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Five arrested in fentanyl case

BUCKSPORT – A months-long investigation initiated by the Bucksport Police Department resulted in five arrests and the seizure of a kilogram of fentanyl valued at some \$100,000 at a camp on Toddy Pond in Penobscot.

The probe began after Bucksport officers found “significant amounts” of the deadly drug being distributed here and elsewhere in Hancock County. They contacted the Maine were Drug Enforcement Agency’s Downeast Task Force, and the agents obtained a warrant to search the camp on the Gus Moore Road.

Early in the evening of July 13, a search of the camp allegedly produced 1.5 pounds of fentanyl and over \$30,000 in suspected drug sales money, along with what were described as other indications of drug trafficking. Three individuals - two from Bucksport and one from Verona Island - were arrested immediately.

MDEA and Bucksport authorities were able to determine the drug reportedly was arriving in Maine from Massachusetts.

Then, on Friday (7/15) a vehicle from Massachusetts, supposedly destined for the group in Bucksport was stopped on Interstate 95 in Hampden, and a warrant-supported search reportedly found an additional half-pound of fentanyl.

In total, a kilogram of fentanyl with a suspected street value of over \$100,000 was seized.

These people were arrested and each was charged with Class A-Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl):

- Christopher Warford, 34, of Bucksport. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash by court.

- Jamie Ward, 37, of Bucksport. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash by court.

- Jessica Adams, 35, of Verona Island. Released on personal recognition bail from Bucksport police custody.

- Braile Hernandez Perez, 35, of Methuen, MA. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash by bail commissioner.

- Maykel Antonio Arias Aybar 28, of Dorchester. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash by bail commissioner.

Warford and Ward were taken to the Hancock County Jail. Adams was released from Bucksport police custody. Perez and Aybar were taken to the Penobscot County Jail.

Also assisting the investigation were the Hancock County Sheriff’s Office, Homeland Security Investigations, the Maine State Police and the US Drug Enforcement Administration. The investigation is continuing, and more arrests are likely.

If you have information about this investigation or the illegal sale of drugs in your community, you are urged to contact the Maine Drug Enforcement office closest to you or by texting MDEA to TIP411 (847411) or by calling the MDEA tip-line at 1-800-452-6457.

Charging for charging

BUCKSPORT – Bucksport is about to get two public charging stations for electric vehicles, as officials settle the final details on how those charging up will be charged for the service.

The machines, paid for with state money will be installed at two permanently designated parking spaces near the restrooms at the Town Dock. A local electrician, hired by the town, soon will hook them into the power grid.

The Town Council tentatively has agreed to charge 27 cents per kilowatt hour and limit the use of each device to four hours at one time by a single motorist. One might power up and use a device and then move to the other if nobody is waiting for it.

Richard Rotella, the town’s director of community and economic development, roughly estimates the rates will range from \$2.05 to \$8.20, depending on how many hours a vehicle is left hooked up. Four hours

probably won’t be enough to fully charge a well-drained battery, but it will provide many more miles of travel.

Still unclear is how the money will be collected. Charging station users can charge their cards - debit or credit - but it’s not known if drivers will be charged the credit card processing fees the town imposes on all other payments made with a credit card.

It also is unclear if the machines will require a dedicated telephone line to record each transaction or whether they will need servicing to obtain the data.

Meanwhile, down Main Street a block or two motorists can continue to charge vehicles free at a single station offered as a community service by Carsten Steenberg, the owner of PowerWise. His company develops high-tech monitoring and sensing systems for heating cooling and other mechanical services.



THESE VERY ROUGH SKETCHES by the Wishrock Group suggest a 160-foot wide by 56-foot deep wood-framed, two-story rectangular building with 18 apartments, two 500-foot, first floor commercial spaces, and 34 parking spots.

A dozen apartments would have two bedrooms, the others one. If approved by the town and the state a first floor unit must be handicapped accessible because there’s no space for an elevator. The firm has suggested the rents here may be \$1,000 to \$1,200-a-month, although the state allows slightly more.

The units are for low-to-middle-income households. Here, a two person household could receive \$50,400 from all sources and still qualify.

Developer asks town’s backing

Wants Main Street lot and TIF tax incentive

BUCKSPORT – A Portland-based developer wants the town to give the firm the empty lot at 27 Main Street, plus tax incremental financing (TIF) in return for a two-story building housing 18 apartments and two 500 square foot commercial spaces.

While the Wishrock Group made its first inquiry about the property in May, 2020, the firm’s director of development, told the council last Thursday (7/14) any deal is “very preliminary” and “making this work is very challenging.”

Still, the town councilors last week authorized the town manager to send a non-binding letter supporting the general idea. The letter was requested last Thursday by the developers.

Two councilors later confirmed to the Bucksport Enterprise they did not know about the apartment proposal until last week’s meeting.

The town has not done a formal cost/benefit analysis of the proposal, possibly because so many details remain vague.

The town already has spent nearly \$300,000 on the property, including \$200,000 by canceling uncollected taxes and sewer fees. It also paid to demolish a fire-damaged building even though the estate selling the property already got cash from an insurance company to cover that expense. The town crew spent weeks trucking away debris-laden soil. An abuttor’s utility service lines were severed and those had to be replaced at town expense.

