

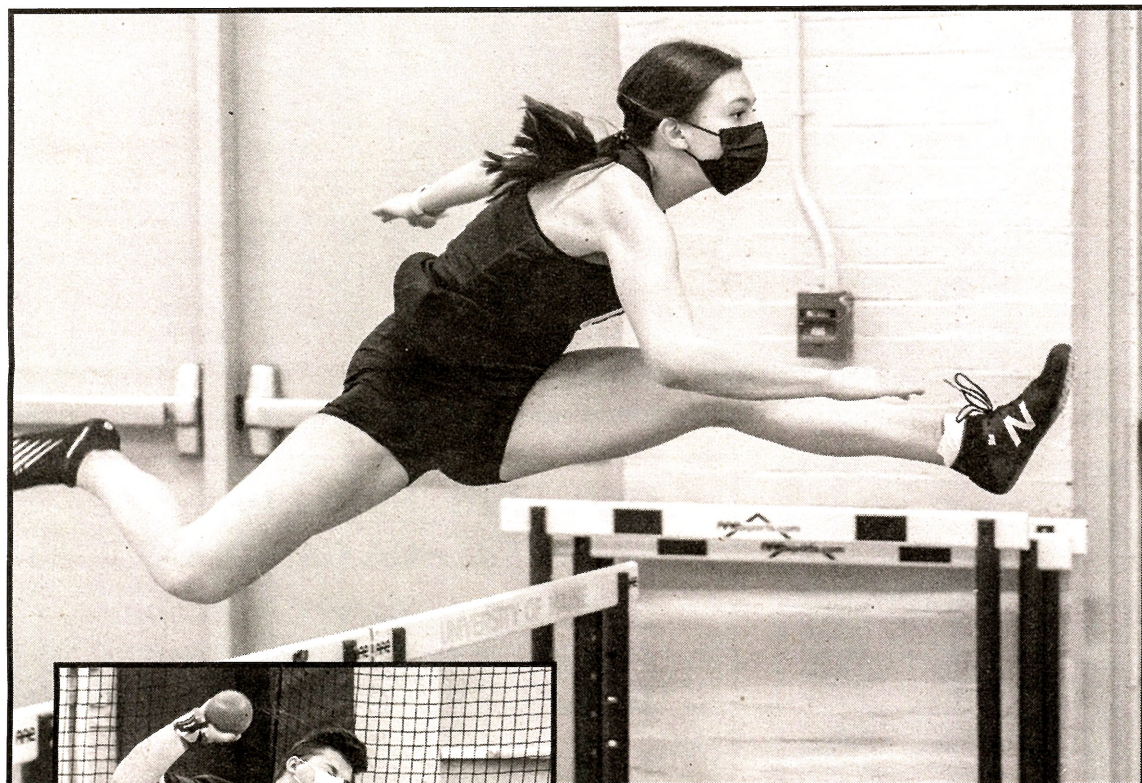
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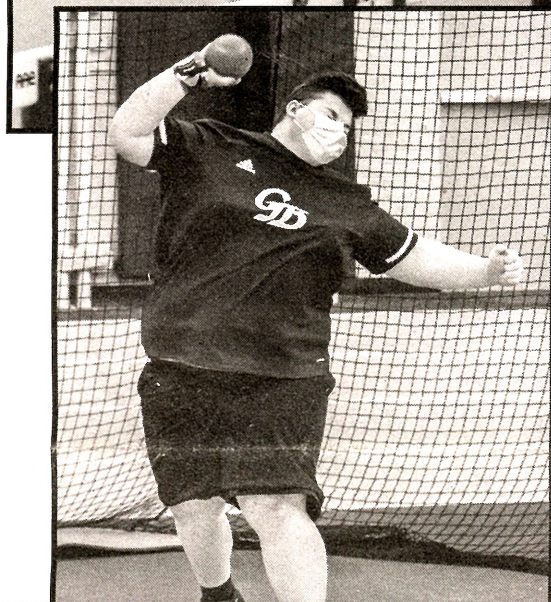


On track with Golden Bucks

ABOVE: Alyx Frazell shows great form on the hurdles, finishing fifth in a meet at UMaine at Orono on Saturday.

AT LEFT: Adrian Russell threw the shot 35-11-.25. This gave Adrian fifth place in the track meet.

BELOW: Hugh Jack easily winning his 55m heat. Hugh finished the day coming in second in the 55 meter, and first in the 200 meter race.



Sports photos by
RICK McHALE

Council may impose fees on some events

BUCKSPORT— A new set of rules for the use of downtown public spaces, including the waterfront, has been drafted, but the authors now need to know if the Town Council wants to set fees on some large events which require public safety personnel.

While traditional events like the Bucksport Bay Festival were held with public support and the sponsorship of a not-for-profit chamber of commerce, that no longer is necessarily the case.

The now-defunct Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce has been replaced by the Bucksport Bay Business Coalition, a private, for-profit business owned by Teri Doty.

Doty, the former executive director of the chamber, wants to continue some of the chamber events and add new ones like an annual Fourth of July celebration downtown.

However, she prefers offering and marketing the events as a

business.

That has caused several officials, including members of the council, to question whether the town should underwrite the cost of the police, fire and inspection services required to stage the activities safely.

Also, groups seeking to stage events to promote social causes have run into conflicting interpretations of what they can do where.

The drafting of proposed new rules is being done by a committee consisting of Luke Chiavelli, the code enforcement officer; Town Clerk Jacob Gran; Harbormaster Michael Ormsby; Richard Rotella, the community and economic development director; Public Safety Director Sean Geagan; Deputy Fire Chief Michael Denning and Deputy Police Chief David Winchester.

The panel expects to have the final draft ready for the council's meeting next Thursday (1/13) at 7 p.m.

Council back in-person

BUCKSPORT— Unless something happens twixt now and then, next Thursday's (1/13) Town Council meeting will be cablecast live and in-person from the Council Chamber.

