

## Building concerns abound Code officer alerts town officials

BUCKSPORT – While there have been two dozen and, occasionally, more properties within the town with apparent building, health or safety issues logged with the code enforcement officer, that number is rising dramatically.

In his monthly report, Luke Chiavelli wrote, “over 30 more properties have been added to the list of current property violations that need to be dealt with.” He said that brings, “the total to well over 50 at this time, and more are being reported every day.”

A lot of Chiavelli’s time lately has been devoted to documenting the conditions at the Spring Fountain Inn at 196 U.S. Route 1 that resulted in the Town Council ordered the building shut down. He said, “I am hopeful that I will have more time to deal with all of these once the Spring Fountain situation is resolved.

As for the motel, the deadline for filing a court

appeal of the councilors’ decision ended Monday afternoon with apparently no action being taken by the New Jersey owner of the property.

The code officer reported that while the water and electrical services have been restored to the motel at the direction of the owner, nobody working for him has been able to activate the water system within the 44-unit building.

As for the repairs which were ordered to be started within 30 days of the council’s decision, “not one screw has been turned and not a single repair has been done,” Chiavelli reported.

While a couple of people have shown up at the motel as requested by the owner, Asad Khaqan, the town has blocked anyone from staying there overnight because the structure has been declared a fire and health hazard.

**Code officer  
has issues with  
‘tiny houses’**

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## Councilors will review solar project

BUCKSPORT – The plans to build a solar energy farm on three lots off the River Road are expected to move ahead after an initial review tonight (5/13).

The project, supported by the Planning Board and the town manager, now needs the councilors to approve a special contract zone for the site.

After tonight a public hearing will be scheduled before a final vote.

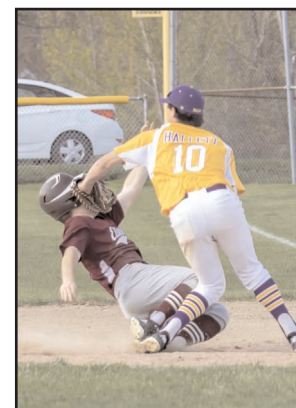
The project calls for solar panels to be installed on roughly 20 of the 40-or-so acres.

The developer, an arm of Ameresco, LLC, has promised minimal traffic and screening from River Road and several adjacent homes.

## Game’s not over ‘til Bucks say it is



**Gavyn Holyoke shut down Ellsworth in the top of the seventh inning, sealing the Bucks’ victory.**



**The runner tried to return to first but Tyler Hallett made sure that didn’t happen.**

**Bucksport 7  
Ellsworth 6**

**It was in the bottom of the seventh and final inning. The Golden Bucks were down 6-5 to Ellsworth, with two out and nobody on base. That’s when the Bucks picked up two crucial runs, winning the contest 7-6.**



**Logan Stanley steals third base, and then scores to help the Bucks’ win against Ellsworth.**

PHOTOS BY RICK MCHALE



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## Taking a shot

**Gavin Billings tosses the shot 41 feet, 8 1/4 inches on Friday, good enough to earn him first place at the meet. He also did it while wearing a Covid mask.**

## In the works . . . Tidbits gleaned from news

**COMING BACK** – The Port o’ Call shop, a victim of the Covid-19 pandemic, will reopen next month, this time on the opposite side of Main Street. Meg Keay plans to have the diversified shop up and running at 69 Main Street by early to mid-June.

*Keay is renting the shop, next door to BookStacks, and will offer all new merchandise, including new items from Britain, and items for a small department featuring unique things for men. Watch for the details.*

**HELPING HANDS** – Bucksport officials are expecting to spend just under \$100,000

in the next fiscal year to help various groups and agencies. A half dozen - the Red Cross, Downeast Community Partners, Women in Crisis (WIC), Community Health and Counseling, Downeast Transportation and Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities – have asked for modest increases from the town.

*Town Manager Susan M. Lessard is recommending the Downeast Community Partners request be cut to this year’s level (\$1,500), Community Health and Counseling be denied any money, for they failed to explain their request in person, and that WIC and the Red Cross be reduced to \$1,000 each. She backed the other requests, noting they are the most active here and their plans for the next year are primarily local.*

**ON MILLVALE ROAD** – This year’s major road reclaiming project will be on Millvale Road. The paving will run 2.6 miles from the Silver Lake Road to Route 15.

