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Tragic Loss Draws Outpouring of Support from Sanford Community

By Zendelle Bouchard

Sanford and Springvale residents are coming together to support a family facing unimaginable loss following the apparent drowning of teenage stepbrothers Tavayne Weir and D'Andre Graham.

The boys' bodies were recovered from the Mousam River at Holdsworth Park (Springvale Rec) by first responders in the early hours of July 8.

Ashley Brochu has organized a GoFundMe to raise the money necessary to bring the boys back to their native Jamaica for burial. More than \$19,000 of the \$30,000 goal has been raised from 360 donors as of Thursday morning.

A separate GoFundMe organized by Jessica Morgan has raised more than \$3,000 from 20 donors so far.

17-year-old Tavayne was a member of the Sanford High School Class of 2025. According to Brochu, he and D'Andre, 16, grew up together sharing a close bond. They became real family when their parents, Kerryann and Morris Graham, got married last year. Tavayne had recently earned his driver's license and he and D'Andre were scheduled to begin work as Door



Stepbrothers Tavayne Weir and D'Andre Graham
PHOTO: GoFundMe

Dashers on Monday.

On Sunday, July 7 around 11 pm, the Sanford Police Department received a call reporting that the two boys had not returned home for their curfew. It was reported that they had gone to Springvale's Holdsworth Park recreation area to swim. Sanford Police along with Sanford Fire & EMS responded to the park and found the

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Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

Visit our Events Calendar at SanfordSpringvaleNews.com for details on these events and on events to come.

Saturday, July 13

- Yoga at the Orchards, 8 am, McDougal Orchards, 201 Hanson Ridge Rd., Springvale
- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Annual Yard Sale, 8 am, First Baptist Church of Springvale, 429 Main St.
- Low-cost Rabies Clinic, 9:30 am, Pet Supplies Plus, 1364 Main St.
- Free Reiki Circle, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- BBQ & Cruise-In, 10 am, Sanford Sound, 1438 Main St.
- Elks 2nd Annual Ray Bourre's Day, 12:30 pm, Iron Tails Saloon, 559 Route 109, Acton
- Auditions: "It Runs In The Family" Nasson Little Theatre, 3 pm, 457 Main St., Springvale

Sunday, July 14

- 12/OC Live at the Runaway, 6 pm, Pilot's Cove, 199 Airport Rd.

Monday, July 15

- Brazilian United Soccer Camp, 9 am, Shaw Field, Shaw Rd. (ends July 19)
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Lego Builders Club, 3 pm, Springvale Library

Tuesday, July 16

- Travel Story Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.

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An advertisement for a performance. On the left, a man in a suit is playing a piano. The text reads "Neil Berg's 101 YEARS OF BROADWAY". On the right is the logo for the Sanford Performing Arts Center, featuring a stylized figure and the text "Sanford Performing Arts Center". Below the logo is the address "100 Alumni Blvd., Sanford, ME". At the bottom, it says "Saturday, August 3 - 7:00PM | www.SanfordPAC.org".

NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



Stuff the Bus Maine is seeking donations for the new school year. PHOTO: Stuff the Bus Maine

The annual school supply drive is on:

School may be out for the summer, but this is when Stuff the Bus Maine puts the pedal to the metal, collecting supplies for the new school year. Having depleted much of its inventory when it distributed 900 backpacks full of school supplies last year, the non-profit organization is seeking help. For the month of July, people can make financial contributions to Stuff the Bus Maine at the donation kiosk at Hannaford in Sanford. In addition, school supplies may be donated at various Sanford-Springvale locations, including Partners Bank, Kennebunk Savings, Nasson Health Care, Eldredge Lumber & Hardware, and Walmart. Some of the items needed are large backpacks, #2 Ticonderoga pencils, colored pencils, colored markers, erasers, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, two-pocket folders, three-ring binders (1 inch or 2 inch), glue sticks, crayons (24 pack), tissues, rulers and pens. FMI, email Wanda Parent at wmparent@hotmail.com.