Forgoing their virtual on-line gatherings that resembled reruns of the old "Hollywood Squares," the councilors are anxious to be at their familiar desks.

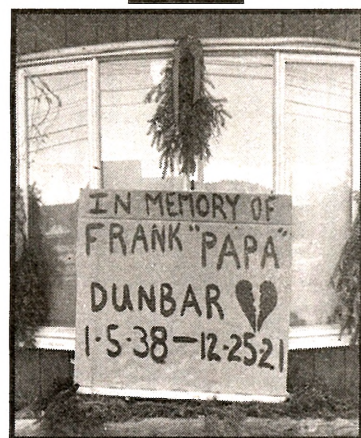
The session will begin with the swearing-in of three incumbent councilors - Paul Bissonnette, James Morrison and Daniel Ormsby - the top three vote-getters in the November municipal election. Each was elected to a three-year term.

The councilors also will elect - or, quite likely, re-elect Mayor Peter L. Stewart.

The councilors will be returning from a "road trip" earlier in the evening, during which they will inspect the municipal shelter with an eye toward making some substantial improvements for the comfort of

both the animals and the staff.

They also will have kicked around some possible sites for a proposed public community garden. Volunteers want to launch that effort in the spring.



A SIMPLE SIGN on the window of Frank's Barber Shop evoked powerful, endearing memories throughout the area. See Page 7.

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The goal . . . Leave no grave stone overturned!

BUCKSPORT— The search is on for a specialist to repair a number of gravestones in two cemeteries, and move other grave markers from a third cemetery to a fourth. The work is to be completed this year.

A detailed request for proposals has been sent to eight firms in Maine and New Hampshire thought to have the skills to repair the ancient markers.

Over a dozen were toppled recently in the private Moulton Cemetery by a vandal or vandals. A few in the Oak Grove Cemetery succumbed to a falling limb from a tree located on the Wilson Hall property. And the monuments to be moved are part of the years-long effort to restore markers

taken from the old Methodist Burial Ground on the River Road to the nearby Riverview Cemetery several decades ago.

In the 1980s, the markers were removed from the Methodist plot at the request of an abuttor, while other markers were buried on the site. The bodies of those under the markers were left where they were interred, although through the decades a number of them were exhumed for re-burial in other cemeteries.

Some of the markers commemorate veterans who served in the American Revolution.

So far, representatives of at least three of the contacted companies have sought

appointments to assess the damage.

The town already has set aside some money for the work; and a trust fund for the Oak Grove Cemetery was turned over to the town when it became a municipal responsibility. The private Moulton Cemetery lacks the money needed to underwrite the extensive repairs that are needed.

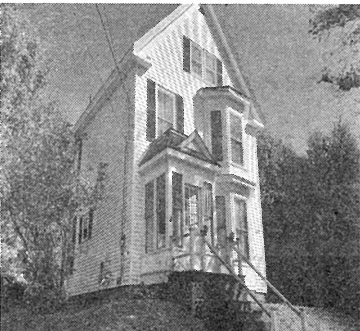



The police have been unable to determine who used a tractor to damage the stones in the Moulton Cemetery.


The request calls for responses by Jan. 24. The responses will be reviewed by the Cemetery Committee on Feb. 1. A plan of action will be recommended to the Town Council on Feb. 11.




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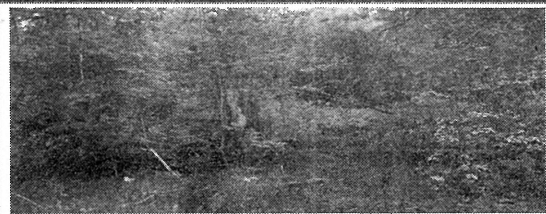

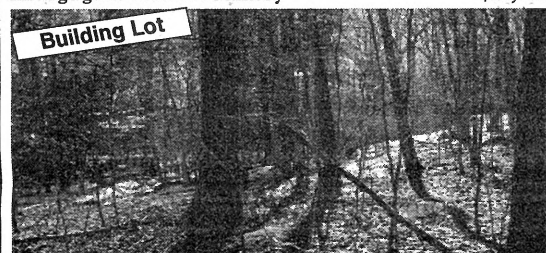
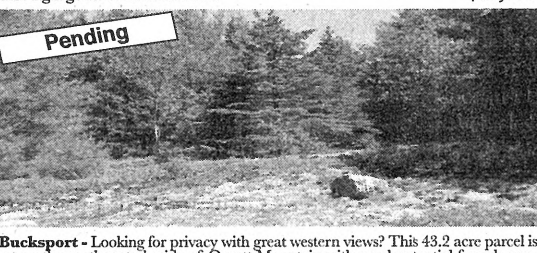


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 <div>Building Lot Bucksport - Looking for a spot to build your dream home? This 7ac parcel has frontage on Route 46 and is located just down the road from Hancock Pond. It is possible that some gravel could exist on the property. Come take a look! Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$35,700</div>	 <div>Pending Bucksport - Looking for privacy with great western views? This 43.2 acre parcel is set on the southwesterly 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</div>

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Buck's Wrath, a First Robotics Team #6329, is pictured here. They are mentored by Michael Gross and John Boynton.

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FRIENDS & FAMILY

SEEING THE TREES in the forest! The **Maine Tree Farm Committee** has selected **Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust** as its Hancock County 2022 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year.

The committee was impressed with the pride and level of care that the Bucksport-based trust takes in the stewardship of its forest at the Wildlands in East Orland and its sites in Bucksport. The panel cited the management ethic and history of community involvement of the trust fully upholds the core values of the Maine Tree Farm Program.

The trust is a public-supported not-for-profit land trust which was established in 1993. The trust owns and manages the 5000-acre Wildlands, which is managed for recreation, wildlife habitat, and sustainable forestry.

Of this 5,000-acre parcel, 4,500 are enrolled in the Maine Tree Farm Program for over 11 years. The Wildland Trust is open to the public for hiking, biking, snow-

mobiling, horseback riding, as well as hunting, fishing, and trapping.

