

French Couple Seeks More Information About Fallen Sanford Soldier

By Gail Burnett, copy editor

Damien Le Youdec knows quite a bit about Paul Emile Duquette, a young soldier from Sanford who died in France in 1944, just 10 days after D-Day. He's hoping someone in the community can help him learn more.

Le Youdec and his wife Aurélia, like a lot of people in their part of Normandy, France, wanted to honor American soldiers who helped free their country from Nazi occupation nearly 80 years ago. They chose to place flowers on Duquette's grave at the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer every year, knowing that his family would not be able to do so.

Their research turned up some facts about Duquette's life. He was born in San-



Damien Le Youdec received a copy of Paul Duquette's memorial banner from members of the SanfordSpringvale Historical Society as thanks for his interest in the young soldier from Sanford who died in France during World War II.
Photo: Damien Le Youdec

ford on July 15, 1924, the only child of Theodore and Helen Bolduc Duquette. He enlisted on July 1, 1942, in Portland and joined the 8th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division. He was only 19 when his barge landed on Utah Beach on June 6, 1944, D-Day. It was part of the first wave landing on the beach that day.

He survived the landing, when 197 soldiers in his division were killed and 60 reported missing. He and others in his unit traveled for 10 days to Montebourg, about 12 miles northwest of Utah Beach. There they entered fierce battles with Nazi occupiers and there, on June 16, Duquette was killed. Back home in Sanford and nine days later, his father Theodore died suddenly of a ruptured aneurysm.

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Pratt & Whitney Volunteers Transform Veterans Cemetery for Memorial Day

Press Release

As Memorial Day approaches each year, a dedicated team of volunteers from Pratt & Whitney in North Berwick steps in to help prepare the grounds of the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. This annual event has become essential for the cemetery, which faces staffing shortages and damage from harsh winter storms, leaving the grounds in need of significant cleanup.

The cemetery's small staff focuses primarily on burials, headstone placements, and mowing,



Pratt & Whitney volunteers

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Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

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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.

Sunday, May 26

- Low-Cost Rabies Clinic, 4 pm, Tractor Supply Co., 1770 Main St.

Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)

- Memorial Day Ceremony SO ME Veterans' Cemetery, 1 pm, 83 Stanley Rd. Springvale

Tuesday, May 28

- 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
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- Pre-K & Kindergarten Exploration Event, 5:30 pm, CJL School, 233 Shaw's Ridge Rd.
- Police Citizen Advisory Group, 6 pm, Sanford Police Department, 935 Main St.
- Health Occupations Pinning Ceremony, 6 pm, SPAC, 100 Alumni Blvd.

Wednesday, May 29

- Community Café, 11:30 am, Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Dr.

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Sunday, June 2 - 3:00PM

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Memorial Day 2024 Activities Planned

Compiled by Zendelle Bouchard

Sanford will commemorate Memorial Day with a full day of activities on Monday, May 27, including a parade (weather permitting) and ceremonies honoring our nation's fallen service members.

Wreath Laying

The Sanford Veterans Memorial Committee will kick off the day with wreath laying ceremonies at cemeteries and other locations around town. Committee members will gather at downtown Dunkin' Donuts at 7:30 am and proceed by car to the following locations, in this order, to lay wreaths. The public is invited to join them at any or all locations.

- Central Park, 920 Main St., 8 am
- St. Ignatius Cemetery, Berwick Road
- Oakdale Cemetery, Twombly Road
- Soldiers and Sailors Park, Oxford Street
- Riverside Cemetery, Riverbank Court, Springvale
- Notre Dame Cemetery, Pine Street, Springvale



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- Number One Pond, across from the National Guard Armory, 9:30 am.

Parade & Ceremonies

Please note William Oscar Emery Drive will be closed beginning about 9 am. The parade (weather permitting) will begin at 10 am at the National Guard Armory. Becky Conley will be Grand Marshal of the parade. The Sanford High School and Sanford Middle School bands will be participating. The parade will follow this route:

- South on William Oscar Emery Dr. to the roundabout
- Right on Gowen Park Dr. to Main St.
- Right on Main St. toward Springvale
- Ending at Springvale Square at the Walgreen's parking lot

Following the parade, ceremonies will be held at the Gazebo in Springvale Square (near Walgreens). Paul Auger will serve as Master of Ceremonies and both bands will play. The Amvets Honor Guard will take part and Jessica Johnson will play taps.

Fallen Soldier *Cont'd from page 1*

His mother buried her husband without knowing she had also lost her only child. "We can easily imagine the heartbreak for this mother when she learned the sad news one month after the death of her husband," Damien Le Youdec wrote. Helen outlived her husband and son by 50 years and is buried next to her husband at St. Ignatius Cemetery.

