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# The Bucksport

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## Baby's injuries launch police intervention

BUCKSPORT - A tiny baby girl was taken by ambulance from a home on Broadway late Monday afternoon after the child was found with what initially appeared to be very clear injuries.

The injuries since have proven to be, "non-life threatening," according to a police spokesman yesterday (12/1).

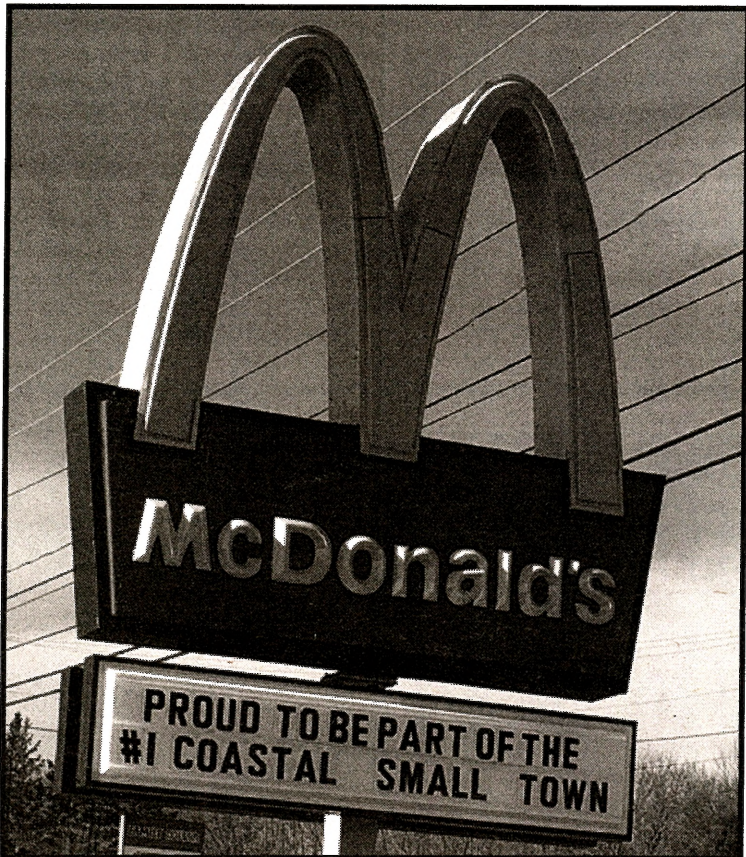
The mother, who lives near the home where the baby was found, initially was placed in "protective custody" at the scene where the baby was found.

The police spokesman could not say whether the baby remains hospitalized.

The incident, which still is under investigation, has been referred to the Hancock County district attorney's office.

Acting on a tip, four police officers, including the director of public safety, went to a house near the child's home about 4 p.m. Monday. They immediately summoned an ambulance.

The police remain tight-lipped about the circumstances surrounding the baby's condition. The spokesman also declined to say where the mother of the child is now, other than to say the police know where she is now.



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## Spreading the word

BUCKSPORT was selected as the best East Coast small town in a USA Today on-line readers' survey. Let the bragging continue!

## Bogus buck . . . stops here!

BUCKSPORT - Several town agencies located outside the Town Offices occasionally deal in cash. One of them recently unknowingly accepted a bogus bill that, at first blush, sure seemed to be a genuine \$1 bill. The paper and the feel seemed right . . . but, wait, there in small letters stating it was piece of "movie money" produced by a play money printer. Usually counterfeit cash is sent to the Secret Service, but this one was given to local police.

## Town stymied on key issues

BUCKSPORT - As 2021 winds down, Bucksport officials have a number of crucial projects in the works, but no clear course to move them forward.

WHOLE OCEANS - Officials continue to be locked in a we-can-only-wait-and see attitude when it comes to whether or not the long-proposed Atlantic salmon raising operation ever gets built off the River Road. While a lawyer for Whole Oceans, LLC, told the town manager in late October the project is still on, the multi-million dollar effort has yet to be started more than two years after all the permits were issued.

The latest team of executives at the company have ignored the local Town Council's plea for a sit-down status report. (See article on this page.)

TOWN DOCK - A massive \$3.2 million overhaul of the Town Dock and the waterfront area that abuts it is all but complete - at least on the Portland engineers' computer screens. An application aimed at fetching the cash to do the work won't be filed until next month.

27 MAIN STREET - The empty lot on Main Street, acquired and cleared by the town for roughly \$300,000, remains as it has been for at least three years. Town officials are awaiting a For Maine Group feasibility study on the options for developing the wide-but-not-very-deep property.

The site has been on the market for roughly \$100,000, but the only qualified bidder - an investor-backed not-for-profit agency that wanted the lot for apartments - was rebuffed after public opposition developed.

MORE WALLS - The good news was that the long-awaited repair of some downtown retaining walls has been completed, on time and on schedule. The bad news is there are nine more failing walls, four on U.S. Route 1 and five on Central Street. The town will seek more state cash next month to replace or repair walls.

However, no firm plan has emerged for a permanent replacement of the major outfield wall at the varsity baseball field. A temporary fix was made, but the final solution is expected to be very costly.

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## Whole Oceans: Will firm ever net salmon?

