

Bucksport Art-is-Sun?

He harnesses the sun
to literally burn his
designs into wood.



PHOTO BY DON HOUGHTON

SHIELDING HIS EYES with a good pair of sunglasses with two additional pairs taped atop them, John Wotton focuses sunlight through a magnifying glass. The heat from the sun literally burns his unique, intricate art designs permanently into pieces of wood.

BUCKSPORT - Neither cold winter weather nor torrid summer temperatures will stop John Wotton from his artistry. However, a cloudy or overcast day will, for he depends on sunshine to fuel his artistic creativity. Unlike those hand-held electric woodburning tools, he relies on the focused power of the sun, and a magnifying lens to burn his designs directly onto pieces of wood. He'll sketch out a design and then ever so deftly burn fine lines into the wood. He has to be wary, as he showed us, - one side of the magnifier he used turns the sun rays to 150 degrees, while the other side can raise temperatures to 300 degrees- that will produce enough heat to incinerate the artwork or, at the least, ruin hours of effort. (A candy thermometer also can monitor the temperature), but experience also does the job.

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Town to consider regulating medical marijuana dispensaries

BUCKSPORT - The Bucksport Planning Board is about to take up the potentially controversial issue of what, if any, regulations need to be set on the siting and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries.

The board will consider the regulations, hold a public hearing on them, and finally make a recommendation to the Town Council.

While marijuana shops now operate on Verona Island and in Orland, Bucksport put a moratorium on opening them

On the web . . .

BUCKSPORT - Now on the town's website are:

- A list of the Town Council's goals for 2022.
- A rundown on the highway projects the council has agreed to underwrite.

here during the period the state Legislature was drafting regulations on their operation. The Legislature now has acted, and the state regulations are in place.

Now, town officials are seeking a clearer, more straightforward statement of what should be allowed and where. Medical marijuana dispensaries remain off-limits here.

While first readings have been given to some of the proposed updates to the town code, others have been deferred for more data or, like the marijuana dispensaries, referred to other panels.

The Planning Board also is expected to review some changes in the town's regulations on the placement and size of signs.

Term limits for councilors?

BUCKSPORT - The idea of setting term limits for those serving on the Town Council was brought up last week. The idea didn't go very far.

Mayor Peter Stewart, with a smile, said he doubted he would run again when his current term expires, and he thought most councilors are comfortable with serving one or two three-year terms and then calling it quits. He said the many meetings of both the council and its subcommittees, as well as time spent helping constituents can take its toll on one's private life.

The council then moved on with its agenda without adding term limits to its already lengthy goals for this year.

Covid masks optional in local schools

BUCKSPORT - Starting on Wednesday the wearing of Covid masks by students and staff in all RSU 25 schools will become optional.

While the option extends to students riding on the buses, other safety protocols will continue to be observed within the school system, according to Supt. of Schools James Boothby.

In an interview yesterday (3/2), Boothby said those precautions will include the continuation of so-called "pool testing" to determine whether a student or staff member requires added scrutiny if they test positive for Covid-19 or its variants.

Spacing measures also remain in place.

Boothby termed the decision, "a welcomed announcement and a positive sign as we move back to a more normal educational experience."

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the state's Department of Education issued an advisory stating that mandatory universal masking no longer is expected in schools and child care centers.

Bus consultant's advice sought on local needs

BUCKSPORT - The Town Council is inching toward increasing public transportation here, but first the town manager wants to get the advice of a consultant.

With the council's blessing, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard plans to talk with a man who provides consulting services to the Bar Harbor-based Downeast Transportation service. That organization provides one morning a week shuttle and taxi services for those who live beyond the shuttle bus route.

Downeast Transportation now receives just over \$100-a-week from the town to supply the shuttle cab service for four hours each Wednesday. Downeast receives additional government subsidies for the services it provides here.

Lessard last week told the councilors she wanted their feedback before talking with the consultant, and most, if not all, of the councilors supported the idea of getting more information.

They also seemed to support the idea of more public transportation, having found in a recent town-wide survey that more service was requested by a large percentage of those who completed the town's survey.

Almost a third of the town's population is 60 or older. The number of those 80 and older - those most likely to use public transportation - also is increasing rapidly. That mirrors a phenomenon being experienced across the country, where the number of those 100 or older now number in hundreds of thousands.

Island Town Meeting set

VERONA ISLAND - The March 26, 33-article annual Town Meeting here again is shaping up to be a quick, and mainly quiet affair.

