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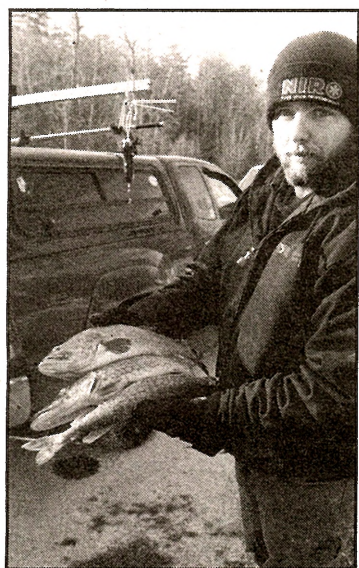
There's something **VERY FISHY** going on here!

BUCKSPORT – It was very, very quiet out there on the ice. It also was very cold, like 10 degrees cold (without the wind chill). But there was happiness everywhere as droves of fisherpeople and fisherkids again took to Silver Lake for the annual Bucks Mills Rod & Gun Club Fishing Derby.

Last year's derby had to be cancelled, leaving many to find something missing from the winter of 2020-2022. But amid some steaming chili and very hot coffee, all's well once again. Some in their fishing shacks, some poking holes in the traditional spots and still others seeking out their own private fishing spots, they came early and stayed through mid-afternoon for this most family-friendly tradition of February in Bucksport.

The annual derby has four goals: Introduce young fisherpeople to the sport, encourage families to gather mid-winter for a bracing day on the ice, bring the community outdoors after months of covid-enhanced isolation and raise some money for scholarships for local students in the process.

While the crowd was a little shy of the numbers generated in some recent years, the turnout still was encouraging to the organizers, who each year have their assigned roles in the event, from gathering prizes for the drawings to keeping the chili hot to recording the length and weight of each fish caught.



Photography by
Don Houghton



Councilors may act on public events

BUCKSPORT – The Town Council may be poised to act on an issue they've chatted about for months: whether to regulate some - or all - public events not sponsored by the town.

Specifically, they will look at whether to charge businesses that host large enough events to require staffing by public safety personnel.

- The councilors soon will have to rule on the plan to stage a four-day Fourth of July weekend series of events sponsored by a local business woman. That plan is being revised for a third review by public safety agencies.

- The council also is expected to approve the permits for the 2nd annual Bucksport Pride Celebration from noon to 10

p.m. on the waterfront on Saturday, June 18. The sponsors of that group say they are not asking for public safety agency support but will keep those personnel informed of their plans.

Also on the docket is a resolution to control lengthy, days-long yard sales.

There also are proposed regulations amending that include:

- Eliminating medical marijuana dispensaries from the list of permitted mercantile land uses. Dispensaries previously were banned here.

- An update of the town's sign ordinance.

- Setting the 2022 rates for using the Town Dock or the slips at Bucksport's marina.

All you'd ever want to know about ORLAND

ORLAND – Some may find the 156-page draft of Orland's comprehensive Plan a cure for insomnia, but those who care about the community's future will discover a treasure trove of ideas, recommendations, charts, tables, lists and even maps.

The book, which has been submitted to the state for an initial review but remains subject to adoption by Orland voters, chronicles every detail and every statistic anyone considering moving to the town, investing in it or just learning about what makes the place unique.

The current version is an update of the 1998 plan and the result of some five years of meetings by some very dedicated people.

It details the difficulties of stimulating business investment in Orland for most of the local businesses are owner-operated, many of them by lone entrepreneurs.

But the compilation is not doom and gloom, for it details progress on many fronts, from the transformation of an empty

school into a community center and business incubator to new ownership of key structures in Orland Village. Those owners are trying to breathe new life into the old structures.

The book documents the many outdoor recreational opportunities, far more than in many small Maine towns. And while citing the decrepit state of the fire station it underlines the efforts to build a new one just as soon as the community settles on the proper site.

Like the town's recently greatly upgraded and user-friendly municipal website, the panel that put together the latest plan cites the need to get - and keep - everyone involved.

While praising the unique annual Orland River Day, the report calls on the town's leaders to keep reaching out for advice.

The latest plan, while lengthy and very detailed, has plenty of insights tucked in among the lists and the numbers.

IN THE WORKS . . . Tidbits from week's news

MOVING ON – After some 30 years in the basement of the Elm Street Congregational Church, the Bucksport Community Concerns food pantry is moving into the former office of the Seaboard Federal Credit Union. The new space, which they will begin moving into on April 30 and should have ready by the end of April, will allow parking at the door and no more schlepping items up and down a partial set of stairs.

The move includes freezers, some of them almost as old as the pantry, and the all-volunteer group could use all the help it can muster to get the massive job done.

