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Funds Exhausted, Work Stops on Library Expansion

By Lee Burnett, submissions editor

Goodall Library has halted construction of its \$3.9 million expansion because it has exhausted internal financing and has yet to receive release of a \$3 million federal grant.

Tradespeople were pulled off the job April 11. The project had employed 30-40 carpenters, electricians, drywallers, roofing contractors and others, according to Steve Dumont, president of TPD Construction Co. "We put our guys on other jobs. It's certainly not ideal," he said.

The library is still awaiting confirmation of release of funds from its contact at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to Library Director Ann Thomas. The last communication was May 7. Confirmation is needed for the library to obtain a construction loan so construction can resume, she said. The library has contacted Maine Senators Angus King and Susan Collins.

"We are hopeful that things will come together soon to smooth out this rough spot. Community support and understanding that we are all in this together helps," explained Thomas.



The interior of Goodall Library, showing the partially constructed circulation desk area. Photo: Lee Burnett

Senator King's office said good news should be forthcoming soon.

"News on this front is certainly better than it was last week at this time," said Matthew Felling, communications director for King. "The whole delegation has come together and is pushing HUD to deliver for them."

In December 2022, Goodall Library was awarded a \$3 million Community Project Funding grant, under the leadership of former

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Book Sale to Benefit Goodall Library

Goodall Library is hosting a "donation based" book sale to raise funds to cover its added operating costs of occupying leased space while its building on Main Street is undergoing expansion.

The book sale is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, at its temporary location at Center for Shopping, 1364 Main St.

Operating costs for the library have more than doubled since it moved to temporary quarters, according to a press release. "We pay monthly

rent, electricity, gas bills, and have had some increased renter's insurance costs with this move. The April ice, rain, and snowstorms added to the costs."

"Library staff is pleased that this move has increased visibility for library services, and enjoyment of materials. ... Many Sanford residents who hadn't been to the 952 Main St. location are finding library services at 1364 Main St. helpful and enjoyable," according to the press release. ■

Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

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Saturday, May 18

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Spring Blossom Fair, 8 am, Pleasant St. FBC, 10 Pleasant St. Springvale
- Maine Senior Games, 9 am, YMCA, 1 Emile Levasseur Dr.
- Vendor and Craft Sale, 9 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- Pop Up Book Sale, 9 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- SHS Girls Lacrosse- "One Love" Dedication Game, 10 am, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Kids To Parks Day Scavenger Hunt, 10 am, Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- Corner Cupboard, 10 am, Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon St.
- Adoption Event, 1 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 1364 Main St.
- 8th Annual Chocolate Benefit Spectacular, 6 pm, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.

Sunday, May 19

- Annual Bradford Hoffman Honor in Stone Ride, 9 am, Iron Tails, 559 Route 109, Acton
- Sanford "On Stage" Auditions, 3 pm, Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd.

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Alliance Seeks Help, Hosts for Unhoused Youth

By Barbara Crider

A newly formed group of residents has started looking for ways to address a disturbing surge in the number of students in town who lack safe and stable housing. The Sanford Community Youth Alliance, an initiative of Strategies for a Stronger Sanford, is bringing together community leaders, educators and people who work in the area to recruit, vet and train host families.

Those who attended a meeting May 9 at the Nasson Little Theatre learned that Sanford has never seen so many students who don't have a safe place to call home. According to Steve Bussiere, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, that description fits 200 students this academic year. Federal law defines housing instability, or homelessness, as "lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." The same law, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, requires all schools to gather data on their student's housing-related status.

Students who have to worry about whether they will have a safe place to sleep on any given night struggle with school attendance and



From left: Cecilia Siriani, Steve Bussiere, Cyndy Pattershall and Carrie Hathaway
Photo: Barbara Crider

completing schoolwork. Many of them miss opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities like sports or music, which for most students are an important part of learning. And many are missing the opportunity to just be kids, to hang out with friends and enjoy growing up.

Cyndy Pattershall, the Alliance's coordinator, explained to those in attendance at the meeting that the biggest current need is for individuals and families to host a displaced student.

Potential hosts complete an application with the Alliance and undergo a background check. Once they're processed, the school department matches a potential host with an interested student and sets up a meeting where the parties can get to know each other and to discuss expectations. For example, some hosts may have a curfew or ask the student to pitch in on household chores. Placements only occur when both the student and the host believe, after meeting, that the fit is a good one.

Sanford School Outreach Worker Cecilia Siriani explained that while some of the students can

be challenging to work with, their needs do not rise to a level that requires professional intervention that they might get, for instance, in a therapeutic foster home. The target students the Alliance is working with are not those who have been legally separated from their parents and are part of the child protective system.

Students and their families can lose housing for any number of reasons, and some find themselves having to sleep in a car or other place not intended as housing. Some students need stable housing only for a short time, for example, while their parents search for a new apartment. Other placements may be longer term, depending on individual circumstances.

At the meeting, Carrie Hathaway described how she and her husband, Troy, have welcomed a student into their home through this project. Hathaway said she has learned a great deal about the resilience of kids facing adversity, and she feels that through their involvement, her family is "affirming youth and affirming humanity."

