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as one!**

SCORES OF POLICE CARS, arrayed in front of and behind the hearse bearing the body of Deputy Luke Ryan Gross rolled through downtown Bucksport Sunday afternoon in a silent demonstration of shared grief at his death while on duty. See obituary and an editorial on Pages 4 & 5.

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Carnival rides and games nixed

BUCKSPORT – The idea of adding carnival-style attractions to the annual Halloween gathering downtown got scuttled almost as fast as it was conceived.

After asking the Town Council to amend her permit for “Ghoulsport” in late-October, the owner of the Bucksport Bay Coalition, LLC, a private company, sent word the deal to

bring the rides and games here just isn’t going to happen. She also withdrew her request for \$1,000 to help with expenses. The council was about to approve the request.

While some councilors last week said they support events that draw people here, they also have growing concerns that more rules are needed on the

use of public spaces by private groups or individuals.

Teri Doty, the promoter of Ghoulsport, had sought the support of public safety officials for the rides, but they still were waiting more detailed plans from Doty before making their recommendations.

PLEASE SEE RIDES, PAGE 2.

Councilors ask public for ways to use \$520,000

BUCKSPORT – Every Bucksport resident’s mailbox soon will contain a survey from the Town Council, asking for advice on how to wisely spend some \$520,000 over the next two to three years or so.

The first half of the money from the federal American Rescue Plan arrived earlier this month. The cash is to be used to help communities with health and economic needs that have resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic.

While the money is earmarked for Covid-related responses, the interpretation of that has been somewhat far-reaching, and run the gamut from sewer and broadband improvements to giving a little extra to first responders for their service during trying times.

Members of a Town Council panel have spent several hours trying to reach a consensus on what to do with the windfall, but now are trying to gauge what local resi-

dents want to see happen.

In the survey, they offer ten ideas, but also encourage residents to submit ideas of their own.

Aiding older residents through an expansion of the meals program and increased transportation services drew strong support from the committee.

Other ideas on their list range from the stipends to responders to upgrading the cable-TV equipment at the Town Offices to renovating the floats at the municipal marina.

Helping the historical society preserve local artifacts also appeared to have strong support among the councilors.

Residents are being asked to rank each of the listed ideas from “1” to “10” with “1” being the most important.

Got questions? The surveys suggest calling Town Manager Susan M. Lessard during business hours from Monday through Thursday.



SPORTS PHOTO BY RICK MCHALE

Coach Joel Sankey and this year’s team leaders - from left, Ty Giberson, Tyler Hallett, and Josh Miller – finally played their Covid-delayed home opener on Friday (9/24). The Bucks downed John Bapst 43 to 13. More on Page 4.

They’re back

Data sought on Orland cell service

ORLAND— The Board of Selectmen on Sept. 16 agreed to cooperate with a private firm to query Orland residents via an online survey on cell phone service issues.

“We have heard from some residents . . . about spotty coverage and dropped calls,” said Edward Rankin Sr., the chairman of the Selectmen. As a result, they agreed to support Cellphone Coverage Mapping LLC’s survey here.

The company is an affiliate of a firm promoting the development and building of cell towers. The firm uses the data to market its services to wireless service operators.

The private company will gather and report

the results to the selectmen while using the information for their own purposes. It has reached agreement with a number of other communities to do the same, and those surveys are being conducted simultaneously.

According to those encouraging participation in the survey it should take one to three minutes. The survey is on-line at: www.cellcoveragemapping.com.

For more contact Brad Gorham of CCM, at (978) 376-5427 or at bradg@cellcoveragemapping.com. The selectmen also suggested contacting the Orland Town Office at 469-3186 or at townclerk@townoforland.org.

Town’s trash ills still in limbo

BUCKSPORT – This community’s trash continues to be hauled to the Penobscot Energy Recovery (PERC) plant in Orrington when it is operating and to the landfill at Juniper Ridge when it’s not.

Meanwhile, three potential buyers are in the wings waiting to see if any of them can acquire the multi-million dollar trash-to-energy plant in Hampden which, while

new, has not been able to be operated consistently, let alone efficiently, since the day it was completed.

Bucksport and more than 100 other Maine communities have a stake in seeing the Hampden plant up and running, but little power to do anything about the situation.

Like so much in today’s times, the matter remains unresolved in the hands of the financiers and the lawyers as the clock ticks on.

In the works . . . Tidbits from week’s news

BROADBAND? – The town is continuing to explore ways to provide better internet coverage in Bucksport, especially to recreational boaters and others using the pedestrian path along the waterfront. However, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard urged the town councilors to move with

caution because the technology of providing internet services is moving so fast.

While underlining her own lack of expertise on the subject, she pointed to her cell phone as a sign of how quickly technology becomes obsolete in a year or two. She suggested they be wary of investing in fiber optic cabling of

the town, only to find that, too, may soon be outdated.