BACK TO NORMAL? – The Bucksport Town Council and other municipal groups are abandoning their meetings via Zoom and getting back to face-to-face conversations with their colleagues. The practice begins tonight when the Town Council meets at 7 p.m. (The session can still be viewed on Channel 1303) and on the internet (town-hallstreams.com). Got a question or comment? Send it to slessard@bucksportmaine.gov. or call her at 469-7368.

WEATHER OR NOT? The town is about to get a sophisticated weather station monitoring system for installation

at the sewage treatment plant on U.S. Route 1. The equipment, valued at from \$6,000 to \$8,000, and is a gift from Power Wise. It will be used to monitor the solar panels the firm installed at the plant in an effort to cut the electricity bills when the plant was upgraded to offer primary treatment of sewage. The upgrade resulted in a sharp increase in the amount of power needed there.

The new electronics will monitor the solar energy being received from the sun and the temperature of the panels that now line U.S. Route 1 in front of the sewage station.

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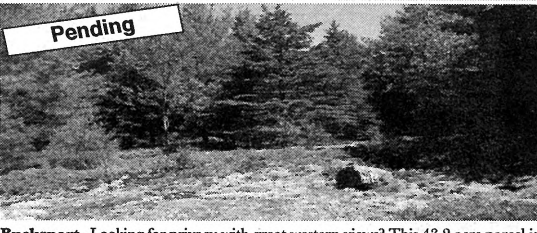


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Bucksport - This is a large, 24+ acre lot practically in town. It borders the Bucksport Middle School, and reaches down to Bayview Avenue. The lot has just been removed from tree growth. There is so much potential for this lot.
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter.



Pending

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




Prospect - 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!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

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SENIOR CENTER 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, Feb. 25 – Chicken tenders, french fries, carrots and bread pudding.
- Monday, Feb 28 – Pork tenderloin w/ gravy, mashed potato, snap peas and ice cream.
- Wednesday, March 2 – Salisbury steak, mashed potato, green beans and a cookie,
- Friday, March 4 – Chicken cordon bleu, wild rice, peas and a cupcake.



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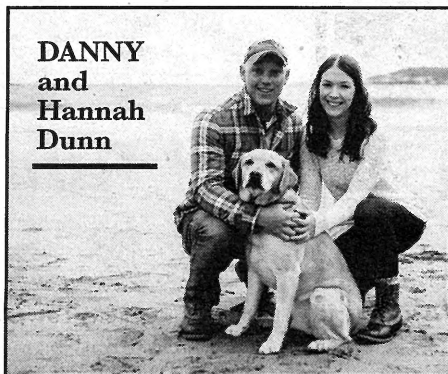
NO BARKING! NO BITING! –

Hannah (Whitten) Dunn and her husband are on a very important mission: **Danny Dunn** vitally needs a stem cell transplant.

Dunn, a 2007 graduate of Bucksport High School and a resident here from 1995, Hannah is the daughter of **Nancy and Michael and Whitten**. Now his friends from Bucksport to his native Bar Harbor are coming together in Ellsworth for an event to help the couple. A Swab and Go project is being organized in March to help find a donor match.

Dunn, has been fighting a rare type of cutaneous t-cell lymphoma for years. His lymphoma has become more aggressive and his doctors have put him on track for an Allogeneic stem cell transplant mid-year this year, around the time of the arrival of his first child. Unfortunately, the process of finding a donor match has not been successful

DANNY and Hannah Dunn



through sibling testing or through the national database. To help Danny with finding the best possible match, the couple has begun a donor drive to help not only Danny find a match, but also others who need help.

Therefore, everyone is invited to come to the Ellsworth Elk's Lodge on March 8th between noon and 6 p.m. or on March 12 between 10 and 2.

A quick swab test may help you save

someone's life.

Check out the the National Donor Registry on the internet for all you might want to know. The basics are you must be between 18 and 40, and be willing to donate to any patient in need.

Even if you're not sure, you can learn more at the two sessions in Ellsworth. The project is called, "Swab and Go," and it just might save a person's life.

COLLEGE CASH – The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine again is offering the Rev. Randall Hilton Scholarship to graduating high school seniors at **Bucksport High School, George Stevens Academy** and other area high schools.

Additional scholarships may be used for by older students at any higher education facility, continuing education, technical training, or any other endeavor to gain proficiency or expand one's knowledge in a chosen field.

Successful candidates will be awarded in the spring. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to determine the number and amount of each scholarship given, up to \$1000.00 each. To apply, students should contact your school's guidance office or visit uucastine.org/scholarships/ to download an application and the scholarship criteria.

DEAN'S LIST – The University of Maine at August has posted its fall semester dean's list, and several Bucksport-area residents are on it. They include: **Jordan Brasslett** of Bucksport; **Kyra Martin** of Orland; **Natalee Pyle**, of Bucksport; and **Emma Verrill** of Bucksport.

