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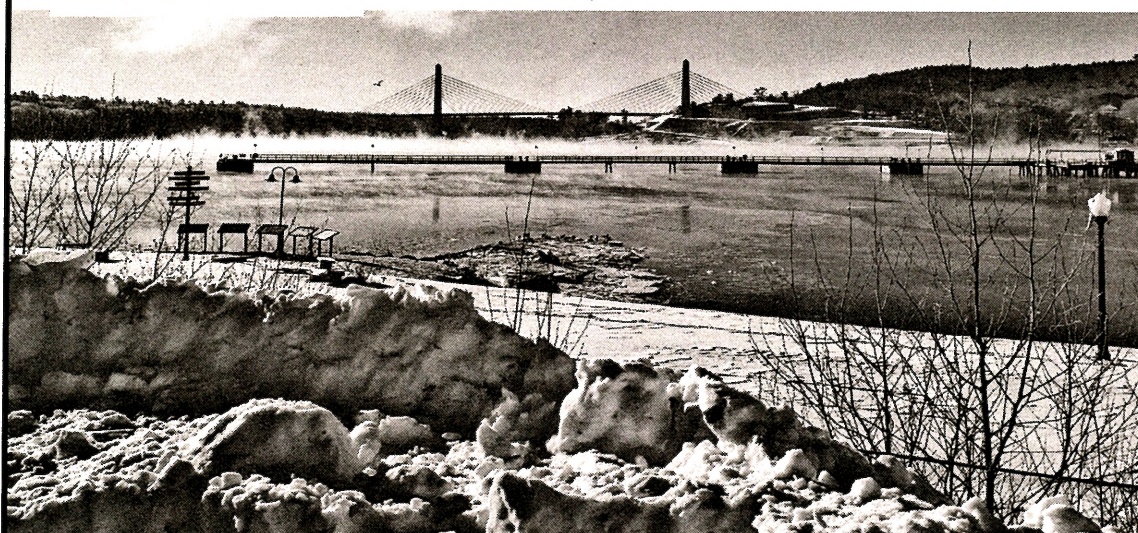
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## Wanted: Firefighters and EMTs

### Fire officials make pitch for personnel

BUCKSPORT – The top brass at the Bucksport Fire Department want to add two more firefighters/EMTs to the staff this year, and perhaps a third additional person next year.

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Denning has told the Town Council last week, “I don’t want to be an alarmist, but we have been in trouble for some time when it comes to the staffing required to meet the town’s needs.

Denning noted the staffing problem now is a national, state and regional issue as qualified personnel drift toward better paying positions in other departments. He also noted that many of those the department has relied upon are growing older and retiring, and recruiting new people to the on-call ranks has become very competitive.

The department now has two full-time firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, Denning said.

Still, the department was forced to bring in outside ambulance crew staffing for 19 ambulance runs last year.

This was needed because the on-duty staff already were on an ambulance run, and the department was unable to muster a full crew for the second or third ambulance, even though the vehicles were available.

Denning underlined the problems departments are having in recruiting younger on-call firefighters and ambulance drivers. Certified emergency medical technicians (EMTs) also are at a premium.

Many larger departments are offering hefty incentives to recruit qualified people.

Meanwhile, Sean Gagan, the town’s public safety director, is gathering data on the size of police forces in nearby communities. He said the initial results indicate Bucksport is in the lower half of the departments when it comes to staffing.

## 2022-2023 wish lists

### • Town officials back upgrading municipal animal shelter

BUCKSPORT – The town may be about to replace its long-time animal shelter out behind the recycling yard off Central Street.

Town officials have briefed the Infrastructure Committee and the Town Council as a whole on the multiple deficiencies of the current shelter, which serves Bucksport and also nine other communities in the area.

While no cost estimates were offered publicly, town officials said they believe it would be cheaper to replace the shelter rather than jerry-

rig some improvements within the two small buildings. The existing structures could be used to isolate animals either with medical or other problems and provide storage for food and other supplies.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard was given the

go-ahead to review the options and their costs, in time for including the numbers in the budget being prepared for the 12 months that begin July 1.

The current shelter does not have a rest room for the staff or volunteers who help care for the animals.

It also does not have long outside runs for the dogs.

One other concern appears to be an effort to deaden the sound of barking dogs, a problem that seems to have escalated with the development of a mobile estate park nearby.

### • A full-time animal officer?

BUCKSPORT – The deputy police chief believes the time has come to increase the half-time animal control officer to full-time.

Moving the officer, Allyson Corriveau-Moore, to full-time status would also mean providing her with full benefits. The costs involved were not publicly mentioned.

The animal officer has a part-time assistant, and is aided by a number of volunteers.

David Winchester, the deputy chief, made his case to the Town Council. He noted that the previous part-time animal control officer also worked as an emergency dispatcher and was able to handle some of the paperwork for the shelter while on duty at the station.

Now, there has been an

increase in the number of dogs and cats being housed in the shelter, and a continuing increase in the number of adoptions, which also requires additional paperwork.

He said checks with shelters in Ellsworth and Bangor showed that sending more animals to those sites would be far more expensive than the current arrangements with the participating communities.

Winchester did suggest that Bucksport increase the fees charged to the participating towns from the present 75 cents per capita to \$1 per resident.

Winchester reported the animal control staff responded to 221 complaints last year, and placed 93 animals with new homes.

He said the shelter last week had four dogs and 17 cats.

### • Support builds for van

BUCKSPORT – After months of talks and chats that yielded only one-day-a-week shuttle bus/taxi service for those dependent on public transportation, there appears to be growing support for a town-operated van service.

The town now pays \$100-a-week for a morning of taxi service and for once-a-week van service. Those who want to see the town buy and operate a small, handicapped-accessible van believe that is not enough in a community where nearly a third of the population is over the age of 60.

