



Bucksport Mill stack still stands today

Salmon plant to be started this spring

BUCKSPORT - Whole Oceans said it would have an announcement about its plans for Bucksport by Thursday (3/31), and so it did. Late that day the firm announced it finally will begin site work on its vast industrial site off the River Road for its on-shore salmon fish farm.

The \$250 million state-of-the-art fish production complex on the former paper company will begin producing salmon here after all.

Repeated delays resulted in multiple deadlines interfering with gearing up, but now it appears these roadblocks have been cleared.

Significantly missing from the announcement was the date the plan will be in production, and the date the first fish will be a marketable size. Based on its original announcement a few years ago the company was going to be harvesting its first Atlantic salmon by now, and had pre-sold its entire first five years of production to a single customer.

When the project first was announced, the initial sitework would involve a considerable amount of blasting to remove underground rock. Once that is done the site preparation work for the state-of-the-art recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) facility to raise Atlantic salmon at the site of the former Verso Paper can begin.

The company announced it is now finalizing an agreement with a Maine construction company to begin site clean-up, grading and other work on the portion of the property, known as Lot 2, that has been previously approved by state and local officials. This work is to prepare the site for the next phases of project

development.

Once completed, the company will provide the town with \$15,250 for each million dollars worth of taxable property involved in the project. The bulk of that will flow through the town's tax incremental financing (TIF) account for underwriting projects that benefit the town's industrial, business, and cultural development. Exempt from taxation will be the millions of dollars spent on equipment to process the fish.

Whole Oceans initially projected the hiring of 65-or-so employees to staff the plant seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Whole Oceans announced late in 2020 the acquisition of Lot 3, the site of the former Verso Paper mill building, providing deep water access and additional acreage for the project. The acquisition provided us an opportunity to consider how best to integrate lot 3 into the design of the facility. As the design for Lot 3 nears completion, the proposed uses on this portion of the property will be reviewed by the Town of Bucksport and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for inclusion in the existing approvals for the project.

Mike Thompson, senior project manager for Whole Oceans is working with the construction firms on the start of work and said, "I am looking forward to being in Bucksport and managing the initial site work and to seeing this project move forward. The Bucksport community has been tremendously supportive of our efforts to date and I share their enthusiasm for seeing site work get underway."

PLEASE SEE SALMON, PAGE 4.

Trash plant may sell for \$1.5 million

HAMPDEN -

The group of 115 Maine communities - including Bucksport - that fueled the Development of the elaborate rubbish to energy plant in Hampden - could end up owning the plant after investing another \$1.5 in the corporation which has been silent for two years now.

The bond holders who dumped \$52 million into the Coastal Resources before it went belly-up could end up with \$1 million and - perhaps - less if they can't find a better offer than the \$1.5 million from the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) by June 30.

MRC rallied communities to the new technology, and even provided the ground on which it was built. The state also came through with a massive financial incentive.

However, the pioneering effort proved to be a cropper, almost from the outset. The technology used at the plant never has been used in this country on such a giant scale, and snafus

occurred almost from the outset.

The original developer, Fibreright, had pitched similar plans to communities in the midwest, but on a much smaller scale, and each time the municipalities said no. The risks were too high for the investment required, municipal officials there concluded.

Now the MRC towns are caught between the proverbial rock and hard place, for nobody is available to commit to take the volume of trash, and many of the MRC communities - including Bucksport - have been forced to bury much of their rubbish and recyclables in traditional landfills when the Penobscot Energy Recovery Corp., (PERC) plant in Orrington was unable to handle the volume.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard from the outset has backed the MRC and Hampden plants, voicing her concerns about the long-term financial viability of the PERC plant in Orrington, which traditionally handled Bucksport's refuse.

Tragic Discovery in Orrington

Orrington - On Sunday, April 3 at approximately 4:33 p.m., Penobscot County Sheriff's Office responded to a report a body had been discovered near the public boat launch in Orrington on the River Road.

Assisting were the Bucksport Police Department, Maine Marine Patrol and the Orrington Fire Department. The body has been identified as Loren Wadas-Kelly, 28, of Bucksport.

