

October 18, 2024

Copyright © 2024 - Sanford Springvale News - All rights reserved

## Halloween Happenings for the Whole Family

By Zendelle Bouchard and Carolyn Cadigan

**Selfies with Sanford Scarecrows** is back to kick off the spooky season! Scarecrows will be up at local businesses and nonprofits from Oct. 19-31. Snap your selfies and post to Facebook or Instagram with the tag #sanford-scarecrows to help the Friends of Downtown pick the winning scarecrows! The map with all locations is here: <https://tinyurl.com/48nu64ee>.

**It's time to get your carve on!** Marc Motors Nissan is holding its 4th Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, offering both an adult prize and an under-18 prize for the pumpkins that earn the most votes. The best adult entry receives a \$100 cash prize, and the best under-18 entry receives a \$50 gift card to Smitty's Cinema. Those interested in participating should take their already carved pumpkins to Marc Motors during the entry period, Oct. 28 through Oct. 30 between 8:00 am and 5 pm. Be sure to include your name and phone number on the back of the pumpkin. Pumpkins will be on display in the showrooms. The public can vote on the best pumpkin either in person or on Facebook. Marc Motors will announce the winners by noon on Oct. 31.

**Hocus Pocus Movie Night** is Saturday, Oct. 19 at Shaw Field. There will be two showings of this classic family film, at 6 and 8 pm. Concessions open at 5. Wear your costumes and bring your lawn chairs. The costume contest drawing will take place at 5:45. All proceeds support Sanford Soccer.



A scary scene on Grammar Street  
Photo: Zendelle Bouchard

**Great Bay Services' annual Haunted House** is on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 61 Washington St., Suite 4. This event is free and open to the public. There will be ghouls and goblins, treats and prizes, and raffle baskets to win.

**Goodall Library's Halloween Event** for children is set for Friday, Oct. 25 from 2 to 4 pm. Wear a costume, do some fun Halloween crafts, enjoy yummy treats and more.

**The Horror Movie Halloween Party** at Smitty's Cinema and GameLab is a 21+ event. Doors open at 8:30 pm on Friday, Oct. 25. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$15 per couple and \$8 for stein members. Ticket holders get a \$10 bowling credit, two hours unlimited arcade, a special spooky drink menu, best costume contest, horror movie trivia and music by DJ B. Aull.

Cont'd on Page 2

## Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

Visit our Events Calendar at

[SanfordSpringvaleNews.com](http://SanfordSpringvaleNews.com) for more details.

### Saturday, Oct. 19

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park,
- Raise the Roof yard sale, 8 am, 329 Country Club Rd.
- The Sanford Gun Show, 9 am, Calvary Baptist Church, 47 High St.
- Corner Cupboard, 10 am, Sanford Unitarian Church, 5 Lebanon St.
- Party in the Park, noon, Carpentier Park, 71 High St.
- Harvest Festival on The Ridge, noon, Sky Island Homestead, 273 Hanson Ridge Rd.
- "The Shattered Curling Stone" - Author-David Florig, 1 pm, Goodall Lib, 1364 Main St.
- Harvest Party, 2 pm, Mercy Chapel, 1861 Main St.
- Corbin's Legacy 5K Walk and Bucket Raffle, 3 pm, Location TBA
- Harvest Dinner, 4:30 pm, Sanford First Baptist Church, 905 Main St.
- Annual Apple Tasting @ McDougal's w/Downhill Wine Bar, 5 pm, 201 Hanson Ridge Rd.
- Hocus Pocus movie night, 5 pm, Shaw Field
- Lip Sync Showdown, 7 pm, SPAC
- Romantic Atmos-FEAR, 7:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre, 457 Main St.

### Sunday, Oct. 20

- Grahastastic Connection 4K Run and Walk, 8 am, Nasson Center, 457 Main St.
- The Sanford Gun Show, 9 am, Calvary Baptist Church, 467 High St.
- Romantic Atmos-FEAR, 2 pm, Nasson Little Theatre, 457 Main St.