Le Youdec travels around his country sharing the story of France's liberation at elementary schools, high schools and colleges. He would like to learn more about Duquette, possibly from distant family members still in this area, to fill out his story with more pictures and perhaps military items.

Anyone with information about the family is invited to email Le Youdec at dleyoudec@gmail.com or to talk to one of his local historian contacts, Claire Auger at cauger@me.com, Paul Auger at pauger@me.com, or Joe Doiron at jdoiron51@gmail.com. ■

PLEASE NOTE if the parade is cancelled due to rain, the ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial Gym, 678 Main St. at 10 am.

Veterans Cemetery Ceremony

The ceremony at Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale will take place beginning at 1 pm. Retired Vice Admiral George W. Emery of the US Navy, a native of Springvale, will be the guest speaker. US Senator Susan Collins will deliver the keynote address. The ceremony will also include a wreath laying, rifle salute and Amazing Grace performed by pipers Al Halliday and Bill Ferrigno. The public is encouraged to attend. Read more about Vice Admiral Emery's Naval career here: <https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/research-guides/modern-biographical-files-ndl/modern-bios-e/emery-george-w.html>

Poppies

Marge Lewis of the American Legion Auxiliary will be at Springvale Hardware this Memorial Day weekend with red paper poppies available for a donation. All funds raised are used to help needy veterans. Paper poppies have been offered to the public each May since 1921 as a memorial to all fallen veterans. After World War I, poppies grew in the fields of Europe where battles were fought, their bright red color a symbolic reminder of the blood shed by our soldiers. ■

Veterans Cemetery *Cont'd from page 1*

leaving them without the manpower to handle the necessary spring cleanup. Pratt & Whitney volunteers fill this gap by clearing debris, cleaning, and preparing the numerous gardens, ensuring the cemetery is in pristine condition for Memorial Day ceremonies.

"The contributions of the Pratt & Whitney volunteer crew are invaluable," said Nadine Gookin, a representative from the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association. "Without their help, it would be difficult to prepare the grounds to the standard we strive for each Memorial Day."

For many of the volunteers, who are veterans themselves or have personal connections to the military, this work is a meaningful way to honor veterans and give back to the community. Their efforts ensure that the cemetery remains a beautiful and respectful resting place, especially during Memorial Day. The Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association is deeply grateful to each volunteer for their time and hard work. ■

City Council Meeting Summary May 21

By Renée Morin

The City Council met Tuesday May 21, 2024, for its regular meeting. All members were in attendance.

Mayor's Report/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Becky Brink began the meeting with a brief history of Memorial Day. She followed this by expressing gratitude for the work that has been done by the Homeless Task Force.

Reporting for the Hazardous Waste Sub-committee, Councilor Robert Stackpole said

that a household hazardous waste cleanup day will be held on June 30 from 9 am to noon.

City Manager's Report

Sanford has received two grants from the Environmental Protection Agency. A \$500,000 assessment grant is to be used in the historic millyard for assessing environmental sites in the area and preparing four sites for cleanup. A \$5,000,000 cleanup grant will be used at the International Woolen Mill boiler house on Pioneer Ave. The cleanup will remove hazardous materials from the boiler house, such as volatile organic compounds, inorganic contaminants, heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic compounds, and light nonaqueous phase liquid.

A PBS documentary is in the works which centers around the arrival of asylum seekers in Maine with Sanford being a specific focal point as a city and community that organized a regional response.

May 5, 2023, saw the unanticipated arrival of asylum seekers to Sanford. The suc-



Jeff Roble is sworn in after being promoted to Lieutenant Paramedic
Credit: City of Sanford

cess in establishing an organized response to the event has been studied, with the city's actions being adopted by Community Action Corporations across the state "as a case of best practices to adopt if experienced in another new area within Maine." Maine Public Broadcasting has also interviewed city staff about the event over the past year.

Although Sanford has reached its capacity to address the large influx of people, it continues to actively work towards integration of the new Mainer population into our region.

New educational material about the November Fire Station Referendum will be showcased at the June 4 City Council meeting. The materials will include educational slogans, informational flyers, updates to Informational videos, an ad campaign and site renderings for a future unveiling ceremony. A "cup of coffee campaign," which will measure the building costs for the new fire stations, and the possibility of minute-long informational videos to be shown at Smitty's Cinema are other options

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CALENDAR *Cont'd from page 1*

- Lego Builders Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library,
- Weekly Cruise-In, 4 pm, Shain's of Maine, 1491 Main St.
- SMS JMG Closing Ceremony, 4:30 pm, Sanford Middle School, 52 Spartan Dr.
- Poetry Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library,
- Fiber Arts Group, 5:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Wednesday Night Bite Free Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- NHS Senior Send-Off Ceremony, 6 pm, SHS, 100 Alumni Blvd.

