

Conservation group seeking \$2.36 million Impacts Bucksport, Orland, Verona Island

EAST ORLAND— Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust officials gathered in the Wildlands to launch Growing the Dream, a major campaign to acquire support and protect more land for wildlife, preserve over a mile of the Dead River shoreline and promote climate resilience in Hancock County.

Campaign co-chairs Carl Derian and Emily Fuller Hawkins made the announcement at the Wildlands Dead River Trailhead. They reported that 77 percent of the ambitious goal already has been reached, thanks to 110 donors.

The project includes sites in Bucksport, Orland and Verona Island, and will increase the size of the trust's holdings to 5,000 acres.

Begun as the dream of Stuart Gross and a few conservation-minded friends in the 1980s became the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust in 1993. The trust now is one of the largest contiguous land holdings on Maine's coastal plain, and it's still growing.

Emily Fuller Hawkins said, "This campaign will help the trust to conserve unspoiled shorelands and mature forests, allow low-impact recreation, protect an additional 7,000 feet of undisturbed Dead River shoreline, fund the critical maintenance of trails, bridges, and roads, stabilize the Wildlands' infrastructure in the face of climate change, and open the Joost Family Preserve on Verona Island for the community to enjoy."

The major initiatives are:

- Purchasing a 355-acre addition to

the Wildlands on the Dead River, now newly named "Dead River West." The acres of forest and wetlands include over a mile of shoreline on the Dead River in Orland and Bucksport. Both sides of the Dead River will be protected forever.

- The campaign provides money to maintain the 25-acre Joost Family Preserve on Verona Island. The parcel was given to the trust by Tony and Sarah Joost Tomanelli in honor of Sarah's father, Dr. Arthur Joost. The property on the east channel of the Penobscot River has been in the Joost family for three generations. The site will be available for public gatherings and low-impact recreation.

- Money also will be available for equipment, trails, roads, and bridges in the Wildlands.

- Additional cash will be available for land acquisitions now being negotiated and for any land acquisition opportunities that may arise.

The trust received a \$264,972 Land for Maine's Future grant. The program helps buy, preserve and allow public access to lakes, rivers, scenic views and mountain vistas.

In addition, two anonymous donors will double new gifts to the campaign from individuals. The next \$150,000 in new contributions will be matched, dollar-for-dollar. This will provide \$300,000 in new money but does not apply to new pledges or existing pledge payments.

To learn more watch the campaign video and read the brochure at www.GreatPondTrust.org/Dream.



Joost Family Preserve – Great Pond Mountain Trust
"Growing the Dream" Verona Island site

Schools detail \$8 million plan

BUCKSPORT – The RSU 25 plan to spend some \$8 million over the next two years on major repairs and renovations is gaining momentum.

The projects this week got the backing of the Facilities Committee and are likely to be endorsed by the RSU 25 School Board so the work can begin in August.

By comparison, the Town of Bucksport's budget for the current fiscal year is \$7.67 million.

Another \$4.7 million is expected to be spent in the second year of the effort. However, later this year the RSU will apply for up to \$1 million from a government revolving loan fund. Up to half of that loan can be forgiven, and the rest paid back over 10 years.

If that loan is not approved in late January, Boothby will ask the school board to tap the RSU's capital reserves account.

The only voter involvement will be

local referendum votes on whether the board can use money already set aside toward a small portion of the overall project.

Most of the initial year's work will be financed with a 15-year Bank of America loan of \$2.8 million, which will carry an interest rate of 3.195 percent. Another \$1.4 million for heating and ventilation work at the G.H. Jewett School will be paid from a federal program.

While the annual expense of paying down the new debt will run slightly over a quarter of a million dollars annually, Supt. of Schools James Boothby estimates \$130,000-a-year in energy cost savings alone.

The first year will see new boilers at the Miles Lane and high schools, lots of energy saving LED lighting and insulation projects. A radiant heating problem at the middle school also will be fixed.

