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## G.M. Allen Blueberries to start broccoli processing

ORLAND — The ink was barely dry on the permit when construction began in roughly a 1.5-acre building to house a major broccoli processing operation at the Allen's Blueberry business.

The rush was on after the Orland Planning Board approved the single story metal addition earlier this month, for the business wants the addition to be ready in time for the next broccoli harvest.

The processing plant will be an addition to the Allen's blueberry plant, and is intended to provide additional seasonal employment once the blueberry processing season ends.

The work will include a significant

upgrade to the existing roughly 40 by 40 foot electrical room inside the blueberry processing section of the building.

The broccoli being processed will come from farms either in Presque Isle or in Calais. The broccoli processing will begin immediately after the blueberry processing season ends.

According to engineers working on the project, contractors asked about upgrading the electrical room.

Chiavelli stated that yes they can upgrade it, but can't say whether the planning board will pass it/permit it. Hopefully an application will be submitted in time for April's meeting.



(Above) GM Allen's Blueberry plant, Orland poured the foundation yesterday (4/13) for new broccoli process plant to be ready in July.

(Left) A building to house the electrical demand for both plants has to be made larger.

The all-terrain forklift sits ready to go!

## Builder being sought for Orland fire station

ORLAND— Today at its monthly meeting the Orland Fire Department Building Committee approved plans to advertise for building contractors to submit applications for consideration. The Committee, established in 2020 by the town Selectmen after an assessment of the current station deficiencies, was granted \$50,000 at the 2021 town meeting for further development of a preliminary conceptual design for the new structure.

At subsequent meetings the Committee explored potential new sites for the fire department and compared the costs and benefits associated with differing methods for construction. The Committee recommended the station be built on Town owned land next to the transfer station. As for construction methods, the Committee settled on the "design/build" process, in which the town will work collaboratively with the winning company to complete the design and build the new station.

John Barlow, the chair of the Committee commented, "This design/build process helps the town to reduce overall costs of such a substantial project. It

also ensures that our fire department gets the modern building they need. We look forward to working with the right building company."

A "Request for Qualifications" will be sent out to interested contractors that requires them to submit information on their construction management philosophy and experience, the proposed design and build team, financial strength, workload, safety, quality control, warrantee, references and cost information. The Committee will then review each contractor's proposal and recommend a contractor to the Selectmen to finish the design process and develop a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). Once the GMP is established the proposal will be submitted to the town voters at a special town meeting this year for approval.

It is anticipated that the new fire station will be paid for from a mixture of town reserves, bank mortgage and grants or other funds raised to support the station. While final costs have not been determined



Recent photo of the new Orland Fire Department

the preliminary estimates are in the range of 3.25 million dollars.

Barlow added, "A project like this is a big deal for a small town like Orland. I'm sure people have questions. But I think the Committee has done careful work in thinking through the best solution, and with costs going up, it's time to act. Orland residents have always been willing to step up and support town projects when there is a genuine need like this."

The Committee will host a Question and Answer Session on this process on Tuesday, April 26th at 6 p.m. at the Orland Community Center.

For more information contact John Barlow at [john.barlow0945@gmail.com](mailto:john.barlow0945@gmail.com)

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

**BUILDING INSPECTING** — The code enforcement officer last week sent out seven notices of building code violations, the first batch of a stepped-up campaign to either upgrade or raze abandoned, dangerous or collapsing structures. There are 57 structures on the list, and the number is growing almost weekly — approaching 80.

Luke Chiavelli, the code enforcement officer said roughly half of the structures need immediate attention. Others could be upgraded if current owners were willing to transfer ownership. The structures, if renovated, would help ease the rental housing situation here, he said.

— **HAULING CONTRACT** — The town is about to renew its contract with DM&J Waste for hauling construction debris from the recycling yard. The new one will run through

March 31 next year, and includes an extra clause to cover the rising cost of fuel. The basic trip cost is \$200 to and from the transfer station.

**FIREHOUSE SUBS** — The foundation supported by the Firehouse Sub shop chain has awarded Bucksport roughly \$20,000, and the police department wants to use the money to upgrade the computers used in the town's police cruisers.