SPEAK UP! The Town Council panel responsible for suggesting how to spend \$520,000 in federal Covid-related aid money now plans a public survey to seek suggestions. A form will be sent to each household in the town.

Town officials emphasize the guidelines the cash be allocated to programs that are Covid relief-related, but there are a wide variety of projects that can qualify.

The town earlier this month got \$260,000, the first half of the two-year disbursement. The coun-

cilors’ suggestions range from reinstituting free meals at the Senior Center to giving stipends to local public safety personnel for their service through the pandemic, and aiding the historical society which was unable to raise money during much of the last year.

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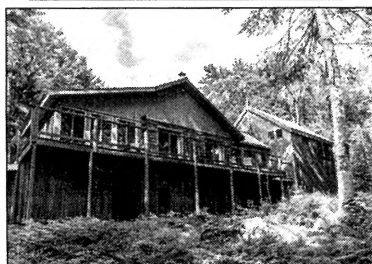


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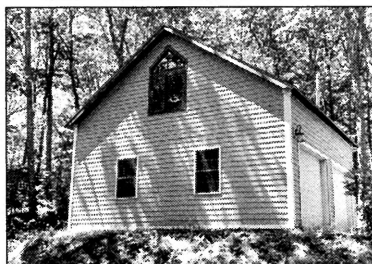
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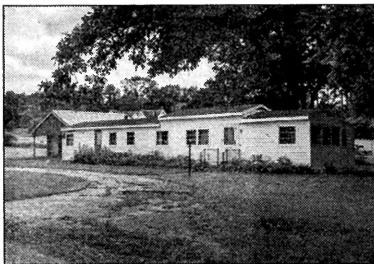
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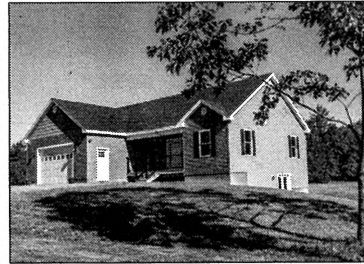
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New Listing



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**\$259,000
Michelle Rhodes
207-702-9276**



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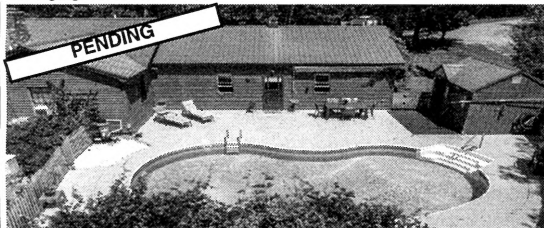
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Mark Eastman, Wendy Carpenter, Daniel See, & Lorrinda Connolly.



Bucksport Looking for a house with character in a village setting? This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath New Englander is filled with charm, big windows on the south side, wood floors, a bath tub for those Sunday soaks and a master with attached laundry and walk-in closet. Looking for space to create? The detached barn provides space that is has reworked underpinning, proper electrical and a new metal roof. Enjoy summer afternoons on the porch appreciating the lovely garden space! Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$224,900**



Orland Looking for privacy with great western views? This 43.2 acre parcel is set on the south-western side of Orcutt Mountain with good potential for solar options. Only a few residents reside on the road affording excellent privacy. Power is on the road. Mixed land of overgrown pasture, some blueberries as well as wooded sections. Just minutes to the village of Bucksport. Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$79,000**



Bucksport Looking for a place to lay your hat that affords some privacy and a picturesque view? This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Contemporary is set on a private 7-acre lot with lovely views of the spring fed pond. Amenities include a master suite with access to the pool/patio, cathedral ceilings in the living room and a 4 season porch with an attached deck. Improvements include a whole house generator for the unexpected, a new awning for those hot summer days and updated bath as well as paint through much of the home. Enjoy summer months by the pool! Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$439,000**



Bucksport Build your new home nestled in the woods on this conveniently located building lot where a home once stood only a short distance from downtown Bucksport. This wooded 1.00 acre lot offers 168' of road frontage with a drilled well and septic on site. There is also a dug well for your gardening needs as well as a shed. This lot is less than 3 miles from either the Jacob Buck Pond Boat Landing, Williams Pond or Silver Lake. Commute to Belfast, Ellsworth or Bangor in only a 1/2 hour. Come take a look at this lot for your new home today! Listing Agent: Lorrinda Connolly **\$29,000**

– Rides

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

Doty's inability to arrange for the rides and carnival-style games made her amended permit application moot so the councilors took no action on the additional requests.

Luke Chiavelli, the town's code enforcement officer, and other town officials have been pondering several changes in the rules governing the use of public spaces by private groups or individuals.

