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Deputy Luke Gross to be honored posthumously

BUCKSPORT – A home town Golden Buck who knew from childhood he wanted to be a police officer lost his life in the line of duty when he was struck from behind by a pick-up truck, and succumbed at the scene on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

An announcement was made by the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce that Hancock County Deputy Luke Gross will receive the Ellsworth Citizen of the Year Award posthumously, May 18, 2022 at the award ceremony. The award will be accepted by his wife, Lauren Gross.

His obituary was printed in the September 30, 2021 issue of this paper - *The Bucksport Enterprise*.

Deputy Luke Ryan Gross was a

proud 1995 graduate of Bucksport High School and a valuable member of the Golden Bucks football team.

As we reported previously he was regarded highly by his colleagues and especially by his fellow deputies in the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. He was referred to as "a deputy's deputy."

On Sunday, September 26, 2021 Luke rode through Bucksport on his way to the local funeral home where an honor guard was maintained by his casket 24/7 once he arrived. (please see photo at left).

We offer a reprint of the article honoring Deputy Luke Ryan Gross that appears on Page 5.



ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO BY SANDY HOLMES

Above: September 26, 2021 police escort of the hearse bearing the body of Deputy Luke Gross entering Bucksport for a final ride.

Success at the Summit for kidney donor

Kristyn Nordfors, a Brewer resident and Bucksport mail carrier, was selected to be one of 22 kidney donors that will represent Kidney Donor Athletes (KDA) with a summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro on World Kidney Day (March 10, 2022).

Kristyn donated a kidney to a 6 year old Bangor boy in 2020 and is using this climb to bring awareness to living donation, demonstrate what is possible post-donation, and to launch initiatives which inspire, support, and educate people about the experience of living donation.

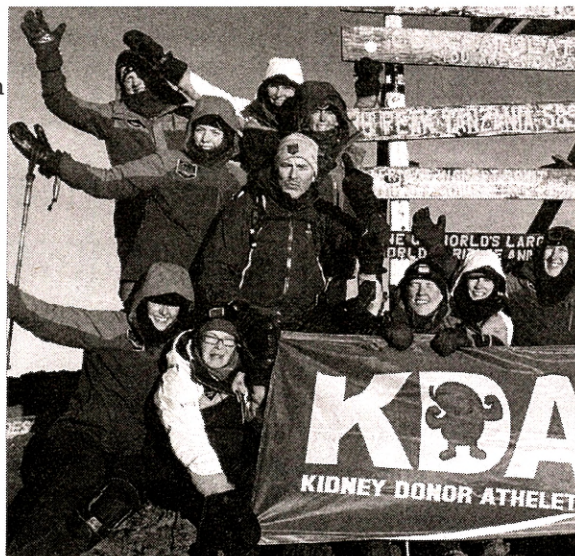
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Kristyn told us in an email recently: "Kilimanjaro was an incredible adventure! The hardest thing I've ever done. Lots of tears and hugs at the summit. I could not have done it without our amazing crew of Tanzanian guides. I've made lifelong friendships with my fellow kidney donors and we're already planning our next adventure!"

"We left from Moshi on March 4 and summited at 7am local time on March 10, World Kidney Day. We

arrived back in Moshi on March 11. 6.5 days up and only 1.5 days down. A total of 42 miles, over 12,000 ft on trail elevation gain to a summit elevation of 19,341 ft."

For more information on becoming a living kidney donor, your readers may visit kidneydonorathlete.org



— **KRISTYN NORDFORS** at the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro on March 10 with her fellow kidney donors. She is at left with the pole in her hand.

RSU 25 Board approves 8-man football league

BUCKSPORT—The school calendar for the upcoming year was approved unanimously at the Special board meeting of RSU 25 last Wednesday (3/23).

The Board approved sending a letter of intent to Mechanical Services Inc.- Building Infrastructure Management Solutions for an audit to determine continued work needed on energy efficient and HVAC projects at the schools.

"The target date is May for the list of potential projects that will go to the facilities committee first and then to the Board for final approval", Superintendent of Schools James Boothby said yesterday in a telephone interview.

