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Mobile Home Residents Fight Rent Hikes

By Lee Burnett

Residents of Country Living Mobile Home Park off New Dam Road are mobilizing against rent increases that they say are excessive. They've collected five pages of petition signatures in support of legislation to limit future increases and have gathered a comparable number from residents of Pinewood Park off Route 109 in South Sanford.

Both parks are owned by Philips International of Great Neck, NY., which also owns Marshbrook Estates Mobile Home Park off Whichers Mill Road. Residents say rents have increased from \$390 per month to \$515 per month since the park was sold in 2021. That's a cumulative increase of 32 percent in three years, or about 10.6 percent a year. They're expecting another big increase this spring.

"Most of the people here are on a fixed income, I mean very small," said Michael Helie of Terry Drive, who gathered with neighbors Shirley and Bruce Clark to share their stories. Helie himself is on a fixed income of \$1,400 a month after working as a medical technician. "The check is so small. I can't keep covering the increases," he said.

Mobile homes are typically one of the most affordable housing options, but if you live in a mobile home park, you live in a real estate limbo-land. Typically, park residents own their own homes, on which they pay personal property taxes. But they don't own the land under the home, for which they pay rent.

They have little leverage against rent increases because it's expensive to move a home off a lot. In addition, homes can only be sold through the park owner, rather than on the open market. "Many people are stuck here," said Helie.

Among those stuck are the Clarks, both 86, who have lived in the park since 2002. They live on Social Security and income from one retirement account. "It's difficult," Bruce Clark said. "I don't

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photo of the week



Ready for Easter on High Street Photo: Lisa Blanchette
Send your (local) photo for consideration to submissions@sanfordspringvalenews.com.
Be sure to let us know where the photo was taken and who the photographer is.

Library Services Threatened by Cuts

By Lawrence Furbish

Thanks to federal cuts, readers who use library services like interlibrary loans, high-speed internet, Cloud Library e-books and books for the blind and visually impaired might soon notice unpleasant changes at our local libraries.

In March, President Trump signed an executive

order declaring the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which funnels federal funds to the states and their public libraries, "unnecessary." Subsequently, the entire 70-person agency staff were placed on 90-day leave. Apparently, 12 are now back at work, but it is unclear if the others will return.

The IMLS adminis-

ters federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act to state libraries across the U.S. For the Maine State Library, this funding totals approximately \$1.5 million each year and represents 30% of their annual budget. At present, nearly all discretionary grants to IMLS have been eliminated. On April 9, Maine State Library

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"Easter is the only time of the year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket."
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NEWS notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



Taekwondo competitors (back row, left to right): Sabum Chhoeun Thy, Demetrius Nguyen, Timothy Boulter, Jessica Younger, Aaron Boulter, Cyrus Dyer, Stephen Smith, Boosabum Andrew Evans; (middle row, left to right): Lily Vollor, Naomi Boulter, Josh Albano; and (front row, left to right): Austin Mercier, Lincoln Pong, Ronan Woods, Winnie Woods, Ian Kerrigan, Dakota Kerrigan, Colby Kerrigan, Gio Della Croce, Dom Nguyen, Finley Vollor.
Not pictured: Yashiwas Wood, Myles Dence, Norah Dence, Marek Dyer, and Casandra Mercier. Photo: Courtesy

Martial arts students earn medals at recent New England competitions: Thy's Tae-kwon-Do of Sanford recently took teams of students to tournaments in Winslow, Maine, and Connecticut and came home with 42 medals. The achievement is "a testament to their hard work, discipline and perseverance," according to a press release from Meagan Boulter. "We extend our sincere congratulations to all participating students for their exceptional performances. A special recognition goes to those who competed in both tournaments: Yashiwas Wood, Myles Dence, Ronan Woods and Winnie Woods. Your commitment and determination are truly admirable, and we are incredibly proud of your accomplishments."