That review was announced several months ago, but the proposed changes have not yet reached the councilors for a final review, and possible public hearing.

Several councilors appeared surprised to hear that Doty's company is a private venture. They apparently thought the Bucksport Bay Area Coalition was more like a cham-

ber of commerce.

Doty was the last executive director of the local chamber before it closed, although its demise had been anticipated long before her short tenure there began.

The former chamber had failed to break even, and depended heavily on town support, as well as its staging of the annual Bucksport Bay festival.

Doty has been trying mightily to bring back a number of community-themed events, and has added a renewal of a Fourth of July celebration to her 2022 roster of programs.

A recent gala she staged also resulted in a \$1,000 gift to the municipal animal shelter.

Other events, such as the visit of a replica of the *Santa Maria* to the Town Dock, have also raised questions about private groups' use of town property.

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FRIENDS & FAMILY

SHE'S 105 . . . BUT WHO'S COUNTING? – Surely not Ruth Bunt, a fixture of the North Bucksport Community, for she doesn't dwell on such things as her chronological age.

While she turned 105 this year, she enjoyed returning to her church on Sunday where the congregation turned out to mark the occasion with flowers, a Happy Birthday balloon and the other festive adornments.

The long-time organist at the small church, Bunt continues to keep track of all sorts of people and events from her home by the side of River Road.

She holds Bucksport's Boston Post gold-headed cane, which is bestowed on a community's eldest resident. She received the cane last year, and at the time she invited all of her visitors to return in a year – and many of them did just that on Sunday.



RUTH BUNT was the center of attention at the North Bucksport United Methodist Church on Sunday. She's now 105.

For a little perspective, Woodrow Wilson was president when she was born, and World War I still was raging. Wilson was the 27th president and Joe Biden now is the 46th. You do the math!

While so much has changed, but not the feisty, friendly attitude of the woman who dwells by the side of the road in North Bucksport.

PAGEANT WINNERS – Olivia Kirby, was crowned Miss Maine Young Princess YAWOS 2022 at a pageant this month in Portland.

The 5-year-old attends kindergarten at the **Jewett School**. She enjoys cooking for people as part of her community outreach project and she volunteers at a local stable caring for the horses.

She is the daughter of **Tammy Rameau** of Bucksport and **Rayon Kirby** of Brooks.

Also, **Savanna Colson**, 21, the daughter of **Dennis and Renee**

Colson of Castine, was crowned Miss Dirigo, Young American Women of Service, 2022.

A sophomore at Southern New Hampshire University, she is studying to become a profiler for the FBI.

Colson earned the Gold Presidential Award for community service this year and the Miss Congeniality Award, elected by her peers.

She enjoys spending her time volunteering in the community that she grew up in and raising awareness on suicide and depression as an advocate for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The two competed in the 13th annual Maine Academic Scholarship Pageant and Green Carpet Fund-raiser event to raise money for the Crossroads Youth Center.

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A deputy's deputy!

We're all familiar with the way emergency responders respond to the tragic death of a colleague, even one they may not know. What they do know is that those who wear the badge not only swear to protect and serve, they actually do it.

EDITORIALS Only those who wear the badge actually can understand that almost tangible bond. They know what it's like to run toward danger while others are fleeing. They know that every move they make, even the most mundane ones, may be videotaped and used against them in some inquiry, along the line.

Those who wear badges spend hours perfecting their ability to use a weapon, hoping against hope, they'll not be called on to do so.

And yes, they know how to help a kid who needs a steady adult hand and some guidance, especially if they're not witnessing that same respect at home.

All of this brings us to Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Luke Ryan Gross, who died doing what he had done many times before. Called to a hit-and-run accident in Trenton, he was struck from behind as he sought to get debris off the road where it might injure others.

But his death is not what Deputy Gross should be remembered for. He was a police officer's police officer, a deputy's deputy, and a man who loved his wife and his two children more than anything else in the world. He talked about them constantly, always with love and admiration, during almost every shift he ever worked.

He and his wife, Lauren, were about to celebrate their 15th anniversary.

Deputy Gross loved children, and had a special way with them, for they knew he cared about each of them. As his obituary on the next page notes, he related well to kids for, in his heart, he remained "a big kid."

Talking with his colleagues, it's clear his tragic death did not make him a hero. But his life of constant caring, sharing, protecting, serving and loving made him a hero to so many who are grieving today.

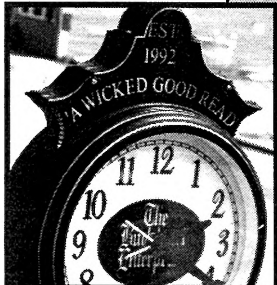
At noon, the Cross Center in Bangor will be filled with hundreds who wear badges. They understand they're celebrating a life of a deputy who consistently did the right thing. There are many others like Deputy Gross, and they, too, shouldn't be forgotten.

