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## Do You Need a Real ID ?

By Kendra Williams

According to the Maine Secretary of State, the deadline to obtain a Real ID is quickly approaching. Beginning May 7, standard Maine driver's licenses and state IDs will no longer be accepted for federal purposes, such as boarding domestic flights or entering certain federal facilities. An unexpired passport or passport card, a foreign passport or immigration document will also be accepted for these purposes.

You are not required to have a Real ID for everyday purposes such as driving, registering to vote, applying for federal benefits, conducting financial transactions, renting a vehicle, entering a federal facility such as a post office, purchasing alcohol or tobacco or accessing health services.

If you choose to get a Real ID compliant driver's license or identification card, you will need to go to a branch office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in person and bring original or certified copies of the following documents:

A document that establishes your identity, date of birth and proof of U.S. citizenship, lawful permanent residence or temporary lawful status in the U.S.

**Real ID is coming in May 2025.**  
Are you ready for your domestic flight?



State of Maine Dept of the Sec. of State

Your Social Security number (card not required) or evidence of Social Security ineligibility.

Two documents to establish proof of residence in the State of Maine, such as a utility bill and mortgage statement. A post office box is not acceptable.

If your name has been legally changed and now differs from your identity document(s), such as your birth certificate or passport, proof of the name change must be provided to obtain a Real ID. Acceptable documents supporting a legal name change include a marriage license, divorce decree, or court order. In all cases, the documents must show a clear trail of name changes from the name on the identity document to the current name.

Be aware that there may be a long wait at the BMV office. To avoid waiting, you can make an appointment online at [mainebmvappt.cxmflow.com](http://mainebmvappt.cxmflow.com)

For more information about the Real ID, go to [maine.gov](http://maine.gov). ■



Lambs and their mothers at the Noon Family Sheep Farm in Springvale  
Photo: Gail Burnett

## photo of the week

Send your (local) photo for consideration to [submissions@sanfordspringvalenews.com](mailto:submissions@sanfordspringvalenews.com).  
Be sure to let us know where the photo was taken and who the photographer is.

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## Local Easter Services

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

### Sunday, April 13-Palm Sunday

- 8:45 am-Crossroads United Methodist Church-15 Grammar Rd.
- 9:00 am-Mercy Chapel-will include kid's program-1861 Main St.
- 9:00 am-St. George's Episcopal Church-3 Emerson St.
- 10:30 am-North Parish Congregational Church-895 Main St.
- 11:00 am-Mercy Chapel-will include kid's program-1861 Main St.

### Thursday, April 17-Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)

- 5:30 pm-North Parish Church-Service & Soup, Supper, Communion
- 6:00 pm-St. George's Episcopal Church-3 Emerson St.
- 7:00 pm-St. Therese of Lisieux Parish-66 North Ave.

### Friday, April 18-Good Friday Services

- Noon-Crossroads United Methodist Church-15 Grammar Rd.
- Noon-North Parish Congregational-Prayer Vigil Church - silent prayer till 3 pm
- Noon-St. George's Episcopal Church-Veneration-3 Emerson St.
- 3:00 pm-St. George's Episcopal Church-Stations of The Cross 3 Emerson St.
- 6:00 pm-St. George's Episcopal Church-Veneration-3 Emerson St.
- 6:00 pm-Pleasant Street Free Baptist Church-10 Pleasant St.
- 6:00 pm-Mercy Chapel-1861 Main St.
- 7:00 pm-Curtis Lake Church-38 Westview Dr.
- 7:00 pm-St. Therese of Lisieux Parish-66 North Ave.

### Saturday, April 19-Holy Saturday

- 8:00 pm- St. Therese of Lisieux Parish-Vigil-66 North Ave.

### Sunday, April 20 (Easter)

- 6:00 am-Crossroads United Methodist Church-Sunrise Service 15 Grammar Rd.
- 7:30 am-Mercy Chapel-1861 Main St.
- 8:45 am-Crossroads United Methodist Church-15 Grammar Rd.
- 8:45 am-Curtis Lake Church-38 Westview Dr.
- 9:00 am-Mercy Chapel-childcare available-1861 Main St.
- 9:00 am-St. George's Episcopal Church-3 Emerson St.
- 10:00 am-St. Therese of Lisieux Parish-66 North Ave.
- 10:30 am-Calvary Baptist Church-47 High St.
- 10:30 am-Curtis Lake Church-38 Westview Dr.
- 10:30 am-North Parish Congregational Church-895 Main St.
- 10:45 am-Pleasant Street Free Baptist Church-10 Pleasant St.
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# NEWS notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



Historian Sally Mummey appears as Queen Victoria, joined by her guard, Paul Raffanello, at a recent lecture at the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society. Photo: Gail Burnett

**An audience with the queen:** The last offering in the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society's winter lecture series was a royal treat: Britain's Queen Victoria, portrayed by historian Sally Mummey of Seabrook, NH, described her childhood, her marriage to Prince Albert and other topics at the museum on Sunday afternoon. Mummey, who is well known around New England for her portrayal of First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln, also took questions from audience members and posed for pictures with her guard, Paul Raffanello (her husband). The museum has a full slate of talks scheduled for the summer as well as musical and other events. It's open for visitors at 505 Main St. in Springvale on Fridays from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. FMI go to: [sanfordhistory.org](http://sanfordhistory.org).

**Stabbing investigated:** Sanford police investigated a stabbing on Bodwell Street Wednesday but released few details of the incident. A male victim with a stab wound was taken to the emergency room at Maine Health in Sanford after police responded to a disturbance about 7:30 am, according to Major Mark Dyer. The injuries were not life-threatening, and Dyer said he understands the victim was later released. "This is believed to be an isolated incident," according to a post on the Police Department's Facebook page. "Because this investigation is ongoing, we are not releasing specifics around the incident." Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Lt. Adams of the Sanford Police Department or call the tip line at 207-324-9170, extension 4.