A February 2024 study published by the Urban Institute detailed the negative long-term impact of homelessness on children. "Stable housing is a key facilitator of academic success for students of all ages, and the lack of stable housing can create major disruptions to learning for students," the report said.

To learn more about the Sanford Community Youth Alliance, and to find out how to help local students in need of stable housing, contact sanfordcommunityyouthalliance@gmail.com. Those unable to host a student can still make a difference by donating items or making a financial contribution. Donations can be mailed to Strategies for a Stronger Sanford, with checks payable to SFASS, at P. O. Box 561, Sanford, ME 04073. ■



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Library Construction *Cont'd from page 1*

Library Director Richard "Chip" Schrader. The grant allowed construction of new space for a community room, study rooms, and offices, as well as updated technology and a rebuilt main entrance. In September 2023, on the eve of construction start, Schrader left to become director of the Scarborough Public Library. The library closed for most of September while it moved its collection to temporary space at the Center for Shopping, and then construction started.

"The board and library staff were under the impression that construction could begin using available endowment funds, until the HUD funds were made available. No one anticipated the funds taking so long to be made available," according to a press release.

The library pieced together internal funds from investments at HM Payson, Maine Community Foundation and others without spending down the endowment itself, as directed by financial advisor Shawn Dumont of Edward Jones. The library also secured an advance on its budget allocation from the City of Sanford to fund the repair of the slate roof. To date, the library has expended \$1.3 million.

Although construction has stopped, bills continue. Fees for materials, contractor, subcontractor, and architect were incurred after the last available endowment draw and before the "stop work order," according to the library. ■

Y Honors Volunteers, Staff at Annual Meeting

By Jack McAdam

The Sanford-Springvale YMCA shared highlights of the past year during its annual meeting May 1 at the Y. Over a Cinco de Mayo breakfast, Board President Kimberly Stewart and Executive Director Andy Orazio thanked volunteers and young staff for carrying out the Y's core values of



YMCA Director Andy Orazio, center, honors Merilee Perkins and Jonathan Mapes, winners of the Pillars of the Community Award. Photo: Jack McAdam

caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. They bestowed honors on a few standouts.

Orazio presented the Pillar of Community Award to Director of Health and Wellness Merilee Perkins and her brother Jonathan Mapes on behalf of their late parents, Polly and Allen Mapes. Both siblings shared stories about Polly and Allen and their life and the impact the YMCA had on them.

The Volunteer of the Year award went to Linda Gaidimas, who works with the aquatics program. Gaidimas's dedication of time and energy to the program was described as outstanding.

Orazio noted that 35 to 40% of the Y's workforce is between 15 and 21 years old. Two young employees who started as volunteers spoke about how the Y changed their lives in completely different ways.

Morgan Hamel works as a lifeguard and finds his sense of purpose in the aquatics department. He commented that when he was hired, he thought "how cool it is to get paid to watch water." Seven years later, he enjoys teaching kids water safety and how to swim.

Caroline Daskowski began helping with the summer camp programs and each year became more involved with children's programs that the Y offers. She now works with youth development in the childcare

program.

Also offered was a review of the Y's new strategic plan, Strong Communities Thrive Together. The plan showed how the Y partners with 15 organizations to help bring programs and services to our communities. The Trafton Senior Center partners with 10 organizations that help with aging in place and resources for seniors. The Y was involved in seven community events in 2023 and continues to find those local connections.

Another highlight is the Early Learning Center expansion, which is expected to open in June. This will allow the program to welcome 30 more children ages 6 months to 5 years. The Diabetes Prevention program, now in its third year, is at maximum capacity due to hard work by Perkins to launch this pilot program and work with local health providers to refer clients. ■



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CALENDAR *Cont'd from page 1*

Monday, May 20

- School Committee Meeting, 8 am, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main St.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Mom's Group at Springvale Park, 10 am, Springvale Playground, 3 Edmund St.
- Red Cross Blood Drive, noon, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.
- Lego Builders Club, 3:30 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Free Mindfulness & Sound Therapy, 5:30 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.

Tuesday, May 21

- Baby/Toddler Rhyme Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Pre-K Story Time, 11 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YC Shelter Program, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- JMG Closing Ceremony, 3 pm, SHS, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- City Council Meeting, 6 pm, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main St.

Wednesday, May 22

- Community Café, 11:30 am, Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Dr.
- Lego Builders Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Weekly Cruise In, 7 pm, Shain's of Maine, 1491 Main St.
- Poetry Group, 5 pm, Louis B. Goodall Library.
- Fiber Arts Group, 5:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Wednesday Night Bite Free Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.

Thursday, May 23

- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.
- Career Center Job Fair, 2:30 pm, Sanford Community Adult Education, 668 Main St.
- Free Community Meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- PTA Ice Cream Social, 5:30 pm, CJL School, 233 Shaw's Ridge Rd.