*The work is to be completed by Oct. 10.*

**BUILDING BOOM?** – The code enforcement officer issued permits for a half dozen new homes here last month.

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New Listing



**Orland**—Looking for an solid farmhouse set in level fertile ground? This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath home is set on a Sac lot of old pasture land with a detached garage. Located minutes from the village of Bucksport and within commuting distance to Ellsworth, Castine, Blue Hill or Bangor. Great spot for a giant garden!

**\$179,900**  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

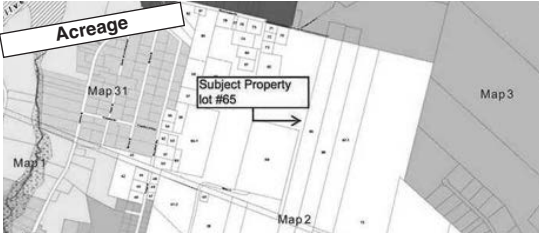
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**Orland**—Looking for an affordable parcel with a rural feel? This 2.7ac plot is an easy commute to Bangor and minutes from the village of Bucksport.


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Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

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.

**\$79,000**  
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter



**Bucksport**—Looking for a spot to build your dream home? This 7ac parcel has frontage on Route 46 and is located just down the road from Hancock Pond. It is possible that some gravel could exist on the property. Come take a look!

**\$35,700**  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

## Old broom makes clean sweep

BUCKSPORT – Members of the Bucksport Highway Department crew spent 15 days last month sweeping the streets of winter sand and other debris.

They also spent 12 days sweeping and washing the side-

walks. Three days were spent repairing the floats for use at the Town Dock and another day delivering the waterfront maintenance equipment. The town's marina and dock floats now are in the water.



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## Orland will review town budget

ORLAND – The public can comment on the proposed municipal budget at a public hearing tonight (5/13). The session will start at 6:30 p.m., and will be held in the Orland Community Center.

Voters in Orland's municipal election on Tuesday, June 8, won't have a lot of choices, for none of the candidates have opposition. (See sample ballot at right.)

The only referendum will be the ratification vote on the RSU 25 school budget.

The Orland Board of Assessors is making progress on its town-wide revaluation, and now is reviewing the properties on tax maps 2, 3, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43, as well as a few parcels on the maps the board previously considered.

If you have any questions about your assessment call the board at 469-3186 on Fridays, or e-mail [assessor@townoforland.org](mailto:assessor@townoforland.org). The board encourages inquiries before the tax valuations are set.

SAMPLE BALLOT  
STATE OF MAINE  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF ORLAND  
June 8, 2021  
*Shirley Patterson*, Town Clerk

Instructions: Mark a cross (X) or check (✓) in the circle at the left of the name of the candidate or response for which you wish to vote. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be voted on for each office. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing in the name in the proper blank space, marking a cross (X) or check (✓) in the proper circle at the left and, for indicated offices, writing in also the municipality of residence of the person of choice. Do not erase names.

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<b>For Selectman &amp; Overseer of the Poor</b> 3 Years    Vote for not more than one <input type="radio"/> Rankin, Edward, Sr. <input type="radio"/> write-in name	<b>For Assessor</b> 3 Years    Vote for not more than one <input type="radio"/> Dunn, Amy <input type="radio"/> write-in name & municipality of residence
<b>RSU 25 Board Member</b> 3 Years    Vote for not more than one <input type="radio"/> Burgess, David <input type="radio"/> write-in name	<b>(2) For Fish Committee Members</b> 4 Years    Vote for not more than two <input type="radio"/> Clement, Jay <input type="radio"/> Robshaw, Peter <input type="radio"/> write-in name & municipality of residence

## Attn" Verona

VERONA ISLAND – Address numbers are available at the Verona Island Town Hall for residents who want to better mark their properties for emergency responders

## Friends & Family

A TREE will grow in Bucksport!! – Members of the **Bucksport Garden Club** want to plant a tree in honor of the late **Geraldine ("Gerry") Spooner**. A plaque will honor Spooner for guiding the day-to-day operations of the Buck Memorial Library for well over three decades.

**SAVING HISTORY – The Bucksport Historical Society** has a suggestion: "As you do Spring cleaning, if you find you have items related to Bucksport's history – whether businesses, churches, schools or whatever – please consider donating them to the society.

