

# Sanford Springvale MAINE NEWS

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## Council Approves Single Polling Place for Sanford

By Renée Morin

The City Council voted 5-2 on Tuesday to approve the consolidation of Sanford-Springvale's three polling places to one, at Sanford High School, beginning with the Nov. 5 presidential election.

The two dissenting votes came from Councilors Nathan Hitchcock and Jonathan Martell, who suggested that the city should at least postpone the change because it could affect voter turnout. The vote followed a public hearing in which many residents shared their support for or concerns about the proposal.

Mayor Becky Brink first explained that Bangor, Biddeford, Brunswick, Saco, Waterville, and Westbrook each have one voting location. Sanford is one of eight communities in Maine to have multiple polling places.

The city has struggled to find poll workers, resulting in long hours for those they do find, Brink said. The current

Ward 1 polling place at the Nasson Gym will no longer be available due to safety concerns for children at the daycare in the same building. Sanford High School has the benefit of being secure, large, city-owned, ADA-compliant, and in the center of Sanford, she said. Consolidation would save money and lessen the burden on poll workers, the city clerk, and the police, she added.

In total, 15 people spoke at the hearing. Due to the number of speakers and the full agenda for this meeting, Brink limited the speaking time to two minutes. The vast majority spoke in opposition to the proposal.

Ed Cormier, warden of the Ward 1 polling place, and Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio voiced support for the proposal. Rep. Ann Fredericks, Sen. Matt Harrington (via letter), and Jim Deyermond, chair of the York County Republican Committee opposed it.

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## New Owners to Carry on Jerry's Traditions

By Lee Burnett

New owners have purchased Jerry's Market, the neighborhood grocery store and local institution, and the transition looks like it will be a smooth one.

Steve and Tanya Davies took over from former owner Peter Dunham last week. Dunham plans to stay on as mentor and vacation fill-in manager. Everyone sounds thrilled with the arrangement.

"My dream was to own this place," Steve said Wednesday while he fried up breakfast sandwiches for the crew next door

at Prompto 10 Minute Oil Change. "I've been shopping here for years."

Steve grew up in a family that owned two convenience store/restaurants and began looking for an ownership opportunity 20 years ago. "We've been hunting for the right place," he said.

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Tanya and Steve Davies are the new owners of Jerry's Market.  
Photo: Lee Burnett

## Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Zendelle Bouchard

Visit our Events Calendar at [SanfordSpringvaleNews.com](http://SanfordSpringvaleNews.com) for more details.

### Saturday, August 10

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park
- Yoga at the Orchards, 8 am, McDougal Orchards
- Sanford Community Forest work day, 9 am, Oak Street
- Low-cost Rabies Clinic, 9:30-11 am, Pet Supplies Plus
- Reiki Circle, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Best Cookie in Town Bake-Off, 10 am-2 pm, McDougal Orchards
- Jimmy Kenny and the Pirate Beach Band, 6-8 pm, Pilot's Cove Café
- Pro Wrestling Show, 7:30 pm, Memorial Gym
- Cedar Mountain Bluegrass Band, 7:30 pm, Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum

### Sunday, August 11

- Car Wash Fundraiser to support Sanford Soccer, 10 am-2 pm, NAPA Auto Parts
- Welcome to the Opera, 2:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre

### Monday, August 12

- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am-noon, 1204 Main St.
- Sanford School Dept. Job Fair, 10 am-3 pm, Willard Building
- Chewonki Presents Owls of Maine, 10:30 am, Goodall Library
- Lego Builders Club, 3 pm, Springvale Library

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# Council Takes Steps to Address Misuse of City Property

By Zendelle Bouchard

The City Council on Tuesday, Aug. 6, enacted the first part of a new ordinance designed to help combat chronic problems with misuse of city property.

Councilors unanimously approved Section 1 of the ordinance, Chapter 107, which establishes standards for use of public property not currently covered by the city code. Section 1 allows for the posting of public properties to make people aware of restrictions, such as no trespassing, which is necessary before any enforcement can occur.