If all the expenses had been calculated at the outset the total would have exceeded

the councilor’s then \$250,000 limit. Larger projects require voter approval.

Bryan Shumway, the firm’s development director, will make his company’s pitch again at 6 p.m. tonight (7/21), this time to the town’s Community and Economic Development Committee.

Shumway offered two extremely rough sketches of what the firm is proposing to build. One appeared to be hand-scribbled atop a town tax map.

The developer –

According to its website, the Wishrock Group “leverages private capital with government-backed debt, grants and other soft funding sources” to benefit investors in subsidized apartments. There appear to be several affiliated corporations involved, although efforts to contact the company were unsuccessful.

Here, Wishrock is competing for a slice of \$15 million in subsidies to encourage affordable housing being distributed in Maine. Wishwell says it seeks to serve “working class families.” A similar approval for housing in the same site was rejected by the council, who suggested other sites in the town.

Again, according to the website Wishrock has 9,000 apartments in 19 states, some as far west as Wyoming and as far south as Mississippi. It claims a role in \$590 million worth of real estate.

It has roughly a dozen employees at its headquarters in Portland, according to the site. Among its Maine projects is Follis Place in Eastport.

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

- **CAR SWAPPING** – The Police Department is buying a \$42,000 2022 cruiser, but the director of public safety balked at the trade-in offers from the sole bidder of the trade-in. The old cruiser has only about 65,000 miles on it. The dealer, the Quirk agency in Augusta, offered \$7,000 and then \$10,000, Geagan said. As a result Geagan is providing the existing cruiser to the deputy fire chief, and the deputy’s current vehicle to the animal control officer. The public safety director had sought at least \$20,000 for the initial trade-in. Now, Geagan will be selling an old Subaru for perhaps, \$2,000, according

to his estimate.

- **(RE)BUILDING WALLS** – The retaining walls at two sites on Central Street and one on U.S. Route 1 will be rebuilt, with the work beginning, perhaps, by the end of August or early September. The town project is similar to the ones done downtown last year, because the walls have been slowly failing.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCHER** – John Daniels of U.S. Route 1, attended the last Town Council meeting, and after sitting through the entire session offered a show-and-tell presentation on what is occurring – or, in some cases, not occur-

ring - at buildings and lots in his neighborhood. He offered multiple photos and two hand-held devices on which the councilors could view them up-close. After he completed his low-key remarks about some opportunities that may be hurting real estate values, he collected the devices, the mayor thanked him and no more was said.

- **IN THE MAIL** – There’ll be a little something extra in your mail later this month - if you’re a Bucksport taxpayer. It’s called a tax bill. The latest rate is up by about \$70 on a property assessed at \$100,000. (Even the new mil rate is lower than it was in 2015.)

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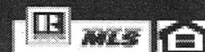
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Under Contract in 4 Days!



Bucksport—This spacious multi-level ranch has lots to offer. Situated on an open 1.30-acre lot, this home is located just 5 minutes from downtown Bucksport. Inside, find and eat-in kitchen w/ dining area, a living room w/ pellet stove insert. Three large bedrooms w/ closets & full bath including additional finished space & full bath in the basement. Upgraded propane boiler, on-demand/tankless hot water heater, standby whole house generator, pool & attached garage w/ extra storage area.

\$239,900
Dan Burpee
207-735-5337

New Listing



Bucksport—A homesteaders paradise! This cozy 3-4 bedroom home exemplifies quiet country living. The exceptional 4 acre lot features over 20 apple trees. You will also find pear trees, plum trees, grape vines, hops, raised garden beds and even your own fiddlehead patch! The property also includes 2 - Two bay garages, a barn, and a small shed for storage or even a workshop!

\$289,000
Kyle McGeechan
207-249-0049

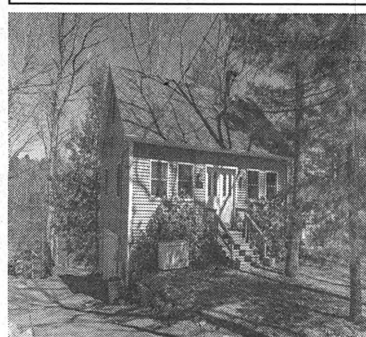
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51 Brookview Drive
Bucksport

\$388,400
Dan Burpee
207-735-5337

SOLD



26 Loon Way
Orland

\$535,000
Doug Burpee
207-735-5366

New Listing



Prospect—A one of a kind find, 215+ acres along both sides of the road. This surveyed property includes a brook, elevated countryside & room for possible development. The original home is early 19th century w/ major additions built on in 2009. Offering 4BR/3BA this home features spacious rooms w/ cathedral ceilings, 2 kitchens & laundry rooms, heated 2 car garage, decks & more. Includes a massive 30,000+ sq. ft. chicken barn w/ 3-phase power, 3-floors, plumbing, workshops, heat, loading dock & more.

