

## A perfect season ... ... for girls, boys soccer teams

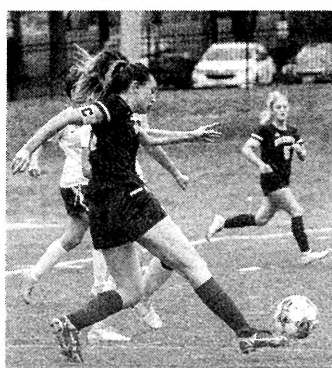
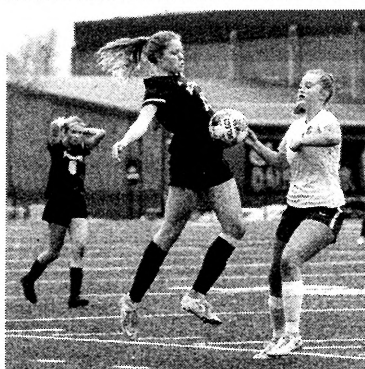
CASTINE – For what may be the first time in history - or at least since the record-keeping got serious, both of the Bucksport High School girls and boys soccer teams finished the regular seasons on Monday night with unblemished records.

The Lady Bucks beat Orono 5-0 at the Maine Maritime Academy field here, putting them at the top of the heap in the Heal point scoring system.

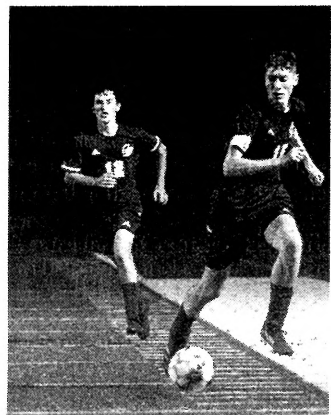
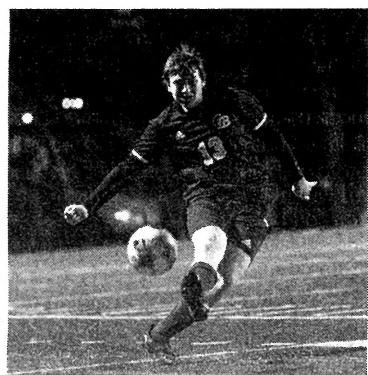
The Golden Bucks took down Orono 4-0, making them #3 in their league in the Heal point system.

With a first round bye, it's on to the quarter finals on Tuesday and Wednesday and they will play their post-season games on their home field in Bucksport. The winners will go on to games next Friday (10/28) and Saturday (10/29).

Meanwhile the football team will play Orono tomorrow at Carmichael Field in Bucksport this Friday (10/21). The winner will take on Dexter on Saturday, 10/29) in Dexter.



PHOTOS BY RICK MCHALE



## Motel buyer, town seeks settlement

BUCKSPORT – Lawyers for the would-be purchaser of the Spring Fountain Motel and the town are trying to work out a deal to get the property back into productive use.

Getting the many building and safety code issues remedied has been the town's key concern since the Town Council ruled the structure unsafe nearly two years ago. The residents, most of whom were using the U.S. Route 1 landmark for short-term stays, all were relocated or they left on their own.

An undisclosed buyer from southern Maine has been trying to complete the purchase from the private New Jersey owner for months, but nothing tangible has resulted.

Meanwhile, the town's law-

suit trying to get the police reopened or shuttered tightly before the winter sets in has gone nowhere.

The case, filed in Ellsworth, remains mired in the backlog of cases the court system blames on the Covid pandemic. All civil cases have moved with the speed of a glacier on a bed of studded snow tires. The only thing moving has been the growth in legal fees as the courts spin their wheels.

Town officials have been reluctant to name the would-be purchaser until the sale is completed.

While the motel sits on roughly ten acres of easily developed commercial property, the purchaser reportedly still plans to use it for a hospitality business.

## Gulley Road

*You still can get there from here*

BUCKSPORT – Gulley Road is a two- to three-mile stretch of gravel you have to know is there to find it.

The initial stretch has been improved by a couple who have a camp on Thurston Pond but the rest is more suited to four-wheelers and Humvees.

Located off the Millvale Road the Gulley Road loop to just about nowhere came up for Town Council consideration back in the early 1980s. The councilors took a gander at it and concluded it was time to abandon the maintenance of the dirt road. They wanted to act before too many people started putting homes along the road and demanded winter snowplowing.

However, they didn't abandon the right-of-way, they just stopped caring about the condition it was in.

Recently, Councilor James Morrison, who with his brother own

some 11,700 feet of frontage on the road, sought to correct what he considered an oversight three decades-or-so ago. Morrison called for the abandonment of the wilderness road, lock, stock and right-of-way.

A public hearing was held, and nobody showed up. One person with an interest in the area filed a letter of concern and it was duly placed in the record. The councilors then voted to abandon the right-of-way. Fast forward a week or so, and another abuttor filed a legal appeal of that decision.

Now, the town's lawyer has said to put everything on hold while he and other lawyers review the records and the laws. And, oh yes, don't do anything at all with the easement until the research has been done, he advised.

As a result, anyone is still free to drive, walk or otherwise traverse the Gulley Road—if they can find it.

## Outdoor meeting spaces? One down. Another to go!

BUCKSPORT – A group representing various town organizations last week asked the Town Council to set aside an outside place where a few folks safely could come gather at a time when Covid and its variants continue to linger.

The town manager not only immediately had one to suggest but agreed to continue to seek another spot closer to or in downtown.