ALL NEW in 2022! – This will be yet another year of re-inventing a business for **Kate Shaffer**.

Shaffer lived for a time on School Street in Bucksport during her transformation from life on the West Coast to settling down in Down East Maine, on Isle au Haut to be exact.

While on the island she founded her own gourmet chocolate business, and even published a book on the making of the delicious yummys.

Ham-strung by the complicated logistics of getting the ingredients to the island and the chocolates to market all across the mainland, Kate and her husband **Steve** opened a shop and chocolate-making "factory" in Westbrook.

Fresh from having repackaged her business from Black Dinah Chocolates, an homage to a long-held place name on the island, to "Ragged Coast" smoothly

despite the pandemic.

Then, last month Kate and Steve went to their shop one day, recognizing they had lost their entire small staff to a variety of factors, including concerns over Covid-19 and its variants.

But, if there is anything they are good at, the pair know how to dig deep and soldier on. There will be much news as the next plan of action takes shape. After all, everyone needs chocolate.

VERY WARM IDEA – The Maine Water's Coats for Kids program is an employee funded program to purchase new coats for children who otherwise may go cold this winter.

The employees of the **Maine Water Co.** contributed toward the purchase of 150 new winter jackets – an all-time high since the program's inception in 2013.

The coats were distributed to programs in the communities served by the utility, including those in the Bucksport area.

The company also donated over \$8,000 to 18 food pantries in Maine

Water service communities.

DEMOCRATS – The Hancock County Democrats will celebrate all things Bucksport in a Zoom session on the internet on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

The **Hancock County Democratic Committee** will hear from several people about the many things local leaders have done from the time the paper mill opened in 1929 to Bucksport recently being named the "Best Small Coastal Town in 2021" by *USA Today*.

Representatives from the Bucksport Bay Healthy Community Coalition, the Bucksport Senior Center, Bucksport town government, Heart and Soul, Bucksport Wednesdays on Main, and Solidarity Bucksport will speak.

Attendees need to register no later than noon on Jan. 19 on the Hancock County Democratic Committee website: www.hancockdems.org.

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Lives well-lived

In recent days this community has lost an unusually large number of ordinary folks whose well-lived lives make them extraordinary to those who knew and loved them. While the natural emotion is to mourn, each of these lives deserved to be celebrated, for their passing has left us with both fond, warm memories and lessons to be learned, whether we knew each of them personally or not.

EDITORIALS

Each of the people whose lives are chronicled on the next two pages of this newspaper was not motivated by an urge for money, fame, ego or power. Each simply toiled day-in and day-out to do what they knew was right and serve those they encountered on their journey.

Sure, we could tell tales of Frank the Barber, but we know he could tell those tales better and often did so, sometimes more than twice. We don't even need to use his last name, such is the way in a small town. We'll just remember a man who would pack up his scissors and head off to an old man's house when the fellow couldn't easily get to the shop. The two would exchange stories, not money, for Frank knew what was valuable. We'll remember a friend who could get as excited about a small boy's first successful fishing experience as if it were his own.

We could talk about a giant of a fellow who could publicly play the meanest of mean villains in the semi-pro wrestling ring only to live a private life built on a caring heart that overwhelmed his huge stature. He spent hours perfecting his search and rescue skills, for he could not rest if someone - anyone - was out there alone.

We can speak of the "volunteers' volunteer", a woman who never set out to earn awards for her good works, indeed she did so because she knew they needed doing.

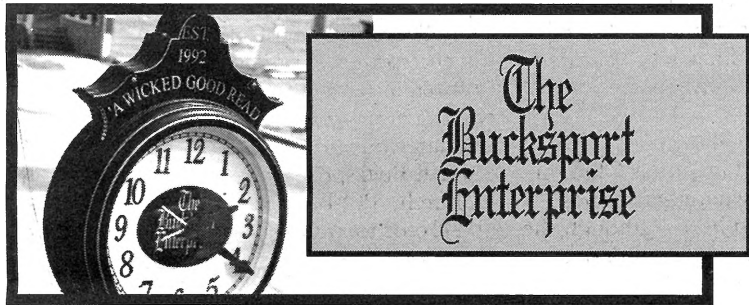
We also could write of the gentle Quaker lady with the winning smile who loved Orland and every thing and every one in it.

There's the woman who quietly nurtured her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and, yes, great-great grandchildren. After nearly 97 years a person perfects their nurturing talents, by sharing them with abundance.

What good is being a good fisherman if he doesn't share his love of the natural world with a child. A smile, a glint in a young lad's eye is worth more than the largest trout.

As those who knew them rightfully mourn and, as in so many cases, celebrations of good lives remain Covid-delayed, we all should reflect on the memories these people bequeathed to us and the lessons they left in our hearts.

No woman or man is judged by the size of the turnout at their funeral; they are judged by what they've shared with all of those they encountered.



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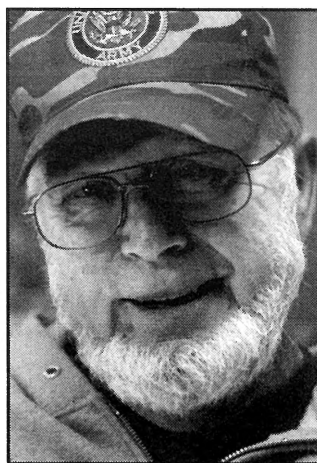
Who do you see?

Look into the eyes of this man and tell me what you see. I'll go first.... I see

pure, genuine, absolute love. I see a man sitting down ready to spend this moment with you and only you and that's the only thing on his mind right now that he wants to do. I see a man ready to tell you a story that he knows is the one that's perfect for you to hear right now. I see wisdom and character. A joke

not far away from the moment this picture was taken. A chuckle very shortly after that. An ear turned your way with every ounce of attention he has. And lastly, before you walk away from this man, the best hug in the entire world with a promise to "talk to you soon, deah." I see the face of a man I will miss everyday for the rest of my life. A smile that I can't even handle, I just love it too darn much. Take care of my Papa up there everyone we know and love in Heaven and PLEASE.... give him a hug for me.