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Price Reduced



Sullivan—Ataraxia best describes life on Morancy Pond! This 2004 Colonial has room for the family to grow or space for them to visit with 4 bedrooms, 3 Baths and postcard views from most every room in the house. Lots of different spaces for entertaining including over 400+ sq/ft of deck space, a patio off the walkout basement or the life pit by the water. Amenities include wood and tile floors, a formal dining room as well as a breakfast room and an office space for the work from home crowd! Lots of activities for the outdoor enthusiasts with kayaking, fishing and birding possible in addition to access to the Sunrise Trail. The quiet side of Acadia National Park is just minutes away with hiking possibilities or explore the streams, lakes and ponds located in Downeast Maine. Enjoy the splendors of the Acadia Region without the crowds or the hustle!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

\$614,900

New Listing



Bucksport—Rare village building lot! This manageable lot has frontage on Tannery Brook and is a short walk to Main Street. Public water and sewer are available on the lot. Great spot for your new home!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

\$30,000

Acreage



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

Acreage



Bucksport—Looking for a spot to build your dream home? This 7ac parcel has frontage on Route 46 and is located just down the road from Hancock Pond. It is possible that some gravel could exist on the property. Come take a look!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

\$35,700

TRANSFERS MAY 2021

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

- 0 Millvale Road from RD Woodlot, LLC to Maine Land, LLC on May 10, 2021; sold for \$0 assessed at \$97,280 as 130 acres land between related parties.
- 1 Heros Brook Lane, from Carol-ann B. & Donald E. Clark to Chris Pepin Properties, LLC on May 13, 2021; sold for \$30,000, assessed at \$46,090 as 0.96 developed property. (arms length)
- 0 Dresser Road, from Kimberly (Sanborn) & Richard Robshaw, Jr. to Jonathan T & Jennifer L. Allen on May 14, 2021; sold for \$25,500 assessed at \$18,290 as 2.7 acres land (arms length)
- 1974 State Route 46, from Mark D. & Norma K. Stevens, to JDS Homes on May 14, 2021 for \$27,000 assessed at \$29,200 as 4.5 acres land (arms length)
- 40 Forest Hill, from Stephanie Stephens & Rousha Smiley to John S. Dailey on May 14, 2021 for \$343,000 assessed at \$228,250 as 0.9 acres developed property (arms length)

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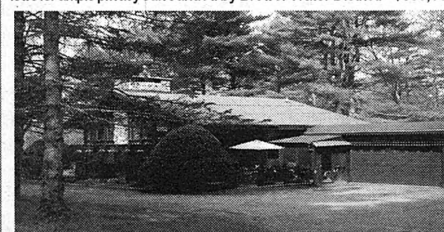
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Price Reduction



Eddington—This 3-bedroom, 1.5 bath custom-built home sits on a secluded, 2.2-acre lot & offers many high-end amenities, including radiant floor heating throughout, new stainless steel kitchen appliances, granite countertops, cathedral ceilings w/exposed beams & a 23-foot fieldstone gas fireplace. A full walk out unfinished basement provides potential for an additional 1,800 square feet of living space. This property is equidistant to Bangor and Ellsworth & allows for ample privacy surrounded by Brewer Water District. **\$399,900**



Winterport—Spacious Contemporary with so many amenities. Home situated on 2.14 acre lot with potential for additional building lot. 2600 sq ft home. Sunny living room with gas fireplace with 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 car attached garage, guest cottage for additional rental income at this home. Let's not forget the barn located in the back yard. Call to see today! **\$339,000**



Old Town—Bright & Cheery home situated on the corner of Eaton and Brunswick street. Family room with soap stone wood stove, large dining room overlooking kitchen with butcher block counter top. Laundry and half bath on the main floor. Large living room with fireplace. Upstairs with 3 bedrooms and full bath. Basement with walk out! Must see to appreciate. This one won't last long call to see today! **\$235,000**



Hampden—Looking for a building lot in Hampden? Lots range from 2 acres to 5.61 acres. Audrey Estates will make a great place for your new home! Act quickly, these will sell fast for these prices! **\$55,000**



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FRIENDS & FAMILY

TAPPED OUT! — The year was 1948 and hundreds of veterans joined their World War I counterparts in one of the nation's 12,000 American Legion units, Jerry Dobbins Post #157 in Stockton Springs. The Legionnaires raised money for, not only the post, but also for their community. They organized a mammoth yard sale, and year after year, decade after decade, the yard sales continued. Eventually the sales yielded \$6,000 to \$8,000 annually. However, but as the sales grew larger, the members of the post grew older. As a result, this year the post on U.S. Route 1 will host its last yard sale on Saturday and Sunday, Aug.6-7 from 9 to 4.

IN THE POOL — The latest numbers on the use of the Tim Emery municipal swimming pool show that as of last Thursday (7/13) there were 2,748 guests. That's an average per day of 125. Of those, 2,548 - 92.7 percent - were residents of the towns supporting the operation of the pool.

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.

Come join us!

The monthly meeting of the Duck Cove Community Club at the Little Yellow Schoolhouse, located on Route 46 is held the 3rd Thursday of the months May - October.

Bring your own lunch and drink and join the meeting. A good time will be had by all.

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The challenge

A reader recently challenged this newspaper to devote, "at least an entire page, if not an entire issue, to looking at sensible gun safety legislation, not weapons of war. What can Bucksport do as a community?"

We would jump at the idea if words would mitigate the horror, but the reality is our elected and appointed officials appear powerless to enforce the laws and policies that already exist. They also focus on curbing those who responsibly use firearms, totally ignoring the fact that those who commit mass killings have circumvented existing regulations that would rightly have prevented them from obtaining or possessing a weapon.