### Monday, Oct. 21

- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Pumpkin painting, 10 am, Pleasant St. Free Baptist Church, 10 Pleasant St., Springvale
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Lego Builders Club, 3 pm, Springvale Library,

### Tuesday, Oct. 22

- Salvation Army Food Pantry, 10 am, 871 Main St.
- Family Story Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library

Cont'd on Page 2

**Saturday, October 19  
7:00pm**

An exciting night of friendly competition, featuring some of Sanford's most notable figures in fun lip sync performances—all in support of a great cause!

SANFORD BACKPACK PROGRAM'S  
**LIP SYNC  
SHOWDOWN**



100 Alumni Blvd. | Sanford, ME

[www.SanfordPAC.org](http://www.SanfordPAC.org)

## **HALLOWEEN** *Cont'd from Page 1*

The Sanford-Springvale YMCA is holding its annual **Spooky Sprint 5K Run/Walk** on Oct. 26 from 9 am to noon. New this year is a costume contest. Warm up those hot glue guns and get creative. There will be a camera and backdrop set up to take photos of individuals and families who would like to participate. The event offers fun activities, games, snacks, a Monster Mash Dance Party Bash and more. FMI and to register, call 207-324-4942.

**The Great Halloween Treasure Hunt** is a free community event on Saturday, Oct. 26. Pick up your first clue at Pilot's Cove Café between 1 and 2 pm, and then head off on your quest for candy, fun and more. Sponsored by Eldredge Lumber, Marc Motors and Sanford Sound.

**Witches on Water** is Oct. 26 from 3-4 pm. Grab your paddle boards and kayaks and join this casual meet up on Number One Pond in your best witches and wizards' costumes. Not a water lover? Wave from the walkway around the pond! Rain date Nov. 2.

Join the fun at the **All Ages Halloween Party** at Pilot's Cove on Saturday, Oct. 26. For more details, see separate story this issue.

Bootz & Bagelz Presents **The Hallo-Queen Ball** at Downhill Bagel Co., 446 Main St. on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 7-11 pm. This 18+ event will feature spooky drag performances and a costume contest. Purchase tickets (\$9.85 including online fee) at <https://www.eventbrite.com>

[com/e/hallo-queen-ball-tickets-1036827297357](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hallo-queen-ball-tickets-1036827297357).

**A Halloween Party** for ages 21+ will be hosted by Mill Towne Tavern at 898 Main St. on Saturday, Oct. 26 beginning at 8 pm. DJ Adam will keep the music coming. No cover charge. Costume contest with prizes.

**Spooky Ice Cream Social and Movie Night** at the St. Thérèse Parish Office is open to all youth in grades 6-12. Sunday, Oct. 27 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. This event is free, but you must RSVP by Oct. 26 to [smstolfaithformation@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:smstolfaithformation@portlanddiocese.org).

Students from the Sanford Middle School's JMG program are bringing back their scary **Haunted Woods** attraction at Gowen Park on Tuesday, Oct. 29, with a rain date of Oct. 30. There will be an admission charge and please note this event is not recommended for young children.

Looking for a different way to have some spooky fun? Check out the **Halloween Magic Show** at Smitty's, 1327 Main St. Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 6 pm. An unforgettable Halloween experience for the family! Kids \$5, adults \$13.

**Frannie's Furry Friends Pet Costume Contest** is on now through Oct. 31. Submit an entry by posting a picture on Instagram or Facebook, tagging Frannie's Mini Donuts and using the hashtag #franniesfurryfriends in the post. Staff will pick their top three favorite costumes to win 32 packs of donuts and a treat bag for the pet.

Next week we'll have a rundown of all the trick-or-treat and trunk-or-treat events in town – stay tuned! ■

## **CALENDAR** *Cont'd from Page 1*

- Free lunch at YCSP's Recovery Community Center, noon, 69 Brook St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Cribbage, 2 pm, Springvale Library
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- Dulcimer Group, 6 pm, Goodall Library
- Police Citizen Advisory Group, 6 pm, Sanford Police Dept., 935 Main St.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 23**

- Thanksgiving/Christmas Salvation Army assistance apps, 10 am & 4 pm, 871 Main St.
- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Career Center hiring event at SCAE, 2:30 pm, 668 Main St.
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Poetry Group meeting, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Wed. Night Bite free meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee mtg, 6 pm, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main St.