Torree Albee
Frank Dunbar's granddaughter
Traverse City, MI



Frank M. Dunbar

How much longer?

Should the Town of Bucksport reconsider where we send our municipal solid waste?

Recent on-going events have demonstrated significant problems with the (formerly known as Fiberright operation)... should the town re-evaluate/forego the town's agreement with MRC and look at the successful Orrington Penobscot Energy Recovery Co. (PERC) facility as a solution?

In March of 2016, as a member of the Solid Waste Committee; I attended presentations by both parties. I then wrote an evaluation and presented my thoughts/observations to the Town Council.

I supported staying with PERC... "It would be in the town's best interest to continue our association with the Orrington based PERC facility and not place our taxpayers' dollars on a proposal that remains highly speculative."

Back then...it was a high-risk proposition... would the technology work on a commercial / industrial scale... it had not proven itself elsewhere in the US or Europe.

Things to think about Bucksport:

- Municipal Resource Committee, now representing 115 Maine communities (in March of 2016 it was 187 municipalities) sent their waste to the new plant in Hampden, its first six months of

operation brought in much lower-than-expected revenues.

- Plant stresses... they then sought more than \$10 million to help pay for a series of upgrades it had identified as necessary... in addition to making improvements "tweaking and redesign" to its machinery to better handle the waste it received. The plant also needed to stock (maintenance and repair items) belts, motors, and other supplies.

- What is the status of the equity charter reserve?

- In 2016 I asked the question... what protection would there be for municipalities... for liability, bankruptcy, and performance (bond)? The municipalities could end up owning the land with an empty building (seems we are on that path).

- Questionable statements regarding their value, growth, and marketing prospect.

- Lack of knowledge of significant design and construction problems

- Deficient internal controls to deliver this project as advertised

- Lack of MRO facility and winterization plan

- Bangor Gas owed \$173K

The economics of the proposed process to this day are unresolved and therefore uncertain... I believe it is in the Town's best interest to revisit our association/negotiate with the proven Orrington based PERC facility; discontinue our association with a group meeting routinely meeting behind closed doors in 'executive session'.

Paul F. Rab s
Bucksport

When teachers hear

In memory of Brian Sanborn

*they cry with the tears of the ages
when they hear their students die
their hearts ache the way the first
loving beings on earth hurt
the way they always will
the way with other
mothers and fathers
they bow and grieve
how ever long they live
each one a gift
when teachers hear
one of theirs has left*

Patricia Ranzoni
Bucksport Poet Laureate



We were wrong

BUCKSPORT — The retirement of Philip Bunting as a custodian with the RSU 35 school system was incorrectly referred to as a resignation. Bunting has happily retired after 19 years with the RSU and Bucksport school systems.

News from Elm Street and Brown Hall

BUCKSPORT — Here's the latest news from the Elm Street Congregational Church and the schedule for its Brown Hall events on Elm Street:

- The historic restoration of the floor in the Brown Hall community meeting room is being entirely paid for by the generous giving of anonymous donors via the Christmas offering.

- Johanna Krafft-Valenzuela is the new executive assistant in the church office. She will staff the office Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dr. Stephen York will be in his study, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The Helping Hands outreach offers free, durable medical equipment on loan, or in some cases, donated to those in need. Anyone seeking medical equipment or who would like to contribute items may contact the office at Brown Hall at 469-3333.

- COMMUNITY LUNCH — A non-denominational monthly brown bag lunch is held from noon to 1 p.m. with the minister in the Corner Room in Brown Hall.

- BUCKSPORT NEXT — On Monday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m., the Bucksport Next group will meet in Brown Hall. For more information, call Hans Krichels at 469-6965.

- KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR — The public conversation series will continue on Tuesday from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. The guests will be the award-winning Bucksport High School students known as "Buck's Wrath", robotics team # 6329. The group is mentored by Michael Gross and John Boynton.

- AA & AL-ANON — (AA) and Al-Anon groups meet each Wednesday at 7 PM. For information, call Bill at 610-2249.

- SOWING SEEDS — On Thursday, January 13, volunteers will work on the Buck Memorial Library project on cataloging seeds from 10 a.m. until noon. After the work session, The Gathering will meet in the Corner Room at Brown Hall from noon to 1 p.m. The Gathering explores a pilot project to establishing a community garden in Bucksport in 2022.

- SCOTTISH DANCING — The Scottish dancing group will resume in Brown Hall in the Meeting Room from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17. Interested? Call Dawn Little at 702-9294. New participants and observers are welcome.

- BOOK TALK — On Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., the Book Talk group will discuss "Pray Without Ceasing" by Kentucky author, Wendell Berry.

OBITUARIES

Michael L. Nason, 1978 - 2021

BUCKSPORT — Michael L. Nason of Bucksport, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 25, 2021.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1978.

Mike was a hard-working, gentle, caring man with a heart bigger than he was. If he thought someone needed the shirt off his back more than he needed it, they would have it in the blink of an eye.

Mike loved to fish and spend time with his grandchildren, known to them as "Uncle Mike- Jungle Man." He looked forward to ice fishing, checking the ice daily to see if it was thick enough to walk on. If it was thick enough to walk on you could cut a hole and fish.

Mike liked to try to beat his brother at horseshoes or team up with him to play in tournaments. He loved to garden for that wasn't work it was relaxing- watching something grow from a seed was satisfying.

Mike was predeceased by his father,

Richard E. Nason, grandparents, Sally and Clarence Nason, Leatha and Charles Harvey and Uncle George Nason.

He is survived by his mother Laura

and husband Gary Moulton of Orland; brother Dan and wife Courtney of Blue Hill; godchildren Abigail and Alton Bishop of Orland; best friend Alan Bishop, of Orland, and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Michael had many special friends- too numerous to list. He will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers a donation in Mike's name to the Bucksport Food Pantry or the organization of your choice would be appreciated.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring at the family camp on Long Pond in Bucksport.

Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport.

www.Mitchell-tweedie-young.com



Michael L. Nason

Charlotte Vivian Ingalls Atherton Eastman, 1926 - 2021

BUCKSPORT — Charlotte Vivian Ingalls Atherton Eastman has passed away.

Charlotte entered this world, weighing in at 2.5 lbs. on April 4, 1926, to (Emily) Hope and Edgar Ingalls. She lived most of her life across the road in Surry with her grandmother, Charlotte Emily Joy, known to the family as "Gah." From there, she thrived. She graduated as valedictorian of Ellsworth High School's Class of 1944.

In 1948 she married Philip Atherton. They bought a farmhouse in North Bucksport in October of 1949, and raised their nine children up on the hill. She lived there for 72 years, the rest of her life.

Charlotte passed from this world on December 22, 2021 at a Bangor hospital.

After raising her children, at the age of 55, she went to college and became an licensed practical nurse (LPN). She was very proud of this accomplishment and that three daughters and a granddaughter followed in her footsteps. She worked as a nurse well into her 70's.

She never was one to sit around, devoting much of her life to caring for others. She volunteered for Hospice, receiving the "Volunteer of the Year Award"; and the WLBZ "Those Who Care Award" for her many years on the board of WHCA. She spent many hours at the Talk-n-Shop in Bucksport, often bringing home treasures for her family and friends. She helped her neighbors far and wide.

Charlotte was strong in her faith and the power of prayer. She was a long-time member of the North Bucksport Methodist Church; teaching Sunday School, serving as treasurer and secretary, organizing church suppers and doing anything else that needed to be done.

When Philip passed away in 1991, she swore she would never marry again. Then one day, Alfred Eastman showed up to go hunting out back. He didn't make it out back that day, but he did snag a good one. They were married in 1996 and spent many happy years together until Al's death in 2013.

Charlotte loved her friends. For years she attended Christmas Club on Monday evenings where her friends must have humored her. Although she was intelligent, funny, and kind, one would not say she was crafty. As she got older, she would drive her friends to the Senior Center but she never considered herself old enough to go in.

Charlotte had an amazing sense of

humor. She could laugh at herself and with others. She loved the funny things kids said, and enjoyed being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was an amazing baker and usually a pan of brownies could be found on the bottom shelf of the cereal cupboard.

She loved her cats, as well as watching, naming and feeding the birds, the crows and especially the turkeys. She watched for the deer and their hoofprints on the driveway. She loved Scrabble, puzzles, chocolate, hiding her purse in the dryer, and writing in her journal.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Philip Atherton and Alfred Eastman; her brother Alvin Ingalls; and several grandchildren" Ann's Dustin, Norma's Jamie, Doug's

Uriah and granddaughter Olive Hope.

She is survived by her sister Jeanette Joy (Babes) Small, her children and their partners/spouses, Audrey Carter (John), Joanne Joy (Pam Buffington), Norma Atherton (Tom Poole), Doug Atherton (Sylvia), Tom Atherton (Mildred), Kathy Downes (Bert), Lorraine Atherton (Jimmy Goupee), Ann Gallant (Ken), Mike Atherton (Angela).

She had 30-plus grandchildren, 30-plus great-grandchildren. Some were born into the family, others joined through adoption or as step-children. Even their close friends were all loved equally, especially when they needed her most. They belonged to the loving, loud group of Athertons. Even the exes never quite left Charlotte's definition of "family."

Her children, grands and great grands remember being reminded "if you have nothing nice to say, say nothing at all" and "treat others as you would like to be treated".

Charlotte was very thankful that Tom and Mildred could live with her so she could stay in her home, and to all of her children for their loving attention and company, and all of her people that helped along the way especially Stormi, Amy, Angela, and her sister, Babes.

There will be a Celebration of Life in the spring. Condolences may be shared at www.mitchelltweedie-young.net. In lieu of flowers, please donate your time or money to the North Bucksport United Methodist Church, PO Box 1835, Bucksport, ME 04416 or to another charity of your choice.

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Charlotte V.I. Atherton Eastman

Virginia Soper Davis , 1926 - 2021

ORLAND — On Monday, Nov. 29, 2021 Virginia Soper Davis died peacefully in her home.

She was born on July 26, 1926 in Natick MA, the daughter of Eva L. Curtis Soper and Frank F. Soper.

In 1927 the family moved back to Orland, and took up residence on Leaches Point at the old family homestead. Virginia often remarked that her childhood years growing up on the Point were some of the happiest of her life.

Virginia began her education in a one-room schoolhouse in Orland Village, then went on to Bucksport High School. Virginia loved music and was an accomplished pianist. After high school she moved to Boston to attend the New England

Conservatory of Music. After a year at the conservatory, she decided that the rigor of becoming a professional musician was not for her. The Fisher School of Business gave her a two-year degree and prepared her for a career in bookkeeping. After that she returned to Orland and met her future husband, David L. Davis, to whom she was married to for 70+ years. They built a house on land that was given to them by her father, along the banks of the Narramissic River and resided there for the rest of their lives.

Virginia worked for a number of years in the Bucksport superintendent of schools' office as head secretary/bookkeeper. She also worked as Orland town treasurer from 1957 to 1962.

After she and Dave retired, they started a successful greenhouse business. Open from dawn until dusk in the summer, they ran it until they decided to rest a bit.

Along with Dave, she was instrumental in starting a Friends Meeting in Orland. For over 60 years she was active in community organizations, the Grange, the Orland church, the Orland Historical Society, etc.

She never lost her love for playing the piano. She played for many high school musical productions. A long-time member of the Orland Methodist Church, she led the

choir and played the organ for many years. She also gave piano lessons to many in the area.