Thursday, May 30

- 8th Grade Techsplantation-SRTC, 10 am, SRTC, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.
- Sharon Remick MCS Library Dedication, 3:30 pm, MCS School, 248 Twombly Rd.
- Free Community Meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.

Friday, May 31

- Toddler Time, 9 am, Sanford Community Adult Education, 668 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

Saturday, June 1

- 15th Annual Arnie's Ride in Support of MCPP, 8 am, Sanford Elks Lodge, Elm St.
- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- PTA Color Fun Run, 8:30 am, CJL School, 233 Shaw's Ridge Rd.
- Waypoint Music Fest, 2 pm, Waypoint, 5 Dunaway Dr.
- Shriner's Lobster Bowl Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 6 pm, Preble Lodge, 16 Elm St.

Sunday, June 2

- Kids Fishing Derby-Roberts Pond, 9 am, Spvl Fish & Game, Gebung Woods Rd., Alfred
- Sanford 2024 Pride Picnic by Project Community, noon, Gowen Park Dr.
- "Menopause the Musical 2: Cruising Through the Change," 3 pm, SPAC, 100 Alumni Blvd.

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being considered.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging has signed a new lease for the Anderson Learning Center. The SMAA will offer adult day programming, along with Meals on Wheels, Medicare counseling, case management and support group services.

Homelessness Update

The Homeless Task Force is currently working on changes in Sanford's unhoused population stemming from the warming weather, such as individuals moving into encampments and becoming increasingly visible. To address the issue, Sanford Police have deployed officers on bikes and on foot to build trust between officers and unhoused individuals. The hope is to encourage unhoused individuals to accept assistance services available to them.

Notice has been given to the inhabitants concerning the impending closing of the Heritage Crossing encampment before June 15. According to City Manager Buck, "coordinated entry, case management, and housing navigation have all been extended to the individuals currently occupying this unhealthy and unsafe environment, with placements to date being limited to those individuals who are willing to take services."

Further actions to be taken regarding the encampment have been found to be in compliance with federal standards, specifically "19 Strategies for Communities to Address Encampments Humanely and Effectively" which was released by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. The Action Plan will be implemented in two weeks' time.

Coordination between multiple agencies assisting the unhoused community has seen significant results according to Buck, with time and resources being saved and agencies making the best use of existing resources.

Buck met with Maine State Housing representatives to discuss how available funds can benefit the City of Sanford. The city's current shelter system did not receive the funds it needs from the state, necessitating creative means to cover the current 1-million-dollar shortfall. Funding for street outreach workers has also been identified as a necessity.

An agreement with the York County Shelter Program to access emergency shelter space at a reduced cost, along with providing necessary ancillary service of

meals and case management, will be coming before the City Council soon.

A request was made by Mayor Becky Brink for residents wishing to help Sanford's unhoused population to refrain from distributing food and clothing to individuals. The worry is that such actions will discourage unhoused individuals from accepting housing assistance. Citizens wishing to help can assist with distributing resources through the proper channels.

Communications/Presentations

Following the retirement of Lt. Steve Ouellette from the Sanford Fire Department, Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Roble has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Paramedic.

See the separate story from the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council's presentation.

New Business

Personnel in the Building and Codes Department and Municipal Constables were reappointed for the coming year.

The Council authorized the acceptance of grants.

The Council accepted an engineering proposal for inspection and repair to the Goodall Dam and an architect's proposal for work at Carpentier Park.

City Manager Buck has been chosen to represent Sanford on the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee from July 2024 through June 2026. Mayor Brink has been appointed as his alternate if needed.

The Council approved the appointees to Sanford's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Appointees that were previously removed from the committee because of a desire to limit participation to one person per household were restored and the disqualifier was lifted.

Council Member Comments

Councilors had a lengthy debate as to whether it was appropriate to fly the Pride Flag at City Hall during Pride Month. It was approved with Councilor Jonathan Martell voting against it citing religious reasons. ■

New Businesses and Development Come to Sanford

By Renée Morin

At the City Council's meeting on May 21, Keith McBride and Mary Hastings of the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council highlighted some of the recent and future business to come to Sanford, including:

- Downhill Bagel on Main Street, Springvale
- Knots & Bolts, a craft store, in the former Bergeron's Shoe store
- Dayton Trailer Sales on Route 4
- Sebago Technics on Daigle Lane
- Guerrero Maya, a Mexican Restaurant, will be opening at the location of the old Backstreet Grill on School Street.

Recent land purchases at Cyro Drive and Eagle Drive by the Industrial Development Cooperation will be turned into "future development lots specifically targeted towards information technology and biopharmaceutical research company development," according to City Manager Steve Buck. McBride said Sanford is very well positioned to attract industrial development, as there is no other available land zoned for that purpose in Southern Maine.

Compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act, York County Community College has provided findings showing that the establishment of a proposed Welding Training Facility at 60 Community Dr. would have no impact on the environment. The training facility, which will derive its building funds from the Economic Development Initiative and the Maine Industrial Alliance, will be tasked with training Mainers to work in Maine's defense and civilian industries. ■

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NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan

Sanford native graduates from police training program:

Last week, Officer Gary Cray of the Sanford Police Department graduated from the 45th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Full-time police officers who attend this



18-week, live-in academy train on criminal law, de-escalation, emergency driving, firearms, OUI investigations and more. Cray, a Sanford native and Army veteran, will join the evening shift crew.

Help fight food insecurity for older adults:

Volunteers are needed Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings to help pack Meals on Wheels bags for distribution to older adults in southern Maine. If you're interested in helping, contact Volunteer Services at the Southern Maine Agency on Aging at 207-396-6595 or volunteer@smaaa.org.

Honoring Harland Eastman: A Celebration of Life for Harland H. Eastman will be held on June 1 at 10:00 am at the Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum, 505 Main St., Springvale. Those wishing to honor his memory are cordially invited.

Emergency responders contain hazmat situation on Main Street:

On May 16, the Sanford Fire Department and the York County Emergency Management Agency responded to a report about a possible ammonia leak at Arctic Glacier, a manufacturer of ice at 1913 Main St., after an odor was detected. Since ammonia releases a visible vapor, a person inside the building was able to share a video of the leak with responders so fire crews in full hazmat suits could quickly identify the location, seal the leak and shut down the equipment. No injuries were reported.

Shaw Field vandalism may lead to restricted access:

Despite heightened security measures, Shaw Field has recently experienced an increase in vandalism and misuse of the property and infrastructure. The facility is private property. Volunteers with the Sanford-Springvale Soccer Association (SSSA), a private non-profit organization, carry out the management and operation of the field. SSSA hopes to avoid restricting access to

the facility; however, such thoughtless acts come at a real cost to the organization. Anyone who sees any suspicious activity or incidents at the field is asked to contact the Police Department.

Put your creative eye to good use: A logo for the Sanford Recovery Community Center is being developed and the organization would like your input. To cast your vote for the best one: <https://tinyurl.com/4msa8f54>

Calling all 2-D artists: Do you have original art that you'd like to exhibit and sell? Goodall Library is holding an exhibit fundraiser and welcomes you to display your hangable art, such as paintings, prints, photographs, drawings, textiles, quilts and wall hangings. Each piece must be properly wired and ready to hang. Information labels will be provided. The library requests a donation of 20% from each piece sold. All sales will be directly between the artist and the buyer. Interested artists can drop off their art on June 5 from 2 pm to 6:30 pm at the library's temporary site at the Center for Shopping. FMI, contact Evelyn Nitzberg at 707-889-0169 or evelynnitzbergart1@gmail.com.



Summer Commons staff members enjoy Kona Ice treats.

A n-ice big thank you: Last week, the staff at Summer Commons celebrated National Nursing Home Week with Kona Ice of York County. They were treated to Kona's shaved ice treats in appreciation for all that they do every day for the facility's residents.

YMCA expo fosters connections and community:

The 5th annual Healthy Living Expo will be held June 12, 10 am to noon, at the Sanford-Springvale YMCA. The expo provides connections to resources within the community to help older adults. Admission is free and no registration is needed. FMI: 207-457-0800.

Info on Sanford resources at your fingertips:

The Sanford Community Resource Guide is now available online. The guide provides information on where to find resources on food, shelter, financial assistance, transportation, health services, community activities and much more. To access the guide: <https://tinyurl.com/mry9u64h>

How does your garden grow? The annual Southern Maine Garden Club Plant Sale will be held at the Springvale Library on June 1 from 9 am to noon (or until the plants sell out). The sale is a fundraiser for the club, which began more than 25 years ago. Its primary purpose is educational, but it involves social and community service aspects as well.

Saturday the 13th, may be your lucky day: The Old Timers Shop at 917 Main St., Suite A, is holding a raffle with a "You, Me and the Sea" theme. Prizes, all of which are handcrafted items made by "old timers" in York County, include a painting of Nubble Light, a crocheted afghan, a sea-colored bracelet, a beach bag with beach toys, a coastal candle and much more. Tickets are priced \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. The drawing will be held on July 13.

Sheriff's Office warns of another scam: According to the York County Sheriff's Office (YCSO), several businesses and community members have received calls from someone claiming to be a Central Maine Power representative. In this scam, the caller tells the potential victim that their power will be shut off in 45 minutes due to non-payment of the bill. The caller then directs them to call 888-206-5307 to resolve the issue. This phone number, which connects to an automated phone system that identifies as CMP, eventually leads to someone who advises the person to go to Walmart and complete several Western Union transactions to pay the bill. The YCSO warns that CMP will never require a customer to pay a bill this way. Always locate the phone number or other contact information on your monthly statement. ■

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Do I Need a Permit to Use My Fire Pit?