**Nasson food collection to support Sanford students in need:** Through April 30, Nasson Community Center and Little Theatre, 457 Main St. in Springvale, is collecting canned fruit, instant oatmeal packets, and canned chicken and tuna to help the Sanford Backpack Program feed students facing food insecurity. Nasson has donation boxes in the gym and theatre lobbies for those dropping off items. The organization is also willing to pick up donations. Email [office@nassoncommunitycenter.com](mailto:office@nassoncommunitycenter.com) if a pick-up is needed.

**Put a step in your spring to help seniors:** The 11th Annual Stepping Out for Seniors Walk will be held May 10, with registration beginning at 8 am at the YMCA Trafton Center, 19 Elm St. in Sanford. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Trafton Center

and seniors in the community. FMI, and to register, call Robin Bibber at 207-457-0080.

**Nasson Foundation to benefit college alumni and the community:** The Nasson College Alumni Association has formed a foundation to strengthen its financial capabilities and capacity to benefit Nasson College alumni and the wider community. The Nasson Foundation will work in concert with the association's development committee to pursue more diverse fundraising opportunities, build stronger relationships with donors, and ultimately make a more significant impact on the causes it supports. "The Nasson Foundation is an exciting new chapter for our association," said James Leach, chairman of the development committee. "This new entity will enable us to expand our reach and support even more initiatives that benefit our alumni and community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact the Nasson Foundation will have in the years to come." FMI about the Nasson Foundation or to inquire about making a donation, visit the Nasson College Alumni Association here. [nasson.org](http://nasson.org)

**Looking to build community connections and engagement through the arts?** Maine Creates is offering a free training series to help participants grow as teaching artists, build local partnerships, and design creative projects that make a positive change in the community. The training is open to all crafters, visual and performing artists, teaching artists and art teachers. The program aims to have each participant complete a full project proposal with a chance to apply for funding and mentorship through a small grant program. The series includes four virtual Zoom sessions, held Tuesdays, April 29 to May 27 (no class May 13), from 6:30 pm to 8 pm, and one in-person workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 31, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in Augusta. FMI, and to register, go here. <https://sidexsideme.com/mainecreates>

In addition, the Garden Club is holding a membership drive and invites anyone interested in gardening and creating beautiful natural spaces to come to the meeting and learn about the club's work in the community. The Southern Maine Garden Club has planted some of the flower beds located in traffic islands and in parks in Sanford and Springvale. Attendees do not need to be experts. Monthly meetings focus on learning about caring for the natural environment or a new aspect of gardening. Members participate in meetings to plan new projects and to learn from each other.

**Can't wait for summer to shop at a farmers' market?** April 13 is the last date for this season's Berwick Winter Farmers' Market, held at Berwick Town Hall from 10 am to 1 pm. The market offers fresh vegetables, meats, fish, handmade cheeses, goats' milk soaps, honey, baked goods, homemade meals for the freezer, and more.

**Fighting food insecurity becomes more challenging for SBP:** The Sanford Backpack Program has warned that recent cuts by the U.S. Department of Agriculture will dramatically impact its food resource partner, Good Shepherd Food Bank. The cuts will result in reduced access to affordable food, increased costs, and greater challenges to providing nutritious food for Sanford children and their families. With food insecurity already at a 10-year high and more families needing assistance, the organization is asking the public to help by making charitable donations, hosting a food drive, or supporting fundraising events such as the 9th Annual Chocolate Benefit Spectacular, to be held April 26, 6 pm, at Memorial Gym. FMI on how to help, email [backpacks@strongersanford.org](mailto:backpacks@strongersanford.org) or text 207-206-2294.



Daffodils are the topic for the Southern Maine Garden Club's April 17 meeting. Photo: Erika Varga from Pixabay

**Daffodils, the herald of Spring, headline garden club meeting:** The Southern Maine Garden Club will hold an open meeting on April 17 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Trafton Center, 19 Elm St. in Sanford. Anyone interested in learning about growing spring daffodils and other flowers from bulbs are welcome to attend. Even those who have never gardened can grow these hardy harbingers of Spring. The speaker for this meeting will be Diana Huffman of Chill Hill Farm and Forest in West Newfield.

**Dust the cobwebs off those clubs and get practicing:** The driving range at Sky View Pitch and Putt, 1569 Main St. in Sanford, is officially open for the season. Golf balls for the range can be purchased at the automatic dispenser with a debit or credit card. For the opening of the season, early bird pricing for buckets of balls is set at \$11 for small, \$13 for medium and \$15 for large.

**A family event for the whole community:** Lots of activities are planned for Healthy Kids Day at the Sanford-Springvale YMCA, scheduled for May 3, from 10 am to 2 pm. This free community event, with both indoor and outdoor activities, features a petting zoo, an inflatable obstacle course, music and dance, games, swimming, snacks, and more. This event is part of the YMCA's national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. ■

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO**  
**SELL YOUR FORMER PROPERTY**  
**(36 M.R.S. § 943-C)**

Former Owner: Rachel Grondin ("Former Owner")  
Property Address: 22 North Ave, Sanford, ME, 04073 ("Property")

**Notice of sale of foreclosed property**

A tax lien mortgage held by the City of Sanford for unpaid real estate taxes on your former property located at 22 North Ave, referred to as Tax Map I28-Lot 120 was foreclosed on February 11, 2022. The City of Sanford now owns this property. You are receiving this notice because the City of Sanford intends to sell this property. Pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, the City of Sanford will list the property for sale with a real estate broker or agent for the highest reasonable price the property is anticipated to sell, and will convey the property via quitclaim deed to the successful buyer at the highest price at which the property is able to sell within 12 months after listing. Following the sale, the City of Sanford will pay to you, as the former owner, any excess sale proceeds, after deducting:

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Former Owner: Heirs of Dale Sanchez, Carmen Sanchez ("Former Owner")  
Property Address: 49 North Ave, Sanford, ME, 04073 ("Property")