"Our museum is dedicated to preserving, protecting and presenting the rich history of our town. Let's preserve our heritage for the enjoyment and enlightenment of future generations."

Items may be donated to any historical society member, at the museum in the former depot on Main Street

when open in July and August, or by contacting [@gmail.com](mailto:garybagley#).

**TOP SCHOLAR – Christine Bratcher** of Bucksport is one of three Husson University students graduating as the valedictorians of the Class of 2021 because each of the three achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average during their college careers.

**REUNION DETAILS – The Bucksport High Class of 1971** reunion on Sept 7 will be at the Orland Community Center.

A Social Hour will begin at 5 p.m. with a barbecue and dancing to follow. The cost is \$20 per person.

Those attending should bring class photos, and funny stories to post on a Memory Board.

Contact **Brenda Webb Cooper** at [bpwjones@gmail.com](mailto:bpwjones@gmail.com) or **Sara Bires Brown** at [sptcruiser@yahoo.com](mailto:sptcruiser@yahoo.com).

**SOARING NEWS – Jacob Brezovsky**, a member of the Katahdin Area Council Scout Troop # 102 and a junior at Bucksport High School, will talk about his Eagle scout project at tonight's (5/13) Town Council meeting. That project involved constructing a kickboard for the boys' practice soccer field.

**Mason Forrest** also will present his Eagle Scout project.

**ANOTHER YEAR**, another cemetery – This year the **Hillside Cemetery Association** has joined the list of groups seeking some aid from the town.

The Hillside Cemetery in East Orland, like the others, is finding the interest rates paid on the association's reserves aren't keeping up with the increasing cost of maintaining a cemetery that properly honors those interred in it.

**PROMOTED – Dan Harlan** of Bucksport, a Hancock County deputy sheriff, has been promoted to patrol ser-

geant.

Harlan began his law enforcement career as a corrections officer at the county jail and then joined the Bucksport Police Department before returning to the sheriff's office as a deputy.

**OPENING – Teri Doty** has joined the **Bucksport Board of Appeals**, but there still is one more opening. Anyone interested can contact the town manager.

**RESIGNED – Robert Briggs**, a long time member of the Bucksport Cemetery Committee, has resigned, telling the committee he has decided after his long service it's time to let someone else serve.

**BACK HOME!** – As someone has let *The Bucksport Enterprise* know, to the delight and relief of friends and family, **Ernie Smith** has returned to Bucksport after a very long hospital stay and his recovery from the COVID-19 virus!

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# All lives matter

Public safety departments across the country are alerted each time a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician loses his life while doing her or his job. Those reports not long ago were infrequent; lately, they have come in almost daily.

Being on the front lines as a first responder not only has become increasingly dangerous; those jobs have become the targets of anger, disrespect and worse, as far too many people seek to blame the many for the actions of a very few.

While the media focuses lots of attention on those who – rightfully and wrongfully – claim to be victims of police excess, the truth of the matter is that millions of encounters are made successfully and professionally each day between law enforcement officers and those they are sworn to serve and protect.

Then, too, who would knowingly subject themselves to the realities of dealing up close and personal with those carrying the Covid-19 virus? Thousands of emergency medical technicians do that each and every day.

And firefighters may work an entire career without a serious injury, but one false step, one collapsing roof or staircase can end a firefighter’s life.

This week - National Law Enforcement Officers’ Week, *The Bucksport Enterprise* salutes the women and men who serve in our public safety department and those who do so as volunteers in our neighboring communities.

Talk with any of them and they’ll tell you there is no routine traffic stop, no routine fire, no routine ambulance call. Each must be handled differently. They’ll also tell you of the emotional stress they try not to take home at the end of their shift.

All is not well within the field of public safety, nationally, across the state and in small communities like this one. The least we can do is thank these dedicated folks when they do their jobs well.

The lives of all of us matter, and at the core of that belief is recognizing that without the rule of law, enforced equally, we all are destined to drift toward chaos.

## A more beautiful Bucksport

Town officials are encouraging everyone who can to lend a hand in tidying up a portion of the town. From 9 until noon, folks are asked to take on the chores involved in making the section of the community they choose look the way it should.