By Zendelle Bouchard

The short answer to whether fires in fire pits require a burn permit is “maybe.” Maine residents and visitors need to be aware of a new law passed by the state in 2023 regarding recreational fires, including the use of fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and campfires for cooking, personal warmth, light, ceremonial or aesthetic purposes.

If you want to have an open fire of three feet or more in diameter on your property, or with flames at least three feet high, you need a burn permit. The permits are free and there are two ways to get one: in person at either of the Sanford fire stations, or online from the state here. <http://www.maineburnpermit.com> or <http://www.wardensreport.com>.

Permits are only issued when the fire danger is rated “low” or “moderate.” The daily fire danger is updated by 9 am each day at this website. <https://mainefireweather.org/>. When the fire danger is rated at “high” or above, the Maine Forest Service and National Weather Service will declare a Red Flag Warning, and no burn permits will be issued that day.

A permit is not required for recreational fires less than three feet in diameter, with flames less than three feet high. Most free-standing metal fire pits like the kind you can purchase at our local stores would not require a permit as long as you keep the flame height under three feet. However, it is important to check the fire danger page before starting any fire, because if a Red Flag Warning has been declared, fires of any size are not allowed, including charcoal grills. One exception to this rule is for a campground that is licensed and has an approved fire safety plan in place prior to the Red Flag Warning; then small recreational campfires are allowed.



Photo: Pixabay

Things to keep in mind:

- If your fire requires a burn permit, you need a new one each day you want to burn.
- Fires must be contained within a metal, masonry, or stone fireplace, pit or ring.
- Burning brush is not considered a recreational use; these fires always require a permit.
- The Sanford Fire Department responds to more than 4,000 calls a year and there will be times when no one is available at the station to help you with a permit. The online system is always available.
- Paper or cardboard may be burned as kindling only. Burning trash is illegal in Maine.
- If you are camping or recreating on someone else’s property, you need permission from the landowner, who will need to get the burn permit before you kindle a fire or use a grill burning charcoal or wood.
- Gas grills do not require a permit and may be used even if a Red Flag Warning has been issued.
- Make sure to keep outdoor fire pits, charcoal grills and fireplaces at least 10 feet away from your home or anything else that might burn. ■

SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey,
Sanford Schools Communications
Coordinator



Photo: WMTW Screenshot

SHS Senior Named WMTW Scholar-Athlete of the Week

Sanford High School senior Tanner McCann was named WMTW’s Scholar Athlete of the Week on Thursday, March 16.

The senior received the recognition two days after throwing a complete game shut-out against Falmouth, allowing five hits and striking out 10.

McCann has helped lead the Spartans to a 9-4 record as of Wednesday, May 22.

Sanford Lacrosse Senior Scores 200th Career Point

Sanford senior Ayden Lockard scored his 200th career point for the Noble/Sanford Varsity Boys’ co-op lacrosse team against Morse on Friday, May 17.

Lockard has helped lead the boys’ lacrosse team to a 7-3 record as of Wednesday, May 22.

SHS Senior Makes Round of 16 in Girls’ State Singles Tennis Tournament

SHS senior Olivia Guinard had a great run in the Girls’ State Singles Tennis Tournament at Bates College in Lewiston.

Guinard, an eight-seed, beat Falmouth’s Charlotte Williamson 6-0, 6-1 in the first round. Her run in the tournament ended in the round of 16, losing to Cony’s Kira Gregor 6-3, 6-1. ■

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‘Menopause’ Ladies Stop in Sanford

Press Release

All aboard, sisters! Get ready for the hysterical sequel to the hit show “Menopause The Musical®.” The North American Premiere Tour docks in Maine for a single, unmissable performance at 3 pm on Sunday, June 2.

Five years after their memorable department store encounter, our beloved ladies are setting sail for more uproarious adventures on the high seas. “Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through ‘The Change’®” delivers side-splitting laughs and heartwarming moments as they delve into the world of menopause, friendship, and all the comedic hot flashes, mood

swings, and memory glitches that come with it! For these four ladies, menopause isn’t an ending – it is the start of an enduring friendship where love triumphs and bonds never break.

Embark on a journey of self-discovery, while grooving to a toe-tapping playlist of parodied hits from the ’70s, ’80s and ’90s.

Adult tickets range in price from \$45-\$75, with discounts for subscribers, students, seniors and military veterans. Call the box office at (207) 206-1126 or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-noon. Online ticketing is available 24/7 at www.sanfordpac.org. ■

Rock the Waypoint Music Fest!

Waypoint (formerly known as Waban), a non-profit organization serving children with special needs in Maine, will be hosting its annual music festival fundraiser on June 1 from 2:00–6:00 pm at their waterfront property off Route 4 at 5 Dunaway Drive.