**Notice of sale of foreclosed property**

A tax lien mortgage held by the City of Sanford for unpaid real estate taxes on your former property located at 49 North Ave, referred to as Tax Map I27-Lot 43 was foreclosed on February 12, 2024. The City of Sanford now owns this property. You are receiving this notice because the City of Sanford intends to sell this property. Pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, the City of Sanford will list the property for sale with a real estate broker or agent for the highest reasonable price the property is anticipated to sell, and will convey the property via quitclaim deed to the successful buyer at the highest price at which the property is able to sell within 12 months after listing. Following the sale, the City of Sanford will pay to you, as the former owner, any excess sale proceeds, after deducting:

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# Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

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

## Ongoing

- Kindergarten registration, online @ [www.sanford.org](http://www.sanford.org), 2/26-6/1
- Springvale Library Online Auction, 4/14-4/20 (preview starts 4/12)

## Saturday, April 12

- Free Shred Week ends today at Partners Bank branches
- St. Thomas Fair drop-off event, 9am, St. Thomas School, 69 North Ave.
- 50¢ clothing sale, 9 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- 14th Annual Bowl-A-Thon for Veterans, 9 am, Bowl-A-Rama, 1217 Main St.
- Historical Society volunteer open house, 1 pm, 505 Main St., Springvale
- The Wintery Mix, 6 pm, River Junction Brewing, 1491 Main St,
- Toss for a Cause Cornhole Tournament, 6 pm, Nason Center, 457 Main St. Springvale

## Sunday, April 13

- Southern Rail Bluegrass Concert, 3 pm, Historical Society, 505 Main St., Springvale

## Monday, April 14

- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- April Fun Day @ Pleasant St. Free Baptist Church, 10 am, 10 Pleasant St., Springvale
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 11 am, Springvale Library
- A Family for ME live Q&A session, noon, online
- Lego Builders Club, 3:30 pm, Springvale Library
- A Family for ME live Q&A session, 6 pm, online

## Tuesday, April 15

- Toddle Time, 10 am, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- Salvation Army Food Pantry, 10 am, 871 Main St.
- Baby/Toddler Rhyme Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Pre-K Story Time w/Craft, 11 am, Goodall Library
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Cribbage, 1 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- YCSP's "To-Go" Lunch @ St. George's Episcopal Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Sanford Elks Bingo, 4 pm doors open, 6 pm games start, 13 Elm St.
- Toddle Time, 5:30 pm, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- York County Cannabis Summit, 5:30 pm, online
- Dulcimer Group, 6 pm, Goodall Library

## Wednesday, April 16

- Diamond Painting Bookmark @ Goodall Library, 9 am, 1364 Main St.
- Community Café, noon, Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Dr.
- It Takes a Village 207 indoor meal @ St. George's Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- Make-It/Take-It Craft, 2 pm, Springvale Library

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Former Owner: Martin J. Vachon ("Former Owner")  
Property Address: 13 Island Ave, Sanford, ME, 04073 ("Property")

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A tax lien mortgage held by the City of Sanford for unpaid real estate taxes on your former property located at 13 Island Ave, referred to as Tax Map I29-Lot 24 was foreclosed on February 14, 2020. The City of Sanford now owns this property. You are receiving this notice because the City of Sanford intends to sell this property. Pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, the City of Sanford will list the property for sale with a real estate broker or agent for the highest reasonable price the property is anticipated to sell, and will convey the property via quitclaim deed to the successful buyer at the highest price at which the property is able to sell within 12 months after listing. Following the sale, the City of Sanford will pay to you, as the former owner, any excess sale proceeds, after deducting:

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Former Owner: Heirs of Marion Dashnaw ("Former Owner")  
Property Address: 12 Proulx Court, Springvale, ME 04083 ("Property")

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A tax lien mortgage held by the City of Sanford for unpaid real estate taxes on your former property located at 12 Proulx Court, referred to as Tax Map K15, Lot 38 was foreclosed on February 14, 2020. The City of Sanford now owns this property. You are receiving this notice because the City of Sanford intends to sell this property. Pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, the City of Sanford will list the property for sale with a real estate broker or agent for the highest reasonable price the property is anticipated to sell, and will convey the property via quitclaim deed to the successful buyer at the highest price at which the property is able to sell within 12 months after listing. Following the sale, the City of Sanford will pay to you, as the former owner, any excess sale proceeds, after deducting:

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# Planning Board Recap: Feb & March

By Jack McAdam

The Planning Board approved changes at the Sanford Sewerage District and the Sanford Regional Airport and OK'd more housing and industrial development during its February and March meetings.

The sewer district's proposal for a new 14,605-square-foot administration and maintenance building and associated parking and site improvements on Gavel Road won unanimous approval at the board's March 5 meeting.

On Feb. 19, planners approved a proposed 80-by-80-foot hangar at the airport. The project includes parking and storm-water improvements. A public hearing on proposed revisions to the Airport Development Zone that governs the airport was kept open because the airport manager had not yet had a chance to review changes, which will be sent to the City Council.

**Other business included:**

**Eagle Drive subdivision:** The board reviewed a preliminary subdivision plan for the rear portion of the Roehm America site on Feb. 5. The land is newly owned by the Industrial Development Corporation of Sanford, which is looking to subdivide it and sell to industrial/commercial end users. Each lot will need to return for site plan approval prior to development. The board suggested that the Industrial Development Committee may want to add an easement along Main Street for a future sign and possibly an easement along the rear portion of the lots for a non-motorized trail in the future.

**Witham Apartments:** On March 19, the board unanimously approved an amendment to the site plan for a two-unit apartment project on property owned by Coastal Oaks LLC on Witham Street in Springvale, near the Sherwin Williams paint store. Minor changes included parking layout, snow storage and stormwater drainage. The applicant plans to keep the trail open even during construction.

**Stackpole Court:** The board also unanimously approved a final subdivision plan for a 12-unit multifamily residential building and the associated parking and site improvements on property owned by LSM Properties on Stackpole Court, off Brook Street. ■



Sanford Sewerage District site plan

# Keeping Our Community Clean

By Lee Burnett

Several local organizations are observing Earth Day, April 22, with litter patrols and a trail improvement project. All events welcome participation. Some events are held on weekends, not Earth Day itself, which falls on a Tuesday this year.