BUCKSPORT - The Bangor Daily News and the Portland Press-Herald now are asking what Bucksport-area residents have been asking for several years: Where is Whole Oceans and their dreams of building a huge Atlantic salmon-rearing operation here.

The sprawling 100 acre site at the former paper mill on River Road - lies silent and fallow months after the proposed multi-million business was to be up and operating.

Indeed, the promoters initially said they already had pre-sold their first five years of production even before they made the announcement they would be coming here to pioneer a new breed of

aquaculture.

Unlike the aquaculture proposals that have divided Belfast and now Gouldsboro, the Whole Oceans folks appeared to swim to an early success, easily gaining the enthusiastic approvals they needed both locally and from the state more than two years ago.

The company now appears mired in a variety of issues, ranging from higher-than-first-expected construction costs, a much-changed market for salmon to multiple management turnovers to, perhaps, some issues on the financing of the venture in the current uncertain and more-volatile money markets.

The company at first said it would

spend \$180 million initially, and much more as it expanded here.

In the intervening months, Whole Oceans dabbled with a major investment in a salmon-rearing operation in Canada. It also has talked about building a second similar plant to the one proposed here, but on the West Coast.

Now, however, even the firm's public relations agency has gone quiet, saying there's nothing new to report. Maybe there will be something to say during the first three months of 2022, the spokeswoman said.

Bucksport Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said the initial top executives have resigned, been let go or jumped

ship, as those on the investment side of the venture have tried to salvage the project. Those now in charge are new faces, and new to the proposed Bucksport venture.

The company is up-to-date on its real estate taxes, but the lights seldom are on in its small rented office on Main Street, next to the Town office.

The company's long-time outside public relations person yesterday (12/2) continued to say, "we will have updates to announce" in the first quarter of 2022. We will meet with town officials as we move forward."

PLEASE SEE WHOLE OCEANS, PAGE 5.

## In the works . . . Tidbits from week's news

MOTEL VISIT - The town's code enforcement officer, Luke Chiavelli, is scheduled to make at least a brief inspection of the long-closed Spring Fountain motel on U.S. Route 1 today (12/2). A small construction crew from New Jersey, hired by the owner, requested the visit.

The 32-unit motel was declared unfit for humans just about a year ago, and the litigation between the town and the owner is caught in the logjam of

delayed civil cases in an Ellsworth court.

### DIGGING INTO IT -

Bucksport's Cemetery Committee today (12/2) will take up the matter of what to do, if anything, to aid in the restoration of the Moulton Cemetery. The private graveyard, near the Holden line, was heavily damaged by one or more vandals recently, with a number of ancient stones top-

pled and broken.

Meanwhile, the insurance company providing coverage for Wilson Hall has declined to pay up for damage done when a huge tree on the property toppled into the adjacent Oak Hill Cemetery. The town manager said the adjustor put the accident in a category equivalent to "an act of God." Pursuing God is not an option.

FOR SALE/SOLD - The

now-empty Central Maine Cold Storage plant in the town's industrial park is for sale. The asking price is said to be \$1.5 million. The adjacent small Water World II crab-is sporting a "sale pending" sign.

Renovations are in the offing early next year for the retail building at Main and Elm streets. The Orrington owner now rents the building to the Huckleberries gift shop.

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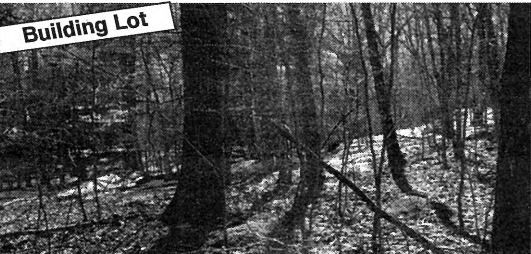
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pending</b></p>  <p><b>Orland -</b> Classic Cape with updates! This 3/4 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Cape Cod style home is set on a nearly 2ac lot, just minutes from Castine or Bucksport. Recent improvements include a new kitchen, furnace and roof! Additionally, the home is painted inside and out! Great kitchen for entertaining or family meals with new appliances in addition to new cabinets and butcher block countertops. Great yard for the kids and a deck for entertaining in the warmer months. Enjoy modern updates combined with the character of a colonial home. Come take a look!</p> <p><b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$169,900</b></span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Listing</b></p>  <p><b>Prospect -</b> Looking for a quiet place to build a house? This nearly 5 acre lot is located on a dead end road in Prospect, only minutes to downtown Bucksport and a short commute to Bangor or Belfast. This sloping lot has the potential for a walkout basement and potential seasonal water views. The parcel has frontage on Devereux Stream with some the potential to catch sea running brook trout! Come take a look!</p> <p><b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$49,900</b></span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Building Lot</b></p>  <p><b>Bucksport -</b> Build your new home nestled in the woods on this conveniently located building lot where a home once stood only a short distance from downtown Bucksport. This wooded 1.00 acre lot offers 168' of road frontage with a drilled well and septic on site. There is also a dug well for your gardening needs as well as a shed. This lot is less than 3 miles from either the Jacob Buck Pond Boat Landing, Williams Pond or Silver Lake. Commute to Belfast, Ellsworth or Bangor in only a 1/2 hour. Come take a look at this lot for your new home today!</p> <p><b>Listing Agent: Lorrinda Connolly</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$29,000</b></span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Building Lot</b></p>  <p><b>Bucksport -</b> 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!</p> <p><b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$35,700</b></span></p>