The ordinance drew support from Sanford Mill resident Bobette Gordy, who had expressed her frustration and anger at the activities of substance abusers in Gateway Park during a council meeting last month. On Tuesday, Gordy thanked the council for the “very big change” she has seen in the past few weeks and said she is able to take her grandchildren to the park again without worry.

The council on Tuesday held a first reading on sections 2-5 of the ordinance, which will get a second reading and possible approval on Aug. 20. Section 2 defines camping and storage and delineates activi-



ties that would indicate someone is camping. Section 3 prohibits camping and storage on city property, including public rights-of-way. City Manager Steve Buck said this will help Public Works Department employees who constantly have to deal with vehicles improperly parked in the city’s right-of-way while they are trying to plow snow.

Section 4 covers enforcement and allows police to order a person to move their property and move on, allowing for some discretion on the part of officers. Section 5, Violations and Penalties, allows a violator to be removed and charged with criminal trespass, with a fine of up to \$100. Repeat offenders or those who fail to pay the fine may be issued a

criminal trespass notice for one year.

Buck pointed out that the ordinance was already in the works before the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allows communities to criminalize encampments, but he said the ruling was helpful in allowing the city more control over the problem with campsites as well as use of city roadways and parking lots for vehicle storage. He described a recent situation where a truck was being demolished on a city street, but the city was unable to act because it was legally parked. He noted that Sanford Police constantly offer help and solutions to unhoused and addicted residents they encounter, but “the Supreme Court ruling recognizes there needs to be some enforcement.” ■

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# Free Family Fun at National Night Out Aug 13

By Zendelle Bouchard

The Sanford Police Department will host National Night Out in Central Park on Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 5 to 7 pm. This annual event has been held for over 15 years, bringing community partners and citizens together to collaborate and celebrate with food, drink and ice cream prepared by Sanford police officers.

Enjoy free hot dogs and hamburgers fresh off the grill, listen to music by DJ Jack Bogard of Sanford Sound, and try your aim at the dunk tank. Fire trucks, the EMA command vehicle, and a heavy wrecker from

Chandler's Automotive will be stationed alongside the park for kids to check out. Local organizations including Sanford Housing Authority, Maine Behavioral Health, Maine OPTIONS, Elks, Kiwanis, EcoMaine and Caring Unlimited will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

The event will be held rain or shine. Please note School Street will be blocked off from Washington to Bodwell from 4 to 8 pm to keep everyone safe. ■



## CALENDAR *Cont'd from page 1*

### Tuesday, August 13

- Subcommittee Meetings via Zoom, see sanfordmaine.org for details
- Food Pantry, 10 am-noon, Salvation Army
- Nature-themed Story Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library
- Free Hot Meal, noon, Lafayette School
- York County Food Pantry, noon-3 pm, 5 Swetts Bridge Rd., Alfred
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- Sanford Water District Trustees meeting, 4 pm, 243 River St.
- Bingo, 6 pm, Sanford Elks
- National Night Out, 5-7 pm, Central Park
- Matthew Meal, 6pm, St. Thomas School

### Wednesday, August 14

- Smitty's Customer Appreciation Day, 1327 Main St.
- ACE Camp (through 8/17), Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport
- Fire Station Working Group, 11 am via Zoom
- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Poetry Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Wednesday Night Bite, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church
- Marvel Trivia Night, 6 pm, Smitty's GameLab

### Thursday, August 15

- Orchard Party, McDougal Orchards
- Community Food Distribution, 10-11:30 am, Willard School and Sanford High School
- Free Hot Meal, noon, Lafayette School, 69 Brook St.
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux Food Bank, noon, Holy Family Church
- Free Community Meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church
- Scrabble, 5-7 pm, Goodall Library
- Raise the Roof Contra Dance, 6:30 pm, McDougal Orchards