The biggest event is a litter patrol of downtown streets on Tuesday, April 22, organized by Great Bay Services. Last year, dozens participated.

“I think it is important to help keep our community clean, and the best way to do that is to lead by example and to just dive in,” explained Cory Long, volunteer coordinator at Great Bay. “It is nice seeing everyone come together as one on April 22 every year to help clean up our community, reminding us

we can all make a difference.”

Great Bay invites volunteers to gather between 8:30 and 9 am in front of the Sanford Mill Apartments at 61 Washington St., on the upper patio near Pioneer Avenue. Great Bay will provide gloves and trash bags. The primary focus will be on the mill district and other downtown areas, as numbers allow. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Northland Enterprises is sponsoring the event. Food and drink will be provided.

Other events are being organized by the Rotary Club of Sanford/Springvale and Sanford Trails Committee.

The Rotary Club plans a litter patrol at the Route 4/Route 109 roundabout at 7:30 am on Saturday, April 26. The plan is to gather at the L'il General Store parking lot at 7:30 am and walk across,

with protection from a police escort, according to organizer Bridget Salantri. There is no need to sign up; just bring gloves and garbage bags.

The Sanford Trails Committee is organizing a bridge redecking at Carpenter's Crossing bridge on the Rail Trail. The plan is to gather at the Rail Trail parking area along Hanson Ridge Road at 9 am Saturday, April 19, and proceed along to the bridge. Carpentry skills and tools are welcome. Decking materials will be provided. If you can help, please contact: Lee Burnett at 207.206.2106 or leeburnett\_maine@hotmail.com. ■



Some of the dozens of volunteers who gathered on Earth Day last year to pick up litter on downtown streets  
Photo: Great Bay Services

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Property Address: 12 Marshbrook Crossing, Sanford, ME, 04073

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR - Cont'd from page 3

- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Harry Potter Day @ Smitty's GameLAB, 4 pm, 1327 Main St.
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Wednesday Night Bite community meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.

### Thursday, April 17

- Sensory Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- St. Therese of Lisieux Food Bank, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.
- Southern Maine Garden Club meeting, 1 pm, Trafton Senior Center, 19 Elm St.
- YCSP's "To-Go" Lunch @ St. George's Episcopal Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- Free community meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- Game Night @ the Library, 5 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.

### Friday, April 18

- Harvest Table Food Pantry, 9 am, Salvation Army, 871 Main St.
- Toddler Time @ SCAE, 9 am, 668 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Now is Christ Risen" Easter musical, 6 pm, Sanford Christian Academy, 25 Riverside Ave.
- Colby & Vanessa @ River Junction Brewing, 6 pm, 1491 Main St.

### Saturday, April 19

- Sanford Indoor Farmer's Market, 10 am, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- "Now is Christ Risen" Easter musical, 6 pm, Sanford Christian Academy, 25 Riverside Ave.

### Sunday, April 20

- Happy Easter from Sanford Springvale News! ■

Check Sanford School Department sports schedules at <https://www.mpaschedules.org/public/genie/1142/school/73/>

Visit our events calendar at [sanfordspringvalenews.com](http://sanfordspringvalenews.com) for details on these and other events.



# SCHOOL notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



From Sanford High School: (back row, left to right) Kailee Colbeth, math teacher and math team coach, Nathan Maloney, Matthew Melvin, Samone Gallagher, Yashvi Patel, Ayden Bennett, and Adam Soule, math teacher; (front row, left to right) Rowan Winchell, Quang Lam, Corinna Vitale, Jennifer Danis, and Hannah Labbe.  
Photo: Sanford School Department

**SHS students crunch the numbers at state competition:** Ten members of Sanford High School's math team, led by teacher and math team coach Kailee Colbeth, attended the 46th Annual Maine State Math Meet on April 1 at the Augusta Civic Center. Competing were the team's seniors as well as the highest scoring underclassmen over the course of the season. The seniors representing the team were Rowan Winchell, who had the high score of 92 points this season, Ayden Bennett, Samone Gallagher, Quang Lam, Corinna Vitale and Jennifer Danis. (Elsie Gendron, a senior on the team, could not make the meet due

to sickness.) The underclassmen in attendance were juniors Hannah Labbe and Matthew Melvin, with Melvin tying Gallagher this season for the second highest points at 66, and sophomores Nathan Maloney and Yashvi Patel. The largest high school mathematics competition in Maine, the math meet had 90 high schools from across the state register this year with over 800 students in attendance.

**April school vacation is right around the corner:** Registration is open for April Vacation Camp, for kids in kindergarten to Grade 6, through Sanford Parks and Recreation. The camp runs April 21 to 25 at

the Memorial Gym Cafe, 678 Main St., from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, and offers hiking, arts and crafts, rock wall climbing, bowling and more. The cost is \$175 for residents and \$225 for non-residents. FMI, and to register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/38sve32a>  
The Pleasant Street First Baptist Church, 10 Pleasant St. in Springvale, also has activities lined up for kids April 21 to 25. Each day different outdoor activities, held at the church parking lot unless otherwise specified, are highlighted: Monday – roller skating, skateboarding and bike riding; Tuesday – park time at Springvale Park (meet

at the park on 3 Edmund St.); Wednesday – a neighborhood walk; Thursday – wiffle ball games; and Friday – outdoor games. Activities begin at 10 am.

**Donation supports SRTC program projects:** Jason Shaw and Dan Laskey of Deering Lumber recently presented a check for \$12,000 to the Building Trades program at Sanford Regional Technical Center. The program's instructor, Troy Hathaway, expects to use the funds to provide students with more hands-on learning opportunities and construction projects. The funds were raised from Deering Lumber's annual golf tournament that was held at Sanford Country Club.