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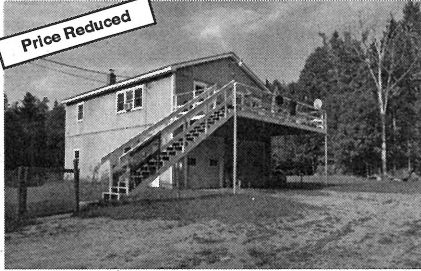


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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Listing</b></p>  <p><b>Bangor:</b> Great investment opportunity for owner occupy or investors! 2 Houses on this lot with total of 4 units. 4 units each with 2 bedrooms and bath. New natural gas furnaces, new roof. Each unit in great condition with 0 vacancy rates! Call to see today ...it won't last long. Month to month leases for each unit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$294,900</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Price Reduced</b></p>  <p><b>Stockton Springs:</b> Raised Ranch situated on 3.2 acre lot with deeded access to the Ocean. 2 plus car garage, wrap around porch for entertaining and watching the wildlife. Call to see today</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$240,000</b></p>
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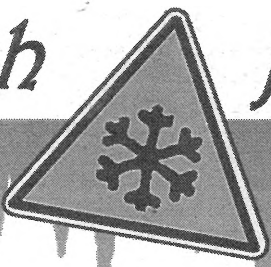
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## FRIENDS & FAMILY

**PILE OF PILLS!**— State law enforcement officials recently gathered up no-longer-needed or expired medications from those who wanted them disposed of properly. The take: more than 12 tons.

The Bucksport Police Department provided 146.6 pounds of it.

There is a locked container in the entry of the local police station on Franklin Street. Folks can dispose of medications they no longer need or want there 24 hours a day.

This form of disposal keeps the medications out of the environment and the reach of small children who might prowl someone's medicine cabinet.

**WARM'EM UP** — The **Bucksport United Methodist Church** again is collecting winter coats.

"Gently used" and new coats and snowpants can be dropped off at the church building at 3 River Road on

Saturday from 9 until noon.

Alternative drop off times can be arranged by calling the church at 469-3622 or emailing [Bucksportumc@aol.com](mailto:Bucksportumc@aol.com).

The coats will be distributed to local families in need all over the area.

**FLOAT FASHIONERS** — The Sixth Annual **Holiday Lights Parade** will roll through downtown on Saturday, Dec. 18, starting at 6pm.

The floats will be assembled in the former paper mill lot off River Road starting at 5. There'll be prizes for the top three entries.

To enter a float contact the Bucksport Town Office at 469-7368. The parade coordinator is **Chris Grindle** at 991-7500 or at [cgrindle@bucksportmaine.gov](mailto:cgrindle@bucksportmaine.gov).

**DON'T FORGET THE PAR-ENTS** — The **Bucksport United Methodist Church** will host

"Christmas is for Parents, too!" on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9 until noon and Sunday, Dec. 12, from noon until 2 p.m.

This will be an opportunity for struggling and low-income families to bring their children to the church to shop for "free" for a gift to give their household and their parents. Children will shop with "helper elves" as they choose a gift and wrap the gift so they can give as well as receive.

The church is collecting new household items and small mom and dad gifts. Anyone interested in donating items to help provide the gifts is asked to contact the church.

If you want to bring children to the event to select gifts please call the church at 469-3622 for a time reservation or e-mail the church at [Bucksportumc@aol.com](mailto:Bucksportumc@aol.com).

Items will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis as long as they are available.

**CATCH THE SPIRIT** — The **Bucksport Community Concerns** is accepting applications for the "Christmas is for Kids" program.

The not-for-profit, all-volunteer group again will be providing meals for Christmas.

Applications are available at the food pantry in the basement of the Elm Street Congregational Church next Wednesday.

Contact **Linda Hayward** at 217-3220 with any questions.

Anyone willing to purchase a gift for a child will find a tree with names at the **Seaboard Federal Credit Union** on River Road. Another way of supporting the program is to pick up information at the **Buck Memorial Library** and donate either a book or a pair of pajamas there.

**FREE SENIORS MOVIE** — The Alamo Theatre will be open to the first 60 seniors (due to COVID regulations) where a classic Christmas movie will be shown, Thursday, December 16, at 1 p.m.

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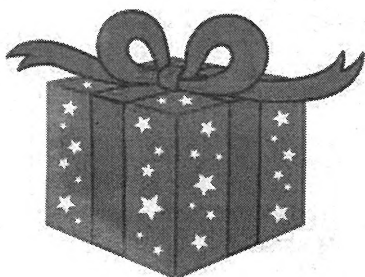
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# Dream on . . . ?

A herd of deer has taken over the site of the proposed Atlantic salmon farm off River Road, and it's thriving.

Within a few more years, the hundred acres or so will have returned to the original environment, the one that existed there before the paper mill, and before the leather tannery and the small steel mill there before that.

## EDITORIAL

Meanwhile, Bucksport's leading industrial site is providing about \$95,000 in local taxes each year, a pittance compared with what the property generated when the mill was bustling.