This is the charity's biggest event of the year. Motor Booty Affair, dubbed "The Ultimate Disco Party Band" will be singing everyone's favorite '70s hits to headline the day of live music, which also features performances by Dock Squares, a Kennebunkport-based rock'n'roll, pop, and soul band. You are encouraged to bring your own low-profile chair.

In addition to the music, the festival will also feature food trucks from Bubba Frye's, Good Forking Grub and other vendors, as well as a beer garden sponsored by Portland's Shipyard Brewing Company. If you plan to enter the beer garden, please remember to bring a valid photo ID for age verification. A wide variety of non-alcoholic beverages will also be for sale on the premises.



Photo: Motor Booty Affair

Continuing the long-standing tradition of raffle prizes at Waypoint fundraisers, the upcoming music fest features the chance to win Adirondack chairs, an outdoor fire pit, a Webber grill—courtesy of Central Furniture—or a kayak and paddle from Ocean State Job Lot. Secure your raffle tickets online by May 31 or at the event on June 1.

Founded in 1966, Waypoint, originally Camp Waban, began as a summer haven for children with disabilities. It has since

broadened its scope to offer vocational training, therapy, and residential care. Now, over half a century later, Waypoint continues its mission of enhancing the lives of those with disabilities and their families in Maine.

Tickets are available now for \$30 (or \$55 with a koozie and t-shirt) and can be printed or you can show your mobile ticket at the event on your device. All proceeds benefit Waypoint's programs for children with autism and intellectual disabilities.

Don't miss a day of food, fun, and song for a cause! Learn more (and get any late-breaking updates) at www.waypoint-maine.org or @waypointmaine on social media. ■

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Notice is hereby given that the Sanford City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 in person at City Hall Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Third Floor, Sanford, Maine and via remote video and teleconference pursuant to 1 MRSA §403-B (2) (D) and section 6 of the Sanford City Council Rules of Procedure. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on proposed changes to the City of Sanford Ordinances Chapter 128, Fire Prevention Article VIII, Registration and Permits, to add § 128-31 Permit Required for Open Fire.

Further information on the proposed changes may be obtained through the City Manager's Office prior to the public hearing. Written comments and questions should be directed to the Office of the City Manager, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford. The proposed amendments can be viewed by visiting the City of Sanford website at www.sanfordmaine.org and clicking on Public Notices.

Instructions for joining the meeting by in-person and remote methods are posted on the City's website on the Meetings calendar. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26 and archived at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>.

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Sanford High School Music Director Honored as Outstanding New Educator

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator

Sanford High School's music program is hitting all the right notes these days. SHS Music Director Hailey Francoeur was recently named the 2023-2024 Maine Music Educators Association Outstanding New Music Educator of the Year at the state conference at the University of Maine in Orono.

The award recognizes Francoeur's work in revitalizing and expanding the school's instrumental music offerings over the past three years. Under her leadership, the program has grown in student participation and performance opportunities.

"It was a really amazing surprise to receive this award. Colleagues, current students, and former teachers all wrote letters in support of my nomination and it meant so much to hear the things they wrote," Francoeur said.

"I'm so lucky to work in a district like Sanford that supports our growing instrumental program and has allowed me to create new opportunities for our students over the last few years. The students are



From left to right: Kyle Smith, who nominated Hailey, Hailey Francoeur, and Ryan Geary, the Choral Director at Sanford High School.

a huge part of the growth and success of the instrumental groups recently. This has really allowed me to reflect on how far our program has come in the last three years."

In addition to Francoeur's award, three Sanford High School musicians - Hannah Paterson, Drake Wilson, and Kaylin Penley - were selected for the MMEA All-State Music Festival in Orono. The students spent two days working alongside peers from across Maine with a guest conductor, culminating in a performance showcasing their skills. ■

PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

Aurore Beland, 99, of Springvale, passed away on May 14, 2024. A private Christian burial will be held at Notre Dame Cemetery in Springvale.

Nancy Ellen (Brown) Rice, 93, passed in her home in Sanford on Saturday, May 4, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, June 7 at the North Lebanon Second Baptist Church (256 Bakers Grant Rd.) in Lebanon. Burial will immediately follow at Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale.

Bertha S. Lemieux, 89, of Sanford passed away peacefully on Monday, May 20, 2024, surrounded by her children. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 29, at 10:30 am at Holy Family Church, with interment to take place at Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery immediately following.

Rita L. Legere, 84, of Sanford, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on May 22, 2024, in Scarborough. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Theres of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church on Thursday May 30 at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery. ■

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Ordinance Revisions: §280-13-5 F. Excavation Contracting Business

For Review By: City Council

Meeting: June 4, 2024

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.



SCHOOL NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



Boomer's Bookworms student reading challenge isn't over yet.