The initial other spot is the newly completed outdoor classroom at the Bucksport Middle School, just to the east of the main parking lot and adjacent to the town's hiking trail system and has everything needed for small groups from seating to an overhead canopy.

Mary Jane Bush, who outlined the needs for outdoor gathering spaces for the various age groups to the area's older residents, said the school site appears to be ideal.

She also told the town's Infrastructure Committee last week that a second site downtown would be well-used also. She said the

group of organizations would like to suggest a site near the historic railroad depot and the Town Dock.

That location could also host a seasonal outdoor cafe, Bush said.

On the same agenda last week was a briefing on the Bucksport Historical Society's renewed request for help in financing a major overhaul of the depot, which houses the society's museum.

Several years ago the Town Council spent money for a feasibility study by local architects which resulted in a proposal which would have cost some \$2.5 million. Now, the society is floating a much scaled back version which would cost \$150,000 or more depending on various options.

The society wants to raise the building closer to the level of Main Street and install a lower level in an effort to reduce or eliminate a mildew problem that is harming some items in the museum's collection.

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

• **DOWN IN DUMP!** – The town manager has called an infrastructure committee meeting for Nov. 10, "to discuss an economic development opportunity with American Iron and Metal (AIM) involving the landfill at the former paper mill." Specifically, AIM and an as-yet publicly undisclosed would-be operator want to reactivate the fully licensed industrial landfill to bury construction and demolition debris hauled here from throughout the region. However, the project requires a public entity such as the Town of Bucksport to be involved. So far,

the proposal only has been discussed behind closed doors. Town officials cited what they view as a need for privacy at this point.

• **FLOATING NO BOATS!** – The municipal marina has closed for the season. The floats at the marina and the Town Dock and the fishing pier will be removed from the river early next month.

• **BATTENED DOWN!** – Construction crews have replaced the roofs on the skating rink warming house and the locker room building at the swimming pool. The goal of getting the

roofs replaced before the first snowfall was achieved.

• **FLAGGING ISSUE?** – Once again someone has requested the town fly American flags from the utility poles downtown. When nobody showed up to promote the idea, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard asked the idea be discussed at a later meeting. For years now, town officials have balked at the proposal, noting the flag must be illuminated if displayed at night and there are no lights in place to do that. Meanwhile, the town regularly

flies illuminated flags at the Veterans Memorial and at Flag Point on the waterfront. Lessard said those flags seem a more fitting and respectful tribute while putting flags along Main Street would seem more decorative than an honoring of the national banner.

• **MORE LAND?** Town officials have reported to the Town Council that 22 acres of undeveloped land adjacent to the municipal walking trails off Miles Lane now is for sale. Whether town should buy property will be discussed later this month.

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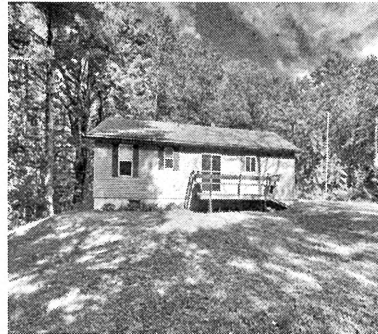
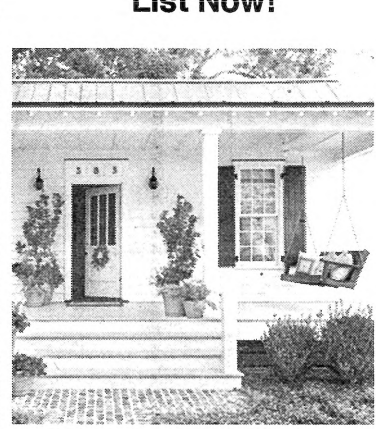

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<p><b>Acreage</b></p>  <p><b>Bucksport</b>—Looking for a spot for that cabin in the woods? This 13-acre woodlot has mature trees, interesting topography with a couple of potential building sites. Great location within walking distance to 3,000-acre of conservation land. Enjoy lovely sunset! <b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b></p> <p><b>\$49,000</b></p>	<p><b>Commercial</b></p>  <p><b>Bucksport</b>—Looking to expand/start your business in Bucksport? This property is located on a newly developed road in close proximity to Route 1 and the village of Bucksport. The business community has seen sustained growth in recent years and the town was recently voted the Best Coastal Community in a nationwide poll. Great time to get started! <b>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman</b></p> <p><b>\$115,000</b></p>



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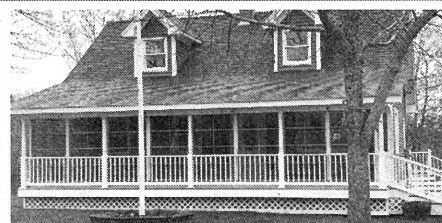
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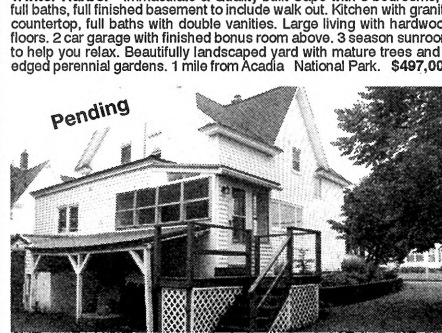


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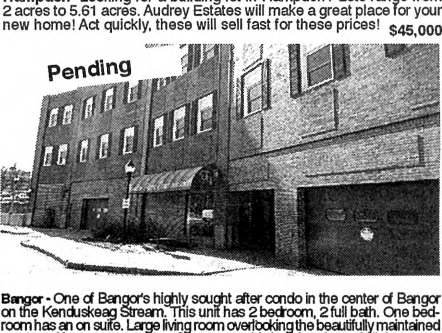
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• **NEED WINTER CLOTHING?** – Bucksport Community Concerns is looking for gently used coats, snow pants and boots. Please drop off at the pantry Wed. 9:30am to 11:30am or The Talk-n-Shop Mon.- Fri. 9am-noon.