An empty canoe was subsequently located and air, ground and water searches were launched in an attempt to locate her husband, Levi Kelly, 28, said to be also of Jacob Buck Pond Road, Bucksport, who was thought to have been canoeing with her.

At this writing, there is still an on-going investigation into the circumstances surrounding what is thought to have been a tragic boating accident.

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

- SPRING FOUNTAIN APPEAL -

It has been one year since the owner of the Spring Fountain Inn filed its appeal of the condemnation of its motel at 196 U.S. Route 1, but nothing has been heard from the courts in Ellsworth.

The condemnation was made after a public hearing by the Town Council in December of 2020.

- YARD SALE COMPLAINTS - The Planning Board this week gave its endorsement to the effort to sharply limit the number of year round tag sales. It has not been determined as yet how many yard sales will be allowed in the course of a year.

The board sent its recommendation to the Town Council which will have the final say. A major problem according to the enforcement officer, who acting on complaints of the neighborhood, had asked the owner and tenant to cease and desist, and stop stocking the sale with new merchandise.

87 PROPERTIES IN DISREPAIR -

The code enforcement officer has compiled a list of 87 problem properties that have fallen into serious disrepair. Code enforcement officer, Luke Chiavelli "guesstimated" that about half of them can be refurbished, but the rest probably are likely candidates for

demolition.

He said 53 of the sites appear to be abandoned, including one where cars in the yard have not been registered since 2017.

A number of houses could be repaired and redeveloped to ease the housing situation in Bucksport, especially those in the village areas which are served by municipal utilities. Others should be razed to provide building lots, he said.

NEW MEMBERS - Teri Dotty, Mark Neshusan and Chrystal Harlan have joined the Planning Board to fill vacancies.

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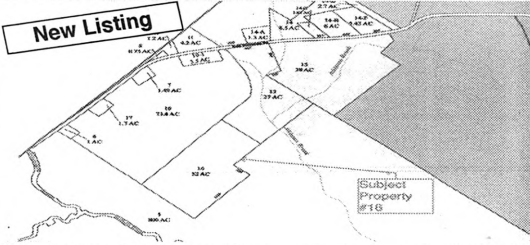


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New Listing




Orland- Looking for a wood lot? How about a location for an off grid cabin? This 52ac parcel hasn't been cut in over 30 years! It abuts Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust. Come take a look!
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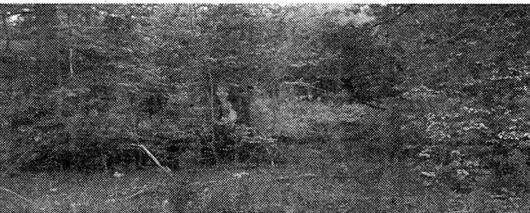


Bucksport - This is a large, 24+ acre lot practically in town. It borders the Bucksport Middle School, and reaches down to Bayview Avenue. The lot has just been removed from tree growth. There is so much potential for this lot.
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter **\$79,000**

Pending



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!
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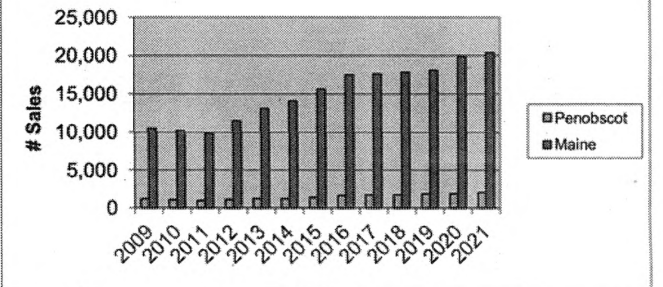


Bucksport- Build your new home nestled in the woods on this conveniently located building lot where a home once stood only a short distance from downtown Bucksport. This wooded 1.00 acre lot offers 168' of road frontage with a drilled well and septic on site. There is also a dug well for your gardening needs, as well as a shed. This lot is less than 3 miles from either the Jacob Buck Pond Boat Landing, Williams Pond or Silver Lake. Commute to Belfast, Ellsworth or Bangor in only a 1/2 hour. Come take a look at this lot for your new home today!
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Penobscot County Single Family Home Sales

Number of Sales: Penobscot



Year	Penobscot	Maine
2009	10,000	15,000
2010	10,000	15,000
2011	10,000	15,000
2012	10,000	15,000
2013	10,000	15,000
2014	10,000	15,000
2015	10,000	15,000
2016	10,000	15,000
2017	10,000	15,000
2018	10,000	15,000
2019	10,000	15,000
2020	10,000	15,000
2021	10,000	15,000

- Median Sold prices are below the State median since 2007.
- 1 in 10 sales in Maine is in Penobscot County.
- 1st time median sales price has crested \$200,000 since record keeping began in 1998.