Happy anniversary to us!

Next week's edition of *The Bucksport Enterprise* will mark 20 years under the current owner/editor. The paper was started a few years earlier by Sharon Bray of Orland after the corporate owner of the former *Bucksport Free Press* called it quits, unable to keep the weekly profitable.

The *Enterprise* now is the second oldest weekly to be published in Bucksport, having produced over 1,000 editions - 51-a-year - under the present ownership alone. (The *Free Press* survived for over four decades.)

With a staff of but two (and a lot of help from our friends), the *Enterprise* still stands. Thanks for your support.



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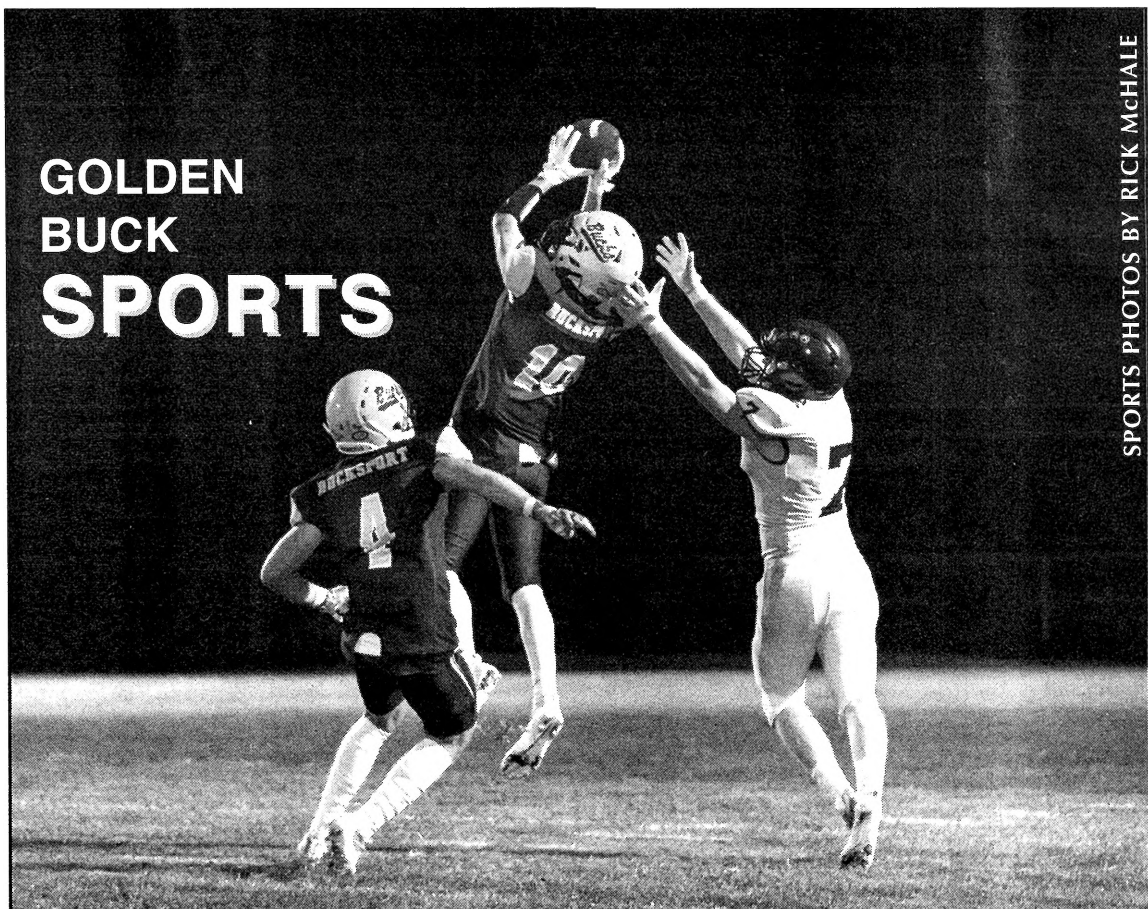
'Working together

To the Editor,
Once again this newspaper has (inexplicably) published a rant by Joe Davanzo, now a candidate for our Town Council.

If ever there was a reason not to vote for Joe, it is his continued behavior toward and disparagement of the Solidarity Bucksport and Bucksport Pride groups.

He is way out of line, and I personally cringe at the thought that he might be making policy for

this town.
These groups have gathered in accordance with the guidelines of our town government, are peacefully supporting points of view they believe in – and they are lawfully entitled to do so.
We do not need to encourage divisiveness in this community... we need to find ways for our good community members to work together on issues as we go forward.
Paula Kee
Bucksport



SENIOR Tyler Hallett leaps high in the air and comes down with the ball. Hallett's interception broke up a John Bapst drive, and gave the Bucks some momentum.