• **AT THE RSU** – David Gross Sr. is resigning as the coach of the Bucksport Middle School, and in other personnel news: the RSU 25 School Board ratified the appointment of Brooke Lindelof as a SPED technician and Danielle Freeman as a cheering squad coach at the middle school. Kasey Pelletier, Darren Ripley and David Gross Jr. were accepted as volunteers with the wrestling program; and Breena Young is working with the cheer-leading squad.

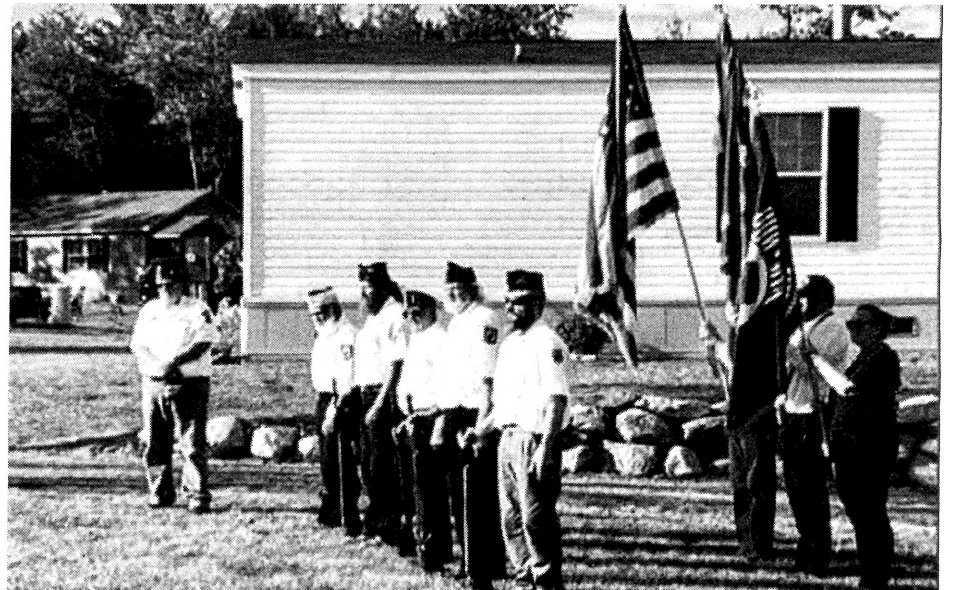
• **SKATE PARK AUCTION** – To help fund the new skate board park in Bucksport, there will be a silent auction of 12 local artist-designed skateboards to be held Friday, Oct., 21 at 5:30 pm at 61

Elm Street.

• **WITCH IS BACK!!** – The Good witch of the East will be visiting homes of Bucksport on Halloween night collecting canned foods and other non-perishable food/items for Buckport Community Concerns (BCC). Any donations will be greatly appreciated.  
Betty Robshaw 266-8565

• **HONORING OUR VETERANS** – The Community at Silver Lake Estates came together Saturday, October 1, 2022, to celebrate and honor the Veterans that live there.

With the help of Laureen McInnis, and the Silver Lake Community the Color guard from the VFW Belfast post was present and marched over to the clubhouse to do an Honor Salute. Veterans rode to a sit down dinner in Golf carts The SLE always wants to say "Thanks".



Color guards perform an Honor Salute earlier this month at Silver Lake Estates in honor of the Veteran Community there. A dinner was served by the Estate that afternoon.  
Picture provided by Laureen McInnis

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# Thank you!

This week's Candidates' Forum proved a neat exercise in democracy. It featured three candidates competing for three seats on the Bucksport Town Council and two running for the sole opening on the RSU25 School Board.

Each was there for the right reason: they want to serve their community. And their sincerity was clear. Let's face it. The jobs they're seeking pay a pittance, and there certainly is little glory to be gained while, sometimes, sitting for hours while listening to folks drivel on, often about very little of substance.

Those of us who earn our keep by chronicling those hours certainly know drivel when we hear it. Still, we also know that the core of our democracy are these tiny groups of citizens come together to keep municipal government responsive to the needs and wants and progress of their communities.

Unlike some aspects of state and federal government where graft, corruption and personal gain intrude and besmirch honest public service, local government is a fairly open process. That's especially true in small towns, where we can button hole our elected leaders in the produce department of the local supermarket. He or she also better take our phone calls or respond to our e-mails. To not do so is to risk an in-person confrontation or, at the least, a stern talking-to in their dooryard.

Still, as the forum on Tuesday again reminded us our local crop of candidates are a decent and conscientious lot. Each spoke well of their competitors, often even siding with them on many issues. No smearing. No mud-slinging. No insults here.

As a sponsor of the forum, The Bucksport Enterprise thanks the candidates – Steven M. Bishop, Tracey J. Hair and Edward A. Rankin Jr. for the council and Peter W. Clair and Keith R. Kneeland Jr., for the School Board - for stepping forward to participate in the public service. We commend them for their thoughtful and candid responses to every question asked.

