



Solar policy review

Code officer asks council for advice

BUCKSPORT – The code enforcement officer last week appealed to the Town Council for advice as he prepares to draft a new policy regulating future solar installations here.

However, Luke Chiavelli's suggestion that a new solar proposal might be an exercise in futility was because a majority of the councilors already are opposed to encouraging solar installations.

Chiavelli was referring to recent votes that nixed a proposed solar farm off the River Road, votes that showed that four of the seven councilors had major reservations, at least to the proposal they were asked to review.

Last Thursday, the councilors told Chiavelli to proceed with drafting a new solar ordinance, saying they will review the proposal once they have it in hand.

During last Thursday's review Chiavelli challenged the councilors, especially those who opposed the River Road project which had the endorsement of the Planning Board.

Those councilors - Mayor Peter Stewart, Kathy Downes, James Morrison and Daniel Ormsby – were unfazed by Chiavelli's comments.

Town Manager Susan Lessard also asked the council, "Do you want solar farms in some zones or in no zones at all?" Her question went unanswered.

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Out on limbs!

Three eagles have landed, taking a break from all that flying about. Bucksport photographer Rick McHale took the shot when the birds weren't looking. Ya, right!

Revising rules for walkway?

Who should do what where

BUCKSPORT – The Town Council has taken on the bramble bush of issues surrounding an update of the regulations governing who can use the riverfront walkway for anything other than walking.

Acting at the request of Town Clerk Jacob Gran, the councilors last Thursday (7/22) agreed to consider replacing the current single-page of somewhat vague guidance town officials use in granting access to the walkway for other public functions.

As previously raised by Luke Chiavelli, the town's code enforcement officer, the goal is to have a clear and consistent list of guidelines for anyone filing an application to use any part of the mile-long pathway.

Town officials emphasized the revisions will not be aimed at any one group. Instead, they want to offer clear guidance so all groups, public or private, not-for-profit or for-profit, are treated alike in the future.

Currently, the town offers licenses for entertainment and festivals. However, other uses have

been allowed from time-to-time on a case-by-case basis. These have included religious services and a private by-advance-ticket-only catered dinner.

Recently there has been an increase in inquiries from both not-for-profit and for-profit groups to use portions of the path. Most recently a private business inquired about staging a job fair on the waterfront.

And last Thursday (7/22) the councilors conditionally agreed to allow a for-profit business to hold a Fourth of July celebration and festival next year. The approval was subject to a favorable ruling from the deputy police chief.

At mid-week, the Police Department hadn't received the detailed explanation of the proposed use of public property from the Bucksport Bay Business Coalition, LLC, firm, owned by Teri Doty.

The proposed policy would replace one approved about 20 years ago, and it is so vague town office officials say they often can't give guidance to those considering doing something on the walkway.

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IN THE WORKS: Tidbits gleaned from this week's news

EVERYONE IN THE POOL! – Matt McInnis of the YMCA reported the Tim Emery Memorial swimming pool has averaged 91 swimmers a day since it was opened last month. Sixty one children participated in the first session of the swimming classes, and 53 registered for the second. There are 97 summer campers, which compares with 54 last year.

The ice cream and popsicles now available at the concession stand also have been a hit, he said.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – To help encourage residents to share their talents and skills with others there will be a "Volunteer Fair" where groups can explain

how volunteers can help them with their services.

The "Volunteer Fair" will be held in either September or early October. Watch for details.

MORE AID – The Town of Bucksport has filed a claim for an additional \$20,900 in reimbursement of expenses under a program to aid communities with their Covid-related expenditures.

ON THE ROAD – Town Manager Susan M. Lessard was in Salt Lake City for two days this week, serving on a panel to explain how Bucksport coped during the pandemic. Her expenses were covered by the

sponsoring organization.

MOTEL – While nothing has happened at the Spring Fountain Inn that was ordered closed by the Town Council, reports continue about various would-be uses of the key U.S. Route 1 property. The owner insists he's still in charge and won't sell unless the offer is enough to persuade him, and others are floating reports of possible offers.

Those offers range from someone who wants to reopen the place as a motel to a company that leases such properties to those who run them as shelters for the homeless or those receiving government housing assis-

tance. Meanwhile, the 40-plus units stand vacant.

REMOTE GOVERNING – While Bucksport long has required public officials be physically present at meetings, the Town Council will consider a policy presented by the town manager allowing participating and voting from a distance if the member has a reasonable need to do that. The member also will be considered present, even if at a distance, when it comes to gaining a quorum or voting.

While the council, with state approval, waived the in-person requirement during the pandemic, they have recently returned to in-person meetings.

Town's \$500,000 'problem'

Check in mail?