They're just down the road a piece: Fast & Happy Bicycles has relocated to The Townhouse at 883 Main St., across from the Midtown Mall. The shop is temporarily closed

to general retail traffic as they get organized from the move, but feel free to call or text 207-502-2280 to coordinate a visit.

Kids' activities abound for the month of July: Adventure Crafts for children ages 5 to 12 are scheduled for every Wednesday in July in the children's room at Springvale Library. Children can visit anytime between 2 pm and 4 pm to make the planned craft of the week: July 10 - musical tambourines, July 17 - mini oceans, July 24 - Lego fantasy creations, and July 31 - recycled robots. All materials are provided. A Tide Pool Touch Bin will be at Goodall Library on July 29 at 10:30 am, where children ages 3 and up can touch live sea creatures, enjoy a seaweed sensory bin, and do a themed craft. The event is limited to 25 participants, so call 207-324-4714 to reserve a spot or register in person at Goodall Library.

Credit union names new manager: Ashlee Goodwin has recently been hired as manager of Atlantic Federal Credit Union branch office at 1516 Main St. Goodwin joined Atlantic after a 12-year career at Northeast Credit Union, where she held various roles, including business development officer, underwriter, and branch assistant manager. Goodwin, who attended Granite State College, is an active Marshwood High School Football Boosters member and regularly volunteers with Community Action Partners and a local soup kitchen.

Help a family make a house their home: Habitat for Humanity York County is working on its second Allen Street build in Sanford and needs volunteers during the month of July. No construction experience

is needed to volunteer. Sign up for an open shift at www.habitatyorkcounty.org/signup.

Nominate your local hero: Through Dec. 27, Partners Bank and Townsquare Media, owner of 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark and WBLM 102.9 radio stations, will be honoring veterans, active military, and first responders in their Local Hero of the Week program. Each week, a hero will receive a \$50 gift certificate to either Pepper's Landing in New Hampshire or Gritty McDuff's in Maine and be entered to win the grand prize of \$500 at the end of the year. Learn more about the program and nominate your favorite local hero at:

www.partners.bank/heroes-of-the-week/

SFD aims to educate voters before Election Day: A new video from the Sanford Fire Department (SFD) has been released with the goal of educating residents and business owners about the need in the community to construct two new fire stations. Sanford-Springvale voters will have the opportunity to vote on the issue on Nov. 5. SFD promotes that the modern stations will better ensure the safety and well-being of both its staff and the residents they serve. The video and more information about the project can be found on the *City Of Sanford Maine Fire Department* Facebook page.

Getting credit for using debit cards: As part of the Swipe Out Hunger campaign, members of Atlantic Federal Credit Union (AFCU) swiped their AFCU debit cards over one million times during the month of June. As a result, the credit union is donating \$32,433 to the Campaign for Ending Hunger in Maine.

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Elks shine in the Lone Star State: Congratulations to the Sanford Lodge #1470 Ritual Team for finishing fourth in the nation in the 2024 Grand Lodge Ritual Contest. The Elks Grand Lodge Convention was held in Austin, Texas, from June 30 to July 3. The Sanford team qualified for the national competition in Feb. 2024 by earning the top spot in the Maine Elks Association State Ritual Contest.



Sanford Elks Lodge #1470 Ritual Team.

Seated, from left: Exalted Ruler Frank Ricker, Leading Knight J. Andrew Bolz, Loyal Knight Marise Anagnost, Lecturing Knight Rob Wilkins, Esquire Robert Shaw. Standing, from left: Chaplain Corey DeWitt, Inner Guard Fred Daniels, Candidate Sheila Pillsbury, Coach Bruce Brunelle, Coach Joleen DeWitt, Coach Tricia Bolz, and Coach Lisa Brunelle.
PHOTO: Sanford Elks Lodge #1470

YCCAC announces trolleys for sale: Three trolleys are for sale through York County Community Action Corp. Transportation. They are 2009 Molly trolleys, carry 31 passengers, have a Ford V10 engine and a 228-inch wheelbase, are gas powered, and have a mobility lift. All vehi-

cles are located at 6 Spruce St. in Sanford and are to be sold as is, where is, with no warranties, by sealed bid. Bids must be marked "Sealed Bid" on the front of the envelope and sent to: YCCAC, Attn: Russ Morse, PO Box 72, Sanford, ME 04073. Bids must be received by noon on July 19. FMI and to view the vehicles, contact Russ Morse at 207-569-5790.