Many wring their hands, talk endlessly about how their hearts are broken and then sit on their hands until the next event occurs, only to repeat the process. Why not just insist on enforcing the rules already in place, and severely punish the transgressors.

At the risk of stating the obvious...

1) The problem won't go away, especially when the issue involves emotional issues firearms, mental health and decades of suggesting just about

EDITORIALS

everything but doing nothing. That approach can be attributed to conservatives, liberals, Democrats, Republicans and everyone in between. The answer does not lie in crafting new words but in enforcing the words already on the books.

2) You can't legislate sanity. Twisted minds and psyches are going to do what they are going to do, unless someone intervenes. In case after case, there have been signs of impending mental meltdowns. When reported, these signs were ignored. In either cases they weren't reported until after dozens died.

3) Communities like Bucksport are as vulnerable as any others. Our school and public safety officials have taken herculean steps to prevent such a tragedy and to respond professionally should one occur. Still, they know in their heart of hearts such a disaster cannot be prevented 100 percent of the time. They, and we, also know planning and training is not the real thing. They, and we, know what they want to do but each situation is different.

It's easy to find words for the theoretical; it's impossible for the actual, especially when each situation is unique. This leaves us with the less-than-satisfying advice to the public: if you see something say something. And to those who would protect us: truly enforce the laws we've got before resorting to politics to layer on still more of them.

Powering up!

The electric car has been a great success. Motorists have taken to them by the thousands. Indeed, the electric vehicle was on a roll for nearly four decades. At one point a fourth of all new cars in this country ran on electricity. Then something happened; sales fell to near-zero.

That was the scene from the early 1890s to the late-1920s. The ability to accelerate was pushed from the mere teens to some 45 miles an hour, and the idea even attracted an entry masterminded by Henry Ford and his good friend, Thomas Edison. However, Ford opted to focus his new assembly line on the amazing Model T. In an era of cheap gasoline and ever-longer road trips, the 40-miles between charges just didn't work for the electric vehicle business.

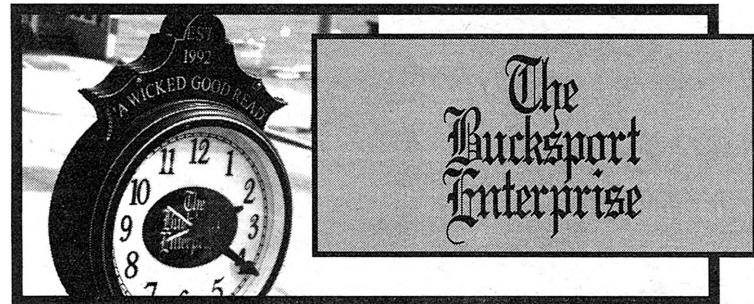
Now, we have a new era for the electric car. Promoted over the past 15 years by the likes of Tesla, giant government incentives and the soaring cost of gasoline, environmental enthusiasm, new electric technology is upon us.

As the Town of Bucksport prepares to add two electric charging stations on dedicated spaces in the lot near the Town Dock, we believe that, indeed, the electric vehicle may come into its own once again. But, perhaps, not quickly.

Electric vehicles still have persistent problems: (1) a need to stop for several hours at least once on long trips, (2) long re-charging times, (3) expensive batteries that eventually, like even the Energizer bunny, wear out, (4) a dependence on lithium for the batteries (a commodity currently controlled by the Chinese through investments around the world), and (5) what to do with those hazardous, non-biodegradable batteries when they finally stop holding their juice. Oh, and (6) the cars cost more than most would-be buyers can afford, especially in a dicey economy.

We're not knocking a technology that may greatly aid the planet. We're just saying let's find a way to power 'em, dispose of those batteries and build thousands of charging stations. We also need a way to power those stations that won't involve generators fueled by coal, oil and natural gas. That last one is especially important in parts of the nation already facing rolling blackouts because no major power plants have been added in years because of environmental concerns.

Promoting electricity before we have enough is like trying to bathe a baby after you've drained the tub.



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LETTERS . . . to the editor

"Biden has..."

To the editor:

Your recent editorial criticizes President Biden for not uniting the country but at the same time, without using facts, repeats the baseless innuendo from the far right, which is calculated to worsen the culture wars, driving Americans apart.

Instead, let's look at some facts:

Recognizing that concentration of wealth in the very rich not only drives Americans apart, but also stunts economic growth, Biden has:

Successfully worked to strengthen American middle class families through the Child Tax Credit, the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and the Affordable Care Act Premium Tax Credit.

Meanwhile, he is proposing to bolster fiscal restraint by modest increases in taxes only for those making more than \$400,000 per year and on those worth more than \$100,000,000.