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City Council May 7 Meeting Summary

By Renée Morin

The City Council met on Tuesday May 7, 2024, with all members in attendance.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Becky Brink started off her report by expressing appreciation for the staff of Sanford schools, in recognition of Teachers' Appreciation Week.

Brink, along with Councilor Ayn Hanselmann, praised the Sanford Backpack Program, which is used to combat hunger among Sanford youth. Additionally, a spotlight was shone on other non-profits and fundraisers in the City, such as the May 18 Chocolate Benefit and the Sanford Rotary Club, which raises funds for the Backpack Program, as well as the Stepping Out for Seniors Program and the Sanford Youth Community Alliance.

City Manager's Report

A bill in the Maine Legislature that would have banned the sale of flavored tobacco products is dead. The issue is likely to be added to a future referendum via petition.

York County Community Action Corporation's transport division has received a 2 million dollar grant to establish a commuter service between Sanford and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The service is planned to be operational sometime between the end of the summer and early fall.

Governor Janet Mills signed a bill to amend the limits on municipal property tax collection.

The legislature is considering additional funds for general assistance reimbursements to municipalities.

The City administration is working with medical providers and other government partners on funding for community paramedicine.

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Arnold announced his retirement effective August 8.

The City will pursue disaster relief funds for the costs associated with the April 3 storm event.

The City's Assessing Department continues to work on its 2024 valuations.

Homelessness Update

May 1 saw the closing of the warming center at Lafayette School, with about half of the 44 remaining patrons accepting the assistance services offered. Meals will continue to be served at the school Tuesdays and Thursdays, though it is not yet determined whether the location will be utilized next year.

A review of housing related outcomes from the last legislative session, tracked by City Manager Steve Buck and the Homelessness



Communications Director Jordan Wilson updates the council on the efforts being made to promote the proposed replacement fire stations. Photo: WSSR TV

Task Force, was conducted. The summary found that the December 2023 advocacy for increased non-low barrier shelter funding seemingly did not prove to be productive. Instead, funding was competitively distributed by the Maine State Housing Authority to several entities providing housing and shelter services.

Additional legislation that would have increased state reimbursement for general assistance costs from the current 70% to 90% also failed to pass.

Sanford police officers will travel by bike and on foot around the city starting May 20. This initiative is designed to "address conflicts within the public areas," as well as offer assistance and build trust with the City's homeless population. According to Buck, "Building trust and

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City of Sanford PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SanfordMaine.org



The Sanford City Council will hold a public hearing and receive written and oral comments at its June 4, 2024 meeting, starting at 6:00 pm, on:

- An Amendment to §280-13-5 Standards for conditional use approval to add Subsection F. Excavation Contracting Business, and update the Table of Land Uses accordingly, to allow Excavation Contracting Businesses as a Conditional Use in the Rural Residential (RR) and Rural Mixed Use (RMU) Zones. This use is currently Permitted with Review in these same zones as an Accessory Use to Single Family Residential. Excavation Contracting Businesses are currently allowed as Permitted in the IB and AD Zones, Permitted with Review in the IR Zone, and Conditional Use in the Urban Zone. The proposed ordinance amendment includes standards by which to review an application for Excavation Contracting Businesses in any zone it is allowed as a Conditional Use. The Table of Land Uses has been updated to reflect this proposed change.

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference pursuant to City Council Rules of Procedure. Testimony may be provided in person, via mail or email, or via Zoom. Meeting information, including how to connect via Zoom, is provided at www.sanfordmaine.org. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org.

offering services over time has proven the most effective means of influencing a positive change for a majority of people currently unhoused.”

Notice will be provided to the inhabitants of the Heritage Crossing encampment about its removal before June 15 due to health and safety issues. In the meantime, assistance services will continue to be offered to the inhabitants.

Communications/Presentations

Deputy Police Chief Eric Small presented Great Bay Services and Pine Tree Properties with a certificate expressing the City’s appreciation for their continued participation in the Earth Day cleanups.

The Council was shown two videos made to promote the proposed fire station replacements. Communications Director Jordan Wilson shared further plans to promote the project within the community.

At the end of Wilson’s presentation, Buck commented regarding the proposed replacements. “I no longer contemplate the ‘if’ and I’m contemplating less the ‘when’ because the ‘when’ is going to be forced upon us whether we want to pay for it now or we want to pay for it in the future; because when those OSHA regulations come down there is nothing that is in compliance with our stations, nor can we retrofit them to get us to that point.”

Public Hearings

A hearing was held regarding the proposed application for a grant being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program. The application is for a housing assistance grant to support Habitat for Humanity in the construction of four affordable homeownership units in Sanford.

A hearing was held on revisions to the City’s Floodplain Management Ordinance to reflect the updated FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps and to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

A hearing was held on proposed ordinance revisions for minor text changes related to dumpsters.