### **Thursday, Oct. 24**

- Sensory Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Thanksgiving/Christmas Salvation Army assistance apps, 10 am & 4 pm, 871 Main St.
- Free lunch at YCSP's Recovery Community Center, noon, 69 Brook St.
- 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.

**Amy BELL**  
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Knows Mainers Need Relief...Now**

- Support policies that will lower the cost of electricity
- Advocate for solutions to Maine's housing crisis
- Fight to reduce inflation and slow rising costs
- Expand education opportunities for our kids - more school choice for parents

[www.AmyBellForMaine.com](https://www.AmyBellForMaine.com)

Paid for and authorized by Bell for House, 208 Grammar Rd., Sanford, ME 04073

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS - November 5th!**

- GBS Haunted House, 5 pm, Great Bay Services, 61 Washington St./Ste. 4
- Scrabble Night, 5 pm, Goodall Library

**Friday, Oct. 25**

- Salvation Army of Sanford Harvest Table food pantry, 9 am, 871 Main St.
- Salvation Army staple box distribution 9 am, 871 Main St.
- Teddy Bear Clinic, 10 am, Springvale Library,
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Goodall Library's Halloween event, 2 pm,
- 21+ Horror Movie Halloween party @ Smitty's, 8:30 pm, 1327 Main St.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park,
- Spooky Sprint 5K Race, 8 am, YMCA
- Baby Blessings, 10 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- Harvest Fest 2024, 10 am, Salvation Army
- Great Halloween Treasure Hunt, 1 pm, Pilot's Cove Café (1st location), 199 Airport Rd.
- Witches on the Water, 3 pm, Number One Pond, William Oscar Emery Dr.
- MBDA marching band finals 2024, 5 pm, Alumni Stadium, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Halloween costume party @ Pilots Cove, 5:30 pm
- Hallo-Queen Ball, 7 pm, Downhill Bagel Co., 446 Main St. Springvale
- Mill Towne Tavern Halloween Party, 8 pm,

**Sunday, Oct. 27**

- Spooky Ice Ccream Social/Movie Night, 2:30 pm, St. Therese Lisieux - 66 North Ave.
- Springvale's Colorful Railroad Era lecture @ Historical Society, 3 pm, 505 Main St. ■

# Soccer - Pete Levasseur Fall Classic

*Some 130 soccer teams from across Maine and New Hampshire converged on Sanford last weekend for the Pete Levasseur Fall Classic. In this photo, Sanford's U14 team, in red, squares off against Brewer. Sanford's U12 girls team made it to the finals, but lost to Maximum Velocity FC, according to tournament director Mike Reitan. Other winners were: U14 Boys: Saco; U13 Boys: Marshwood; U12 Boys: Westbrook; U14 Girls: Maximum Velocity FC; U13/U14 Girls: Bonny Eagle. Games were played on 16 fields across the city.*

Photo: Lee Burnett



## SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator

The Sanford **High School boys' soccer team** earned its first win of the season on Friday, October 11, beating Massabesic 5-1 in Waterboro.

The **girls' soccer team** had won three of its last four games before dropping matches to Windham and Gorham. Sanford's last win came on Thursday, October 10, as they beat Biddeford 4-0. Ava Hudson had a goal and two assists, while Brielle Landry, Cassidy Hickey, and Kalyn Stuary also scored for the Spartans.

The **boys' and girls' cross country teams** traveled to Belfast on Saturday, October 5, to

compete in the Festival of Champions. Caleb Pelletier was the top finisher on the boys' side, completing the 5-kilometer course in 17 minutes, 56.26 seconds and placing 110th overall. The boys' team placed 44th out of 74 teams. Sophie Therrien paced the girl's team as she finished in 24:22.97. The Sanford girls finished 58th in the team results. ■



SHS junior forward Gavin Hebler  
Photo: SHS Spartan Times





**SEAMLESS GUTTERS**  
**LARRY FLOYD**  
SERVING SANFORD SINCE 2004

Company Motto:  
ALWAYS MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS  
OF QUALITY WORKMANSHIP

Offering Military and Senior Discounts  
TEXT FOR QUICKEST RESPONSE  
**207-651-3794**

## Passages - John Cyril Riemenschneider

John Cyril Riemenschneider, 89 of Lebanon, Maine died peacefully at his residence on 22 September 2024.