BUCKSPORT — As previously reported Bucksport is getting just under \$491,000 as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act distribution.

And while the money is expected either late next month or very early in September, town officials haven't got a plan on how to use extra cash.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard reported there are extensive policies on how to account for the money, there are many options available on how to use the money.

While ostensibly intended for Covid-related expenses, the range of options is quite wide, from projects that aid the "underserved" to underwriting some of the costs of extending broadband internet services.

Lessard said she did not have any specific recommendations for the project, but may have thoughts to share by late next month.

To start the planning process, a meeting of the Town Council's Finance and Administration Committee to discuss the options was held at the Town Offices on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m.

Drugs seized as driver flees, leaving 'clue'

BUCKSPORT — The moral of this tale is don't leave your driver's license behind if you plan to flee the police.

A 26-year-old Massachusetts man attracted the attention of Officer Gerald Lowe early last Saturday afternoon, and Lowe pulled him over on the River Road.

Lowe asked for and got the man's license, and then asked him what he'd just thrown from the window while being stopped.

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Orland—One floor living! This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Ranch style home is set on a 1.85ac lot with all day sunshine! Amenities include a primary bedroom with attached half bath, a two car garage with workbench and a deck and nearby hot tub for entertaining and relaxation. Recent improvements include a new metal roof on the house as well as garage as well as paint, through much of the home. Great setup for those wanting chickens or other fowl. Nice setting off the road only minutes to Castine or Bucksport. Lots of established flower beds and fruit trees on the property. Season view of the river as well!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$189,900**

Pending



Bucksport—Looking for privacy with great western views? This 43.2 acre parcel is set on the southwesterly side of Orcutt Mountain with good potential for solar options. Only a few residents reside on the road affording excellent privacy. Power is on the road. Mixed land of overgrown pasture, some blueberries as well as wooded sections. Just minutes to the village of Bucksport.

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$79,000**

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Penobscot—Looking for a home that is easy to maintain and located midway between Blue Hill and Bucksport? This 2 Bedroom 1.5 bath Contemporary is set on a 1.3 acre lot with room for a garden or an area for the kids to play. Recent improvements include a metal roof, a heat pump for all seasons and hardwood flooring in the main living area. Enjoy the screen porch with westerly sun and seasonal views. Need more space? The home was built with a 3 bedroom septic allowing for future expansion. Won't last long!

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Orland— Looking for a place to lay your hat that affords some privacy and a picturesque view? This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Contemporary is set on a private 7+ac lot with lovely views of the spring fed pond. Amenities include a master suite with access to the pool/patio, cathedral ceilings in the living room and a 4 season porch with an attached deck. Improvements include a whole house generator for the unexpected, a new awning for those hot summer days and updated bath as well as paint through much of the home. Enjoy summer months by the pool!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$439,000**

Enterprises for the ages!

BUCKSPORT – Digital versions of past issues of *The Bucksport Enterprise* will be searchable and accessible online through a partnership between the newspaper and the Maine State Library.

The first phase will involve uploading over 200 recent issues to the DigitalMaine Repository where the content can be viewed in digital form.

The library will work with the production files used by the newspaper for printing and ensure the content is text searchable before uploading each issue online. Free access eventually will be available to the public.

The newspaper will add to the library's existing online collection of digitized Maine periodicals. Since 2016, the Maine State Library has worked with the National Endowment for the Humanities National Digital Newspaper Program to make

hundreds of thousands of pages of Maine papers available online.

More recently the scope of work has expanded to preserving and providing access to more recently published materials to ensure that future generations always have access to the content.

"Local newspapers are a treasure for people interested in the history of their community or researching their family's past," said Adam Fisher, director of collections development and digital initiatives at the Maine State Library. "These titles, however, tend to be at higher risk of loss over time because they don't have the same distribution volumes of daily newspapers and aren't usually preserved in microfilm format. If we aren't intentional about it, its possible that the content might not be available decades from now."

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AT THE WILSON ! –
The prestigious **Wilson Museum** is marking its 100th anniversary this summer with a new executive director – **Julia C. Gray** of Orland.

Gray, who also serves as the deputy fire chief in her hometown, will begin work in Castine effective September 11.

She now will oversee the operation of staffing, programs, activities, resources and buildings.

There were more than 50 applicants for the post.

Gray is the founder and principal of Riverside Museum Solutions, LLC. Since 2018 the company has collaborated with those responsible for museum collections.

She formerly was the interim director of, the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor, and prior to that, a collections and

research assistant there.

Gray also has been Curatorial assistant at the MacMillan Arctic Museum.. She's a trained archaeologist, and holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Bowdoin College and an master's in anthropology from the University of Arkansas.