A \$45,000 plowing budget,

if approved, would be \$10,000 less than this year.

The full warrant now is available.

We regret the date of the meeting was listed incorrectly last edition.

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

NO WORD YET - While Whole Oceans LLC promised a "major, positive" public announcement about their plans for their River Road site sometime during the first quarter of 2022, nobody at the Town Offices has heard a proverbial peep from the company for many weeks. The first quarter ends - on March 31.

Meanwhile, the original entrepreneurs who came to town to outline their plans for a \$250 million, on-shore, Atlantic salmon-raising operation here have left the company. Instead, the people who bankrolled the initial venture are in control. The firm remains in court countering lawsuits in which Whole Oceans claims their consultant underestimated the cost of the fish farm by \$150

million. Back in happier days, Whole Oceans actually bought the consulting firm, and the principals of that company claim they have not been fully paid all of the money they were promised.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Town Manager Susan M. Lessard is reaching out to the community for volunteers to do some simple chores for neighbors or others who cannot do the work themselves. Volunteers also are being sought for a town-wide clean-up day. The town will supply trash bags and gloves, and a coupon good for an ice cream cone to reward the happy helpers.

A public notice is posted on Page 7.

CENTRAL STREET - With unusually severe frost heaves, sections of Central Street are like riding on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. However, help may be on the way. The state wants to turn the road over to the town, but the town wants some major drainage and paving improvements before that deed is done.


While the state has paid to maintain the road for many years, someone now has decided it does not meet the state criteria, so Bucksport is being asked in the strongest of terms to accept its maintenance as a town expense. The negotiations between the town manager and the state Department of Transportation continue.




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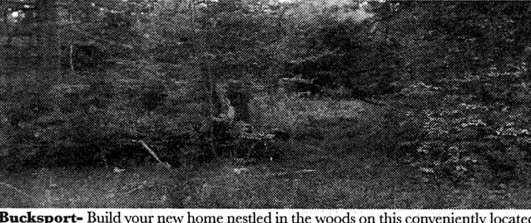


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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Gift basket up for grabs

There will be a drawing for a gift basket stuffed with all sorts of goodies, including a \$20 grocery card. Participating is free. for the St. Patrick's drawing. A free ticket will be given for every luncheon served at the Senior Center. The winning ticket will be drawn on Wednesday, March 16th.

Luncheon Menus

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

- Friday, March 4 - Chicken cordon bleu, wild rice, peas and a cupcake.
- Monday, March 7 - Pulled pork, coleslaw, whoopie pie.
- Wednesday, March 9 - Chicken alfredo, boroccoli, dinner roll, brown sugar & cinnamon sliced apples.
- Friday, March 11 - Spaghetti w/meatballs, salad, garlic bread and ice cream.
- Monday, March 14 - Chicken tenders, potato salad, peas and a cookie.
- Wednesday, March 16 - Pot roast, mashed potato, corn and melon.

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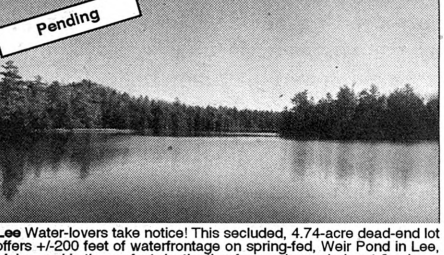

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READ! WALK! READ!—Youngsters and those who care for them again this summer will be able to read as they walk on the waterfront pathway.

Some may find it a great way to introduce the youngest tots to the wonders that lie within the printed words that surround the colorful illustrations.

Thanks to the **Buck Memorial Library**, the "Story Walk" will be returning with new stories on placards placed along a stretch of the walkway. Each encourages children's activity and participation, as well as reading.

Doug Knoblock, representing the library, obtained unanimous Town Council approval for the 2022 edition of the project.

He noted there have been no issues or problems in the past, other than the occasional need to replace several of the story panels after they were damaged.

The program encourages parents, grandparents and other adults to read the story as



BLACK & WHITE & READ ALL OVER! The **Enterprise** each week sends copies to subscribers in more than 30 states. Here, Paula and David Kee check out all things Bucksport from their winter home in Sarasota, FL.

they walk the waterfront, or have the children read the story to them.

PLANTING SEEDS—The **Buck Memorial Library** also is launching a program this year; this one for people who like to grow their own vegetables or flowers.