John was born on July 20, 1935, in Canton, Ohio, to John and Margie (Simmons) Riemenschneider.

He was a retired 20-year Navy Veteran and retired as an engineer from Northrop Grumman. He was a member of the American Legion Post #214 in Lebanon. John enjoyed motorcycling in his younger years. He also enjoyed woodworking and was a pistol shooting instructor, which he thoroughly enjoyed doing. He was a lifetime member of the NRA.

Surviving John are his wife Barbara, daughter Wendy (Riemenschneider) Stiles and her husband Gary, sons John Riemenschneider and his wife Maryellen and James Riemenschneider and his wife Stacie, Barbara's children Charles Boisvert and Regina Boisvert. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive John.

He was predeceased by his wife Clara (Benson) Riemenschneider, and brothers, David Riemenschneider and Eric Riemenschneider.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale, Maine. Memorials to the American Cancer Society may be made in lieu of flowers.

PAID NOTICE

# Candidates for STATE OFFICE Address Voters

By Zendelle Bouchard

Candidates for State Senate and Sanford/Springvale's three State House seats gathered at City Hall on Oct. 9 to answer questions posed by moderators Shawn Sullivan and Tammy Wells.



Candidates for State Senate and State Representative appeared at Candidates Night on Oct. 9. Photo: WSSR-TV

## Senate District 33

Republican Matt Harrington is completing his first term representing District 33. He previously served four terms as state representative. He is employed as a police officer and realtor. His Democratic opponent, Dan Lauzon, is a retired locomotive engineer and served as the legislative representative for New England's engineers and trainmen for decades.

Both said the state needs to do more to address problems that lead to homelessness. Lauzon emphasized his experience working with rail workers with PTSD, and Harrington said the state's needle exchange program is not working. On the subject of guns, both said the public and police officers need to understand how the state's yellow flag law works and should be implemented. Harrington said he believes the state's 72-hour waiting period for gun purchases is unconstitutional.

## House District 141

Democrat Patricia Kidder, a retired tax preparer, grew up in Shapleigh and raised her family in Springvale. Incumbent Lucas Lanigan, a Republican, is completing his first term in the House. He described himself as an independent voice, and said his absences this session were due to a health problem.

The two differed on the issue of alternative energy. Lanigan said the Legislature needs to stop making ratepayers and taxpayers subsidize solar and wind farms,

which he said contributes to higher bills. Kidder agreed the costs are not acceptable but said that solar farms are helping to reduce the impacts of climate change. She recommended homeowners join a community solar program to save money. On the issue of abortion rights, Kidder said government has no place in reproductive decisions, and Lanigan said he supported the state's previous law but that now Maine has "the most radical abortion bill in the U.S."

## House District 142

Republican challenger Amy Bell is the administrator of the Sanford Christian Academy who moved to Sanford in 2003. She describes herself as a wife, mother and grandmother rather than a politician. The incumbent, Democrat Anne-Marie Mastraccio, has represented parts of Sanford and Springvale in the Legislature for 10 years. She was previously a School Committee member, town councilor and mayor.

Both said they hope to address the shortage of medical workers in Maine. On the issue of guns, Bell advocated more education and mental health treatment rather than restrictions. "It wasn't the gun that killed people" in the Lewiston mass shooting last year, she said, "it was the shooter." Mastraccio pointed to the suicide rate and the fact that guns are now the leading cause of death for children in the U.S. and

said responsible gun owners are happy to wait 72 hours to buy a weapon.

## House District 143

Democratic challenger Katie Manende Hall is a wildlife biologist in charge of vegetation management programs for Central Maine Power. She has been involved in numerous boards and committees since moving to Sanford seven years ago. Incumbent Ann Fredericks, a Republican, is a nurse practitioner with 35 years of experience working with the Veterans Administration. She is a small business owner with a medical cannabis office in South Sanford.

Both candidates support the state's yellow flag law, which Fredericks said has been used more since the Lewiston shooting. Manende Hall said she doubts the 72-hour waiting period is really effective since people seem to find ways to buy guns if they really want them. The candidates disagreed on one of the least controversial issues of the night – the question of whether the state should adopt the pine tree flag that is based on the original banner. Fredericks opposes the change; Manende Hall joked that as a forester, she naturally favors the pine tree flag.

