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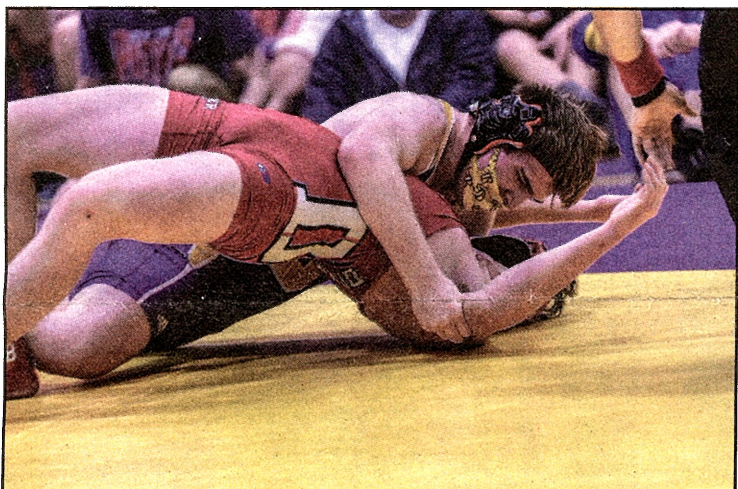
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JOE BOWEN, a Bucksport High School junior, goes in for the pin over a Dexter wrestler on Saturday in Bucksport. See article on Page 7 for the details.

## WRESTLING . . . It's back!



SAMMY SOPER, a junior, picks up a win for the Golden Bucks, overpowering a Dexter wrestler.



PAIGE ANDERSON, a senior, didn't waste any time picking up her first win of the season. Paige pinned a Washington Academy wrestler.

## Covid stipends in offing 39 town workers may share \$69,000

BUCKSPORT – After a number of weeks of deliberations and negotiations with the Hancock County Commissioners, the Town Council tonight (12/9) will consider awarding 39 police, fire and dispatch personnel a total of \$69,000 in stipends for their service during the pandemic.

The county is to provide \$40,000 of Covid relief money, while the town will take the remaining \$29,000 from its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation. The county is to get \$10 million while Bucksport is to receive \$520,000 in relief over a two-year period.

If approved tonight, 20 local first responders and dispatchers will receive \$3,000 each, while 19 part-time personnel in those agencies will each get a flat

\$500. The commissioners are providing a flat \$40,000, the maximum they are allowing any of the qualifying communities.

Meanwhile, the commissioners previously have paid \$3,750 to all of the sheriff's full-time deputies and jail personnel, using money from the Covid relief account.

After the distribution, the local council still must decide how best to allocate the \$491,000 that will be available over the next two years.

A recent local town-wide survey ranked the payments for possible Covid exposure second highest priority of those who responded.

Read more about the results of that ARPA survey on Page 4.

## \$233,050 ambulance sought

BUCKSPORT – On the docket for tonight's (12/9) Town Council meeting is a discussion to buy a \$233,050 ambulance.

It can take eight to 12 months to get a 2022 ambulance delivered, and the town is seeking one for delivery after July 1.

The new ambulance would replace a 2008 model, which would be offered for sale.

The proposed vehicle will be purchased from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles of North Attleboro, MA, the low bidder. Autotronics of Frenchville

offered a unit at \$241,565.

The vehicle will be paid for with a six-year loan. Ambulance revenues routinely have exceeded the expenses.

The request is one of several to buy or sell various vehicles and other items.

The Highway Department wants to buy a \$46,267 pick-up and an eight-foot Fisher snowplow.

The purchase is to be paid for with a two-year loan.

Varney GMC of Bangor was the lowest of two bidders. Whited Ford of Bangor offered

a 2022 F-250 for \$50,300. Two other firms were unable to furnish quotes because they couldn't find available models.

Once the 2022 GMC 3500 is delivered, a 2002 pickup with engine problems will be sold "as is-where-is."