Called the Bucksprout Seed Library, patrons can get free seeds or donate their leftover but still usable flower or vegetable seeds.

The project has been aided by a group of volunteers who, meeting weekly, have catalogued and packed all sorts of seeds. Some of these folks also are behind the increasingly likely effort to launch a community garden here. They hope to find a plot in time for spring planting. A couple of sessions to acquaint people with the seed program will be held at the library. See the "Calendar of Events" column on Page 8 for the details.

LASSO 'EM—Local police were called to help round up a couple of loose horses early last Thursday (2/24).

The animals chose to take an early morning stroll, perhaps to see what was going on just down the road.

BACK TO BUSINESS—The Orland selectmen's meeting, and public hearing will be open tonight (3/3) as part of the regular evening hour 6:30- 8 p.m. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m.

The meeting, and hearing for the Alamoosook Lakeside Inn liquor license renewal, scheduled for Feb. 17, was canceled.

The Town Office also will be open for its regular weekly evening business hours, starting at 6:30.

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The era of the televised president's State of the Union address should be considered over. Lest you think we are being partisan, let it be known that, especially over the past couple of decades, the State of the Union has been turned into political showmanship. It does not matter whether the president is a Democrat or a Republican.

Watching adults pop out of their comfy leather seats as if pounded by a huge, invisible whack-a-mole device is bad enough. There they stand, mechanically clapping with the ardor of a seal upon mastering its first patty cake.

Heros, small children, grieving widows stand, staring blankly in the gallery, await the accolades of many who think they are at a campaign rally. Those in the gallery are

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but props for political performances. Having them stand and the clappers clap is part of the effort to deflect and divert. These people deserve more respect.

While seasoned Congress people line the corridor, hopefully seeking the president's ear or autograph. Indeed, the public increasingly is tuning out this sham, looking for anything - including re-runs featuring actors long since dead. Anything else is better on television or on the internet surfing.

As for Tuesday's performance, President Joseph Biden - like his predecessors of both political stripes - left more questions floating in the ethereal fog than he answered. He said a lot about what he wanted to see happen in the future. He offered very little about the multiple messes the nation finds itself in now as a result of the past year of political shilly-shallying. Meanwhile, energy, food and all the other commodities we depend on - if we can get them - have succumbed to inflation numbers we've not experienced in decades.

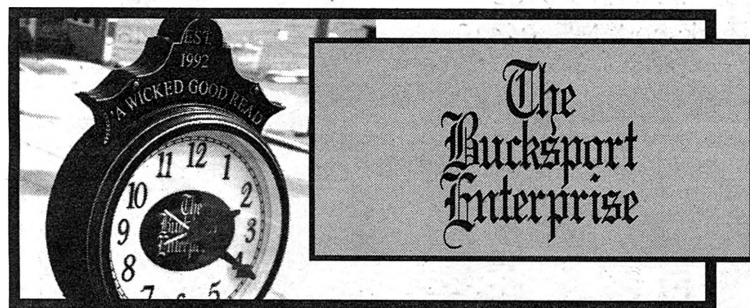
Refusing to return to a policy of energy independence, or suggesting our borders will be better protected with "state-of-the-art cameras" or that higher wages are the answer and can be managed if employers would only lower their costs is sheer poppycock.

We have only to look to Ukraine and its leaders to see what the brand of patriotism and commitment are all about. It was the framers of our own Declaration of Independence that showed that 245 years ago. Our founders didn't flounder; they acted, and they did so boldly.

Telling the patriots of Ukraine 'we support you' has no meaning until real help - lethal weaponry and the necessities of self-defense - arrive at their border.

A nation that does not stand for freedom and democracy with more than "attaboys" is weak and this planet now needs strong leaders more than ever. Even such long neutral nations, as Switzerland and Sweden, now know that

Lamenting the potential killing or maiming of millions of the innocent, while lolly-gagging about the details is cowardice. Just as France aided the fledgling United States, and the United States later aided Europe, Ukraine needs immediate tangible aid.



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LETTERS . . . to the editor

For-profit fair fee is truly fair

To the Editor:

I may be alone on this but I don't believe so after conversations I have had with Bucksport residents. Why are we taxpayers funding a for-profit-fair. If the organization is making a profit then why are they not paying a fee?

Our businesses in town pay town taxes, residents town's improvements.