Also, an open discussion was lead by member Tom Foster to hear arguments to help determine

whether RSU 25 to go to an 8-man football league.

Parents, coaches and players spoke to the Board, both for and against the transition.

A.D. Aaron Ward indicated he had spoken to many of the returning players with the majority in favor of the move. The team is expected to have 26 returning players, with the addition of 5 more from the middle school next fall.

Supt. Boothby said he wanted to see the determination based on what was right for the student, with travel not the deciding factor. This will allow teams to play against more traditional, regional opponents.

In the end it was voted 8-0 to go to the 8-man league formation in the fall of 2022.

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

— **THE TAX MAN COMETH!** — Town Manager Susan M. Lessard would like to remind everyone the date for the second half of the taxes are is today, March 31st, and is when interest will start to accrue.

— **COVID UPDATES AVAILABLE** — The front page of the Town's website now has local and RSU case numbers and information. They will be updated weekly, to allow those who want to assess risk factors in the ongoing pandemic.

— **COMMUNITY GARDEN** location

will be discussed with a presentation by Town Manager Sue Lessard to the Gardner Commons Board on April 28. The proposal is for a garden to be located on the empty lot next to them.

— **PRICES LOCKED IN UNTIL JUNE** — While the new Town Budget is being worked on, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said with prices being so volatile, it would probably be difficult to get quotes for pricing for diesel and gas, so bids are not going out until later. Prices are locked in with last year's prices until June 30, of this

year.

— **ANNOUNCEMENT ??** — Whole Oceans LLC had promised Sue Lessard they would update the Town by the end of the first quarter (which incidentally is today) with their plans for the long-awaited salmon fish farm.. As of this writing, no announcement has been forthcoming.

— **OOPS!** — In this column last week about the **COMMUNITY GARDEN** the number of recipes that can be submitted should be from 3 - 5, not up to 3.

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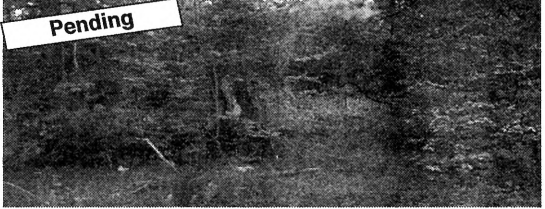
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<p>Pending</p>  <p>Bucksport - Looking for privacy with great western views? This 43.2 acre parcel is set on the southwestern side of O'Leary Mountain with good potential for solar options. Only a few residents reside on the road affording excellent 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.</p> <p>Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$79,000</p>	<p>Pending</p>  <p>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!</p> <p>Listing Agent: Lorrinda Connolly \$29,000</p>

REAL ESTATE NEWS

MAINE HOME SALES EASE DUE TO LACK OF FOR-SALE INVENTORY - AUGUSTA (March 18, 2022)—Buyer demand for Maine real estate continues to fuel a competitive market, and a lower-than-normal supply of single-family existing homes for sale has driven sales prices higher. According to Maine Listings, February 2022 sales declined 17.33 percent compared to February 2021, while the median sales price (MSP) increased 21.48 percent to \$297,500. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

"The demand for Maine homes sales remains strong and home sales totals are being held back

by the low supply of for-sale inventory," says Madeleine Hill, 2022 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Designated Broker at Roxanne York Real Estate on Bailey Island. "Even after two years of the pandemic, most homes for sale in Maine are receiving multiple purchase offers and are under contract within days."

"While it's a competitive market for buyers, record numbers are becoming Maine homeowners," says Hill. "The number of single-family homes sold in February 2022 is the second-best February in the past five years, and third best since we began keeping records 24 years ago. Know your 'must have's' for homeownership and work with your REALTOR® and mortgage lender to be prepared to act quickly and negotiate effectively."

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FRIENDS & FAMILY

HILLSIDE CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING

The **Hillside Cemetery Association** will hold its annual meeting on April 10, 2022 at Ray Wight's home, 46 Wight's Lane, Bucksport at 1 p.m.