Helping kids get a good night's rest: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization based in Rochester, NH, provides beds for children, ages 3 to 17, who are in need in communities within 15 miles of its base, including the Sanford-Springvale area. Over the past two months, with help from its volunteers, sponsors and donors, the organization has delivered and assembled 31 beds for children who did not have their own bed in which to sleep. FMI about the organization, to request a bed for someone in need, or to make a donation, visit www.shpbeds.org.

Painting fundraiser supports local scouts: Paint Night with Michelle Silke will be held at Mill Towne Tavern on July 26 at 4 pm. Guided by Silke, participants will paint an artistic anchor. The cost is \$35. This event is a fundraiser for Cub Scout Pack 355. Those under age 21 are permitted until 8 pm. Food and beverages are available, but not included in the event cost. FMI and to register, go here. ■

DROWNING *Cont'd from page 1*
teens' vehicle. A search of the park and the waterway located the bodies of the two boys in the water at about 12:30 am. The investigation by SPD and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is ongoing, but foul play is not suspected at this time.

The School Department made counseling and bereavement support services available to all students and staff on Tuesday, July 9 at Sanford High School. ■

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- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- 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.
- Mainers vs Bristol, 6:30 pm, Goodall Park, 32 Roberts St.
- Maine Attraction Adaptive Water Ski Clinic, 6 pm, Number One Pond

Wednesday, July 17

- Community Café, 11:30 am, Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Dr.
- Adventure Craft-Mini Oceans, 2 pm, Springvale Library
- Weekly Cruise-In, 4 pm, Shain's of Maine, 1491 Main St.
- Poetry Group Meeting, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Wednesday Night Bite Free Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- Sanford Mainers vs. Upper Valley, 6:30 pm, Goodall Park

Thursday, July 18

- Free Food Distribution, 10 am, Willard School, 668 Main St. & SHS 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.

- Free Community Meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- Powerman 5000 with Sponge, Tantric & Clozure!, 5:30 pm, Pilots Cove, 199 Airport Rd.
- Maine Attraction Water Ski Shows, 6 pm, Number One Pond

Friday, July 19

- Ghost Stories-The Masonic Temple, 7 pm, Main Street, Springvale
- Meet a Mermaid Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Salvation Army of Sanford Produce Pantry, 10 am, 871 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Music on the Patio - Just Us: Ellen & Paul, noon, Springvale Library
- Mainers vs North Shore, 6:30 pm, Goodall Park
- Line Dancing with Lori, 7:30 pm, Pilots Cove Café, 199 Airport Rd.
- "The Addams Family," 7:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre, 457 Main St., Springvale

Saturday, July 20

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Corner Cupboard, 10 am, Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon St.
- 2nd Chance Closet (rummage sale), 10 am, Crossroads Church, 15 Grammar Rd

- Sanford Mainers vs Newport, 6:30 pm, Goodall Park 32 Roberts Street
- "The Addams Family," 7:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre, 457 Main St., Springvale

Sunday, July 21

- "The Addams Family," 2:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre, 457 Main St., Springvale

Does your organization have an event coming up? We want to know about it!

Email events@sanfordspringvalenews.com subject - "Lisa's FB List"

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City Council July 2 Meeting Summary

By Renée Morin

The City Council got an update on the Heritage Crossing encampment cleanup, discussed rebranding for the Fire Department and heard several presentations at its July 2 meeting. All council members were present.

Homelessness Update

City Manager Steve Buck said a review showed that 19 strategies used by the city were successful in cleaning up the homeless encampment at Heritage Crossing. The city has had issues with tampering of “No Trespassing” signs and barricades in the vicinity. Sanford Police continue to monitor the area and have had to secure the International Woolen Mill building after barriers to entry were removed. Mayor Becky Brink reminded the public that the building does not have a working sprinkler system and is unsafe.

