warning lights and siren.

The Bucksport officers broke off their pursuit at or near the Orrington line, knowing Waldo County officers had been alerted and would be there to help make the arrest.

The rest of the pursuing vehicles continued on into Orrington where the eventual stop was made. It could not immediately be confirmed if spike strips were used to aid in the stop.



PHOTO BY DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL DENNING

Not much to salvage

A small shed and nearby cabin near the end of the Upper Long Pond Road in East Bucksport was all but gone when the first firefighter arrived in his own vehicle early Sunday afternoon. Even with a quick response time from the firehouse on Franklin Street, there was little for the fire crews to do but keep the blaze from spreading. Even then, about three quarters of an acre of woodland also burned as water was shuttled by the tanker-load from Hancock Pond off State Route 46.



Indoor yard sale – Saturday, May 22

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trunk much too small for their purpose.

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– BUCKSPORT HIGH SCHOOL –

Top scholars honored

BUCKSPORT – The top four students in the Bucksport High School Class of 2021 are:

Valedictorian

Addie Morrison, the daughter of Matthew and Emily Morrison of Orland, is graduating with a grade point average (GPA) of 102.04 over her four years at Bucksport High School.

She will attend Middlebury College in Vermont in the fall, where she will major in neuroscience.

Morrison has earned these awards: PVC All Academic Award for soccer and track, the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, the Dartmouth College Book Award, “Student of the month”, the Maine Principals’ Association Award, and outstanding achievement in German, anatomy and physiology and advanced placement English Literature and composition.

She attended the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Foundation Conference. Her extracurricular activities include: indoor and outdoor track, varsity girls soccer, National Honor Society, the Outing Club, and she played in the band.

Her favorite quote is, *“Here’s to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They’re not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can’t do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.”* - Rob Siltanen



ADDIE MORRISON

First Honors Essayist

Madison Frazier, the daughter of Shaun and Kim Frazier of Bucksport, is graduating with a GPA of 98.74 over her four years at the school.

Frazier is going to the University of Maine at Augusta, where she will major in dental hygiene.

She received these honors: “Student of the month”, perfect attendance, academic excellence in conceptual physics, modern United States history, Honors labs in chemistry and psychology.

Madison also earned the Penobscot Valley Athlete Award, the Williams College Book Award, and the Fredrick Douglas Susan B Anthony Award.

Her high school activities include: varsity girls’ soccer, varsity girls basketball, unified basketball, varsity girls softball, mathematics team, and National Honor Society.



MADISON FRAZIER

Her quote is, *“Nothing worth having comes easy.”* - Theodore Roosevelt



Second Honors Essayist

Madison Carter, the daughter of Christopher and Mary Ellen Carter of Bucksport is graduating with a GPA of 98.73 over her four Bucksport High School years.

Carter will attend Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor, and major in liberal studies.

Her awards include: Highest GPA award in mathematics, most improved in advanced placement English literature and composition, outstanding achievement in mathematics and science. Her activities included: Band, robotics, Writing Club, GSA, one-act plays, outdoor track, jazz band, cross-country, and National Honor Society.



MADISON CARTER

Her quote is, *“Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.”* - Maya Angelou.



The four will speak at commencement on Friday, June 11, at 6 p.m.

Salutatorian

Sara Bos, the daughter of Peter and Karin Bos of Bucksport, is graduating with a GPA of 99.63 over her high school career.

She will be enrolled at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine in the fall, where she wants to will major in international business and logistics.

Bos has earned these awards: Bausch & Lomb Science Award, “Student of the Month”, and highest GPA, and academic excellence honors.

Her high school activities include: unified basketball, varsity girls’ basketball, outdoor track, mathematics team, and National Honor Society.

Her favorite quote, *“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life.”* - Steve Jobs



SARA BOS

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Bucksport resident now facing criminal threatening charge

BUCKSPORT – The town’s animal officer reported she felt threatened by a man carrying a loaded firearm as she was driving in-town on Central Street on Monday about 3:30 p.m.

Two officers responded and stopped Evan Seekins, 26, of Bucksport, and held him on multiple charges, Those charges included criminal threatening with a weapon, driving while under the influence, driving so as to endanger, and driving too close behind another vehicle.

According to a police spokesman, the animal control officer first noticed she was being tailgated and then saw a laser being pointed at her vehicle. In checking on the source of the laser, she said she saw a firearm being pointed in her direction.