Effort to capture Bucksport in few words continues

BUCKSPORT – A number of ideas for a new "catch phrase" or "tagline" for the town's latest marketing efforts will be part of the agenda of the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting next Thursday (7/21).

The discussion had to be delayed because the committee did not meet last month. No final decision is expected this month either, but those working with the marketing firm hired by the town now have scores of suggestions from area residents.

Richard Rotella, the town's community and economic develop-

ment director, thinks the outpouring of suggestions is the result of "people like to be asked for their ideas."

The new phrase will replace, "Rich in heritage, looking to the future."

Another long-unresolved issue on the docket is what to do with the town-owned empty lot at 27 Main Street. The long-but-narrow space has been on the market for several years.

Also on the agenda this month is a suggestion by Richard Peterson that the town provide some sort of financial assistance to those unable to pay for adequate heating this winter.

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

IN THE RUNNING – Nathalie Arruda of Orland again is seeking the Democratic party nomination to run for the District 17 seat in the state Legislature, the one representing Bucksport, Orland, Penobscot and Verona Island. Arruda would replace Pam Person of Orland, who has withdrawn. If approved by her Party's caucus, as is expected, Arruda will challenge the incumbent Republican, Sherman Hutchins of Penobscot.

Arruda, a 2006 graduate of the University of Maine at Machias, has a

professional background in early childhood education. She plans to run as a Clean Elections candidate.

Kathy Downes of Bucksport, currently the representative for Orrington and Bucksport, does not plan to seek re-election for the seat. Bucksport being in the area now served by Hutchins had nothing to do with her decision.

POUNDING AWAY – Two more steel pylons and two huge granite blocks have been added at the municipal marina, all to further stabilize the boat slip floats which take a hammering in the daily tides and


occasional storms. A barge-mounted pile driver and crane were hired for the task. The granite blocks are linked to the floats with 100 feet of heavy chain. More repairs are planned to reverse the damage done to the nearby shoreland after winter storm surges.

DEAL ICED – The long-shuttered building in the industrial park offering seafood flash-freezing services has been sold to Coastal Chitin LLC, which operates in Saco, Florida, Tennessee and elsewhere. The building here is at 84 Heritage Park Road.

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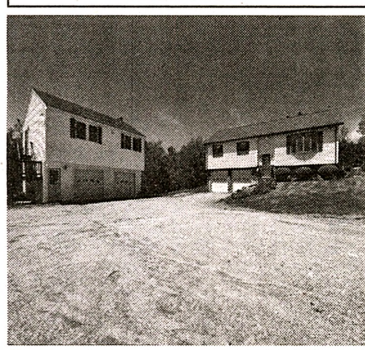
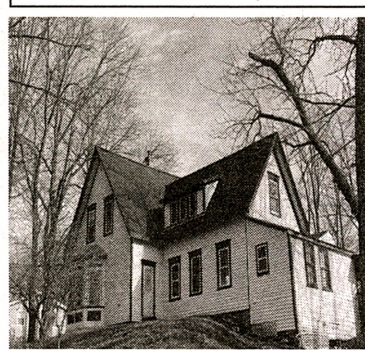
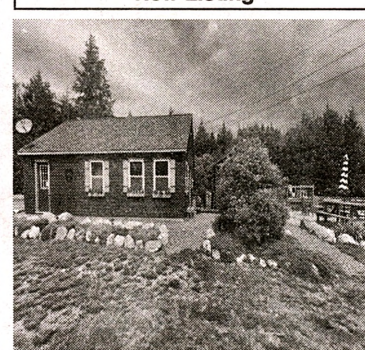
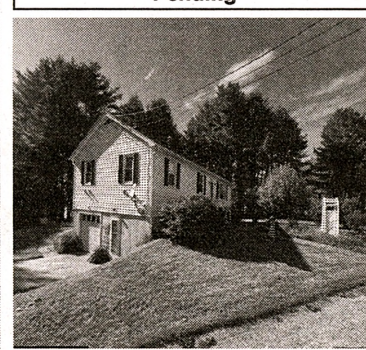
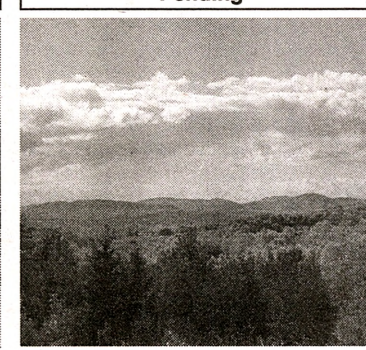
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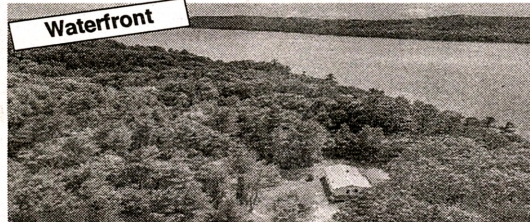
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TRANSFERS MAY 2022