The town is preparing to sell five of the 40 -by-8-foot surplus floats from the municipal marina to Maine Coast Marine for \$5,101. Michael Jacques offered \$1,775 and Robert Orr \$525.

## MMA president appointed

CASTINE – The Maine Maritime Academy has a new president: Jerald S. ("Jerry") Paul.

Paul, a 1989 graduate of the institution, currently is president of Capitol Access. He will take office here in the spring, becoming the academy's 15<sup>th</sup> president.

Paul will succeed William J. Brennan, who previously announced his plan to retire at the end of April after a dozen years at the helm.

"I am gratified that the Board has selected such a fine individual to lead this wonderful college when I step down next spring," Brennan said in a prepared statement. "Jerry has the background, experience, and

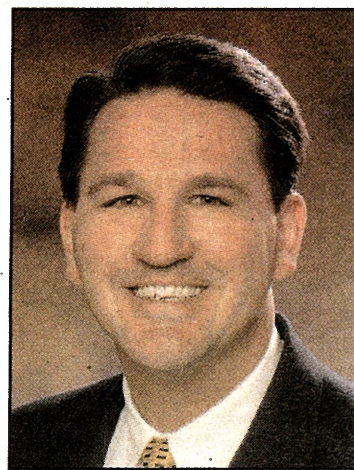
personal demeanor that is ideally suited to lead MMA at this important time in our history."

Paul was a marine engineering technology major, and graduated in the top 5 percent of his class with minors in both power-plant management and controls; and nuclear engineering.

He later earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering, with high honors, and a Law degree, conferred cum laud.

Paul holds an unlimited tonnage USCG 3rd engineer license and a Maine third class engineer license.

He sailed on Merchant Marine vessels intermittently and as an engineering officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He later



Jerald ("Jerry") S. Paul

served as a reactor engineer on shoreside nuclear reactors.

For more than 20 years, he has practiced law as a member of the federal and Florida bar.

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

**MOTEL VISIT** – The town's code enforcement officer was asked to re-inspect the long-closed Spring Fountain motel on U.S. Route 1 last week, supposedly to view a number of recent building improvements.

However, Luke Chiavelli and the New Jersey contractor hired by the owner found that a subcontractor hired by the owner hadn't done anything since the last official visit.

Chiavelli was not surprised.

However, the owner's representative, who had driven ten hours to be present for the re-inspection, apparently was. The man found the photographs of alleged progress furnished by the subcontractor were bogus.

**DONE DEALS** – The new floats for the municipal marina have been completed and delivered. They now are stacked near the Town Dock, awaiting their installation in the spring. The

first phase of the extensive retaining walls rebuild - roughly \$500,000 worth of work - also is complete.

Now, Richard Rotella, the town's director of community and economic development, is meeting with federal and state officials to gain more money to underwrite more wall repairs on U.S. Route 1 and Central Street.

**AID SOUGHT** – Main Street Bucksport, a downtown

development group, is asking the town for \$5,000, a quarter of the sum the organization has received from the town in several recent years.

Meanwhile, the group has privately raised and distributed several times the amount it is requesting this year. The money went to local businesses as part of an incentive program to encourage area residents to shop locally.

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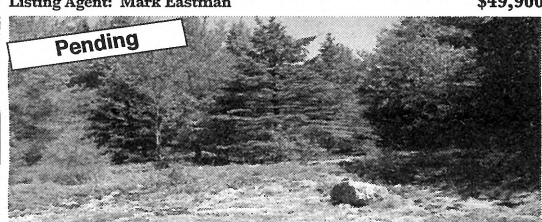