### Friday, August 16

- Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 9 am, Province Lake Golf Course, Parsonsfield
- End of Summer Reading Party, 10:30 am-noon, Goodall Library
- Music on the Patio with Down Two Earth Duo, noon, Springvale Library
- York County Food Pantry, noon-3 pm, 5 Swetts Bridge Rd., Alfred
- "Matilda Jr. The Musical," 6:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre

### Saturday, August 17

- Yoga at the Orchards, 8 am, McDougal Orchards
- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am-noon, Central Park
- Maine Senior Games – Cornhole, 9:30 am, YMCA
- Corner Cupboard, 10 am-noon, Sanford UU Church

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## POLLING PLACE *Cont'd from page 1*

Other Sanford residents spoke as well. Chris Hart said he worries that consolidation would hurt voter turnout. Pastor Todd Bell offered the former St. Ignatius Gym, now part of his church, as a polling place for this November. Brink thanked Bell for his offer but declined to use it as she worried it would be a conflict of interest. Bell's wife Amy is a candidate for the state House of Representatives.

The most common arguments against the proposal were: the proximity of the consolidation to the presidential election, voter transportation to the high school, wait times to vote, and the effect on voter turnout. Some said they wished the city would wait until after the November election to make the change. Once the public hearing was finished, the councilors shared their thoughts on the proposal.

Hitchcock said he agrees that the high school is the best location to consolidate, but he is worried about voter access to transportation. He suggested that funds saved from consolidating polling places should be put toward covering the cost of transportation for voters. Because this could take time, he thought the city should wait until any issues are worked out.

Councilor Pete Tranchemontagne said he discussed the issue with several senators and Maine Secretary of State Shenna Bellows. He says that none of them had concerns about the consolidation. Tranchemontagne said he supports consolidation, especially since the Nasson site won't be available. He also stressed that this wasn't a partisan issue, and that he believes this will be better for the community.

Martell opposed the proposal, citing opposition he has heard from constituents. He said he worries that consolidation may affect

voter turnout and suggested the change should be postponed.

Councilor Ayn Hanselmann supported consolidation. She argued that there were many ways that the city could inform residents of the change, including: in the planned flyer to accompany the city's tax form, the city newsletter, the Sanford Springvale News, city social media, and the placement of signs around town. Hanselmann further argued that since the number of employees working at the polling places will remain the same, the wait time should not increase. Additionally, the high school will have 12 additional voting booths. She said that the high school is big enough to accommodate people waiting inside.

While transportation plans haven't been finalized, York County Community Action has volunteered to provide drivers. The plan is that voters can call before noon the day before the election and arrange to be driven to the polls at their desired time.

Councilor Robert Stackpole said that his main concern is public safety, and he believes the high school is best equipped to keep voters safe. Stackpole argued that given the likely turnout for this election, it is important for it to be safe and efficient. He also said that voters have the option to vote early or absentee if they do not wish to vote at the high school. Deputy Mayor Maura Herlihy shared that the council has been trying to consolidate the polling places for years now. She said that poll workers have been asking her for consolidation. She argued that 90 days was enough time, considering that one of the major political parties had only recently finalized its vice-presidential candidate and that the city doesn't even have local candidates lined up for November. Herlihy said the presidential election is the perfect time to consolidate the polls, since consolidation will simplify the voting process. ■

# NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



*Dancers whoop it up at the Raise the Roof contra dance, held July 27 in the historic barn at McDougal Orchards. Photo: McDougal Orchards*

**Reap the fruits of your labor and kick up your heels:** To celebrate the Aug. 10 opening of its u-pick season for apples and peaches, McDougal Orchards is hosting an Orchard Party on Aug. 15 from 9 am to 6 pm at 201 Hanson Ridge Rd. in Springvale. Orchard tours, a trail walk, a wagon ride and other activities are scheduled. Following the day-long event, the second Raise the Roof contra dance will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The dance will feature caller Hannah Chamberlain and music from the Better Late Than Never band. Food and beverages will be available from Stop Drop N' Roll food truck and The Gin Tin mobile bar. In addition, anyone making canned food or financial donations benefiting the Sanford Backpack Program will be entered into a raffle for a gift basket.