The people who promised a multi-million investment and the first phase of what was to be the largest on-shore Atlantic salmon breeding operation in the world now are gone. Their robust entrepreneurial enthusiasm apparently succumbed to the realities of large-scale aquaculture in a field that's now much different than the one that prevailed when the salmon plant was proposed five or more years ago.

Unlike the original Whole Oceans, LLC. managers, who extolled the virtues of their aquaculture ideas with missionary zeal, the latest crop has opted to ignore the local officials who did everything imaginable to help the permitting progress move rapidly.

A simple request for an in-person status report briefing, first requested many months ago by the town councilors, has been ignored.

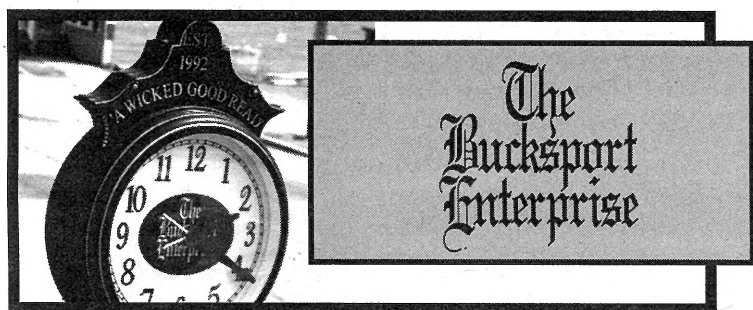
Delays in major industrial development projects are not uncommon, especially in today's uncertain times. Still, the Whole Oceans people said they had pre-sold their first five years of salmon production before they even stuck the first shovel into the ground here.

Apparently someone else is selling those megatons of salmon now, in effect eating Whole Oceans' lunch.

We understand the town manager's position that the salmon operation is a private one, and one the town cannot control.

Still, the long unexplained delays suggest that, perhaps, the town should ask far more questions and seek greater documentation of a developer's financial backing before deciding to fast-track another major project.

Bucksport backers paid to paint the huge colorful mural, the one on the side of The Alamo featuring many frolicking Atlantic salmon. That happy scene could prove a sad reminder of dreams raised and then dashed should the salmon-breeders decide not to breed salmon here.



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## Problem solved!

When planning a new retaining wall downtown somebody who should have known better forgot to consult the water company or the fire department.

They placed the new wall right snug against the fire hydrant, apparently obvious to the fact that a large wrench must be turned to activate the hydrant when a fire breaks out.

Move the hydrant? Move the wall? No, the contractor used common sense and got the hydrant raised by about eight inches.

Now, the wrench will clear the wall, activate the hydrant, and all's well — and safe — once again.

Photo by  
Sandy Holmes

## — Town seeks solutions

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Some of the issues seem minor, but they have hung on unresolved for months.

MT OLIVE HEIGHTS — A home at Mt. Olive Heights and Broadway has been condemned for more than a year, but the town's efforts to acquire the title and tear it down have dragged on for more than two years.

The town manager, who had said the situation would be

resolved by Jan. 1 of this year, reported she attempted to get the final sign-off from a federal agency, yet again a month-or-so ago, but has heard nothing.

Meanwhile, the trash-filled house still stands, its yard grown up in weeds.

PARKING LOT — The town built a parking lot behind several downtown businesses two years ago, but apparently nobody has been able to figure

out how to give those who use it easy access to the nearby shops.

The lot stands a few feet above the back entrances to the businesses, but a jerry-rigged set of wooden stairs was first installed and then yanked because they failed to meet codes and may have been placed on private property.

All in all, it sometimes can be frustrating to achieve progress.

## HANCOCK COUNTY COURTS

ELLSWORTH — These cases involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were processed in Hancock County courts, according to official records:

Nicholas Ira Wood, 24, Stonington. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Penobscot, April 8, 2018. Dismissed.

April R. Allison, 24, Bucksport. Domestic violence assault at Bucksport, Jan. 5, 2020. \$300.

Michael J. Nault, 19, Prospect. Motor vehicle speeding: 30+ MPH over speed limit at Bucksport, Dec. 10, 2019. Dismissed. Driving to endanger at Bucksport, Dec. 10, 2019. \$575. License suspended 30 days. Operating a vehicle without a license at Bucksport, Dec. 10, 2019. \$150, suspended.

Maureen McDermott Stanton, 21, Abington, Mass. Unsworn falsification at Castine, March 13, 2020. Dismissed. Refusing to submit to arrest or detention, refusing to stop at Castine, March 13, 2020. Dismissed. Aggravated misstatement of fact - fictitious name at Castine, March 13, 2020. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct, loud unreasonable noise at Castine, March 14, 2020. \$250.

Sofia V. Dorr, 37, Bucksport. Five counts of violating conditions of release, at Ellsworth, Feb. 26, 2020. Violating conditions of release, at Ellsworth, Feb. 27, 2020.

April Rose Allison, 24, Bucksport. Violating conditions of release at Bucksport, March 27, 2020. \$150.

Matthew Gray, 32, Orland. Resident crossbow

hunting without license at Orland, Sept. 16, 2020. Dismissed.