READY TO ROLL – Tonight (2/24), Bucksport Town Clerk **Jacob Gran** will swear in two new people on the Fire Department: Firefighter/Medic **Adrian Stone** and Firefighter/AEMT **Derek Hawes**.

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O (no) Canada!

The Canadian national anthem, adopted in 1980.

***O Canada! our home and native land!
True patriot-love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,***

Where is the love shown in the largest police operation in the nation's history is directed toward their fellow citizens seeking to make a peaceful plea to their elected representatives?

***The True North strong and free!
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.***

***O Canada, glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee.***

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Nobody in authority seemed to be standing in the way as hundreds of riot-clad police, carrying batons, unleashed pepper spray and tear gas on innocent civilians. Some of the truckers at the core of the peaceful protest, lost their livelihoods as the police confiscated their big rigs, smashed their windshields, and began seizing their bank accounts. About 200 were arrested for having the audacity to carry placards outside their nation's Parliament.

***O Canada! where pines and maples grow,
Great prairies spread,
and lordly rivers flow.
How dear to us thy***

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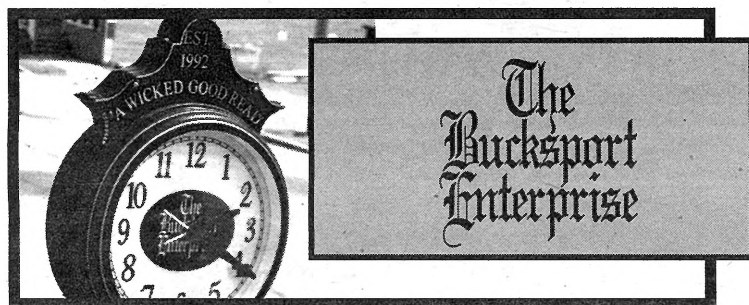
From East to Western sea.

***The land of hope for all who toil,
The True North strong and free!***

It was so out of the Canadian character, so long a friendly and welcoming and hard-working people. Like truckers, they know life is not always easy, but some things - including trucks and those who drive them, pandemic or no pandemic - are essential and deserve everyone's respect.

***O Canada, glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! beneath our shining skies,
May stalwart sons, and gentle maidens rise.
To keep thee steadfast through the years,
From east to western sea,
Our own beloved native land,
Our true north strong and free!***

Well, you get the point - Justin Pierre Trudeau, does not. Shame on Justin Trudeau, and on those too meek to curb his thirst to bludgeon to control those with whom he disagrees.



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LETTERS . . . to the editor

Protesting: Another view

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the diatribe of Calvin Ray (Letter to the Editor, 2/17).

Jan. 6th was not a peaceful demonstration under any stretch of the imagination unless that stretch is highly delusional. Extremism in any form is dangerous and your anger is not constructive but incendiary.

So Mr. Ray, tell me about "we the people." Are you reserving that term for only white males of a particular religious persuasion? I thought God was all-inclusive.

The United States is a diverse physical landscape of climate, culture and persons all coming together to construct a democracy of diverse elements. Where did your ancestors come from? I

believe the science tells us that the motherland of all humans was Africa.

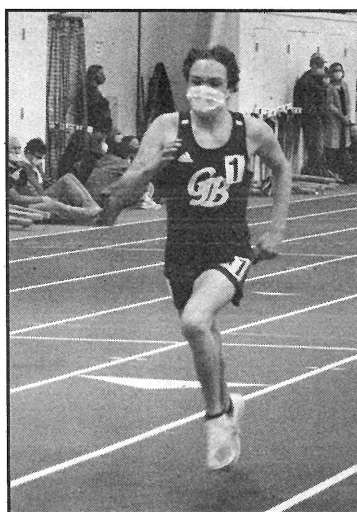
However God is defined, He or She is worshipped by many peoples in many ways with many customs.

Why should the sanctity of marriage only be defined by one man joining with one woman? There are a variety of ways in which to express a loving connection. God would not turn away from any human unless you believe only in a Supreme being that is narrow-minded, petty, vengeful and selective in offering divine protection.

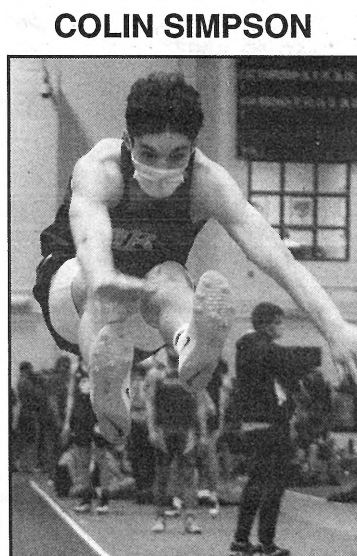
Where there is love, there is spiritual affirmation whether you choose to name it God.

From God's mouth to your ear where you are deaf.