SOLD	Under Contract	Under Contract	Under Contract	47 Recreational Acres
				
<b>684 Pleasant Street Blue Hill</b>	<b>Bucksport</b> - Stunning off-grid log home overlooking McGann Bog. Spanning 117 wooded acres, this peaceful retreat offers cathedral ceilings open to a sleeping loft, stone fireplace, open kitchen/living room area, screen porch & full walkout basement. This property is truly a once & a lifetime find.	<b>Orland</b> - Toddy Pond investment opportunity. This modern 24'x24' cape style cottage offers living space above a two car garage. Built with composite siding & trim, this well built cottage sits on a spacious 3.56AC waterfront lot in a cove on 2nd Toddy. Step inside & find an efficient 1BR/1BA living space w/ kitchen, living room/bedroom area overlooking the lake. Lower level features laundry & is piped for radiant in-floor heat. Property includes a large clearing, well, septic & over 500' +/- of lake frontage.	<b>Verona Island</b> - This riverside retreat overlooks the Penobscot River on a 3.10AC surveyed lot & boasts a considerable working boat dock w/ moorings, float & 321' of deep-water frontage. A classic log feel, w/ cathedral interior, modern master suite, 3-season porch, deck, finished basement & more. A private island location yet only a short commute to local amenities.	<b>Monroe</b> - Secluded 47 acres parcel with 600 +/- feet of water frontage on the Marsh Stream. Ideal land for your own private camp or home site or just for recreation. Enjoy hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, ATVing etc. Property was cut in past 2 years. Only 30 minutes to Belfast.
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<b>New Listing</b>  <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! <b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b> <b>\$49,900</b>	<b>Pending</b>  <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! <b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b> <b>\$169,900</b>
<b>Pending</b>  <b>Bucksport</b> - 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. <b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b> <b>\$79,000</b>	<b>Building Lot</b>  <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! <b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b> <b>\$35,700</b>

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**SHOW & TELL?** – Here's a chance to be part of an informal conversation with **James Boothby**, the man in charge of the RSU 25 system. Boothby will be interviewed at the next edition of **"Meet Your Neighbor,"** a series of chats with community leaders.

While the chat is moderated by **Dr. Stephen York**, the pastor of the Elm Street Congregational Church, those attending will get a chance to ask questions.

The monthly forum is aimed at encouraging citizen participation in local government, stimulating open and civil discussion of all sorts of issues and promoting projects that are good for the community.

Boothby has overseen the formation and operation since 2008. The district serves 1,200 students and has an annual budget of roughly \$16 million.

The superintendent is prepared to discuss just about anything involving the schools, from the trials of coping with the pandemic to maintaining a broad-

based and inviting educational effort amid national school safety concerns.

Like many public school superintendents, Boothby has a strong background in athletics, and usually is on hand for all of the major athletic events. But he also is known for his "management by walking around" strategy of being visible in each of the schools, where he interacts with both students and those who serve them.

He was a key player in the multi-community effort this fall to return several districts to owning and operating their own school buses from a garage in Orland. (Boothby has retained his own license to drive school buses should the need arise).

Under his stewardship, the local schools have achieved a significant improvement in the Bucksport High School graduation rate.

*p.s. Boothby is known for his candor on educational matters, but he might not divulge exactly where he does his fishing!*

**STRIKE UP THE ...!** The **Bucksport High School** band will perform its 2021 Holiday Concert in the **Peter Clain Auditorium** at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center on Tuesday at 7p.m.

The auditorium is at the end of Miles Lane.

Unfortunately, audience capacity will be limited this year because of the pandemic and tickets will be required. Tickets may be reserved by calling Bucksport High School at 469-6650 before 3 p.m. or email [mark.neslusan@rsu25.org](mailto:mark.neslusan@rsu25.org).

There is no charge for tickets, but everyone is being asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Bucksport Community Concerns pantry.

Face masks are required for all who attend.

**ON THE ROSTER** – This

week **Adrian Stone**, a firefighter and paramedic, joined the ranks of the **Bucksport Fire Department**. He filled the last open full-time slot on the department.

**AT THE MMA** – After a national search for a Vice President of Enrollment Management & Marketing, the Maine Maritime Academy has hired **Kimberly Reilly**.

Reilly has been overseeing the admissions, financial aid and marketing operations at the college.