Last week, the Town Council offered a more full-throated backing to the idea as they prepare to draw up the 2022-2023 municipal budget.

While making no commit-

ments, they listened enthusiastically as William Foster, the town’s director of senior services, extolled the many benefits of having a van at the senior center.

These range from offering trips to get necessities like food to fun events like field trips, something especially appreciated by those who spend most of their days house-bound. He said a van would help in distributing the three-times-a-week lunches to people throughout the area, while also allowing the center to transport more people to the center for in-person dining and all sorts of activities.

The goal would be to have the town own, operate and service the bus, as that would provide tax-exempt fuel and lower the cost of insurance.

## IN THE WORKS . . . Tidbits from week’s news

**NO RECYCLING** – The latest offer to buy the long-closed trash-to-energy plant in Hampden appears headed to the rubbish heap of history. The folks who advanced the money to build the multi-million dollar place are calling the shots, and so far have not shown much enthusiasm for the latest offers to buy the Coastal Resources of Maine operation. As a result the plant, built on land owned by the Maine Municipal Review Committee (MERC), a 115-community consortium that supported the plant when the now-defunct Fiberglass people first proposed it, are left with few options.

In the interim, Bucksport’s trash is sent

to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Co. plant in Orrington when they are able to accept it, or top a landfill when they can’t handle the volume. The MERC people are mulling idea of suing the bondholders or even making an offer to buy at least a piece of the operation. Neither option will be cheap or quick.

**BIG BUCKS** – Expect another expensive campaign as U. S. Rep. Jared Golden again squares off with the man he defeated, Bruce Poliquin.

At the last public accounting, the Democrat incumbent had raised over \$2 million in 2021, shattering its prior off-year fundraising record from 2019 by nearly

\$400,000. The campaign now has over \$1.4 million in cash on hand after closing out a strong year by raising \$454,000 during the final quarter of 2021.

The money from over 8,500 individuals translates to 85 percent of it in sums of less than \$200.

Meanwhile, Poliquin, a Republican who recently bought a home in Orrington, has amassed virtually an identical amount for his 2022 campaign.

The Second District contests are being widely followed and supported by both the Democrats and the Republicans. The seat is considered important by both parties.

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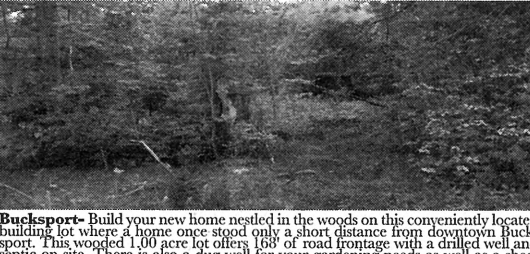
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Bucksport - Looking for a spot to build your dream home? This 7ac parcel has frontage on Route 46 and is located just down the road from Hancock Pond. It is possible that some gravel could exist on the property. Come take a look!  
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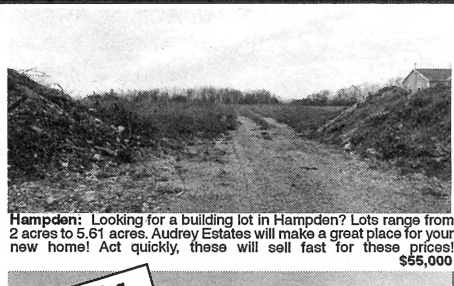
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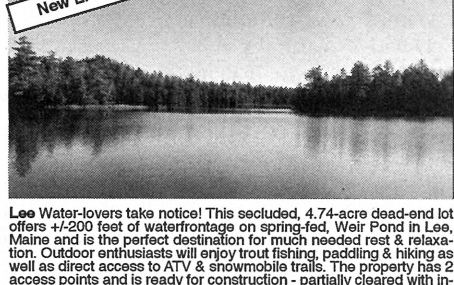
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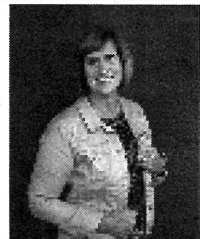
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## FRIENDS & FAMILY

**BUCKSPORT Native – Adam Bourgon**, DO, FACS, a general surgeon, has joined the Aspirus Doctors Clinic in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Bourgon earned his medical degree at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford.

He did his residency at the Wright State Boonshoft School of Medicine in Dayton, OH.

Board certified by the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, he takes a special interest in minimally invasive surgery and surgical oncology.

Bourgon served with the U.S. Air Force for nine years, serving both at the Wright Patterson and Langley air force bases. During his service, he spent time in Iraq, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

A graduate of Bucksport High School, he excelled in wrestling during his high school career.

He enjoys spending time with his

wife and being the father to two children. He is the grandson of **Henry R. Bourgon** of Bucksport.

**OFFICER K-9** – Deputy Police Chief **David Winchester** and Officer **Matthew Schmidt**, the department's new K-9 officer, will be going down to a program at the Maine State Police Academy next week to learn more about the use of canines in police work.

After that session, Officer Schmidt will be returning to Connecticut for additional familiarization with the K-9 that has been in training for use by the Bucksport department.

The as-yet not-named dog will get to ride in its own specially equipped cruiser and will enjoy newly built quarters and a fenced-in area at Schmidt's home.

In addition to being used for police investigation, the dog will be available for classroom programs held at the various schools by the police agency.

**VALENTINE'S DINNER** – The **Bucksport and Orland United Methodist churches** will co-host a "take-out" Valentine's Day dinner on Monday, Feb. 14.

The roast chicken, stuffing, potato, gravy, peas/carrots, roll and dessert will be \$10 each.