(Senate Republicans are fighting these measures and proposing tax increases on the middle class.);

Issued a lengthy report and action plan targeting money laundering and tax evasion which are eroding democracy;

Helped create the largest increase in private sector jobs in decades, with more Americans employed now than before the Corona epidemic;

Through executive order, strengthened job creation through unions (the backbone of Bucksport's prosperity in the 20th Century);

George Schelling
Orland

"Good vs dangerous leaders"

To the editor:

I am a proud supporter of our Democratic President — Joseph Biden. He is an experienced, respected international leader who is working to restore our nation's reputation for global leadership. I have been watching his press conferences and speeches during his recent trips abroad including his ability to answer the unscripted variety of questions from world's press. I think it is smart to have all Presidential speeches prepared to cover all the issues. His care for all people is always so apparent when he visits horrific crime scenes such as Uvalde or sharing how he was able to stop stuttering with a small boy who stutters.

Meanwhile I am also watching the January 6th Committee hearings to learn of the former President's 187 minute inaction on January 6th - while the Capitol police were being attacked and the building desecrated, how staff handled his many bad moods, and tantrums (flinging his plate against the dining room wall), his support of various illegal strategies to remain in power despite his verified 2020 election loss. I remember how Trump supported Putin over the CIA assessment of Russian actions and how the US lost respect from

other nations.

Please let us all support having a mature, respectful, respected President of the United States.

Pam Person
Orland

"Biden: his time"

To the editor

A rebuttal and a rebuke to the Editor for his latest editorial.

Your narrow vision, which is not conservative, but plainly limited, does not seem to see the complex and towering issues facing this particular president in these unprecedented times. He has flaws, all humans do but:

#1 Democracy is at stake because of the criminal flaws of his predecessor being revealed in Hearing after Hearing by the January 6 Committee.

#2 The Rights of all persons—especially women—are being betrayed by the aggrieved, angry, strident, select, mostly white, arrested development, male.

#3 Preventable gun violence erupting all across this nation because weapons equate with masculinity. More weapons, more aggression, more testosterone. More gleeful carnage.

#4 The overarching, unbelievable to many, Climate Crisis which will literally wash out all other burning issues.

So, Mr. Editor, give us your strategies for solving any or all of the above.

Oh! And I forgot for just a minute, the brutal unnecessary Putin war in Ukraine against humanity, against democracy, against all sanity.

Plate half full or half empty?

Rochelle Newman
Bucksport

"System has worked"

To the editor

I hope none of our citizens have fallen for trump's assertions & lies that fraud exists in our tallying of votes, that people vote twice, & other misleading statements about our democratic process.

If any Bucksporter believes this hogwash, please step up to help our community, by offering to work at the polls.

After you do that, you will know for a fact, that there is no way to fudge numbers or alter the votes that have been cast.

We have a great system which has worked well for the past 246 years.

David Betts
Bucksport

Hancock County Sheriff Report July 16, 2022

• On 07/14/22 just after 1130 hours, Gregory Farmer (33) of Bucksport was traveling east on Acadia Highway in Orland while operating a White 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee. A 2018 Red Ford Escape driven by Charles Morrison (78) of Orland turned left from Front Ridge Road onto Acadia Highway. Morrison's vehicle did not clear the center line before Farmer reached the intersection point, resulting in Farmer's left front colliding with Morrison's left rear area. No one was injured in the crash, but the collision did cause a reportable amount of damage to the vehicles. Both vehicles were able to driven away from the scene.

• During the afternoon hours on 07/14/22, Travis Allen (46) of Orland was walking westbound in the breakdown lane on Acadia Highway in Orland when he was struck from behind by a Silver Toyota 4Runner. Allen was transported to NLight E Maine Med Center by Bucksport Ambulance with serious but not life-threatening injuries. The 4Runner initially fled the scene, but was later located a short distance away. After further investigation, Patricia Bowen (71) of Searsport was arrested for Obstructing Government Administration, Falsifying Physical Evidence, and Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution, as she claimed to be the driver of the vehicle when Allen was struck. The actual driver of the vehicle at the time that Allen was hit, Brittany Gainer (32) of Searsport, was later located, placed under arrest, and charged with Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident, Failure to Report an Accident by Quickest Means, and Obstructing Government Administration. Both subjects were transported to the Hancock County Jail without incident.

Those in crisis now can call 988

AUGUSTA— The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) now is offering a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, a three-digit dialing code available nationwide as an easy-to-remember connection to get help for anyone experiencing a suicidal or mental health crisis.

The 988 line went live in Maine on Saturday after more than a year of preparation. The 988 line is answered 24/7 to calls, chats or texts from anyone who needs sup-

port for suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis. The personnel connect those in need with trained counselors. People also can call 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need support.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Leslie Coleman • 1935 - 2022

VERONA ISLAND – Thomas Leslie Coleman, 86, passed from this life into the presence of his Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 8, 2022, at St. Joseph's Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

Tom was born in Ballston Spa, New York, on November 24, 1935, to Ethelyn Adell (Woodman) and Harry Hall Coleman. Tom became the man of the family after the tragic death of his father in 1948. He lived in the Saratoga Springs area until his family moved to Millvale in Bucksport in 1950. Tom was 15.

Tom excelled in school and graduated from Bucksport High School in 1954. Before graduation, he joined the United States Army National Guard, serving for 14 years and earning the rank of Sgt E5 of the HQ&HQ CO 240th ENGR GP (CBT) before receiving an honorable discharge for his service in 1967.

Tom earned a living as a general contractor, first as a sole proprietor and later with Wardwell and Sons, which was sold to Lane Construction. He was most at home in the seat of a backhoe. His talent and skill at operating earth-moving equipment with precision earned him a reputation for excellence in the industry. Many times, jobs would be scheduled based on his availability.