The following transfers were recorded by Katlyn Eldridge, the town assessor, here for May, 2021 :

- 444 Millvale Road sold from Rose Callie Lipham & Matthew Wheelden to Ronald Lee & Corinne E. Hyde on 05-01-21 for \$61,000. It was assessed at \$55,040 as 0.26 acres developed property.
- 16 Pond Street sold from Abram Allard to Adam Hewins on May 5 for \$191,000. It was assessed at \$66,340 as 0.11 acres developed property.
- 12 Mechanic Street sold from Matthew Alan & Rachel Renee Paulauskas to Sirintip Polonis-Carnes on May 7, for \$237,000. The property was assessed at \$157,140 as 0.32 acres developed property.
- 0 Central Street sold from Alfred R. Deredin to Gloria B & Glenn F. Deredin on 05-08-21 for \$0. It was assessed at \$0 as 0.52 acres land between related parties.
- 40 Orcutt Mountain Road from Michael Osborne, to Foster B IV & Haley A. Blake on May 10, 2021 for \$225,000. Assessed at \$157,630 as 2.87 acres developed property.

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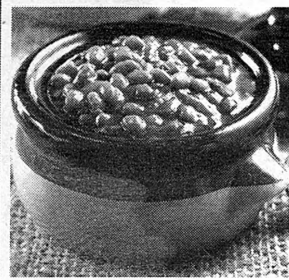


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FRIENDS & FAMILY

MADE THE LIST – Elise Tilton of Orland earned a spot on the spring semester at the University of New England with campuses in Biddeford and Portland. Dean's list students must attain a grade point average of 3.3 out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

SPLASHIN' – The Tim Emery municipal swimming pool opened June 20, with 140 youngsters signed up for swimming lessons. The pool was able to open with a full staff, but the YMCA had to go further afield to recruit lifeguards: one is from Pennsylvania but living with grandparents in Bucksport this summer; three are from Ellsworth and three are from Blue Hill. Some pools have reduced hours or have not opened at all this summer because of a shortage of lifeguards. A town councilor asked for the staffing information and the "Y" provided it. The full-time recreation staff all reside in Bucksport.

FOUR CHANCES TO WIN! – The Bucksport Historical Society is raffling 4 food baskets: Taste of Inspiration, Taste of Italy, Local Products and Autumn Bounty. Each basket has a value of \$125 (\$100 in

products and. \$25 gift card). Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets may be purchased at Port O'Call, Huckleberries Gift Shop and the Museum. Drawing is October 3.

SWEARIN' IN? – Tonight (7/14) will see a short parade of new full-time public safety personnel taking their oaths of office.

- Alan Medina is the latest police officer.
- Kevin Stephens and Hannah Flachsbach are the new firefighters and members of the emergency medical team.

• And Allyson Corriveau-Moore officially will be sworn in as animal control officer; the first to hold the post on a full-time basis in Bucksport.

The police and fire departments are now seeking to hire another person for each department.

NEWS FLASHIN' – The Bucksport police are expected to get another new cruiser. The town councilors tonight (7/14) are expected to buy a 2022 Ford Interceptor with all-wheel drive for \$42,721 from the Quirk Auto Agency in Augusta.