IN THE RUNNING –
Bucksport is a finalist in a radio competition matching the enthusiasm of residents for their communities. In the **"Drive Show Maine"** event sponsored by 92.9 Radio. Bucksport is in competition with Belfast. Votes of support are being taken through noon on Friday (7/30).

THE BUCK IS BACK! –
The **Buck Memorial Library** has reopened. The trustees are welcoming everyone to come in and get a new library card.

The new cards work with the automated record-keeping for each volume.

The library's collection has books being culled to open up space for new materials and new areas, especially designed for "twens", and young children.

One trustee reported to the Town Council last week that the library still has about 10,000 books. It also has new decor, new furnishings and new equipment. Much of the work was done by the trustees of the library and other volunteers.

FELLOWSHIP – Laurie Carter, a member of Bucksport High School Class of 2022, has been awarded the first Maine Street Bucksport fellowship.

Carter is developing social media marketing strategies and tools for events and merchants in the downtown area.

She is saving the cash she is earning for college expenses.

Downeast Partners

– Archiving the Enterprise

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The State Library would like to eventually digitize earlier copies of *The Bucksport Enterprise* that are currently stored at the Buck Memorial Library and create master-quality microfilm of the entire collection for preservation purposes.

The value to having old issues posted is not just the searchability and access - it also means advertisers continue to have exposure well after all the print copies are sold.

Print newspapers provide a unique challenge to libraries, Fisher noted. "Newspapers printed in the period after the Civil War are almost always comprised of paper manufactured with wood pulp. While this process lowered the cost of paper, it also meant that the paper was less stable in long term storage. Today, there are many collections of his-

torical newspapers around Maine that need immediate attention to ensure that the content in those pages is not entirely lost as the paper substrate inevitably becomes more brittle over time."

Although microfilm is not necessarily the best format for providing access to a collection, Fisher said that it is still the preservation standard for long-term storage of important newspaper collections.

"We can't expect that digital files will stand-up to decades or centuries of use or storage, so microfilm serves as our back-up plan.

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Public ought to know

To some it seems an easy decision: just set some rules on who can use the waterfront and enforce them. Not so fast. The range of possible uses has been expanding of late, and runs the gamut from the benign to the controversial, from support of the finest of noble causes to allowing businesses to sell their wares and services and, in some cases, compete with established tax-paying shops and restaurants. And the uses also range from religious to the political, with all sorts of social issue advocates. Any rules must not intrude on Constitutionally-protected rights to free speech and assembly.

No, it will not be an easy and simple decision for the Town Council, or those drafting proposed regulations aimed at treating everyone fairly, and consistently.

Still, the people expected to enforce the process of evaluating any applications for use of town-owned spaces deserve to have clear guidance, a document they can share with potential applicants. The councilors have some Solomon-like decisions to make as the waterfront and the path that along it attract more users. The time spent on setting any new rules is well-spent.

The current vague document on using the waterfront only clearly specifies public entertainment and festivals.

The town is about to sponsor a multi-million dollar upgrade of the Town Dock and related shoreline area. It also is preparing to spend thousands more on catching up on some deferred maintenance concerns that have occurred over the past 20 years, when Bucksport first rediscovered it had a waterfront jewel buried under runaway brush, debris and anything else that could be discarded there.


Last week the councilors granted conditional approval to a for-profit business that plans to use the space for a public festival but will profit from the revenues collected from participating vendors. While we certainly support the idea of a Fourth of July celebration, complete with privately financed fireworks, a parade and re-energizing influences of the long-running Bay Festival, more public discussion is needed, not the brief one held last week when the topic was added to the agenda at the last moment.

The council’s endorsement was conditional on the Police Department being satisfied with the arrangements, and that process won’t begin until a detailed application is filed with the department.

The event may be just fine, but let’s hear the details of who is paying who for what, especially when police and fire protection is required and a beer garden is among the promised attractions.

Will the town be asked to provide space, closing of Main Street and the public way to the Town Dock, and protective services to a private business at no cost?

If so, the council’s decisions on use of public assets for private gain just got even harder.



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Letter . . . to the editor

Avoidable debacle

To the Editor

I’m quite confused by your editorial about the *Nao Santa Maria* controversy.

I understood from press reports and the website of the Penobscot Maritime Heritage Association that they were responsible for the 4-Port Loop Tour. They made all the decisions - to bring the *Nao Santa Maria* to Maine, to cancel its visit, to cancel the visits of all the ships, and then to un-cancel the tour - yet your editorial doesn’t mention them at all. Why is that?