A hearing was held to discuss the creation of a new Assistant Manager position through an act of Ordinance pursuant to Charter Section 205.3

A hearing was held on a proposed ordinance

for the establishment of a moratorium on the construction of new campgrounds in the City of Sanford. The proposal is for 180 days “to allow time for examination and amendment of regulations pertaining to design standards that have potential to constitute a danger to public health and welfare.” Multiple Sanford residents came up to share their opinion of the measure with the council. See our previous story for more details: Council Likely to Put Temporary Halt to Campground Development - Sanford Springvale NEWS <https://sanford-springvalenews.com/council-likely-to-put-temporary-halt-to-campground-development/>

New Business

The Council approved an overlimit permit for MDOT construction.

They also discussed changes to the City’s subcommittee schedule during the months of July and August. ■

Passages

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

Ronnie Carlton Bell, 81, of Sanford, died on Tuesday, May 8, 2024, at Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford. Services were held on May 15.

Ronald Roger Daigle, 81, of Sanford, died peacefully on April 30, 2024, at home. No services are planned at this time.

Lorraine Legere, 95, of Sanford, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on May 4, 2024, at Huntington Common in Kennebunk. Services were held on May 11.

Courtney J. Straffin, 33, of North Berwick, passed away peacefully in Maine Medical Center on May 4, 2024, from complications of diabetes. A time of visitation will be held Tuesday, May 21, from 6 to 8 pm at the Johnson Funeral Home, 26 Market St., North Berwick. ■

CALENDAR *Cont’d from page 3*

- Community Training: Substance Use Disorders, 6 pm, SPD, 935 Main St.
- SRTC Recognition Night, 6 pm, SHS Alumni Stadium, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- York County Stamp Club-Minerals on Stamps, 6:30 pm, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.

Friday, May 24

- Toddler Time, 9 am, Sanford Community Adult Education, 668 Main St.
- Salvation Army of Sanford Staples Box Distribution, 9 am, 871 Main St.
- Salvation Army of Sanford Produce Pantry, 10 am, 871 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YC Shelter Program, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Taylor Swift Night, 6 pm, Nasson Youth Theatre, 457 Main St., Springvale
- Kid’s Paint Night, 6 pm, YMCA, Emile Levasseur Dr.

Saturday, May 25

- Sanford Farmers’ Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Veterans Memorial Committee-Flags, 9 am, St. Ignatius Cemetery, Berwick Rd.
- Baby Blessings, 10 am, St. George’s Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- Community Plant Exchange, 10 am, Eldredge Lumber, 1787 Main St.
- 4H Pollinator Protectors of York County, 10 am, Eldredge Lumber, 1787 Main St.

To check Sanford School Department sports schedules: mpaschedules.org ■

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Nature Works Hard to Produce the Delicate Lady Slipper

Probably Maine's best known native orchid, and the provincial flower of Prince Edward Island and the state wildflower of New Hampshire, is the pink lady slipper. These beauties can be seen along many of Sanford's trails in filtered sunlit areas along pine-lined trails and footpaths. Look for them from mid-spring through June.

The other lady slippers found in Maine are the yellow, showy, and ram's head; the last two are rare, and the ram's head is endangered. Rarely, the pink species will produce a white flower. Pink lady slippers live in a variety of habitats – mixed hardwood/coniferous forests, pine and hemlock stands, on rocky/mossy slopes, in semi-open birch stands – but are usually found in pine forests, in deep humus and acidic but well-drained soil, where they often form large colonies.

Lady slippers are known as deceptive flowers. They don't produce nectar, their pollen is too sticky for insects to consume, and they are difficult to pollinate. It is the sturdy bumblebee that gets fooled into doing this.

Bees are lured by the flower's bright color and sweet scent, struggling into the flower pouch through the front slit. But once inside, they find no food. The only way out forces the bee to rub against the flower's reproductive organs. So, the bee deposits pollen from another lady slipper on the flower and picks up new pollen on its way out. After visiting a few of these "deceptive flowers," the bee soon learns of its folly – that



A lady slipper along the East Trail, McKeon Reserve
Photo: Kevin McKeon

these flowers provide no nectar – and chooses to pollinate elsewhere. This leads to a low pollination rate for these orchids; but those that do get pollinated form a small brown seed capsule containing 10-20 thousand tiny seeds. These seeds get windblown over the landscape and can remain viable in the soil for years, forming seed corms as they await a friendly fungus.

Fungus? Yes, for 400 million years, over 90%

of land-based plants need soil fungi to flourish. In the case of our lady slipper, it needs a certain fungus not only to grow beautiful, but for the tiny seeds to germinate. Its seeds are so small that they have no endosperm, the initial food supply for the seed embryo. So, the seeds need the fungus's roots, or mycorrhiza, first to break open the seed, and then to feed the embryo.

After three years, the lady slipper breaks ground and begins to photosynthesize – to make food from the sun. It will "pay the fungus back" with some of the food it makes. This mutually beneficial relationship between the plant and the fungus is known as symbiosis and is typical of almost all plants.

Lady slippers take many years to go from seed to mature plants and can live to be over 20 years old. After plants flower, they sometimes go dormant underground for two to three years before re-flowering.