JAXON GROSS with a big-time hit on the John Bapst runner.

BUCKSPORT – The Golden Bucks' home opener went just the way their fans like to see it, piling up a lopsided victory of 43-13 over John Bapst Academy.
Now, the team will be on the road on Saturday, traveling to Oak Hill.

OBITUARY

Deputy Luke Ryan Gross, 1977 - 2021

HANCOCK – Deputy Luke Ryan Gross, 44, of Hancock, passed away in the active line of duty on Sept. 23, 2021 in Trenton.

He was predeceased by his mother Nancy Gross, maternal grandmother Dorothy Moody, aunt Earleen Clement, and aunt Peggy Ann Dunbar.

Luke is survived by his loving wife Lauren Gross, two amazing children, Ryan, 13, and Alissa, 9; cousins Kevin Clement and wife Barb, Rob Dunbar and Fiancé Laura Barrett, Larry Clement and wife Michelle and their children Jillian and Brianna; cousins Toby Dunbar and partner Todd Loveland, Buddy Clement and wife Jodi and their children Emma and Amelia, father and mother-in-law Douglas and Candace Bosse; brother-in-law Jason Bosse and his wife Stephanie and their son Wyatt, Sister-in-law Robin Bosse and her husband George Kalivas; many other beloved family members and friends he considered family, and his cherished brothers and sisters in blue.

Gross, was born on March 26, 1977, and raised by his loving mother, Nancy, in Bucksport. He was a 1995 graduate of Bucksport High School. Luke proudly wore # 80 as a member of the Golden Bucks football team. He fondly recalled a specific game where Bucksport played the Brewer Witches, under the Friday night lights, on the artificial turf at the Maine Maritime Academy in the pouring rain. Luke was a key cog in the Bucksport win!

Luke's lifelong dream was to become a police officer. He attended the University of Maine at Augusta, a proud graduate of the Class of 1998. Luke attended the 92nd MCBPS academy in 2000. In 2001, he moved on to work at the Sabattus Police Department as the Elementary school DARE officer. This position was one that not only suited Luke's skill set and passion but his true calling. Luke loved working with kids. He was often called a big kid, himself. Luke made every young person feel important, valued, and most of all, safe. Everything Luke did was from the heart. He truly cared for all he served.

He found his home for the final 18 years of service as a Deputy with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. He was able to serve and



Deputy Luke Ryan Gross

protect the communities in which he grew up. Luke volunteered as a camp counselor at Camp Postcard, continued as a DARE officer for Hancock County and was actively involved in fund-raising for the Hancock Sheriff's Charities. Luke was known for his calm demeanor. He could come upon the most intense of circumstances, and always provided an assurance that the situation would be cared for with respect, dignity, and passion.

He married Lauren (Bosse) Gross on Oct. 14, 2006, in Bucksport. They were about to celebrate 15 happy years of marriage. In these 15 years, they had two children, Ryan and Alissa. With all of Luke's great accomplishments, being a father was his proudest. Luke loved spending time with his family and friends, and was

always up for a good time and a laugh. He would crack jokes, keeping everyone laughing, especially with his wit and one-liners. You know you were loved by him if he picked on you.

One of Luke's favorite places and activities was spending time with family at camp on Tunk Lake. He loved afternoon wiffleball games in the camp doorway, an evening booze cruise on the pontoon, a game of cribbage, and listening to country music by the bonfire. Above all, he loved being with his children and wife. Luke was kind, selfless, brave, and all his family and friends felt his protection and love. He is forever loved and will be missed by so many.

A celebration of Luke's life will be held Sept. 30, 2021, at noon at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hancock County sheriff's charities, DARE, or to the family C/O Hancock County Sheriff's Office, 50 State Street, Ellsworth ME 04640.

The family of Luke wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Maine State Police, Ellsworth Police Department, Trenton Fire Department, Bucksport Police Department and Fire Department, Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral home, all Maine Law enforcement for standing watch, and for all the support from the community.

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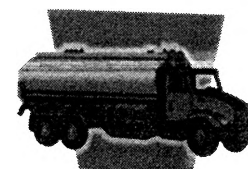
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— Bringing home Deputy Luke —

BUCKSPORT – Police cruisers - dozens and dozens of them - rolled quietly down Main Street Sunday afternoon. The officers respectfully were accompanying the body of their colleague back to the town where he earned respect and teamwork as a member of the Bucksport High School's Golden Bucks football squad.

Luke Ryan Gross, who graduated from the school with the Class of 1995, knew even then he would be a police officer. He pursued that career with both gusto and patience day-in and day-out, earning the respect of his fellow officers.