**ELECTION** — The Town Council tonight (4/14) will appoint 21 people to work as clerks at the next election. They are: Cassi Allen, Bonnie Allard, Barbara Ashe, Daniel Bartlett, Paula Bartlett, Sarah Bissonnette, Jennifer Chiavelli, Roxanne Clapper, Mary Durost, Judith Findlay, Linda Jellison, Susan Lessard, Aimee Lozier, Cathy Neslusan, Susan Peterson,

Linda Plourde, Richard Rotella, Patricia Rowley, Donna Smith, Nancy Whitten and Rachel Wilson.

**BALLFIELD WALL** — The outfield wall at the Bucksport High School baseball field has been temporarily repaired, but the permanent solution has the potential to be expensive. A town subcommittee will meet tonight (4/14) at 6:00 p.m. to continue the efforts to settle on a final solution.

**IN PERSON** — The Town Council will again meet in person in the Council chamber at the Town Office Building at 7 p.m. The session will be cablecast on the public access channel and be available on the internet at [townhall-streams.com](http://townhall-streams.com). Telephone queries can be made during the meeting by calling 469-7368 or emailing [slessard@bucksportmaine.gov](mailto:slessard@bucksportmaine.gov).

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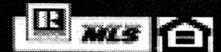




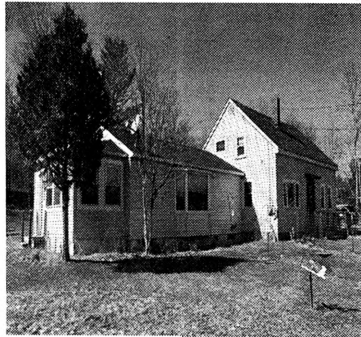


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### New Listing



**Bucksport**- Check out this spacious 3BR/2BA cape with a view of Hancock Pond. Located in a country setting on 6.43 acres, this home features large & bright rooms, first floor bedroom option, 4-season porch, family room, living room, kitchen open to dining room, first floor laundry & mud room. Also find a full basement, detached 2-car garage w/ workshop area & large yard.

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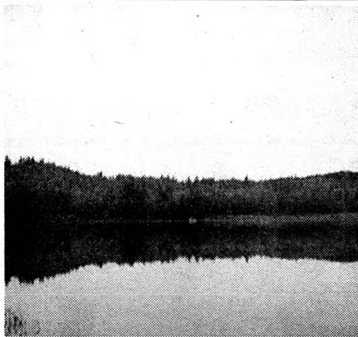
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**Bucksport**- A rare find these days. This waterfront surveyed parcel located along the banks of the Penobscot River contains 3.30 acres and over 500' of waterfront. Gravel driveway has been started to a stunning hill-top spot for potential house site as well as road down to lower lot. Lot has been subdivided and offers the potential to retain or re-sell the 2nd waterfront lot. Previously soil tested & ready for construction. Privacy & western exposure, come take a look.

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### 83 AC on Long Pond



**Bucksport**- Beautiful 83 acre lakefront parcel w/ 1530 feet of breathtaking frontage on Long Pond. Build your dream home with panoramic views of captivating water & rolling mountains with wooded privacy. Yours alone or possible subdivision, family compound. Rare lakefront opportunity! Bucksport is a vibrant coastal town with walking trails, a riverwalk, downtown shops and restaurants. Only 45 minutes from Acadia National Park/Bar Harbor and only 1/2 hour from Bangor, Belfast, Ellsworth & Blue Hill. A special place for the Maine experience!

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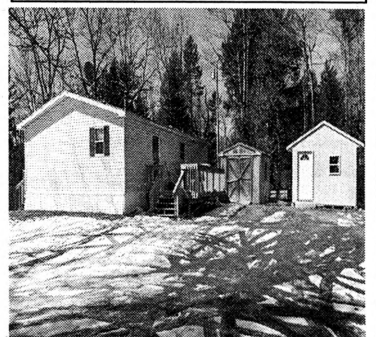
### New Listing



**Stockton Springs**- Beautiful flat lightly wooded lot awaiting you to build your dream home on much desired Cape Jellison Road. Lot is in close proximity to Fort Point State Park, Fort Point Light House and Stockton Springs Harbor. Property is conveniently located approximately 30 minutes from Bangor, Ellsworth, Belfast and Camden.