You wrote that the tour included “...events based on the region’s long maritime history.” Was the *Santa Maria* built in Searsport? I don’t think it was. It never sailed in Maine waters. To bring it here with no connection with Maine’s long maritime history made no sense at all. Much more appropriate would have been a replica of one of the ships carrying Samuel Champlain down the Maine coast in 1604.

Without the protests and the controversy, a

teachable moment would have been lost.

The people who took the tour may have experienced a few of the limitations of 15th century Spanish naval technology in a Disney sort of way. But the protests taught the visitors real lessons about American history beginning with the statement by the Penobscot Nation explaining why inclusion of this ship in this celebration made no sense and was offensive to anyone who understood the *Santa Maria’s* history.

“The public relations debacle could have been easily avoided.” Yes, it could have been had Maine’s Bicentennial Commission included any representative from Maine’s four remaining tribes or if the Penobscot Maritime Heritage Association had consulted with any of the tribes before inviting the *Nao Santa Maria* here.

Perhaps they didn’t because they intended the *Nao Santa Maria* to be a protest of Maine’s substituting Indigenous People’s Day for the Columbus Day Holiday.

Jonathan Albrecht
Penobscot



Mist vs. fog Some recent mornings you could see the former mill from this vantage point; other mornings not so much. Indeed the bay has been encased in a true, all-embracing fog.

Long-lost Office of Rural Affairs

Aiding remote businesses

U.S. REP. JARED GOLDEN

Too often, government overpromises and underdelivers. It’s a dynamic we’re all too familiar with in rural America. Some agency official comes to town and announces a new program, and that’s the last we ever see or hear about it, or Congress makes a new policy that is supposed to benefit the entire country, but in reality those resources are funneled to cities and suburbs.

Serving in the House of Representatives for the past two years, I’ve seen countless instances of Washington ignoring or discounting the needs of rural Americans, and failing to follow through on high-flying rhetoric about supporting rural communities. A perfect example is the Office of Rural Affairs in the Small Business Administration (SBA).

The SBA is the federal agency in charge of providing services and loans to help small businesses get off the ground, grow, and create good jobs. However, for much of its existence, the SBA’s resources have been concentrated on urban and suburban areas. When I visit small businesses in our district and mention SBA programs, most small business owners tell me they’d never heard of them. That’s unfortunate, because the SBA has good consulting services and low-interest loans that could really make a difference for our small businesses.

became fully defunct. Thanks to neglect and a lack of interest from Congress, the office hasn’t really existed for over two decades.

So in May 2019, a group of my fellow legislators and I came across the issue and decided something needed to be done. We pushed the agency to provide staff to the office and drafted legislation to examine the situation. The Trump Administration agreed with us and later that year, the office was once again given a director and a small staff. After decades of neglect and inactivity, this important office was off the ground—for the time being.

In January 2020, I welcomed the new director of the Office of Rural Affairs, Michelle Christian, to our district and gave her a tour of Lewiston, Rumford, and Madison. We met with small business owners and employees, mayors, and local economic development leaders. Christian was eager to learn and wanted her office to be a helpful partner. Despite our different party labels, we had a shared mission of improving the SBA’s services for rural small businesses. It was a great day and you could feel the promise of an office like this throughout rural communities.

Despite this momentum, the administration reversed course. Director Christian was reassigned to another department later that year and since her departure, the office has been staffed by a skeleton crew.

This was a setback, but I’m going to keep at it. I’m in the process of negotiating a bill to resurrect the Office of Rural Affairs, create a task force that brings together federal agencies’ efforts for rural small businesses, and ensure the office has the money and outreach firepower to make a difference. I’ve used the Small Business subcommittee I chair to hold a hearing on this issue, and will be introducing my legislation to address it soon.

Ensuring the SBA focuses on small businesses in rural America is important. Setting the Office of Rural Affairs up for success won’t singlehandedly reverse the trend of Washington ignoring the needs of rural America — far from it — but it’s a good place to start.

To help bring more SBA services into rural areas, Congress passed a law in 1990 — the Rural Small Business Enhancement Act — that among other things directed the Small Business Administration to open an Office of Rural Affairs. The law laid out a few goals for the new office, including working to direct more SBA loans to rural small businesses and actively marketing SBA loans and services to rural communities to spread the word. This was a worthy, necessary mission.

Despite being required by law, the Office of Rural Affairs lost its dedicated staff within five years of its creation and after another ten years it

Gov. Mills recommends facial coverings in York & Piscataquis

AUGUSTA – The Mills Administration announced yesterday (7/28) that Maine will follow the U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommendation that the public again wear face coverings.

Specifically Mills and her public health leaders said:

- All people, regardless of vaccination status, should wear face coverings in indoor, public settings in areas with “substantial” or “high” levels of community transmission.
- All teachers, staff and students in K-12 schools wear face coverings, regardless of vaccination status or community transmission level.