Police seek help with Bodwell Street stabbing: Sanford police secured an arrest warrant for Jonathan Gillis, 23, of Sanford in connection with a stabbing on Bodwell Street last week.

The warrant charges Gillis with aggravated assault, a Class B crime. Police are asking for help locating Gillis. If you can help, contact the Sanford Regional Communications Center at 207-324-3644, option 1. The victim of the stabbing was treated at MaineHealth and later released.

Dog park cleanup dates set, volunteers needed: A spring cleanup at the Sanford Dog Park is scheduled for May 4, from 1 to 3 pm. Anyone available to help is asked to bring rakes and shovels. The organizers also need a volunteer who has a truck with a dump sticker to help dispose of the leaves and someone with a tractor to help clean up packed debris. In case of inclement weather, the rain date for the cleanup is May 10, from 1 pm to 3 pm. The park will be closed during clean-up hours. Organizers are also requesting help to spread mulch, which will be delivered on May 6. Email questions to sanfordmedogpark@gmail.com.

Gardening workshop at the Sanford Community Garden: The public is invited to attend an organic gardening workshop along with community gardeners on April 26 at 10 am. Topics to be covered include soil preparation, early garden care, and the use of floating row cover for the control of insects, which will be demonstrated by Master Gardeners Volunteers Lora Gurwala and Bud Johnston. The Sanford Community Garden, an activity of the Mousam Way Land Trust, is located on Blanchard Road just under a mile from its intersection with Hanson Ridge Road.

Poetry reading features four Maine poets: A Poets Reading, sponsored by the Sanford Arts Commission, will take place April 27 at 3 pm at the Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum, 505 Main St. in Springvale. The event will feature Maine poets Melissa Alipalo, Jeanne Bamforth, Jonathan Pessant and Ruth Towne.

April is National Poetry Month and this year's theme is "This Is the World I Want to Live In. The Shared World." FMI, call 207-490-1028 or email info@sanfordhistory.org.

Just stick out your chin and grin and say, "I'll try out!" Auditions for Nasson Youth Theatre's summer production of "Annie" will be held May 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, and May 10, from 2 to 5 pm. Bring a resume, headshot (if you have one), brief monologue and 16 bars of a song. The production will be directed by George Perkins with music direction by Karen Mathews and choreography by Emma Stevens. Rehearsals will begin May 18 and run Sundays through Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 pm (with a few exceptions due to holidays). Show dates are scheduled for July. FMI, contact Nasson Little Theatre at 207-324-5657.

Sanford/Springvale, the time to flush is now: The Sanford Water District's spring flushing program started on April 13 and will continue through May 23. Flushing the water mains, which is done twice each year (in the spring and fall), improves water quality by removing sediment that slowly builds up at the bottom of the water main over time. Flushing will happen between 10 pm and 5 am to minimize impacts to customers. For information on the areas scheduled to be flushed each week, go to the Sanford Water District website or call 207-324-2312. If the schedule needs to change for any reason, the website will be updated. sanfordwater.org

Want to buy a home but unsure how to begin? York County Community Action Corp. (YCCAC) is offering monthly Home Buyer Education Classes for first-time home buyers. The classes provide honest, accurate information about home ownership and prepare individuals and families for the steps in the

home-buying process. The next available YCCAC 8-hour class will be held Sunday, May 18, from 9 am to 5:30 pm. Registration fees are \$45 per person and \$80 per couple. FMI, email Lee Sullivan, home buyer education coordinator, at lee.sullivan@yccac.org, or call 207-459-2961. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n6chz8p>

Set yourself up for an active spring: The Spring Program Guide from the Sanford-Springvale YMCA is now available online. Registration for this session, which runs from April 28 to June 14, opened on April 14. See what's available in the guide. sanfordymca.org.

DPW schedule changes for Patriot's Day: Sanford Department of Public Works (DPW) has posted its Patriot's Day holiday schedule. The DPW will be closed Monday, April 21, and the Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, April 22. There are no changes to the rubbish and recycling schedule for the week.