**Latest news from First 10 Sanford:** The April newsletter from First 10 Sanford is now available. It includes tips and activities to boost early brain development in children ages 0 to 4 years as well as information on its Spring Play and Learn series and a Pajama Pop-Up to be held via Zoom on April 15 at 6 pm. The newsletter connects families with valuable early childhood opportunities. Access the newsletter here: <https://tinyurl.com/yfxfv5vd>

**SRTC students rise to the challenge at state competition, await final results:** Sanford Regional Technical

Center's Academy of Business students participated in this year's Junior Achievement Titan Challenge on April 3 with 28 students forming 10 teams for the annual competition. Since only half the schools were able to compete at their regional locations due to poor weather conditions in northern Maine, state winners will be announced once the remaining regions complete their competitions and the scores are tallied. One highlight from the day was that Team SRTC10 — made up of seniors Connor Rice, Ethan Wilfong and Jacob Cardoza — swept all three rounds of the regional competition and earned the highest point total of the day.

**SMS students explore skilled trades careers:** Sanford Middle School's Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) classroom recently welcomed Billie Nelson Clark, the JMG/Bath Iron Works (BIW) employment liaison, who shared with students insights about careers in the trades. Students learned about the essential skills that employers like BIW look for in potential employees and what the day-to-day experience is like for people working there. In addition, students gained some hands-on experience, including an exercise in using a tape measure — the same assessment used in BIW's actual hiring process.



Semevent from Pixabay

**It's all fun and games at summer camp:** Registration for Summer Day Camp through Sanford Parks and Recreation is open. The 7-week program runs Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, from June 23 through Aug. 8 (with no camp on July 4). Students entering Pre-kindergarten to Grade 6 in the fall are eligible to participate. Many activities are planned for campers, including field trips, music, movies and entertainment, cheerleading, Legos, dancing, walking and hiking, story hours, swimming and more. Since both indoor and outdoor facilities are used, the program runs rain or shine. The cost is \$700 for residents and \$900 for non-residents. Non-residents may register after April 13. FMI, and to register, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/mb-82byv4>

**Kindergarten Exploration draws a strong turnout:** The Sanford School Department hosted its Kindergarten Exploration event on April 3,

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#### SCHOOL NOTES Cont'd

welcoming over 50 families across its elementary schools. The event, held at Carl J. Lamb, Margaret Chase Smith, and Sanford Pride Elementary Schools, gave incoming kindergarteners and their families a first look at their future learning environments. Parents and children had the opportunity to explore kindergarten classrooms, meet teachers and staff, and learn more about the transition process. The event is part of the department's commitment to creating a smooth transition for its youngest learners. For families who missed the event but still need to register for kindergarten, registration remains open both on the school website and in person. ■

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Photo: Paul Auger

## A LOOK BACK: Museum Lands Rare \$100 Bill

By Paul Auger, Sanford Springvale Historical Society

In a significant addition to its collection, the Sanford Springvale Historical Society recently acquired an extremely rare \$100 Sanford Bank note, issued in 1860.

The note is believed to be one of the rarest in Maine, dating back to the era of "wildcat banking," when banks issued their own currency before the federal government standardized paper money.

Before the Civil War, the United States lacked a single national currency. Instead, thousands of state-chartered banks issued their own banknotes, promising to redeem them in gold or silver. These banknotes, known to-

day as "obsolete notes," were often used as local currency but were not always accepted outside the issuing bank's region.

The Sanford Bank was one of many small banks that operated in Maine during the 1800s. Like other banks of its time, it issued paper money backed by its own reserves. However, if a bank failed or was poorly managed, its notes could become worthless overnight. This uncertainty led to a lack of confidence in many local banks, paving the way for national banking reforms. By the 1860s, the U.S. government sought to bring order to the chaotic banking system. The National Banking Acts of 1863 and 1864 established a national currency and required

banks to secure their notes with government bonds. This effectively rendered private banknotes, like those issued by the Sanford Bank, obsolete.

The newly acquired \$100 note is especially rare, as higher denomination notes from small banks were seldom issued and even less frequently survived. Many obsolete notes were destroyed after they lost their value, making surviving examples highly sought after by collectors and historians.

Members of the society had their eye on the same note for many years and recently were able to purchase it from Roger Couture of Southern Maine Currency. ■

# SCAM

## Don't Get CAPTCHA'd

By Carolyn Cadigan

You've probably seen those CAPTCHA challenges on websites that ask you to prove you're not a robot or have you click images or enter wavy letters and numbers in a box. But did you know that CAPTCHAs have become yet another way for cybercriminals to trick users into downloading malware, which is software that can disrupt, damage, or gain access to a computer system?

Because these challenges are so common on websites, users often respond out of habit. Hackers use a fake pop-up message that looks like a CAPTCHA challenge and rely on the unknowing user's automatic response to redirect the user to other pages. By taking further actions on those pages, the user enables the hackers to run dangerous commands on the user's computer that can compromise the user's system and ultimately allow the hackers to steal passwords, financial data, and personal information.

Other instances may use a fake pop-up message along with urgent or misleading language. The user may be instructed to download a file or install a browser extension. By following through on these instructions, the user may actually install malware on the computer himself.

Experts have shared tips on how to avoid falling prey to this scam:

- Always check the URL to ensure the website is legitimate before responding to a CAPTCHA challenge. Look for "https://" in the URL and avoid sites with unusual domains.
- Be cautious of CAPTCHA pages that appear on unexpected websites. Legitimate CAPTCHA pages are usually found on websites that require user verification, such as a login or account creation page.

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# OUT IN THE WOODS

By Kevin McKeon, Maine Master Naturalist

## Black Bears: Hungry, Not Hazardous

By Kevin McKeon, Maine Master Naturalist

Black bears have been in North America for about 3 million years, since their ancestors crossed the Siberian/Alaskan land bridge from Asia. They're the smallest of the North American bears, which also include polar, brown, and grizzly bears. During the last 150 years or so, these bears have enjoyed a return to historic population levels as abandoned fields and pastures return to forest habitats.

All of the estimated 55,000 bears living in the Northeast are black bears, and about 35,000 live in Maine — more than in any other state east of the Mississippi. Alaska has the most, with about 100,000.