To order meals call the office at 469-3622 or e-mail [Orlandumc@aol.com](mailto:Orlandumc@aol.com).

Meals will be available for pick-up from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Bucksport Church, 3 River Road.

Deliveries for senior/shut-ins also available on request.

For more information e-mail [FMBucksportumc@aol.com](mailto:FMBucksportumc@aol.com) or check the church Facebook pages.

**ON YOUR MARK** – It's happening at the **Wildlands** in East Orland, beginning at noon on Feb. 20.

There will be a 5.2 mile run or walk on snowshoes or winter shoes (depending on conditions), and the

routes are through woods, hiking and biking trails, and gravel roads at the **Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust's** Dead River section.

The race begins and ends at the Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery at the end of Hatchery Road in East Orland. There will be hot chocolate, cookies and chili for all at Alamoosook Lake!

The cost: \$20/participant.

**THINK MOOSE!** – The 2022 **Maine moose permit lottery** application process now is open.

Applications for the moose permit lottery will be accepted online only.

To apply online, go to [mefish-wildlife.com](http://mefish-wildlife.com) and fill out the online moose permit application.

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# Let the public in

The idea of opening a \$12 million quarrying and rock crushing plant in a small town like Prospect is a big deal, one with implications well beyond the immediate site.

Add the building of a major dock to the waters of the Penobscot and the whole region has a stake in what is being done where.

## EDITORIALS

Still, it appears the people behind Salmons, LLC of Virginia Beach, VA don't seem to care what the public thinks in Prospect, ME. They simply want a good supply of stone for their cement plant in Virginia for decades to come.

The principals of the Salmons outfit have made forays into the town and now are represented by one of the largest, most-prestigious law firms around this area. The residents who have concerns about the potential environmental impact on their neighborhood, ground water, coastal waters and their town do not have a lawyer, and the town has slim resources and relatively loose regulations when it comes to projects of such a scale.

What to do?

Salmons LLC has posted an application for a permit from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and that includes the holding of a poorly publicized meeting; and to participate people would have had to make arrangements by before 5 p.m. today (2/3).

Ironically, the session is being billed as a public hearing though not well-publicized, is scheduled "virtually" for tomorrow, - Friday at 11 a.m.

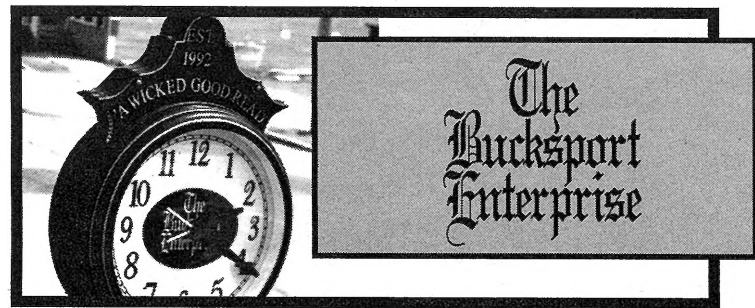
Ironically, "according to the announcement, "the purpose of this meeting is to provide information about this project to any interested parties."

The people of Prospect are familiar with quarrying, rock crushing and shipping stone all over the country; they've been doing it for generations. Salmons LLC does not seem especially interested in letting the people of Prospect in on what they are trying to accomplish. Still, it seems the powers that be don't seem to care very much about the people who call Prospect home.

## 'The Bucksporter'

Imagine a small, comfy van, all done up in purple with a gold racing stripe down the side proclaiming, "The Bucksporter" and emblazoned on the back with the words: "Bucksport: We honor our elders!"

With almost a third of the local population over 60, thanks to longer life spans, it's more than time to beef up our public transportation. Let those who can pay a fare, and those who can't ride for free, for we're all in this life together. A town-owned van can be overseen by a few savvy volunteers with minimal impact on existing town personnel.



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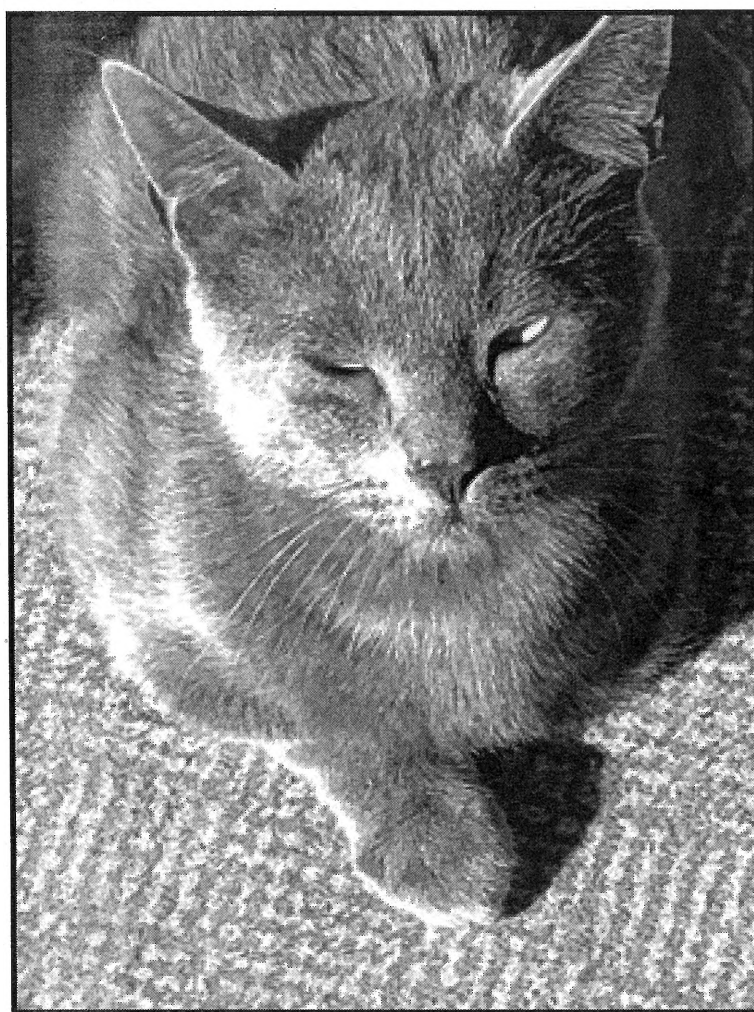
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## Well read, and bred for the task

Yes, his name is "Lucky," which may - or may not - be a misnomer. It seems "Lucky" was hit by a car, and one of his legs was broken so badly it had to be amputated. He ended up at the municipal shelter.

