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## Sanford Rises to Top of Solar Heap

By Alexa Livingston, UNE News fellow

If it seems as though solar farms have been sprouting up everywhere in Sanford, that's because they have: The City of Sanford has the second-most solar development of any community in the state as of July 2024, with a total of 62.6 megawatts. Only Farmington had more, at 94.2 megawatts.

The projects generate more than \$1 million in property taxes for the city, lowering the amount residents must pay. They also help contribute to the higher electric bills paid by ratepayers statewide. (Solar projects take advantage of state tax incentives that contribute to higher electric bills.) The city sees it as a good deal.

The prevalence of solar in Sanford is partly a result of more than a decade of advocacy on the part of City Manager Steven Buck as well as the city's "sweet-spot"



Dalton Enius of Solar Operation Solutions installs panels at the former CGA site off New Dam Road.  
Photo: Lee Burnett

location," according to Dale Knapp, head of Walden Renewables, which has developed several projects in Sanford.

The city is near enough to multiple 145-kilovolt transmission lines that it's relatively convenient to wheel large amounts of

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## Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

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

### Saturday, Sept. 7

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Annual Springvale Library Book Sale and Fall Festival, 9 am, 443 Main St.
- Pet clinic, 9:30 am, Pet Supplies Plus, 1364 Main St.
- Mario Kart Tournament for Teens, 1 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- "Mary Poppins" auditions @ Nasson Little Theatre, 2 pm, 457 Main St., Springvale
- St. Thomas School's bean supper, 4:30 pm, 69 North Ave.

### Monday, Sept. 9

- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- A Family for ME live Q&A, noon & 6 pm, online
- Lego Builders Club, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- Cub Scout Pack 355 info meeting, 6 pm, Holdsworth Park, 278 Main St. Springvale
- School Committee meeting, 6 pm, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main St.

### Tuesday, Sept. 10

- Municipal Operations and Property Subcommittee meeting, 8:30 am, Zoom
- Salvation Army Food Pantry, 10 am, Salvation Army of Sanford, 871 Main St.
- Family Story Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Public Safety Subcommittee meeting, 11 am, Zoom
- Free lunch at YCSP's Recovery Community Center, noon, 69 Brook St.

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## City Council September 3 Meeting Summary

By Zendelle Bouchard

### Housing Grant

At its Sept. 3 regular meeting, the Sanford City Council voted to accept a \$300,000 Housing Assistance Grant from the state of Maine's Community Development Block Grant program. The funds will be used to assist Habitat for Humanity York County in building four new housing units in Springvale. The development at 3 Beaver Hill Rd. will include two new single-family modular homes and a duplex. The property was formerly home to a



Recent homes built in Sanford by Habitat for Humanity York County

Photo: Habitat for Humanity York County

vacant, hazardous structure that was remediated through the work of Sanford's Land Bank Commission. Habitat York County Director Amy Nucci told the Council the homes will be sold to applicants who make

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# SCHOOL NOTES

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



Orientation day set the stage for this school year's newest teachers in Sanford.

Photo: Sanford School Department

## New Sanford school teachers benefit from a day of orientation:

The Sanford School Department kicked off the new academic year by hosting a comprehensive and engaging orientation day on Aug. 27 at SHS for the district's newest teachers. The day began with a welcome from Superintendent Matt Nelson, followed by a session of community-building circles to encourage team bonding. The morning continued with a technology orientation and a review of various human resources topics. Recognizing the importance of student well-being, a session was presented on suicide prevention, equipping educators with vital knowledge to support their students. Teachers learned to recognize warning signs and gained strategies for creating a supportive classroom environment that promotes an inclusive and empathetic atmosphere where students feel safe and valued. Following a lunch hosted by the Sanford Federation of Teachers, Nelson delivered closing remarks before new staff had the opportunity to spend time in their respective school buildings with their assigned mentors and building administrators. For the full story, including a list of new teachers organized by school, go to [sanford.org](http://sanford.org).