Joseph M. Bradley, 38, Clifton. Unlawful possession of scheduled drug at Bucksport, Jan. 28, 2021. \$400. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Bucksport, Jan. 28, 2021. \$250. Violating conditions of release at Bucksport, Jan. 28, 2021. Jail 48 hours.

Hayden M. Craig, 23, Bucksport. Driving to endanger at Bucksport, June 12, 2021. Dmissid.

Aaron Estabrook, 33, Verona Island. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Orland, July 1, 2021. \$250. Operating vehicle without license at Orland, July 1, 2021. Dismissed.

Derrick Maxie, 34, Ellsworth. Violating conditions of release at Ellsworth, Aug. 23, 2021. Di  
Maureen McDermott Stanton, 21, Abington, Mass. Minor possessing liquor at Castine, March 13, 2020. Minor possessing liquor at Castine, March 14, 2020. Dismissed.

Shanika Littlefield, 20, Belfast. Minor transporting liquor at Bucksport, May 16, 2021. License suspended 30 days.

Seth K. Sager, 30, Ellsworth. Operating/permitting operation of unregistered motorboat at Orland, July 24, 2021. \$200.

Keith French, 43, Bucksport. Keeping dangerous dog at Bucksport, July 14, 2021. \$250.

Shanika Littlefield, 20, Belfast. Minor transporting liquor at Bucksport, May 16, 2021. License suspended 30 days.



# LIGHTING UP . . . Orland, and beyond

ORLAND – Fresh from lighting up the Orland Village Christmas tree last night (12/1), with holiday decorations and voices raised in song, the celebration of the season continues.

This year, the annual luminaria throughout Orland Village will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18. Now in what is believed to be its 19th year, the all-volunteer effort results in literally hundreds of luminaria being placed along the roadsides of the town.

The flickering flames of candles, encased in empty, sand-weighted milk containers, provides a soft glow and a reminder of the need for light in the darkest time of the year.

This year, the effort will get underway with volunteers descending on the Orland Fire Station to prepare the candles for distribution throughout the most built-up sections of the town.

Pick-up trucks manned by volunteers deliver them to roadsides, instantly providing a glowing reminder of the warmth that should permeate the season.

While the local luminaria display was begun in 2002 by Cindi and Alvion Kimball, this year it will be overseen by John and Julia Gray although the Kimballs planned to be among the candle processing crew.

Another new wrinkle is a suggestion from the organizers is that anyone anywhere can consider putting out a luminaria near their home to participate in a vast community celebration.

This year, the luminaria will be done three days before the winter solstice, and coincidentally on the same day as the Festival of Light parade in Bucksport. As a result, the crew at the firehouse will be hustling from 3 p.m. on to have the display completed by about 4:30 p.m.

That will have the candles aglow by the time folks head to the parade, which starts at 6 in downtown Bucksport. The units in the parade will begin forming at the former mill parking lot at 5.

Last night, the Orland United Methodist Church hosted a Christmas devotion service and carol sing outside the Narramissic Drive landmark. The village tree was illuminated for the remainder of the season.

The people of Orland, in recent years, have shown they have the pioneer spirit of their ancestors, turning out in the cold, rain, snow and even a flurry of sleet to make certain their town appears festive to those who reside here. They also seek to offer a welcoming beacon to passers-through.

## Motorists still bagging deer at steady pace

BUCKSPORT – These area accidents involving run-ins with deer were listed:

- Emma Stilphen, 21, of Waterford, CT struck a deer on the River Road about 4:45 p.m. last Thursday (11/25).
- Kyle Casburn, 60, of Orrington hit a deer on the River Road about 5:15 p.m. on Nov. 24.
- Bucksport Police Officer Eric Marcel assisted the game warden in dispatching a deer struck on West Side Drive on Verona Island. That incident was logged at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 23.

• While on Verona, Officer Marcel also witnessed another deer get struck by a vehicle on West Side Drive. The investigation of that accident was handled by Maine State Police.

• A dead deer was found on the side of the Silver Lake Road about 5:15 p.m. on Nov. 24. The deer was tagged and given away.

• Officer Marcel also was called to an accident in which a deer was struck about 6 p.m. on Nov. 23.

• Then, Marcel was called to Mast Hill Road, where Sherry Dostie, 50, of Blue Hill had hit a deer about 1 p.m.

## State of Maine will be home for Christmas

CASTINE, – The Training Ship State of Maine, which left Castine on Nov. 16, for the third training cruise of the year, will return on the afternoon of Dec. 19.

Winter cruises, once common at Maine Maritime, over time, were condensed to allow a single summer voyage to locations in North America, the Caribbean, and Europe.

Recent disruptions caused by the pandemic required a reworking of the cadets' training schedules. The cruise is the third this calendar year.

"The advent of the pandemic essentially caused three class years to miss their respective summer sea experiences in 2020. There now are 146 students along with 50 faculty and crew on board.

## – Whole Oceans

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She has made similar statements several times during the past two years, in effect confirming a delay in the development plans after it was clear nothing was happening on the site.

The firm has posted and missed several of its timetables for progress. No permit has been requested to start any bricks-and-mortar construction.

There also have been no signs the required blasting away

of the extensive ledge under the undeveloped site is any closer than it was months ago.