CHARGERS – The electric vehicle charging stations have arrived, and will be installed by the same electrical contractor the town has used on many projects. The questions now for the Town Council are what, if anything, will be charged for using them and whether a time limit will be placed on each usage.

NOMINATED – Linda Moore of 105 Franklin Street has offered to serve on the town's Cemetery Committee. Moore lives across the street from the Oak Hill Cemetery and has been active in the local historical society.

THANK YOUs – The Town Council tonight (7/14) will offer the town's appreciation to several donors who have helped with the expenses of the municipal animal shelter.

Those being honored are Byron and Linda Vinton, Madeline Hamersly, Randy Hocking and Elaine Morey.

An anonymous donor gave \$10,000 to assist the animals as they await permanent homes.

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Who's in charge?

It's suddenly become fashionable, even among a growing number of liberal media and Democrats, to pile on President Joseph Biden. That may not be fair because it's becoming clearer, almost by the day, that the president isn't really in charge.

Everyone in Biden-land seems more concerned about keeping Donald Trump off the ballot in 2024 than righting the ship of state in 2022. Biden and the Democrats are wasting too much time and energy on Trump, for the nation's electorate will decide who is viable and who is not. A lot can happen in two years; just look at the past two years.

Who really is running this nation?

The President even tells us - frequently - that "they" don't want him to say this or that or to even answer this or that question. This is a downright weird comment from a seasoned politician who has been answering this and that and more for roughly a half century. Lately, the President has been offering up far more than his long-time linguistic gaffes; he's upsetting everyone from one end of the political spectrum to the other.

Never in recent political history has an administration been embroiled in so many seemingly unresolvable problems.

Biden's lips are moving. He keeps saying his folks are doing everything anyone can to solve problems caused by others.

We elected a man who said he would be the great uniter, but we got the great reciter; and after a while the talking points become tedious, even when they are whispered.

EDITORIALS

Ashley E. Coombs - 1931-2022

Ashley E. Coombs, thought to be the last member of the final class to graduate from The Little Yellow Schoolhouse, has died. He was 91.

The one-room school closed more than seven decades ago.

Coombs went on to graduate from Bucksport High School, join the Air Force and have a long career with what then was the only telephone company to serve most of New England. But in so many ways, he learned most of what he needed to know about life and people during those first few years in that tiny yellow building by the side of State Route 46.

He never forgot those lessons or those who shared in the experience. Right up until recently he and his wife Barbara could be found poking about at the schoolhouse - the last one-room in town. They were there to attend to whatever needed doing. Preserving this vestige of an era and attitudes toward one another that never will be seen again became a mission for both of them.

It wasn't that long ago the two fastidiously made certain the entire facade would remain yellow for at least as long as they could dip a brush into a pail of paint.

There is much more in Coombs' long life that deserves celebration, but it is fitting that his family has suggested donations to the Old Yellow Schoolhouse Community Club as a memorial.

The nation's flag deserves to wave again from the pole out front. The last time it was hoisted was quite recently, Coombs did it. The Pledge of Allegiance got recited even though only Ashley and Barbara were there to hear themselves. Love stories are like that.



Little Yellow Schoolhouse on Route 46.

The task wasn't easy for an old fellow, but Coombs was driven to do it, and to do it right. After all, that's the way all good things got done in that peace-filled little yellow school by the side of the road. Time and motorists may pass it by, but some things - and people - ought never to be forgotten.

Coombs' obituary is on Page 5 of this issue.