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FRIENDS & FAMILY

GET OUT YOUR RAKES— May 14 has been designated as “Make Bucksport Beautiful Day,” with volunteers encouraged to clean up their neighborhood or a section of roadside or some area downtown.

The town will provide the trash bags, and the highway crew will collect the bags later.

The volunteers will receive coupons for a free ice cream cone.

NEXT MEETING — The Town Council will meet in the Council Chamber at the Bucksport Town offices next Tuesday (4/14) at 7p.m. The session was delayed a week while town officials wrapped up the negotiations when the new contracts with the police officers, firefighters, EMTs, the emergency dispatch office staff and the highway crew are nearly complete. Town Manager Susan M. Lessard wanted the financial information from the contracts available before the council begins its review of the 2022-2023 budget.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS — the **Town of Bucksport** is seeking to establish a program for volunteers to assist seniors and those with ability challenges with maintenance and small home repairs.

The goal is to run the program twice a year. Volunteers are expected to have skill sets needed from the ability to rake leaves and weed gardens to carpentry skills.

Interested people should email: slessard@buck-sportmaine.gov, or call Sue Lessard at the Town Office at 469-7368.

AUCTION/ BEAN SUPPER—The **Elm Street Congregational Church** will sponsor a fundraising Baked Bean Supper and silent auction for Barbara Perry's grandson, Lucas Gray-Chase, diagnosed with terminal cancer. Saturday, June 4 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Donations are welcome. For information or to help call: 469-3333.

SCALLOPING — A former resident and owner of The Old Bank, **Doug Robinson**, writes ... This was on Phil Rosens boat in one of the many coves in the Penobscot where he dived for scallops during the season. Probably in 2005 or 06 winter. I used to help him as it was fun going out on his boat which was kept in Belfast. (see picture at right.)

I ran the boat and shucked scallops after he did

sometimes several dives each time we went out. He would come up with a pouch of them, get back aboard, changed air tanks while he rested and then go back in the water. I never left the helm during a dive and kept positioned to be able to see the red ball that was on a line attached to him while keeping a safe operating distance. Sometimes it snowed while I was working on the deck. I still miss him.



Doug Robinson shucking scallops.



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Welcome News!

Whole Oceans came right down to its self-imposed deadline last Thursday (3/31) and announced it will begin work on its River Road site for a multi-million dollar Atlantic onshore salmon farm this spring.

The announcement, long heralded for years, had been stymied by a series of setbacks which saw the vast industrial site lay fallow for several years.

Now, that the roadblocks have been cleared, the extensive site work - including considerable blasting will begin on the \$250 million to \$350 million project.

When first announced, the plan was to be producing salmon at this point ready for market, and had reportedly sold its first five years of production to a single buyer.

EDITORIAL When complete, Whole Oceans will provide Bucksport with \$15,250 for each million dollars of taxable property. Some of its investment, including the equipment to process the fish, will not be taxable.

Initially the money will go to the Town's tax incremental financing (TIF) account to underwrite various community development projects. When complete the plan is projected to employ 65 employees and operate around the clock 7 days a week.

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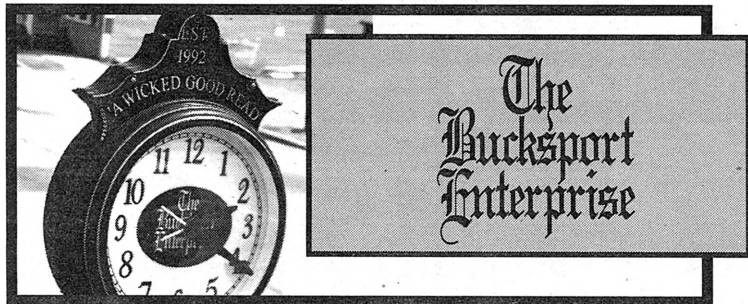
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LETTER . . . to the editor