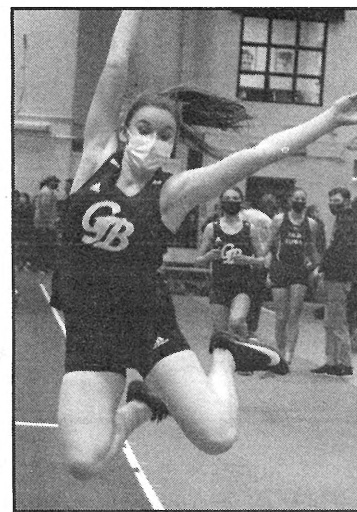
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NATASHA MONREAL

A fine day for running in Orono

COACH CHRIS JONES

ORONO — Both the boys and girls indoor track teams turned in dominating performances, each scoring enough to return to Bucksport with championship trophies.

Competing at the Penobscot Valley Conference championship meet on Feb. 11, the Bucksport girls bested runners-up Central by a score of 153-92. First place finishers for the girls were Alyssa Maguire — shot put, Natasha Monreal — long and triple jump, and the 4x200m relay team of Monreal, Angelina Cotoni, Alyx Frazell, and Johanna Stiles. The Golden Bucks turned in a bevy of second and third place finishes in the 4x800m relay: Christina Degiso, Nettie Fox, Abigail Farricker, Evie Hileman; the 55m hurdles: Alyx Frazell and Cotoni; the 55m dash: Cotoni and Stiles; the 400m dash: Abigail Hunt and Ashley Cyr; the 2 mile: Rebekah Ireland; the long jump: Carly McHale; the triple jump: Helaina Winslow; the high jump: Alyx Frazell.

In addition to those impressive performances, Bucksport senior Johanna Stiles won the Anne Norton Sportsmanship Award.

The boys' team bested runner's up Sumner by a score of 150-81. First place finishers were Hugh Jack — 55m and 200m dash, Will Hileman — 1 and 2 mile, Colin Simpson — long and triple jump, Nathan Paulauskas — high jump. The Bucksport squad received second and third place finishes in the 55m hurdles: Kai Brown; 1 mile: Gage Bruns; 800m: Gage Bruns and Will Hileman; 4x200m: Kai Brown, Ayden Maguire, Nathan Paulauskas, Hugh Jack; shot put: William Bissonnette and Evan Trojano; long jump: Nathan Paulauskas.

Coach Matt Morrison was named Boys Coach of the Year and Sophomore distance runner William Hileman received the Performer of the Meet award for scoring the most points among all male competitors.

For all members of the Bucksport High School Indoor Track team the championships were a confirmation of each student athlete's dedication to the sport, a testament to their talents, and a celebration of a truly remarkable season for the Golden Bucks.

Class B State Championship — University of Southern Maine — February 21

Heading into the Class B State Championship, both the boys and girls teams looked to compete for individual and relay titles. Competing against

perennial powerhouses from southern and western Maine, the Bucks would need to deliver some season-best performances if they were to compete for the top three spots.

Riding high on their success from the previous week's league championships, the Bucks quickly announced their presence as one of the top teams on both the boys and girls side. Lead by early wins in the boys and girls long jump by Colin Simpson and Natasha Monreal, and third and fifth place finishes in the girls 55m dash by Angelina Cotoni and Johanna Stiles, respectively, the Bucks were in good position in the early going.

The girls would benefit from another first place finish from the sophomore, Monreal, in the triple jump (whose winning leap of 33'4.75" broke a 39-year-old BHS record) and a 2nd place finish by the 4x200m relay team of Monreal, Cotoni, Frazell, and Stiles. After leading through the prelims and into the final round of the triple jump, Monreal found herself behind with one jump to go. "I was thinking that this was my final jump and realized this was my chance to be state champ, so I needed to put everything in that final jump. That's what I did," said Monreal. The girls would finish the night with an impressive third place finish in Class B.

The boys continued to gather points in the jumps, with senior Nathan Paulauskas securing 2nd place in the high jump clearing 6'2" and Simpson placing first again, this time in the triple jump with a mark of 43'5.75" which set a new BHS record. Sophomore William Hileman would add 20 more points to the boys' team total with dominant victories in the 1 and 2 mile run. Hileman's strategy of letting his closest competitors lead before pulling away in the final lap led to two of the more impressive victories of the meet.

The night concluded with Simpson's triple jump that solidified the Golden Bucks' Class B runners up performance. "It was a relief knowing we were the runner's up," said Simpson. "I never expected to be this close to a Class B Championship, but the coach was very proud of the teams' accomplishments."

Also scoring for Bucksport were Kai Brown — 7th in the 55m hurdles, Gage Bruns — 6th in the 800m, 7th in the 2 mile, Hugh Jack — 6th in the 55m dash. Monreal, Simpson, Paulauskas, and Hileman will compete in the New England Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston on March 5.