Buck said the city needs to work on preventing homelessness. He said the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness would like to review the city’s implementation of the Interagency Council’s 19 strategies as an “outstanding example of the work.” The task force plans to continue collaborating with the Interagency Council, and to implement its anticipated new action items in the future.

The York County Shelter Program is working on increasing the availability of beds and other temporary shelter options. It is not yet known if funds for the Lafayette School warming center will be available for this upcoming winter. The city is seeking funding for more outreach staff. The goal is to continue the momentum that the Resource Hub has accomplished in promoting services for unhoused residents. The city is also looking into a possible Maine State Housing funding source for necessary equipment.

Buck gave an update on the efforts of the Resource Hub over the two weeks preceding the meeting. Over that period hub staffers met with 71 individuals.

He said the city has coordinated efforts with the state to secure funding for additional shelter beds and outreach workers. Another area requires establishing a coordinated message regarding future actions to combat homelessness and communicating to the legislature the deficiencies in past actions taken. Finally, the city needs

to obtain clarifications on the effects of the recent US Supreme Court decision, *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, which said that cities can prohibit camping in public places.

Brink commented at the conclusion of Buck’s report that the members of the unhoused population who aren’t accepting services has gone from around 200 individuals to around 15-20 individuals. Brink also clarified that the city cannot force individuals to accept services, nor can it make an ordinance targeting a person’s status. An ordinance must apply to everyone in Sanford-Springvale. Brink also brought up that other communities are interested in utilizing the same strategies as Sanford. Finally, Brink praised Buck for his leadership on this issue.

City Manager’s Report

The first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was held on June 30. Buck said 106 units of waste were collected over three hours. Each unit is five gallons, or 20 pounds. The event came in below budget and will be reviewed by the Solid Waste Subcommittee.

Habitat for Humanity held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a redeveloped duplex at 7 Allen St.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, whose goal is to advise city officials on the comprehensive plan update for Sanford-Springvale, met to review a market analysis of the city by RKG. Buck explained that this analysis will “lend to strategies and land use planning within the Comprehensive Plan as the city seeks to design for its future within the pending plan.”

Work continues on the city’s Community Paramedic Program. State funds for equipment have been approved by the council, and the state has licensed the program. The city is working to set up billing services for the program with MaineCare or Medicare.

The cable company Breezeline has responded to feedback it received at the franchise renewal agreement public hearing held April 30. Out of the 131 Facebook comments it received, 53 were identified as coming from Breezeline customers by the company. Breezeline reached out to 48 of these customers and was able to “fully resolve” issues raised by 14 of them. The company was unsuccessful in reaching the other 5 customers. According

to Buck, “This demonstrates an exceptional response to address concerns that were expressed stemming from the public hearing.”

Mayor’s Report

Brink went over the details surrounding the proposal for two new fire stations in Sanford-Springvale. Brink said that a “Yes” vote on the referendum in November will be a “smarter financial decision.”

Communications/Presentations

Bridget Salantri updated the council on the beautification project at the Main Street Marketplace, formerly called the Midtown Mall. Salantri shared photos with the council showing the new planters that have been added to the two red maple tree islands. The property owners have agreed to water them. The plants are not expected to survive the winter, so Salantri is interested in having seasonal displays of plants. Councilors Ayn Hanselmann and Jonathan Martell complimented the project members’ efforts.



Bridget Salantri gave a presentation to the council showcasing efforts to beautify the Main Street Marketplace. PHOTO: City of Sanford

Public Participation

Dianne Connolly from Springvale thanked Fire Chief Scott Susi for putting out a fire near her house. Connolly is concerned about the state of guardrails in Sanford-Springvale. She pointed specifically to ones along Stebbins Road, Jagger Mill Road, and a section between Main Street and Renaissance Way. She said she also wants the stop sign coming out of Renaissance Way to be fixed.

State Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio updated the council on a working group that is looking into how to pay for paramedical services. The hope is to be able to recoup the money currently spent on services

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The Addams Family Takes the Stage at Nasson Little Theatre

By Brian Boisvert

The Addams Family, that delightfully macabre clan from comics, television, and film, is coming to the Nasson Little Theatre in Springvale, and it promises to be a must-see production. Directed by George Perkins with musical direction by Karen Mathews, this charming musical comedy will run for two weekends only, starting July 19.