**A new website for a new school year:** A new website for St. Thomas School went live in time for the start of the new school year. The website breaks out several categories

— About Us, Admissions, Academics, Family Info, News & Events, and Faculty & Staff — to help navigate and access information quickly. See the new website at [stsme.org](http://stsme.org)

## This school year, a focus on student value and staff impact:

The Sanford School Department launched its 2024-2025 school year in the Sanford Performing Arts Center on Aug. 28 with a powerful message: every student matters, and every adult is important. Carl J. Lamb (CJL) Elementary School's Show Choir, under the direction of music teacher Hattie Skvorak, kicked off the morning with an uplifting performance by CJL students Breyana Bolduc, Alanna Carter, Olan Clock, Maggie Green, Kinley Martineau, Aoife McGuckin-Welsch, Daisy Peters, Ivy Peters, and Kiara Rohner. Following the performance, the school department's three pillars for student success — student achievement, school climate and culture, and capacity building — framed the introduction of the school year's goals. School safety was also emphasized as a continuing priority. Superintendent Matt Nelson stressed the importance of engagement, prioritizing relationships, and encouraging staff to focus on making strong connections with students, colleagues, and families — creating an environment where students feel valued and motivated to succeed. The presentation concluded with a powerful metaphor: the dash between birth and death years on a tombstone, which represents the sum of one's work and the impact of one's daily actions. This school year, the department's collective dash, its shared goal, is to ensure that students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported, challenged, and prepared. For the complete story, go to [sanford.org](http://sanford.org). ■

# List of Candidates for Local Election

The filing period for local elected offices ended Sept 4. Here is the final list of candidates:

**Mayor (Vote for one):** Incumbent Mayor Becky Brink will be challenged by Matthew Alan Dupuis for the two-year term.

**City Council (Vote for two):** Incumbent Councilors Ayn Hanselmann and Nathaniel Hitchcock are seeking reelection to three-year terms. Former Councilors Joseph Hanslip, and Victor DiGregorio will also be on the ballot.

## School Committee

- Three-year term (Vote for one): Lisa A. Blanchette and Emily A. Sheffield are vying for this seat. Incumbent Jennifer Davie is not seeking reelection.
- One-year to fill unexpired term (Vote for one): Jonathan D. Stimmell is running unopposed for the seat. (Incumbent Emily Sheffield filed for the three-year term.)

## Water District Trustee (Vote for one):

Incumbent Brian Samia will be challenged by Jonathan K. Hamilton for the three-year term.

## Sewer District Trustee

- Three-year term (Vote for one): Incumbent Paul Demers is running unopposed.
- Two-year to fill unexpired term (Vote for one): Incumbent Kevin Eaton is running unopposed. ■

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# Sanford Shines at Maine ACE Camp



ACE Campers learn hands-on about aircraft mechanics at Southern Maine Aviation.  
Photo: Maine ACE Camp

Maine ACE Camp, which last month brought 10 kids aged 12-16 from all over the state to Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport (SFM), provided an opportunity for local businesses and individuals to shine as they introduced the campers to many different careers in the aviation industry. ACE stands for Aviation Career Education.

Tim LeSiege, Maine ACE Camp's interim director, presented a report on this year's camp to the City Council at its Sept. 3 meeting. He said while most of the kids come to camp interested in becoming pilots, the camp exposes them to a wide variety of jobs in the field, including mechanics, engineering, aircraft rescue and firefighting. There will be millions of job openings in aviation and related fields in the coming years, he said, providing great opportunities for young people right here in Sanford and southern Maine.

One of the highlights of the Seacoast ACE Camp is helicopters. LeSiege credited Parker Montano, owner of Pine Tree Helicopters, with bringing ACE Camp to Sanford. Montano is a former ACE camper himself and credits his career to the ACE Camp he attended in Portland as a teen. Pine Tree Helicopters runs a flight school as well as offering scenic helicopter rides and an air taxi service.

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## SOLAR *Cont'd from Page 1*

power onto the grid. But it's distant enough from congested urban areas that large blocks of land (50 acres or more) are still available for development. "Sanford is uniquely positioned. It's kind of a balance," said Knapp.

He added that Sanford's "development-friendly" business climate facilitates solar development, although that is of lesser importance. "It really is about transmission capacity and available land, then land use ordinances."