*Read a full account of the candidates' night at [sanfordspringvalenews.com](http://sanfordspringvalenews.com). ■*



- Direct Repair Facility for Many Insurance Companies
- Down Draft Spray Booth & Baking Oven
- Limited Lifetime Paint Warranty
- Computerized Wheel Alignment
- Towing
- Auto Rentals Available

**1811 Main St, Sanford**  
**207 324-5038**  
[cabanaautobody.com](http://cabanaautobody.com)

**Precision Collision Work Since 1961**  
Voted Best of the Best 28 year running.

**These stories wouldn't fit in this weeks print issue.**

- Passages
- Out in the Woods
- Real Estate Transactions



**Want to get ALL the stories?**  
Scan this QR code to sign up for our E-News.  
Delivered FREE to your email every Saturday morning.

# Voices of LOCAL Candidates Heard

By Kendra Williams

Candidates for Sanford mayor, City Council and School Committee – all non-partisan positions – answered questions posed by moderators Shawn Sullivan and Tammy Wells at City Hall on Oct. 8.

## MAYOR

Incumbent Mayor Becky Brink, a former school principal who manages her family's chiropractic practice, is challenged by Mathew Alan Dupuis, a master plumber who is active in local committees and youth sports. Brink said the city has recently made progress on housing, public safety and attracting new industries and businesses. Dupuis talked about the need for change and said it's important for residents to work together "or we'll keep going downhill."

Dupuis described himself as a non-politician who hears the concerns of many residents through his membership in local social clubs. He said he hopes to see more young people return to Sanford to live and work and more downtown development. Brink said the city has made progress in several areas, including building permits for many home upgrades and new homes. She identified several new businesses that have opened recently or are on the horizon. In addition, she noted that York County Community College has opened a new program in South Sanford to educate workers for Pratt & Whitney and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Both candidates support the proposal to replace the city's two fire stations. Brink said she's proud of the job the city has done addressing the unhoused population and welcoming asylum seekers. Dupuis said he sees room "there's too much division" in the community and

questioned whether being a city versus a town might have something to do with it.

## CITY COUNCIL

Four candidates are running for two three-year terms. Incumbent Ayn Hanselmann is in her second term and is the chair of two subcommittees. She's an accountant and co-owner of a local accounting firm and the co-owner of Frannie's Mini Donuts. Incumbent Nathaniel Hitchcock has filled a council vacancy since April 2023. A Sanford native currently living in Springvale, he's a trial attorney. He's also a board member of the Sanford Mainers and a trustee of the Sanford Sewerage District. Two challengers, former councilors Joseph Hanslip and Victor Digregorio, were unable to attend the forum.

Hanselmann and Hitchcock both said they support the fire station project but expressed concern about the cost to taxpayers. Hanselmann said the council's job going forward will be to work on acquiring grants, leveraging funding and reducing operating expenditures to minimize the impact on taxation. Hitchcock said the project will only get more expensive if it's delayed and said it's incumbent on the council to work with state legislators to change some laws to reappropriate funding. He encouraged people to watch the informative forum from a few weeks ago on WSSR TV. Hitchcock said he intends to take a hard look at ways the budget can be cut during the next session; Hanselmann said she would like to see the council consider the municipal budget before the school budget so that city programs get more attention.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Two candidates, Emily Sheffield and Lisa Blanchette, are seeking one three-

year term on the committee. Jonathan Stimmell, a candidate for a one-year vacancy, was not asked to participate because he's running unopposed. Sheffield is completing a one-year term to which she was appointed. She is executive director of the Nasson Community Center and Little Theater and is also on the Sanford Board of Assessment Review. Blanchette worked in various roles at Sanford Community Adult Education for 40 years and now serves on several community non-profit boards, including the Alumni Association. She is president of Strategies for a Stronger Sanford.

Asked what programs or positions they consider non-negotiable during budget deliberations, Sheffield identified school social workers. She said the Alternative Education program at the high school could again come up for elimination, as it did this year. Blanchette said the proposal to eliminate Alternative Ed was what led her to consider running for the committee. She opposes doing away with whole programs or any one type of position.