She alerted the police dispatcher, and Officers Lowe and Marcel made the stop.

Calais residents held

BUCKSPORT – Two people from Calais were taken in after what otherwise might have been a routine traffic stop on U.S. Route 1 just before noon on Friday (4/30).

Arrested were Jeffrey Croman, 36, and Meagan Sabattus, also 36.

Officer Matt Ryan found their vehicle was allegedly was being driven after a license suspension or revocation, and that both reportedly were in violation of the conditions of their release in earlier cases.

The two were taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth. There, they posted bail and were released.

Drug cases brought

BUCKSPORT -Katie Ann Carter, 34, of Blue Hill was arrested in Orland last Thursday (4/29) afternoon for allegedly unlawfully trafficking in scheduled drugs.

The arrest was made by Hancock County Deputy Jacob Ferland, and Carter was taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth.

Stolen vehicle found

VERONA ISLAND – Hancock and Waldo county sheriff’s deputies found Lance Gustafson, 25, to have the keys to a vehicle reported stolen in Portland. Gustafson was found on the island just before 7 a.m. Saturday, and was charged with the unauthorized use of a vehicle, a Class D felony. He also was charged with violating the conditions of his release in a previous case, a Class E offense.

The vehicle was towed.

Blue Hill man arrested

BUCKSPORT – Michael Whitney, 40, of Blue Hill was arrested last Friday about 11 a.m. after Officer Matt Schmidt determined Whitney was wanted on a warrant. He was taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth after being stopped on the Mast Hill Road.

The Waldo County warrant alleged that Whitney had failed to be in court to answer an earlier charge.

Whitney posted bail at the jail, and was released.

Accidents listed

BUCKSPORT – These accidents were logged here:

- A woman reported someone backed into her vehicle, and then left the scene on State Route 46. She reported the inci-

dent about 7 p.m. on Saturday.

- Someone driving a vehicle through the carwash on State Route 46 apparently forgot about the ladder he had aboard. The carwash door got damaged, but no police action was required. It was called in about 12:30 p.m. on April 27.

Deer struck

BUCKSPORT – These accidents involving deer were reported here:

- • Timothy Dentino, 24, of Sedgwick struck a deer on the River Road just before 1 a.m. last Thursday (4/29).

A deer was struck by a vehicle being driven on the River Road shortly before 1 a.m. The driver was identified as Nathan Tapley, 21, of Bucksport.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT - These court summonses were written here:

- Justin Davis, 32, of Bucksport was given a summons after he allegedly drove after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on the River Road about 8:45 p.m. on Saturday.
- Nathaniel Cole, 26, of Bucksport wsas issued a ticket for driving an unregistered vehicle. He was stopped on the Mast Hill Road shortly after 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.
- Christian Jerome, 23, of Bucksport was cited for allegedly driving more than 20 miles an hour above the posted speed limit.on Nicholson Avenue about 7 a.m. on April 27.



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

Harrassment claimed

VERONA ISLAND – A Verona Island woman told the Hancock County sheriff’s office early Sunday evening. she was being harassed on social media by an ex-boyfriend.

She later reported she would seek to have the man served with a protection order by the local police in the New Brunswick border town where he resides.

Tools reported taken

ORLAND – An Orland property owner told a Hancock County sheriff’s deputy on Saturday afternoon that some equipment was taken from a job site.

Locked in! All’s well!

BUCKSPORT - A baby accidentally got locked in a vehicle, but no harm was done. A police officer stood by until someone could come to get the door open.

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This and that

No long-term parking

BUCKSPORT – Be careful where you park, especially if your vehicle isn’t registered. The police last Saturday got involved after finding two vehicles parked in the Perry’s Landing lot, each side by side, separated only by the sign that proclaims, “No overnight parking.”

Another abandoned vehicle was found nearby with license plates that expired March 2, and chalk marks on the tires put there by an officer, confirmed the vehicle hadn’t been moved in weeks.

Who-ya-gonna-call

BUCKSPORT – Bucksport police handled a number of animal calls, including one of a supposedly sick loon that could not be found and another involving a sick skunk that was easy to locate. (It was just a matter of sniffing out the scent, no bloodhound required.)

In between there were dogs to be sheltered and a cat to be quarantined.

Missing something?

BUCKSPORT – The police are holding a fresh crop of lost keys, cellphones and much miscellaneous.

The number to call is 469-7951. Perhaps you’ll re-claim your most prized possession.



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