PHOTO BY NANCY MINOTT

OBITUARIES

Dolores Ann Botting, 1937 - 2022

LEVANT & ZEPHYRHILLS, FL -Dolores Ann Roach Botting died on Feb. 11, 2022 in Zephyrhills, comforted by her husband and daughter.

Dee was born in Houlton, on March 23 1937, the eldest child of Raymond and Erna (Downing) Roach. She graduated from Oakfield High School and was employed as a secretary at the Island Falls Starch Plant.

Dee worked many years for Key Bank as a teller and enjoyed serving customers in Houlton and Bangor.

Dee was an active church member and participated in several congregations in Maine and Florida. She was a dedicated crossword enthusiast and loved to knit.

Dolores was pre-deceased by her parents, Raymond and Erna; her only brother Raymond; brother-in-law Vinal White; former

husband George Clark, and stepsons Darrel Botting and Harold Botting.

She is survived by her loving husband Victor



Dolores Ann Botting

Botting; her daughter Kimberley Clark (Richard) Rosen of Bucksport; her sisters Judy White residing in Connecticut, Rebecca (Terry) Beers of Kennebunk, Leanne (Dean) Slauenwhite of Gorham; sister-in-law Judy Roach, Brockville, Ontario, sister-in-law Sandra (George) Estes; brother-in-law Denis Bechard; step-sons David Botting, Victor Botting Jr, and William Botting; her grandchildren Rachael (Chris) Barrow, Yorktown, VA and David (Christine Bratcher) Rosen of Bucksport; great-grandchildren Chloe, Brooklyn and Nixon; and many dear cousins, nieces and

nephews.

Arrangements for a spring memorial will be announced at a later date.

Patricia Anne Dunbar, 1950 - 2022

BUCKSPORT- Patricia Anne Dunbar, 71, passed away surrounded by her family on Feb. 16, 2022.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1950, and was the only child of Basil and Anne Cushing.

Patti, who was known more commonly by many of us as "Bimmi", enjoyed spending time at her daycare which she owned and operated for over 25 years, being out to camp with family, and taking joyrides around Bucksport on her trike.

Patti loved the Lord with all of her heart and now has found her spot with Him in heaven. Patti's true passion in life was loving and teaching the kids in her daycare. She also had a deep love for rescuing animals of all kinds. You never knew what her newest addition to her household might be.

Patricia is survived by her husband Kendal Dunbar; their children Thomas Mann and his wife Tammy, Jeanine Stewart and her husband

Daniel, Darcy Carter, Kendal Dunbar Jr. and his wife Stacy Huestis, Chris Dunbar and his partner Billie Jo, Michael Dunbar and his wife Debra Kassabian, Kayla Dunbar and her husband Darren, and Kaylee Dunbar. She also is missed by her grandchildren Rylee Stewart, Patrick, Dylan, and Cassidy Dedmon, Nick Holt and his wife Courtney, Heather Weymouth and her husband Johnny, Jordin Mann, Michael Jr., Marina, Maverick, Lincoln, Emma, Riley, Ryan, and Whitney; and her great-grandchildren Nora and Leona.

Her legacy will forever live on in the hearts and minds of everyone she ever met. Help her kindness and compassion live on by making a donation in her name to Downeast Community Partners or to the SPCA of Hancock County.

A celebration of Patricia's life will be held in the spring. The date will be announced later. Arrangements by Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home in Bucksport.

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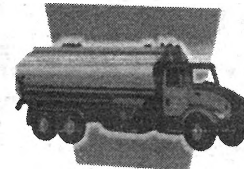
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Around the region

COVID SHOTS - The Northern Light Maine Coast Hospital will no longer use its drive-through building on the hospital campus for Covid-19 testing. Instead, the vaccines is available at its Primary Care Walk-In services (207.664.7751) at 32 Resort Way in Ellsworth. The center is open seven days/week. No appointment is required.

MASKS OPTIONAL - All of the parochial schools in Maine, including the All Saints School in Bangor, are eliminating the student masking mandate as of March 7. Masks will be optional for both students and staff after that date.

SAVING LANDMARK - The restoration of the historic First Congregational Church of East Machias has met its initial goal allowing a television documentary to film the lengthy project. More than \$75,000 must be raised for the work.

MMA - The Maine Maritime Academy's Commencement will be held in Castine on Saturday, April 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Alexander Field House. The college is planning an in-person, ticketed event.

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Arrest reported

Hannah Kovash, 38, of Lexington, KY was arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol. She was stopped U.S. Route 1 about 3:15 p.m. on Friday (2/18) and later was taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth.

Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT – These incidents involving deer were reported last week:

A dead deer was found on the River Road on Friday (2/18). A police officer responded about 6:30 on Friday (2/18).