There's still time to read your way to the ballpark:

Less than three weeks remain for Boomer's Bookworms preseason reading challenge. Students are urged to keep logging in their reading hours to get free tickets to a Sanford Mainers home game this summer. For those kindergarten through grade 8 students who haven't joined yet, there is still time to sign up at Springvale Library, Zippy Copy Center or the Mainers storefront on Main Street.

It's never too early to think about the future:

Fourth grade students at Sanford Pride Elementary participated in the school's Career Day on May 10. Students explored a wide range of potential career paths by engaging with professionals from various fields, asking questions and learning more about what they do.

NHS students roll up their sleeves for a Day of Caring: National Honor Society (NHS) students from Sanford High School lent a helping hand at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport on May 15. A total of 47 NHS members cleaned trolleys, scraped, painted and landscaped as part of the United Way's annual Day of Caring. Their hard work helped prepare the museum for its upcoming season.

SMS students receive Elks award: Ysebella Mitchell and Luke Gendron have been named the 2024 Grade 8 Elks Award recipients at Sanford Middle School. The annual award recognizes outstanding eighth grade students' academic excellence, leadership, positive attitude and service to the school community. Congratulations, Ysebella and Luke!

Limber up those vocal chords at summer music camp:

Kids ages 10 to 17 can share the joy of singing and create new friendships this summer at Youth Vocal Camp with Karen Mathews, scheduled for July 22 through Aug. 2, Monday - Friday from 9 am to noon, at Nasson Community Center and Little Theatre. Singers will learn vocal technique, music literary skills and more. Family and friends will be invited to a performance on the last day at 1 pm. FMI and to register: <https://tinyurl.com/3e4uanz>

New summer grocery aid for low-income families: A new federal program called SUN Bucks (Summer EBT for Children) will help low-income families purchase groceries when school is out for the summer months, a time when kids don't have access to free or reduced-price school meals. Eligible families with children ages 8 to 16 can receive \$120 in food benefits for the summer period. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Family Independence (OFI) is implementing the program. FMI on the program, go here. <https://www.sanford.org/article/1605141>



Sanford students at the 6th annual Middle School Student Leadership Summit.

Future leaders in the making: Two dozen student leaders from Sanford Middle School attended the 6th annual Middle School Student Leadership Summit at the University of New England (UNE) last week. They discussed

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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 jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org.



Accessible Garden Beds Coming to Community Garden

By Kevin McKeon, Master Gardener Volunteer

Thanks to the generosity of a local bank, the Mousam Way Land Trust this year is building something new at the Sanford Community Garden – accessible beds that allow gardeners to tend plants while seated in wheelchairs.

A Kennebunk Savings Bank grant has enabled the trust to construct a 20 by 50-foot deck that will eventually house six 4 by 12-foot beds at the McKeon Reserve. The hope is to have the beds ready by late summer. Appropriate tools, watering equipment and ramps will be available.

The latest improvements cap a six-year effort to develop a community garden at the reserve, off Blanchard Road in Springvale. In 2018, Land Trust directors endorsed the concept to plan and build a multi-faceted ecology center at the then newly acquired reserve. The David and Linda Pence Community Ecology Center was thus established, honoring the folks who helped make the reserve possible.

Despite some mishaps – in the wet spring of 2019, a truck delivering gravel to the garden slid off the soaked road, for example – the garden did get built. Within three years, it had doubled in size to 52 raised beds; 14 small kids' beds were also added for some of the gardeners' kids and grandkids. The current 66 raised beds, surrounded by an 8-foot-tall steel deer fence with 5-foot-wide gates, a tool shed, produce wash station, and picnic area under a shade-giving grape arbor, are now offered to local gardeners who may not have the space to have their own little garden.

Plans for the future include a greenhouse that will support propagation, self-guided



With accessible garden beds, gardeners can work sitting down.

Credit: Brenda Bazán / San Antonio Report

nature trails, assisted migration projects, the Master Gardener Volunteer Kids Can Grow program and the community garden. A botanical nursery will temporarily store and acclimate greenhouse plantings in support of the trust's various nature trails and other projects. An accessible outdoor restroom and garden tool shed have both been built with help from the Lowe's Heroes Project.

The Environmental Center – currently an old barn – will be the hub for holding community and group meetings. It includes an activity area for making bird and bat nesting boxes, informational trail placards,

and other eco-oriented projects.

And for the third year, the community garden is hosting the University of Maine Extension's Kids Can Grow program – a Master Gardener instructional and gardening-learning summer school – with support from Eldredge Lumber and Coast of Maine soil.