AUCTION/ BEAN SUPPER—The **Elm Street Congregational Church** will sponsor a fundraising Baked Bean Supper and silent auction for Barbara Perry's grandson, Lucas Gray-Chase, diagnosed with terminal cancer. Saturday, June 4 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Donations are welcome. For information or to help call: 469-3333.

GET OUT YOUR RAKES—May 14 has been designated as "Make Bucksport Beautiful Day," with volunteers encouraged to clean up their neighborhood or a section of roadside

or some area downtown.

The town will provide the trash bags, and the highway crew will collect the bags later.

The volunteers will receive coupons for a free ice cream cone.

99 CANDLES!—A (hopefully) surprise birthday party will be held on April 1 at the Jed Prouty at 2pm to celebrate Ethel Cunningham's 99th birthday!

BEAN SUPPERS/YARD SALES—It is that time of year again. Make sure you get your announcements and advertisements in by the Monday of the week you are holding the event(s) and if you wish to draw a larger crowd, a week earlier would be an even better idea. You can make a drop off information on the porch of *The Bucksport Enterprise* on Main Street, in the "Paul Revere" mailbox by the door, call 469-6722 or mail it to PO Box 829, Bucksport, ME.

Allow time for the Post Office to get it to us please. Don't forget location, phone number and address.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS—the **Town of Bucksport** is seeking to establish a program for volunteers to assist seniors and those with ability challenges with maintenance and small home repairs.

The goal is to run the program twice a year. Volunteers are expected to have skill sets needed from the ability to rake leaves and weed gardens to carpentry skills.

Interested people should email: slessard@bucksportmaine.gov, or call Sue Lessard at the Town Office at 469-7368.



ALL THAT JAZZ!

The Bucksport High School Jazz combo and Bucksport High School Drama Club will be holding a showcase at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center on April 1st from 6-7 pm.

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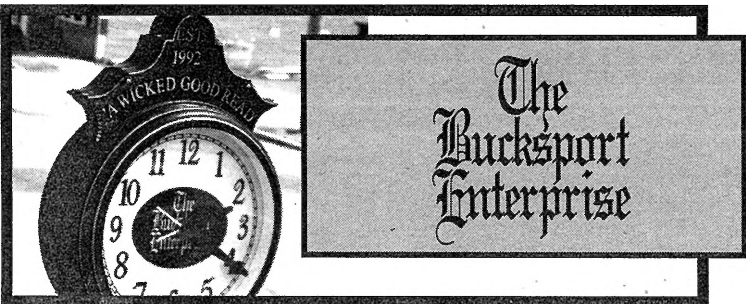
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Dear Presidents Vladimir Putin and Joseph Biden, Ordinarily small local newspapers like this one are filled with small community news, the sort of stuff that occurs down the street or around the corner; papers like this one generally leave the big topics to the big papers. However, when those in command of vast lethal resources begin talking of nuclear weapons and chemical warfare and the pronouncement of the president of our own country is frequently followed by the words, "clean-up on Aisle 6," so Mr. Biden, you have an obligation to avoid shooting from the hip, speaking or whispering things that could get a vast number of folks hurt or, worse, killed. Suddenly everything becomes local. It does not matter if we live in Aardvark, ND or Yuckapuck, Japan or Bucksport, Maine, the words nuclear and chemical should

EDITORIALS give pause to every thinking person on the planet. Only you, Mr. Putin, can know the seriousness of your intent in Ukraine and beyond. But you, President Biden, you have an obligation to us, the American people, you have an obligation to speak the words your handlers have written for you to speak and no more. No ad libs. No little jokes. Nothing but the text on the teleprompter. Anything more is to give aid to our common enemy, and to sow discord among our allies at this pivotal moment in world history. Presidential statements cannot be confused with campaign rhetoric. A president's remarks must be clear and direct, for the entire world is listening. Leave the folksy, just plain-old-Uncle-Joe stuff for the campaign stump.