## **SMAA's Sanford hub to deliver better access to support and services:**

Construction is moving along at the new Springvale site of the Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA). Signage is in place, new floors have been installed, and furniture will be added to the space in the coming weeks as the organization anticipates a summer opening. Services at the new site will include an Adult Day Program geared toward older adults with dementia, nutrition services such as Meals on Wheels and Community Cafés, fall prevention classes, Medicare counseling, and access to resource specialists. SMAA also offers monthly Wellness Workshops for family caregivers. This month's discussion on "Caregiving as a Family" focuses on the social aspects of wellness and ways for family members to work together better when someone in the family needs assistance. The workshop will be held via Zoom on Aug. 12 from noon to 1:30 pm. To register for this workshop and to see other upcoming program offerings, go here. FMI on SMAA, call 207-396-6500 or visit [smaa.org](http://smaa.org).

**County taxes taking a hike:** The City of Sanford's \$967,000 tax bill from York County government is up 9.6 percent from last year, according to the tax commitment approved by York County Commissioners last month. Commissioners say the increase is due to weaker than anticipated revenue from other sources and inflation. The state also increased valuations of most municipalities to keep up with market values. The county tax funds the county jail and sheriff's department, district attorney's office, registries of deeds and probate and more. The tax is assessed on towns and cities according to the overall value of property in each community. Sanford's share is eighth among the county's 29 municipalities. The county tax represents 2.44 percent of the property taxes paid by individual homeowners in Sanford, according to county figures. Tax payments are due Sept. 1, with interest charged after Oct 1.



*This necklace, displaying a U.S. Navy ring and a heart pendant, was found at Holdsworth Park in early August. The City of Sanford wants to reunite it with its owner.*

**Lost and found alert:** A special necklace was found in early August at Holdsworth Park (known as The Rec) by the Sanford Parks and Recreation team. The necklace displays two items -- a gold U.S. Navy ring, which has "Valor and Glory" engraved inside along with the first initial and last name, and a silver heart pendant inscribed with "A piece of my heart is in heaven." If you are missing this item, contact Jordan Wilson, Communications Coordinator for the City of Sanford, at 207-608-4102.

## **What's happening at the airport?**

The Summer 2024 edition of "As the Beacon Turns," the airport manager's report on current events, activities, projects, and general happenings at the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport, is available on the city's website.

## **YCSP is seeking adult clothing items:**

York County Shelter Programs is in need of adult sweatpants and sweatshirts in all

sizes for men and women. Items must be new. To donate these items, contact Sue Cass at [suec@ycspi.org](mailto:suec@ycspi.org) or 207-324-1137, ext. 101 to make arrangements. YCSP also welcomes financial donations on Venmo: YCSP-Donations.

**You buy the bag, they get the buck:** For the month of August, Goodall Library has been selected as the recipient of the Give Back Program at Shaw's in The Center for Shopping. For every \$3 reusable Give Back Bag purchased this month, the library receives a \$1 donation.

**Hearing it straight from the source:** Maine author Monica Wood was at the Nasson Community Center and Little Theatre on July 31 to discuss and read from her new novel, "How to Read a Book." Goodall Library and Springvale Library co-hosted the event, which was made possible by a donation from the Nasson Alumni Association. More than 100 people attended the event.

**Crafters, unite!** York County Shelter Programs is looking for crafters to participate in the craft fair at its annual Apple Fest, to be held on its campus on Shaker Hill in Alfred. The festival will be held Sept. 21 from 10 am to 4 pm and Sept. 22 from 10 am to 3 pm. The fair is juried. If interested, contact Bonnie Leslie at [bleslie@ycspi.org](mailto:bleslie@ycspi.org) or 207-324-1137, ext. 109.

**They got stuff, but not for much longer:** Pip's Second Hand Shop at 424 Alfred Rd. in Sanford will be closing at the end of September. Until then, merchandise is priced at 20 to 60 percent off during the shop's Everything Must Go Sale. Shoppers are asked to bring their own reusable bags.