While this newspaper doesn't endorse candidates, even in these non-partisan contests, we believe the town will be well-served by whomever is elected from among the five.

We now call on the public to do their part. Vote either now or on Nov. 8. All of the candidates from the local to the state and federal offices deserve your participation in the process that preserves this republic.

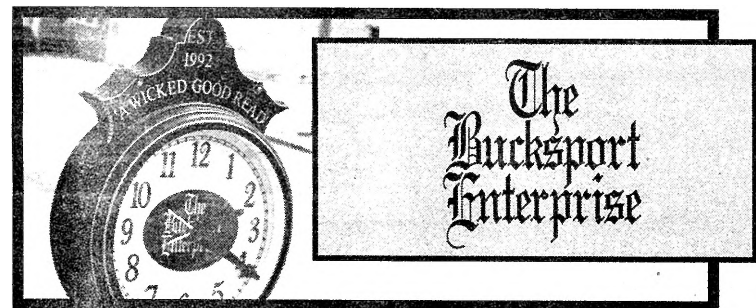
We also want to thank the folks at the Elm Street Congregational Church for volunteering the use of their beautiful and historic Brown Hall and their video streaming equipment.

The forum is archived in two parts on YouTube, one under Bucksport Town Council candidates, the other under RSU25 School Board.

Don't miss the second and final forum on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Brown Hall. It will feature the candidates for the state Senate and state House of Representatives.

The state districts have been redrawn, so Bucksport voters should take special notice of the changes,

The Tuesday forum also will be live-streamed and archived.



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## LETTERS . . . to the editor

### 'Common sense voice'

To the Editor:

This is one of the most important elections of our lifetime. That is because we have not experienced price increases on this scale. They are making Maine unaffordable for average families. It costs nearly \$7,000 more to live in Maine than a year ago. Who we choose to represent us makes a big difference. That is why I am supporting Rep. Sherm Hutchins to succeed me in the Maine House. Sherm is a down to earth, reliable, common sense voice for our area. When 60 Democrat legislators proposed increasing taxes on fuel by .40 cents a gallon, Sherm Hutchins opposed it. He supports tax relief for workers, retirees and young families trying to survive by letting them keep more of what they earn. Our future depends on electing more people like Sherm Hutchins.

Rep. Kathy Downes (R-Bucksport)

### 'In Support of Sherm Hutchins'

To the Editor:

Contrary to a couple of local (Republican) endorsements of State Representative Sherm Hutchins' opponent, we, the undersigned, very highly endorse Rep. Sherm Hutchins to return to Augusta to represent the new district that now includes Bucksport. For decades, Sherm Hutchins has served the Lower Penobscot Basin as a dedicated and trusted representative and is truly one of us. Vote for experience over cozy endorsements! Vote for Rep. Sherm Hutchins on or before November 8, Election Day!

Dick Campbell  
Rep. Kathy Downes  
Rep. Peter Lyford  
Brian Langley  
James Gillway

### 'For the love of Maine'

To the Editor:

For the love of Maine, let Nicole Grohoski's work continue!

Like many Mainers with a well, I know there is no 'downstream.' We all see recycling isn't working, and nobody wants PFAS poisoning our land and water. The harms such as hormone disruption from toxic pesticides and plastic residues to humans and wildlife we cherish are well known. It is thanks to Nicole Grohoski's sponsorship of LD 1541, based on the sensible concept of Extended Producer Responsibility that we now have a law ensuring Mainers won't get left with toxic waste or the bill for excessive packaging from large producers, who must dispose of their own packaging materials away from communities in Maine. Just as importantly, it provides producers like Amazon an incentive to avoid costs by producing efficient and less harmful packaging from the get-go. Let's ensure Nicole Grohoski's work to keep Maine at the head of the stream continues through her reelection to the Maine State Senate.  
Lisa Leaverton  
Orland, ME

### 'Rep. Sherman Hutchins record on environmental issues'

During the 2021/22 legislative session Representative Sherm Hutchins of the 131st district of the Maine State House showed his true colors on matters related to the environment. Sherm's campaign signs tout "Building Maine's Future Together". When it comes to the environment, his vision of Maine's future differs widely from that of most Mainers.

During the past session, Representative Hutchins voted against LD 906, emergency legislation that would provide clean drinking water to the Passamaquoddy Reservation at Pleasant Point and to nearby municipalities. Hutchins also voted against LD 1639, an act that would eliminate the loophole regulating the amount of out-of-state waste disposed of in Maine landfills. He voted against LD 1911, a bill that would regulate PFAS and PFOS (also known as forever chemicals) in land application of municipal and industrial sludge or sludge derived compost. He also opposed LD 1959, a bill that would require greater accountability by electricity providers in providing safe, reasonable and adequate service at just and reasonable rates. This bill would also require utilities to develop plans to deal with the anticipated effects of climate change. Fortunately, the Democratic-controlled legislature passed all these bills and Governor Mills signed them into law.

As someone who believes a clean environment is essential to the health and safety of all Mainers, I am voting for Sherm Hutchins' opponent Ron Russell in the upcoming election on November 7. Ron recognizes the inherent right we all have to a clean environment. I urge others to research and vote for candidates who, like Ron, realize the need to protect the environment, combat the effects of climate change, and provide all Mainers with clean air, safe water, and food free of toxic chemicals.