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### Pending



**Orland**- Village living! This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath home is set on a sun filled in town lot with room for a garden. The home has a formal dining room with built in china closet, a fireplace in the living room and wood floors through much of the home.

**Listing Agent: Mark Eastman** **\$179,900**

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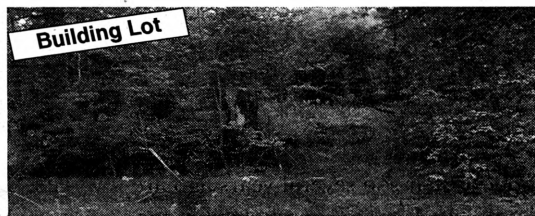


**Bucksport**- Looking for privacy with great western views? This 43.2 acre parcel is set on the southwesterly side of Orcutt Mountain with good potential for solar options. Only a few residents reside on the road affording excellent privacy. Power is on the road. Mixed land of overgrown pasture, some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

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**Listing Agent: Lorrinda Connolly** **\$29,000**

## SENIOR CENTER NEWS EVENTS & MENU

Sunday music program will resume from 1 - 4 p.m.  
Wade Dow & Friends with live classic country music.  
Marlene Lozier won the Easter Basket with lots of goodies!

### 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 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.

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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.

### YARD SALE DONATIONS WANTED —

The **Verona Women's Club** has agreed to host their annual yard sale on May 14, at the Town Hall, and will donate all proceeds to help with much needed improvements for handicapped accessibility to the bathroom and Town Hall. Please donate your items knowing that you are helping our little community. Don't have anything to donate — come buy up all the little treasures you can find. Every little bit helps on either end. We would love to make this a community effort to move forward with these much needed projects.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER FOR ANDY —** Andy Wentworth **"For the Love of the Game"** Scholarship Baseball Play Day will be held on Saturday, April 16 there will be a high school baseball play day at

the Bucksport Baseball Field for high school varsity teams from Old Town, Hampden, Mattanawcook Academy, Central, Stearns, Houlton and of course Bucksport. Teams rotate and play within one hour time slots.

The games start at 9am and the last one starts at 6pm. There will be food, raffles, and AW19 attire on sale. Donations are welcome **Dan and Storm Wentworth** who lost their son several years ago are fundraising in Andy's memory for a scholarship for a Bucksport Sr. who plans on attending a post secondary school, and plays baseball for the love of the game as Andy did.

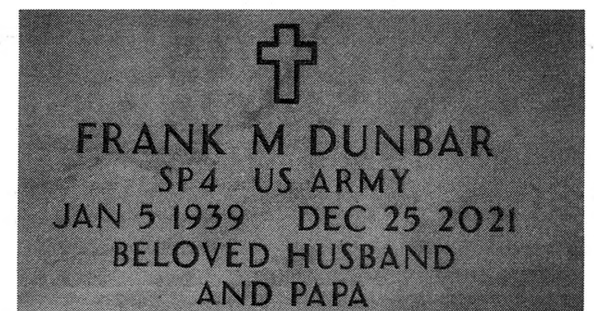
**ELECTED — Don Baker** has been elected chair of the Orland Planning Board.

**VIGIL REQUEST —** A fairly new resident to Bucksport, moved by the accounts of the losses and destruction in Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion would like to request the use of the Veterans War Memorial for a Candlelight Vigil as an observance of the lives lost, families disrupted and children displaced from safety as a result of the war in Ukraine. the request if for Sunday May 1, 2022 7:30-9pm with

Sunday May 8, 2022 as a Rain Date The council will take this under consideration at its meeting this week.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE -** The family of **Frank Dunbar** is inviting the community to a celebration of life for the long-time Bucksport barber. The event will be held at the Bucksport Center for the Performing Arts in the Bucksport Middle School on Saturday, June 25. The event will begin at 1 p.m.

After the celebration a group will go to the Silver Lake Cemetery.



Frank Dunbar — all who knew him will miss him

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## Paying our respects

This is a most-unusual time, a period when grieving families finally are coming together to celebrate the lives of those whose who were lost while the nation - and the world - was in the clutches of the Covid pandemic. Unable to gather for the traditional visitations, or even at traditional funerals, the normal traditions of coping with a loss were torn asunder and families were left to grieve in solitude.