## **Can one ever have too many books?**

Springvale Library is still accepting donations of gently used books and jewelry for its Annual Book Sale and Fall Festival to be held Sept. 6 and 7 from 9 am to 2 pm. On Sept. 7, there will also be music, crafts and wee tattoos for kids, and jewelry.

## **Nasson dental renovations will help to decrease patient waitlist:**

The new dental suite at Nasson Health Care opened on Aug. 5 with four new dental operatories, new state-of-the-art equipment, a larger lab, and a renovated waiting room. The renovations, will enable at least 80 new patients to be seen per week. ■

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## JERRY'S MARKET *Cont'd from page 1*

His financial advisor and brother looked at the books and gave a thumbs up.

"We're super excited," said Tanya.

Dunham sounded just as happy. Two years ago, he advertised the market for sale through Malone Commercial Brokers for \$1.95 million.

"I really wanted to find a younger version of myself, someone with drive and determination," said Dunham, 66. "They've got a ton of enthusiasm, a ton of ideas. I think they're going to take something that's very good and make it better."

Jerry's was started in 1947 by Peter's father Gerald and made a name for itself with its meat department. Peter took over in the late 1980s and continued building the reputation. The meat department generates 45 percent of the store's revenue, Dunham said.

"Certainly, we've got a ton of pride here," said Dunham. "Top-of-the-line [meats]. That was my dad's approach - quality and cleanliness, it speaks volumes."

Davies plans to expand the meat department by smoking meats out back in his commercial-sized smoker. He ticked off a list of custom-order items - ribs, bacon, brisket, pork butt, sausage and chicken. "I've been smoking for years. I got that dialed in," he said.

Other changes include introducing a

coffee bar out front, putting up a deli menu board with made-to-order breakfast sandwiches and Italian sandwiches, and adopting online ordering. "I plan to keep it as it is, and introduce subtle changes," he said.

Both Davieses quit old jobs to make ownership possible. Steve owned a commercial roofing company in Massachusetts, Tanya worked at a Berwick veterinary clinic.

Ownership represents a downsizing for Steve. His roofing company employed 72 people and generated \$35 million in annual revenues; by comparison, Jerry's annual revenue reached \$2.5 million during the pandemic, according to Dunham.

When asked whether the roofing business or grocery business is more stressful, Tanya jumped in. "It depends on which day you ask us," she said with a laugh. "I'm not stressed at all, I'm happy," said Steve.

Tanya and Steve plan to continue Dunham's seven-day-a-week schedule, although Dunham has already offered to step back full-time when they need a break. "I know what [a seven-day work week] is like. I want them to be able to take a break and not worry about a thing."

Dunham is looking forward to spending more time in Oswego, NY, where he fishes for salmon on Lake Ontario.

"I'm kinda worn out, beat up after 50-plus years," he said. ■



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# Tom Petty Tribute Takes Off at Sanford Airport

Music lovers in the Sanford area are in for a treat as the renowned Tom Petty tribute band, Runnin' Down a Dream, is set to perform at The Runway at Pilots Cove Cafe (199 Airport Road, Sanford) on Saturday, August 17 at 7pm. This highly anticipated event promises to be a night filled with nostalgia, energy, and the timeless music of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

Runnin' Down a Dream is in their seventh year of captivating audiences across New England with their authentic and heartfelt renditions of Tom Petty's greatest hits. The band, known for authentic renditions from every stage of the artist's career, faithfully replicates the style and feel of a vintage Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers concert, allowing fans to relive the magic of this legendary artist, who tragically passed away in 2017.

The event aims to bring together fans of all ages to celebrate the enduring legacy of Tom Petty. With a setlist that includes classics like "Free Fallin'," "American Girl," and "I Won't Back Down," attendees can expect a night of sing-alongs and unforgettable moments. The Runway, an open air covered pavilion right on the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport is



Experience the magic of Tom Petty music live at The Runway  
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one of southern Maine's most unique venues and, with its intimate yet vibrant atmosphere, provides the perfect backdrop for this show.