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David Parent receives his award from Keith Levasseur.
Photo: Melissa Alipalo

High honor for Water District chief: Sanford Water District Superintendent David Parent has received the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Water Utilities Assoc.

The award recognizes Parent's more than four decades of service and contributions to the water profession in Maine and beyond. It was presented to him at the association's recent quarterly meeting by Keith Levasseur, board member and district engineer for the Sanford Water District.

"David's legacy is one of unwavering commitment, leadership, and public service," Levasseur said. "He has not only strengthened the water sector through his work but has inspired countless others through his example." Parent joined the water district in the early 1980s and has been superintendent since 2011. He has also helped shape statewide water standards through the Maine Water Utilities Assoc. and the Southern Maine Regional Water Council. ■

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Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

Visit our Events Calendar at sanfordspringvalenews.com for details.

Ongoing

- Kindergarten registration, online @ www.sanford.org, 2/26-6/1
- Springvale Library online auction, 4/14-4/20
- Sanford Schools closed for April vacation 4/21-4/25
- April Vacation Camp @ the YMCA, 4/21-4/25

Saturday, April 19

- Sanford Indoor Farmer's Market, 10 am, Memorial Gym
- "Now is Christ Risen," an Easter musical, 6 pm, Sanford Christian Acad., 25 Riverside Ave.
- The Great Outdoors @ River Junction Brewing, 6 pm, 1491 Main St.

Monday, April 21 – Patriots' Day

- Goodall and Springvale libraries closed
- Roller skating @ Pleasant St. Free Baptist Church, 10 am, 10 Pleasant St., Springvale

Tuesday, April 22

- Bead Day at Goodall Library, 9 am, 1364 Main St.
- Park Time @ Pleasant St. Free Baptist Church, 10 am, 10 Pleasant St., Springvale
- 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.
- Teen/Guardians Sound Journey-Free, 4:30 pm, Super Nova Energy, 21 Bradeen St.
- Dulcimer Group, 6 pm, Goodall Library

Wednesday, April 23

- Neighborhood Walk @ Pleasant St. Baptist Church, 10 am, 10 Pleasant St., Springvale
- SMAA Springvale open house tours, 10 am, 21 Bradeen St., Springvale
- It Takes a Village 207 - indoor meal @ St. George's Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Seed planting & LEGO challenge @ Goodall Library, 2:30, 1364 Main St.
- Bristlebot simple robots, 3:30 pm, Springvale Library,
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Wednesday Night Bite community meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, 6 pm, online
- iLuminate, 7 pm, Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd.

Thursday, April 24

- Wiffle ball @ Pleasant St. Free Baptist Church, 10 am, 10 Pleasant St., Springvale
- Sensory Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library

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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: Lynne M. Norton Estate of ("Former Owner")
Property Address: 229 Alfred Rd Lot 65, Sanford, ME, 04073
("Property")

Notice of sale of foreclosed property

- (1) A tax lien mortgage held by the City of Sanford for unpaid real estate taxes on your former property located at 299 Alfred Road, Lot 65, referred to as Tax Map R12-90A Lot 65 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:
- (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

Interim Leader for Shelter Programs

By Lee Burnett

The longtime head of York County Community Action is taking over interim leadership of York County Shelter Programs.

Barbara Crider assumes leadership in the wake of the resignation of Megan Gean Gendron, who is leaving the agency after five-plus years as executive director. Gendron's last day of work was Friday, April 18.

During Crider's 12-year tenure at YCCAC, the anti-poverty agency mobilized to help people through the 2008 recession, opened Nasson Health, and mobilized again during Covid, delivering food and medicine, conducting vaccine clinics, and managing a testing site.

Prior to her tenure with YCCAC, Crider worked as a lawyer, representing primarily victims of domestic violence in court. She is the founder and first director of the Penquis Law Project and is the recipient of several awards, including the Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service and the Robert M. Howes Visionary Award.