To aid the cause, the town is furnishing latex gloves and trash bags at the Town Offices Building. There’s also a coupon to redeem for a free soft serve ice cream cone to celebrate a morning well-spent.

If it rains on Saturday, everyone is encouraged to try again on Sunday.

The bags of refuse will be picked up by the town crew next week. Just put the bags where the crew can spot ‘em.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard proposed the beautification day as a way to spruce up town and renew a sense of community in the process. After all, it’s the thing to do in spring!



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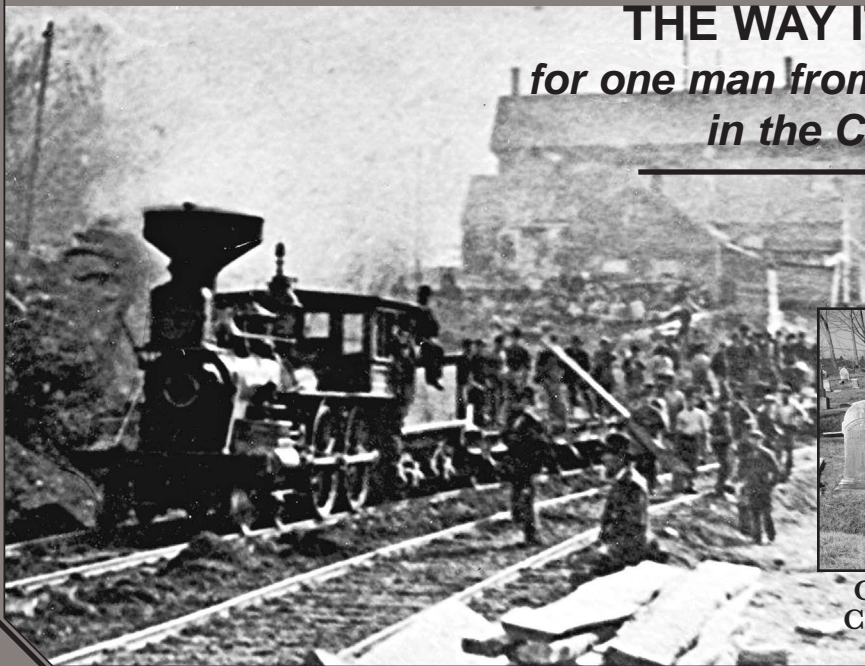
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## THE WAY IT WAS for one man from Maine in the Civil War



OAK HILL  
CEMETERY

CIVIL WAR hero turned civilian worked aboard the earliest trains here.

As we approach Memorial Day, the grave of Col. Olonzo G. Putnam again will finally be properly marked to recognize his service in the Civil War.

Putnam, who later settled in what now is Bucksport, enlisted from Dover at the beginning of the Civil War. He became a lieutenant colonel of the 22nd Maine Infantry. He later succeeded Col. Thomas Jerrard in commanding that unit, mustering out as a full colonel.

As a result, he is one of the three highest ranked veterans buried in Bucksport. The others are Col. Jonathan Buck, one of the founders of Buckstown (now Bucksport), and Col. Abner Knowles of the 6th Maine Infantry Co.

The 22nd Maine Infantry Regiment saw heavy action in the Battle of Irish Bend and the siege of Port Hudson, both in Louisiana. While advancing over an extensive cane field in one battle, the lead brigade was engaged by a large rebel force firing from the adjacent woods, and after nearly two hours was forced to retreat after a charge on its right flank. That’s when the more-experienced First Brigade was ordered forward to the front. The rebels came at them, firing and

yelling, and when but a few yards from the Union troops halted and fired a volley. Lt. Col. Putnam, ordered his men to drop upon the ground, and then lead without a single casualty to his regiment. The men then got up, and the whole line advanced, causing the enemy, to break and run.

After the war, Putnam returned to Maine, and settled in Bucksport, where he served most of his life on the railroad. For years he was a conductor on the Bucksport Branch trains.

A member of the local Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Putnam died on Feb. 17, 1909. He was 84. He is buried alongside his wife Frances and son John in the family plot in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Putnam’s grave long has gone unnoticed and was not included among those sites which annually receive a small American flag at this time of year. However, this year a new GAR flag holder and flag will mark the site. Putnam is eligible for a free veterans’ gravestone from the government. A man who interrupted his life to answer his nation’s call deserves at least that.