• Just before 6 p.m. Kaitlyn Howlett, 27, of Old Town struck a deer on the River Road on Feb. 16.

• Barry Chasse encountered a deer on the Silver Lake Road about 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 15.

• Tiffany Bires came upon a deer on Central Street Feb. 13, just before 7 a.m.

Accidents - Other

BUCKSPORT – Police reported these other accidents here:

• Harley Wyeth, 36, of Bucksport was involved in a single-vehicle collision on the Millvale Road about 3 p.m. on Saturday (2/19)

• Rosalinda Ivens, 66, of Bucksport was in the U.S. Route 1 optometrist's parking lot about 2 p.m. on Feb. 16 when her vehicle came in contact with one parked by Sondra Varga, 63, of Glenburn about 2 p.m. on Feb. 16.

Girls face drinking charge

BUCKSPORT– Two 17-year-old girls were allegedly found to be in possession of alcohol by consumption.

Each was issued a court summons about 10:15 a.m. on Saturday.

Drug items found

BUCKSPORT – A police officer last Thursday (2/17) afternoon confiscated several items of drug paraphernalia outside the Bucksport Middle School on Miles Lane.

Humane case brought

BUCKSPORT – Conditions involving animals at a Central Street address have prompted an investigation by a state humane agency employee. After visiting the site earlier in the week, the agency filed a court summons against the owner of the animals, and the paperwork was delivered to the residence by the end of the week.

On and off the trail?

BUCKSPORT – Four women, well-seasoned in the ways of the woods, last Thursday (2/17) set out for a winter time stroll in the forest.

Apparently they wandered off a trail. No matter, they found their own way to a road - a paved one. That's where the kindly police officer picked them up for a warm ride back to their cars. Their adventure ended well.



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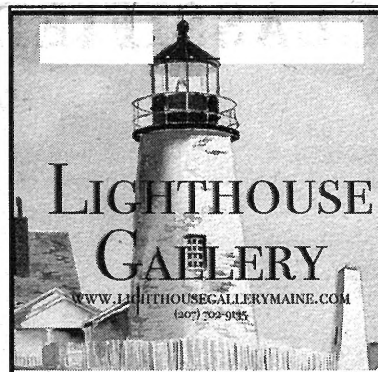
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Public walk

Friday, March 18

(Note corrected date)

• **BOW WOW AFFAIR?** – Bow - WOW! At 5 p.m. dogs and their human friends and family will gather at the Charles Brown Hall Community Center and adjoining town parking lots off Franklin Street for a moonlight stroll through town. The route - will be along Franklin to Mill to Main to Elm. Back at the parking lot there will be a warm snack for both the people and their pets. P.S. Cats are not welcome, for this is an all-doggie event.

(An incorrect date was listed for this event in last week's edition).

Events

Saturday March 3

• **DEMOCRATS** – The Bucksport Democrat Committee is will met via the internet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call 469-2335 to register and obtain a Zoom link.

Saturday, April 23

• **CLASS OF '22** – The Maine Maritime Academy's Commencement will be in Castine on Saturday, April 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Alexander Field House. The college is planning an in-person, ticketed event. MMA's health and safety protocols will be upheld, and in accordance with current guidelines, masking throughout the event is anticipated. For those who are unable to attend, the college will host a livestream broadcast of the ceremony.

Concerts

Tuesday, May 31

• **Flash in the Pans Waterfront Concert** – Watch for further information in this column

Saturday, Aug. 13

• **JUST FOR FUN** – This fun-filled annual event featuring some of the finest trombone players from all over the East Coast of the United

States and Canada was cancelled last year because of Covid. If you're planning ahead, the 35th edition will be held at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Elm Stret Congregational Church. The concert is free, but a collection is taken to provide money to maintain the church's historic pipe organ. The all-trombone concert first was organized by the late Donald Blodgett.

In Brown Hall

Mondays

• **TARTAN TUNES** – Scottish dancing has resumed in Brown Hall. For details, call Dawn Little at 702-9294. New participants and observers are most welcome.

Thursdays

• **THE GATHERING** – Volunteers work on the Buck Memorial Library' seed cataloging project from 10 until noon. The Gathering then meets from noon to 1 to further explore the increasingly likely development of a community garden in Bucksport this summer.

Tuesday, March 8

• **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR** – From 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. the Know Your Neighbor program will feature the award-winning robotics team from Bucksport High School. Coaches Michael Gross and John Boynton will be guests.

In the libraries

Buck Memorial

Wednesday and Thursdays

• **STORY TIMES** – Children explore the world of books and stories each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and each Thursday at 4 p.m.

• **NEW HOURS** – The Buck Memorial Library now is open on Tuesdays from 10 to 4; each Wednesday from 10 to 4; each Thursday from 10 to 6; Fridays from 10 to 4; and on Saturdays from 10 to 2.