Gendron said it was time for her to move on. "I did not make this decision lightly and would not leave if I did not feel as strongly as I do that it is the best thing for myself and my family," she wrote in a post on the agency's Facebook page. "It has been an honor of a lifetime to serve York County Shelter



Barbara Crider Photo: York County Community Action

Programs as the executive director."

The agency is a primary resource for Sanford's unhoused population. It runs emergency shelters in Alfred and Sanford as well as programs in mental health, substance abuse, job skills, food distribution, and lunch service. It owns and manages 130 apartments in York County.

Funding services for unhoused people has long been a challenge. Last year, the

agency lost a bid to staff a warming center in Sanford, one year after it was launched.

Gendron thanked supporters of YCSP. "Your support has been a bright spot during pretty dark times in homeless services. Please know that I will continue the fight to bring more funding into shelters, and perhaps I can be a little less careful about what is said now that I will be on the outside!" she wrote.

She added, "Please continue to do whatever is possible to ensure that folks in York County have access to these critical services." ■



Michael Helie, left, and Shirley and Bruce Clark talk about the plight of residents of Country Living Mobile Home Park. Photo: Lee Burnett

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understand how they can charge that much," Sylvia said. "It's outrageous." The Clarks say it would be impractical and expensive for them to try to move. "It would be a little different if we were 70 or 65," said Bruce Clark. "We're not looking for anything long-term."

Their message was echoed by park resident Brenda Brault, who makes ends meet working as both a paralegal and a loan signing agent. "We've been getting astronomical increases," she explained in a telephone interview. "It's not easy. I've got plenty of other bills. I have two jobs. I don't have any options. Where am I going to go?"

The causes of rent increases are many and unique to each mobile home park, according to a spokesperson for the manufactured housing industry. Post-Covid property tax increases are one common factor, said Julia Smith, executive director of the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine. Another is the transition to new ownership and the need to update "artificially low" rents from prior owners who may have paid off a mortgage or under-invested in infrastructure improvement, she said. "These [costs] are not preventable."

The plight of residents at Country Living is playing out across the state, says Rep. Shirley Golek, D-Harpswell, who has introduced legislation limiting rent increases at mobile home parks to 10 percent over four years, or 2.5 percent per year on average. Under current law, rents can be hiked by up to 10 percent at a time, but there is no limit on the frequency of hikes if proper notice is given. The bill would require a notice of 90 days, twice the current notice requirement of 45 days for an increase more than 10 percent.

"One in five parks is now owned by an out of state corporation," according to Golek. "They are buying them up at an alarming rate. On face value you might think that's good; they are saving affordable housing, but that's not what's happening. They've been rapidly raising rents."

Golek said mobile home park residents are particularly vulnerable. "They can't just walk away," she said. "They own their homes, they've invested in them and plan to retire, but they can't easily be moved." Golek has been told of people forced to abandon homes or sign them over to a park. With more than 600 mobile home parks in Maine, she said, "it's an enormous problem."

The Sanford Springvale News tried to reach Philips Inter-
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Former Owner: Ellen Papale ("Former Owner")
Property Address: 12 Marshbrook Crossing, Sanford, ME, 04073

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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 Marshbrook Crossing, referred to as Tax Map R20-08 Lot 9 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:

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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.



Bobcats, Ticks, Bears...Oh My!

By: John Henkelman, Registered Maine Guide

The crisp air of a Maine spring carries the promise of renewal, painting the landscape in fresh greens and the sounds of returning life. Hiking during this season offers a unique intimacy with nature, but it also means sharing the trails with wildlife emerging from winter. Being mindful of potential encounters with bobcats, black bears, and the ever-present ticks is crucial for a safe and enjoyable experience.

The snow, for the most part, has left our neck of the woods which means bobcats are starting to expand their territory post mating season (February – March). These elusive felines, with their distinctive markings, generally avoid humans. However, keeping small pets leashed and making noise while hiking can help prevent surprising them. Should you encounter a bobcat, maintain a respectable distance, appear large, and back away slowly.