According to the U.S. CDC, York and Piscataquis counties have “substantial” levels of community transmission at this time. That means that individuals should wear face coverings in indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status.

Maine’s other 14 counties currently have “moderate” levels of community transmission according to the U.S. CDC. As a result, they are thus not subject to the first recommendation.

The U.S. CDC determines level of community transmission based on the number of cases in the past seven days per 100,000 people and the percentage of tests in the past seven days that have a positive result.

Consistent with Maine’s recent approach to COVID-19-related policy and the expiration of the State of Civil Emergency, these changes are recommendations, not requirements.

Gov. Janet Mills and Maine health officials continue to strongly urge Maine people to get vaccinated as the best way to protect themselves from COVID-19.

“As a result of their willingness to roll up their sleeves, 72 percent of eligible Maine people have been fully vaccinated – one of the best rates in the country. This has helped us keep our rates of COVID low compared to the rest of the nation, but the Delta variant remains a threat that we want to keep at bay as much as possible,” said Mills.

“The most effective way to do that is to get vaccinated. We continue to strongly urge all people to protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities by getting your shot. In the meantime, we recommend that Maine people follow the U.S. CDC’s updated public health recom-

mendations.”
“Vaccination is our best shot to slow the spread of COVID-19, including variants that continue to cause serious illness and death,” said



Jeanne Lambrew, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, and Nirav D. Shah, Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

“We continue to strongly urge all Maine people to get their shot to protect themselves and keep people safe. As the U.S. CDC has noted, vaccination is our best route out of this pandemic and this new guidance serves as a reminder that we must continue to take the threat of this virus seriously.”

“The pandemic continues to create dynamic challenges for school communities across the nation, and we are extremely proud of the leadership and professionalism exhibited by Maine’s administrators, school boards, and staff members as they work to keep their schools safe and open,” said Pender Makin, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education. “Maine’s Department of Education remains committed to providing support and guidance as we navigate this continually evolving situation.”

COVID-19 vaccine remains widely available across the state. To find a vaccination location, go to www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites or call the Community Vaccination Line at 1-888-445-4111.

Maine continues to demonstrate nation-leading progress in administering vaccinations and containing the spread of COVID-19. More than 63 percent of Maine’s total population is fully vaccinated and 68 percent has received at least one dose, according to the U.S. CDC vaccination tracker. 77 percent of eligible Maine people (12 years and older) have received at least one dose and nearly 72 percent of eligible Maine people are fully vaccinated.

Despite having the oldest median age population in the country, Maine, adjusted for population, ranks fourth lowest among states in both COVID-19 cases and deaths from COVID-19, according to the U.S. CDC.



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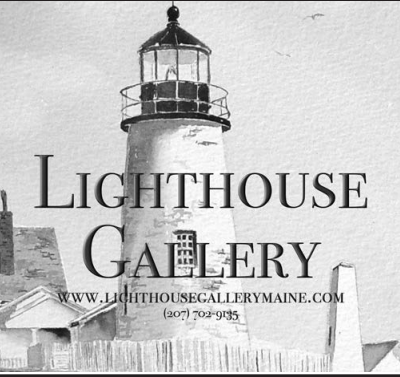
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– If you flee, don’t leave a ‘clue’

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That’s when the motorist stepped on the gas and spend off. Officer Lowe was in pursuit. He soon was joined by a state trooper who was patrolling in the area, and the two kept up the pursuit, first through downtown Bucksport and then back up Main Street to the River Road.

Because the speed of the pursuit was increasing, the two broke off the chase out of a concern for public safety.

The two returned to the spot where the item was thrown from the vehicle initially. There, they

found a plastic bag loaded with some very serious, potentially dangerous drugs. The drugs are now in the evidence room at the Public Safety Building.

Most important of all was the license the suspect put into Lowe’s hands. From it, the fleeing motorist has been identified, and can expect to be facing several major charges.

All in all, it was a good traffic stop. Some serious drugs now are off the street, nobody got hurt, and the suspect now has some major explaining to do in court.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

Arrests

BUCKSPORT - These arrests were recently made here:

- William Fongeallaz, 35, of Levant initially was charged with driving after a license suspension and violating the terms of his bail in an earlier case. However, he then also was found to be wanted on four court warrants and was arrested on those. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 9:30 a.m. on Friday (7/23) and later posted bail and was released from the Public Safety Building.

- Hershyl Warren, 53, of Bucksport was arrested for allegedly engaging in an assault. Police were called to a domestic dispute about 5 p.m. last Thursday (7/22).He later posted bail and was released from the Public Safety Building.