Royce Hardin  
Penobscot

## Re: Mid-term election letters/ads

### Attn: Letter writers

As the mid-term elections approach, letter writers are reminded the deadline to submit for all letters related to the candidates or the election is Monday, Oct. 24, at 5 p.m. The final letters will be published on Oct. 27. Pre-paid political advertising will

be accepted through Monday, Oct. 31, at 5 p.m. Letters should be no more than 250 words, be signed and include the home town of the writer and a daytime telephone number.

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## OBITUARIES

### Lawrence Spencer Curtiss Betts • 1978 - 2022

Lawrence Spencer Curtiss Betts, 44, passed away unexpectedly October 9th 2022. Curtiss was born March 9, 1978, to the late Lawrence 'Jody' Betts and Janice Brickei.

Curtiss was a brilliant, successful welder by trade. He was admired by many for his unbelievably profound work ethic and unconditional love for his family and friends. A man with a heart of solid gold and personality full of humor, loyalty and exceptional intelligence, he was cherished by anyone who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a devoted husband, a remarkable father, beloved brother and trusted friend. Curtiss was a 'march to the beat of your own drum' type of man, never conforming to the traditional way of life, he



Lawrence Spencer Curtiss Betts

was as tough as polished steel with gentle soul that held more love than humanly possible. He will forever be in the hearts of those who hold him closest.

Curtiss is survived by his wife Crystal Betts, his daughters Hailey Betts and Justice Betts; his son Jaelon Keene; his step-daughter Kylie Wing; his step-son Dakota Wing; sisters Susan Betts, Daryl Keezer and Leona Clark. He is pre-deceased by his parents, his paternal grandparents Virgie and Chet Betts; maternal grandparents Agnus and Luther Beck and Charles Brickei.

In remembrance of Curtiss, donations can be made to the Waldo County Technical Center Welding Program.

### Marilyn N. Blood • 1930 - 2022

Orland - Marilyn N. Blood, 92, beloved mother and grandmother passed away at her home on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. She was born on September 6, 1930, in Brewer, the daughter of Fred and Winona Joyce Bowden.

Marilyn was a lifelong member of the Orland United Methodist Church and the Order of The Eastern Star. She was a giving soul that thought of others first. She was a great cook and loved to feed people, family, and friends alike. For many years she had worked at the Jed Prouty Tavern and Inn as breakfast and pastry cook. She was the matriarch of the family and loved any gathering. She loved to read and passed that love on to her children and grandchildren. There are not enough words to paint a picture of the loving/caring woman she was or what she meant to us; we shall miss her dearly.

She is survived by her daughter Annie Farren and husband, James their children



Marilyn N. Blood

Angela, Lisa, Dan, Heidi, and David. Son David Bowden and wife, Denise and children David Jr, Amanda, Desiree, and Tristan. Also survived by grandchildren Heather Blood and Colton Crane

and many great grandchildren and sister-in-law Norma Baker and several nieces and nephews. she was predeceased by her husband Clifton H Blood, Son Clifton L Blood and siblings James Bowden, Fred Bowden Jr., Tina Ames, Clara Rollerson, and Carroll Bowden

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday October 29th at Evergreen cemetery located on the Upper Falls Rd in Orland, ME with fellowship to immediately follow at the Orland United Methodist Church Hall located at 24 Narramissic Dr, Orland, ME. Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services Bucksport.

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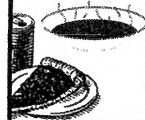
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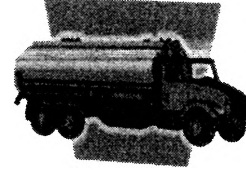


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## Foreclosures spur last-minute pleas

BUCKSPORT – Ordinarily when the town can't work out payments for back taxes or sewer fees, the site is advertised and the high bidder gains ownership.

Last week, things took a different turn after the bids were all tallied on the latest batch of foreclosed properties.

The heir to a home on the River Road came to the Town Council to say he was ready to work out payments. The councilors agreed to give until Monday, and on Monday he successfully worked out payments with the town manager.

In a second case a man with an interest in two properties on the Cross Road adjacent to where he lives offered to do the same. He even

agreed to put up \$2,000 on the spot.

The council again gave him until Monday to meet with the manager.

However, Monday came and went and the man never showed up.

At last Thursday's (10/13) meeting an obviously irked Councilor Paul Bissonnette told his colleagues he didn't think it was fair to solicit bids and then at the very last moment cancel the sale. He said that practice may harm the town's ability to get bids on properties offered in the future.

Niw the councilors must decide whether to offer the Cross Road property to the high bidder on last week's list.



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## FRANKFORT NEWS/EVENTS

– Frankfort Historical Society monthly meeting Tues Oct 25th at 6:30 P.M. upstairs at the Frankfort Congregational Church, please use front road-side entrance or ramp. Guest speakers will be Judy and Norris Staples; the Frankfort Staples family, Agriculture in Frankfort, Neighbors helping Neighbors, Civil War gun, a surprise found in their attic and much more. All are welcome to attend.

(2). Frankfort Historical Society is selling tickets on a four inch BRONZE bear, (Standing Bear) made and

donated by, Bronze Artist/Sculptor, Forest (Toby) Hart. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by any F.H.S. member or picked up at the Waldo Pierce Reading Room Library, during their business hours. The funds raised will go toward a granite veterans memorial fund HONOR ROLL.