Black bears, driven by hunger after their winter dor-

mancy, are also more active in the spring. Mother bears with cubs are particularly protective. Hikers should be vigilant about food storage, utilizing bear canisters or hanging food high and away from trees if you are spending the night outdoors. Hiking in groups and making noise can alert bears to your presence, reducing the chance of a surprise encounter. Never approach or feed a bear. If you do encounter one, remain calm, make yourself look large and slowly back away (hmm sounds familiar. Some swear by bear spray, but black bears, most of the time, are more scared of you and will likely high tail it out of there if you are noisy. If you are heading west to grizzly or brown bear country that is a whole different story.

Beyond the larger mammals, spring signals the start of tick season. These tiny arachnids pose a significant health risk, capable of transmitting various diseases – none of which are fun. Prevention is key regarding tick-borne illness. Wearing long pants tucked into socks,



long sleeves, and light-colored clothing can help deter ticks and make them easier to spot. Applying an EPA-approved insect repellent is essential, focusing on exposed skin and clothing. After your hike, conduct thorough tick checks on yourself, children, and pets, paying close attention to areas like hairlines and skin folds. Showering soon after being outdoors can also help remove unattached ticks. Familiarize yourself with the symptoms of tick-borne illnesses and seek medical attention if you develop any concerns. If you sleep with your furry friend, be sure to check them every night before bed as they can bring unwanted friends into bed unknowingly.

Spring hiking in Maine is by far my favorite. There is just something in the air. Everything is green and the

cool air has a hint of summer to it. By embracing awareness and taking proactive safety measures regarding wildlife, you can fully appreciate the season's beauty while ensuring a safe and respectful experience for both you and the creatures that call these woods home. Remember to stay on marked paths, carry essential supplies, and leave no trace of your passage.

Essential Spring Hiking Reminders:

- Carry insect repellent and apply it liberally.
- Wear appropriate clothing to minimize tick exposure.
- Be aware of your surroundings and make noise to alert wildlife.
- Store food securely to avoid attracting bears.
- Conduct thorough tick checks after your hike. ■

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national for a comment. Two phone calls went unanswered and unreturned.

The Manufactured Housing Association of Maine opposes Golek's legislation and point out that no studies have been done to validate the need or benefit to a 10 percent cap. "It's not that it's not reasonable, it's that it's arbitrary," said Smith. She said it would hamstring park owners who may be trying to catch up on maintenance long-deferred by prior owners. It could potentially lead park owners to convert land to another more lucrative use, reducing the overall supply of housing. ■

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - Cont'd from page 3

- Open Craft Session at Goodall Library, 10:30 am
- St. Therese of Lisieux Food Bank, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.
- YCSP's "To-Go" Lunch @ St. George's Episcopal Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- 3-D Rainbow at Goodall Library, 2:30 pm
- Free community meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- Game Night @ the Library, 5 pm, Goodall Library,
- York County Stamp Club, 6:30 pm, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.

Friday, April 25

- Harvest Table Food Pantry, 9 am, Salvation Army, 871 Main St.
- Teddy Bear Clinic @ Springvale Library, 10 am
- Outdoor Games @ Pleasant St. Baptist Church, 10 am, 10 Pleasant St., Springvale
- Kids Free to Grow playgroup @ SCAE, 11:30 am, 668 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- The MomCo @ Pleasant St., 6 pm, Pleasant St. Baptist Church, 10 Pleasant St., Spvl.

Saturday, April 26

- York County Early Childhood Conference, 8 am, SRTC, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Drop-off event for St. Thomas Fair, 9 am, 69 North Ave.
- Baby Blessings, 10 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- YC EMA open house, 10 am, YC Gov't Building, 149 Jordan Springs Rd., Alfred
- Historical Society volunteer open house, 1 pm, 505 Main St., Springvale
- A Million Dreams Gala/Auction, 5 pm, Spring Hill, 117 Pond Rd., South Berwick
- Big John & Skip @ River Junction Brewing, 6 pm, 1491 Main St.
- 9th Annual Chocolate Benefit Spectacular, 6 pm, Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.