- Jessie Rideout, 37, of Bucksport was arrested on School Street about 10:30 p.m. on July 20, on a warrant. He was taken to the Hancock County Jail.

- Joshua D. Moore, 36, of Bucksport was arrested after being located by Officer Robert Findlay about 8 p.m. on July 20. Findlay was aware that Moore was wanted oin court warrants. Moore posted bail, and was released. as the result.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT - These court summonses were issued here:

- Sarah Peckenham, 30, of Orland was cited for reportedly failing to have proof of vehicle liability insurance.

- Travis Pearl, 22, of Searsmont was given a summons for allegedly driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. (7/24)

- Derek Connor, 34, of Bucksport was issued a ticket for reportedly driving on the River Road without a license. He was stopped about 7:30 p.m. on Friday (7/23).

- Daniel Clark, 59, of Hampden was cited for reportedly improperly using a cellphone while driving on U.S. Route 1 about 2 p.m. on Friday (7/23).

- Kacey Theobald, 20, of Sandy Point was given a ticket for a reportedly expired registration. She was stopped on Main Street about 9:15 on last Thursday (7/22).

- Chandra Rogers, 43, of Hermon was cited for an alleged vehicle inspection sticker violation after being stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 10 a.m. on July 21.

- Eliza Garfield, 58, of Massachusetts was given a ticket for allegedly improperly using a cellphone while driving. She was stopped about 9 a.m. on July 21.

- Laura Stentiford, 27, of Swanville was issued a citation for allegedly improperly using a cellphone while driving. She was stopped on U.S. Route about 8:45 a.m. on July 21.

- Andrew Dicesare, 33, of Orrington was given a criminal summons for attaching false

license plates to a vehicle. He was stopped on U.S. Route1 shortly before 10:30 a.m. on July 18.

Orland roll-over reported

ORLAND – Two vehicles collided near Upper Falls Road and Acadia Highway (U.S. Route 1) about 11:15 a.m. on Saturday.

The drivers were listed as Sarah Kenyon (41) of Massachusetts and Chelsi Albert (24) of Bucksport. Albert said she was driving across the intersection from Upper Falls to School House Road. She said she did not see Kenyon's vehicle approaching the intersection. The two SUVs collided, and the collision resulted in Kenyon’s vehicle turning over onto its roof. The vehicle later was towed from the scene.

No one was injured, according to the deputy sheriff who investigated the accident.

Accidents

BUCKSPORT – These accidents were reported:

- Faufino Casimiro, 63, of Massachusetts struck and killed a deer while driving on Mast Hill Road just before 7 p.m. Saturday. There was an estimated \$1,000 in damage done to his vehicle.

- An accident on U.S. Route 1 turned out to be in Orland. The accident, reported about 4 p.m. on Friday (7/23), was investigated by the Hancock County Sheriff’s Office.

- A vehicle being driven by Gary Haslan, 56, was struck near the bridge on U.S. Route 1 about 6:15 p.m. last Thursday (7/22), but after agreeing to exchange information to move the two vehicles from the intersection, the second motorist fled the area instead.

- A vehicle being operated by Leachana Lynch, 37, if Prospect struck a gas pump at the Irving convenience station on U.S.. Route 1 about 12:30 p.m. on July 20. She apparently was pulling up to the pump at the time, police said.

Fraud attempted

BUCKSPORT – A resident reported that someone apparently had stolen their identity to apply for unemployment benefits. No money was lost.

Deer hit in Penobscot

PENOBSCOT – Mary Trichka, 24, of Washington, DC hit and killed a deer while driving south on the Castine Road here about 8:15 p.m. on Monday.

The driver and her two passengers were not injured, a sheriff’s deputy reported.
.The SUV had to be towed.



– Solar regulations

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Chiavelli said several times he’d like more guidance, on the direction he should take with the solar regulations proposal. And at one point he acknowledged that “candidly” he didn’t fully understand the council’s 3-3 votes on the River Road project. Did they really expect some developer would want to build housing on that site, he asked.

While the town manager sought to intervene, Mayor Peter Stewart said, “I thought I was pretty clear on what I said” at the sessions on the solar project.

Chiavelli suggested Councilor Kathy Downes, got, “hung up on a bunch of environmental concerns.” Downes responded, “I just want more facts. I want to know what will happen when the

solar farm no longer is useful.

The developers of the farm have leased the property from an American Iron & Steel (AIM) affiliate that tore down the paper mill. They have a 20-year lease with two five-year options after that.

“I’m just saying I want some answers,” Downes said.

The mayor concluded the discussion, telling Chiavelli he should, “continue the process, and then we will see where it goes.”

In other business, the council formally - and finally - set the tax and sewer rates, holding the rates about even with where they have been.