She previously served in enrollment services at La Salle University, Nova Southeastern University and Southern New Hampshire University.

**AT THE SHELTER** – **Olivia Ford** has resigned as the assistant at the municipal animal shelter on Central Street. She will be succeeded by **Sue Varnum**.

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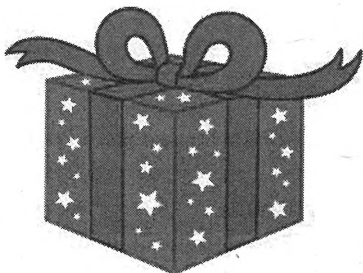
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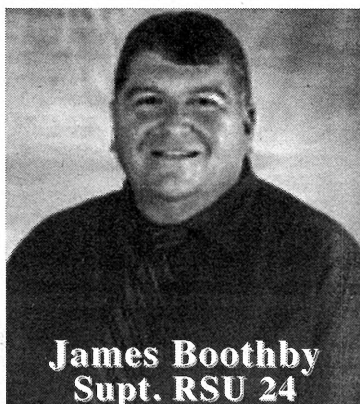


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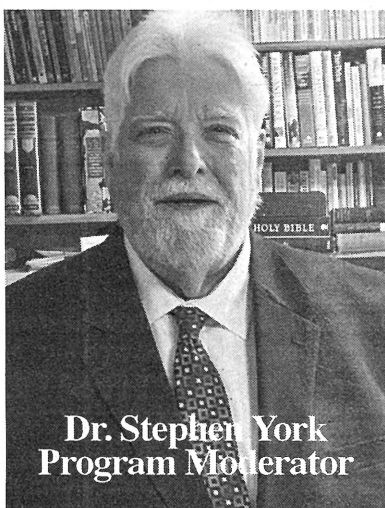
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# We're all growing older

Even a glance at the results of the recent town-wide survey of what residents would like to see done with some of the \$530,000 in Covid-relief cash from the federal government clearly documents the growing concerns of this area's

burgeoning population of older people.

## — EDITORIAL —

While the survey was not open-ended, two of the three most-cited needs were oriented toward serving

older residents.

The top vote-getter - two out of three of the 275 who completed the town's survey checked the box for "grant programs for seniors."

Just over 50 percent wanted more support for meals for older residents, the third most-cited choice.

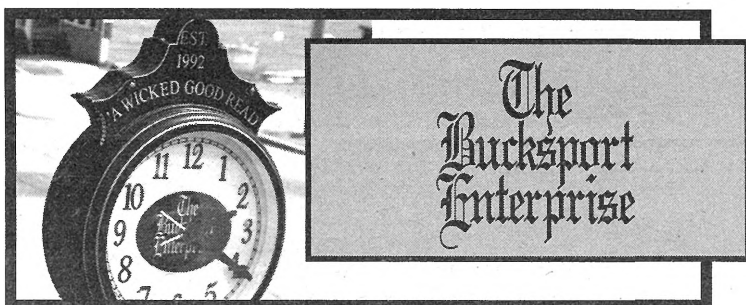
Covid stipends for first responders came in at # 2 with 53 percent.

It's not a matter of turning their backs on expanding broadband (40 percent) or keeping up the riverfront walkway (29 percent.). It's also not a matter of older folks seeking hand-outs or welfare.

Indeed, we believe most older people neither want or need aid for themselves.

However, as a community it's vital for our leadership to unlock the potential of our older residents, who also are vital to our economy.

A broad-based we're-all-in-this-community-together approach to services could bring huge dividends for all who reside in this area.



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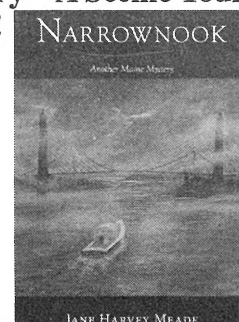
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# OBITUARY

## Kevin Jerome Doyle, 1960 - 2021

BREWER— Kevin Jerome Doyle, 61, died on Nov. 23, 2021 at home with family by his side.