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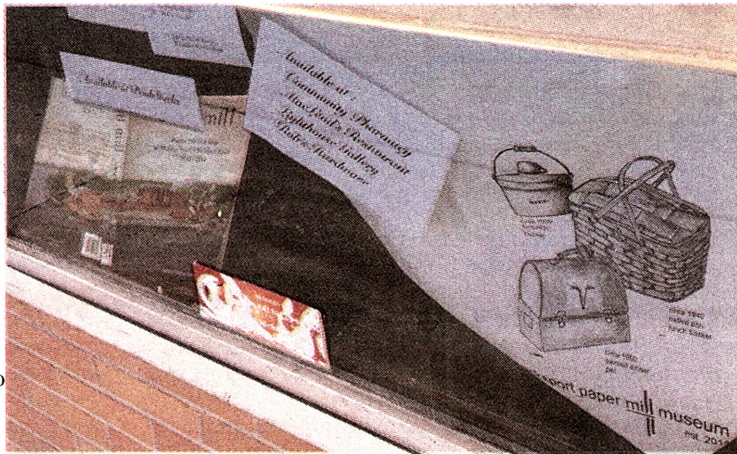
Deconstruction!

The long-condemned, boarded-up house on U.S. Route 1, next to the Glenn's Place restaurant, fell to the wreckers this week. The debris was to be trucked to Winterport today (7/14). The property is owned by Claire Jamieson of Holden.

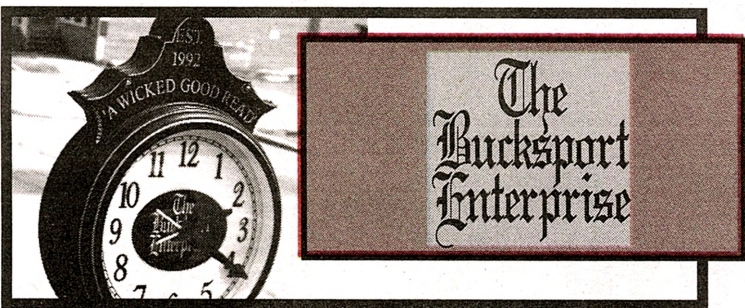
Campaign supporting paper mill museum launched

BUCKSPORT -The Bucksport Historical Society's Paper Mill Museum Working Group has installed a window exhibit entitled "IMAGES & ECHOES" in the Community Pharmacy's storefront. Subtitled, "a campaign for founding our paper mill museum," the display contains an updated presentation of the progress made toward the acquisition of the former mill guardhouse being given the Society for \$1. by present owners Ironclad Energy. Included is a photo of the building, a list of founding donors to date and the Wahl certificate that individual and group donors are receiving, honoring them as founders into the future.

Townpeople and visitors are invited to stop by the exhibit to see how the hard work of the group during difficult covid years has brought the effort through discouraging delays into a time of celebration as the fund nears its \$10,000. goal for initial insuring and securing the facility. It is hoped that others with ties to the mill and Town of Bucksport which owes much of its history to paper making here will contribute to the funds necessary to begin restoration of the building in preparation to house the many artifacts. For more information or to help found the Bucksport Paper Mill Museum, please contact Bucksport Historical Society, Still Mill Fund, P.O. Box 798, Bucksport 04416. Gary Bagley (garybagley3@gmail.com) or Pat Ranzoni (pranzoni@aol.com) Co-chairs.



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OBITUARIES

Allen Roland Staples • 1952 - 2022

BUCKSPORT- Allen Roland Staples, 70 of Bucksport Maine, passed away on July 1, 2022 with his family by his side. The son of Arthur Staples and Arlene Staples. He is survived by his wife Mary Staples of Bucksport, daughter Renee Colson and husband Dennis Colson, daughter Heather Gray and husband Lebert Gray. Grandson Dustin Colson and his wife Alyssa, granddaughters, Savanna and Madison Colson, adopted granddaughter Stephanie Bennett. Grandsons William and Alex Hatch and granddaughter Rosalie Hatch and adopted grandson Micah Allen. His sister Kay Linscott, sister in law Mary Goode, and

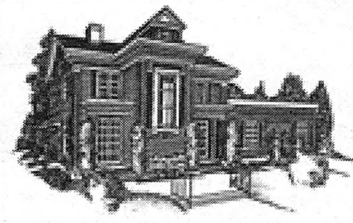
sister in law Norma Staples.