Buck has been an outspoken advocate for solar's economic benefits for more than a decade. When he started his tenure as city manager in 2011, the solar industry in the United States was still in its infancy. Prices for panels, which had been prohibitively high, were on a downward slide, ushered along by a federal push to bring large-scale solar costs in line with other forms of energy.

At the time, Maine had few incentives for solar development. The first community solar development was still several years away from coming online and the state was governed by Paul LePage, who would spend much of his tenure battling with ad-

vocates over net metering programs, which paid homeowners for installing panels and sending electricity back into the grid.

The project envisioned by officials in Sanford seemed straightforward: 5 megawatts on a closed landfill just off High Street. "That's all we wanted to do," said Buck. "In my mind, I had hit the easy button."

Thirteen years later, the landfill project has yet to be built. But Sanford's push for it helped bring about impactful changes in state and federal regulations and ushered York County onto the top of the solar heap, neck-and-neck with Kennebec County. As of July, the two counties had 136 megawatts and 138 megawatts of installed solar capacity, respectively, according to figures from the Governor's Energy Office. ■

### Editors Notes:

*There's more to this story. To read about the economic benefits to our community, go to [sanfordspringvalenews.com](http://sanfordspringvalenews.com).*

*This story was reported with The Maine Monitor, whose longer story on solar development can be read at [themainemonitor.com](http://themainemonitor.com)*

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- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Zoning Subcommittee meeting, 1 pm, Zoom
- Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting, 2 pm, Zoom
- Cribbage, 2 pm, Springvale Library-Williams Reading Room, 443 Main St.
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Sanford Water District trustees meeting, 4 pm, 243 River St., Springvale
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- Matthew Meal, 6 pm, St. Thomas School, 69 North Ave.

### Wednesday, Sept. 11

- Fire Station Working Group, 11 am, Zoom
- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Friends of Downtown, 4:30 pm, Regional Economic Growth Council, 919 Main St.
- Poetry Group meeting, 5 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Wednesday Night Bite free meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- RAISE Grant public meeting, 6 pm, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main St.

### Thursday, Sept. 12

- Sensory Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Senior Food Mobile, 10 am, Crossroads United Methodist Church, 15 Grammar Rd.
- 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.
- Scrabble Night, 5 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Author talk, "The Original Bucky Lew," 7 pm, Historical Society, 505 Main St., Springvale
- Line Dancing with Lori @ Pilots Cove Café, 7:30 pm, 199 Airport Rd.

### Friday, Sept. 13

- Salvation Army of Sanford Harvest Table food pantry, 9 am, 871 Main St.
- Salvation Army staples box distribution, 9 am, 871 Main St.
- Homeschool Meetup - library skills/scavenger hunt, 10 am, Spvl. Library, 443 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Sanford Art Walk, 4 pm, Central Park, 920 Main St

### Saturday, Sept. 14

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.

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## CITY COUNCIL *Cont'd from Page 1*

up to 60% of the area median income. She said utilizing modular construction allows the organization to keep expenses down while compressing the timeline for completion. The two single-family households have been selected and applications for two households to purchase the duplex will open in October.

### Cemetery Upkeep

The Council heard from Mike Sabine of Waterboro, speaking on behalf of Sanford resident Dustin Cote, about conditions at Oakdale Cemetery. Cote, whose daughter is buried at Oakdale, approached Sabine in May to help with cleanup following a storm. Sabine used his dump truck to haul brush to the transfer station, but he said he was not allowed to dump there without a Sanford sticker. He said the staff at Oakdale is "overwhelmed" and falling behind on maintenance due to the labor shortage. He told the Council he reached out to city staff but did not receive a reply. "My biggest concern is the veteran graves," he said, adding that grass in some areas is over a foot tall.

Councilor Nate Hitchcock said a new seasonal employee was recently hired to assist at the cemetery and is undergoing training. Deputy Mayor Maura Herlihy said the short staffing was exacerbated by the rainy weather that followed an extended dry period this year. "Everything grew really fast...no one could keep up," she said, but added that things are in much better shape now. Mayor Becky Brink said Sabine could have been accommodated at the transfer station if his visit had been prearranged. Councilor Ayn Hanselmann asked if the Public Works Department could give a presentation on how members of the public can be preapproved for cleanups.