Kevin was born on March 3, 1960 in Bangor, the son of Russell Doyle and Carolyn (Mott) Bragdon.

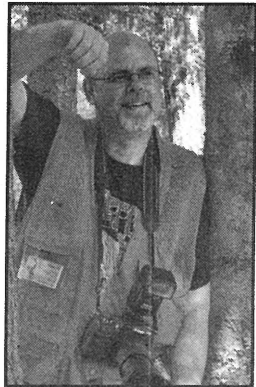
Kevin grew up in North Orland. He attended Bucksport High School and after obtaining a GED went on to teach computer science and photography classes through the Bucksport Adult Education Department.

Kevin was a life-long learner with a wide-ranging curiosity and a seemingly endless ability to acquire new skills. After working as a teen at his grandfather's hardware store, he went on to support a young family, first as an auto mechanic, then as a master electrician, and finally as a computer programmer.

Among other places, Kevin worked at Champion mills in Costigan and Bucksport, Bangor Savings Bank, Old Town Fuel and Fiber, and Versant.

He also served on the ski patrol at Hermon Mountain and on the Bucksport ambulance crew. He loved motorcycles, especially dirt bikes, and he was living his best life when he went trail riding on his own or on motorcycle trips, often with his uncle, Dave Mott. In recent years he loved roaming up and down the Sunrise Trail on his four-wheeler, taking photos of the natural world and watching the ospreys raise their young. Kevin was also a drummer who played country and rock in a number of bands over the years at a wide variety of local venues.

He was an enthusiastic photographer who enjoyed outings with the Eastern Maine Camera Club, which he joined in 2006. He didn't sell his photos as a rule but often said he'd "give you one if you asked nice."



Kevin Jerome Doyle

Kevin is well-known for his kindness, his work ethic, and his sense of humor. He was a loving and dedicated companion, father, son, brother, and friend. But the role he cherished more than any other was that of grandfather to Isabelle, Rosalyn, Paige, and Daxton Seamans. Papa lived for the time he spent with them and took great joy in watching them grow. They inspired him and kept him young at heart.

He is survived by his children Scott Doyle, and Stevi-Ann Seamans, her husband David, his grandchildren, Isabelle, Rosalyn, Paige and Daxton. His loving companion of 20 years, Marsha Causton, and her children Jeffery and Victoria Jones. He also is survived by his mother, brother Rick Doyle his wife Shannon, uncles, aunts, stepmother and step siblings, by cousins Kim Rioseco her husband Julian and Joyce Unterserher and her husband Don, also his dear friends Troy Gagnon and Bonnie Kneeland and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, his grandparents, several great uncles and aunts, and by cousins Harvard Bennett, Scott Gifford, and Gary Gifford.

The family is grateful for the care Kevin received at Dana Farber and The Brigham and Womens hospital in Boston under the care of Dr. Nyak and her team.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home in Bucksport from 4 to 6 pm.

For those who wish, donations can be made to the Eastern Maine Camera Club, Care of Larry Sherwood, 265 Rocks Rd. Holden, ME 04429

[www.Mitchell-tweedie-young.com](http://www.Mitchell-tweedie-young.com)

## Durost retires from fire service

BUCKSPORT— Jay Durost has retired from the on-call staff of the Bucksport Fire Department after 32 years of service.

Durost's service was recognized

by Deputy Chief Michael W. Denning, who added a hearty "well done!" to his accolades.

Denning said Durost "will be greatly missed."



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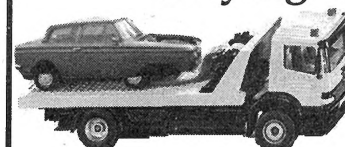
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## Bucksport man indicted

ELLSWORTH— A 24-year-old Bucksport man was indicted by the Hancock County Grand Jury last week.

Derek Conner is charged with driving after being adjudged an habitual offender, driving after his license was revoked and driving while under the influence.