“*The Addams Family* is a show that has been on our radar for a while,” says Dave Parent, the theatre’s Technical Director. “The recent success of the Wednesday series [streaming on Netflix] has definitely sparked interest, but this production is its own story.” Focusing on love and acceptance, the play tells the story of Wednesday Addams, who has fallen for a sweet, smart, “normal” boy named Lucas Beineke. When Lucas and his parents come to dinner, hilarious chaos ensues as



Cast and crew of “*The Addams Family*” prepare for a frightfully delightful performance.
PHOTO: Nasson Community Center and Little Theatre Facebook

Wednesday’s eccentric family clashes with their buttoned-up counterparts. This production boasts a local cast of 22, along with a dedicated artistic team and crew of roughly 14. “We’re very lucky to have such a talented group of people involved,” says Dave. “Community theatre is all about collaboration,

and the bonds we form during productions are truly special.”

The heart of *The Addams Family* lies in its quirky characters, and Nikki Muise, the show’s costume and make-up artist, promises to bring them to life in all their bizarre and spooky glory.

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— SPORTS NOTES —

By Sam Bonsey

Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator



Sanford's Jackson Tucker celebrates after scoring a run during the Mainers' win over Keene

PHOTO:: Madison Giltner

Mainers' offense explodes for 15 runs in win over Keene

Devan Bade's bases-clearing double keyed a six-run fourth inning as the Sanford Mainers rolled to a 15-8 win over the Keene Swamp Bats in a NECBL baseball game on Tuesday, July 9, in New Hampshire.

Bade finished with five RBIs, and Christopher Willis added a two-run home run in the sixth for the Mainers, who came into Tuesday's contest having scored 15 runs over the last three games combined. Jackson Tucker, Blake Schaaf, and Mateo Hernandez each scored three runs for Sanford.

Connor Ball earned the win on the mound, allowing three runs over 5 1/3 innings while striking out five.

Sanford High and Middle School hosting Sports Physical Clinic in August

Sanford High School and Middle School will be hosting a sports physical clinic on Monday, August 5, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the School Nurse's Office (D105) at Sanford High School.

The clinic is available for Sanford students entering grades 6 through 12. To access the School Nurse's Office, enter Sanford High School through the Community Retail Center entrance near the greenhouse.

The cost for the sports physical is \$20. Checks should be made payable to York Hospital. Students must register in advance. Students must be accompanied by their parents or guardians or have the Limited Sports Exam form signed by them. All physicals are valid for two years from the date of the physical. ■



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OUT IN THE WOODS

By Kevin McKeon, Maine Master Naturalist

These Beetles Are Full of Bright Ideas

Last summer was a wet one, and a lot of our underground creatures thrive in wet soils — especially firefly nymphs, as they forage through the damp soil feeding on the abundant slugs, worms, snails, and sometimes even other firefly nymphs. They'll do this for two years, then overwinter as pupae (cocoon-like structures) under leaf litter, in shallow soil, in and under rotten logs, or between tree bark furrows. In early to late spring, the adults emerge after a complete metamorphosis into beetles. And since last winter was relatively mild, and spring was wet — optimal conditions for a pupa to survive — we've noticed more fireflies than usual. Also called lightning bugs and big dippers, the adults do not eat, living for only a few weeks during which time they must find a mate and reproduce.

Fireflies, like all beetles, have four life stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult, with the majority of the life cycle spent in the larval stage. Firefly larvae are voracious predators as they hunt in their moist soil and marshy area habitats, using their jawbones to inject prey with paralyzing neurotoxins that immobilize. Then, they release digestive enzymes to cover and liquefy their dinner for easy eating.

Our fireflies came from the south, modern-day Texas, about 5 to 25 million years



The common eastern firefly, or big dipper
PHOTO: Terry Priest / Flickr Creative Commons 2.0

ago, migrating between various glacial periods to finally arrive at our damp fields and marshes. Adult lightning bugs rest in the daytime and become active around dusk or midnight, using their glowing and flashing to communicate with potential mates.