We taxpayers will pay for the clean up, repairs and police monitoring, plus an up-front donation, I believe, is being asked for. I might be wrong but \$5,000 was asked.

Other towns have fairgrounds, that can be rented, so some money can be pumped back into the local economy. Most of all, has the town now been opened up, so that any group, from anywhere, can use the town's facilities for their own personal use, and ask the town for a contribution. How can the Town Council say no; would that not be discrimination.

Why not use that money for a SUV for the Senior Center; for the residents who built this Town? Why not look into a low-income housing concept; for our young families, so they can stay in Bucksport? Can a deal be arranged to place another housing unit across from the Senior Center, at the beginning of the new road that is being constructed?

I remember that the council was looking into giving Penquis, the rights to place a market rate unit on the empty lot in town. So where would the children play, on Main Street? Perhaps an exchange can be arranged for the land on Main Street and an equal amount on the new road, Park Street.

This is not an accusation against the Town Council as being insensitive; but sometimes, asking your taxpayers for their opinions is helpful, and necessary.

Joseph Davanzo
Bucksport

Looking forward with pride

My name is Adina Salmansohn, and I am the faculty sponsor for the Bucksport High School GSA Club. GSA stands for Gay-Straight Alliance, and is a nationwide movement consisting of students of all identities who wish to foster friendship, understanding and education in America's school population. Our Bucksport students are wishing to avoid confusion with George Stevens Academy, and so have voted to change our name to The Unity Community.

We (my students and I) wish to give you kudos for supporting the First Annual Bucksport Pride Festival. Not only was it well conceived and well run, but it was a joyous, spirited occasion at which my students felt seen, felt heard, and most importantly, felt validated by their community.

As an educator, I feel it is a community's most important task to make it's young people feel accepted and cherished parts of the whole culture and society. When young people are not thus embraced, they can resort to risky and self-harming behaviors.

An event like the Pride Celebration goes far to remind us that ALL our children are worthy of love and acceptance. My students and I are looking forward to being active in the 2nd Annual Pride Festival.

Adina Salmansohn
Orland

Editor's note: The writer of this letter noted that she first sent her message to the Town Council in support of the 2nd Annual Bucksport Pride Festival. The festival was unanimously supported by the councilors.

We appreciate your letters. A reminder: Only signed letters will be considered. Include your town and a daytime telephone number for verification.

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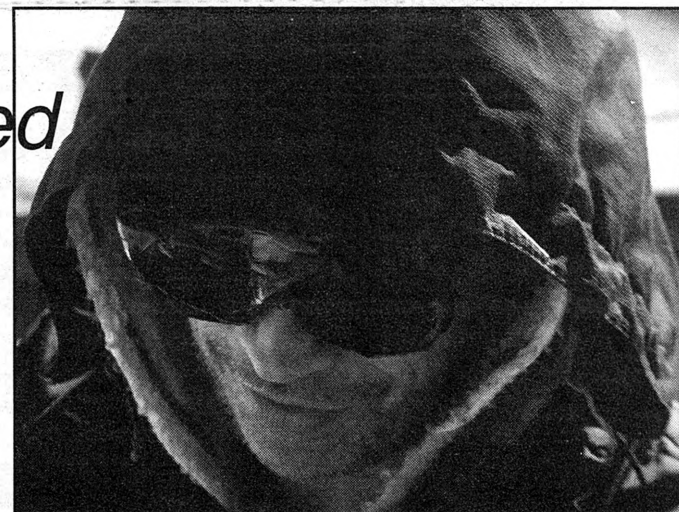
BUCKSPORT — John Wotton truly likes to "burn" things, especially intricate designs. Since being introduced in 2016 to using sunlight focused through a magnifying lens to burn artistic designs into wood, he's been hooked.

Chances are if he or a customer can dream it, Wotton can burn it — one small section at a time.