The winning ticket for the 'Standing Bear' will be drawn Veterans Day, November 11, 6:30PM

Frankfort Historical Society  
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Frankfort, Maine 04438

# 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 received several reports of encounters with vehicles and deer.

- A deer was struck at approximately 6:55 p.m. on Sat., (10/15). Officer Alan Medina responded and found a deer had run into the roadway in front of Janet Baker, driving a 2020 Kia Soul, had no apparent injury and the vehicle had damage to the front driver corner.
- At approximately 6:20 p.m. on Tues., Officer Robert Findlay, responded to a crash involving a car/deer on the River Road. Rebecca Grunwald, 41, of Bucksport was headed north and a deer ran into the side of her vehicle, causing damage to the front passenger quarter panel.

### Accidents -

BUCKSPORT – Police reported these accidents here this week:

- On Tues., at approximately 2:32 Officer Robert Findlay responded to a call for a two vehicle accident on Route 1. Breanna A. Allen, 17, of Orland driving a 2014 Buick and Thomas J Schwartz, 34, of

Orono, driving a 2017 Subaru collided at the intersection of Nicholson Ave. and Route 1. No apparent injuries reported.

### Arrests -

BUCKSPORT – These arrests were reported by officers last week:

- On Sun. (10/09) at approximately 5:04 p.m. Officer Alan Medina arrested David Craig, 41 of Bucksport, on outstanding warrants, while driving on Franklin St.
- At approximately 3:51 p.m. on Mon., Officer Alan Medina arrested Teresa Thompson, 56 of Bucksport, for disorderly conduct and terrorizing while on Mercer drive.
- On Tues. at approximately 4:33 p.m. Officer Robert Findlay arrested Robert Smith, 46, of Bucksport on a warrant for Failure to Appear. He was stopped on Bayview Ave.
- At approximately 7:41 p.m. on Thurs. Officer Robert Findlay arrested Chandler Levesque, 27, of Bucksport for Violation of Bail. He was stopped on the River Rd.

### Summonses -

BUCKSPORT – These summonses were processed by officers last week:

- At approximately 10:14 p.m. on Mon., Officer Benjamin Kolko issued summonses to Patrick Essex, 21, of South Berwick for operating with suspended registration and VCR while driving on Route 1.
- On Thurs. at approximately 9:57 p.m. Officer Amanda Loeven issued a summons to Arnold Burgess, 31, of Bar Harbor for Inspection violation while driving on Silver Lake Rd.
- At approximately 05:03 a.m. on Fri., Officer Amanda Loeven issued a summons to Michelle Greene, 37 of Bucksport for Operating without a License while driving on the River Rd.

### Boat reported as stolen

BUCKSPORT – At approximately 9:30 a.m. on Fri., Officer Kayla Brooks responded to a report of a possible theft from the Town dock of a 2021 Achilles 350 1X inflatable, hard bottom boat with a 6hp motor, last seen that previous Sunday afternoon. The theft is still reported as under investigation.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Things to Do

**Halloween Dance - Sat, Oct. 22 7-11pm** at the Orland Community Center Gym. Live Band: Right Out Straight. \$10 entrance fee and costumes are welcome.

**Book Sale- Oct 27 4-7pm Fri., Oct 28, 9-4pm. Sat, Oct 29 9-1pm** The Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library October Book Salee Riverview Room, located at 20 State Street, Ellsworth 207-667-6363.

**Craft Fair - Nov 11 & 12** East Orrington Congregational Church annual craft fair from Nov. 11, 3 pm - 7:30 pm and Nov. 12 from 8 am to noon. A turkey pie supper on Fri with seating at 4:30 & 5:30 Supper tickets are \$10. 825-3404 / [www.eocmcme.com](http://www.eocmcme.com)

### Events/Meetings

**Tues., Oct. 25 – 4:30p.m.**

• Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition Tues, Oct. 25, at 4:30 p.m. via zoom. <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97987588270> Dial In: +1 646 876 9923 U

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**Every Monday  
Bucksport Area Gamblers Anonymous** will meet at 123 Main St. (River of Hope Church) 469-3410 7-8pm

### In Brown Hall

**Friday, Oct. 21 – Noon to 1 p.m.**

• **Brown Bag Luncheon with the Minister** – Join us for food, fun and fellowship.

### Mondays

• **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.

### Wednesday, Oct. 26 –

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

• **AA & Al-Anon** meetings at 7p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 28 –

**IMPROV** – from 6 to 7 PM, Brown Hall Community Meeting Room, IMPROV theater group, is now meeting for all age groups/all levels of theater experience. FMI: Bill Foster at 469-8866.

• **Tues., Oct. 25, Non-Partisan Candidates Forum District 10 – 7 - 8:30 pm** – 90-minute session will include House Candidates District 17: Sherm Hutchins (R) & Ron Russell (D) and the Senate candidates District 10: Peter Lyford & Ralph Cammack (D). Broadcast live over YouTube and archived on the Town of Bucksport's website (and links available to any/all candidates) and is co-sponsored by the Bucksport Enterprise newspaper. Call 951-7544 for details.

### Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

panel discussion on the Know Your Neighbor program, followed by an Artist's Reception honoring the G.R.A.C.E. artists. An exhibition of their artistic work is displayed.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.**

### Thursday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m.

– Brown Hall will host a Community Free Thanksgiving meal for all. Brother Donald and the brothers of the Franciscan Friars are the chef; and sponsored by the Friars and the Christ Church Anglican. The meal is served by from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 469-3333.