Lightning bugs don't bite us, and don't transfer any diseases; they are quite harmless. They're sometimes called big dippers because of how they light up on an upswing of a J-shaped flight pattern, similar to a dipper. And it's only the males that fly; the females remain on or close to the ground. They also flash light but look more like larvae, or grubs, and so are called glowworms.

Fireflies are found on every continent except Antarctica. More than 2,200

species have been described, with approximately 165 species documented in the United States and Canada. More species are being discovered and described each year. But fireflies are in trouble, and light pollution is a major culprit. Artificial lighting interferes with mating and can eliminate lightning bugs from an area. Lightning bugs, being slow flyers and flying only for localized mating, can't relocate effectively to a friendlier habitat, so local populations tend to become extinct.

So where does the light that captivates us while gazing over our dark backyards and fields come from, and why?

Well, the "why" is that males use flashes to signal females, and the females signal back if receptive for mating. But to mate, survival is a must, so the flashing is also used for defense against predators. A steroid that some lightning bugs make is toxic, and predators attacking a firefly quickly learn that flashing lights are bad news. One unfortunate pet lizard was fed six fireflies and ended up in the pet cemetery!

Now for the "how" - fireflies create light, called bioluminescence, in their organs under their abdomens. It's a cold light, as there is no heat produced — it's essentially pure light. The enzyme lucifer-

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Tips for Keeping Pets Safe in the Heat

This summer's prolonged heat wave has prompted warnings to pet owners to keep their beloved furry companions safe and comfortable. Down Maine Veterinary Clinic in Sanford notes that while we might enjoy basking in the warmth, heat can be dangerous to pets, especially if they're left inside a car.

Even on a seemingly mild 72-degree day, a car's interior can quickly climb to a sweltering 90 degrees within just 20 minutes. This puts pets at serious risk of heatstroke. Be on the lookout for symptoms like heavy panting, lethargy, excessive drooling, and dark-colored gums.

It's important to remember that breeds with flat faces, such as bulldogs



PHOTO: Chris Yarzab via Creative Commons

and pugs, are particularly vulnerable to heatstroke. If you're ever in doubt, it's always safer to let your pet stay cool and comfy at home. If you suspect your dog is experiencing heat-related distress, reach out to your veterinarian's office.

Here are some hot-weather tips from Down Maine:

Hydration: Make sure your dog always has a fresh, cool bowl of water

available. Think of it as their personal oasis.

Exercise: Take your dog for walks during the cooler parts of the day, like early morning or late evening. It's a great way to bond and avoid the mid-day heat.

Paw care: Hot surfaces can be tough on those tender paws. Here's a quick test: if it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for their paws. Stick to cooler surfaces when possible.

Sun protection: Dogs can get sunburned, too. This is especially true for those with short hair, white fur, and pink skin. Your veterinarian will be happy to recommend some pet-safe sunscreen options. ■

FIREFLIES *Cont'd from page 8*

erases reacts with the organic substance luciferin and other elements to generate light. Other creatures create light, too, like certain species of jellyfish, photo plankton, and algae. It wasn't until 2018, through genome sequencing, that the gene responsible for the firefly's production of luciferase was discovered. It has since been cloned and used in the molecular and biotechnological fields for various research, including cancer, cystic fibrosis, and cardiac disease.

NASA's interest in firefly light began in 1963, eventually leading to a life-detection method. The 1975 Viking lander would scoop up a small amount of Martian soil, grind it up into dust, then add the firefly chemicals. If the soil glowed a certain way, it would be proof of the existence of living organisms on the planet - all from the wondrous lightning bug!

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 ■

SPAC to Brings Tina Turner Tribute Tour to Sanford on Aug. 21



Carolyn Barole stars as Tina Turner in the world-touring production. PHOTO: Showtime Australia

Press Release

The raspy vocals, high-intensity stage moves and captivating stage presence of Tina Turner will light up the Sanford Performing Arts Center stage next month with "Proud Tina: The Ultimate Tribute to Tina Turner." Ticket sales are already strong for this show, set for 7 pm on Wednesday, Aug. 21.