"Uncertain times"

To the Editor:

The March 31 editorial criticizing President Biden's statements doesn't identify what is being referenced. Nonetheless, the terminology employed, referring to the President's "handlers" (a scurrilous and inappropriate term for the architect of a rejuvenated and powerful NATO and a unified Western Alliance) suggests that the origin is from Putin apologist Tucker Carlson of Fox News. (By the way, Carlson fans now have the option, if they missed a program, to watch him on Rossiya Segodnya, Russian propaganda television.)

Perhaps you are referencing the President's takedown of Putin as a butcher and war criminal whose removal may offer the best opportunity for ending this atrocious war. Most Americans agree.

For those seeking more complimentary statements regarding Putin, let me suggest the following:

"This is genius." -- Donald Trump (another Rossiya star) describing Putin's plan for invasion of Ukraine. February 22, 2022

President Trump, on accepting Putin's word rather than the conclusion of U.S. intelligence

agencies on Russian interference in U.S. elections: "President Putin says it's not Russia. I don't see any reason why it would be." Helsinki Summit, July 16, 2018,

Donald Trump, after Putin had already invaded Ukraine and annexed Crimea: "He's not going into Ukraine, OK? He's not going to go into Ukraine, alright?" July 30, 2016.

"I looked the man [Putin] in the eye. I found him to be very straightforward and trustworthy... I was able to get a sense of his soul." --President George W. Bush 2001.

These times are uncertain and dangerous. I'm glad we have a president who can identify evil and is not fawning before it.

George Schelling
Orland

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Salmon Farm to start construction

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

Whole Oceans has partnered with PR Aqua, North America's leading technology, service, and equipment supplier of RAS project design and site consultation.

"This is a pivotal moment for Whole Oceans and it's exciting to see our thoughtful planning moving forward with PR Aqua as our partner," said Shayne De Lima, senior advisor of Whole Oceans. "PR Aqua is recognized around the world for their innovation, service, and expertise in recirculating aquaculture systems. We are proud to be working with them to advance this project."

KC Hosler, Chief Technology Officer of PR Aqua added, "We took the time afforded to us to design a project based on state-of-the-art technology in order to ensure operational efficiency and commercial sustainability for this project in the emerging RAS industry in the

United States."

PR Aqua has been delivering successful RAS projects for 25 years and is currently engaged in multiple commercial scale projects, including another major project for Atlantic Salmon production in the United States.

Whole Oceans, a Maine-based company, wants to become America's premier producer of sustainably farm-raised Atlantic salmon in state-of-the-art, environmentally responsible, recirculating aquaculture system (RAS).

Still unclear is how and where Whole Oceans will process the castoff portions of the fish it produces, though it remains committed to using every part of each fish and reducing the amount of castoff garbage that is caused by the harvesting of the fish for use as food. Among the possible uses of the castoff portions of the fish is the use in the production of fertilizer.

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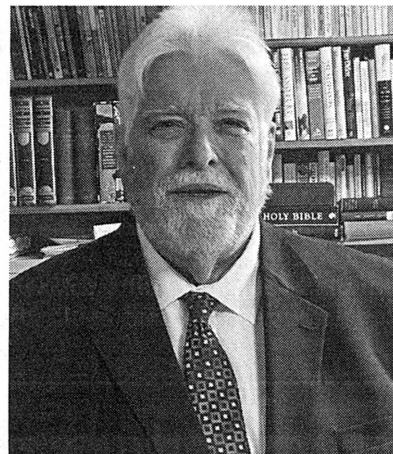


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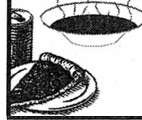
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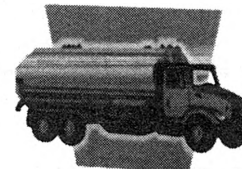
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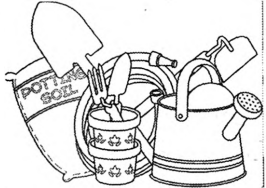
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Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT – There was one report of deer being struck on local roads last week:

- A male reported that his 16 year old son hit a deer the previous evening and it apparently ran off. The report came in at approximately 9:53 a.m. Sunday. The deer was hit on the Church Road.