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**ART SHOW: Oct. 3 - 29**  
**The Denizen of the Dark Returns to Blue Hill**, paintings by George Lee Crosby (1949-2016), Oct. 3-29, Blue Hill Library, 374-5515. **Art Show Closing Reception for the exhibit**, on Sat., Oct. 29, 5:30-7:30 PM

**ART SHOW: Oct. 1-Dec. 30**  
**Unspoken Word**, A display of artists' books by the Midcoast Maine Book Arts Group, Blue Hill Library, 374-5515.

**Stone Soup storytime: Sat. Oct. 22, 3-5 PM** All are invited to prepare a meal with local veggies and enjoy a special storytime on the library lawn, bring something to add or enjoy with the soup, Blue Hill Library.

**Books and Brews – Fri. Oct. 28, 6 PM** will discuss *Pig Years* by Ellyn Gaydos at Strong Brewing in Sedgwick.

**Readings on Race: Sat., Oct. 29, 2 PM**, will discuss *Sugar* by Jewell Parker Rhode, Blue Hill Library.

**Youth Chess Club**–Thursdays, 3 PM– all ages invited, hosted by Coach Woody Petry, Blue Hill Lib

### Stockton Springs Library

**Children's Annual Halloween Party** Saturday, Oct 29th; 10- 11:30 am. Treats, costume parade, crafts, a story, prizes, and games; costume parade Free for children of all ages and all are welcome.

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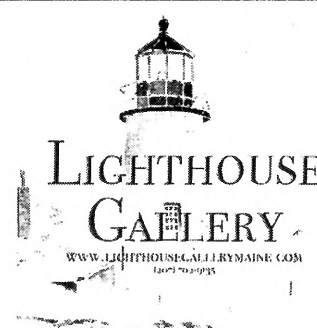
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## SENIOR CENTER EVENTS & MENU

•AARP Drivers Safety Course here Sat, Oct. 15, 10-3pm. Course allows participants to receive a reduction on their car insurance, space is limited to 15 participants.

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Fri., Oct. 21 – Shepard's pie, dinner roll and pie.

Mon., Oct. 24 – Chicken tenders, potato salad, snap peas and cake.

Wed., Oct. 26 – Cabbage rolls, wild rice, diced carrots and fruit.

Fri., Oct. 28 – Cheese manicotti, garlic bread, salad and a cookie.

Mon., Oct 31 – Chop suey, dinner roll, sliced cucumbers and pudding.

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## Statement For RSU 25 Board ...

### Keith Kneeland –

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Since then, I have dedicated myself to fighting for the students of this district to make sure any and all opportunities are provided to fill in the gaps that thrust upon our children by no fault of their own. During the budget process I pushed for more staffing and programs to be put in place to help our children. I have also been an active member of the curriculum committee over the past year where I have also advocated for our children at every opportunity.

I humbly ask that you cast a vote for me on November 8th so that I can become a member of the RSU 25 school board and continue my fight for providing the best education possible for the children of RSU 25.



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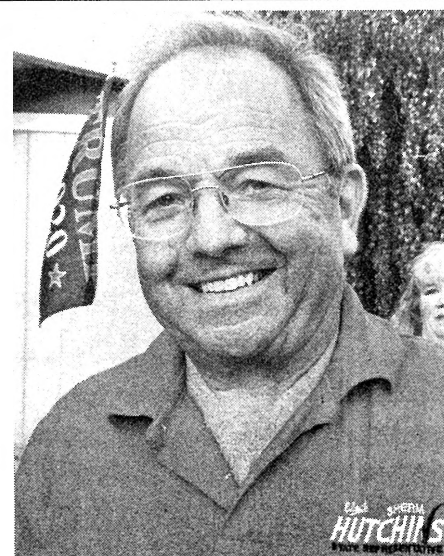
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## At the Forum – October 18 ...

Local candidates share their thoughts (continued from previous page)

**BUCKSPORT** – The three candidates vying for the two slots available on the Nov. 8 ballot generally agreed when answering the key questions raised at a local candidates' forum in Brown Hall on Tuesday. And while the two men seeking the lone open seat on the RSU 25 School Board also agreed on most of the issues, they sharply split on one: the board's decision to close during the pandemic, and on who should decide what materials are age-appropriate in the curriculum and on the shelves of the school libraries.

Critics in the audience said the teachers and librarians should decide the issue, and then be supported by the School Board if complaints arise. Some cited school personnel in other districts being threatened over their stances on the teaching of sexuality issues.

Keith Kneeland, of 1149 Bucks Mills Road making his second run for a seat on the board, was opposed to the school closing, and still believes the decision severely harmed the students on many fronts, both academically and socially. A regular attendee at board meetings he questioned why none of the members raised any concerns at the sessions over such a complex and vital decision.

Peter W. Clair, of 16 Mast Hill Road, now seeking a fourth three-year term, and Kneeland each outlined the process for reviewing educational materials. That policy includes teachers, librarians, school principals, the curriculum

coordinator and the curriculum committee. All materials ultimately are decided by the board.

Both backed the process with Clair saying he believes the RSU should hire good teachers and then let them do what they are trained to do without interference by the board. Kneeland strongly disagreed, saying he will support teachers but also wants to be certain that "certain materials" are age-appropriate to the grade level being taught.

Some, including people active on LBGQT+ issues, expressed strong beliefs that sexuality should be part of the curriculum at all levels, and that the decision-making involved should be by educators.

On the Town Council front, Councilor Edward A. Rankin Jr. said he's anxious to help the panel complete many of the projects they have launched in recent months. He said he will push for the continued slow and steady improvement in the town with an emphasis on preserving key municipal services including public safety, the schools and recreation.