With a full band, brass section, backing vocalists, and dynamic dancers, this

tribute show is the ultimate celebration of Tina Turner and an unforgettable night out. Dance and sing along to iconic hits that made Tina a music legend, including "Simply the Best," "What's Love Got to Do With It," "River Deep Mountain High," "Proud Mary," "Nutbush City Limits," "We Don't Need Another Hero," "What You Get is What You See," and "Private Dance."

This is more than a concert; it's an exhilarating journey through the phenomenal career of the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll. This show is produced by the same folks who brought the sold-out Whitney Houston tribute show to SPAC in January 2024. "Proud Tina" is not associated with the estate of Tina Turner.

Tickets for adults range in price from \$49 to \$69, 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 am-noon. Online ticketing is available 24/7 at www.SanfordPAC.org. ■



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CITY COUNCIL *Cont'd from page 5*

during the next legislative session.

Mastraccio said the Department of Motor Vehicles in Springvale will not be shut down. The office might have to temporarily close next year for repairs. In that event, a mobile station will be set up to provide services a few days a week.

Finally, Mastraccio expressed her happiness that the Springvale courthouse is being repurposed for housing. She said the courthouse will most likely be the first of several courthouses in the state to be repurposed.

Consent Agenda

A medical marijuana grower/cultivation license was approved for Kind Farms LLC, at 81 Industrial Ave, Unit C.

An off-premises catering permit was approved for Above & Beyond Catering for the July 24 Sanford Mainers baseball game.

New Business

The third annual Cruising with Friends Car Show will be held on Main Street downtown, from 5 to 8 pm on Friday, July 26. During the show, the portion of Main Street between Washington and Lebanon streets will be closed. This year the show will have one entrance at the intersection of Main and Washington streets. The council approved a road closure for that purpose. The rain date for the event is Aug. 2.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding a proposed rebranding of the Sanford Fire Department, to Sanford Fire/EMS. Topics discussed included the significant role EMS (emergency medical services) plays in the department. Also discussed was the cost of rebranding all the equip-

ment, which would be less than \$30,000 over four years according to Chief Susi, who voiced his support for the rebranding. Whether the decision should be made before or after the fire station referendum is held was also brought up. In the end, the council voted 5-1, with Martell dissenting, to change the wording on the concept images for the new fire stations, and to plan to put the rebranding on the new buildings.

Communication Coordinator Jordan Wilson shared promotional videos for the upcoming fire station referendum with the council and received feedback from councilors.

Council Member Comments

Counciler Pete Tranchemontagne wished his son a happy birthday. These sentiments were echoed by Martell and Brink. Martell said he hoped everyone could make it to the block party, fireworks, and parade on July 4. Councilor Nathan Hitchcock congratulated Guerrero Maya, Sanford's new Mexican restaurant at the former Backstreet Grill location, for their opening day. Deputy Mayor Maura Herlihy advised citizens to wear sunscreen on July 4, and that it was forecasted to be hot. Herlihy also discussed the issue of weeds and plant overgrowth on the sidewalk in Westside Village.

Brink expressed her appreciation that council members were able to disagree with each other while remaining civil and liking each other.

Future Agenda Items

Herlihy would like to investigate what can be done about panhandling. She would also like to address the issue of weeds in Westside Village. Martell said he would like to revisit the city's flag policy.

SCHOOL NOTES

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



Summer Camp 2024 at SRTC
PHOTO: Sanford School Department

SRTC campers explored new interests, made new friends: Summer Camp 2024 at the Sanford Regional Technical Center welcomed middle school campers from Kennebunk, Kittery, Marshwood, Massachusetts, Noble, Sanford, Wells and York the last week of June to learn about the center's Career and Technical Education programs. Campers chose from seven different options: plumbing, carpentry, aviation, digital design, early childhood education, law enforcement and fire-fighting. Throughout the week, campers engaged in practical activities and learned valuable skills related to their chosen programs. The hands-on approach allowed students to gain insight into these professions and sparked curiosity about potential future careers. One of the camp highlights was the chance for students to make new friends from different schools in the area.