Last Thursday (9/23) that career ended as the 44-year-old swept away some debris from an accident scene on Route 3 in Trenton. He was struck from behind by a pick-up truck, and succumbed at the scene.

He died doing something he'd done dozens of times before. He simply wanted that debris gone, lest someone hit it and be injured.

On Sunday, the hearse was centered in a line of cruisers who motored by in absolute

silence. The hearse was flanked by officers on motorcycles. Hundreds of them had gathered at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Bangor, and each intersection from there to here was briefly blocked by still more officers.

The driver of the hearse said the trip on Sunday had an unreal quality to it. She was not used to driving right through so many red lights.

Officers stood by the side of the road at the intersections delivering snappy salutes of respect, as the hearse passed.

Each officer in that long cortege and those on side of the road as the hearse passed knew this was not just another officer who had died in his prime just doing his duty.

Each knew they had put themselves at risk even doing simple things like making a routine traffic stop or clearing debris from an accident scene.

Those who knew him best - his fellow deputies in the Hancock County Sheriff's Office - seemed to speak as one as they talked about their colleagues. He was a man who truly loved his family. He was the first to volun-

teer, the most comforting of back-ups in dicey situations, "a deputy's deputy" and a fun and friendly fellow to share a coffee or lunch and joke with, and so much more.

The deputies didn't speak of Gross as a hero, but each in his own way made clear how much love and respect they had for the guy.

An honor guard of deputies from across the state, has maintained an honor guard by their colleague's casket 24/7 from the moment his body arrived at the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home here last week. Four shifts a day, all day, every day.

It can be very lonely out there on patrol, zipping from one place in the county to another, often being the only law enforcement officer awake and alert for miles around. Sure, most of the calls are routine and merit little more than a brief entry in the logbook. But, sometimes, the mundane proves much more than the initial call indicates.

The dispatcher's summons to Trenton last Thursday morning was one of those "it could have been me calls," the ones officers and their families try not to dwell upon.

What's happening where and when

Events

October 2 - 4 - Arts & Crafts Weekend - While the annual arts and crafts extravaganza is being celebrated across

Maine, this year Bucksport is one of the featured locations. On Saturday, the Lighthouse Gallery will display the work of 60 Maine artists.

The gallery also will host a fun and educational fiber arts show. Demonstrations will include spinning, carding, dyeing, felting, and silk scarf painting and a special presentation will be offered on natural dyes with live animals on the lawn for the family to enjoy. Inside, many artists will be there selling their wares. Jewelry, woodcarving and watercolor demonstrations will be held throughout the day. Two local authors also will discuss their newest works.

The Bucksport Garden Club will have its plant and pie sale with one-of-a-kind and hand-made wreaths, ornaments and more.

People can visit an open working studio of glass artists and students crafting stained glass pieces at the Stubborn Cow Glass.

Afternoon attendees can sip wine and enjoy tapas at Verona Wine and Design in their European-style outdoor courtyard, a grape stomping event and crafts made from aged wine barrels.

A demonstration in Nantucket basket weaving is being hosted by Port O' Call. Basketry will be for sale.

The Friars' Brewhouse & Tap Room where they will be launching two new brews accompanied by their own house made pretzels and German food for Oktoberfest

• Saturday, Oct. 2 - The Bucksport Garden Club will hold its annual fall bulb and pie sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 74 Main Street. There'll be bulbs, pies, baked goods, used books, raffle items and more.

• Thursday, Oct. 14 - The Hancock County Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. at their headquarters in the Maine Coast Mall. The speakers will be Lauren LePage regarding NRA; Paula Sutton talking about "rowing our county" and Thia Embers on "Maine stands up to lawsuit". *Sandi Blanchette of Orland at 944-8444.*

• Tuesday, Oct. 26 - From 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., Dr. Stephen York will offer a one-session-only, free public discussion of *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry. Please register by 5 P.M. by Friday, Oct. 22, by signing for the event in Brown Hall or call the church office at 469-3333. The book is available to order (at discount) at Bookstacks on Main Street.

In the libraries

Stockton Springs Community Library
Oct. 2 - Story Time will resume on the first Saturday of the month, starting this Saturday. The free public program will run from 10 to 11 a.m., and includes stories, snacks and activities. Masks are required. 567-4147, www.stocktonspringlibrary.org

• Oct. 6 - Maine Audubon's Nicholas Lund to Speak at Stockton Springs Community Library at 6 p.m. He will speak about State of the Birds: Decades of Change. Reserve a seat by calling 567-4147. Masks will be required.

Ellsworth Public Library
• Saturday, Oct. 2. The library will launch its National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program exploring Can't

We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast with a virtual author talk with John Leland at 7 p.m.