The town has valued the empty lots at \$5.5 million, indicating its underlying value as industrial real estate. Whole Oceans also has increased its Penobscot River frontage by adding an additional lot.

The firm's spokeswoman declined to say who is running the company now or how many employees are on the payroll.

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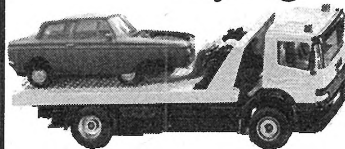
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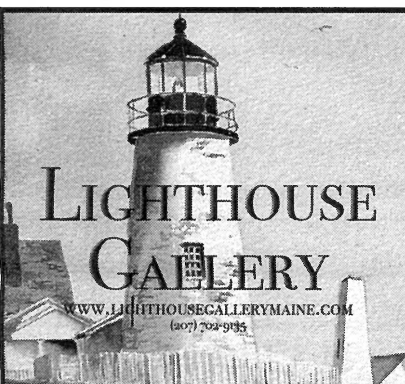
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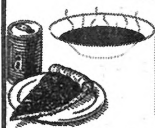
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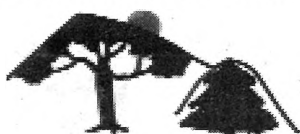
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## Big aquaculture opponent to talk on salmon issues

-BAR HARBOR-

Alexandra Morton, dubbed the "Jane Goodall of Canada" for her passionate 30-year fight to save British Columbia's wild salmon from a salmon farm, has been enlisted in the citizen battles against some forms of aquaculture in Maine.

Her resistance to industrial-scale aquaculture is the stuff of legends, so Morton offers an on-line lecture from her home in British Columbia on Monday at 5 p.m., local time. A question-and-answer session will follow.

Morton was recruited "to bolster the effort to block aquaculture operations planned for Frenchman Bay.

Frenchman Bay United, a coalition leading the fight against the proposal in Maine, has arranged the on-line talk.

Morton is seeking to preserve Pacific wild salmon. Her book, Not on my Watch, is a warning of what might happen amid lax aquaculture rules and regulations.

She believes big aquaculture has the potential to devastate the natural fisheries

Frenchman Bay United represents five groups: Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage Foundation, Friends of Eastern Bay, Friends of Frenchman Bay, Friends of Schoodic Peninsula and Save the Bay.

The free, public talk requires listeners to register in advance at <https://mdibl.org/event/not-on-my-watch/>. A Zoom link will be e-mailed 24 hours before the event.

## Senior MENUS

• These \$6 meals will be served at the Bucksport Senior Center on Outer Broadway and can be ordered by anyone, regardless of age or income. The meals can be reserved by calling 469-3632 before 9 a.m. on the day of the luncheon:

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• **Monday, Dec. 6** -

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• **Wednesday, Dec. 8** -

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• **Friday, Dec. 10** -

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• **Monday, Dec. 13** -

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• **Wednesday, Dec. 15** -

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• **Friday, Dec. 17** -

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• **Monday, Dec. 20** -

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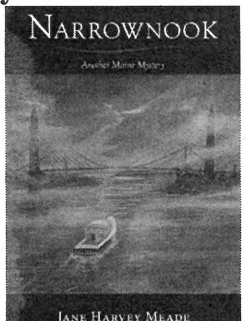
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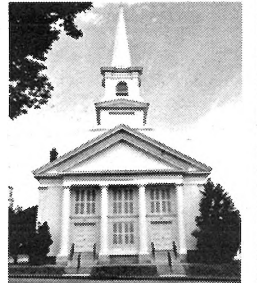
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# POLICE AND FIRE LOGS

## Arrested

**BUCKSPORT** – Jason Samuel Roberts, 41, of Rockland, was arrested for allegedly engaging in aggravated trafficking in fentanyl, a Class A offense. He also was charged with falsifying evidence, driving after a license revocation and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Officer Ryan Welch spotted Roberts on Main Street and followed him onto First Street, where he stopped him for a possible traffic offense. Roberts was arrested on First Street about 9 p.m. on Friday (11/26), and was taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth.

## Summonses

**BUCKSPORT** – These court summonses were issued here recently:

• Michael Gwaltney, 29, of Searsport, was given a speeding ticket after being stopped on the River Road about 4 a.m. on Friday (11/26).

• Trey Reed, 20, of Belmont received a summons for allegedly driving on U.S. Route 1 with a suspended registration. He was stopped about 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 24.

• Seth Jerome, 21, of Bucksport was charged with burning prohibited material and violating the conditions of his release in an earlier case. The incident occurred on a State Route 46 property the town previously has condemned.

• Alexander Boyce, 19, of Stonington received a speeding ticket about 4:30 on Nov. 21. He

was stopped on State Route 46.

## Accidents - Other

### BUCKSPORT –

• Liza Kling, 42, of Bucksport lost control of her vehicle on State Route 46 shortly before 11 a.m. last Thursday (11/25). The vehicle went off the road.

## Fraud reported

**BUCKSPORT** – A local person reported on Saturday morning that someone had misdirected their mail to a Florida address. Officer Gerald Lowe is investigated and determined no money was lost in the scheme.

## Theft probed

**BUCKSPORT** – A theft of items from a home on Bay View Avenue was reported 11/27 about 11 a.m. Police are investigating.