These growing conditions are obviously next to impossible to duplicate and with 6-foot-long roots, transplantation is almost always unsuccessful. So kindly enjoy the lady slipper where it grows. Much work and patience went into its existence; let it live where it's happy!

Editor's note: Did you see something unusual last time you were out in the woods? Were you puzzled or surprised by something you saw? Ask our "Out in the Woods" columnist Kevin McKeon. He'll be happy to investigate and try to answer your questions. Email him directly at: kpm@metrocast.net. ■

Spring Concert Thrills Middle School Audience

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools
Communications Coordinator

The talented musicians of the Sanford Middle School put on a fabulous show on May 8 at the Spring Concert held at the Sanford Performing Arts Center. The evening featured performances by the Jazz Band, 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, and combined 6th-8th Grade Choir.

The concert kicked off with the Jazz Band, led by director Erica Scarano. They got things going with "Apache," featuring a solo from student Sophia O'Connell on saxophone. The lively sounds of "El Taco Rocko" followed, with solos from Emma Higgins, Xyla Kurz, Elyse White, Cierra McInerney, Kiana Kinsey and Evan Lynch showcasing the band's versatility.

Next up was the 7th Grade Band, taking the audience through pieces like "The Monster Under the Bed," "Chorale Elegant," and "Byzantine Dances." The 8th Grade Band followed with an impressive set including "Dance of the Shadows," "Loch Lomond," and the fast-paced "Mambo Cubano."



Photo: Sanford School Department

After a brief intermission, the combined 6th-8th Grade Choir, under the direction of Justin Pietruch, captivated with their vocal performances. They opened with an energetic rendition of "Africa" before shifting gears with the inspirational "Imagine," which featured solos from Emma Higgins and Victoria Lipert. The choir showcased their range on the folk song "Shenandoah," highlighted by solos from Ziva

Green and Jaslinn Johnson. They closed out the night by rocking the crowd with "Heavy."

The musicians of Sanford Middle School clearly put in countless hours of practice and preparation. Their hard work and talents were on full display, making for a truly memorable evening of music and entertainment for the whole community. ■

SHS Choral and Band Ensembles Perform Spring Concert

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools
Communications Coordinator

Sanford High School's choral and band ensembles performed a Spring Concert in the Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, May 7.

Under the guidance of SHS Director of Choirs Ryan Geary, the choral ensembles kicked off the evening's festivities with an array of performances. The CCP Chorus set the stage with their rendition of "Put A Lid on It" by Alan Billingsley.

Following suit, the Select Treble Choir sang "Truth" by Andrea Ramsey. The Sanford Chamber Singers continued with "Time" by Jennifer Lucy Cook. Finally, the SHS Chorale performed "What Do I Know?" by Audrey Snyder, the whimsical "I'm Just Ken" from the Barbie movie, the introspective "What Was I Made For?" by Jennifer Lucy Cook and "How Can I Keep From Singing?" by Bradley Ellingboe.

It was then time for the Band Ensemble, under the baton of Director of Bands Hailey Francouer.

The Jazz Ensemble performed a rendition of "Big Swing Face" by William Potts, featuring standout solos by SHS students Joey Blanchette and Quang Lam. Hannah Paterson was the featured soloist in the next song, "How High the Moon." The Jazz Ensemble concluded its set with a performance of "Birdland" by Josef Zawinul.

The Wind Ensemble followed. The highlight of their set was the performance of "The Seal



Photo: Sanford School Department

Lullaby," with standout solos from students Samone Gallagher, Emma Janousek, Mikayla Adair, and George Westerland. They concluded their set with a thrilling performance of "Cool" from West Side Story.

The highlight of the night undoubtedly came from the Concert Band, who delivered a pre-

miere of "The State of Maine March," arranged and conducted by teacher Heather Hastings. The band's rendition of "Air For Band" was nothing short of breathtaking, with each note resonating with emotion and precision. And finally, they brought the evening to a close with their performance of "The Machine Awakes." ■

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World-Class Talents on Our Small-Town Stage

By Morton Gold

OK, Tom Brady could be described as a football player and Willie Mays as a baseball player, but these descriptions are obviously incomplete. In the same way, Sergey Antonov could be described as a cellist and Ilya Kazantsev as a pianist. These descriptions would not let folks know that Brady and Mays were superstars in their respective sports, while Antonov and Kazantsev are as gifted on their respective instruments. This pair, who have performed all over the planet to rave reviews, gave a performance at the Sanford Springvale Historical Museum on May 11 before a small but distinguished audience.

The museum has marvelous acoustics that are especially suited to performances by small groups of performers. Invited back many times by Harland Eastman, the founder and recently deceased president of the museum, this pair only added to their sterling reputations.

Incidentally, don't feel bad if you had never heard of Kazantsev or Antonov before; I don't know who now plays second base for the Red Sox. If one likes to watch soccer, then baseball may not appeal to you. Fans of Taylor Swift might not even be aware of Lady Gaga, and so on. Sadly, there is a divide separating fans of one area from all the others. It is my hope that one day Kazantsev and Antonov will be heard



Ilya Kazantsev and Sergey Antonov
Photo: Sanford-Springvale Historical Society

and admired by millions because of their talent and musicianship.