— EMERIC SPOONER

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## LETTERS . . . to the editor

### Repairing the ‘net’

To the editor

Last week’s editorial, Holes in the ‘net’, recounted the sad circumstances of a veteran who was living at the Spring Fountain Inn. You noted that the events that unfolded to find help for this gentleman revealed “far too many very gaping holes” in the safety net. We’re very fortunate to have local public officials who did not relent until they found a safe harbor and help in what could have been a very tragic ending to a precious life.

Our safety net has frayed to the point of extinction because of policy decisions at the federal, state, and corporate levels in our country. Most people in our community can quickly recount stories of family, neighbors, and friends who have no medical insurance or insufficient health coverage that has left them to pay astronomical medical bills, leave much-needed prescriptions unfilled, and delayed recommended treatment for serious illnesses. The cost of technology has outpaced the

average budget for many. Utility costs have kept too many in the dark and cold. No GoFundMe page is going to fix this system that has caused so much pain to far too many people.

We’re in the midst of a great reckoning of our values as a society. I sincerely hope we do not succumb to greed and hate. Despite unending examples of such negativity on the news each night, I find hope when I see people act with compassion and humanity like the Bucksport Town Manager, Bucksport Police Department, HOME COOP, Bucksport Regional Health Center and others who use their common sense to do what is needed.

Our local communities have amply demonstrated that we have the ability to repair the safety net. Let’s hope this local determination can influence our state and federal policy makers to remember who they represent and what’s needed to be caring communities.

Mary Jane Bush  
Bucksport

### We shall never forget!

To the editor:

National Police Week – May 9 through the May 15th will be marked at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which honors fallen peace officers by permanently recording and commemorating their service and sacrifice.

The Memorial in Washington, DC is the nation’s monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Dedicated on Oct. 15, 1991, the memorial honors federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people.

The memorial features two curving, 304-foot-

long blue-gray marble walls. Carved on these walls are the names of more than 22,000 officers who died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history. Unlike many other memorials in Washington, the memorial is ever-changing: The engraver never stops . . . new names of fallen officers will be added to the monument this spring, in conjunction with National Police Week.

Respect, honor and remember – ensuring that those who made the ultimate sacrifice are remembered for generations to come, while providing a place where survivors – my family included – can spend a quiet moment paying tribute to their loved ones.

Paul Rabs  
Bucksport



– **IN THE WORKS . . . Continued from Page 1**

That may not seem like a lot, but after months of sluggish activity it's a sign things are picking up. The code officer also issued permits for two new garages, an addition, three accessory structures, a deck and two seasonal docks. Luke Chiavelli reported six plumbing permits, two completely new septic systems and one replacement of a septic tank.

**THINKING SNOW!** – Yup, the Town of Bucksport is preparing for next winter. The Town Council tonight is expected to contract with Morton Salt for \$45.90-a-ton for salt, \$.20 per ton less than the price for this winter just ended.  
*The councilors also are contracting for asphalt and paving.*

**TRUCKIN' TRASH** – While Bucksport officials await the full re-start of the rubbish handling plant in Hampden and the end of the maintenance shutdown of the Penobscot Energy Recovery Co.(PERC) plant in Orrington, the town crew was able to take two loads of material to the PERC plant, while five more loads were buried at the Juniper Ridge landfill.  
Bucksport personnel last month also trucked four loads of old tires to the PERC site.

**IN THE CEMETERIES** – The town crew spent ten days cleaning and mowing the roadside and cemeteries last month.  
*Four days were spent patching roads, three days stockpiling gravel and two days on repairing signs. Maintaining the equipment took five days, according to the highway department's monthly report.*

**MEETINGS, MEETINGS** and more meetings – Richard Rotella, the town's economic and community developer director, logged 28 meetings last month.  
*One session was with, "local developers regarding opening a business in the village area," and two were with potential backers of housing projects here.*

It previously was reported more than one developer has expressed an interest in taking over the now-closed Spring Fountain Inn should it become available.

**SOFTER LANDINGS?**– About 60 cubic yards of "play chips" have been ordered for placement around the equipment at Ian's Playground off Elm Street.

**FOR SALE** – One 1996 fire department rescue truck driven by firefighters to and from all sorts of emergency situations. The truck is being sold "as is, where is" by sealed bids submitted to the Bucksport Fire Department.