A true champion

This ordinarily would have been a tribute to Bucksport High School athlete Jaxon Gross, for this year he earned the state championship for wrestlers in the 220-pound weight class. Anyone who has watched his development during the season would think the win was predestined. Indeed, his brother and Dad have both previously won the State championship. We congratulate Jaxon, but we also want to recognize the entire Gross clan for they have done great things for the wrestling program that Jaxon's dad now coaches. The Gross family has not only accumulated plenty of wrestling hardware, but they have also inspired every member of the Bucksport wrestling team to be the best she or he could be. Those who compete at meets where Bucksport High School wrestlers are present know they're in for some tough matches – for Bucksport wrestlers never go down easily. And the constant support of each member of the Gross family to each and every wrestler makes that happen.



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A Letter from Senator Susan Collins

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Senator Collins Urges Social Security Administration to Immediately Reopen Field Offices

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Senator Susan Collins wrote to Social Security Administration (SSA) Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi to urge her to immediately reopen the SSA's field offices that have been closed for more than two years. In January, the SSA indicated that it was planning reentry of its teleworkers on March 30 and anticipating that field offices would resume in-person services to the public in early April. However, the agency has still not provided a specific date in April that the field offices will reopen to the public.

"It has now been two full years since the SSA suspended in-person services because of the COVID-19 pandemic," Senator Collins wrote. "While the SSA reportedly submitted

its reentry plan to the Office of Management and Budget in July 2021, it has still failed to fully reopen its offices to the public. The resulting disruptions to millions of Social Security beneficiaries are especially difficult for individuals and seniors in rural areas who do not have reliable telephone or Internet access and experience mail backlogs and delays in receiving benefit payments."

Senator Collins has repeatedly urged the Biden Administration to transition federal workers back to in-person operations to address the widespread lack of responsiveness and accessibility across the federal government. In November 2021, she joined a group of 42 Senators in sending a letter to the heads of the Office of Personnel Management, the General Services Administration, and the Office of Management and Budget, calling on them to bring federal workers back to offices. Additionally, in December 2021, she joined a group of 15 Senators in pushing the SSA to immediately reopen its field offices.

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OBITUARY

Joanne Grunwald, 1942 - 2022

ORLAND – Joanne W. Grunwald, 80, died Sunday, March 27, 2022 at her home with her loving family by her side.

Per Joanne's request there

will be no services.

Donations in Joanne's memory may be made to Hancock County Hospice, 441 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605.

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– Bringing home Deputy Luke –

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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



PHOTO FROM HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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 redlights.

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 the 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 colleague. He was a man who truly loved his family. He was the first to volunteer, 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.



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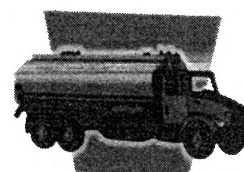
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Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT - There were two reports of deer being struck on local roads last week:

- A vehicle hit a deer and it was reported that it was still alive on a lawn on the River Road. The report was called in Fri (3/25) about 5:30 p.m. The deer was dispatched and the DOT was notified.

- At approximately 10 p.m. Sat. (3/26) Madison Colson, 20, of Castine reportedly struck a deer that ran into the roadway. There was some damage to the vehicle, but the deer took off.

Accidents - Other

BUCKSPORT - Police reported no other accidents here this past week.

Summonses -

BUCKSPORT - These summonses were processed by officers last week:

- Crystal Cunningham, 30, of Belfast was charged at approximately 1 p.m. on Route 1 for operating after suspension. Fri (3/25).

- A summons was issued to Dawn Dodge, 23, of Belfast for operating a vehicle without a license. She was stopped on Route 1 approximately 7 p.m. last Fri. (3/25).

- Christopher Hartfield, 32, of Bucksport received a summons for registration and insurance violations. He was



pulled over Sat.(3/26) approximately 10 a.m. while driving on Route 1.

Found & lost

BUCKSPORT - Have you lost a wallet or a debit card? The emergency dispatch office at the Public Safety Building may be able to brighten your life.

A cell phone, also a dog, (?) a set of car keys and a scooter, were all reported found within the last week.