The pair began Saturday's concert with a performance of Liebestraum (Dreams of Love) by Franz Liszt, arranged by Gaspar Cassado. It was apparent (to me) at the outset that Antonov has a rich, sensuous, yet full-bodied tone. From the depths of the lowest C string to the rarefied uppermost registers, from piano to forte, he is in full control. His technique is always used to

convey the inner meaning of the music. Kazantsev is no mere accompanist, but rather a full partner in the performance of each selection. The museum's Bechstein piano can convey all manner of pianistic timbres, but only if one can command the piano to yield these qualities. In Kazantsev's case, it did.

I could go into some detail about each selection, but space doesn't permit that now. In memory of Mr. Eastman, the duo concluded their program with a performance of Kol Nidre by Bruch with a right on and in-tune, sustained harmonic.

If I have whetted your appetite to hear this pair, good. They will be at the museum again on Nov. 9. While a sold-out house at the SPAC is what they deserve, an overflowing crowd at the museum would be a credit to the reputation of the music-loving residents of York County.

Dr. Morton Gold is a composer and pianist and former professor of music at Nasson College. ■

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Sanford Springvale News

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

Please take notice that:

Sanford Sewerage District, 281 River Street, PO Box 338, Springvale, ME, 207-324-5313, is intending to file a Site Location of Development Act permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 481 thru 490 on or about: May 24, 2024.

The project proposes a new maintenance and administration building, material storage area, access drives, and parking lot and will make improvements to stormwater treatment at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland, during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Sanford, Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to the regional office in Portland, where the application is filed for public inspection:

MDEP, Southern Maine Regional Office, 312 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103



NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



The Beginner Dulcimer Group at Goodall Library

Making sweet music together: The Beginner Dulcimer Group gave their spring performance last week at Goodall Library. To hear them perform one of the songs they learned: <https://tinyurl.com/3j4fm2ck>. If you'd like to learn to play this instrument, you can check out the library's dulcimer for free with your library card.

New rent relief program to offer assistance: A pilot program, to be developed and administered by Maine Housing, could provide up to \$800 per month in rent relief for up to two years to help low-income Mainers avoid eviction. The money would be paid directly to the renter's landlord. Lawmakers allocated money in the state's supplemental budget to help renters who are at the greatest risk of facing eviction based on their income. It is estimated that about 2,400 people across the state will qualify. To qualify, renters cannot be using a federal housing voucher to pay rent when they apply, and they cannot be living in a subsidized housing unit. Funding will likely become available in late July.

Behavioral health resources available online: Nasson Health Care has resources available for

anyone interested in learning how to overcome depression, anxiety and stress. Behavioral Health handouts offering practical skills and techniques can be found here. For further assistance, primary care patients at Nasson can also schedule an appointment with one of the organization's behavioral health providers. <https://tinyurl.com/mws794ea>

Kick off June with live music, food and beer: Waypoint's Music Fest, scheduled for June 1 from 2 pm to 6 pm, has an electrifying lineup this year, with Motor Booty Affair headlining and featuring Dock Squares. The event, to be held at Waypoint, 5 Dunaway Dr. in Sanford, will offer live music, food trucks, a beer garden and a photo booth. In addition, a raffle will be held, offering the chance to win several donated items, including a Weber grill, Adirondack chairs, an outdoor fire pit and a kayak. General tickets are \$30 each and the ticket package, which includes a t-shirt and koozie, is \$55. Proceeds will directly support the organization's children's programs, providing essential educational and adjunct therapies to children Pre-K to Grade 5 at Fraser Ford School in Sanford. Purchase tickets here. <https://waypointmaine.org/>

Donation helps fight youth hunger: Atlantic Federal Credit Union donated \$10,000 to the Sanford Backpack Program (SBP) last week as part of the Campaign for Ending Hunger

in Maine. These funds will support the SBP's summer food distributions at the Willard School building and Sanford High School, and will allow the organization to provide weekly food-filled boxes to Sanford students and their families as well as to other community members.



The damaged sign at Fawcett Goodwin Reserve

Seeking information on damage to sign: Vandalism to the Mousam Way Land Trust sign at the Fawcett Goodwin Reserve off High Street has been a recurring problem. Anyone with any information regarding this damage is asked to email mousamwaylandtrust@gmail.com.

FEMA deadline fast approaching for January storm aid: May 20 is the deadline for Maine residents to apply for financial assistance from FEMA for storm damage that occurred Jan. 9 through 13. If you experienced losses from this storm, go here to apply for assistance or visit the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at 585 N. Berwick Rd. in Wells. <https://tinyurl.com/4mf35689>

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City of Sanford PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SanfordMaine.org

Projects: File #R18-65 – 1749 Main St – Whispering Pines – Preliminary Subdivision
For Review By: Planning Board
Meeting: June 5, 2024

The Sanford Planning Board will hold a public hearing and receive written and oral comments at its June 5, 2024 meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, on the following development application:

- File #R18-65 – 1749 Main St – Whispering Pines – Preliminary Subdivision - a Minor Site Plan and Preliminary Major Subdivision to construct a 2-story multifamily building with 16 dwelling units and the associated parking and site improvements on property owned by Scarborough Woods, LLC and located at 1749 Main St (Map R18, Lot 65).