### Trash Dumping / Needles

During public participation, resident Jeff Doiron spoke about trash dumps he encounters while hiking and biking on trails through private property around town. He said the city needs to be proactive in notifying landowners when this is happening. He added that the addiction crisis is not the city's fault but asked if more could be done to help addicts. Brink asked if he could send photos when he encounters trash dumping areas, as she is arranging a meeting with the Governor regarding the issue of needle exchanges. Councilor Pete Tranchemontagne said

he wants the Council to discuss ending the needle exchange program in Sanford. He said the program was supposed to be for harm reduction but has been exactly the opposite. "This program is a failure," he concluded, "I want this out of here."

### Voting Place Consolidation

City Manager Steve Buck announced that the consolidation of polling places from three to one has been approved by the Secretary of State. For Sanford's 13,000 active registered voters, 65 voting booths are required, but the city will have 82 booths set up. The change has been announced online as well as on the inserts that accompanied tax bills, but the city is also preparing a postcard mailing which will go out to all registered voters. In addition to notifying voters of the consolidation, the postcard will include info on early and absentee voting.

The Council voted to sign the Municipal Warrant calling for the election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the new consolidated voting place at Sanford High School & Regional Technical Center, 100 Alumni Blvd. Polls will be open at 7 am and close at 8 pm. In addition, there will be extended office hours at City Hall to accommodate voters who wish to vote an absentee ballot, register to vote or update their name or address.

The Council also voted to authorize up to \$1,000 to pay for free transportation for anyone needing a ride to the polls on election day. York County Community Action Corp. will provide vans and drivers who will pick voters up at their homes, wait while they vote and bring them back home. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this free service should call YCCAC at (207) 459-2932 by Nov. 1. Buck said the cost savings of consolidation will more than cover the expense to the city.

### Candidates Night

Herlihy announced that the annual Candidates Night will be split into two nights, with candidates for City and School Department offices on Tuesday, Oct. 8, and candidates for State Representative and State Senator on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The events will be televised and streamed. The moderators will come up with the questions with input from local media outlets and residents. Look for more info on this in a future issue.

*For the full City Council summary, go to [sanfordspringvalenews.com](http://sanfordspringvalenews.com) ■*

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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51 Tanguay St. (8/28 closing, listed below)  
Photo: Google

**8/26, 7 Rock Pond Rd., #7,** 6-room Cape-style condominium, 3 bed/2 bath, end unit, open concept kitchen and living room, bedroom on first floor, bonus room over garage, laundry on second floor, slab, attached 1-car garage, patio, built in 2022, \$379,900

**8/26, 17 Solitude Lane,** 12-room Contemporary Cape, 3 bed/6 bath (4 full, 2 half), primary bedroom with ensuite on first floor, laundry on first and second floors, pantry, sunroom, office, exercise room, full walk-out basement, detached 4-bay garage, porch, patio, outdoor kitchen, hot tub, inground pool, pool house with half bath, sand volleyball court, generator, irrigation system, 1,400-foot frontage on Great Works River, 13.18 acres, built in 2015, \$1,495,000

**8/28, 51 Tanguay St.,** Multi-level Triplex, 3 rental units: 2 bed/1 bath each, updated kitchens and bathrooms, porch with each unit, partial basement, ample off-street parking, corner lot, \$625,000 (pictured above)

**8/28, 23 Nason St., B,** 6-room Duplex Condominium, 3 bed/1 bath, bedrooms on first floor, full unfinished basement, slab, metal roof, \$110,000

**8/29, 156 High St.,** 5-room Ranch, 3 bed/1 bath, full walk-out basement, attached 1-car garage, deck, patio, fenced-in backyard, intown, \$290,000

**8/29, 6 Stoney Brook Rd.,** 8-room Gambrel, 3 bed/2 bath, family room, office, attic, finished basement, detached 2-car garage, deck, shed, private setting on 1.48 acres, \$416,150