That's the unlucky part. Now for the lucky ending.

Andy Lacher at BookStacks, for years had Leo, the "store cat." Actually, Leo had a bookseller named Andy; he just let Andy use the Main Street shop during the day, in return for everything he could desire until his passing. Andy went catless for a year.

Grace Clement, a volunteer at the shelter, kept stopping in with "replacement Leos" to no avail. Then, she showed up with "Lucky." That was "Lucky's day!"

## LETTERS . . . to the editor

### Silent Republicans?

To the Editor

As a 73-year-old American who believes strongly in our United States democracy, I was sad to read that 49 Maine State House Republican representatives refused to vote to condemn the domestic terrorism that took place at our U.S. Capital on Jan. 6, 2021.

Three Hancock County Maine House Republican members, Rep Sherm Hutchins from Penobscot, Rep. Kathy Downes from Bucksport and Rep Billy Bob Faulkingham from Winter Harbor - did not vote to support the resolution condemning domestic terrorism on January 6, 2021.

I ask, do they approve of the hate and violence everyone saw on TV, where Trump supporters broke down doors and windows to unlawfully enter, damage and defecate in the Capitol Building? To me, their vote sanctions the beating of police officers with flag poles, fists and baseball bats. I was proud to hear that the Maine State Senate unanimously condemned the January 6th Insurrection. The five House Republicans that did vote to condemn the Insurrection made their party stronger and showed their integrity. The FBI and the Department of Homeland Security clearly labeled what happened as insurrectionist and domestic terrorism. Were the 49 Republican "leaders" afraid to condemn the thugs and terrorists who stormed our U.S. Capital building causing death and destruction. Is that how they support law and order

Thankfully the Maine House Resolution SP670 Commemorating the January 6th Insurrection passed because all Democratic and the five Republican members voted for it.

Rev. Charles Stephens  
Blue Hill, resident, and  
Bucksport property owner

### Build it, and we'll ride it

To the Editor

When I was in Europe, I travelled by train. The high speed rail system, which is now all through Europe, travels at speeds of up to 200 mph. Trains, capable of an increase in speed are now being developed and tested.

There is a tunnel under the English Channel, so as to connect the United Kingdom to Europe. In Italy, a supposedly poor country when compared to the United States, I travelled at 160 miles per hour on high speed rail, non-stop from Florence to Venice.

Meanwhile, in the United States, the average speed of our rail system is 60 miles an hour.

Maine has been promised a renewed rail system since the Barack Obama presidency with

words the only result. President Joseph Biden has renewed interest in the extension and repair of United States rail systems in his infrastructure bill. I have read about an extension of the rail system from Portland to Bangor. I have now read a report that Amtrak is only considering an extension from Brunswick to Rockland. Nowhere have I read of any interest in a high speed rail system. With so much undeveloped land, Maine presents an ideal location.

I can only imagine the job opportunities that would be presented to our youth. Imagine being able to travel, 200 miles per hour from Bangor to Portland to Boston; and home in time for dinner.

Meanwhile, for what it's worth, look up the political dealings of the children of President Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Joseph D'Avanzo  
Bucksport

### Celebrating Bucksport!

To the Editor

Thank you for your article in the Jan 27 *Enterprise* about the "Celebrating Bucksport-Building Strong Community 1929-2022" program on Zoom sponsored by the Hancock County Democrats.

The taped program will soon be available on the www.hancockdems website, as many of you could not access the Zoom link to the program on January 20, due to technical problems, unfortunately including some of the speakers.

The program was designed to celebrate some of the many people and organizations building and supporting the Bucksport community - chronologically: the paper mill, STOP, Bucksport Bay Healthy Community Coalition, Bucksport Senior Center, Wednesdays on Main, Heart and Soul, Main Street Bucksport, Solidarity Bucksport, Bucksport Town Manager Sue Lessard and Council, The Enterprise and Hancock County Commissioner - leading to the award as Best Small Coastal Town.

So many local people continue to volunteer their time and effort to make Bucksport so special to the 5 town area it serves. I am not listing the names of people as it is too long and I know I would miss several - you know who you are and what you have done -and I thank you.

I apologize to the many institutions, organizations, businesses and their representatives that I did not ask to speak - such as churches, schools, businesses. Unfortunately, the time was limited to an hour.

Thank you all - I am glad to be part of the wider community since 1989 in Orland.

Pam Person  
Co-chair, Program Committee  
Hancock County Democratic Committee



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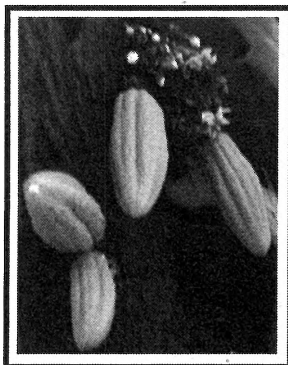
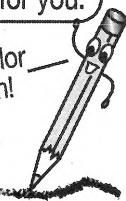
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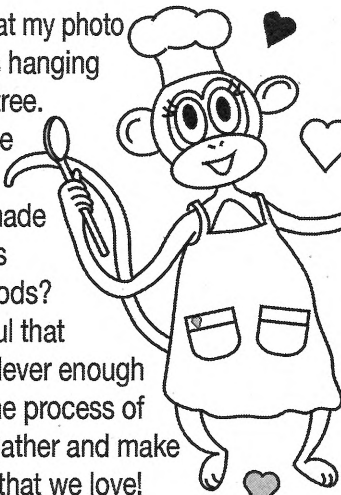
Kids: color stuff in!