To learn more about the Sanford Community Garden: <https://tinyurl.com/4ea7ytwj>. To help support Mousam Way Land Trust's community outreach:

<https://tinyurl.com/m9dd3k5c>

And to become a Trust member:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdz66mkd> ■

Real Estate Transactions

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan

5/2, 6 Sidetrack Lane, #6, Springvale, 6-room Condominium, 3 bed/2.5 bath, end unit, primary bedroom with ensuite, laundry on second floor, slab, attached 1-car garage, porch, patio, built in 2008, \$330,000

5/10, 22 Montreal St., 7-room Bungalow, 3 bed/1 bath, new kitchen and bathroom, bonus room, hardwood floors, 3-season porch, unfinished basement, detached 1-car garage, deck, intown, \$335,000

5/14, 1 Frost St., Springvale, 4-room Ranch, 2 bed/1 bath, remodeled, open concept living area, 3-season porch, ample natural light, unfinished basement, attic, intown, \$290,500

5/14, 24 Witham St., #1, Springvale, 5-room Townhouse Condominium, 2 bed/1.5 bath, primary bedroom with half bath, laundry on first floor, slab basement, patio, large corner lot, \$245,000

5/15, 6 Greenaway Ave., Springvale, 7-room Cape, 3 bed/1 bath, newly renovated, kitchen pantry, heated sunroom, hardwood floors, full basement, attic, deck, shed, access to Rail Trail, \$370,000 (pictured right)

5/15, 23 Beulah St., 6-room New Englander, 3 bed/1 bath, updated kitchen, glass-enclosed sunroom, full walk-out basement, detached



6 Greenway Ave.

1-car garage, porch, spacious yard, corner lot, \$337,000

5/17, 27 Belaire Dr., Springvale, 5-room Ranch, 3 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, open concept living area, laundry on first floor, full basement, deck, intown, built in 2024, \$379,900 ■

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important issues, developed leadership skills and felt empowered to create positive change. The summit included motivational sessions and goal-setting activities. Students joined peers from schools across southern Maine, exploring the UNE campus and dining hall. Advisers Angela Avery and Jenn Brown chaperoned.

Friendship takes center stage: Kindergarten through Grade 2 students at Margaret Chase Smith Elementary School attended a performance of Pete the Cat on stage this week at the Sanford Performing Arts Center. The main characters' once-in-a-lifetime roadtrip transported the audience on an adventure of friendship.

Elks honor top high school students at youth banquet: The Sanford Elks Lodge held its annual Youth Banquet on May 8, celebrating the academic excellence of Sanford High School's top 50 students. The event recognized students for their accomplishments, achievements and admirable personal qualities. The highest honors went to SHS Student of the Year Zachary Parison. Aidan Gendron received the SHS Male Teen of the Year award, while Sophia Toungue was honored as the SHS Female Teen of the Year. From Sanford Regional Technical Center, Michael Cousineau was named Male Student of the Year and Ailey Mann received the Female Student of the Year. The top 10 students were also individually recognized during the ceremony. In addition to Parison, Gendron and Mann, the top 10 included Lamar Amoakohene, Jack Cullen, Ava Gendron, Hailey Tarbox, Korrinne

Greer, Emma Adawadkar and Kamryn Sanborn. Congratulations to all of these outstanding students!

SHS AP students host annual symposium: Sanford High School's Advanced Placement (AP) students showcased their research projects at the annual AP Capstone Symposium on May 15 in the school's agora. The symposium allowed the students to present the findings from their year-long, college-level research and project work. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn the AP Capstone certificate in addition to potential college credit. Student participants included Jenny Danis, Addie Fiandaca, Samone Gallagher, Jack Gendron, Izabella Goodrich, Quang Lam, Alex Lemay, Hannah Morgan, Andrew Morin, Madison Osborne, Rishi Patel, Tala Soule and Rowan Winchell. The annual symposium showcases the exceptional work of students while providing valuable experience in research presentation, similar to what they will encounter at the university level and professionally.

Hands-on learning at the water festival: St. Thomas School was one of six schools accepted to participate in last week's Southern Maine Children's Water Festival at the University of Southern Maine. Throughout the day, the school's fifth and sixth grade students engaged in a variety of presentations and learning stations — from the water cycle and water bugs to clean water for clams and the expedition reef. Through a hands-on approach, the students learned about the importance of clean water. ■

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
City Hall Annex, 917 Main St., Sanford, ME



The City Council will open a public hearing to seek and receive comments on the following:

An application for a New Liquor License with Malt, Vinous and Spirituous privileges from Guerrero Maya, Inc, 16 School Street, Sanford, Maine. Application signed by Ruben Zavaleta, Owner.

All persons may appear at the location and time stated above to give comments for or against the requested license application.

The hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 P.M. on the date above-referenced. TDD/TTY users may call local TTY number or 711. If you are physically unable to access any of the City's programs or services, please call Lorisa Ricketts at (207) 324-9173 so that accommodations can be made.

Date Posted: May 24, 2024
Susan H. Cote, City Clerk

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