It's a small world after all: Foreign Links Around the Globe (FLAG), a non-profit international exchange organization based in the United States, is seeking people in the Sanford-Springvale area to host foreign exchange students. Each host family experiences the foreign student's culture and creates memories while giving the student the opportunity to experience American life and learn about the host's traditions and values. Each year, the organization hosts over 500 students from more than 25 countries who want to live and learn in the United States. FMI on this opportunity, call Craig Bellgraph at 207-329-5992 or email at cbellgraph@flag-intl.org.

Old flagpole, new location: A special shout-out to Matt Landry and Jason Tremblay for installing the new flagpole at the Gil Dionne softball field on Alumni Boulevard. This pole once stood at Alumni Stadium, where a 60-foot pole now flies a 10-foot by 15-foot flag. ■



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Real Estate Transactions

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6/28, 107 Lebanon St., 6-room Cape, 4 bed/1 bath, two bedrooms on first floor, unfinished walk-out basement, detached 1-car garage, shed, corner lot, \$345,000

6/28, 110 River St., 9-room Cape, 5 bed/2 bath, renovated, primary bedroom with ensuite, mudroom, original hardwood floors, wood accents, elegant molding, partially finished basement, covered porch, intown, corner lot, \$375,000

6/28, 7 Cornfield Dr., Springvale, 6-room Cape, 3 bed/2 bath, bedroom and laundry on first floor, unfinished walk-out basement, attached 2-car garage, deck, patio, farmers porch, generator, on cul-de-sac, 1.36 acres, \$465,000

6/28, 23 Lyndsay Rd., 9-room dormered Cape, 3 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite and laundry on first floor, family room, glass-enclosed

sunroom, loft, attic, slab, attached 2-car garage, patio, shed, outbuilding, on cul-de-sac, 2.6 acres, built in 2003, \$495,000



7/2, 118 Jackson St., 9-room New Englander, 4 bed/2.5 bath, mudroom, primary bedroom with ensuite, laundry on first floor, bonus room, unfinished basement, covered porch, shed, fenced-in yard, ample off-street parking, built in 1900, \$415,000 (pictured above) ■

THE ADDAMS FAMILY *Cont'd from page 6*

The striking set design from Jeff Hartly takes a minimalist approach, relying on the actors' performances to create the atmosphere. And audiences can expect some impressive projections and special effects designed by Dave himself, adding another layer of magic to the production.

"This isn't just a dark comedy," Dave clarifies. "It's a story about love in all its forms, and the importance of accepting people for who they are. It's a message that resonates with audiences of all ages."

Tickets for *The Addams Family* are expected to sell out quickly, so theatergoers are encouraged to purchase them as soon as possible. Performances will be held July 19-21 and 26-28, with evening shows at 7:30 pm and a matinee on July 21 at 2:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at nasson-events.ticketleap.com/ or by calling the Nason Community Center at (207) 324-5657. ■



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PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

Bernice “Betty” Hachey, 92, of Springvale, passed away Friday, July 5, 2024. Visitation was to be held on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 10 am with a service at noon at Carll-Heald and Black Funeral Home. Burial followed at Notre Dame Cemetery in Springvale.

June E. Mitchell, 86, of Sanford, died Saturday, July 6, 2024, in Sanford. A funeral service will be held at the Carll-Heald and Black Funeral Home, 580 Main Street, Springvale on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 11 am. Relatives and friends may visit from 10 am until service time. Burial will follow at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Betty Louise Mullins, 85, of Kalispell, MT, passed away on Monday, July 1, 2024, in Kalispell. Visiting hours were held on Thursday, July 11, at Carll-Heald and Black Funeral home and the funeral on Friday, July 12, at the Acton Congregational Church, followed by burial service at Springvale Riverside Cemetery.

Judith A. DesRoberts, 70, of Sanford, peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, July 2, at Maine Medical Center in Portland. Judith’s wishes were that her arrangements would be private.

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