Tom's handiwork can be seen on many roads and highways around the state, most notably the 395 Interchange in Bangor/Brewer. After retiring from construction, Tom continued to work for We Store until the Bucksport paper mill closed.

In his spare time, Tom could be found in a garage or under a car. Always mechanically minded, Tom enjoyed tuning up motors, repairing small engines, welding, and repairing auto-

body damage.

He also loved sailing and spent years restoring a sailboat. He turned his hobby into public service as part of the First District Northern

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, serving as Vice Flotilla Commander 11 and Flotilla Commander 11 at different points in his career before retiring in the summer of 2014. Many boaters found their way back to safe harbor through the fog with Tom's help.

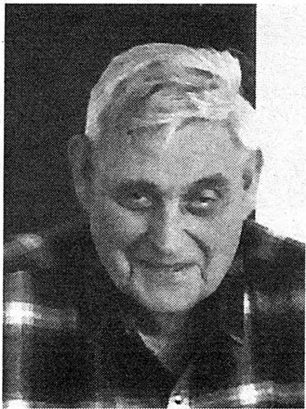
He was also an active member of the Masons and Eastern Star for nearly 50 years, building many lifetime relationships in the community.

Tom was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Althea (Nightingale, Rediker), his parents, his brother Daniel Coleman, nephews, Carl, Nathaniel, and Brett Coleman, stepson Linwood Rediker, and stepson-in-law Terrance Skillin, and other stepnieces and nephews.

Tom will be missed by his daughter, Patricia (Coleman) McMurtrie, stepdaughters Lynette (Gary) Grindle, and Sherrice Skillin; and grandchildren Rebecca (Hezekiah) Baker, Faith (Eric) Thomas, Elizabeth (Trevor) McMurtrie, DJ (Marcee) McMurtrie, Katherine (Larry) Ruffi, Grace (Wyatt) Harper, Thomas (Emily) McMurtrie, and Daryl (Dawn) Hurd, Stephen (Tonya) Skillin, Terrilyn (Daryl) Twigg, Charles Grindle, Lee Ann (Ryan) Stackpole, and 30 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Louis (Mary) Coleman, and Gerald (Jeanne) Coleman, other nieces, nephews, and numerous cousins.

A graveside service is planned at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Bucksport on September 10, 2022, at 1 PM. Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services. (mitchelltweedie-young.com)

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A. Virginia Kennedy Nickless • 1928 - 2022

SCARBOROUGH--Virginia "Ginny" Nickless passed away peacefully while surrounded by family on July 10, 2022, at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House after a brief illness. The daughter of Cleveland and Alice Kennedy of Bucksport, Me, Ginny attended public schools and graduated from Bucksport High School in 1946. She continued her education at the University of Maine in Orono graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in Sociology in 1950. While at UMO, Ginny was a member of the All-Maine Women Association honor society and president of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She also met her future husband Robert Nickless, a fellow 1950 graduate.

After graduation, Ginny taught at the Horace Mann School in Melrose, Ma. for one year.

In 1951, she and Bob married and moved to the west coast of the US settling in West Covina, Ca. They spent nine years there and welcomed two children as Bob pursued his career in engineering and Ginny concentrated on their young family. Returning to their home state of Maine in 1960, Ginny and Bob had a third child and established themselves in Waterville. There they lived for the next 55 years, raising three children, becoming active in their church and volunteer work, and building a summer cottage on the shores of Gouldsboro Bay in Corea. The family spent many amazing summer days at the cottage having fun by the ocean. Bob's hand-made dory, a sweet rowing boat, was used to lobster, fish, and putt around. Ginny always had blueberry pancakes and pies freshly made using the berries picked in front of the cottage!

An active member of the Pleasant Street

United Methodist church during all her years in Waterville, Ginny's faith gave her great comfort. Ginny was a loving and supportive wife, an amazing mother and proud and dotting grammy. As her former college roommate told us when notified of mom's passing, "your mother always put others needs in front of her own."

Ginny was predeceased by her husband, Bob in 2014; and her brothers, John, and Cleve; and her sister, Kay. She is survived by her son, Gary, and his wife Pamela; her daughter, Kristan and her husband, Peter; her daughter, Cindy, and her husband Bob. She is also survived by grandsons Sean (Yanina), Michael (Ashlee) and Brian.

The family wants to thank past and present staff at the Scarborough Terrace Assisted Living Facility for attending to our mom with compassion and wonderful care for four and a half years. We understand how difficult the last three years have been for everyone in healthcare especially those in assisted living facilities, responsible for such an at-risk group.

We would also like to thank the staff at Gosnell Memorial Hospice whose skill and understanding eased our lives and comforted mom during her final days.

A private interment will be held at a later date per Ginny's request.

Please consider a donation to two of our mom's favorite charities, The Good Shepherd Food Bank or Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland.

Arrangements are in the care of Lawry Brothers Funeral Home, 107 Main St., Fairfield where memories may be shared, and an online register book signed by visiting www.lawrybrothers.com.