The band's journey began several years ago when a group of five talented Maine musicians with regional and national experience, all passionate about Tom Petty's music, decided to come together to pay tribute to their idol. Since then, Runnin' Down a Dream has performed at numerous venues and festivals, earning a reputation as one of the best tribute bands in the country.

Runnin' Down a Dream's dedication to authenticity extends beyond their musical performance. The band members meticulously recreate the look and feel of a Tom Petty concert, from the stage setup to their attire. This attention to detail has earned them a loyal following and rave reviews from fans and critics alike.

Tickets for the event are expected to sell fast, with many fans eager to secure their spot for what promises to be a memorable night. More details are available at <https://rb.gy/azj8t7>

As the date approaches, excitement continues to build for what is sure to be an unforgettable night of music and memories. Whether you're a lifelong Tom Petty fan or new to his music, Runnin' Down a Dream's performance at The Runway is an event not to be missed. ■

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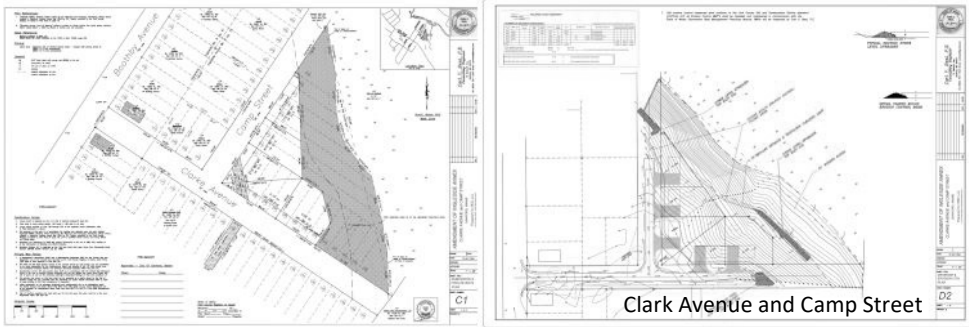
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# Planning Update: YCCC Expansion, Paper Streets

By Kendra Williams



The Sanford Planning Board unanimously approved a proposed expansion of the Sanford Industrial Trades Learning Center at 60 Community Drive at its July 17 meeting. The new addition will include welding labs, classrooms and office space.

On July 2, the Site Plan Review Committee considered an application by RED LLC for an amendment to a major subdivision and private way that was created in 1922, to change 22 lots to five larger lots for single family homes. Both Clarke Avenue and Camp Street are paper streets – streets that are planned but not developed – and portions have been used by residents on Boothby Avenue. The SPRC raised the question of whether current residents would be required to join the homeowners’

association and contribute to the maintenance and plowing of new streets. The Fire Department would want adequate access for emergency vehicles. It was noted that the rear portion of the lots has a dramatic drop-off. The Planning Board expressed the same concerns at its subsequent meeting and also considered a sidewalk waiver. Prior to approval, the applicant will need to present proposed changes to both boards.

Also at its July meeting, the SPRC granted three waivers for driveways less than 50 feet from neighbors to JP Construction for a vacant lot on the corner of June and Thompson Streets, the property of Cassandra & Andre Provencher on Integrity Drive, and Pine Tree Properties at 8 Harrison St. ■

# SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey  
Sanford Schools  
Communications Coordinator

## Rachel Smith’s quest to become first American winner at Beach to Beacon falls short

Sanford native Rachel Smith finished sixth in the women’s field at the TD Bank Beach to Beacon 10k road race in Cape Elizabeth on Saturday, August 3. Smith, a 2021 Olympian in the 5,000 meters, stopped the clock at 32 minutes, 35 seconds. She was the third American finisher behind Susanna Summers of Virginia and Emily Durgin of Standish.