## Lost & found

**BUCKSPORT** – A resident reported the loss of a cellphone late on Nov. 22.

## Substance abuse

**BUCKSPORT** – The local police recorded 11 drug-related incidents last month and 13 that were alcohol-related.

## Sheltered

**BUCKSPORT** – The town's animal shelter took in 17 cats and four more dogs last month. Two of the dogs were from Stockton Springs and two from Orland. Three dogs were reclaimed by their owners, and one was adopted.

Two of the cats were from Penobscot, nine from Bucksport, one from Orrington and five from Winterport. Two cats were reclaimed and 11 were adopted.

The pets available for adoption are shown on the shelter's Facebook page.

## Tickets issued

**BUCKSPORT** – A special state-sponsored local detail on Nov. 24 resulted in several motorists being cited for using electronic devices while driving.

Receiving tickets were: Jason Harmon, 17, of Winterport; Cheyanne Nowaklj, 33, of Brooks; Joseph Meanich, 25, of Monmouth; Bryce Babson, 34, of Blue Hill; Trey Reed, 21, of Belfast; Mercedes Gray, 22, of Bucksport; and James Flynn, 33, of Milford.

## Grand Jury indicts three in local cases

**BUCKSPORT** – The latest Hancock County Grand Jury, meeting in Ellsworth, indicted these persons as a result of cases brought by Bucksport police:

• Lisa Barber, 58, of Frankfort, charged with theft.

• Justin Lee Fulcher, 45, of Orland, driving after a license revocation or suspension.

• Shane Jacobs, 34, of Bucksport, facing a charge of aggravated unlawful furnishing of Scheduled drugs.

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## Academy honors local student

**CASTINE** – The Maine Maritime Academy here has honored Jennifer Zdrojowy of Bucksport as one of its outstanding scholars.

Zdrojowy, a member of the

Class of 2023, is a marine biology and small vessel operations major.

She and a small number of other outstanding students, were honored for their academic achievements at a recent awards ceremony.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Events

### Friday, Dec. 3 and beyond

**LIGHTS LIT!** –The Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center's Second Annual Festival of Lights will kick off tonight. This year the theme is "A Starry Night". There is no charge, but donations are graciously accepted. The magical light show is in the center's gardens and surrounding woods. This year the festival will be held on Friday and Saturday nights from 4:30 to 7 p. on Dec. 3, 4,10,11,17,18 and 31. Call the Center to make reservations or sign-up online.

Also, The Grand in Ellsworth this year is presenting Charles Dickens' "A Musical Christmas Carol – abridged" at the festival. The cast will offer a short version of the classic tale of Scrooge and his journey of redemption. Performances will be at 5 and 6 p.m. each night of the festival Dec. 3 through Dec. 18. To register call 664-0339.

### Each Wednesday

• **FOOD PANTRY** – The Bucksport Community Concerns Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and on the second Monday of the month, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The pantry is on the lower level of the Elm Street Congregational Church, Call 469-2400.

### Saturday, Dec. 9

• **GOP Hancock Country Republicans** will hold a Christmas Party at 6 p.m. at the China Hill Restaurant in Ellsworth. Those attending will order from the menu. They are being asked to bring a wrapped Christmas gift (No more than \$10 for a gift to be auctioned by state Rep. Sherman Hutchins, the auctioneer. If possible, reservations would be appreciated by contacting Sandi Blanchette of Orland at sandi04472@gmail.com.

### In Brown Hall

#### Friday, Dec. 3

• **BROWN BAG LUNCH** – The Monthly Brown Bag Luncheon with the minister will be held from noon to 1 in the Corner Room. Bring a lunch and beverage and enjoy an informal conversation. **Please RSVP to the church office.**

#### Sunday, Dec. 5

at 10:00 AM., is the Second Sunday

of Advent and Communion Sunday. The theme is "Peace." Church School is back in session for 2021-2022. The children and youth first hear a Bible lesson from the minister before going with their teachers for extended learning activities.

### Monday, Dec. 6

• **SCOTTISH DANCING** in the large meeting room in Brown Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. Interested? Call group leader, Dawn Little at 702-9294. **New participants and observers are welcome.**

### Tuesday, Dec. 7

• **BOOKTALK** is a free public discussion from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. of the writings on Kentucky author Wendell Berry. This session continues his novel, *The Memory of Old Jack*. Hot tea is available (herbal, decaf, and regular).

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

• **THE GATHERING** meets from noon to 1 p.m. The Gathering is working on starting a pilot project to establish a community garden in Bucksport in 2022.

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)** and **AL-ANON** meet weekly at 7 PM. For more information, call Bill at 207-610-2249.

• **SIGN-UP DEADLINE** for the annual distribution of Christmas gifts and holiday meal baskets. Bucksport Community Concerns sponsors this, and the distribution is on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Brown Hall at Elm and Franklin. Enter Brown Hall through the door where the "Open" flag is hanging. Any resident of Bucksport, Orland or Verona Island is eligible. Lori Hunt, 469-7063, is handling sign-ups.

### Saturday, Dec. 11

• **TEA TIME** – From 1 to 3, the Bucksport Downtown Beautification Committee will host a British-style Christmas Tea in the large meeting room of Brown Hall. Tickets: \$20 per adult. \$15 per child (14 and younger). Call Meg Keay at Port O' Call at 853-0800.