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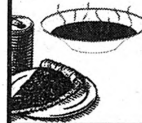
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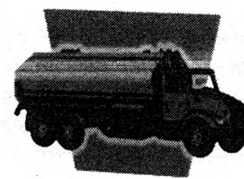
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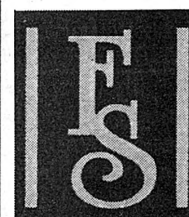
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Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT – Police reported three car/deer encounters this week:

- At approximately 4:19 p.m. on (7/10) Tammy Osborne and a passenger encountered a deer on the Millvale Road. There were no injuries reported. The car received front end damage.

- At approximately 7:08 a.m. on Mon. Christine Paradis, 25 of Bucksport, reported she struck a deer while driving on the River Road. Her grey 2017 Toyota Highlander was towed after sustaining approximately \$7,000 in damage. Paradis was not injured. The deer was killed by the collision and Paradis' fiancé Nate Gray took possession of the tagged female deer.

- Chad Coombs, 39 of Bucksport, encountered a deer on the River Road at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Fri. His 2014 GMC received approximately \$2,500 damage.

Accidents -

BUCKSPORT – Police reported these accidents here this week:

- On Sun. at approximately 10:30 a.m. a non-reportable vehicle crash took place in a parking lot on Route 1. No damage was reported.

- On Tues. at approximately 3:00 p.m. Eugene Berry, 73 of Orland was traveling (on a green light) from Main Street onto Route 1 when a Black SC90 Volvo made an abrupt left turn onto the Verona Bridge damaging the front end of Berry's vehicle. Berry recorded the vehicle's description and registration. Waldo RCC was alerted by phone and the driver and vehicle have not been located at this time.

- At approximately 5:09 p.m. on Tues. the driver of a 2017 Toyota Sport Utility struck a mailbox. Apparently the driver, Ashley M. Olsen, 34 of



Bucksport either was fatigued or fell asleep at the wheel at the intersections of Millvale and Silver Lake Roads. No injuries were reported.

- At approximately 4:12 p.m. Thurs. it was reported a vehicle had been involved in a pedestrian hit and run in Orland. The vehicle was located later in Orland. No other details available.

- At approximately 8:09 a.m. on Fri., a male reported a two vehicle accident on Franklin Street. A 2016 Kia Sorento driven by Charlene Kennedy, 84 of Bucksport, and Michael J. Martin driving a 2005 Hyundai Elantra collided.

- An accident involving a single motorcycle (2014 Yamaha) was reported at approximately 9:43 p.m. on Fri. Dekoter A. Walker, 31, of Hampden crashed while driving on Route 46. He was charged with driving an unregistered motorcycle.

- A vehicle apparently hit a fence in Orrington, Fri. at approximately 11:14 a.m. and left the scene. The owner of the vehicle lived in Bucksport and said he would call Penobscot Sheriff's Office.

- Roger Robertson, 39 of Bucksport was issued a VSAC for operating after suspension while driving on the River Road at approximately 10:19 p.m. on Fri.

- Frederick Van Atta, 42, of Bangor was issued a VASC for operating without a license at approximately 11:40 p.m. on Fri. while driving on Route 1.

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:

- At approximately 4:57 p.m. on Sun. a summons was issued to Leanne Frisbie, 55 of Stockton Springs for leaving the scene of an accident while on Route 1.

- A summons was issued at approximately 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday to Isabella McGuire, 18 of Sedgwick on Route 1, for illegal transportation of drugs by a minor.

- Adrian Laskowski, 25, of New Jersey received a summons at approximately 9:53 p.m. on Tues. for speeding while on the River Road. It was reported he was travelling 50 mph in a section marked for 35.

- Christopher Cobb, 19, of Ellsworth was issued a summons for operating a vehicle above the posted speed. He was pulled over on Route 46 for driving 64 mph in an area posted for 45.

Two people bitten by dog-

At approximately 9:46 a.m. on Thursday (7/14) it was reported that due to a dog fight two people were bitten. This happened on McDonald street around the ball field area.

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DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, July 28, 2022

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE, 50 MAIN STREET

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

Proposed amendment to the Town Fee Schedule to add usage fees for EV Chargers.

Proposed amendments to Chapter 2 - Personnel Policy of the Town Code.

Proposed amendments to Appendix K - Land Use Ordinance of the Town Code. Changing the zoning regarding the following: Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Sales, Cultivation, Processing, and Testing Facilities. Changing the Allowed uses in the RIS Zone to include Restaurants. Changing the zoning boundary of the DT zone.

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

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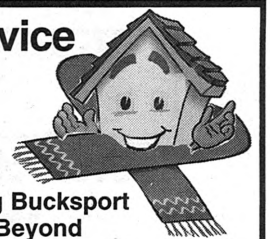
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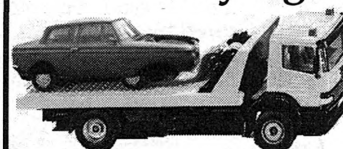
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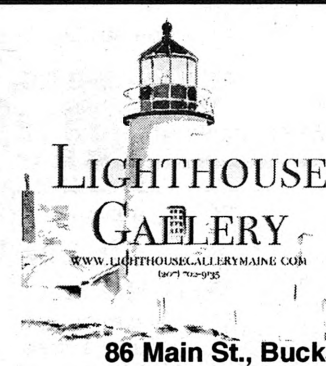
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- PROJECT**
Work under this project consists of replacement of small landscape block walls at five properties along US Route 1 and Central Street in Bucksport. The scope of work includes removal of the existing segmental block walls and installation of replacement walls including excavation, new small landscape block wall and associated underdrain system, repaving and restoration of lawns in impacted areas, including erosion control, traffic control, and providing all materials, equipment, and labor to provide a complete project.
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- AWARD OF CONTRACT**
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid that it deems to be in its best interests and to waive any irregularities in bidding.