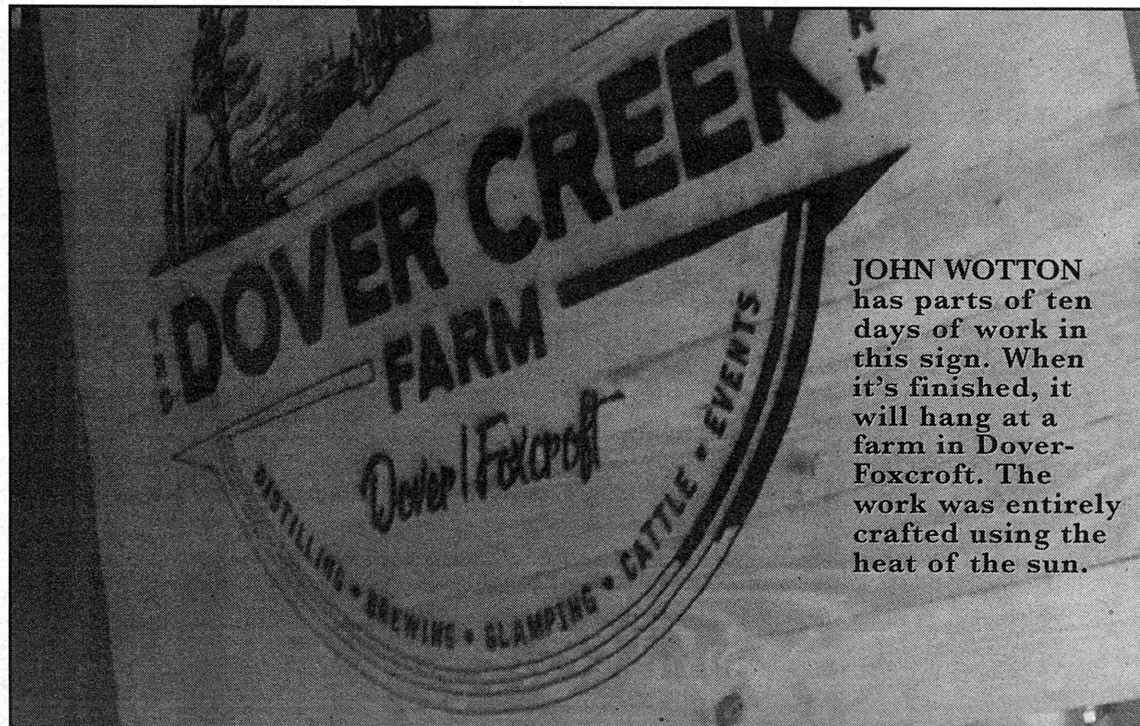
Now, he burns year-round. The only things he needs is good bright sunlight and a board. In addition to doing commissioned work, he also does some commercial work like signs.

Either way, he charges by the square inch, the "inch rate" varying according to the size and complexity of the design.

To Wotton it's all "hot stuff."



THE DRESSER ROAD resident has to dress for his art. In the winter that means plenty of layers of clothing. He wears three sets of sunglasses as he works with the brightest light: the sun. And the dark hood and coat keep his body from reflecting light where he doesn't want it.



JOHN WOTTON has parts of ten days of work in this sign. When it's finished, it will hang at a farm in Dover-Foxcroft. The work was entirely crafted using the heat of the sun.

PHOTO BY SANDY HOLMES

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OBITUARY

David Walter Smith, 1941 - 2022

BUCKSPORT ME/ WILMINGTON, NC –David Walter Smith, 80, died on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, as a result of complications of dementia.

He was born at a very young age in Belfast. (*He insisted that joke be included*). He was born to Frances and Rexford Smith, and grew up in Bucksport, amongst a family of Bucksport mill workers. He enjoyed summers at their camp on Alamoosook Lake.

He is survived by daughter, Amy Smith Pierce, son-in-law Troy Pierce, grandson, Jackson Chase Pierce, brother Gary Smith, niece, nephew, several cousins, his former wife and friend, Diana Smith, and life partner Mary "Ann" Blair.

David graduated from Bucksport High School in 1959, where he was a National Honor Society member and basketball starter. He was a dedicated Delta Tau Delta fraternity brother at the University of Maine in Orono, earning his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, and a master's in pulp and paper, in five years.

David soon moved to Wilmington, DE, married Diana, and worked for Hercules. He then helped revive Lucas Concrete, a family-owned business in Charlotte, NC. David settled in Wilmington, NC, in 1976, and was a manager for Federal Paper Board. In the late 70s,

David purchased several rental properties and was an attentive and generous "slumlord." As a devoted charter member of the

Wilmington Road Runners Club for 25 years, he ran 25K-plus miles and hundreds of road races. Running was his passion, and his closest friends are running and YMCA buddies.

In 1982, David focused on the properties and his relationship with Ann, who would be his life partner for 33 years.