Predeceased by his brothers, Kenneth Goode, Arthur Staples, Harvey Staples, Ross Staples and sister Arthlene Hammond.

He was an avid golf player and enjoyed his time on the golf course with his golf family. He also enjoyed hunting with his grandson Dustin and his son in law Dennis.

He will be greatly missed by many people. He was a fun loving, funny man who enjoyed spending time with his family and always had a smile on his face when he was with his grandchildren.

Services will be private.



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Ashley Eugene Coombs • 1931 - 2022

BUCKSPORT- Ashley Eugene Coombs, 91, most treasured husband of Barbara A. Coombs, crossed over July 6, 2022, at home in the arms of his wife. He was born on March 2, 1931, in Bucksport, the son of Basil J. and Jennie E. (Eastman) Coombs. He was a member of the last class of students to attend the Duck Cove School on Route 46, now known as "The Little Yellow School."

A member of the Class of 1949 at Bucksport High School, following graduation Ashley enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, earning the rank of Sergeant and serving as a communications instructor. While in the service, he saved enough money to buy a brand new, coral, hardtop Chevy convertible. Through the years, Ashley faithfully kept in contact with the many friends he had made during that time. He was a proud veteran and became an avid reader focusing on books pertaining to the history of World War II.

After he was discharged, Ashley returned to Maine and worked three years for Central Maine Power before becoming employed by New England Telephone and Telegraph (Ma Bell) for nearly thirty years. He retired in 1984, just in time to enjoy becoming a grandfather to Billy and begin planning many trips throughout the United States, accompanied by Barbara and their most favorite cat. Later on, a winter home in Ocala, Florida, was purchased where they enjoyed new experiences.

Ashley was a longtime member of the Rising Sun Lodge, #71 of Orland, The Maine Academy of Country Music and The Duck Cove Community Club. For many years he and Barbara devoted their time and energy to making repairs and planning fundraisers to

maintain and preserve that historic building, "The Little Yellow School".

He was predeceased by brothers Dick and Russ; step-son, Allen Cyr; sister-in-law, Edie Coombs; great friends, Trygve Hoel, Russell Doyle and Donnie Barker; and all of his favorite kitties.

Ashley will be dearly missed by Barbara, his wife of nearly forty years; daughter, Karen Lander and her partner, Deb Davis, and step-son Bret H. Cyr and his daughters, all of Florida; his grandson, William Ashley Lander, and fiancée, Melanie Rines, his great-granddaughter, Raegan (Josie) Lander and his great-grandson, Ryan William Lander, all of NH; cousins, Bill and Christine Gilfillan of Hampden; a very special nephew, he considered a son,

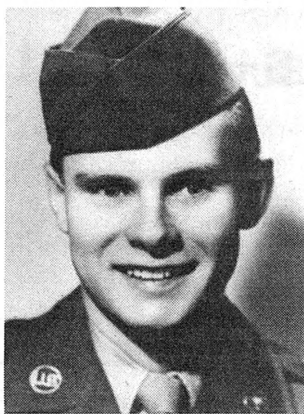
Lamont Coombs, Jr. and wife, Maureen; a special sister-in-law, Emmie Coombs and her daughter, Erna Pontillo of Arizona; nieces, nephews and a brother, Lamont Coombs, Sr.

Ashley considered Cleo Redman and Helga Swanson to be his "almost daughters" and enjoyed close friendships with Don and Joyce Unterseher, Tony and Jill Pimentel, Jim MacDonald, Jason Staples, Henry Violette and many, many others. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Laura Bridgman for her exception care of this wonderful man.

Ashley loves us all ... forever.

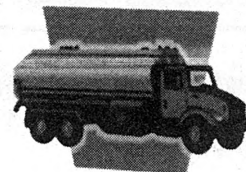
In keeping with Ashley's wishes, there will be no visitation nor service. Condolences to the family may be mailed to Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor, Maine 04401. Donations in his memory may be sent to: The Little Yellow School, Attention: Peter Fairbank, PO Box 158, Bucksport, Maine 04416.