(3/25).

she had them sent to a different address.

Accidents - Other

BUCKSPORT – Police reported no other accidents here this past week.

Summonses -

BUCKSPORT – These summonses were processed by officers last week:

- Britney Eberhardt, 26, of Prospect was issued a summons for driving 69 mph on Route 46 in an area posted for 45 mph. She was stopped at approximately 4:50 p.m. Saturday.

- A summons was issued to Michael Jacobs, 22, of Isle Au Haut for an inspection sticker violation. He was stopped on State Route 46 approximately 4:50 p.m. last Thursday.

Arrests -

BUCKSPORT – As a result of a traffic stop, Keith French, 43, of Bucksport was arrested for when it was discovered he had 3 outstanding warrants. He was stopped on Tuesday at approximately 8 p.m. on Route 46.

Just Mistaken?

- A report of an intoxicated person on the side of the road on Central Street was called in Mon. at approximately 6 p.m. When cops arrived there was no one there.

- A call by a female about a possible theft of her Amazon packages turned out to be nothing more than forgetting

Injured porcupine

BUCKSPORT – On Monday, the animal control officer received a call about an injured porcupine on their lawn. When the game warden arrived it was no where to be found.

Found & lost

BUCKSPORT – Have you lost a wallet or a debit card? The emergency dispatch office at the Public Safety Building may be able to brighten your life. A cell phone, also a dog, (?) a set of car keys and a scooter, are among the items found.

Local volunteers help launch Annual Hancock County Food Drive



Left To Right: Allison Braley, Mya Gray, Officer Sullivan, Morgan Braley, Donna Short, Deborah Murray, Bri St. Peter were among the volunteers collecting cash and perishable donations at a local supermarket Saturday.

BUCKSPORT — Hoping to raise enough for 120,000 meals to feed those experiencing food insecurity, Healthy Acadia's Annual Hancock County Food Drive was launched Saturday and will run all of April. There are 10 locations participating locally.

Among those who showed up to help make this drive happen were volunteers from Bucksport Middle School and Miles Lane Student Councils, and the Bucksport Hannaford and Bucksport Police Department.

As was reported yesterday, the drive has collected 587 items of non-perishable and hygienic items for the RSU 25 back pack program which allows them to send home bags of food on weekends and vacations for students suffer-

ing from food insecurity

Also they raised \$561 dollars to go towards the Hancock Food Pantry, which will be added to the collection of all monies donated in Hancock County, and will then be equally divided amongst participating members.

Among the various items that you might not think to donate are food items: baby food, cereal (low sugar), gluten-free items, popcorn (microwaveable) and spices, dried herbs. Non-food suggestions: baby wipes, can openers, cold cups and paper cups, diapers, dish soap/towels, and vegetable peelers.

– Sadly, 1 in 5 children in Hancock County suffer from food insecurity.

ENTERPRISE CLASSIFIED ADS

MEDICAL GEAR

FREE from HELPING HANDS – The Helping Hands Outreach group offers free, durable medical equipment on loan or, in some cases, donated to those in need. Anyone in need of medical equipment or who would like to contribute medical equipment may contact the administrative office at Brown Hall at 469-3333. ufn

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– PUBLIC SUPPER –

EAST ORRINGTON – East Orrington Congregational Church will be having a bean supper on Saturday, April 9 from 4:30 to 5:30. The menu will include baked beans, ham, potato salad, bread and dessert. The price is \$8. Please call the church office at 825-3404 or visit the website at eoccme.com

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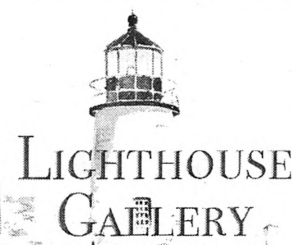
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Blue Hill Memorial announces modernization project underway

Blue Hill, Maine (April 4, 2022) – Work has begun at 57 Water Street in Blue Hill.

Construction started late last month as crews prepare for the hospital modernization project with expected completion in 2023.