I love to look at my photo of cacao pods hanging on the cacao tree.

Isn't it strange to think that chocolate is made from the seeds inside these pods?

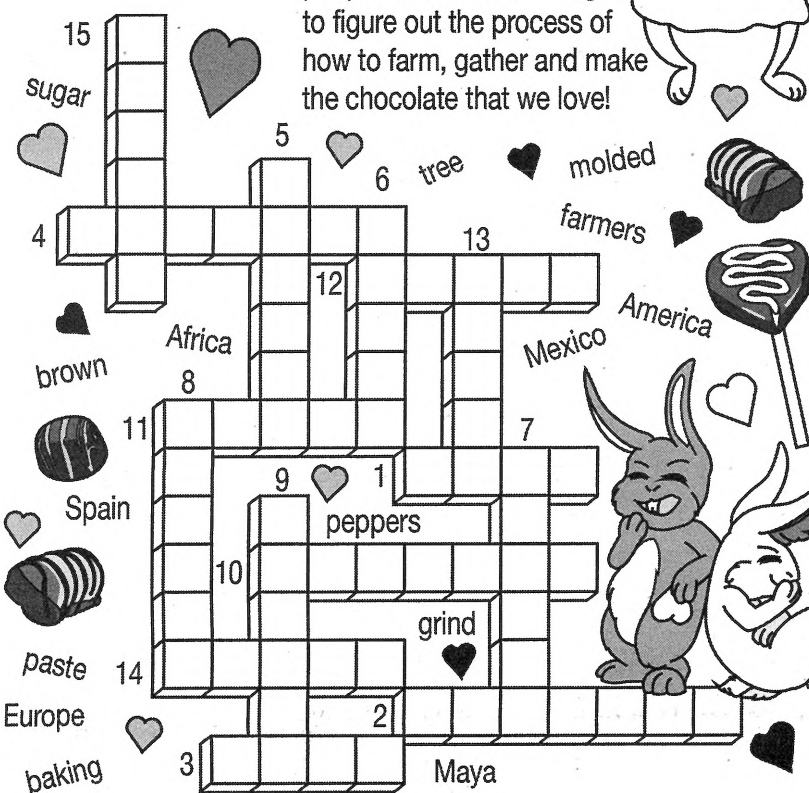
I'm so grateful that people were clever enough to figure out the process of how to farm, gather and make the chocolate that we love!



## Happy Valentine's Day!

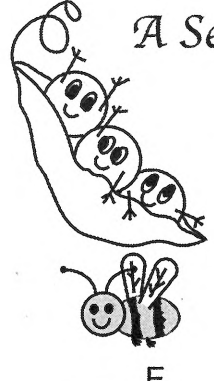
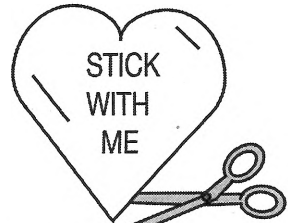
Read the clues and fill in the puzzle to learn how chocolate is made:

1. Chocolate is made from the bean of the cacao \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The trees were first found in rain forests of South and Central \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The people of Mexico and Central America, which included the \_\_\_\_\_ and Aztec, were the first known to make chocolate.
4. They made a chocolate drink that was not very sweet and sometimes had hot \_\_\_\_\_ in it.
5. When the Spanish explorer Hernando Cortés came to \_\_\_\_\_, the Aztec Emperor, Montezuma, served hot chocolate.
6. The Spanish brought the beans back to \_\_\_\_\_ where people made up new recipes using the chocolate.
7. It took about 100 years for the chocolate drink to become a favorite throughout \_\_\_\_\_ – especially with sugar added.
8. An Irish chocolate maker, John Hannon, brought beans from the West Indies to Massachusetts. With his partner, Dr. James Baker, he built the first chocolate mill and made chocolate squares for \_\_\_\_\_. You might still find some of this famous chocolate in your cupboard today.
9. Today, cacao trees are farmed in many countries with warm and wet weather. \_\_\_\_\_ is the world's largest producer.
10. Pods growing off the trunk of the cacao tree are harvested by hand by \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The white beans from the pods are dried to a \_\_\_\_\_ color in the sun.
12. The inside of beans (nibs) are gathered and crushed into thick chocolate "\_\_\_\_\_".
13. The chocolate "paste" is mixed with \_\_\_\_\_, cocoa butter and vanilla.
14. Next, the mixture is put into a conching machine to \_\_\_\_\_ the paste into tiny bits and create smooth, creamy chocolate to eat.
15. The chocolate is \_\_\_\_\_ into our favorite bars by Hershey's, Mars, Cadbury and other companies.



Do the dot-to-dot puzzle to see me! Then, cut me out. Next, cut out this little paper Valentine heart and cut slots on the slanted lines. Put the heart on one of my spines to make a "sticky" Valentine.

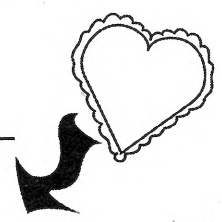
### A Sticky Valentine!