Susan Lessard
Town Manager
July 21, 2022

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Seniors' tax freeze details still uncertain

BUCKSPORT - The state Legislature passed a law this past session that allows for senior citizens who are 65 years or older and who have owned a home and had a homestead exemption for ten years to have their taxes 'frozen' at the level of the prior year's tax, with the state paying the difference of any increase.

However, not all of the details have been worked out.

Still, the application deadline is Dec. 1 for the 2023-2024 tax year. People will have to reapply annually to participate.

State officials have not provided any information to local communities in terms of an application, or how the process will work.

Bucksport Town Manager Susan M. Lessard has asked those who have been calling for information to "please be patient. She said that, "just as soon as we have the details on how this will work - we will publicize it.

In the meantime, the assessor is keeping a list of persons who are interested in the program.

School Union #93

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Adams School, Castine

World Language Teacher

1 day per week for grades 1-8 (French or Spanish) teaching multiple age sections once a week. Required Maine DOE World Language Certificate (WL).

School Nurse

1 day per week, current RN license, previous school experience preferred.

Grades 5-8 Interventionist

Needs to be highly effective in teaching Math, with experience implementing appropriate math intervention programs, utilize NWEA data, Maine Certificate 020, or 300M

Music Teacher

1 Day per week, to work with all grades & ages. Maine certification required.

Head Cook

Adams School is seeking a head cook to join our team starting this fall, 2022-23. The successful candidate will provide lunch for the K-8 food service program and oversee the school food service program in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

Adams School is a Pre-K to Grade 8 school of approximately 50 students located in Castine, a historic, architecturally preserved coastal town rich in culture and the proud home of the celebrated Maine Maritime Academy. Contact Fred Cole, Principal, with questions: fcole@castineschools.org All these positions require a current Maine Department of Education CHRC (fingerprinting).

To apply, please [download an application here](#) or contact:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events/Meetings

Music

Wednesday On Main - July 27, 6 p.m.
on the waterfront (or Alamo if rain) PRIMO CUBANO. Traditional Cuban dance and salsa. \$10 suggested donation. Bring a chair and your dancing shoes!

Every Monday

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

Concerts

Saturday, August 13 - 7 p.m.

• **JUST FOR FUN** Trombone Concert — featuring the finest trombone players from all over the U.S. East Coast and Canada in the Elm Street Congregational Church. 469-3333

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 in Brown Hall 5 to 7 p.m. For details, call Dawn Little at 469-8747. New participants and observers are most welcome. \$5 donation is suggested.

Friday, July 22,

• **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.

Tuesday, July 26,

• **BOOKTALK** - 7 - 8:30 P.M. read and discuss a Wendell Berry short story. All are welcome! Refreshments served.

Wednesday, July 27 -

• **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, July 30, CHURCH YARD SALE** - 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. Inside or outside is yet to be determined.

• **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. Aug. 20 & Sept 16.

In The Libraries

Buck Memorial Wednesdays

• **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

• **Saturday July 23rd** at 11:00 - Special Storytime with NOAA educator- We Are the Waterkeepers- w/ free Nature Journals

• **Saturday July 30th** - Wizarding Weekend Drop into the library, choose your wand, decorate it and take a picture. Costumes encouraged.

• **Saturday August 6th: End of Summer reading party.** Free showing of Disney's Moana sponsored by RSU 25 and Buck Memorial Library. 2:30 at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center. Turn in your completed Bingo cards and try to win the Grand Prize-a cruise for 6 with Linda Greenlaw.

Blue Hill Public Library

• **Thu. Jul. 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**, 10 a.m. workshop Blue Hill Lib lawn 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.

• **Author Event, Jeffrey Lewis** with David Taylor, on Lewis's new book *Land of Cockaigne*, Sat., Jul. 26 at 7 pm. Blue

Hill Library, 374-5515 or [www.bhpl.net](#).

• **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](#).

• **Build a Birdhouse for kids**, materials provided, Friday Jul. 29, 10 AM, register 374-5515 or [www.bhpl.net](#).

• **At First Light**: Two Centuries of Maine Artists, Their Homes and Studios, Fri. Jul. 29, 7 PM, 374-5515 or [www.bhpl.net](#).

• **Free puppet show**- Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers: Everybody Loves Pirates, at the Blue Hill 5515, [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.

Stockton Springs Community Library

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

Tuesdays - RIDIN' THE WAVES - "Oceans of Possibilities" summer reading program, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Stories, activities, crafts and snacks. 567-4147.

Thursdays

• **Children's Story Hour** - Preschoolers and Homeschoolers are invited to join us at 6 Station St. every Thurs 10 - 11 a.m. for a take-home craft and a snack-together. 567-4147.