Fire Damage Minimized —

BUCKSPORT - On Sunday, approximately 1 p.m. it was reported that a vehicle was on fire at 338 Town Farm Road.

The vehicle was parked next to a residence --close enough to catch the side of the house on fire where there was a 130 pound propane tank and a 275 oil tank to complicate matters.

That structure had a metal roof-over-a-roof and the fire spread overhead catching about 10 feet into the attic

crawl space.

Though a hole had to be cut in the roof to put out the fire, damage was minimized by putting down tarps to protect the front two rooms and personal belongings.

"The home is still liveable. It was a good stop," said Deputy Chief Michael Denning in a telephone interview Tuesday.

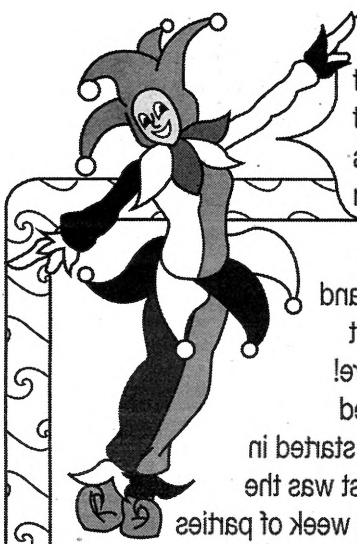
Vandalism/damage

BUCKSPORT -

- A call about possible vandalized property was received approximately 7 p.m. on Mon. (3/21). It was reported that damage was made to a lock on a trailer containing tools located on Bucksmills Road. Also there was no entry made to a vehicle in question.

- On Wed. (3/23) approximately 12:30 in the afternoon a male was in to report damage to his rock wall. According to the police report it looked as though someone had run into a rock wall at 51 Heritage Park causing damage. The homeowner reported he thought it might have been intentional.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY FUN!



I love thinking up harmless, funny jokes to tease my friends on April Fool's Day. To be able to read the first part of my "tricky" letter below about April Fool's Day simply hold it up to a mirror or you can try to read it backwards!

April Fool's Day is a time of fun. People like to play harmless jokes and pranks. One favorite trick is to point out something that is not really there! April Fool's Day is used to be called All Fool's Day. It is thought to have started in France. A long time ago, March 21st was the date of the New Year. A little over a week of parties and fun followed. On the last day of the festivities, April 1st, most people were big and quite exchanged.

In the 16th century, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. March 21st was no longer New Year's Day and April 1st was no longer the "right day" to visit and give gifts.

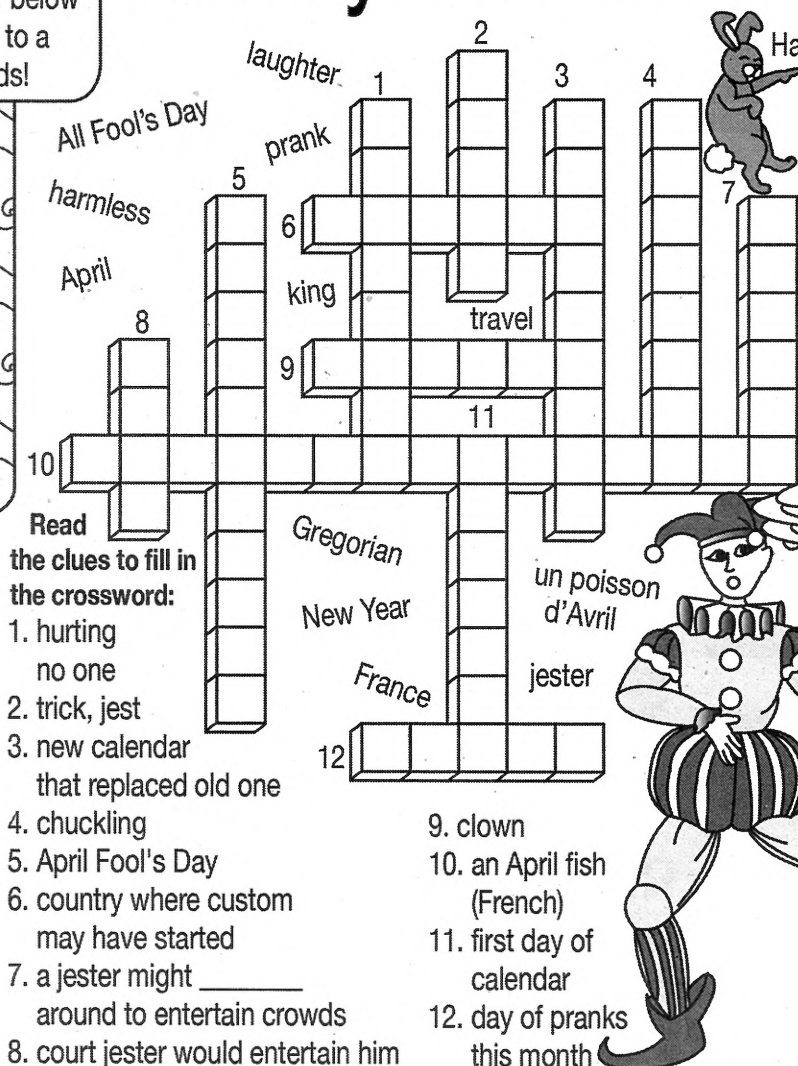
News traveled slowly in those times, so many people kept April 1st as the last big day of the holiday season. Many others refused to change their ways. People who clung to the old ways were called April Fools.