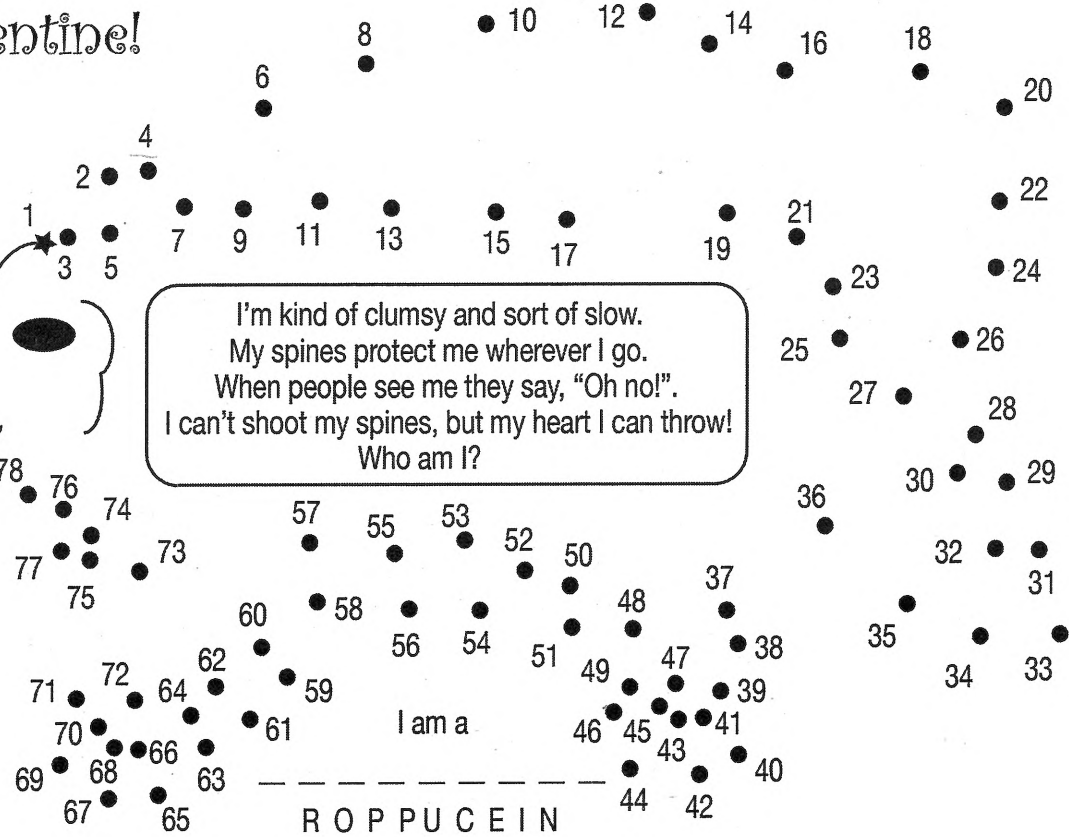
### A Secret Message!

Study the pictures to fill in the secret message:

\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_ E  
\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_ E!



I'm kind of clumsy and sort of slow. My spines protect me wherever I go. When people see me they say, "Oh no!". I can't shoot my spines, but my heart I can throw! Who am I?



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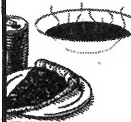
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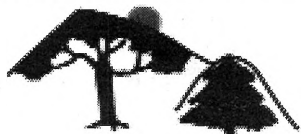


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# Public Safety LOGS

## Arrest

BUCKSPORT — Carmen Billings, 38, was arrested at her home at 23 Central Street in Bucksport about 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 23 for reportedly engaging in domestic violence and assault on a man.

Billings also was charged with refusing to submit to arrest, and was booked into the Hancock County Jail at 7:15 p.m. She later posted bail and was released.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT — These court summonses were issued here recently:

- Trey Heald, 32, of Prospect was given a citation for allegedly driving without a license. He was stopped on the River Road about 4:30 a.m. on last Thursday (1/27).
- A woman reported her vehicle was hit while parked near MacDonald's on U.S. Route 1 just before 2 p.m. on Jan. 25. A second vehicle left the scene.
- Rebekah Noble, 40, got a speeding ticket after being stopped about 6:45 a.m. on Jan. 23.
- Logan Martin, 20, of Dover-Foxcroft was issued a summons for allegedly driving without a license. He was stopped on the River Road about 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 23.

## Accident - Deer

BUCKSPORT — Encounters with deer continue to be way down again, in part, perhaps, because of the storms and the bitter cold which had more deer staying nearby the warmth of their deer yards rather than venturing into the roadways.

• An injured deer was found on a town road about 9:30 p.m. on Friday (1/28) and it had to be put down by an officer. Five minutes later Maryah Quimby, 16, of Bucksport reported striking a deer on the River Road

## Accident - Other

BUCKSPORT — These accidents were reported on area roads:

- Vehicles being driven by Prudence Davis, 64, and Paula Shute, 67, both of Orland collided on the River Road about 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 25.
- Christopher Lamoine, 37, of Swan's Island parked a vehicle near MacDonald's on U.S. Route 1 about 2 p.m. on Jan. 25, but somebody apparently backed into it and then left the scene.

## Last round-up?

BUCKSPORT — Some cows being kept in a field off the Silver Lake Road went for a little stroll early on Jan. 25, the latest in a series of wanderings by the peripatetic bovines. However, the owner has since moved the cows and the rest of his various farm animals to a new location in Orland.

The animals, no doubt, already are testing the fences there.

## Tools missing

BUCKSPORT — A person reported losing some tools on Main Street after driving past the traffic lights last Thursday (1/27). The incident was reported to police about 7 p.m.