In 1986, he joined Training Systems as a technical writer. In 1995, he formed Delta Training Partners with three colleagues who became dear friends, providing training at paper mills across the country. He retired from Delta "T" in 2003.

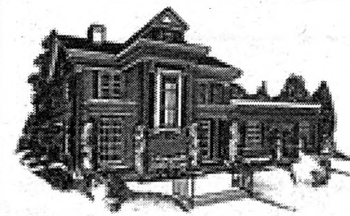
David valued equality, kindness, perseverance, hard work, having fun, fiscal frugality, nature conservancy, physical fitness, ruthless croquet games, and Maine doughnuts. He had *joie de vivre*, and his bright, vibrant soul will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

A full obituary and Bucksport memorial service information will be posted at: <https://www.watnotfire.com/obituaries/David-Smith-259/>.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust.



David Walter Smith



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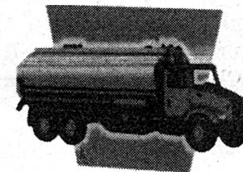
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MAKING MUSIC – An Online Early Childhood Music and Movement Group with Carla Tanguay will be offered starting March 22.

The Ellsworth Community Music Institute is offering the classes free to young children. Tuesday classes will run through April 12. Classes will be taught online via Zoom, from 1 to 1:25. The class is geared towards those 2 to 5, but all ages are welcome.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors....

The Town of Bucksport is seeking to establish a Neighbors Helping Neighbors program. The purpose of this program would be for volunteers to assist seniors and those with ability challenges with maintenance and small home repair jobs. To start, this program would operate a week in the Spring and a week in the Fall. Volunteers would perform tasks such as yard work, changing batteries in smoke detectors, installing assistive devices such as grab bars in showers, and minor home repairs.

In order to determine how large or small the program will be – we need to know how many volunteers we can recruit in order to then know how many people we would be able to help.

We are setting this program up to be done in two one week time periods a year so that interested volunteers could plan their schedules in advance. There will be a range of volunteer skill sets needed from the ability to rake leaves and weed gardens to carpentry skills. The Town will provide materials necessary for minor home repairs if applicants are unable to provide them.

We are not asking for a firm commitment at this time. We understand that more details such as definite time periods for the program and specific requests for assistance are needed for anyone to make a final decision. However, if this program sounds like something you might be interested in – please email slessard@bucksportmaine.gov, or call Sue Lessard at the Town Office at 469-7368 – and thank you in advance for considering this!

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Public Safety LOGS

Arrest reported

BUCKSPORT – Brandon Ashley Atwood, 33, of 32 Atwood Lane in Bucksport was booked into the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth about 3:45 a.m. on Feb. 23 for allegedly driving while under the influence. Atwood reportedly lost control of his vehicle while driving on the Mast Hill Road shortly before 1 a.m., and it ended up in a snow embankment. The arrest was made by Officer Robert Findlay.

Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT/ORLAND – A woman reported hitting a deer while driving on U.S. Route 1, near the Bucksport/Orland line.

The Bucksport officer decided the deer had left Bucksport's jurisdiction so it was left to others to handle the paperwork. The accident occurred about 6 p.m. last Thursday (2/24).

Accidents - Other

BUCKSPORT – Police reported these other accidents here

- Vehicles being operated by Stephanie

Powers, 48, of Stockton Springs and Jared Williams, 37, of Holden collided at Main and Mill streets about 4 p.m. on Friday (2/25).

- Donna Sawyer, 49, of Bucksport was involved in a single-vehicle accident on State Route 46 about 2:30 p.m. on Friday (2/25).

- A local officer went onto Verona Island just before 7 p.m. on Feb. 23 because of a roadway incident. Other agencies handled the reporting of the incident.

- Police got a report of a vehicle off State Route 46 about 2:15 p.m. on Feb. 22, but apparently the vehicle had been extricated and not there when the police officer arrived.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These summonses were processed by officers last week:

- Eric Davis, 27, of Bucksport was cited for allegedly speeding on the Millvale Road about 1:45 p.m. on Saturday.
- Shannon Cote, 38, of Verona Island got a summons for reportedly not having liability insurance on her vehicle. She was stopped on the River Road about 10:45 a.m. Saturday.

– PUBLIC NOTICES –

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE/ MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION

Please take note that, pursuant to 38 MRSA, Sections 413 and 414-A, the Town of Bucksport intends to file a wastewater discharge permit application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The application is for the discharge of 0.5 MGD of secondary treated effluent to the Penobscot River in the Town of Bucksport, Maine.