WHAT’S HAPPENING WHERE AND WHEN

In the libraries

BUCK MEMORIAL – The Buck Memorial Library will be offering “Story Hour” twice each week. Caregivers and kids are welcome to attend, either on Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. or on Thursday, beginning today, at 4 p.m. Bring your stuffed bear if you have one. Come and listen to stories and borrow books to take home.

BLUE HILL MEMORIAL – Here’s a listing of the August events:

- Art Show – “Seeing the Light”, a group art show and library fund-raiser, Aug. 2-31. Reception Fri. Aug. 6, from 5 - to 7. Info: 374-5515, www.bhpl.net.
- Teen book talk – The Ones We’re Meant to Find, teen services librarian discusses a young adult book, Monday, Aug. 2 at 4 pm. [Link @ www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net).
- Author talk: *Downeast with Gigi* Georges, Maine author will discuss her new book, Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m, for more info visit www.bhpl.net or call 374-5515.
- The Mariner’s Art: at library on artwork created by mariners, Thu. Aug. 5 at 3 p.m, www.bhpl.net or 374-5515.
- *Rising to the Challenge: Whales, Wind and Waves*, a presentation from the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries and Wildlife, Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 pm, at library & on zoom, [Register for Zoom link www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) or 374-5515.
- Let’s paint! An outdoor creative painting project for kids and their families on the library lawn, Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 am, www.bhpl.net or call 374-5515.
- Books and Brews Book Club, meeting at Strong Brewing Co. to discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m.. Copies of the book available at the library.

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

- MUSIC, MUSIC & MORE MUSIC – The library is hosting DaPonte String Quartet on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. The free concert will be on the main floor. Masks are required. Registration is

recommended on the library’s website, www.ellsworthlibrary.net/calendar, or by calling 667-6363).

Maine’s 200th. Music of Early Maine” is the DaPonte String Quartet’s tribute to Maine’s Bicentennial. The quartet, Ferdinand “Dino” Liva, Lydia Forbes, Kirsten Monke, and Myles Jordan, will be joined by guest artist Eric LaPerna on percussion for a program that highlights significant events along Maine’s pre-statehood timeline from the 16th to the early 19th centuries.

- ON THE LAWN will be a series of musical performances, and everyone is invited to bring a blanket or a chair. On Aug. 11, the series will kick off with music from Rick Barter, Beth Herrick, and Jim Vekasi of Kelley Farm. On Aug. 18, singer-songwriter Gordon Thomas Ward will perform. And on Aug. 25, the series concludes with Bonsk + Waao (Ian Brenner-Simpson and Atticus Deeny) www.ellsworthlibrary.net/calendar or call 667-6363.

- CONCERT – The Ellsworth Public Library will host the DaPonte String Quartet next Thursday (8/5) at 7 p.m. The free concert will take place after hours on the library’s main floor. Masks are required. Registration is recommended to reserve a seat, and can be done on the library’s website (www.ellsworthlibrary.net/calendar) or by calling 667-6363.
- MUSIC OF THE SEA – The Castine Historical Society will host a free evening celebrating Maine’s rich tradition of seafaring songs and shanties with the musical group Castlebay. The outdoor event will take place on the Castine Town Common at Court and School streets on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. (The rain date is Tuesday, Aug. 10.) People are encouraged to bring a picnic.

Castlebay consists of singers Julia Lane, who also plays the Celtic harp, and Fred Gosbee, who plays the 12-string guitar, violin, and woodwinds. The two have spent years researching the rich archive of



CASTLEBAY, a duet that brings the music of seafaring times back to life, will perform in Castine.

Maine maritime music they will perform.

- BACH LOVERS – As part of its summer festival Aug. 17 to 21, Blue Hill Bach will present a series of free educational events. On Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Blue Hill Congregational Church, violinist Jude Ziliak will lead a master class in Baroque technique for string players.

“Bach’s Lunch”, a lecture-and demonstration about the music in this year’s Blue Hill Bach Festival, will be presented by conductor John Finney and members of the ensemble. The free event will be on Thursday, Aug. 19. A lunch can be purchased to enjoy along with the music.

On Friday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. in the Blue Hill Public Library, historical musicologist Natasha Roule will present “The Anna Magdalena Effect: Musical Women in Bach’s World.” For more information go to bluehillbach.org or call 613-5454.

MEETINGS

- REPUBLICANS – The Hancock County Republicans have invited many of their candidates to their next meeting on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the group’s headquarters at 225 High Street in the Maine Coast Mall in Ellsworth.

The public is invited to meet the candidates for Congress, the governorship and the State House of Representatives.