Sunday, April 27

- Alabama Singing Men-In Concern, 10:45 am, Baptist Church, 10 Pleasant St., Spvl.
- Poets reading, 3 pm, Sanford Springvale Historical Society, 505 Main St., Springvale
- Homefront Peer Group meeting, 6 pm, 469 Main St. Heritage Pl. Ste 201, Springvale ■

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SCHOOL notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



Rory White, a junior at Sanford High School, completed a two-day journalism summit this month at Harvard University. Photo: Sanford School Department

Spartan Times editor attends Harvard journalism summit: Rory White, a Sanford High School junior and news editor at The Spartan Times, traveled to Harvard University on April 5 and 6 for a summit with the Harvard Crimson, the university's student-run newspaper. During the conference, White was able to network with journalists from publications like The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal and more. The summit, which provided an opportunity for students to work with their editors as well as fellow attendees, aims to help participants improve their reporting skills, further their interest in journalism, and

develop new ideas that they can then implement in their own newspapers. "I met a lot of new friends, and this was really the first time I was able to experience the world in a scholarly matter but still being independent," said White. Read The Spartan Times story at spartan-times.com

SHS blood drive attracts several first-timers: National Honor Society (NHS) students at Sanford High School hosted an American Red Cross blood drive on April 8. A total of 50 students and staff donated blood. Of these, 38 were first-time donors. NHS students helped with various tasks throughout the day, including setting

up and breaking down the blood donation area. **Drop-off day added for St. Thomas fair items:** Due to inclement weather earlier this month, another day has been added to drop off items for St. Thomas School's annual Spring Fever Fair. Items may be dropped off at the school on April 26, from 9 am to 1 pm. Fair organizers are accepting gently used items such as dishware, small kitchen appliances, home and holiday decor, used books, children's games and toys, crafting and gardening tools and supplies, small furniture, handbags and luggage. No bedding, cushions, stuffed animals, clothing or large furniture will be accepted.

SPE staff celebrate their volunteers at all grade levels: Sanford Pride Elementary School hosted its first Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony on April 11, recognizing the dedicated volunteers who have given their time and talents to the school community this year, including parents, former employees, Sanford High School and Middle

School students, PTA members, participants in the school's mentorship program, and classroom helpers across all grade levels. Classroom teachers took turns honoring their volunteers. High school seniors pursuing education careers were also among those recognized — Hazel Bouchard, who helps with math; Arianna Ramini, who is completing the SRTC program in elementary education before attending the University of Maine at Orono this fall; and fourth-grade volunteer Cole Adawadkar, who supports students both in the classroom and through sports activities.

The school's PTA officers - Sara Gildart, Niki Langlois, Kaity Getchell and Robyn Howe — were acknowledged for organizing school activities, providing supplies, and supporting field trips. In addition, Principal Inman highlighted the school's mentoring program, which pairs adults with third-grade students during lunch and recess. Ben England was recognized for his mentorship, along with

Elissa Brewster and Michelle Vessels, who were unable to attend. Although not all volunteers were present, each will receive a certificate of appreciation through their respective classroom teachers.

SMS eighth graders learn from those who have walked this road before: A group of Sanford High School (SHS) students recently visited Sanford Middle School to participate in a panel discussion aimed at helping eighth graders prepare for their transition to high school. The panel, consisting of five high school students — Ornello Keto, Gabe Roberge, Lily Peters, Erik Skillings and Sadie Sevigny — provided information about academic expectations at SHS, emphasizing the school's supportive environment. They also discussed social experiences — building new friendships across all grade levels, getting involved in extracurricular activities, and forming connections with peers who share similar goals and interests. Not surprisingly, the food options available

at the high school were also of great interest. School events, such as Homecoming, described as "the best week of the year," and high school dances, were mentioned for their high student participation. The panel also pointed out SHS's commitment to inclusivity through programs like unified sports teams and "Lunch Buddies," where students share lunch with peers from the special needs classroom. Throughout the discussion, the high school students offered practical advice and perspectives, showcasing SHS's community spirit and the many opportunities available to students as they make this important transition.