During construction, starting on April 11, the hospital and the Sussman Health Center will be accessible from Parker Point Road. While the Water Street entrance to the campus will be blocked to vehicular traffic, access to the Town Park via Water

Street and the water-side pedestrian sidewalk will remain open and functional.

The hospital is still raising money for the Next Century of Care: Keeping Our Promise campaign. To find out more about making a philanthropic commitment to invest in local healthcare for the next century and beyond, call Ruth Calas at 374.3411 or visit northernlight.org/BlueHillPromise.



Northern Light Blue Hill Memorial Hospital
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events

BEAN SUPPER

Saturday, April 9

The Prospect Community Center will be hosting monthly benefit supper on Saturday, April 9th, 4 - 6 p.m. at the Prospect Community Center dining room at the corner of Rte 1A & 174 across from the Prospect Fire Station. Adults \$10; Children under 12, \$2. Benefit for building maintenance and community concerns. Call 567-3170 or email: jmcveigh261@gmail.com.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Saturday, April 16

ALIVE! A concert to benefit Ukraine featuring Jazz & blues at the center of town, 36 Narramissic Drive, Orland at 3 p.m. 207-952-2363 or jreece@orandbegacenter.com

Meetings

CEMETERY MEETINGS

Thursday, April 10

The annual meeting of the Hillside Cemetery Association will be held on April 10 at Ray Wight's home, 46 Wight's Lane, Bucksport at 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

The spring meeting of the Oak Grove Cemetery Association will be held in the conference room of the Orland Community Center, Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. All persons with interests or concerns for the cemetery are encouraged to attend.

BUCKSPORT DEMS

Thursday, April 14

The Bucksport Democratic Committee will meet April 14th at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please email bucksportdemcomm@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

HANCOCK DEMS

Thursday, April 21

The Hancock County Democratic Committee will present a discussion via Zoom about broadband availability in Hancock County at their monthly meeting at 7:00pm on April 21st. Pre-registration for the virtual meeting is required to be done no later than Wednesday, April 20 at noon at www.hancockdems.org.

COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, April 23

• CLASS OF '22 - Commencement Ceremony - 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
Trombone Concert - This fun-filled annual event featuring some of the finest trombone players from all over the East

Coast of the United States and Canada. If you're planning ahead, the 35th edition will be held at 7 p.m. in the Elm Street Congregational Church.

In Brown Hall

Tuesday, April 12 -

• KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR - 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. guest is Leslie Ross, Hancock County Case & Program Coordinator of Downeast Restorative Justice.

Mondays

• TARTAN TUNES - Scottish dancing has resumed in Brown Hall. For details, call Dawn Little at 469-8747. New participants and observers are most welcome.

Tuesdays

• BOOK TALK - April 5, 7:00-8:30 P.M. with Dr. York in the Community Meeting Room to discuss Wendell Berry's short story, *Are You All Right?* Book discussions will meet every Tuesday except for the second Tuesday of the month.

Wednesday, April 6 -

• GRACE - 10:30 a.m. to noon. (Grass Roots Arts & Community Education) meets in the Community Meeting room. More details to come; newcomers are welcome.

Monday, April 11 -

• 6 p.m., Bucksport Next quarterly meeting in Brown Hall Community Meeting Room and broadcast over Youtube.com.rsvp 469-3333.

Tuesday, April 12 -

• KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR - 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. guest is Leslie Ross, Hancock County Case & Program Coordinator of Downeast Restorative Justice. May 10 - the Know Your Neighbor guest will be Tracey Hair, executive director of H.O.M.E.

Saturdays

• BAKED BEAN SUPPERS - will resume on the third Saturday of the month: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20 and September 17. Volunteers are most helpful.

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.

Come to the BUCK-SPROUTS Seed Library and get free seeds for your garden. Need advice or want to meet other gardeners? Attend one of our workshops:

• Getting started with backyard gardening: April 8th or 9th at 10am • Beginners propagation and seed saving techniques: May 13th or 14th at 10am. • Common Pests and Problems: Diagnosis and Treatment: June 10th or 11th 10am. • Help! I Have Too Much Zucchini! (or other woes of overplanted/over-producing garden): July 15th or

16th at 10am.

Other programs in the coming months include:

Celebrate Earth Day at the library on April 23rd from 10:30-12:30. Listen to stories and do some earth-themed activities.