Tracey J. Hair, of 126 Franklin St., said she wants to be part of a renewed effort to mobilize some of the savviest people in town to use their talent, experience and enthusiasm to promote and build a new sense of community based on the emerging economic realities. She said she'll be open to everyone and their ideas for bringing people

together. If you build a new sense of community that includes newcomers and natives, the rest of the things that will help the town move forward will happen, she said.

Steven M. Bishop, of 105 U.S. Route 1, stressed his long connections with most aspects of the town from years with the public safety departments to appointments to town boards. He said he wants to use that experience to support anything that benefits the town, including working to make it easier to get good things done. He believes his knowledge of the town and the people in it will benefit Bucksport. If he sees or hears of something that is good for the town, he said he'll work hard to make it happen.

Tuesday's forum was sponsored by The Bucksport Enterprise and Brown Hall at the Elm Street Congregational Church.



Running for Town Council - Steve Bishop, Tracey Hair and Ed Rankin, Jr.

The two who draw the most votes on Nov. 8 will get the seats.



Running for RSU 25 Board - Peter Clair and Keith Kneeland

**In keeping with our tradition, The Bucksport Enterprise offered the local candidates the free opportunity to summarize their candidacies in their own words. Continued here, unedited, are those statements: (see previous page for RSU candidate statement)**

### Edward Rankin, Jr. –

I graduated from Bucksport High School in 1995. I live here in Bucksport on Route 46 with my wife Jennifer. We have 5 kids together. I am hoping to get elected for my second term on town council.

My first term was a great experience and we have so many projects in the works I am very excited to see them through. Soon after I was sworn in as a town councilor three years ago Covid uprooted everyone and everything. The council did not stop. We jumped through all the hoops that were mandated on us and still got the jobs done. We marched forward at a steady pace and continued with projects and plans. We are in a very good position as a town and there is still a lot to do in this next three years.

I very much want to be involved in the Town Manager's successor. That will be an extremely difficult task. We are fortunate to have such an involved and dedicated town manager like Sue Lessard. But with the right planning, I believe we can find someone who will fit the position.

I am personally vested in many aspects of the town. Of course, I am a resident of Bucksport, but I also run a business here in Bucksport, as well as having children in the Bucksport school system. I want to see Bucksport grow and succeed in all aspects. I want to see us grow at a slow and steady pace. I know some want to see things happen fast and some want no change at all. I want to see us grow. If we grow too fast, we cannot sustain it and our infrastructure can't keep up.

If we do nothing, then the town will slowly start to fade away. We must keep pushing forward at a slow and steady pace. We have a great town with great services. We need to support public safety; we need to support public works and we need to support our school system. Our town has a history of looking out for each other, and we can't stop doing that. We need to take care of our seniors, our kids and look out for everyone around us. In my first three years on council, we got a lot accomplished - programs to help our seniors, improvements to the senior center and just recently another day of shuttle service here in Bucksport. We are in the processes of doing improvements to the waterfront which are much needed. We brought the salaries of the public safety department up to a competitive rate to get good, qualified people in these positions. We have so much in the works, I want to see all of these items through.

I am hoping I get re-elected and get the opportunity to be involved with the growth of our town in the next three years. It has been a great experience serving you these past three years and hopefully with your support I look forward to serving you for the next three years. Thank You.



### Tracey Hair–

If you've been following my campaign so far, you know what I stand for. I want to address Bucksport's workforce housing shortage, support increased recreation activities, and our schools. I want to build on existing networks to address the growing opioid challenges in Bucksport and take a hard look at Bucksport's Comprehensive Plan to see what improvements can be made to improve access and utility for older people. In short, I want to make sure that the quality of life that so many enjoy in Bucksport is afforded to all who live here.

I don't believe it's up to Town Council to come up with all the answers, I believe your voice matters and you should be at the table. In my day job I work with people from all walks of life, who know the challenges we face in our community, who are

also not afraid to roll up their sleeves and do the work of solving their own problems. That's how I feel about service and leadership, whether it's as a leader in my workplace, or in our community, my motivation has always been what can I do and how can I help. I believe progress can only happen when we have leaders who are hardworking and dedicated when it comes to our community.

I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and use my 18-year track record of serving Bucksport to serve you on Bucksport Town Council. Please vote Tracey Hair ~ The right woman for the job!



### Steve Bishop –

For those of us that care about Bucksport the next 3 years are crucial. We have overdue business proposals on the table that have yet to come to fruition and produce as promised. We have a changing work force that is keeping our public safety building from being fully staffed. Several high level town employees are retiring within this next term.

The decisions that surround our next few years must be deliberate to maintain the services our town requires. Economic growth needs to be supported while being respectful to those of us that call Bucksport home.

I have served the town of Bucksport since I was 18. In the last 18 years I have worked for the Bucksport Fire, Ambulance and Police departments. The Town's Board of Appeals was my first appointed position. I'm currently serving on the Economic development committee, and am chair of the planning board.

I own and operate a 61 year-old, 3rd generation Maine small business. I've learned so much while working in these various positions. When you vote for me, you vote for your interests, your way of life. Being reasonable is one of my strongest attributes.

Negotiating our way through the future will require great leadership and fresh perspective for the changing tides ahead. I am so thankful to have Bucksport's support from Main street to Bucks Mills, and from River road to Route 46. So whether you call it Millville or the Hink's road, I hear you.

Steve Bishop  
From here, For us.