The local Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home went for nearly a year without a single gathering within the funeral home. Only frequently have a few families begun to again gather at the home on Elm Street, and then often only in smaller-than-normal numbers.

This week and in the weeks ahead the columns of this newspaper will list the details on a number of celebrations of life. Some will be small, intimate affairs, a few much-larger to accommodate the many who still are sharing in losses that occurred months ago. Some will gather at the family camp, there to remember the good times, the happy times. Glasses will clink, and jokes will be told, for the best times in a good life are seldom somber.

Missing will be the cheery voices, the ones that announced the burgers were ready or the lobster prepared the traditional Down East way, were ready to be lifted from the pot.

Yes, there will be an empty seat or rocker, but as those whose lives were so touched by another gather to say good-bye, we hope this spring and summer will bring closure to those whose hearts still ache. Heavy hearts are no match for good memories of a life well-lived.

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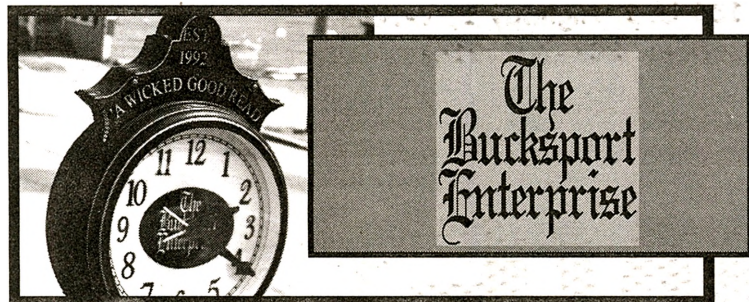
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## Winning the Gold and Bronze!

VERONA ISLAND — Recently a local young man who enthusiastically participates in the Special Olympics traveled with his mom, Bambi Howard-Cerini to Gorham, Maine with the local Special Olympics basketball team for the states, where he won a gold medal for his skills. He also participated in regionals in Orono for his basketball skills and received a bronze medal.

Hunter is currently in spring Special Olympics participating in bocce ball and track and field with his team..Hunter Howard-Emerson, from Verona Island, also participated in Castine for regionals for bocce ball and received second place.

He is working hard and looking forward to states bocce ball and track and field events in Orono this coming June!

— Special Olympics is a global organization that serves athletes with intellectual disabilities with hundreds of thousands of volunteers and coaches each year.



Above:  
Hunter aims  
for a score.

Right:  
Showing off  
medals he won  
in the Special  
Olympics  
Competition in  
Gorham  
with  
Officer Hannon





# OBITUARY

## Donna Wilson, 1943 - 2022

BUCKSPORT – Donna Wilson, 78, passed away Thursday, March 7th with daughter Kelly and son-in-law Tim by her side. Per Donna's request

there will be no funeral service. Many thanks to Bayview Manor and Kindred Home Hospice for exceptional care.



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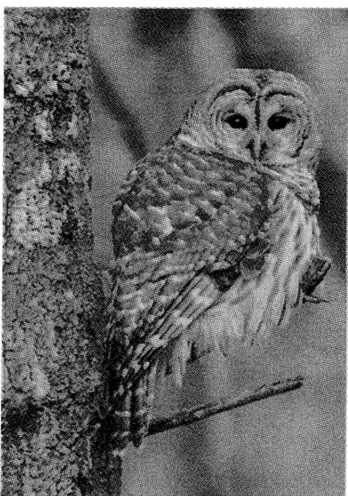


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A barred owl  
–Inland Fisheries & Wild Life

## GIVE A HOOT

Share your sightings!

As well as defending their territory and warning others of a predator, owls call to communicate with mates. This time of year is nesting season and lots of owls can be heard in Maine. Listen carefully and you may even hear a pair singing a duet with the female's voice having a slightly higher pitch than the male in some species.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wild Life are asking you to: 'share your observations with the Maine Bird Atlas which helps biologists learn more about the abundance and distribution of birds in our state. This knowledge leads to successful conservation of Maine birds and a better understanding of environmental changes.'

You can contribute your owl observations to the Atlas by emailing the following information to [mainebirdatlas@gmail.com](mailto:mainebirdatlas@gmail.com):

- Include:
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  - Approximate time of observation
  - Behavior such as singing, duetting, or sitting on a nest
  - GPS coordinates (or nearest street address if exact location is unknown)
  - Species

## Birthday

### Thank You

I want to thank my friends and family who came to my 99th birthday celebration.