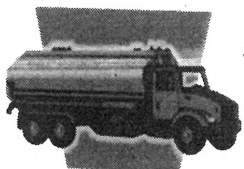
Virginia — "Ginny" as she was known, was always ready to lend a helping hand. She touched many lives and will be missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and all who knew her.

A service for her will be held at a later date. The time and date will be published once the service is scheduled.



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OBITUARIES

Frank M. Dunbar, 1939 - 2021

BUCKSPORT – Frank Manly Dunbar, 82, passed away at a Bangor hospital and met his Savior face-to-face on Jesus' birthday, Dec. 25, 2021.

He was born at home on Jan. 5, 1939, to Don and Kay Dunbar. Known as "Papa" to many, he was a life-long resident of his beloved Bucksport, and graduated in June 1958.

In September of 1959, he married his high school sweetheart, Jacqueline Willett, and they celebrated their 62nd anniversary on Sept 1st.

Frank's successful business career began as a "Sunrider" for the Bangor Daily News at the age of 10, and he walked his entire paper route of 84 customers! From 1958 to 1961, he honorably served his country in the US Army with his final station in Thule, Greenland. Frank was an expert marksman on the rifle team and became a firearms Safety instructor for the state of Maine.

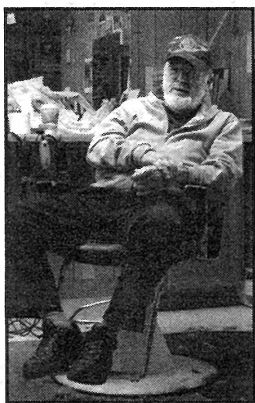


After completing his military service, he attended Hanson's Barber School in Lewiston and graduated in 1962. He maintained a barber shop in seven locations along Main Street for 54 years to the day. He received the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award in 2009, and retired in 2016.

His daughter, Diana Roberts, barbered with him for 28 years and continues to operate the shop where he loved to visit. He attended an auctioneering school in Missouri in 1970 and held many auctions over the years.

Frank was an avid supporter of local school sports and was very involved in community affairs. He served as a Bucksport town councilor, a member of the Bucksport Rod and Gun Club, Economic Development Committee, Board of Assessment, Bucksport Historical Society, charter member of the Veterans' Memorial Committee, president of the Class of 1958 Alumni, and Chaplain of

American Legion Post 93. He also served on the Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Commission. As a notary public, he performed weddings for generations of families.



Frank Manly Dunbar

The things Frank held most dear in his life were his faith, family and friends. He was a member of the Belfast Nazarene Church and Bucksport River of Hope Church.

As a people person, he enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He was a certified antler scorer for MASTIC. Frank earned a vast reputation as a storyteller, and never tired of entertaining his listeners.

His military service sparked a passionate interest in veterans' affairs, and he told everyone "we're children of the greatest generation!"

He was instrumental in placing flags on veterans' graves. He loved history, and had a special interest in World War II, with memorable trips to the memorial in District of Columbia, and to Iwo Jima for the 60th reunion in 2005.

Surviving in addition to his devoted wife, Jackie, are his daughters, Diana Roberts and her husband, Kyle, of Orland, Molly Dunbar of Bucksport; five grandchildren, David Leeman and his wife, Christy, of Bucksport, Kathleen Leeman of Bucksport, Tyler Albee and his wife, Tasha, of Alaska, Keith Roberts of Bucksport, Torree Albee of Michigan; four great-grandchildren, Alexis, Jade, Mason, Bella; a sister, Donna Hoffmann of Bucksport; brother-in-law Robert Thurston of Florida; sister-in-law Becky McGlaufflin and her husband, Phil of Bucksport; many nieces and one nephew; dear friends Wally and Rue Babcock of Bucksport. He was predeceased by both parents, and a sister, Betty Thurston.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center with details to be announced at a later date. Messages of condolence and memories can be shared on memorial-alternatives.com or at facebook.com/frankdunbarbarber.

Deanne A. Sheehan, 1937 - 2022

BUCKSPORT – Deanne A. Sheehan, 84, died surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, at the home of her daughter Lorie and son-in-law John.

She was born the daughter of Emile and Marie (Sirois) Cyr.

She is survived by her three daughters: Paula Bartley and husband Frank, Lorie Hart and husband John, Colleen Ames, and husband Goody, five grand-

children, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Charles E. Sheehan.

In keeping with Deanne wishes there will be no services. A graveside commitment service will be held in the spring.

Arrangements are under the care of the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport.

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Thelma Eastman, 1924 - 2021

VERONA ISLAND – Thelma Eastman, 96, passed away at home, on Sunday, Dec. 26th with her family by her side just two days shy of her 97th birthday.

Thelma was born on Dec. 28, 1924, to Reginald and Gladys Davis of Bucksport.

Known as "Gram" to many, whether related or not, she grew up in East Bucksport. After she and Fred were married, they made their home on Verona Island where she lived for over 75 years.

Gram liked to travel, making several trips to Washington DC and a special trip to England to visit Sheldon. Gram loved Beano, and you would usually find her with Jeannette Eastman, Jeannie Hazard and others traveling all over to play.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society and enjoyed the gatherings and outings with the other members.

She and her best friend Evelyn Brown never missed a home Bucksport football, baseball, or wrestling contest that her great grandsons were taking part in. They had their own parking spaces and other fans were quick to move folks that were in the "ladies' spot".

She was the longtime treasurer of the Hillside Cemetery.



Thelma Eastman

She was also proud to be the oldest of five generations of women in the family.

Thelma is survived by her daughter, Regilyn Gunn of Verona Island; four grandsons, Peter L. Stewart and his wife, Andrea, of Bucksport, Randy Stewart of Verona Island, Sean Eastman of Bucksport and Michael Gunn and his wife Elizabeth, of Litchfield; a granddaughter, Angela Moreno of Bridgton; and great-grandchildren, Sonya Reardon, Sabrina Stewart, Monica Moreno, Jacob Stewart, Matthew Stewart, Haley Gunn, Emily Gunn, Cameron Gunn, and Spencer Eastman; and great-great grandchildren Natalie, James, Inara, Serenity, Kyle, Gabriel, and Malakai as well as nieces and nephews.