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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 - Police reported one car/deer encounter this week:

- At approximately 10:47 p.m. on (6/27) a deer was hit on the River Road.

Accidents -

BUCKSPORT - Police reported these accidents here this week:

- On Wed. at approximately 2:07 p.m. a two vehicle accident was reported. Patrolman Matt Schmidt responded. The driver of a 2011 Hyundai, Linda H. Moore, 80, of Bucksport was attempting to make a left turn onto 2nd Street from Franklin Street and took the turn too far inside and struck a 2015 Nissan that had stopped at the top of the hill at the stop sign at 2nd street. The vehicle being driven by Betty J. Robshaw, 70, of Bucksport appeared to be waiting to turn on to 2nd Street. The Hyundai received damage almost the entire length of the driver's side; and the Nissan received damage to the front driver's side headlight and bumper. There were no



apparent injuries reported and both vehicles were able to be driven away.

Arrests -

BUCKSPORT - These arrests were reported by officers last week:

- Stephen Cummings, (no age listed) was arrested on a warrant, refusing to submit to arrest, and possession of Schedule W drugs. He was stopped on Route 1 at approximately 11:43 p.m. on Sat.

Summonses -

BUCKSPORT - These summonses were processed by officers last week:

- A summons was issued to Keegan McGowan, 18, of Stockton Springs for attaching false plates. He was stopped at

approximately 10:13 p.m. Thurs.

- On Fri. at approximately 4:39 p.m. a summons was issued to Tom Beede, 55, of Bangor for operating at a speed of 63 in an area posted for 45. He was stopped on Route 46.
- Benjamin Roberts, 38, of Harmony was stopped on the Mast Hill Road at approximately 10:31 a.m. Sat. and was issued a summons for a registration violation.

Found & lost

BUCKSPORT - A bicycle was reported missing/stolen on Tues. at approximately 7:05 a.m. from the River Road. If you can help reunite any of these with the owners, please contact the Public Safety Building.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events/Meetings

Democratic Nominating Caucus for House District 17 (Bucksport, Orland, Penobscot, and Verona Island) Wed., July 20, 6pm, location TBD, to nominate and elect a replacement candidate to run as a State Representative in the general election 2022. Any registered Democrat residing in the District may be nominated from the floor; expected candidates at this time are Nathalie Amuda, D-Orland, and Ron Russell, D-Verona Island. All registered Democrats in the District are eligible to attend. Hancock County Dems at 664-6012.

HOUSE & ORCHARD TOURS - The Jonathan Fisher House at 44 Mines Road in Blue Hill, is open for tours on Wed-Sats, 1-4 PM.

Tours of the orchard are free, but there is a suggested donation of \$10. Facial coverings are required indoors. (207) 374-2459 or jonathanfisherhouse@gmail.com.

OPEN HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, July 22 - 10 to 4 PM - Castine Historical Society Announces 2022 Castine House & Garden Tour includes nine homes and six gardens overlooking Castine Bay. castinehousetour.org \$50 207-326-4118

Every Monday

Bucksport Area Gamblers Anonymous will meet at 123 Main Street (River of Hope Church. 469-3410 7-8pm

Concerts

Saturday, August 13

• **JUST FOR FUN Trombone Concert** - featuring the finest trombone players from all over the U.S. East Coast of the s and Canada. The 35th edition will be held at 7 p.m. in the Elm Street Congregational Church. 469-3333 for more information.

CLASS OF '62 REUNION

Saturday, August 20 - 11am to 4 pm - The Bucksport High School Class of 1962 will hold a potluck event at 41 Mushrall Lane, Orland. Rain Date: 8/21. For more

information call Marie at 207-667-4637 or Charlene at 207-469-3569.

In Brown Hall

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.

Friday, July 15,

• **IMPROV** - from 5 to 6 PM, Brown Hall Community Meeting Room, IMPROV theater group, is now meeting for all age groups/all levels of theater experience. For more information, contact Bill Foster at 469-8866.