Both candidates said they think students generally feel safe at school and credited staff and resource officers for creating a good atmosphere. Blanchette said it's important to be vigilant in following policies and that students, parents and others need to feel safe in reporting what they see and hear.

On the issue of cell phones, Sheffield encouraged parents to read the book, "An Anxious Generation," an in-depth look at cell phones and social media. She noted that the School Committee is planning a workshop on the issue of phones in schools in a few weeks. She said the current policy seems to be working. Blanchette said she looks forward to seeing the results of a survey of students, parents and teachers on this issue. She said phones should be turned off during class but noted that she was relieved a few years ago when her grandson was able to text that he was safe during a swatting incident.

*Read a full account of the local candidates' night at [sanfordspringvalenews.com](https://www.sanfordspringvalenews.com).*

View the Local Candidates Night on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9tVE16Ao50> ■

**THANK  
YOU**

**GENEROUS  
SPONSORS!**

**To become a sponsor of the Sanford Springvale News,  
visit [SanfordSpringvaleNews.com](https://www.SanfordSpringvaleNews.com).**

**Click the 'donate' button, and then click 'become a sponsor'.**



# NEWS NOTES

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan

## Nasson welcomes new dental student extern:

Nasson Health Care recently welcomed a new member of the dental team.

Layton Elledge, a fourth-year student extern from the University of New England College of Dental Medicine, will provide dental care to patients this fall and winter along with Nasson's dental team.



Layton Elledge  
Photo: Nasson Health Care

## New Orange Line schedule in effect:

YCCAC Transportation issued a new fall schedule, effective Oct. 14, for the Orange Line. Go to [yccac.org](http://yccac.org).

## Road work and paving scheduled Oct. 23 - Nov. 1:

Grading and paving of certain streets and roads will take place over the next two weeks. Fine Grading: Bowdoin, Bates, Harvard Streets - Oct. 23 and 24; Goodwin Bridges Road - Oct. 25. Paving - Base: Bowdoin, Bates, Harvard Streets - Oct. 24 and 25; Goodwin Bridges Road - Oct. 28. Paving - Surface: Emery Street (shim/3/4" overlay) - Oct. 30; Goodwin

Bridges Road - Oct. 29; Bowdoin, Bates, Harvard Streets - Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Please plan for delays and drive with caution in these areas.

**Gagné-Holmes confirmed as Maine DHHS commissioner:** The Maine Senate voted 24 to 8 on Oct. 10 to confirm Sara Gagné-Holmes as commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Gagné-Holmes, who grew up in Sanford, served as DHHS deputy commissioner for the past five years, and has led the department in an acting capacity since June 1, following the departure of Jeanne Lambrew.

**Boxing up Christmas joy for impoverished children:** On Oct. 6, the parishes of St. Thérèse of Lisieux in Sanford and St. Matthew Church in Limerick kicked off the Box of Joy Christmas project, a shoebox gift ministry that aims to help children suffering from extreme poverty. Last year, the parishes participated for the first time and blessed over 30 children with gifts. Members of the parishes filled boxes with toys and other gifts. This year, the goal is to fill 300 boxes for children suffering from poverty in developing

countries. FMI, contact Monica or Kim at 207-324-2420.

**Improving the quality of life for individuals with special needs:** Waypoint Maine recently broke ground on a fully accessible home at 12 Riverview St. in Sanford designed to accommodate individuals with intellectual disabilities and complex medical needs, according to a press release. With an anticipated May 2025 completion date, the home will feature six bedrooms, three bathrooms, air conditioning, smart lighting, multiple outdoor access points, and both communal and quiet spaces designed for relaxation and socialization.

**SMAA launches new website to ease navigation:** A new and improved website for the Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA) aims to improve how the agency communicates and interacts with its users. Visit the new website at <https://www.smaa.org>

**Celebrating a quarter century of service to the city:** Brian Watkins of the Sanford Fire Department recently celebrated 25 years of service with the City of Sanford. The city commended Watkins' hard work and exceptional dedication to serving the community.