The kick-off event will feature John Leland, a reporter for *The New York Times* and author of *Happiness is Choice You Make: Lessons from a Year Among the Oldest Old*. Leland will share his experience interviewing older adults and will take questions from the audience.

Free copies of the Big Read book and this year's companion picture book, *The Remember Balloons* by Jesse Oliveros, are at the library. Abby Morrow at amorrow@ellsworthlibrary.net

Blue Hill Library

Here are the calendar listings for October:

• Art Show: Ball of Confusion, paintings and two-dimensional art, during library hours, Oct. 1-28, Blue Hill Library, 374-5515. Reception for artists on Saturday Oct 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. 374-5515.

• Teen Advisory Board - Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. Meeting, creative space for teens and planning for Library programs. Teens should email kendall.chapman@bhpl.net or call 374-5515.

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The minimum bid for the gangway is \$5,000

Each item will be bid on separately. If bidding on multiple items please provide a separate envelope for each item. Please identify what item(s) you are bidding on, on the outside of the envelope.

All items need to be picked up by the high bidder. The town will not deliver the items.

These items can be viewed at 362 Central St Bucksport, Maine.

Sealed bids are due to the Waterfront Department at the Bucksport Town Office by noon on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

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Bucksport Regional
Health Center

Advertisement for Sealed Bids

Bucksport Regional Health Center is now accepting sealed bids for the following Behavioral Health services:

Seeking, contracted, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) to provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services @ our Bucksport and Ellsworth locations, 24 hours per week, starting Oct 1st, 2021 thru Sept 31st, 2022.

Bids must be submitted individually in a sealed envelope marked: "SEALED BID PMHNP Services" and received at BRHC, 110 Broadway, Bucksport, ME, 04416 prior to Oct 9th, 2021. BRHC reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it is determined to be in the best interest of BRHC.

09/30/21

Senior Center menus

BUCKSPORT – The three-times-a-week luncheons are \$6. The take-out and delivered meals are offered to all, regardless of age or income, order meals by calling 469-3632 by 9 a.m. on the day of the meal.

• Friday, Oct. 1 – Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potato, corn and pie.

• Monday, Oct. 4 – Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, carrots and lemon tart.

• Wednesday, Oct. 6 – Homemade lasagna, salad, garlic bread and cake.

• Friday, Oct. 8 – Chicken pot pie, stuffing, cranberry

sauce and a cookie.

• Monday, Oct. 11 – NO MEAL – Indigenous Peoples Day.

• Wednesday, Oct. 13 – Turkey w/gravy, mashed potato, green beans and crisp.

• Friday, Oct. 15 – Haddock casserole, rice, peas and lemon squares.

• Monday, Oct. 18 – Chicken alfredo, roll, broccoli and a cookie.

• Wednesday, Oct. 20 – Meatloaf, baked potato, peas & carrots and fresh fruit.

Writer praises town's vigor

BUCKSPORT – The town has been nominated as one of the top 20 best coastal small towns in United States today.

The town was nominated by Deb Fallows, who visited briefly and wrote an article extolling Bucksport's recovery from the loss of the mill. She circulated her findings on her blog. Kennebunkport is the only other Maine community on the list.

YARD & GARAGE SALES

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 2 & 3

62 KENNEY DRIVE (off the River Road), Bucksport. – Garage sale. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Antique furniture and other assorted items.

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 2 & 3

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PUBLIC MEALS

Saturday, Oct. 2

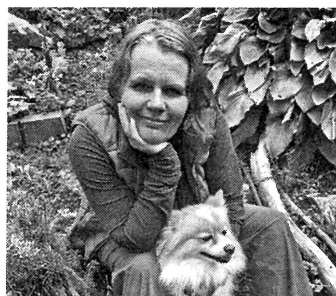
• TAKE-OUT BEAN SUPPER – Pre-order take-out bean suppers at the Orland United Methodist Church. The meals are \$6 each, and can be picked up between 5 and 6 p.m. at the Parish Hall on Narramisc Drive. Pre-order by calling 469-

3734 or e-mail orlandumc@aol.com.

• BEAN SUPPER – The East Orrington Congregational Church is hosting an "eat-in-or-take-out" bean supper from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The complete meals are \$8 each. Call 835-3404 or visit the eoccmc.com for details.



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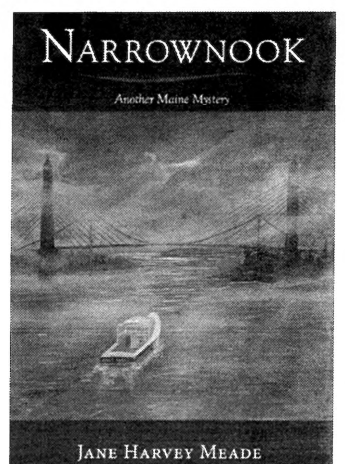
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Summonses

BUCKSPORT - These persons received court summonses:

- Matthew Morrison, 43, of Orland was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 10:15 p.m. and given a summons for an alleged registration violation.
- Ashley Cohen, 34, of Bucksport got a ticket for reportedly driving a vehicle with a suspended registration. She was stopped on State Route 46 about 5:15 p.m. on Sept. 22.