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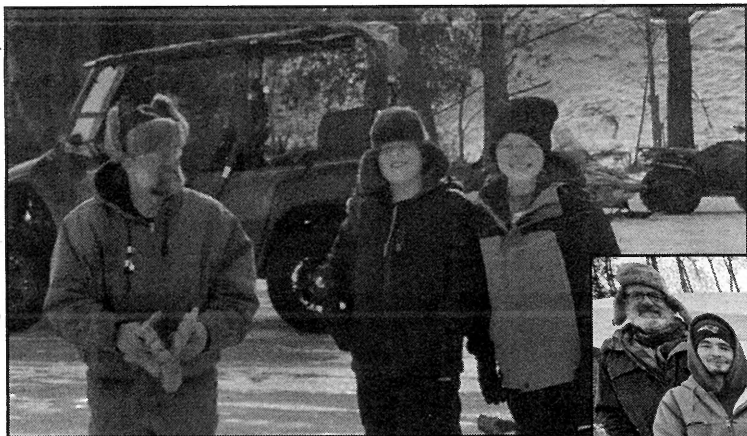


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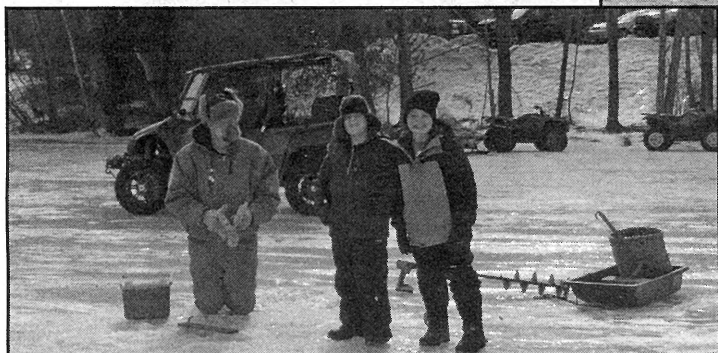
The Orland Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing regarding the Liquor License application submitted by Alamoosook Lakeside Inn on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm, at the Orland Town Office, 25 School House Road, Orland, Maine 04472.

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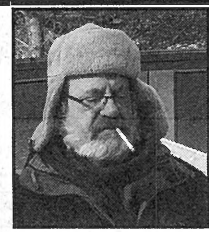
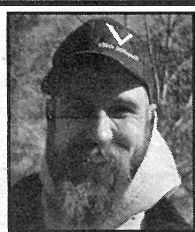


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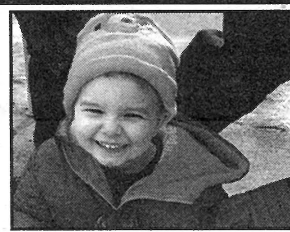


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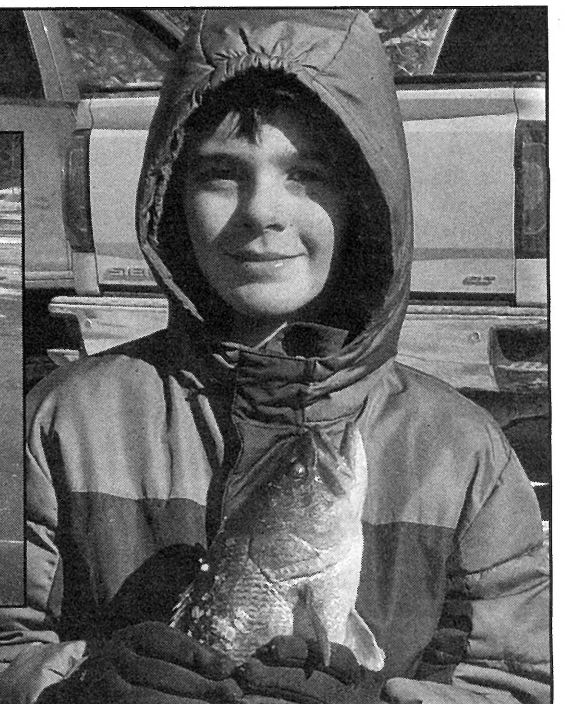
WHO WON WHAT?

BASS: First place **Wanda Eldridge** with a 7 lb, 10 oz. fish. Second place: **Nick Chandler**, 5 lb., 1 oz. Third place: a tie between **Foster Ashmore** and **Todd Bowden** 4 lb., 8 oz.

PERCH: First place **Nick Chandler** 12 oz. Second place: **Scott Hunt** 11 oz. Third place: **Bentley Smith** 9 oz.

PICKEREL: First place to **Gene Bass** 4 lb., 6 oz. Second place: **Zach Brown** 3 lb., 8oz. Third place **John Taylor** 2 lb., 5 oz.

Oh, and **Eric "Chewy" Bowden** netted the prize in the 50/50 drawing!