**8/29, 23 Minerva Ave.,** 6-room New Englander, 3 bed/1.5 bath, many updates, attic, full unfinished basement, detached two-car garage, two porches, view of Number One Pond, intown, \$385,000

**8/30, 3 Lyndsay Rd.,** 6-room Expanded Cape, 3 bed/2 bath, bedroom on first floor, living room with vaulted ceiling, full walk-out basement, attached 2-car garage, deck, private setting on 1.91 acres, built in 2003, \$480,000

**8/30, 31 Spruce St.,** 7-room 2-story Square, 4 bed/1.5 bath, eat-in kitchen, full basement, porch, deck, ample off-street parking, corner lot, \$270,000 ■

# Projects Kept Planners Busy in August

By Kendra Williams

The Sanford Site Plan Review Committee took a first look at the apartment project proposed for the Jagger mill in Springvale and approved changes to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery during their Aug. 20 meeting.



A map shows parking spaces and other changes proposed for the Jagger mill building on Water Street in Springvale. Photo: City of Sanford

Jagger Lofts would turn the historic mill on Water Street in Springvale into 80-85 apartments. Developers, who were also taking the project before the Planning Board on Sept. 4 for a public hearing, are looking for a historical tax credit, contract zone, tax-increment financing deal and a parking waiver.

Also at the Aug. 20 meeting, the committee unanimously approved proposed changes to an existing site plan at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. Area B has been redesignated from 286 full-size burial sites to 503 cremated burial sites. Area F has been redesignated from 637 full-size burial sites to four columbaria walls, for a total of 840 niches to hold cremated remains. Other minor site improvements were also approved.

Other recent planning business includes the following:

## Discussion of Campground Ordinance

The Planning Board had a discussion that included setbacks from property lines and/or houses, vegetated buffers, on site office, duration of stay, operating seasonality, winter camping, public safety and parking. The Planning Department is developing a draft ordinance for the Planning Board to consider at a future meeting. The ordinance has been a topic of discussion since last spring, when developers proposed a new campground with cabins and RV sites on the shore of Sand Pond in South Sanford.

## Railroad Avenue and Ridley Road

Londonderry Lane - On Aug 7, the Planning Board considered a preliminary application for a 6-lot subdivision and private way on property owned by Thibeault Properties and Investments, LLC. Due to concerns about the steep 15% grade of a shared driveway, no action was taken until other alternatives are explored and the fire chief has a chance to provide input.

## Genest Concrete Works

On Aug. 6, the Site Plan Review Committee considered a conditional use application for a proposed addition of approximately 10,000 square feet to an existing manufacturing building on Wilson Street. The addition would create a temperature-controlled room for drying precast products made on site. ■

## CALENDAR *Cont'd from Page 3*

- Sanford Elks Soccer Shoot, 9 am, Shaw Field, 137 Shaw's Ridge Rd.
- 50 Cent clothing sale, 9 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- Free Reiki circle, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- 2nd Annual Community Baby Shower, 11 am, Mercy Chapel, 1861 Main St.
- Silent art auction, 1 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Toss-for-a-Cause cornhole tournament, 6 pm, Nasson Center, 457 Main St., Spvl.
- Sanford On Stage, 7 pm, Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd.

## Sunday, Sept. 15

- Sanford Elks Soccer Shoot, 9 am, Shaw Field, 137 Shaw's Ridge Rd.
- 4th Annual Heart, Peace and Love for Kids 5k Walk & Craft Fair, 10 am, Gowen Park

Check Sanford School Department sports schedules at <https://tinyurl.com/cm4tz7vj> ■

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# NEWS NOTES

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Colleagues at Great Bay Services award Sherry Sabol a plaque and wish her a happy retirement after six years with the organization.

Photo: Great Bay Services

## Great Bay Services team member retires:

On Aug. 23, colleagues at Great Bay Services wished Sherry Sabol, a direct support professional at its Sanford-based community program, a fond farewell. For the past six years, Sabol shared her talents for painting, encouraged creativity in others, and provided a nurturing space in which artists felt confident exploring new mediums, new subjects, and new experiences through the arts.