## NOW OPEN IN SANFORD!



**Main Street Marketplace  
890 Main Street - Sanford**

**Phone: 207-850-1114**

**Order Online! Website:  
[www.tedsfriedclamsmaine.com](http://www.tedsfriedclamsmaine.com)**

**Fresh Seafood - Burgers - Pasta - Salads - Pizza**

### FALL HOURS

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11am - 7pm  
Open Friday and Saturday 11am - 9pm  
Closed Sunday and Monday (While We Train Additional Staff)

Keep Up to Date! Check Our Facebook Site,  
[www.facebook.com/tedsfriedclamsmaine](http://www.facebook.com/tedsfriedclamsmaine) Or Visit Our  
Website at [www.tedsfriedclamsmaine.com](http://www.tedsfriedclamsmaine.com) for More Info!



**Check Out Our Daily Lunch  
and Dinner Specials!**

## TOWN SQUARE REALTY GROUP

883 Main Street Sanford, Maine 04073 | 207-324-2860  
[www.townsquarerealtygroup.com](http://www.townsquarerealtygroup.com)

**"Whatever your real estate needs may be,  
we are here to assist you."**



**Call us today at 207-324-2860**

Ann Lapierre Steve Cabana Denise Bond Doug Bond  
Arline Fortier AJ & Karen Hebb Rebecca Lapierre Carol Levesque  
Paula Peters Eva Sawtelle Brian Toth

# SCHOOL NOTES

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan

**YCSP Food Pantry needs your help:** The Food Pantry at York County Shelter Programs in Alfred needs volunteers. If you can help, even just a few hours a week, it would be greatly appreciated. FMI, contact Scott Davis at [scottd@ycspi.org](mailto:scottd@ycspi.org) or call 207-324-1137, ext. 116.

**Annual Appeal donations for Springvale Library pack twice the punch this year:** For the last eight years, Springvale Library's funding from the City of Sanford has remained flat. As a result, member donations during the Annual Appeal are especially important for the library to conduct its business, such as buying new books, providing van service, offering children's programs, paying staff, and much more. This year, Annual Appeal donations will go twice as far because an anonymous donor has pledged to match every contribution to the Annual Appeal with an equal donation to the library endowment fund. To donate, stop by the library to use one of the Annual Appeal envelopes. ■

 **Like us on Facebook**  
Sanford Springvale News

**Drone pilots in the making:** Students at St. Thomas School learned all about drones on Oct. 8 when Ed Cormier, an analyst with the Aviation and Space Education Program at the FAA, visited the school. Students in grades 3-8 learned about the anatomy of a drone, operating rules, usage (including in the areas of public safety, agriculture and photography), and careers involving drones. The highlight, however, was the opportunity for students to operate the drones themselves within the classroom.

**Credit for real-world experience:** Sanford High School offers many ways for students to gain credit outside of traditional classrooms through Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs). Through the program, students engage in long-term experiences in an area of interest at a business or organization, all while receiving credit. Students work with a learning team comprised of other students, teachers, mentors and Sally Quarles, the ELO coordinator. The goal is for students to gain real-world experience, based on their interests, before graduating from high school. Read more at [spartan-times.com](http://spartan-times.com)

**Sanford elementary schools request your help during Socktober:** During the month of October, the front offices at all Sanford elementary schools are collecting new socks and underwear,



St. Thomas School students operate drones in the classroom  
Photo: St Thomas School

kids' sizes XS through XL, for students in need. Your donations of new items only will help the schools stock their clothing closets. All donations can be sent to the school's front office. Alternatively, donation boxes are available from 8 am to 3:30 pm in each school's vestibule.

**Small acts make a big difference:** Students in the Life Skills program at Sanford Middle School (SMS) are collecting aluminum can tabs to help children with cancer. The tabs, when recycled, generate funds for the Ronald McDonald House, supporting its mission to provide housing and resources for the families of children with cancer while the children receive treatment. The students have learned how small actions can significantly impact the lives of others.