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference pursuant to City Council Rules of Procedure. Testimony may be provided in person, via mail or email, or via Zoom. Meeting information, including how to connect via Zoom, is provided at www.sanfordmaine.org. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or jlababcock@sanfordmaine.org.



SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator

Sanford High School Provides Track for Great Bay's Special Olympics Prep

Sanford High School Athletic Director Zach Lemelin graciously opened Alumni Stadium recently to allow Great Bay Services participants to practice for the York County Special Olympics Track Meet. According to Lemelin, Great Bay used the track for a couple of weeks to prepare for the meet which was held at Noble High School on Friday, May 10.



Great Bay Services participants used Alumni Stadium to prepare for the York County Special Olympics Track Meet. Photo: Great Bay Services

Sanford Mainers Seeking Host Families for 2024 Season

The Sanford Mainers are seeking host families for players and interns for the 2024 season. This is a great chance to participate in a rewarding experience. Host families receive benefits such as complimentary season tickets, access to all NECBL ballparks, discounts to local businesses, a free week to Mainers' youth baseball camps, and more. Email hostfamily@sanfordmainers.com for more information.

SHS Baseball Continues Strong Season

Sanford High School's baseball team moved to 8-2 on the season after a 2-1 win over Windham on Monday, May 13. Beckett Barlow went 3 for 4 with a run scored, while Scott Long and Ben Gill each added doubles. Starter Noah Corliss went five innings, allowing one run on one hit while striking out two to earn the win. ■

Real Estate Transactions

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5/3, 61 Whichers Mill Rd., 6-room Raised Ranch, 3 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with bath, laundry on second floor, finished walk-out basement, attached 2-car garage, 1.11 acres, \$400,000

5/10, 35 Emery St., 7-room New Englander, 4 bed/1.5 bath, newly renovated, hardwood floors, attic, unfinished basement, detached 2-car garage, porch, deck, shed, intown, \$385,000



5/10, 37 Sunny Lane, 4-room Ranch, 2 bed/1 bath, unfinished basement, shared right of way to Bauneg Beg Pond, .49 acre, \$265,000

5/10, 16 Sidetrack Lane, #H1, Springvale, 6-room Condominium, 3 bed/2.5 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, laundry on second floor, slab, attached 1-car garage, patio, built in 2024, \$381,000

5/10, 9 Tanguay St., 3-floor New Englander, 6 rental units: one 1 bed/1 bath, three 2 bed/1 bath, two 3 bed/1 bath, dirt-floor basement, intown, \$645,000

5/10, 50 Essex St., 5-room Ranch, 2 bed/1.5 bath, primary bedroom with half bath, unfinished basement, attached 1-car garage, deck, shed, \$328,900 ■

NEWS NOTES *Cont'd from page 9*

Theft at Hannaford: Sanford Police Department (SPD) is seeking the public's help in identifying the person involved in a theft of personal property at Hannaford on April 28. The department has posted a photo captured by the store's video on the SPD Facebook page. Anyone who has information or is able to identify the person in the photo is asked to contact Officer Belleard at 207-324-3644, ext. 129. See the photo here. <https://tinyurl.com/yku7e88w>

Cruisin' on a Wednesday afternoon: The Maine Coastal Cruisers Club is hosting a weekly cruise in at Shain's of Maine on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 7 pm.

YMCA expands Child Watch hours for its members: Prime Time Child Watch hours have changed at the Sanford-Springvale YMCA. Prime Time, now open Monday through Thursday at 3:30 pm, is a free service that allows YMCA members to sign their children in for child watch for up to two hours while they work out, take a group class or participate in another activity at the YMCA. FMI, call 207-324-4942. ■

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SCHOOL NOTES

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Elementary school students move their hands to music from the Portland Symphony String Quartet.

Musical performance entertains and engages young students: The Portland Symphony String Quartet musicians visited Carl J. Lamb, Sanford Pride and Margaret Chase Smith Elementary Schools on May 9. The quartet brought the beloved story of “Swimmy” to life through music and interactive performances. Students listened as the violin, viola, cello and bass created the sounds of the deep blue sea. They even got to join Swimmy’s journey by moving their hands to the music. FMI: <https://tinyurl.com/ykz2aa33>

101 SRTC students honored: On May 8, 101 Sanford Regional Technical Center (SRTC) students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The ceremony, held at the Sanford Performing Arts Center, celebrated the students’ achievement in their Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, highlighting their dedication to skill development and academic excellence. Each student was individually recognized for their outstanding contributions, symbolizing their entry into a community committed to excellence. Established in 1984, the NTHS is the premier honor society for CTE, extending its reach to high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, and universities. FMI: <https://tinyurl.com/3n5tsc94>

Mark your calendar: SRTC Recognition Night is scheduled for May 23 at 6 pm at Alumni Stadium. This outdoor event will celebrate 2024 seniors and those who have completed 1-year programs.