The application will be filed on or about March 10, 2022, and will be available for public inspection by calling DEP's Augusta office at the municipal office in the Town of Bucksport during normal business hours.

A request for a public hearing or request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the DEP, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found acceptable for processing, or 30 days from the date of this notice, whichever is longer. Requests shall state the nature of the issue(s) to be raised. Unless otherwise provided by law, a hearing is discretionary and may be held if the Commissioner or the Board finds significant public interest or there is conflicting technical information.

During the time specified above, persons wishing to receive copies of draft permits and supporting documents, when available, may request them from DEP. Persons receiving a draft permit shall have 30 days in which to submit comments or to request a public hearing on the draft.

Public comment will be accepted until a final administrative action is taken to approve, approve with conditions or deny this application. Written public comments or requests for information may be made to the Division of Water Resource Regulation, Department of Environmental Protection, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333-0017. Telephone: (207) 287-3901.

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- Jessica Mann, 40, of Deer Isle got a ticket for reportedly attaching false license plates and for not having proof of liability insurance on her vehicle. She was stopped on the River Road 10:15 a.m. on Saturday.

- Sabrina Damon, 24, of Stonington was stopped about 9:45 p.m. on the Mast Hill Road, and subsequently was cited for reportedly driving an unregistered vehicle.

- Nathan Tapley, 22, of Bucksport was issued a court citation for reportedly driving a vehicle with an improper exhaust system. He was stopped on State Route 46 shortly after 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 22.

- Meredith Bradshaw Thomas, 21, of Penobscot was cited for traveling at what was considered an imprudent speed. She was stopped on Central Street about 3 p.m. on Feb. 22.

- Carlos David, 25, of Bucksport was stopped on Bayview Avenue about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 21, and was issued summons for reportedly driving after a license suspension and failure to have proof of liability insurance.

- Marshall Harriman, 31, of Bucksport got a ticket for improperly using a cellphone while driving. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 around 2:15 p.m. on Feb. 20.

- Matthew Cote, 35, of Bucksport was cited for allegedly driving on Central Street after a license suspension. He was stopped about 3pm on Feb. 20.

- William Dressel, 36, of Bucksport was given a similar court citation about 2:30 on Feb. 20.



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ORLAND – A number of Orland's mountains and higher hilltops host our natural community.

The low-elevation bald eagle (also known as three-toothed Cinquefoil - eagle has a rank of S3, means it's rare in Maine. This mosaic of blueberry, lichens and other low shrubs and plants is found to on feet bald hilltops mostly near the coast, from Mid-coast to Downeast. It's the typical habitat of the smooth sandwort (Minuartia glabra), also with a State rank of S3.

Orland's other rare plant is Acadian quillwort (Isoetes acadsoutheastSE end of Alamoosook Lake, near where GuleThew plant is known in only three Maine towns, and has a rank of S2—impaired in Maine because of its rarity. This plant with a dense rosette of narrow leaves grows rooted in the gravelly bottom of the lake.

Animals and Wildlife Habitats

Significant wildlife habitats in Orland have been mapped, and are protected under Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act.

They include habitats for rare, threatened or endangered species and inland and tidal waterfowl and wading bird habitats. The protection act requires a permit for most land use activities that involve working in, or disturbing soil within or adjacent to identified significant habitat.

As of 2015, Orland had no state-documented occurrences of significant vernal pools, candidate deer wintering areas or shorebird staging areas—but this does not mean that no such areas exist in the town. Rare animals documented in Orland include the bald eagle and a freshwater mussel called the tidewater mucket.



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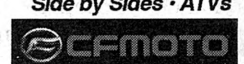
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- PUBLIC NOTICES -



BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE

DATE OF HEARINGS: Thursday, March 10, 2022
 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE, 50 MAIN STREET

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY SUBMIT ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING:

HEARINGS:

1. A proposed amendment to the Fees Ordinance for Town Dock and Marina Fees.
2. A proposed update to the Town Code, Chapter 6, Section 2.3 Festivals & Section 2.8 Public Entertainment
3. A proposed update to the Town Code, Appendix H, Sign Ordinance

Copies of the proposed amendments/updates may be obtained at the Bucksport Town Office during regular business hours, or from the town's website at www.bucksportmaine.gov.