Attend our kick-off event for our Community Summer Reading Program, Oceans of Possibilities. Linda Greenlaw will be joining us at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center on Sunday May 15th at 2:00 pm. Bring your family and listen to her stories.

Blue Hill Public Library

SUMI-E PAINTING Workshop for kids over 10, traditional Japanese ink-based painting, Tue. Apr. 12, 3:30-6 pm, register www.bhpl.net or 374-5515.

Saturday, April 30

• READINGS ON RACE
On Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m. the Blue Hill Library's monthly Readings on Race Discussion Group will meet in the Howard Room and online. The group is taking a short break from reading and instead will discuss the podcast This Land, hosted by Rebecca Nagle of Crooked Media, which follows the Supreme Court Case Sharp v. Murphy, and discusses indigenous issues such as land rights, tribal sovereignty and the Indian Child Welfare Act. This podcast can be listened to online at www.crooked.com.

• 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.

Tuesdays

• JUST FOR KIDS - Online Storytime Children of all ages can participate in Online Storytime on Tuesdays any time after 10:30 a.m. Each week a new video will be uploaded to the library's YouTube channel (get link at https://bhpl.libcal.com)

Wednesdays

• PLAYIN' IN THE PARK - A preschool play group at the Blue Hill Town Park every Wednesday from 11 to noon, weather permitting. Those up to five years of age and their caregivers are welcome Thursdays

• CHECK IT OUT - The Youth Chess Club gathers each Thursday at 3 p.m. Kids of all ages are invited to the Blue Hill Library's Howard room to play chess. Learn, or just play the game.

Stockton Springs Community Library

Thursdays

• Children's Story Hour - Preschoolers and Homeschoolers are invited to join us at Library 6 Station St. every Thursday from 10 - 11 a.m. for fun and seasonal stories, a take-home craft and a snack-together. FMI call: 567-4147.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS EVENTS & MENU

Easter Gift basket

There will be an Easter basket drawing coming up! Get a free ticket for every luncheon you dine at the Senior Center. The winning ticket will be drawn on Wednesday, April 13. Also, the Sunday music program will resume from 1 - 4 p.m. with the return of Wade Dow & Friends with live classic country music.

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, April 8 - Haddock casserole, peas and lemon tart.
- Monday, April 11 - Pot roast w/gravy, roasted potatoes, mixed veggies and pie.
- Wednesday, April 13 - Chicken divan, dinner roll, Angel food cake w/strawberries.
- Friday, April 15 - Baked ham, homemade mac & cheese, green beans, and a cupcake.
- Monday, April 18 - NO MEAL. Patriot's Day observed.
- Wednesday, April 20 - Chicken tenders, potato salad, peas and fruit.
- Friday, April 22 - Salisbury steaks, mashed potato, corn and a brownie.
- Monday, April 25 - Breaded pork chop, mashed sweet potato, peas and carrots and brown sugar/cinnamon apples.
- Wednesday, April 27 - Mild Mexican chili, cornbread and a whoopie pie.
- Friday, April 29 - Chicken parmesan, garlic bread, sliced cucumbers and a cookie.

MAUNDY/EASTER SERVICES

**ELM STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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- **Sunday, April 10,**
Palm Sunday SERVICE - 10 A.M.
- **Thursday, April 14**
Maundy Thursday Service - 5:30 PM
annual soup and bread supper,
followed by communion.
- **Friday, April 15,**
Good Friday prayer vigil
Noon until 3 PM
in 30-minute time slots in Meeting House Sanctuary
- **Sunday, April 17**
Easter Sunrise Service - 5:45 AM
at Fort Knox Prospect, Maine.
Easter potluck breakfast will follow in the Brown Hall Community Room.
- **Sunday, April 17**
Easter Worship Service - at 10 AM
In addition, the children's traditional Easter Egg Hunt is during the Sunday School hour.

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HOLY WEEK

April 14th - Holy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.
April 15th Good Friday - 6:30 p.m.
April 17th Easter Sunday 11:30 a.m.

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207-825-3404**

• **Good Friday April 15,**
Soup, Song & Scripture SERVICE - 5 - 7 p.m.
website: eoccme.com for further information