## Hancock County

# COURTS

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

- Clifton Dudley O'Neill IV, 42, Bucksport. Operating vehicle without license at Bucksport, July 17, 2021. \$150. Operating vehicle without license at Bucksport, July 29, 2021. \$150.
- Bethany Lynn Dimmock, 20, Prospect. Failure to stop, remain, provide information at Southwest Harbor, July 17, 2021. \$150.
- Daryl Earl Dejoy, 62, Penobscot. Tampering with witness, informant, juror or victim at Orland, Sept. 16, 2021. Dismissed. Violating conditions of release at Orland, Sept. 16, 2021. Jail 18 days.
- Abdualazize M. Younes, 18, Bucksport. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Ellsworth, Aug. 2, 2021. \$250. Restitution \$50.25.
- Leonel Dorleus, 41, Lumberton, N.C. driving without a license at Bucksport, Sept. 2, 2021. \$150.
- Nathaniel S. Madore, 28, Trenton. Violating conditions of release at Ellsworth, Oct. 18, 2021. Jail 48 hours.
- Isabelle S. Keinn, 21, Cornish. Minor consuming alcohol at Bucksport, Feb. 6, 2021. \$200.
- Keith French, 43, Bucksport. Keeping dangerous dog at Bucksport, July 14, 2021. \$250.
- Grayson B. Eaton, 19, Blue Hill. Minor possessing liquor at Orland, July 28, 2021. \$200.
- Owen M. Vinall, 19, Blue Hill. Minor consuming liquor at Orland, July 28, 2021. \$200.
- Ralph Hanscom, 52, Verona Island. Unlawful possession of scheduled drug at Bucksport, July 7, 2018. \$400. Violating conditions of release at Bucksport, July 7, 2018. \$250, suspended.
- Ira Wood, 24, Stonington. Aggravated criminal mischief at Castine, Aug. 21, 2018. Dismissed. Molesting or disturbing lobster gear at Castine, Aug. 21, 2018. Department of Corrections 364 days, all but seven days suspended. Probation one year. Violating conditions of release at Castine, Aug. 21, 2018. Jail seven days. Criminal conspiracy at Castine, Aug. 21, 2018.

- Ares Joseph Rattray, 24, Presque Isle. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Bucksport, July 15, 2019. Dismissed. Violating condition of release at Bucksport, July 15, 2019. Dismissed.
- Troy L. Melvin, 45, Bucksport. Reckless conduct at Bucksport Feb. 16, 2020. Dismissed. Illegal possession of firearm at Bucksport, Feb. 16, 2020. Dismissed. Criminal forfeiture of property at Bucksport, Feb. 16, 2020. Dismissed. Reckless conduct, at Bucksport, Feb. 16, 2020. \$500.
- Megan Patten, 31, Bucksport. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Bucksport, June 22, 2021. \$500.
- James Blann, 50, Orland. Operating vehicle without license at Bucksport, July 31, 2021. \$150.
- Andrew Semple, 35, Blue Hill. Violating protection from abuse order at Bucksport, Oct. 1, 2021. Jail 48 hours.
- Christian Dunbar Handel, 24, Bucksport. Operating vehicle without license at Bucksport, Aug. 8, 2021. \$150.
- Amanda L. Gray, 19, Orland. Permitting false attachment of plates at Bucksport, Oct. 1, 2021. \$100.
- Gilbert A. Prescott Jr., 31, Biddeford. Indecent conduct at Bucksport, Aug. 14, 2021. \$250. Disorderly conduct, offensive words, gestures at Bucksport, Aug. 14, 2021. \$250.
- Dakota M. Lanpher-Kashey, 19, Bucksport. Motor vehicle speeding: at more than 30 miles per hour above posted limit at Bucksport, Sept. 30, 2021. \$450.
- Christopher J. Beaucage, 36, Penobscot. Fugitive from justice at Ellsworth, Nov. 19, 2021.
- Nicholas Ira Wood, 24, Stonington. Class II lobster and crab fishing without license at Castine, Aug. 21, 2021. \$500. Littering at Castine, Aug. 21, 2021. Dismissed.
- Heather McGinn, 20, Bucksport. Minor transporting liquor at Bucksport, July 11, 2021. Dismissed.
- Keith French, 43, Bucksport. Keeping dangerous dog at Bucksport, July 14, 2021. \$250

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## State roadway projects listed

**BUCKSPORT AREA** - The Maine Department of Transportation work plan outlining road and other projects to be done by 2024 includes over \$10 million worth of work in State House District 131.

The 17 projects are:

- Two large culvert replacements in Penobscot, one on Route 166 and the other on Route 199.
- Money to maintain and manage the Penobscot Narrows Observatory in Prospect.
- Improve the Colson Bridge
- Replace the deck on the Marsh Bridge in Prospect.

The state plans to spend \$2.23 billion during the course of the latest work plan.

## What to do with empty lot on Main Street?

**BUCKSPORT** - Last week the Bucksport Community and Economic Development Committee began a review of a 44-page consultant's recommendation that 11 buildings be built on the town's empty lot at 27 Main Street.

The study suggested two dozen second and third floor apartments and commercial spaces on the ground level.

All in all, the proposal called for an expenditure of several million dollars, leading one member, Ron Russell of Verona Island, the president of Main Street Bucksport, to suggest that may be a might rich for Bucksport's downtown today. He questioned the availability of financing for such a plan.

He also suggested the returns that might be expected in rentals and lease payments might not justify the cost of the construction, even if the town donated the land and underwrites some of the site preparation.

Russell suggested a more modest "incubator shop" approach, such as the successful small shops a Main Street group boot-strapped in Batavia, IL The shops are patterned on ones built by another Main Street group in Michigan.



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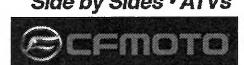
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Events

**Each Wednesday**  
• **FOOD PANTRY** – The Bucksport Community Concerns Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 p.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.