Black bears prefer large, undisturbed, relatively mature spruce-fir and oak-hickory-beech forest landscapes but have adapted to human development, learning that messy humans often leave attractive food sources in garbage dumps, rural dumpsters, barbecue picnic residue, and bird feeders. They're largely vegetarian, and up to 90% of their food consists of nuts, acorns, fruits, and vegetation. They rarely kill for themselves but will scavenge from the kills of others.

Generally considered to have one of the best senses of smell in the animal kingdom, black bears can easily sense a bird feeder from over a mile away, accord-

ing to the National Park Service. (Their cousin, the polar bear, can smell a seal under the ice from half a mile away!) Bloodhounds smell about 300 times better than we do, and black bears smell seven times better than bloodhounds. This sense is used for foraging for all kinds of food: fruits, berries, nuts, roots, bulbs, grasses, insects, fish, meat, garbage, nesting birds, carrion, and the occasional hunted mammal or fish. From rural and farm areas and trash cans they'll forage for blueberries, corn, honey, livestock, fish and food scraps.

Unlike grizzly bears, black bears rarely attack humans, causing fewer than one death every three years from over half a million black bears, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. For every death caused by a black bear, 17 deaths are caused by spiders, 25 from snakes, 67 from dogs, and 180 from wasps and bees.

Black bears don't growl. They use grunts to communicate with other bears and will blow loudly and chomp their teeth to signal their fear of us. They'll leave scented tree scratchings as territorial markings. Cubs will scream when distressed but hum when happy. They can run as fast as 25 miles an hour, and with curved front and straight rear claws have a superb climbing ability. Adult males grow from 250 to 600 pounds; females average 100 to 400 pounds.



A black bear checks out one of its easiest food targets, bird feeders.

Photo: Kevin McKeon

Males measure five to six feet in length from the tip of their nose to the tip of their tail; females average four to five feet in length.

Black bears aren't true hibernators but have evolved a form of dormancy called torpor to cope with winter's food scarcity. In December, they build dens in large tree cavities, overturned stumps, and caves, lined with leaves, twigs, and branches. The lone bear or mother with yearling cubs will then enter torpor. During this four-month deep sleep, heart rates drop to about 20% of normal and metabolism to 50%. They are sustained by stored body fat and protected by thick pelts, but sometimes leave the den during short, warm periods, or when calamity strikes nearby. A few years ago, a mother and cubs were chased from their den by logging operations in the Hanson Ridge area.

In January, one to four cubs weighing less than a pound are born with a

light covering of fur. At two to three months, cubs can leave the den with their mother, who has sole responsibility for their survival. But about half of all black bear cubs succumb to starvation. Those that make it to one year old have a 90% survival rate, after which most deaths are caused by humans. The adults will emerge from their sleep with up to a 30% weight loss, but with no muscle or bone loss — an adaptation under study to address possible wasting diseases in humans.

Bear at feeder video:  
<https://youtu.be/A3Ss2hE-3omY>

*Editor's note: Did you see something unusual last time you were out in the woods? Were you puzzled or surprised by something you saw? Ask our "Out in the Woods" columnist Kevin McKeon. He'll be happy to investigate and try to answer your questions. Email him directly at: [kpm@metrocast.net](mailto:kpm@metrocast.net)*

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While these suggestions are helpful, perhaps the best advice is to avoid responding out of habit, to pay close attention, especially when browsing on unfamiliar websites, and to be sure to install up-to-date antivirus software. ■

“ Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. ”

Martin Luther King, Jr

## Public Hearing Notice

The Sanford Planning Board will hold public hearings and receive written and oral comments at its April 16, 2025 meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, for the following projects:

- **File # 2025-R18A-16AD – 199 Airport Road – MAS Hangars LLC – Major Site Plan** Proposed construction of office building for flight department and hangars for storage of small aircraft (Tax Map R18A, Lots 16 and 16A).
- **Ultimate Airport Layout Plan - R18A-16 – Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport** – Review of Ultimate Airport Layout Plan for approval in conformance with recent amendments to §280-11-9 Airport Development Zone, as approved by Sanford City Council on April 1, 2025.
- **Extension of Approval - File # J30-30 – 19 Bodwell Street – Minor Site Plan and Minor Subdivision** – for an 8 unit residential building and a single family dwelling and associated site improvements at 19 Bodwell Street as approved by Planning Board May 1, 2024 (Tax Map J30, Lot 30).

The hearings 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 [jlbbabcock@sanfordmaine.org](mailto:jlbbabcock@sanfordmaine.org).




## STATE OF MAINE MUNICIPALITY OF SANFORD NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL YOUR FORMER PROPERTY (36 M.R.S. § 943-C)

Former Owner: Jacob Bergeron (“Former Owner”)  
Property Address: 30 North Ave, Sanford, ME, 04073

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## STATE OF MAINE MUNICIPALITY OF SANFORD NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL YOUR FORMER PROPERTY (36 M.R.S. § 943-C)

Former Owner: James & Stephanie Dee (“Former Owner”)  
Property Address: 16 Andrew Ave., Sanford, ME, 04073

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**STATE OF MAINE MUNICIPALITY OF SANFORD  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
SELL YOUR FORMER PROPERTY  
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Former Owner: Lynne M. Norton Estate of ("Former Owner")  
Property Address: 229 Alfred Rd Lot 65, Sanford, ME, 04073  
("Property")

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# Zach Lemlin: A Rising Star

By Sam Bonsey,  
Sanford School Department

Sanford High School Athletic Director Zach Lemlin has been honored with the Past President Rising Star Award from the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, recognizing his outstanding contributions to school athletics.

Lemlin, who began his career teaching social studies at Sanford High School and later at Sanford Middle School, stepped into the role of athletic director in 2022. In the short time since, he has made a remarkable impact on both athletic programs and school culture.

"I was humbled and honored to be recognized by my colleagues across the state with this recognition," Lemlin said. "This is more of an award for my supporting cast, that is always there to support me in taking on additional challenges and helping to make the student-athletes in the Sanford School Department have a great experience with school-based sports."