On Nov. 30, Conner also was stopped on Elm Street in Bucksport, resulting in another charge of driving after his license was suspended or revoked.

In another grand jury decision, indictment, a woman reportedly involved in a major oxycodone distribution operation was indicted.

Brandie Higgins, 39, of Ellsworth, one of five taken into custody last year after a two-year investigation into illegal drug activity in Hancock County, was indicted on June 5 on two counts of Class B unlawful trafficking and one of unlawfully possessing drugs. She also was cited for criminal forfeiture.

Higgins and David Vaughn, were arrested on Dec. 10 last year, along with Michael Clark, Wendy Cassidy and Christopher Newcomb of Bucksport, brothers David and Nicholas Maguire of Stockton Springs and Joel Allen of Orland.

More than 1,100 oxycodone pills, estimated to have a street value of \$40,000, and \$35,000

in cash was confiscated. Vehicles and jewelry also were seized.

A search of Higgins and Vaughn's home in Ellsworth yielded 42 oxycodone tablets and \$1,425 in cash.

Vaughn previously pleaded guilty to unlawful drug trafficking and was sentenced to four years in prison. All but nine months of that term was suspended.

Higgins also agreed to forfeiture of the money.



## Attn: Gardeners

BUCKSPORT— A group of gardeners - and would-be gardeners - is seeking to spur interest in developing a community garden.

They need a roughly one-acre place to plant, preferably one with easy access to water. The group is working with the town manager, but is open to either a town-owned or private location.

The planners welcome everyone's ideas as they discuss the idea at the weekly "Gatherings" at noon at Brown Hall on Elm Street. Those attending are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

The goal is to start small to work out the kinks and build a successful place to grow together.

## Holiday cheer awaits

BUCKSPORT— Here's a capsule summary of just some of the holiday events open to the public this year:

• Saturday — Breakfast with Santa at Sandy's Saloon, 47 Wardwell Road in Orland from 7 to 11 a.m. Folks can eat or just stop by to meet Santa.

• Saturday — Christmas tea, British-style — Brown Hall - 31 Elm Street Bucksport. Seatings at 1 and 3 p.m. Carols on the piano. Adults are \$20 and those under 14 are \$15. The event will benefit the Bucksport downtown beautification program.

• Tuesday — The Bucksport High School holiday concert begins at 7 p.m. at the

Bucksport Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, but non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to the local food pantry.

Note: This year seating is being limited because of the pandemic so tickets are required. Call the high school to reserve seats.

This always is a rousing event and prelude to the season.

• Saturday, Dec. 18 - The "Festival of Lights" parade will roll through downtown Bucksport beginning at 6 p.m. The floats will be judged as they pass by. Float-makers will begin assembling in the parking lot of the former mill at 5 p.m.



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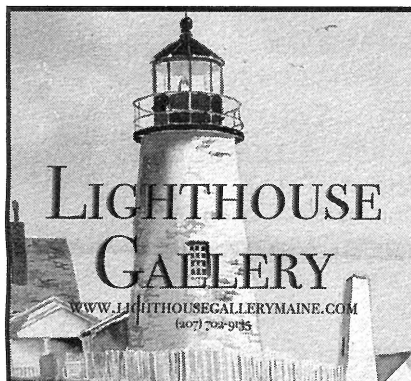
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## Senior NEWS

### - FREE MOVIE -

BUCKSPORT - The  
folks at the Bucksport Senior  
Center have arranged for  
the showing of a free special  
holiday film at The Alamo  
next Thursday (12/1) at 1  
p.m.

For legal reasons, the  
title of the film can't be  
advertised in advance, but  
let's just say it'll be the origi-  
nal version of a classic  
Christmas tale. We also can  
report that the film, like  
most of those who will be  
watching it, has aged well.

Because of Covid con-  
cerns, the audience is being  
limited to 60, or about  
three-fifths of the capacity of  
the theater.