TTD/TTY users may call 469-1178. If you are physically unable to attend the public hearing but would like to do so, please call Jacob Gran, Town Clerk, at 469-7368, so that accommodations can be made.

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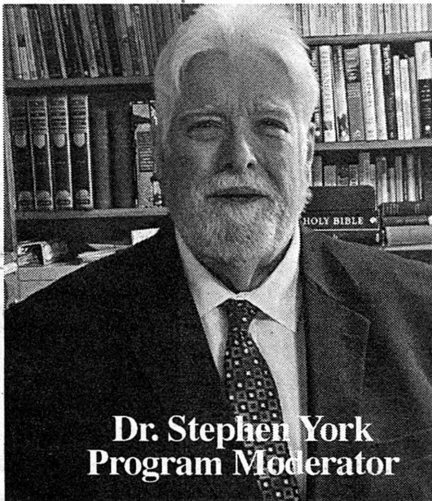


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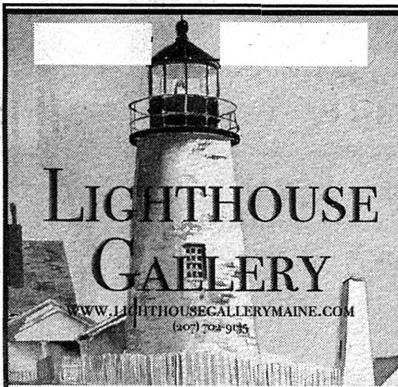
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- Grayson B. Eaton, 19, Blue Hill. Minor possessing liquor at Orland, July 28, 2021. \$200.
- Owen M. Vinall, 19, Blue Hill. Minor consuming liquor at Orland, July 28, 2021. \$200.
- Ralph Hanscom, 52, Verona Island. Unlawful possession of scheduled drug at Bucksport, July 7, 2018. \$400. Violating conditions of release at Bucksport, July 7, 2018. \$250, suspended.
- Nicholas 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.

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-dog-gie event.

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

Events

(Note corrected date)

Thursday, March 3

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

Thursday, March 10

• **GOP** – The Hancock County Republicans will feature town committees at its session at 6:30 p.m. Those recently elected at their town or regional caucus or those who have been their local committee for years are very welcome at this session hosted by Kerry McKim, at the party's county headquarters in the Maine coast Mall (the former Radio Shack site) in Ellsworth. 813-0020.

Saturday, April 23

• **CLASS OF '22** – The Maine Maritime Academy 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 Elm Street Congregational Church.

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.

• **GET GROWIN'** – The Bucksprouts Seed Library will soon open for business! People can come to an orientation session the Buck Memorial Library. Come on Saturday, March 12, at 10 a.m. or on Tuesday March 15, at 10 a.m. Learn how you can get free seeds for your garden and save seeds for the seed library

Blue Hill Public Library

Throughout March

• **Stonington native, photographer Kristie Billings** photographs at the library throughout work in a show, Sea Witch Forget-Me-Nots through March. She also will discuss her work on Saturday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. 374-5515.

□ **Saturday, March 19**

• **READINGS ON RACE**

The Blue Hill Library will host its monthly Readings on Race Discussion Group as they review There, by Tommy Orange, a novel that follows twelve characters from native communities. Copies are available to check out in advance at the library. New members always are welcome, in-person or via Zoom. Participants should register using the calendar at www.bhpl.net or by calling 374-5515. www.bhpl.net/readings-on-race.

• COOKING MATTERS

Those 12 to 18 are invited to join Teen Services Librarian Kendall Chapman and Despe Lebel, from the Maine Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for Hancock County, for a six-week cooking series, starting March 12. The teens will learn the basics of kitchen safety, healthy food options, how to read a recipe and basic cooking skills, with a focus on seasonally inspired food meals and local food sources. The free program is open to all, though space is limited and registration is required. at www.bhpl.net or by calling 374-5515. All materials and ingredients will be provided. Or email kendall.chapman@bhpl.net.

• FIX IT! – The Blue Hill

Library's monthly Fixit Clinic will be held on Saturday, at 3 p.m. Anyone is welcome to bring broken electronics, toys, small appliances, textile items, etc. and get help from Fix-it coaches to troubleshoot, disassemble and repair items. This program is free and all are welcome, but registration is required. To register visit the library's calendar at www.bhpl.net or call 374-5515. You will be asked what you are bringing so we can make sure to have the right experts on hand.