Thelma was predeceased by her husband, G. Frederick Eastman, a son, Sheldon Eastman, daughter-in-law, Sally (Gould) Eastman, and brothers, Milton, Kenneth and Walter Davis.

In keeping with Gram's wishes there will be no funeral service. A spring interment will be at the Hillside Cemetery in East Bucksport.

Arrangements are under the care of the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home in Bucksport.

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Brian L. Sanborn, 1966 - 2021

BUCKSPORT – Brian L. Sanborn, 55, passed away at the Northern Light Hospital in Bangor on Dec. 21, 2021 from the effects of Covid, and into the arms of our Lord in heaven after learning of the death of his wife Brenda three days prior. Brian was born on Sept. 22, 1966 to Judith Rollerson and Eugene Sanborn.

Brian was a giant of a man with one of the softest hearts people had ever seen. Brian had been in the movie industry as well as being known as "Bull Moose Calhoun" on the wrestling circuit when he was younger.

He loved children and enjoyed entertaining them, going fishing, camping and riding with them on the woods roads. He loved talking with people and seemed to know everyone he met.

He was an all-tourney basketball player in high school, and received a full scholarship to Florida Tech in Melbourne, FL. He belonged to the DEEMI search and rescue organization and took part in many search and rescue missions over the years. He also was a trained emergency medical technician (EMT). He was a member of the Acadia Frontiersmen, and enjoyed the fellowship of the group.

Brian was predeceased by his wife,

Brenda Sanborn; his grandparents, Darrell and Ruth Rollerson, and Levi and Francis Sanborn.

He leaves behind his mother, Judith White, his father, his brother Daniel Sanborn and wife Marlee. He was



Brian L. Sanborn

dearly loved by his stepmother, Joanne Sanborn, his stepbrother, Richard Henderson and his wife, Vicki; and step-brother Lee Henderson and his wife Tamara.

Brian also leaves two step-daughters, Bobbi Roberts and husband Cale, and Hollie Finkle and her husband Justin.

His grandchildren were the center of his world: Kiara, Landon, Kevin, Bowen, Briella and Gwendolyn.

Brian loved animals and will be sorely missed by his cats - Sissy and Kiki - which he talked about often.

There will be no gathering to honor Brian at this time, but will wait until spring to celebrate his and Brenda's life in an outdoor setting.

CSX chugging ahead on Pan Am Railway bid

JACKSONVILLE, FL – The CSX Corp. has built a strong base of Maine supporters for its pending acquisition of Pan Am Railways, Inc.

A hearing is planned on the deal before the Surface Transportation Board in Augusta.

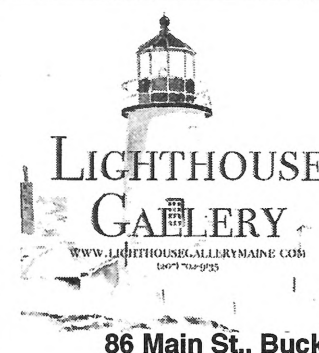
James Foote, president and CEO of CSX, said, "This transaction will provide tremendous benefits for New England and enjoys widespread support from shippers in the region. We look forward to growing the CSX network by integrating Pan Am and bringing our best-in-class service to the region."

A mere flyspeck in the transaction is Pan Am's 18-mile spur lining Bucksport and Bangor, and some of the rails on that section already have

been removed for salvage.

CSX is a major player in the railroad industry with operations up and down the East Coast. Adding Pan Am would give it access to rail lines throughout New England.

Everyone from politicians, including the state's Congressional delegation and Gov. Janet Mills, have offered their support to the transaction. They have done so because the deal is supported by there's throughout the region concerned about a loss of rail service. Of the more than 100 comments filed in support, Maine stakeholders filed 21, including businesses scattered along short rail lines like the one linking Bangor and Bucksport.



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POLICE AND FIRE LOGS

Arrests

BUCKSPORT – These arrests were recorded by local police during the past two weeks:

- Jacqueline McClure, 29, of Newport, was arrested about 2:30 a.m. New Year's Day, reportedly for an assault, engaging in disorderly conduct and driving while under the influence. She was stopped on Main Street.
- Robert J. Smith, 45, of Bucksport was arrested on a warrant for failing to appear in court to answer an earlier case. He was arrested about 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 28.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These court summonses were issued here recently:

- Natalie Robbins, 26, of was issued a summons for reportedly driving an unregistered vehicle. She was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 3:15 p.m. on New Year's Day.
- Nicole Morrone, 32, of Bucksport got a summonses for allegedly violating the conditions of her release in an earlier case and for falsely attaching license plates. She was stopped about 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 22.
- Nathan Bracy, 36, of Ellsworth was stopped and allegedly was found to be driving without a license. He was stopped on Main Street shortly before 8 p.m. last Friday (12/31).
- Elijah McCarthy, 26, of Bucksport was issued a court sum-

mons for allegedly driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on School Street about 9 p.m. on Dec. 29

Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT – The run-ins were reported during the past two weeks:

- Shortly after midnight on New Year's Day a deer was hit on the Cross Road by a vehicle being driven by Matthew Holmes, 25, of Bucksport.
- Kaila Rose Flower, 30, of Bucksport struck a deer on Central Street about 5 p.m. on Dec. 29.
- Tracy Shaw, 61, of Cherryfield struck a deer on U.S. Route 1 about 9:30 p.m. on Christmas.
- Daniel Herrick, 54, of Gouldsboro hit one on U.S. Route 1 just before 10 a.m. on Christmas.
- Somebody struck a turkey on the River Road. The incident was reported mid-afternoon on Dec. 29.