Among Lemlin's accomplishments is the establishment of the Student Leadership Council, which has empowered students to take active roles in shaping their athletic experiences and improving the school climate. He has also taken on hosting numerous events, including major postseason competitions and the SMAA Sportsmanship Summit for three consecutive years. Under his leadership, Sanford Athletics Hall of Honor began celebrating the rich athletic history of the school and community.

SHS Principal Tracy Gibson has high praise for Lemlin's contributions to the school community.

"I'm incredibly proud of Zach for receiving this prestigious award," she said. "Since becoming our athletic director, he has transformed both our athletic programs and school culture through his leadership. What truly sets him apart is his unwavering dedication to our student athletes. His positive influence on our school in such a short time is remarkable, and we're fortunate to have him leading our athletic department." ■



Photo: Sanford School Dept.

**STATE OF MAINE MUNICIPALITY OF SANFORD  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
SELL YOUR FORMER PROPERTY  
(36 M.R.S. § 943-C)**

Former Owner: Shirley Trumble ("Former Owner")  
Property Address: 58 Pleasant Street, Springvale, ME 04083 ("Property")

**Notice of sale of foreclosed property**

A tax lien mortgage held by the City of Sanford for unpaid real estate taxes on your former property located at 58 Pleasant Street, referred to as Tax Map J17-19 was foreclosed on February 3, 2025. The City of Sanford now owns this property. You are receiving this notice because the City of Sanford intends to sell this property. Pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, the City of Sanford will list the property for sale with a real estate broker or agent for the highest reasonable price the property is anticipated to sell, and will convey the property via quitclaim deed to the successful buyer at the highest price at which the property is able to sell within 12 months after listing. Following the sale, the City of Sanford will pay to you, as the former owner, any excess sale proceeds, after deducting:

- (1) The sum of all taxes owed on the property;
- (2) The sum of all taxes that would have been assessed on the property during the period following foreclosure when the property was owned by the City of Sanford;
- (3) All accrued interest;
- (4) Fees, including advertising, mailing, recording, property listing and real estate broker or agent's fees to the extent that those fees are not included in the broker or agent's fee agreement;
- (5) Any other expenses incurred by the City of Sanford in selling, maintaining, or improving the property, including documented

- administrative costs and reasonable attorney's fees;
- (6) The cost to the City of Sanford of the lien and foreclosure process, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees; and
- (7) Unpaid sewer, water or other utility charges and reasonable fees imposed by the City of Sanford.

The City of Sanford will provide you, as the former owner, with a written accounting of the excess sale proceeds itemizing any deductions upon request. If the City of Sanford is unable, after 3 attempts, to contract with a real estate broker or agent, or the broker or agent is unable to sell the property within 12 months of listing, the City of Sanford may sell the property in any manner authorized by Sanford's legislative body and will pay to you any excess sale proceeds as calculated above.

For purposes of this notice, "former owner" means the owner or owners of record at the time of foreclosure or, if deceased, the former owner's heirs, devisees or personal representatives. Note that pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 943-C(6), receipt of excess sale proceeds by the former owner is deemed to be a waiver of any right of the former owner to pursue a title action under 36 M.R.S. § 946-B.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Michelle LaBree, Assistant City Manager, at 207-608-4104 between the hours of 7:30-5:30 Monday- Thursday, to discuss this notice.



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70 School St. (3/28 closing, listed below) Photo: Carolyn Cadigan

**3/28, 70 School St.**, 10-room Victorian, 4 bed/1.5 bath, family room, library with built-in bookcases, two kitchen ranges, pantry with slate sink, bonus room, 9.5-foot coffered ceilings, hardwood floors, unfinished basement, attached 2-car garage, intown, built in 1900, \$270,000 (pictured above)

**3/28, 33 Elm St.**, Sanford, 3-bedroom Colonial, 3 bed/1 bath, primary bedroom on first floor, many updates, unfinished basement, level lot, built in 1900, \$233,000

**3/31, 192 Mt. Hope Rd.**, 6-room Ranch, 2 bed/2 bath, double wide manufactured home, bonus room, slab, rural, 4.5 acres, \$289,900

**4/3, 16 Mill St., #36**, Springvale, 4-room Condominium, 2 bed/1 bath, top floor of building, in-unit laundry, slab, deck, water view of Mousam River, intown, \$195,000

**4/4, 147 Littlefield Rd.**, Springvale, 6-room Cape, 2 bed/1 bath, primary bedroom and laundry room on first floor, den, open floor plan, glass-enclosed porch, dirt floor basement, 1-car garage, barn, rural, .89 acre, built in 1886, \$204,000 (pictured above)

**4/4, 38 Brunell Ave.**, 6-room Cape, 3 bed/1 bath, primary bedroom in basement, open kitchen/dining area, partially finished basement, detached 2-car garage, shed, \$375,000

**4/4, 12 June St.**, 6-room Ranch, 3 bed/3 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, large living room, partially finished walk-out basement, large workshop, attached 2-car garage, porch, shed, .48 acre, \$402,000 ■



147 Littlefield Rd., Springvale (4/4 closing, listed left)  
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## PASSAGES

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**Joan W. Anderson**, 91, of Sanford, died peacefully on Thursday March 27, 2025. A memorial gathering will be held at the Black Heald and Walker Funeral Home, 580 Main St., Springvale on Friday, May 2, at 2 pm.



**Pauline Avis Doucette**, 83, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend died on March 28, 2025. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:00 am with a funeral following at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 10th at the Black-Heald & Walker Funeral Home located at 580 Main Street in Springvale. Interment will follow at Oakdale Cemetery.



**Robert J. Scott**, 81, of Sanford, died Thursday March 20, 2025 at Spanish Plaines Hospital in The Villages, Florida. A memorial service will be held at the Black, Heald and Walker Funeral Home on Friday April 25 at 2:00 pm.