Wednesday, July 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.

• **AAA & Al-Anon** meetings at 7p.m.

• **Saturday, August 6,** there will be a fundraising **Summertime Tea** sponsored by the Main Street Bucksport Beautification Team with seatings at 1 PM and 3 PM. For more information, contact Meg Keay at 207-355-5915.

• **Saturday, August 13** at 7 PM, the 35th Annual "Just for Fun" Trombone Concert will be held in the Sanctuary. This concert is a fundraiser for our historic organ's maintenance.

• **Saturday, September 10,** from 9 AM to 2 PM, the **Buck Memorial Library Fall Sale** will be held in Brown Hall. Buy books and support our local library.

Saturdays -

• **BAKED BEAN SUPPERS** - 5-6 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month July 16, Aug. 20 & Sept 16.

In The Libraries

Buck Memorial Wednesday

• **Story Times** - Children explore the world of books and stories each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

• **Thursdays** - Full S.T.E.A.M. - 4 - 5:30pm

Blue Hill Public Library

• **Thu. Jul. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Aug. 4, 4 pm,** Children's Concerts Kneisel Hall at Blue Hill Library, 374-5515 or www.bhpl.net.

• **Ninja Skills for Teens & Tweens 10 and up,** workshop on Blue Hill Library lawn by Jaime Torre, Thu. Jul. 21, 10 am.

• **In Our Wake: Moving Images of Maine Maritime History,** program by David Weiss of NE Historic Film, at the Blue Hill Library, Thu. Jul. 21, 7 pm.

• **Author Event, Posey Boicourt** will discuss her memoir Blue Tulip at the Blue Hill Library, Sat., Jul. 23 at 4 pm.

• **Summer Reading Book Bingo,** fun & unique reading challenges for kids, teens & adults, prizes, Jun. 21-Sep. 3, get bingo card at Blue Hill Library, 374-5515.

• **Wed. July 27, 2:30 pm, Blue Hill Library Hiking Book Club for teens & tweens** hike Bluff Head Preserve & discuss Diary of a Young Naturalist. Meet at preserve Wed. July 27, 2:30 pm, 374-5515 or www.bhpl.net.

Wednesdays

• **The Youth Chess Club** each Thurs. at 3 p.m. Kids of all ages are invited to the Howard room to play chess. Learn, or just play the game.

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Sheriffs probe bridge incident

PROSPECT - In a phone interview yesterday, Chief Deputy Jason Trundy of the Waldo County sheriff's office told this newspaper they received a call on Monday, July 11, at approximately 4:30 a.m. regarding an abandoned car found on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge on the Prospect end.

An investigation was begun and has involved assistance from numerous agencies, including the Marine Patrol.

The incident is being handled as a possible jumper situation. The investigation is currently on-going and any new information will be released as it is found to be appropriate to do so.

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Fri., July 15 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread, sliced cucumbers, strudel stick.

Mon., July 18 - Chicken alfredo, broccoli, dinner roll and fruit.

Wed., July 20 - Pork tenderloin w/gravy, mashed potato, carrots and a brownie.

Fri., July 22 - BBQ pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, and apple pie.

Mon., July 25 - Baked ham, mashed sweet potato, peas, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

Wed., July 27 - Mild chili, corn bread, cinnamon & brown sugar sliced apples.

Fri., July 29 - Meatloaf, mashed potato, corn and a cookie.

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For more information call Barbara at 469-2121

In the Libraries

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Stockton Springs Community Library

Sun., July 24th at 2:00 PM will host a talk by author Mac Smith on Sunday, July 24th at 2:00 PM. Smith will speak about his new book *Siege at the State House*. Light refreshments. All are welcome. 207-567-4147.

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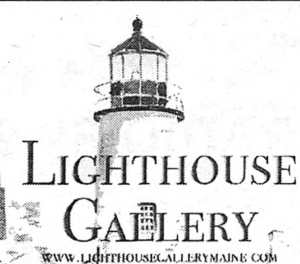
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