## Registration open for fall sports at Sanford High School and Sanford Middle School

Sanford High School and Middle School Fall sports seasons are approaching quickly.

- **High school** sports start on Monday, August 19. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/456zsfra>

- **Middle school** sports will start during the first week of school. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/ktu83yrx> ■

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The Sanford Planning Board will hold a public hearing and receive written and oral comments at its August 21, 2024 meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, on

- File # R18A-16 – 199 Airport Road – WHA Hangar Major Site Plan Application for proposed 11,550sf airplane hangar, with the corresponding utility connections, pavement, drainage infrastructure, and site grading. (Tax Map R18A, Lot 16).

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference. 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](http://www.sanfordmaine.org). Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or [jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org](mailto:jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org).

## SCHOOL NOTES

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan

### A new reading resource for children:

A new Little Free Library for children's books has been installed in front of Sanford Pride Elementary School (SPE) for the community to enjoy. The idea came to fruition through the efforts of SPE PTA's Kaity Getchell, vice president, and Sara Gildart, secretary, as well as the Getchell family, who built and installed the library. Those people using the library are asked to take a book and leave one, when possible, but be respectful and mindful that this resource is for children's books only.



*The Getchell family proudly displays their new creation, a Little Free Library that they built and installed at Sanford Pride Elementary School.*

Photo: Sanford Pride Elementary School PTA

### SMS counselor shares expertise at national conference:

Angela Avery, counseling department head at Sanford Middle School (SMS), recently took center stage at the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) national conference

held July 13 to 16 in Kansas City, Missouri. The sole presenter from Maine, Avery shared valuable insights during two sessions — the first focusing on “Suicide Prevention for All Students” and the second on “Epic Middle School Groups,” which discussed effective group counseling techniques. She shared her experience running groups for middle school students to help them learn coping skills through art, navigate family changes, and develop self-esteem and confidence skills.

### National Elks scholarship application period is open:

The 2025 application for the Most Valuable Student scholarships, awarded by the Elks National Foundation, is now open to high school seniors. A total of 500 scholarships will be awarded to the highest-rated applicants in the competition with awards ranging from \$4,000 to \$30,000 over four years. No relation to a member of the Elks is necessary to apply. The application period closes on Nov. 12 at 11:59 pm PT. [MVS.cfm](http://MVS.cfm) ■

## PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

**Julie Homeratsmy**, 39, of Waterboro, passed away at her home on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at 9 am, with prayers beginning at 9:30 am, at the Carll-Heald & Black Funeral Home, 580 Main St., Springvale.

**Judith Carolyn Stansfield Jagger** passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on July 26, 2024, at Summer Commons. A time of visitation will be held from 9:30 - 11:00 am on Friday, Aug. 16, at Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk. A funeral service will be held at 11 am.

**Carl Denis Higgins**, 59, of Lakewood, WA, passed away unexpectedly on July 29, 2024, in Dupont, WA. Funeral services will be held Aug. 19 at noon, graveside at the Southern Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road, Springvale. ■

## Invitation to Bid

The City of Sanford is receiving bids from contractors to furnish materials and install two (2) septic systems in the City of Sanford, York County. A portion of the work will be funded by the DEP Small Community Grant Program and the work will be subject to special requirements of the DEP. Each individual septic system will be awarded by separate contract.

Bid Documents may be obtained online at

[https://www.sanfordmaine.org/business/bid\\_opportunities/index.php](https://www.sanfordmaine.org/business/bid_opportunities/index.php) or in the Code Enforcement Office at 919 Main Street, Sanford, ME 04073 during regular business hours Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 5:30pm. Inspection of project site before bidding is strongly recommended.

Bidders must have a minimum 3 years' experience in septic system installation and provide 5 references related to septic system installations. Qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to bid. Sealed bids marked “2024 City of Sanford Septic System Bid” shall include a certificate of liability insurance and must be received at the City of Sanford Code Enforcement Office by 12:00pm, Wednesday August 28, 2024 at which time they will be opened. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

For more information please call 207-324-9145.