### - ROAD TRIPS? -

At the request of several  
people seeking to promote  
the idea of buying a van for  
use primarily by the older  
residents, the town manager  
is asking the councilors  
tonight (12/9) to let her  
place the idea on the agenda  
of the infrastructure sub-  
committee.

Specifically, would the  
Town Council be willing to  
let the town be the fiscal  
agent for a fund-raising  
effort to pay for all or some  
of the expenses involved?

An anonymous donor  
has offered to kickstart the  
effort.

The proposed van would  
be used by the Senior  
Center, and could be on the  
road whenever needed. It  
could replace the once-a-  
week free taxi service that  
costs the town \$100-a-week.

The project probably  
will not be aired until some-  
time next month, and there  
still are many details to be  
worked out before any final  
decisions are made.

## MENUS

BUCKSPORT - 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:

### • Friday, Dec. 10 -

Baked haddock, rice, snap  
peas and ice cream sand-  
wich.

### • Monday, Dec. 13 -

Chicken tenders, french fries,  
baby carrots and a fruit crisp.

### • Wednesday, Dec. 15 -

Baked ham, scalloped pota-  
toes, peas and carrots and  
pie.

### • Friday, Dec. 17 -

Meatloaf, mashed potato,  
green beans and a cookie.

### • Monday, Dec. 20 -

Chop suey, garden salad, din-  
ner roll and brownie.

### • Wednesday, Dec. 22 -

Pork tenderloin w/gravy,  
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### • Friday, Dec. 24 -

Christmas Eve - No meal  
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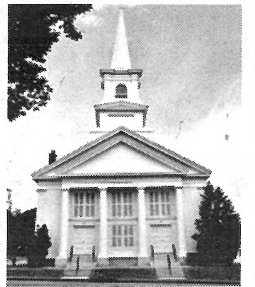
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### Requirements:

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## Wrestlers return to their mats

**BUCKSPORT** - The Bucksport High School wrestling program - abandoned last year because of the constraints of Covid - resumed last Saturday with nine teams competing.

The Golden Bucks were 4-2 for the outing, outscoring Caribou, Dexter, Foxcroft and Washington Academy.

The local team was bested by PCHS and Mattanawcook.

The team did not compete against the other two squads.

David Gross, the head coach for the Bucks, said he was pleased with his athletes' performances, especially for so early in the season. He noted that the team is very well diversified, as it includes some who are well-experienced and others who are compara-

tively new to the sport.

That bodes well for building a strong team over time.

The Golden Bucks will be wrestling at home on Tuesday evening, and they will be hosting the Ryan Detour tournament here on the morning of Dec. 18. The tournament honors a very popular Bucksport wrestler who succumbed after a match in Aroostook County a few years ago. His death was not attributed to his wrestling activity but rather to a pre-existing condition. Ryan Detour's enthusiasm for the sport was unbounded. His early death was mourned by the community.

This year, the wrestlers and their fans are participating in the sport under very rigid Covid-19 safety guidelines.

## POLICE AND FIRE LOGS

### Baby recovering

**BUCKSPORT** - A baby less than a year old who was taken by ambulance from a home on Broadway on Nov. 29 is said to be recovering.

Police still are not saying what spurred the medical intervention. The baby and her mother were found at a residence near the baby's home.

The police also remained mum on the status of the child's mother.

### Summonses

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

- Nicole Lanphere, 40, of Deer Isle was given a summons for reportedly violating the conditions of her release in an earlier case. She was cited on U.S. Route 1 about 3 p.m. on Friday (12/3).

- Derek Connor, 34, of Bucksport was stopped about 7 p.m. on Nov. 30, and was found to allegedly be driving after his license had been suspended.

- On Dec. 6, Ashley Bragg, 32, Bucksport was stopped on State Route 46 and charged with operating after a suspension and violating of conditions of bail.

- Jase Williams, 17, of Blue Hill was ticketed for speeding on State Route 46 on Dec. 6.