**Perry Elwin Wood**, 81, of Sanford, died Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at Maine Medical Center in Biddeford, where he spent the day reminiscing with family and loved ones. A time of visitation will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 4 to 7 pm at Black Heald and Walker Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, April 13, from noon to 3 pm at the Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.



**Justin Choquette** was born on August 1, 1991 and died on April 5, 2025. The Celebration of Life will be held on April 14, 2025 at 1pm at Bibber Memorial Chapel at Kennebunk. 67 Summer St. Kennebunk, ME. Please wear Purple & Black clothing or Baltimore Ravens attire to honor Justin.

*These shortened notices are published free of charge for all decedents who have lived or worked in Sanford/Springvale. For more info about this or to purchase space for an expanded obituary with picture, contact [adperson@sanfordspringvalenews.com](mailto:adperson@sanfordspringvalenews.com).* ■

## Obituary - Carleton Paul Stevens

Carleton Paul Stevens (Paul to just about everyone who knew him more than 5 minutes), passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of March 10, 2025 at the home he shared with Jane, his wife of 70 years.

Born on December 26, 1936, Paul was the beloved son of Melvin Earl "Bing" Stevens and Maude Pearl Merrill Stevens Shapleigh. Paul grew up in Middleton NH and graduated from Spaulding High School in Rochester NH.

Along the way, he met the love of his life, Jane Shaw, at a grange hall dance, the beginning of a lifelong love for dancing. Paul was so smitten that he followed Jane home that night, much to her (and her mother's) surprise! But Paul's sweet demeanor and beautiful, wavy blonde locks won her over. They quickly became a couple and married on January 21, 1955.

After a brief stay in Middleton and then Rochester, they settled in Sanford, Maine where Paul built their first house. Paul entered the Apprenticeship Program at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in 1955, and worked there for the next 35 years. In the early 70s they moved to York to be closer to the Shipyard, where they lived until Paul's retirement. After retiring they spent some years in Laurys Station PA; Farmington NH; and Dothan AL, before returning to Springvale.

Paul was happiest when spending time with his family, beating everyone at a card game, and especially dancing with Jane. He

loved westerns, being outdoors, and hunting. But above all, he was a devoted husband. A loving family man, Paul is remembered by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as the first to offer an unselfish hand, play any outdoor sport, or provide a comforting hug. An eternal optimist, Paul could always be counted on for a word of encouragement or an uplifting smile. When asked how he was doing, his answer was always the same: a smile and the words, "Better than most!"

Paul was a man who cherished his wife and loved his family. As a young man, and for much of his life, Paul enjoyed deer hunting and looked forward to the season each year. The family spent many years together enjoying family dinners and playing cards every week. With just about everyone, Paul was known for his easy-going demeanor and quick wit, who never went anywhere without a book in his pocket. After his retirement Paul and Jane spent several summers with all of their grandchildren at their home in Laurys Station. The grandkids still talk of their trips to Dorney Park and the fun they all had, and some can still be heard singing Doris Day in the car to this day. Paul and Jane were also beautiful to watch on the dance floor as excellent ballroom dancers. An avid card player, Paul enjoyed playing whist every week (and sometimes bridge) at the Trafton Center. Paul was also a man of faith, attending St Therese of Lisieux for many years, and

achieving the title of 4th Degree Sir with the Knights of Columbus.

Although Paul enjoyed traveling to Europe, Venezuela and many states in our country, his favorite place to be was by Jane's side, wherever that happened to be.

Paul was predeceased by his parents and his grandson, David Patch. He is survived by his wife, Jane; his sisters, Charlotte Lessard and Shirley O'Neil of Farmington NH; his children, Craig (Ellen) Stevens of New Orleans LA, Laurice (Bill) Dunning of Allentown PA, Risa (Jeff) Grace of Springvale, and Dorrie (Mark) McClintock of Barrington NH; his grandchildren, Thomas (Brittney) Scovens of Louisiana, Ben (Natasha) Dunning of Pennsylvania, Clara (Jeff) Cracknell of Springvale, Erin (Brent) Sarazin of Louisiana, Chandler (Christie) Grace of Texas, Chelsea Byrd of Beulaville, NC, and Adam (Hira) Stevens of Louisiana; and great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St Therese of Lisieux Church in Sanford on Friday, April 25th, at 11:00 AM with a reception following at the Springvale Social Club.



PAID NOTICE

## Proposed York County Budget Increase is 13%

By Tammy Wells, York County Government

The York County government general fund budget for the fiscal year that begins July is proposed at \$28.44 million, a \$3.27 million increase over this year's spending plan, or about 13 percent. According to County Manager Greg Zinser, the increase is primarily due to rising personnel and utility costs. In addition, skyrocketing municipal valuations set by the state are shifting the tax burden to the county's cities and towns. "Some of the valuations have gone through the roof," said Zinser, and are up overall by nearly \$7 billion. Sanford's 2024 valuation was \$2.46 billion, and at \$2.82 billion in 2025.

Zinser estimated about two-thirds of the \$3.27 million increase is due to personnel costs and higher utility costs – a five-year electricity contract has expired and costs for other utilities, like telephone services, are up as well. Zinser also pointed out that about \$1.4 million of the increase is due to jail costs. He noted the jail's medically assisted treatment program, one of the largest in Maine, costs about \$680,000 annually, for which the state provides an estimated \$120,000. The state is expected to contribute \$2.4 million to York County Jail for the new fiscal year, down from \$2.75 million for the current year.

The departmental budget for the new regional first responder training center is proposed at slightly under \$300,000. Commissioners voted to add \$50,000 in contingency funding to cover any unexpected expenses. The departmental budget for the recovery center is proposed at slightly under \$1.4 million, up 9.3% from the existing Layman Way Recovery Center, which is due to shutter later this year. Both the training and recovery centers are expected to go online in 2026.

Next steps are for the draft budget to move on to the York County Budget Committee for review, usually over a series of meetings, a public hearing and then a vote. Draft budget documents can be found at [www.yorkcountymaine.gov/finance](http://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/finance). ■



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