**READY FOR RADAR**– The town crew this week cleared the Methodist Burial Ground and opened a path across private property. The clearing will permit the use of ground-penetrating radar in an effort to locate where the ancient graves are located.  
Years ago, the gravestones were removed. Some were buried while others, including those of Revolutionary War veterans, were moved to the nearby Riverview Cemetery in North Bucksport. The remains of those interred were left untouched.  
*The burial ground has not been maintained, something municipalities are required to do. The twice-a-year maintenance will resume once a fence and other aspects of the original cemetery are restored, according to Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.*

**MAKE BUCKSPORT BEAUTIFUL DAY!!!**



**THE TOWN OF BUCKSPORT IS SPONSORING A COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 15TH 9 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (RAIN DATE, SUNDAY, MAY 16TH)**

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TRASH BAGS AND LATEX GLOVES CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE TOWN OFFICE ON SATURDAY, MAY 15TH FROM 8:30-9:00 A.M. THE TOWN WILL PICK UP THE BAGGED ROADSIDE TRASH ON MONDAY, MAY 17TH.

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**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 14** – Meatloaf, baked potato, mixed veggies, and a brownie.
- **Monday, May 17** – Baked beans, hot dogs, coleslaw and 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.
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## Honoring Bucksport’s first responders

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The firefighters, emergency medical technicians, the police, and emergency dispatchers who work for the department have done an outstanding job of continuing to provide exceptional service during one of the most challenging years in memory.

Under the leadership of Public Safety Director Sean Geagan, Deputy Fire Chief

Michael Denning, and Deputy Police Chief David Winchester, Bucksport Public Safety has met the additional challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to respond to the thousands of calls a year for service that the department normally answers.

The personnel have done so with professionalism, compassion, and love for the community that they serve.

We, indeed, are fortunate to have them working for the benefit of the residents of Bucksport.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Scrub away Covid blues at band concert!

BUCKSPORT– The Bucksport High School Band will present a concert on Thursday, May 27 at 6:30 PM on the BHS football field.

As COVID restrictions have been gradually lifted, public performances have become viable. Social distancing and masks will be required by all in attendance. No admission will be charged, but we ask that all those who attend please bring a non-perishable donation for our community's food pantry, Bucksport Community Concerns. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held on Friday, May 28th.

Typically, the band performs 30 times (or more) each year, but due to COVID, it has not performed at all. Throughout the year, the Maine Department of Education's guidelines for music teaching have changed several times, and with each change, restrictions have been gradually relaxed. Initially, the MDOE recommended that

performance-based music classes should be suspended.

Eventually, playing instruments and singing were allowed but only outside if students sat 14 feet apart. When November's colder temperatures forced students inside, the only option was to have students practice in individual spaces, which included closets, lobbies, and bathrooms. By mid-winter, MDOE regulations changed and students were allowed to play their instruments inside provided they wore masks, they sat 10 feet apart, and the windows remained open. Recently, the guidelines changed yet again and masked music students can sit 6 feet apart inside.

Everyone's been practicing. And practicing. Now, it's finally time to share with the community what the band members so eagerly have mastered.

### MEETINGS

- Each Wednesday weekly**
- **AA & AL-ANON** – The sessions at the Brown Hall of the Elm Street Congregational Church have resumed, and are held each Wednesday. Participation is encouraged, and privacy and anonymity is respected.
- Thursday, May 13**
- **PLANTS & BAKE SALE** – 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 a way of life in Maine. There is no charge, and the meeting is open to the public. *Sandi Blanchette, Orland, Chairman. 813-0020*

- Saturday, May 13**
- **BOTTLE DRIVE** – Redeemable bottles and cans will be accepted at the Bucksport High School between 10 a.m and 2 p.m., with the proceeds going to help support activities at the Tim Emery Municipal Swimming Pool on Broadway.
- 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.

- Thursday, May 20**
- **DEMOCRATS** – The Hancock County Democratic Committee speakers talk about the party's efforts how to President Joseph Biden's effort to include racial equity an important part of every program and policy. Chief Kirk Francis of the Penobscot Nation will speak about his work to bring greater equity for his people and sovereignty to the Penobscot Nation. Michelle Merica, the teacher leader of the Mount Desert Island High School Civil Rights Team and Anti-Racist Task Force, will explain what the students are doing.