**Thursday, Feb. 10**  
**LINCOLN DINNER** – The Hancock County Republican's Lincoln Day dinner will be at 6 p.m. at the Ellsworth VFW Hall, (419 Main Street, Ellsworth) This is a potluck dinner and everyone is asked to bring some food to share. Joe Marshall will offer his declamations of 2 of Lincoln's speeches and the speaker will be former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who is running again for that post. There will be a 50/50 raffle to benefit the VFW and a silent auction. There is no cost for the dinner. *Sandi04472@gmail.com*

## In the libraries

**Buck Memorial**  
• **NEW HOURS** – The Buck Memorial Library has new hours: Tuesday 10 to 4; Wednesday & Thursday 10 to 6; Friday 10 to 4; and Saturday 10 to 2.

**Wednesdays & Thursdays**  
• **STORY HOUR** is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursdays at 4 p.m.

**Throughout February**  
FEBRUARY is "Love Your Library Month" so, visit the library to learn how you can help support Buck Memorial as we plan our first Summer Reading Program called "Oceans of Possibility".

**February 15**  
**PENOBSCOT** historian Carol Dana will be doing a Zoom presentation at 6 p.m. Check the library's website for the details.

**Blue Hill**  
**Each Monday**  
• **MAGIC THE GATHERING** – From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. teens and tweens play Magic the Gathering in the Blue Hill Public Library. Magic the Gathering is a strategy trading card game that features an array of fantasy creatures, spells, enchantments and more to help players overcome their opponents.

This is a casual and fun opportunity for players of all experience levels to get together and test out various decks. Decks of cards are provided, or participants can bring their own card collections. Castine math and science teacher Josh Snow will be on hand to help new players and provide guidance. The program is free.

• **BEYOND LABELS** – A discussion group meets each Monday from 10 to noon as a hybrid, on-line and in-person program. New members are welcome to join the round table discussion of foreign, national and

state/local issues. Information about the topics can be found at <https://beyondlabels.ustiger.net/>.

**Each Tuesday**  
• **Salut! French** – A French Conversation group "Salut!" continues to meet each Tuesday at 2 p.m.. All are welcome to join Library Director Rich Boulet and Youth Services Librarian Claire Malina for weekly conversations via Zoom. New topics are posted on the library's web calendar each week.

**Each Thursday**  
• **CHECK MATES** – All are welcome to join the Blue Hill Chess Enthusiasts every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.. Players of all experience levels are welcome for friendly games. Participants are also invited to play with the Blue Hill Chess Enthusiasts anytime on-line. Visit [lichess.org](http://lichess.org) and search for the group Blue Hill Chess Nuts to join in.

**Each Thursday**  
• **KNITTERS** of all levels of ability are invited to meet in the library's Main Room every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to sit by the fireplace to work on knitting projects, get help, or even to start their knitting journey. Kids are welcome too!  
**Through March 31**  
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## In Brown Hall

**Monday, Feb. 7**  
• **SCOTTISH DANCING** resumes 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.

**Wednesday, Feb. 9**  
• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)** meets weekly at 7 PM. For more information, call Bill at 610-2249. In addition, AL-ANON is moving to a Zoom meeting for February.

**Friday, Feb. 4 & 11**  
• The Monthly Brown Bag Luncheon with Dr. Stephen York meets at noon to 1 p.m.. Please RSVP to the church office.

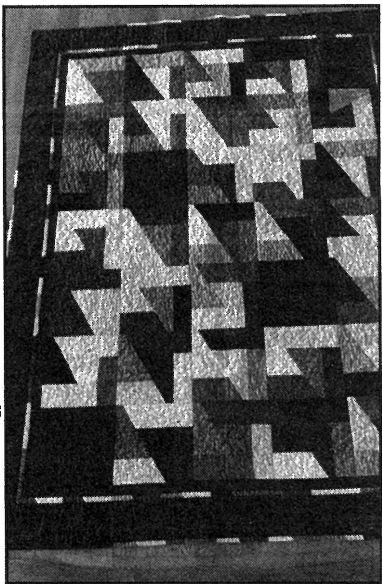
**NOTE: The Know Your Neighbor community meeting program is rescheduled for the second Tuesday of Feb, March or April. The dates for various programs will be announced.**

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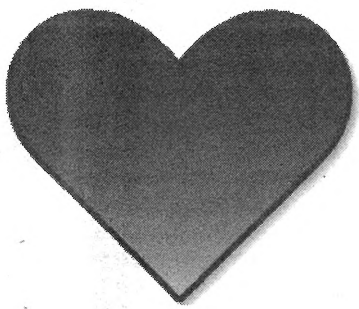


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- Friday, Feb. 4 – Baked haddock, wild rice, peas and lemon cake.
- Monday, Feb. 7 – Breaded pork chop, roasted potatoes, green beans and strudel stick.
- Wednesday, Feb. 9 – Shepherd's pie, dinner roll and a brownie.
- Friday, Feb. 11 – Chop suey, garlic bread, garden salad and pudding.
- Monday, Feb. 14 – Baked chicken, macaroni salad, corn and cake.
- Wednesday, Feb. 16 – Soup and sandwich, pickle spear and a cookie.
- Friday, Feb. 18 – Manicotti, dinner roll, salad and chocolate cream pie.
- Monday, Feb. 21 – NO MEAL
- Wednesday, Feb. 23 – Sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potato, mixed veg, cranberry sauce
- Friday, Feb. 25 – Chicken tenders, french fries, carrots and bread pudding.
- Monday, Feb. 28 – Pork tenderloin w/gravy, mashed potato, snap peas and ice cream.

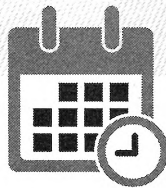


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