**It's tax time:** The City of Sanford has sent tax bills to Sanford and Springvale residents and included important information about where tax dollars go, where to get tax help, and details about the Nov. 5 referendum on the construction of two new fire stations. Be sure to review the information.

## Sanford man arrested, charged with burglary, theft, drug possession, and more:

The Scarborough Police Department arrested David Allan, 52, of Sanford, on Aug. 26 on charges related to burglaries through forced entry at two Scarborough businesses that occurred early that morning. Working with the South Portland Police, Scarborough investigators found a vehicle in South Portland that Allan had allegedly stolen in Sanford on the night of Aug. 25. Allan, also suspected in burglaries in Biddeford and Portland, was located nearby. He was taken to the Cumberland County Jail in Portland and charged with two counts each of burglary, theft and criminal mischief and one count each of unauthorized use of a vehicle, driving without a license, unlawfully possessing fentanyl, and possessing burglary tools. He also had three outstanding warrants. Allan was arraigned on Aug. 28. Police departments in Portland, Biddeford, and Sanford also helped with the case.

## The chance to bid (quietly) at the library:

Several art pieces by local artists from the Sanford Arts Commission are on display at Goodall Memorial Library. The art is available for purchase at the library's Silent Art Auction to be held Sept. 14 from 1 to 3 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Proceeds from the auction will be split between the library and the

artist. FMI, call 207-324-4714 or email [info@lbgoodall.org](mailto:info@lbgoodall.org).

## Public meeting on downtown infrastructure improvements:

A public meeting will be held Sept. 11 from 6 to 8:30 pm to discuss the City of Sanford and Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) Federal RAISE Grant Project for infrastructure improvements in downtown Sanford. This project will enhance approximately 2.7 miles of streets, including Cottage Street (Route 202), William Oscar Emery Drive, Main Street (Route 109), Washington Street, and School Street. Improvements will include new streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, traffic signals, parking spaces, drainage areas, a multi-use pathway, and a Park & Ride facility on Emerson Street. MaineDOT will present detailed information about the proposed project, and participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers. Those who cannot make it in person can join via Zoom here. <https://bit.ly/RAISESanford>



Part of the collection at the Sanford Springvale Historical Museum

Photo: Sanford Springvale Historical Society

**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!** After a five-year hiatus, Lawrence Furbish, president of the Sanford Springvale Historical Society (SSHS), has brought back the organization's newsletter. Last published in fall of 2019, the newsletter will again be published regularly and will share information about SSHS programs and activities as well as periodic articles about Sanford's history. The newsletter will be distributed digitally via email with a few printed copies available at local libraries and other locations. To read the Fall 2024 issue, go here. <https://www.sanfordhistory.org/newsletters>

**Give it up for the locals:** The Sanford Performing Arts Center will host "Sanford on Stage" on Sept. 14 at 7 pm. Presented by the Sanford Arts Commission, the show will feature the best of local talent, all of whom had been handpicked through auditions. Tickets, priced at \$12 each, can be purchased at [sanfordpac.org](http://sanfordpac.org).

**Red Cross needs your help:** An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled at the Alfred Parish Church, 8 Kennebunk Rd., on Sept. 16 from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Log onto the Red Cross website to schedule a time to donate: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## Reconnect with friends at Nason College

**homecoming:** The Nason College Alumni Association is holding its Homecoming 2024 Oct. 4 through Oct. 6. A full schedule of activities is planned, including a golf scramble, pizza party, dinner and music at Jonathan's Ogunquit, and more. The deadline to register is Sept. 23. FMI and to register, go to [nasson.org/Homecoming](http://nasson.org/Homecoming)

## Crafter and vendor registration for VFW

**fall fair now open:** The Sanford/Springvale VFW Post at 1 Hutchison St. will host its Fall Craft/Vendor Fair on Oct. 5 from 9 am to 3 pm. Organizers are inviting crafters and vendors to participate by reserving table space to showcase their items. Vendor setup will begin at 8 am and breakdown will be at 3 pm. The cost is \$25 per table plus space on the raffle/silent auction tables. To register, call Melissa Rodriguez, auxiliary president, at 207-324-1142.

## PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

**Eileen S. Heald** was born August 11, 1949 in Sanford, Maine, the daughter of Jarvis and Norma (Vose) Stokes. A funeral service will be held at the Springvale First Baptist Church located at 429 Main Street in Springvale at 1:30 pm on Sunday, September 8th. Interment will take place on Monday, September 9th at 1:30 pm at the Riverside Cemetery, located on Riverside Avenue in Springvale.

**Rose A. (Doiron) Melanson, 98,** of Sanford, Maine, passed away peacefully on August 27th, 2024 in Sanford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am on Friday, September 13 at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Holy Family Church. Burial will be in the Saint Ignatius Cemetery. ■

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# SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey  
Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator

## SHS Athletes, Teams Recognized by Portland Press Herald

Sanford High School students Sophie Olivio and Audrey Payeur were recently named athletes to watch this fall by the Portland Press Herald.

Olivio, a junior, is a goalie on the Sanford girls' soccer team. Olivio was a first-team all-conference player last season.

Payeur, a senior midfielder for the field hockey team, is a returning all-state selection for the Spartans. She had 16 goals and 19 assists last year.

The field hockey team was ranked No. 5 for teams to watch in southern Maine. Payeur, Zoey McCann, Miah Mondor, Paige Sevigny, Sadie Sevigny, and Megan Sheppard were all mentioned as key players for Sanford.



*SHS senior Audrey Payeur looks to pass during a game for the Spartans during the 2023 season.*

Photo Credit: Savannah Knight

## The Spartan Times Fall Sports Review

Sanford High School's online newspaper, The Spartan Times, has put out its fall sports preview.

Head to [www.spartan-times.com](http://www.spartan-times.com) to read an in-depth analysis of the cross country, soccer, field hockey, football, volleyball, and golf teams with insights from all the coaches. ■

## Sanford Springvale Historical Society

### Seeking A New Director

The Sanford-Springvale Historical Society is seeking to hire a part time Executive Director. This person would work with the Society President and Board of Directors to manage and expand the Society's many programs and activities. The position would be 24 hours per week for \$25 to \$30 per hour depending on experience. To see the full job description click on this link <https://www.jobsinme.com/jobs/154293432>. Interested applicants can apply from the link or send a resume and cover letter to [lfurbish@sanfordhistory.org](mailto:lfurbish@sanfordhistory.org).

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## ACE CAMP *Cont'd from Page 3*

LifeFlight of Maine, which has a branch at the airport, provided the kids with the opportunity to climb into one of its helicopters, sit behind the stick and talk to the professionals who fly and maintain them.

At Southern Maine Aviation, the kids learned about sheet metal riveting and other facets of the mechanical side of the business. The company provided a hangar for ACE Camp to use as a base of operations for the campers. Rob Montgomery talked to the students about weather and about jobs in that field.

Campers met with officers from Sanford's branch of the Civil Air Patrol and learned about the many aviation-related opportunities that organization offers.

Allison Navia, the airport's director, talked to campers about what it takes to manage an airport. They were able to ride along with the truck drivers and check out the fleet of snow removal equipment.

Sanford resident Ed Cormier, who works as the STEM Advisor for the Federal Aviation Administration, brought drones and flight

simulators. Officers from York County Emergency Management introduced campers to the way drone technology is used in emergency situations and talked about available careers.

From Adam Cutler of Gale Associates, a national company that has done design and construction projects at SFM, they learned about aviation engineering.

The kids also took a field trip to the Portland Jetport, where they met with the airport director and learned about aircraft rescue and firefighting. Campers got a glimpse behind the scenes of Transportation Safety Administration operations at a passenger airport. On another trip, to the Portsmouth International Airport, they met with folks from PlaneSense and learned about fractional ownership of aircraft. They also met with members of the U.S. Air National Guard and toured a refueling jet.

Maine ACE Camp is a federally registered nonprofit organization cosponsored by the FAA. In addition to the Seacoast camp, it operates a midcoast four-day camp in Brunswick each year as well as a weeklong overnight camp in Eddington for high schoolers. Learn more at [maineacecamp.org](http://maineacecamp.org). ■



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