Today, on April 1st, you might hear people call out, "Poisson d'Avril!" They have fooled someone and are calling him or her an April fish. That person took the "bait" and was easily "caught." April Fool's Day is a time to share some laughter with friends and family.



Surely You Jest!

April Fool's Day Fun



Synonyms are words that have almost the same meaning. Can you find and circle 3 or more synonyms for the word "prank"?

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ASPIRE SCHEDULE

As March is coming to a close, we are happy to share with you some recent and upcoming happenings in RSU 25 in this month's Aspire Golden Bucks newsletter:

- The Maine Virtual Career Fair
- The Freshman Honors English Magazine
- Impacts and Results of the Educator GooseChase
- Celebrating the Life Skill of Sportsmanship
- Ongoing and Upcoming Event listings
- Middle School In-person Career Talk
- Middle School Life & Career Fair

The March 2022 newsletter, along with all previous issues, can be found at the Aspire Golden Bucks website and on our social media pages (see below).

For the direct link to the current issue, you can click here:
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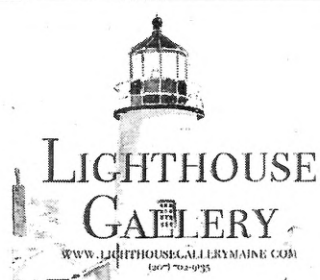
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events

PRIDE POP-UP

Saturday, April 2

The 2022 Bucksport Pride Pin Drop & Formal Wear Drive for Out Maine's Rainbow Ball will be Saturday April 2, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 74 Main Street, (in Bayside Beauty parking lot across from Community Pharmacy.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 3

The Orland Community Center businesses will be hosting a community Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Orland Community Center, 21 School House Road. Bike raffle, food and snacks.

BEAN SUPPER

Saturday, April 9

The Prospect Community Center will be hosting monthly benefit supper on Saturday, April 9th, 4 - 6 p.m. at the Prospect Community Center dining room at the corner of Rte 1A & 174 across from the Prospect Fire Station. Beans, hotdogs, pulled pork, lasagna, chop suey, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, clam and chicken casseroles, fresh salads, homemade pies, cakes and yeast rolls. Adults \$10; Children under 12, \$2. Benefit for building maintenance and community concerns. Call 567-3170 or email: jmcveigh261@gmail.com.

COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, April 23

• CLASS OF '22 -

Commencement Ceremony - The Maine Maritime Academy at 11:30 a.m. in the Alexander Field House. The college is planning an in-person, ticketed event. MMA's health and safety protocols will be upheld, and in accordance with current guidelines, masking throughout the event is anticipated. For those who are unable to attend, the college will host a livestream broadcast of the ceremony.