Middle school students’ video wins top prize in Maine: Congratulations to Adeline Fraser, Joshua Fogarty and Allison Horton from Sanford Middle School for winning first place at the state level for their drug awareness video, “Be Kind to Your Mind.” They attended the state Elks Banquet in Augusta on May 4 to receive their awards and have their video shown.

Getting good dental habits to take root: Last week, St. Thomas School’s kindergarten class welcomed Dr. Paul Beaudoin and his assistant, Sarah Steves — both St. Thomas alums — to discuss all things dental. Students were reminded of the important habits of brushing and flossing properly in order to keep their teeth and gums healthy and strong.

Two SRTC students have strong showing in state auto tech contest: Last week, two Automotive Technology students from Sanford Regional Technical Center — Max Jones from Sanford and Dylan Baker from Massabesic —

competed in the 2024 Maine Ford ACE State Competition at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) in Auburn. They placed third against eight other auto tech teams from around the state, each of whom had won their local contests a few weeks ago. The competition consisted of a written ASE technician exam and a troubleshooting skills test, where each team had to diagnose and repair as many issues as they could locate in identically bugged 2024 Ford Broncos. Although they missed out on the first-place prize of a 2024 Ford Mustang GT for the school, their third-place win got them each a set of their own professional mechanics tools. The competition was made possible by the support of the Ford Motor Company, CMCC, AAA Northern New England, the NAPA Network and local Ford dealerships. Instructor Richard Couture and the team extend their thanks to Frank Kendall and Arundel Ford for their support for this competition and over the years.



Dajuan Eubanks, president of the Maine Celtics, poses with Jobs for Maine Graduates students at a career day event in Portland.

A day of career exploration: Earlier this month, Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) students from Sanford High School (SHS) and Sanford Regional Technical Center (SRTC) attended a career day event at UNUM in Portland, where they learned about various careers and career paths from employees. Guest speaker Dajuan Eubanks spoke about the journey that led him to become president of the Maine Celtics. To date, 172 SHS and SRTC students have participated in the Maine Career Exploration Badge.

SHS students’ artistic talents on display: The Sanford High School annual art show, held on May 7, showcased the creative abilities of the school’s art students, who presented a wide range of media from different art classes, including ceramics, drawing, painting, photography, 3D design and more. An interactive poster was also available for families and community members at the event to color. In addition to the art show, the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) hosted an art sale where its members sold a variety of handmade items to support their organization. This was the NAHS’ first official fundraiser. Lastly, the high school’s choral and band ensembles performed their Spring Concert that same evening. (See the related story.)

Sanford resident joins the Legacy Foundation board: Warren Roberts has joined the board of the non-profit Sanford Schools Legacy Foundation. Roberts is the owner of Sanford-based Warren’s Office Supplies, which he founded in 1981 and is today owned and operated by the Roberts family. He adds to the diversity of residents who serve on the board, comprised of a mix of educators and residents who want to help elevate public education in Sanford.

SHS Concert Band premieres “The State of Maine March”: The Concert Band delivered the highlight of Sanford High School’s Spring Concert, held May 7 at the Performing Arts Center, with the premiere performance of “The State of Maine March,” arranged by Heather Hastings, music teacher at Margaret Chase Smith Elementary School. The original “State of Maine” song, which was adopted as the state song in 1937, was written and composed by Roger Vinton Snow, who died in 1953. Hastings discovered the piece as she was researching whether Maine even had a state song. Over five days last summer, she arranged the “State of Maine March” by punching up the original work, developing it as a march and supplementing the source material with new composition to tie it all together. The Concert Band, directed by Hailey Francoeur, worked with Hastings to play the piece live for the first time at the concert. That evening, the Concert Band students became part of musical history.

Marine science field trip enhances classroom learning: On May 6, students in Sanford High School’s Alternative Education classes visited the Girard Science Building on the University of New England campus as well as the Saco Salmon Restoration Alliance and Hatchery. In the science building, the students saw pools that held hundreds of endangered Atlantic salmon. There were also tanks where the students could touch sea life, such as sea urchins, crabs, lobsters and more. The Alternative Education Marine Science class worked on a salmon restoration project, which enabled the students to monitor roughly 200 salmon eggs that were delivered to the classroom and watch them develop over the course of two months. The field trip enabled the students to build on their classroom learning by interacting with the college professor and graduate students who are doing real-time research in the field.

Are you up to the challenge, Sanford graduates? The new Sanford High School Banner Campaign, managed by the non-profit Sanford Schools Legacy Foundation, is now underway. Challenge your classmates to dress up Sanford High School by making a tax-deductible donation! Classes get their pick of two banner designs, and spaces for the flags in the high school parking lot are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. FMI and to donate, go here. <https://www.sanfordschoolslegacyfoundation.org/classbanners> ■

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