Accidents

BUCKSPORT - These accidents were listed here:

- Two vehicles collided near the Hannaford supermarket on U.S. Route 1 shortly after noon on Sept. 20. The drivers were listed as Vanny Bong, 62, of Gorham and Jessica Poole, 39 of Glenburn. The damage to both vehicles was estimated at less than \$2,000.

Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT - Police logged these accidents involving deer:

- George Duke, 65, of Woodstock, GA struck a deer on State Route 46 about 7:30 p.m. last Thursday (9/23).
- James Beach, 75, of Bucksport encountered one while driving on the Millvale Road about 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 22.
- Xu Cui, 61, of Bucksport hit a deer on the River Road about 30 minutes after midnight on Sept. 22.
- A vehicle being driven by Earl Hill, 36, of Orland struck one on State Route 46 about 9:45 p.m. on Sept. 30.

Thefts reported

BUCKSPORT - Police reported these thefts:

- A vehicle reportedly was taken from a

residence but it later was returned and the owner opted not to pursue the matter. The incident was reported about 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 20.

- A sand blaster was reported taken from a residence. The incident was logged the afternoon of Sept. 19.

Youth assisted

BUCKSPORT - A 16-year-old local boy jumped from the W. Edward Thegan Memorial Bridge connecting Bucksport and Verona Island shortly after 1:20 p.m. on Friday (9/24).

Local and county first responders assisted the youth from the water, and arranged for him to receive the appropriate treatment.

Drug gear found

BUCKSPORT - A landlord reported finding drug paraphernalia left behind by a former tenant, and asked the police to properly dispose of it. The incident was reported about 6:30p.m. on Saturday.

Police escorts

BUCKSPORT - Local law enforcement personnel were involved in the escort of the body of Deputy Sheriff Luke Ryan Gross, first to Augusta last Thursday (9/23) for the routine medical examination after his fatal accident in Trenton earlier in the day.

They again were among the scores of officers who participated in the return of the deputy's body from Bangor to Bucksport and the funeral home here on Sunday afternoon.

And the procedure and motorcade of honor will be repeated today in time for the celebration of the life of Deputy Gross at the Cross Center at noon (9/30). The local department will assure safe passage of the cortege through Bucksport.

Man fatally shot in Auburn

AUBURN - A police officer on Monday morning fatally shot a man they say was from Bucksport.

The shooting of Joseph Arbour, 36, came after what police described as an "armed confrontation" between Arbour and the officer who shot him.

Arbour reportedly was fleeing across the parking lot of a local motel, having crawled through a window of the motel where a caller claimed a woman was being held against her will.

An Auburn officer declined to say what sort of weapon Arbour may have had.

Arbour's connection to Bucksport is unclear, as records show nothing indicating he ever owned property, registered a vehicle, held a fishing or hunting license or voted in the town. Bucksport police

also said they've been unable to find any no record of where Arbour may have resided in the town.


Auburn police went to the motel in response to the call that a woman was being held against her will in one of the rooms. They then forcibly entered the room and found the occupants had fled through a window.

Sgt. Steven Gosselin, a 24-year veteran with the department, encountered a man in the parking lot. After attempting to talk to Arbour and a short pursuit on foot, the fatal shot was fired. Arbour died at the scene.

As is usual in such cases, Gosselin is on administrative leave, and the state attorney general's office is investigating.

RECYCLE

PUBLIC NOTICE



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09/30/21

Preservation being sought for Penobscot site

HANCOCK COUNTY - The Conservation Fund has acquired the 336-acre Wallamatogus Mountain property in the Town of Penobscot at the request of the Blue Hill Heritage Trust.

This coastal mountain property, which is in the original homeland of the Wabanaki people, has long been a conservation priority for the Blue Hill Peninsula community.

"The acquisition marks a critical step toward the protection of a key community resource," said Tom Duffus, vice president and northeast representative for The Conservation Fund. "Mt. Wallamatogus provides invaluable cultural, environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the Blue Hill Peninsula and the residents of the Town of Penobscot. We are committed to seeing this property protected forever."

The Conservation Fund, a national not-for-profit dedicated to underwriting conservation solutions that make environmental and economic sense, will hold the property for up to three years while Blue Hill Heritage Trust and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust collaborate on raising the money needed to purchase the land.

The purchase requires the largest raising of cash in the 36-year history of the Blue Hill group. The property has long been a priority to keep undeveloped and available for people to visit.

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