Sanford school happenings: For more news from the Sanford School Department, including student achievements, community partnership celebrations, and the second issue of The SMS Times, read the latest edition of the Sanford Spotlight Newsletter here: <https://tinyurl.com/4wrwt87x> ■



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Nasson Health Care Names New Director

Press Release

York County Community Action has chosen Lisa Tapert as director of Nasson Health Care, which offers medical and dental services in Springvale and Biddeford. Tapert, who has a master's degree in public health, recently spearheaded the creation of Tapert Group, which offers technical assistance to health centers throughout Maine.

Tapert has over 20 years of leadership in health care delivery and public health initiatives and extensive experience with health center operations, compliance, and grant funding. Before acting as the principal at Tapert Group, she served as the chief program officer for the Maine Primary Care Association (MPCA). In this role, she collaborated with Maine's health centers to offer technical assistance and deliver training. Her efforts led to securing over \$6 million in funding for key initiatives. Additionally, as the chief executive officer for the Maine Mobile Health Program (MMHP), Tapert led a multi-disciplinary team to provide direct care services



Lisa Tapert
Photo: Nasson Health Care

to agricultural workers and their families in rural Maine communities.

"I am honored to join the dynamic team at Nasson Health Care as its next director," said Tapert. She added that as a part of Community Action, "Nasson is uniquely positioned to offer access to services that treat and care for the whole person. I believe our health center has tremendous opportunities to capitalize on this foundation, innovate for the future, and grow to meet the needs of those communities we serve by offering high-quality services for all." ■

LIBRARY SERVICES Cont'd

announced it was laying off 13 of its current 44-person staff and closing for two weeks to reorganize.

Springvale Public Library Director Lesley Unger is gathering quotes for high-speed internet services to ensure they have a contingency plan in place if funding is revoked. It appears continuing that service will cost the library \$650 per month. She has also reached out to the state librarian to understand the potential timeline for losing interlibrary loan van delivery services, should this scenario occur.

Julie Nordstrom, general manager of Goodall Memorial Library, says that the biggest impact would be the loss of interlibrary loan services. An average of 300 Goodall patrons per month use this system to obtain books, and twice that number of the library's books are shipped out each month to other users around the state.

At this time, there is some uncertainty as to whether these cuts will continue. Two lawsuits have been filed against the elimination of these funds – one by the American Library Association and another by 21 states, including Maine, representing libraries across the country.

According to Sen. Susan Collins, over \$6 million in federal funding was directed to Maine libraries in 2024. Senators Collins and Angus King and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden have signed a bipartisan letter to the director of the IMLS seeking assurances that the appropriated funds for libraries will not be disrupted. ■



Springvale Library Director Lesley Unger and their interlibrary loan shipment Photo: Springvale Library

SCAM

Real ID Fraud

From AARP

AARP has issued a warning about Real ID fraud as more Americans rush to get the enhanced licenses, which will be required after May 7 for boarding domestic flights or other purposes.

Most frauds will likely be phishing scams: Emails, texts, or calls that appear to be from a legitimate source, such as DMV or the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS), according to AARP. The messages will entice you to click on links so criminals can obtain your personal information or download malware onto your computer.

A fake DMV email or website, for example, might have a .com extension rather than .gov. In 2021, a supposed text from the Illinois DMV featured a phone number with a 315 area code — but that area code is for upstate New York, not Illinois. Also, Illinois doesn't have a Department of Motor Vehicles. It has a Department of Driver Services and a Department of Vehicle Services. (Maine has a Bureau of Motor Vehicles.)