Concerts

Tuesday, May 31

• Flash in the Pans

Waterfront Concert - Watch for further information in this column

Saturday, Aug. 13

• JUST FOR FUN

Trombone Concert — This fun-filled annual event featuring some of the finest trombone players from all over the East Coast of the United States and Canada was cancelled last year because of Covid. If you're planning ahead, the 35th edition will be held at 7 p.m. in the Elm Street Congregational Church.

In Brown Hall

Tuesday, April 12 -

• KNOW YOUR NEIGH-

BOR - 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. guest is Leslie Ross, Hancock County Case & Program Coordinator of Downeast Restorative Justice.

Mondays

• TARTAN TUNES -

Scottish dancing has resumed in Brown Hall. For details, call

Dawn Little at 702-9294. New participants and observers are most welcome.

Tuesdays

• BOOK TALK - April 5, 7:00-8:30 P.M. with Dr. York in the Community Meeting Room to discuss Wendell Berry's short story, *Are You All Right?* Book discussions will meet every Tuesday except for the second Tuesday of the month.

Wednesday, April 6 -

• GRACE - 10:30 a.m. to noon. (Grass Roots Arts & Community Education) meets in the Community Meeting room. More details to come; newcomers are welcome.

Monday, April 11 -

• KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR - 6 p.m., Bucksport Next quarterly meeting in Brown Hall Community Meeting Room and broadcast over Youtube.com.

Tuesday, April 12 -

• KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR - 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. guest is Leslie Ross, Hancock County Case & Program Coordinator of Downeast Restorative Justice. May 10 - the Know Your Neighbor guest will be Tracey Hair, executive director of H.O.M.E.

Saturdays

• BAKED BEAN SUPPERS - will resume on the third Saturday of the month: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20 and September 17. Volunteers are most helpful.

In the libraries

Buck Memorial

Wednesday and Thursdays

• STORY TIMES -

Children explore the world of books and stories each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and each Thursday at 4 p.m.

• NEW HOURS - The

Buck Memorial Library now is open on Tuesdays from 10 to 4; each Wednesday from 10 to 4; each Thursday from 10 to 6; Fridays from 10 to 4; and on Saturdays from 10 to 2.

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

• Getting started with backyard gardening: April 8th or 9th at 10am

• Beginners propagation and seed saving techniques: May 13th or 14th at 10am.

• Common Pests and Problems: Diagnosis and Treatment: June 10th or 11th 10am.

• Help! I Have Too Much Zucchini! (or other woes of the overplanted/overproducing garden): July 15th or 16th at 10am.

Other programs in the coming months include:

Come to the library April 2nd from 10:30-12:30 and decorate an Easter Egg, and listen to some stories.

Celebrate Earth Day at the library on April 23rd from 10:30-12:30. Listen to stories and do some earth-themed activities.

Attend our kick-off event for our Community Summer

Reading Program, Oceans of Possibilities. Linda Greenlaw will be joining us at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center on Sunday May 15th at 2:00 pm. Bring your family and listen to her stories. If you have one of her books you are welcome to bring it for her to sign, or pick up a copy at Bookstacks before the program.

Blue Hill Public Library

Saturday, April 30

• READINGS ON RACE

On Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m. the Blue Hill Library's monthly Readings on Race Discussion Group will meet in the Howard Room and online. The group is taking a short break from reading and instead will discuss the podcast This Land, hosted by Rebecca Nagle of Crooked Media, which follows the Supreme Court Case Sharp v. Murphy, and discusses indigenous issues such as land rights, tribal sovereignty and the Indian Child Welfare Act. This podcast can be listened to online at www.crooked.com.

Tuesday, April 5,

• STORY TIME ON THE LAWN

Kids and their families are invited to join Youth Services Librarian Claire Malina at the Blue Hill Library each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. to listen to stories, sing songs and make a craft. Feel free to bring your own picnic blanket or chair to be comfortable outside. In the event of inclement weather Storytime will be held inside, in the library's Larchwood Children's Room.