**Two Sanford schools are lovin' it:** Athletic programs at Sanford High School and Sanford Pride Elementary School were beneficiaries of a fundraiser conducted by the McDonald's franchises on Main Street last week, according to a press release. The fast-food restaurants dedicated 20 percent of digital app sales for a six-hour period on Oct. 10. This event was part of a New England-wide initiative that drew participation from 130 McDonald's restaurants. ■

**A Strong Voice  
for Sanford**



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 142**

**Re-Elect  
Anne-Marie  
MASTRACCIO**

**My public service over the  
past 30 years as your Mayor,  
State Legislator, Town  
Councilor, and School  
Committee Member has given  
me a unique perspective on  
our community's needs and  
how best to meet them.**

*Paid for and authorized by the candidate.*

# LIMELIGHT

By Brian Boisvert

## Halloween Takes Flight at Pilots Cove Cafe

October becomes "Rocktober" with Sanford gearing up for a high-octane Halloween celebration as three dynamic bands prepare to touch down at Pilots Cove Cafe (199 Airport Road) on Saturday, October 26. The unique airport-adjacent venue will transform into a rock 'n' roll runway for The Outsiders, Defined Perspective, and The Wicked North, promising an evening of punk-fueled festivities.

The all-ages event, kicking off at 5:30 PM, will feature a diverse lineup of musical talent. Local punk rock enthusiasts are in for a treat as **The Outsiders** take the stage. These "punk-abilly rebels" from East Waterboro, known for their explosive blend of punk, rockabilly, and psychobilly, promise a high-energy performance.

Joining them on the bill is **Defined Perspective**, a 5-piece hard rock band from Southern Maine founded in 2019 featuring Geoff Fleming (Vocals/Keyboard), Dustin Stevens



*Defined Perspective is prepared for 'terror on the tarmac' as they rock the Sanford Airport Photo: definedperspectivemusic.*

(Lead Guitar), Chris King (Rhythm Guitar), Randy Troiano (Bass), and James Harmon (Drums).

Rounding out the trio of performers is **The Wicked North**. The ensemble who describe themselves as "four idiots from Maine/New Hampshire who love to rock, watch movies, and drink beer" are eager to make their

mark on the Pilots Cove stage.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, attendees are encouraged to don their best Halloween attire for a costume contest. The winner for best costume will receive a prize package including merchandise from the performing bands, \$50 in cash, and a mystery bonus prize.

For those seeking additional thrills, a mechanical bull may make an appearance, weather permitting.

Tickets for this not-to-be-missed event are available for \$5 in advance (go to [www.pilots-covecafe.com](http://www.pilots-covecafe.com) and select More > Events) or \$10 at the door. ■



The Mission of the Sanford Springvale News is to produce a free weekly publication that provides current and factual information about what is happening in Sanford and Springvale.

News and stories are published in print, electronically and posted on Facebook.

PO Box 958, Sanford, ME 04073  
[SanfordSpringvaleNews.com](http://SanfordSpringvaleNews.com)

### Contact Us

STORIES: [Submissions@SanfordSpringvaleNews.com](mailto:Submissions@SanfordSpringvaleNews.com)  
ADS: [Adperson@SanfordSpringvaleNews.com](mailto:Adperson@SanfordSpringvaleNews.com)  
COMMENTS: [SSNews@SanfordSpringvaleNews.com](mailto:SSNews@SanfordSpringvaleNews.com)

### Editors and Contributors

Lisa Blanchette, Sam Bonsey, Zendelle Bouchard, Brian Boisvert, Gail Burnett, Lee Burnett, Carolyn Cadigan, Barbara Crider, Claudette Dupee, Lawrence Furbish, Connie Garber, Kristi King, Jack McAdam, Kevin McKeon, Renée Morin, Rev. Susan Murphy, Dave Rude, Barbara Sutcliffe, Kendra Williams, Jordan Wilson

**Design & Production** - Michelle McCarthy

Our fiscal agent, Strategies for a Stronger Sanford, is a registered 501c3 non-profit.

**ELDREDGE**  
LUMBER & HARDWARE  
Portsmouth Sanford York Portland

**HOUSEWARE,  
HARDWARE &  
LUMBER!**

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY  
SINCE 1937

<b>YORK, ME</b> 627 US RT 1 YORK, ME 03909 207- 363- 2004	<b>PORTLAND, ME</b> 145 PRESUMPCOT ST PORTLAND, ME 04103 207- 770- 3004	<b>SANFORD, ME</b> 1787 MAIN ST SANFORD, ME 04073 207- 490- 6304	<b>PORTSMOUTH, NH</b> 275 CONSTITUTION AVE PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801 603- 436- 9663
--	--	---	---