### Accidents - Deer

**BUCKSPORT** -  
• Herbert Silsby, 67, of Bucksport hit a deer on State Route 46 about 6 p.m. on Nov. 28.

- A deer was struck on the Millvale Road by a sports utility vehicle being driven by Larry Carter, 60, of Bucksport.

- A dead deer was found on about 5 p.m. last Thursday (12/2). No damage was reported to a vehicle but the deer was tagged for donation.

### Accidents - Other

**BUCKSPORT** - A vehicle being driven by Kayline Russell, 48, of Bucksport reportedly backed into a vehicle parked in the Bucksport High School lot about 7:45 a.m. last Thursday (12/2).

The second vehicle was parked by Tyler West, 16, of Searsport.

### Sexual charge

**BUCKSPORT** - A charge involving alleged rape and/or sexual assault which occurred several years ago was logged about 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 29.

Officers Gerald Lowe and Chris McCrillis are investigating the report which involved one or more incidents several years ago.

The person reporting the charge now is a Bucksport teenager, police said.

### Juveniles charged

**BUCKSPORT** - Three young girls were charged with alcohol offenses after being confronted at the Bucksport Middle School by Chris McCrillis, the school resource officer, about noon on Dec. 1.

A 14-year-old girl was charged with providing alcohol to minors, and 12- and 13-year-old girls were charged with possessing alcohol while still minors.

In another incident, a 12-year-old boy, who was "out of control", was escorted from the Bucksport Middle School about 10 a.m. last Friday (12/3). McCrillis also handled that situation.

### Animal issues

**BUCKSPORT** - Acting on a complaint, the owner of various animals being kept on an empty lot off the Silver Lake Road was visited by the town's animal control officer and a state animal humane agency representative.

The complaint, logged on Dec. 1, centered around how the animals

were being sheltered and fed.

The site is the one local Methodist churches first considered for a new church, but later bought the mill fitness center on River Road instead.

About 5 a.m. last Friday (12/3) some sheep apparently strayed from the lot, but when an officer arrived they were nowhere to be found. They apparently wandered home on their own.

### Lost & found

**BUCKSPORT** - A pair of glasses were found on Miles Lane on Nov. 30.

- A local business on Dec. 1 turned in a batch of identification and credit cards that apparently had been left behind by customers over a period of time.

### Assault alleged

**BUCKSPORT** - A female reported to police about 7:30 a.m. that while walking along the Millvale Road a vehicle stopped and the male driver got out and confronted her. She said the man punched her in the face.

The investigation continues.

### Eviction ordered

**BUCKSPORT** - The former owners of a property on State Route 46 have until tomorrow - Friday (12/10) to leave the property or they will be evicted. The condition of the property, which has been foreclosed upon by the town, has not improved, the town's code enforcement officer reported this month to the Town Council.

### Theft thwarted

**BUCKSPORT** - Someone tried to steal a package that had been left on a doorstep. While the contents were removed, they later were found nearby.

The incident was reported last Thursday (12/2).

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Events

#### 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 County Republicans** will hold a Christmas Party at 6 p.m. at the China Hill Restaurant in Ellsworth. Those attending will order from the menu and 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. 10

• **BROWN BAG LUNCH** – The Monthly Brown Bag Luncheon Rev. Stephen York 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.

##### 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!

#### Monday, Dec. 13

• **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. 14

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

#### Wednesday, Dec. 15

• **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 610-2249.

#### Saturday, Dec. 18

The annual distribution of Christmas gifts and holiday meal baskets by Bucksport Community Concerns from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Brown Hall at Elm and Franklin. Those who have registered can enter Brown Hall through the door with the "Open" flag. Any resident of Bucksport, Orland or Verona Island is eligible. Lori Hunt, 469-7063, is handling the sign-ups.

#### Sunday, Dec. 19

• **PAGEANT** – The Annual Sunday School Christmas pageant will begin at 10 a.m. at the Elm Street Congregational Church.

#### 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

##### Friday, Dec. 10

• **"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 Friday, Dec. 10.

#### 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.

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