- The program will run from 7 to 8:15PM on Zoom. Registration is required. For details go to the Hancock County Democratic Committee's website to register: [www.hancockdems.org](http://www.hancockdems.org) *Kay Wilkins at 664-3070*
- **HILLSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** – The association will meet at the East Bucksport chapel of the Bucksport United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Social distancing and the wearing of masks is required.

- ACTIVITIES**
- Sunday, May 16**
- **BOOKS & 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.
- Saturday, May 22**
- **PLANTS & BAKE SALE** • There'll be plants and white elephant items at a sale at the Frankfort Congregational Church from 8a.m. to noon. There'll be pints of baked beans and 2 biscuits available at \$5 at 42 Main Road South in Frankfort.

- May 24 to June 12**
- **PLANTERS?** – Starting Monday, May 24, the Blue Hill Library will host its annual plant sale, but with a new twist. This year, it will go for three weeks, and not just one day. Quality plants from local gardens available each day the library is open, until Saturday, June 12. The plant stock will be replenished frequently. [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) or 374-5515.

- PUBLIC MEALS**
- Saturday, May 15**
- **FISH SUPPER** – The Bucksport Council of the Knights of Columbus are holding another of their fresh haddock take-out suppers.
- Saturday, May 29**
- **TURKEY SUPPER** – There will be a take-out turkey supper" at the Frankfort Congregational Church from 4:30 until the last turkey is gone. To pre-order the \$12 meals call 223-9978 or 207-505-1928 between 1 and 2 p.m. that day. The church is at 42 Main Road South in Frankfort.

## Housing alternatives prompt questions

BUCKSPORT – The code enforcement officer reports "a large increase in questions about living in tiny houses and off-the-grid living."

While the officer, Luke Chiavelli, said, "there is no problem with tiny houses done right, but 'tiny homes' does not translate to throwing codes out the window."

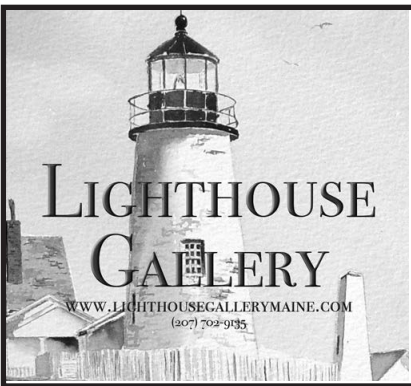
Chiavelli said, "Often, the intent is to place a storage shed on a small piece of property and live in it. I am almost always told that they do not have a septic system or plumbing. Many don't even want to put the cabin on a slab."

He said many owners of such places "want to do the bare minimum".

The Town Council allowed tiny homes - usually under 1,000 square feet - to be built or installed here, when an ordinance was draft-

ed by the previous code enforcement officer. That officer acted as a result of requests to locate tiny homes within Bucksport, and he did so after consulting how other communities had regulated them.

The homes are required to have septic systems when not connected to municipal systems, but some have failed to comply even when told to do so.



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# MMA State of Maine cruise a success

NORFOLK, VA – The Castine-based *T/S State of Maine* this week navigated through one of the busiest ports on the Eastern Seaboard.

During the transit, into port the ship passed an array of Navy and commercial ships moored in the Elizabeth River.

The pilotage and docking, both arriving and departing, were performed by Maine Maritime Academy alumni providing cadets with a glimpse of future career opportunities.

In addition to enjoying cellular service overnight, many personal letters and packages were received bringing large smiles to the students who had anxiously awaited their delivery.

Prior to its arrival in Virginia, the Maine vessel sailed to Boston, staying near the coast to avoid offshore gales. A day-long stop in Boston allowed for excellent navigational training and an opportunity to take on fresh stores. From there, the ship sailed south on a Caribbean transit that brought the crew through the Bahamas, west through the Old Bahama Channel, then north along the eastern seaboard.

At each step of the voyage, students performed key hands-on training opportunities, putting their hard-earned skills to the test on open water. Engineers tweaked equipment to adjust for ocean temperatures that ranged from the low forties in Maine to the mid-eighties in the Caribbean and back again.

While not on watch, in training, or preparing for Coast Guard exams, students enjoyed the Caribbean sunshine and marine life around the ship.