Accidents

BUCKSPORT – These road-way accidents were investigated here:

- A vehicle being driven by Jamie Ruiz, 37 slid off the Millvale Road about 9 p.m. last Thursday (12/30).
- An accident described as a fender bender occurred about 4:15 p.m. on last Thursday (12/30).
- A vehicle being operated by Devin Bedard, 28, of Corinth slid off Scott's Lane about 9:45 p.m. last Friday (12/30).
- Tyler Adams, 25, lost control of his vehicle on River Road during a snowstorm at a Bayview Avenue residence just before 4 a.m. Dec. 26.
- Vehicles operated by Brad Boylen, 67, and Joshua Lan, 42,

both of Orland collided at Russell Hill Road and State Route 46 about 10 a.m. Dec. 20.

- Devin Pierce, 30, of Newburgh was involved in an accident on the Bucksmills Road about 8 p.m. on Dec. 22.
- Whitney Johansen, 34, of Orland reported her vehicle was struck twice by same vehicle in the post office parking lot about 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 22.

Vehicle stolen

BUCKSPORT – A resident reported his vehicle stolen. The theft was reported mid-afternoon on Dec. 29, but the vehicle subsequently was recovered. The situation may have been the result of a misunderstanding.

- In an unrelated incident a catalytic converter was taken from a truck on the Millvale Road. The theft was reported on Dec. 21. Two more catalytic converters were reported taken from vehicles on the Cross Road about 10:45 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Jewelry taken

4988 - BUCKSPORT – Several pieces of jewelry valued by the owner at some \$2,300 were reported taken from a home on the River Road. The theft was reported early on the afternoon New Year's Eve.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events

Saturday, Jan. 8

• **TAI CHI** – Starting Saturday, the Ellsworth Public Library in partnership with Healthy Acadia, is offering a free Tai Chi for Life course. Everyone is welcome to attend via Zoom on Saturday mornings at 10 through Feb. 26. Tai Chi for Life promotes emotional and physical balance and relaxation. Registration is required. Contact Nina Zeldin at (207) 479-1206.

Wednesday

• **WILDLAND ADVENTURE** – Exploring nature in winter is the theme of two hikes in the Wildlands sanctuary in East Orland, beginning at 11 a.m. and ending about 12:30. The group will meet at the north gate. Join Carol Bennatti and Michael Hayduk on a family-friendly outing to discover secrets of the wildlife and plants that call the Wildlands home. Depending on snow conditions, the group may look for animal tracks, birds or explore winter plant identification and adaptations. View this as a winter treasure. The trek is free, but donations to the land trust that preserves the property always are welcome.

Thursday, Jan. 13

• **REPUBLICANS** – From 4:30 - 8 p.m. there will be a "nomination signing party." at the county GOP headquarters in Suite 14 at 225 High Street in the Maine Coast

Mall in Ellsworth. The event is being billed as, "the place to start:" for those seeking changes in Augusta and Washington, D.C. There may be a speaker at 6 For info: Sandi04472@gmail.com

**In Brown Hall
Tuesday, January 11**

• **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR** – The monthly series will resume from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. with the Know Your Neighbor program. The guests will be the award-winning Bucksport High School students known as "Buck's Wrath a First Robotics Team #6329". The students' advisors are Michael Gross and John Boynton.

**In the libraries
Buck Memorial
Wednesdays
& Thursdays**

• **STORY HOUR** is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 4 p.m.

**Ellsworth Public
Through January**

• **ART SHOW** – Starting Monday, the Ellsworth Public Library will resume its monthly art show in the Riverview Room. Call 667-6366 to see when the show is available. The first show will be works of Nadine Murphy, entitled "Down by the Bay" The show features photographs of Taunton Bay and some animal visitors. The photos are

taken from the same location, but cover a variety of seasons and weather conditions.

Wednesday, Jan. 12
• **VIRTUAL MUSIC**

– The Ellsworth Public Library will host Barry Wiesenfeld in a virtual program at 6 p.m. Once referred to The Beatles as "One of the most transforming entities of 20th century music" and claimed that they changed the course of popular music forever. Can that possibly be true? Were they really so much more than just four rock 'n roll "mop tops"? And what made them such a strong force that their music is still popular now, more than 50 years later? In this single session class we'll explore the phenomenon that was The Beatles - their growth, originality, musical innovations and lyric depth. Join us for the discussion!

The performance is event is free but Zoom registration is required. Use link below to register.

<http://www.ellsworth-library.net/calendar>. For more information, call the library at 667-6363.

**Blue Hill
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January
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WHILE SOME MEMBERS of the Gillis family were preparing the Christmas Day feast, others opted to spread the Christmas cheer up and down Main Street. They incorporated the town's new holiday greetings banner in their message.

Through March 31

• **ART SHOW II** – A Changeable Landscape by Marcia Stremlau: artists books and screens, ink & watercolor. Join the artists for a discussion of their current shows, at BH Library, Sat., Jan 8, 10 am.

Here & there . . .

BUCKSPORT – A wild duck was reported hanging out at the Irving gasoline station shortly after 1 p.m. on Dec. 21.

However, the bird apparently wary it might run afowl of the law took flight before the police officer arrived.

• The police also responded to yet another report of peripatetic cows meandering onto the Silver Lake Road on Dec. 22.

• A sailboat, bobbing at a buoy in the harbor for weeks, apparently set sail for a brief Christmas day tour of the bay on its own.

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Senior NEWS

– MENUS –

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- Friday, Jan 7 - Shepherd's pie, dinner roll, brownie
- Monday, Jan. 10 – Salisbury steak, mashed potato, green beans and cookie.
- Wednesday, Jan. 12 – Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice, broccoli, and a cupcake.
- Friday, Jan 14 - Mild chili, corn muffin and fruit.
- Monday, Jan. 17 – No Meal - Holiday observed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 19 – Pork roast w/gravy, mashed potato, mixed veg and apple strudel stick.
- Friday, Jan 21 - Spaghetti w/ meatsauce, salad, garlic bread and ice cream.
- Monday, Jan. 24 – Breaded chicken tenders, roasted potatoes, corn and strawberries.

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