### Sunday, Dec. 12

• **PARTY** – The annual Elm Street Congregational Church Sunday School party at Brown Hall after the worship service. In case of inclement weather, the party date is Dec. 19. Santa Claus will be there!

### Tuesday, Dec. 14

• **THE KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR** program from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. will feature RSU 25 Supt. of

Schools James Boothby.

### Sunday, Dec. 19

• The Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant will begin at 10 a.m..

### Friday, Dec. 24

• **CHRISTMAS EVE** – the Christmas Eve service at the Elm Street Congregational Church will begin at 7 p.m. It will be preceded at 6:30 by a Christmas Eve organ recital by Mr. David Friedell. The public is invited.

## In the libraries

### Buck Memorial

"Christmas is for Kids" – Come pick a tag to donate a new book or a pair of pajamas to a youngster. Return the item unwrapped, but tagged by Dec. 10.

### Saturday, Dec. 4

• **CANDY CANE FESTIVAL** – Polar Express readings for children at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30 at the Buck Memorial Library. Parents must sign up by (12/2) at info@bucklibrary.org or ask at the circulation desk. Space is limited.

### Sunday, Dec. 5

• **POLAR EXPRESS** – Free showing of the Polar Express at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center at the end of Miles Lane. Get tickets at the library ahead of the showing as space is limited.

### Tuesday Dec. 7

• **TALKING BOOKS?** – The Maine Humanities book discussion series will explore the book *Dark Matter* at 6:30 on Zoom or in person. Books are available to borrow at the library.

### Friday Dec. 17

• Author Chris Packard will discuss his new book *Mythical Creatures of Maine* at 5 p.m. Copies will be available for purchase, and Packard will sign them.

### Wednesdays & Thursdays

• **STORY HOUR** is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 4 p.m.

### Blue Hill

#### Thursday

• **PARLEZ-VOUS** – The Salut! French Conversation Group discusses various topics in français every Tuesday, starts Tues. Dec. 7 at 2 pm. Register at www.bhpl.net or 374-5515.

### Thursday, Dec. 9

• **AUTHOR EVENT** – The Northwest Gardens of Lord and Schryver with Val Libby. Val will discuss and answer questions

about her new book at 7 p.m. Register at www.bhpl.net or 3745515.

### Stockton Springs Through Dec. 23

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**VIEW** – The Stockton Springs Community Library will present a special Holiday Art in the Stacks exhibition featuring altered books by Stockton Springs artist and entrepreneur Chelsea Porter. Porter's business, Binders Keepers, features books cut and folded into intricate designs. Each book is measured, marked, and then folded page by page to make the design.

**Continuing exhibit**

Not--for-profit groups  
can send calendar items to  
theenterpr@aol.com

• **HOLIDAY ART** in the Stacks will be open for viewing during library hours: The sale of Porter's work will benefit the library and the artist.

Castine, Maine: Join the Castine Historical Society and the Wilson Museum for a Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 2 from 4-6 PM. This free event takes place at the Castine Historical Society's Grindle House at 13 School Street on the Town Common and the Hutchins Education Center at 112 Perkins Street on the Wilson Museum campus.

Visitors can kick-off the holiday season by going between these two institutions to enjoy light refreshments and outdoor fire pits.

Visit the Wilson Museum to explore different interpretations of one of the most recognizable constellations in the Northern Hemisphere, Ursa Major. The museum will be providing all the materials necessary for a fun make-and-take craft session so you can leave with a keepsake that honors the timeless legend of the great Bear in the sky.

### Castine Historical Society and Wilson Museum Thursday, Dec. 2

The Castine Historical Society will offer special behind-the-scenes tours of the 1850 Grindle House, including sneak peaks into collections storage. Also offered will be a unique holiday shopping experience for those wanting to kick-start their gift giving.

Both institutions are using this event to partner with Blue Angel in an effort to deliver food to local families in need. Those attending are encouraged to drop off shelf-stable foods at either location in Castine.

This outdoor/indoor event will follow Covid protocols. While indoors, visitors are requested to wear face coverings.

Call either the Wilson Museum at 326-9247 or the Castine Historical Society at 326-4118.

## A Christmas Tea

**Saturday, Dec 11th, at 1pm & 3pm**

Brown Hall, (at the Congregational Church), Elm St., Bucksport

A traditional Christmas Tea, including hot soup, tea sandwiches, scones with clotted cream, and a variety of sweet and savory treats, (including quiche, and a wide assortment of desserts), complete with PG Tips Tea, cream & sugar cubes! Hot cocoa for children.

Christmas carols live on the piano.

Masks required upon entry, then removed once seated at your table.

**Tickets are limited, and may be purchased at BookStacks, 71 Main St. in Bucksport through Dec 8th. (9am-3pm). \$20 for adults, \$15 for children 14 and under. 207-469-8992**



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*Val Shaffner*  
*Verona Wine & Design*  
*Warren's Waterfront Restaurant*

All profits from this event are for the Bucksport Downtown Beautification, with all monies going through Main Street Bucksport. Financial contributions are also being accepted. This is a combined effort by local businesses and private citizens for beautifying our Main St. Thank you for your support!

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