For more info contact Claire at claire.malina@bhpl.net.

• FIX IT! - The Blue Hill

Library's monthly Fixit Clinic will be held on Saturday, at 3 p.m. Anyone is welcome to bring broken electronics, toys, small appliances, textile items, etc. and get help from Fix-it coaches to troubleshoot, disassemble and repair items. This program is free and all are welcome, but registration is required. To register visit the library's calendar at www.bhpl.net or call 374-5515. You will be asked what you are bringing so we can make sure to have the right experts on hand.

Tuesdays

• JUST FOR KIDS -

Online Storytime Children of all ages can participate in Online Storytime on Tuesdays any time after 10:30 a.m. Each week a new video will be uploaded to the library's YouTube channel (get link at <https://bhpl.libcal.com>) to share a story, sing songs and teach crafts. Videos will be available for one week.

Wednesdays

• PLAYIN' IN THE PARK -

A preschool play group gathers at the Blue Hill Town Park every Wednesday from 11 to noon, weather permitting. Those up to five years of age and their caregivers are welcome. Join Youth Services Librarian Claire Malina for a variety of activities, games and play in the snow, with hot drinks provided for the adults. This is a great opportunity for families to make new connections while enjoying the outdoors.

Thursdays

• CHECK IT OUT - The

Youth Chess Club gathers each Thursday at 3 p.m. Kids of all ages are invited to the Blue Hill Library's Howard room to play chess. Learn, or just play the game.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS EVENTS & MENU

Sunday Music Program

will resume on April 3 from 1 - 4 p.m. with the return of Wade Dow & Friends with live classic country music.

Easter Gift basket

There will be an Easter basket drawing coming up! Get a free ticket for every luncheon you dine at the Senior Center. The winning ticket will be drawn on Wednesday, April 13.

Luncheon menus

These \$6 meals will be served at the Bucksport Senior Center on Outer Broadway and can be ordered by anyone, regardless of age or income. The meals can be reserved by calling 469-3632 before 9 a.m. on the day of the luncheon.

- Friday, April 1 - Meatloaf, baked potato, corn and a brownie
- Monday, April 4 - Stuffed shells, dinner roll, salad and ice cream.
- Wednesday, April 6 - Turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots and strudel stick.
- Friday, April 8 - Haddock casserole, peas and lemon tart.
- Monday, April 11 - Pot roast w/gravy, roasted potatoes, mixed veggies and pie.
- Wednesday, April 13 - Chicken divan, dinner roll, Angel food cake w/strawberries.
- Friday, April 15 - Baked ham, homemade mac & cheese, green beans, and a cupcake.
- Monday, April 18 - NO MEAL. Patriot's Day observed.
- Wednesday, April 20 - Chicken tenders, potato salad, peas and fruit.
- Friday, April 22 - Salisbury steaks, mashed potato, corn and a brownie.
- Monday, April 25 - Breaded pork chop, mashed sweet potato, peas and carrots and brown sugar/cinnamon apples.
- Wednesday, April 27 - Mild Mexican chili, cornbread and a whoopie pie.
- Friday, April 29 - Chicken parmesan, garlic bread, sliced cucumbers and a cookie.

MAUNDY/EASTER SERVICES

**ELM STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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• **Sunday, April 10,
Palm Sunday SERVICE - 10 A.M.**

• **Thursday, April 14
Maundy Thursday Service - 5:30 PM
annual soup and bread supper,
followed by communion.**

• **Friday, April 15,
Good Friday prayer vigil
Noon until 3 PM
in 30-minute time slots in Meeting House Sanctuary**

• **Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunrise Service - 5:45 AM
at Fort Knox Prospect, Maine.
Easter potluck breakfast will follow in the Brown Hall
Community Room.**

• **Sunday, April 17
Easter Worship Service -at 10 AM
In addition, the children's traditional Easter Egg
Hunt is during the Sunday School hour.**

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HOLY WEEK

April 14th - Holy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

April 15th Good Friday - 6:30 p.m.

April 17th Easter Sunday 11:30 a.m.