“Participation in our summer training cruise

marks the culmination of years of hard work and these young men and women are proving themselves as capable and dedicated mariners,” says John Cashman, commandant of midshipmen. “On this trip, they have had the opportunity to practice their skills, hone their instincts, and begin to really understand what it means to have a career at sea.”

On May 1, the ship passed near the final resting place of El Faro off Crooked Island in the Bahamas. Students, faculty, and crew gathered on the 03-reception deck to honor the lost crew including five MMA alumni who perished on Oct. 1, 2015.

As part of the ceremony, the vessel flew signal flags with the first letter of the last name of each of the MMA fallen. A Moment of silence was followed by a powerful musical performance of “*Crossing the Bar*” by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

A life ring was presented, one designed by two students to honor those who were lost. That memorial life ring will now proudly hang in the forward mess area of the training ship. The 37-day cruise now heads back up the Atlantic coast.

## Pentacost Sunday slated

BUCKSPORT – The Elm Street Congregational Church will mark Pentacost Sunday on May 23 with the welcoming of new members of the church.

Those interested in joining the church may do so by affirming their faith, transferring their membership to the local church or returning after a lapse in attendance. Those planning to do so may contact the minister at 951-7544.

## CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

### Floyd L. Phinney - 1932 – 2/16/2021

There will be a Memorial Service for Floyd Phinney This Friday, May 14 at 1 p.m., at the Calvary Baptist Church, 61 State Street, Brewer, ME.

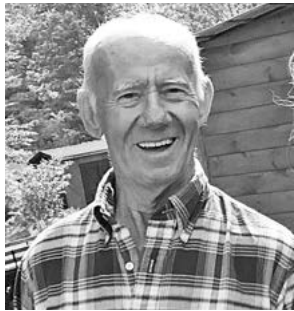
Ample parking behind the Church building. We are asked to wear masks to protect the family and guests. All are most welcome!



### Celebration of Life Judith Miller

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On May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> we will be moving our office to  
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# Northern Light (Color)

## PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

### Drug-related charges result in two going to jail

BUCKSPORT – The South Portland residents were arrested here about 1 a.m. on Saturday for drug-related charges and for violating the terms of their probation paroles in earlier cases.

Arrested were Ashley, 35, and John Williams, 40. The woman was charged with possessing a hypodermic apparatus, falsifying physical evidence, and the man faces a charge of possessing a scheduled drug.

Officer Ryan Welch made the stop on the River Road. The two were taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth.

### Served jail sentence

BUCKSPORT – Daniel P. Carter, 32, of 97 Central Street, Bucksport turned himself in at the Hancock County Jail here, and served a sentence for refusing to submit to arrest or detention, using physical force and driving while under the influence of alcohol. (OUI). He had a previous conviction for OUI.

He then was released.

### School incidents

BUCKSPORT – Police Officer Chris McCrillis was called to the Bucksport Middle School twice last week on separate incidents. As a result, police warn parents to be vigilant in monitoring their children’s social media activity on the internet as some threatening messages have been posted.

### Deer struck

BUCKSPORT – These accidents involved run-ins with deer:

- Shawn Emrick, 18, of Deer Isle struck a

deer while driving on the Millvale Road about about 11:15 p.m. on May 2.

### Summonses issued

BUCKSPORT - These court summonses were written here:

- Tyler Friel, 23, of Bucksport for an expired license shortly before 6 pm on May 7. He was stopped on the River Road..
- Amanda Huntley, 30, of Orland for an expired inspection sticker. About 6 pm on Friday (5/7). She was stopped on U.S. Route 1.
- Krystal Webber, 37,of Ellsworth was stopped on the River Road and cited for an alleged inspection sticker violation.

### Jeep catches fire

BUCKSPORT – Michael Lagasse, 48, of Holden was driving on the Bucks Mills Road about 9 p.m. Flames were showing as he pulled to a stop when his 2016-model Jeep caught fire

### Bicycle theft reported

BUCKSPORT – A woman living in the town site reported a buicycle was taken from her garage. The thefts was reported on the evening of May 3.

### Monthly statistics

BUCKSPORT – The public safety director reported 436 police calls for service last month, an average of 14 a day.

The calls included five major offenses – three assaults and two thefts.

Two earlier cases were cleared.

The fire department issued 70 open burning permits, all of them on-line.



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