I particularly want to acknowledge Ronda & John Chambers, owners of the Jed Prouty Assisted Living for hosting a memorable event.

The cake-decorations - drinks staff provided were lovely and greatly appreciated. I am very lucky to have so many dear friends and loving family.

Thank you for all the cards, flowers and gifts, making this a special day that will be remembered.

Ethel Cunningham



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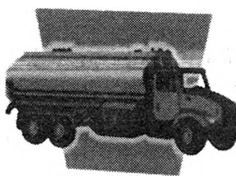
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# Public Safety LOGS

The information in the Public Safety Log is taken from official law enforcement agency records or comments from the spokespersons for those agencies.

## Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT – There were no reports of deer being struck on local roads last week:

## Accidents - Other

BUCKSPORT – Police reported these accidents here this past week.

- On Sunday (4/3) at approximately 12:50 p.m. Jesse Pierce, 42, of Orland operating a Toyota Rav 4 and Kelley Anthony, 20, of Hancock, operating a Dodge Ram pickup truck collided on Route 1 near the intersection of the Gross Point Road. The Rav 4 had to be towed.

## Summonses -

BUCKSPORT – These summonses were processed by officers last week:

- Kevin Pederson, 30, of Bucksport received a summons for operating under suspension while traveling on Route 1 on Sun. at approximately 10:50 a.m..
- Vanessa Boyce, 34, of Rockland was issued a summons for a registration violation. She was stopped on Central Street about 2:42 p.m. on Mon.

- A call for an accident involving a single vehicle driven by Mark Turner, 61, of



Levant was called in on Tues. at approximately 8:50 a.m. The accident occurred on the River Road and the vehicle had to be towed.

- A summons was issued to Lisa El-Hajj, 60, of Surry for driving 64 mph on Route 46 in an area posted for 45 mph. She was stopped at approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

- On Thursday, a summons was issued to Stafford Venema, 30, of Blue Hill for allegedly operating after suspension while traveling on Route 1 at approximately 6:45 p.m.

## Arrests -

BUCKSPORT – As a result of a traffic stop, Michael Emery, 22, of Unity was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release in an earlier case.

At the same time, Michael Ames 36, of Northport was arrested on a warrant as well as Violation of Conditions of Release. The arrests were made at approximately 1 a.m. on Sunday.

## Found & lost

BUCKSPORT –Have you lost something? The emergency dispatch office at the Public Safety Building may be able to brighten your life. A wallet and a backpack are among the items that were recently found.

## Latest reports

BUCKSPORT – These are the counts according to the latest numbers given out for the month of March by Michael Denning, Bucksport's Deputy Fire Chief:

<b>Fire calls</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>EMS calls</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Fire permits</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Inspections/Licenses</b>	<b>5</b>

## EAST ORLAND NEWS

EAST ORLAND – (March 7, 2022) A final Orland Planning Board vote is expected next month on Grande View Estates, a proposed 14-unit subdivision being proposed by a Sarasota, FL firm which plans to market each lot with 20 or more acres.

The site is off Bald Mountain Road, off Acadia Highway in East Orland.

The Florida company has sent a letter responding to questions from the Great Pond Conservation Trust. The Maine Woodland Properties, said the firm has responded to Mountain Trust and sent a letter with a response which included data submitted to the DEP for storm water permits, a traffic evaluation, locus maps, a well driller's letter confirming there is accessible water on the lots, and a wildlife map.

The representative, Jim Boyle, said the firm took into consideration deed restrictions regarding the down slope and water run-off. In the covenants for the lots it also was added that international dark sky seal of approval outdoor lights be a deed restriction. For high intensity

soil questions, the firm's engineer stated he has never had to do one especially where they are 20-plus acre lots.

Regarding the trail that Great Pond Mountain would like, Boyle answered that it is on lots 8 and 9 and the road will be owned by the home owners' association and the land where the trail is also will be owned by the association. The trail connector is about 1,400 feet from road to Great Pond Mountain trail. Great Pond Mountain also asked about a buffer at the last meeting and the firm's representative stated that there is a 200 foot buffer along Great Pond Mountain land and a 100-foot buffer around the rest. Boyle stated they wanted to use buffer requirements that were the same as the shoreland Zoning requirements. He was asked if stumps will be removed from the buffer zone, and he replied that would be difficult without disrupting the soil.