- TOUR WILSON HALL – The Bucksport Historical Society will meet on Monday at 2 at 1 p.m. in Wilson Hall, the historic structure off Franklin Street that continues to undergo major renovations. The public is welcome.

GOOD SPORTS

- PLAYING ONE FOR THE TEAM! There will be a Bucksport High School alumni soccer game and soccer field lighting ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Where? The high school soccer field, of course.

The public event is a testament to all of the soccer programs, past and present, and to the school’s outstanding player Jill Richards Landers. A scholarship program is being developed in her name for a graduating senior.

There will be both girls’ and boys’ match-ups, and the newly installed lights will be illuminated for the first time.

The proceeds will benefit the Jill Richards Landers Memorial Scholarship be awarded to a member of the Class of 2022, at Class Night 2022

HUMOR

- The Bucksport Senior Center is sponsoring a live performance by Maine humorist Tim Sample at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21. Tickets for the family-friendly show are \$10, and are available at BookStacks, the Town Offices and at the door.

– Calendar items welcome from not-for-profit groups –

– Down on the waterfront – Weekly closings of Main Street nixed by police

BUCKSPORT – The woman proposing a 2022 Fourth of July Celebration and Festival, including fireworks and a street parade, initially wanted to close Main Street for two-and-a-half hours every other Monday in the summer.

Her company, Bucksport Bay Business Coalition LLC, planned to sell space for vendors of arts, crafts and food. She thought that would boost sales at downtown shops.

However, citing police, fire, neighborhood and downtown traffic concerns and other implications, the Police Department said a firm no. They also informed the coalition’s owner that she would be responsible for the costs involved in protecting a crowd estimated to be two or three times the number of people now drawn to the farmers’ markets next to the post office.

She had asked for a closing of Main Street between Mechanic Street and Central Street, requiring traffic to be re-routed via Franklin Street while the the “Vendors’ Bender” was in progress.

Now, Teri Doty, who owns the coalition and operates it as a for-profit business, wants to relocate the “Vendors’ Bender” to the area around the Town Dock and the entry to it between the historical museum and Warren’s Restaurant.

Asked by a town councilor why she selected that spot, Doty replied that Deputy Police Chief David Winchester had suggested that site.

Bringing up an item motion on their agenda, the councilors gave a tentative yes, but said their approval was conditional on the recommendation of the top police officials.

This week, Deputy Chief Winchester said he has asked Doty for detailed plans. Once submitted, the plans will be reviewed by Sean Geagan, the public safety director, and Winchester. They, in

turn, will make a recommendation to the council.

Doty, the last executive director of the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce before it was forced to shut down for financial reasons, has patterned her company on a for-chamber of commerce-style model. She sells membership in the coalition in return for marketing and advertising services.

The latest application, submitted to the town clerk last week, outlines a festival similar to that once staged by the local chamber, but on the Fourth of July.

In her applications field with the town clerk last week, Doty said there will live music throughout the day and a beer garden.

For the twice-a-month markets, Doty is asking the town to close the parking lot and entrance to the Town Dock. She said she also may need some temporary electrical hook-ups. No mention is made of public safety protection, and presumably the event would rely on the town’s nearby restrooms.

As for the Fourth of July event she is planning, Doty requested temporary power, a closure of Main Street for the parade, a closing of the entrance to the Town Dock, public safety assistance, and possibly the use of the Veterans’ Memorial parking lot. There is no mention of who will be paying for any of the public services.

The Fourth of July event required checking seven of the eight boxes on the town’s application, the ones that specify fireworks, temporary electrical hook-ups, alcoholic beverages, a modified music parade, temporary closing of public ways, and a request for public safety assistance from the town. There will not be, “any type of racing.”

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Bucksport Senior Center

TIM SAMPLE

BUCKSPORT – The Bucksport Senior Center is sponsoring a night with Maine humorist Tim Sample at the Bucksport Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 7p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale at the Town Office, BookStacks and the senior center, and at the door. Sample’s live comedy is family friendly and those of all ages are welcome.
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• Wednesday, August 11 –Chicken alfredo, dinner roll, broccoli and lemon cake.
• Friday, August 13 – Best-ever meatloaf, mashed potato, carrots and ice cream.
• Monday, August 16 – Chicken pot pie, stuffing, cranberry sauce and fruit.
• Wednesday, August 18 – Pot roast, mashed potato, green beans and cake.
• Friday, August 20 – Spaghetti

with meat sauce, garlic bread, a salad and lemon squares.
• Monday, August 23 – Chicken tenders, mashed potato, peas and a cookie.
• Wednesday, August 25 – Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potato, carrots and a crisp.
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The animal control officer was notified after a woman called the police Friday (7/23) morning, reporting chickens in her breezeway,” according to the police log.
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