Saving island's past for its future

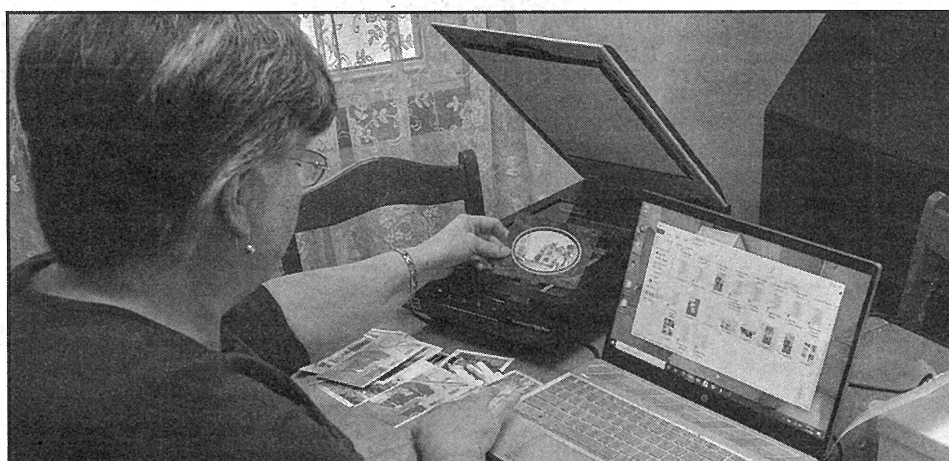
VERONA ISLAND – Next month's annual Town Meeting will feature a brief "show and tell" session, and introduce a new effort to use latest technology to capture vignettes of the the island's long and, often, colorful past.

The annual gathering of the town's voters will be on Saturday, March 19, at 7 pm. in the Town Hall.

The organizers of the "show and tell" want folks to know about the town's recent gift of several thousand dollars worth of video equipment. They also want to offer a brief Powerpoint illustrated talk about how the gear will be used. Their emphasis is on the word "brief" for, traditionally or at least in recent years, the annual Town Meeting sessions have not droned on for hours.

There'll also be handout summaries of the project, in part to encourage others to join in the history recording effort.

Colleen Gross, a resident of the island and co-owner of Verona Wine & Design in Bucksport, has been the point



COLLEEN GROSS scans a document to preserve its place in Verona Island's history.

person on the project.

Judith Gillis of Bucksport, long-active in the Orrington Historical Society, and Gross will be on hand to answer questions and talk about documents and photos that ought to be electronically scanned and preserved as part of the effort.

Keith Bowden is looking for waterfront/maritime photos, but any Verona Island-related paper and documents may be scanned. For example, there are many items from a Verona Island boatyard. The event drew an estimated 10,000 people to watch the launch, many of them arriving aboard special trains from Bangor.

Someone may have photos of Verona Park. or, perhaps, the birth certificate of Civil War Cpl. Newell Hutchins or Hutchins' wife's graduation diploma from Bucksport High School, school concert programs, student report cards, cemetery

records, a photo of someone's ancestral home, or of a child on a bicycle; all are family treasures relating to Verona Island and may be scanned because all represents Verona's past.

Maybe someone has a wedding dress to photograph or perhaps someone wants to scan family photos to give a flash drive of the family history to a grandchild.

Having someone scan any kind of Verona Island paper is all part of the effort to uncover what still may be lurking at homes that can be shared with others – including future residents of the island or visitors to the town.

Who knows? Family scans might lead to a person discussing the tech equipment with a neighbor or relative. Or a person who scanned personal papers might want to invite someone else to meet at the town office for a scanning session.

In the Town Meeting session folks may get to see a slide showing a fuzzy

photo before and then what it looks like after some skilled editing to enhance the details not visible to the naked eye initially. One of the many goals is to encourage people to bring even poor images to see how editing on a laptop computer will brighten a photo.

The rest of the slides will relate the maritime slide of the island's history and its key location on the Penobscot River. There also are photos related to the building of the Waldo-Hancock Bridge back in the 1920s.

The Maine Arts Committee and the Maine Bicentennial Commission awarded Keith Bowden, the treasurer of the Orrington Historical Society, a grant of \$10,000. That allowed that group to buy an up-to-date laptop computer, a scanner, and projector and other related materials to use for the document digitization project.

There are many local historical societies along the Penobscot, including those in Bucksport, Verona, Orland, Frankfort, Winterport, Stockton Springs, Searsport, and Prospect (Fort Knox).

Residents can scan documents, postcards, and photographs to preserve and share each town's commonalities and differences.

In July of 2021, Bowden used the results in a film shown on the Bucksport waterfront.

At the town session, Gross will explain the town's new equipment. The laptop, scanner, and what it can do to permanently preserve all sorts of historical artifacts.