The application be tabled until the next meeting.

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### THE VERONA WOMEN'S CLUB WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP

The Verona Women's Club is hosting an annual yard sale on May 14 at the Town Hall. All proceeds will be used to make much needed renovations at the Town Hall. We are asking you, our residents for yard sale items to be donated. Don't have anything to donate? Then come buy up all the little treasures you can find. Every little bit helps on either end. Last year we earned \$1500.00 and donated it to the town. We would love to make this a community effort to move forward with these much needed projects.

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• 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 30-minute slots in Meeting House Sanctuary

• Sunday, April 17

**Easter Sunrise Service - 5:45 AM**

at Fort Knox Prospect, Maine.

Easter potluck breakfast after in Brown Hall Community Room.

• Sunday, April 17

**Easter Worship Service - at 10 AM**

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.

### EAST ORRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL

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• Good Friday April 15,

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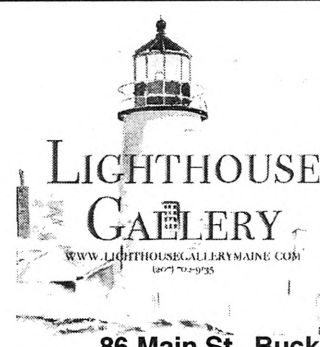
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Events

#### CEMETERY MEETING

**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.

#### 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](http://www.hancockdems.org).

### Concerts

**Tuesday, May 31**

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

### FUNDRAISERS

**Saturday, June 4**

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.

**Saturday, Aug. 13**

• JUST FOR FUN Trombone Concert — featuring some of the finest trombone players from all over the East Coast of the United States and Canada. The 35<sup>th</sup> edition will be held at 7 p.m. in the Elm Street Congregational Church.

### In Brown Hall

**Tuesday, April 12 –**

**Mondays**

• TARTAN TUNES – Scottish dancing has resumed in Brown Hall 5 to 7 p.m. For details, call Dawn Little at

469-8747. New participants and observers are most welcome.

**Tuesdays**

• BOOK TALK – April 19, 7:00-8:30 P.M. with Dr. York in the Community Meeting Room to discuss Wendell Berry's book, *A Place in Time*. Book discussions will meet every Tuesday except for the second Tuesday of the month. Newcomers are welcome. RSVP. FMI: 469-3333

**Wednesday, April 20 –**

• GRACE – 10:30 a.m. to noon. (Grass Roots Arts & Community Education) meets in the Community Meeting room. Newcomers are welcome. FMI: 469-3333.

**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, May 10 –**

• KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR – 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. 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 – now open on Tuesdays from 10 to 4; Wednesday from 10 to 4; Thursday from 10 to 6; Fridays from 10 to 4; and Saturdays from 10 to 2.

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

• 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/overproducing garden): July 15th

or 16th at 10am.

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

**Don't forget to come by the library to view a lot of amazing artwork by peninsula students in our April Student Art Show. Artwork covers the walls and counters upstairs, and is also in the stairwells and Larchwood Children's Room.**

**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 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](http://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](http://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.

**Tuesday, April 19**

• POETRY FOR TEENS & TWEENS – Calling all young poets! In honor of National Poetry Month, teens and tweens ages 10+ are invited to join Poet Hiram Larew (who will be projected via Zoom) on Tuesday, April 19 at 3:30 PM in the library's Howard room for a celebration of poetry's magic. All are welcome to attend this free program sponsored by the library, though space is limited and registration is required. Register through the library's online calendar or call 374-5515.

**Thursday, April 21 – AUTHOR EVENT** – an author event and poetry reading with Sargentville poet Laura West, who will share readings from her book *Memory Before Time* will be held on Thursday, April 21 at 7pm. This program is free, open to everyone and will be held in the Howard Room. To join in-person or virtually on Zoom by using the online event calendar at [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net), or by calling the library at 374-5515. For more information, contact Kayleigh at [kayleigh.thomas@bhpl.net](mailto:kayleigh.thomas@bhpl.net).