"We know anytime people are up against a deadline, they will try to find an expedited way to get the process done. And that's when the scams pop up," says Amy Nofziger, director of victim support for AARP's Fraud Watch Network.

Motor vehicle departments will never ask for personal information online. To get a Real ID, you typically need to go to the bureau office, where you'll present documents proving your age and identity, Social Security number and address. Agencies will never ask you to provide personal information by text or email. ■

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OUT IN THE WOODS

By Kevin McKeon, Maine Master Naturalist

The Versatile Bodies of Frogs

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Frogs were hopping around on Earth over 217 million years ago, scampering amid the other dinosaurs' feet. Their long evolutionary trek has imparted these amphibians with many habitat-specific adaptations. Let's begin with their impressive flair for breathing.

Almost all frogs emerge from their underwater eggs as tadpoles, breathing through gills and the vascular-rich skin of their tails. As these larval frogs grow, their tails shrink and lungs develop, allowing them to journey onto land.

Frogs get oxygen through skin and gills in water, and through lungs, skin, and mouth on land. While in water, adult frogs breathe dissolved oxygen passing through their skin and into their blood vessels, called cutaneous respiration. On land, their lungs suck in air by opening and closing their mouths, creating a vacuum called buccal pumping; oxygen is also gathered on land by cutaneous respiration. And yet another method for oxygen intake is through the lining of their mouths, much like their skin.

Now, for drinking; They do that through their skin, too, when in water. And some frogs that spend most of their time on land have a "seat patch," a specialized skin surface located near their hind legs that they press on wet areas, allowing water to enter via cutaneous respiration.

Frogs' big eyes give them nearly 360 degrees of vision and allow them to see underwater and in low-lighted areas. Also, since frogs do not chew their food, their specialized teeth grasp their food – and their eyes retract into their heads, pushing the food down their throats.

Hearing? Some frogs do some of that with their lungs! When the lungs are inflated, their inner body walls vibrate with the sound waves, sending sounds to inner ears to mix with sounds entering through exterior ears. This has the added effect of dampening some relatively unimportant sounds, like insects and other frog species, which allows them to better hear what's important to them – the calls of their own species.

Wood frogs and spring peepers, among other frogs, have an amazing tolerance to winter's cold, surviving in an almost totally frozen state in the leaf litter below the snow. Their livers release sugars that act as an antifreeze within the frog's cells to prevent the cells from freezing and bursting. So, during early spring cleanup chores, if you uncover a seemingly lifeless frog while raking leaves, consider gently placing it in some out-of-the-way spot and covering it with a bit of leaves. You'll be rewarded with the peeping or quacking of these early spring singers, and fewer insect pests! Listen to some of our singing frogs here. <https://tinyurl.com/yvcmh7y> ■



A baby gray tree frog
Photo: Kevin McKeon

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

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

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 30 North Ave, referred to as Tax Map 128 Lot 127 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:

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SPORTS notes

Compiled by Sam Bonsey
Sanford Schools Communication Coordinator



A Sanford High School JMG student embracing a Special Olympics participant in a recent corn hole tournament
Photo: Sanford School Department

JMG event showcases student leadership and community support: Students from the Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) program at Sanford High School (SHS) organized and hosted the first-ever Special Olympics corn hole tournament in the state of Maine. Seventy athletes from nearby schools and adult agencies came together to compete and celebrate the spirit of inclusivity. The tournament, which took place at Sanford High School, was organized and operated entirely by students, showcasing their leadership abilities and community commitment. Special Olympics officials have already extended an invitation for SHS to host the event again next year.

It's time to sign up for spring soccer: Sanford Soccer registration is open for the Spring 2025 season. Kids of all skill levels are invited to join. Sanford Soccer offers local recreational teams for kids ages U5 to U14 as well as travel teams. FMI, and to register, go here. <https://tinyurl.com/5yn6uybx>

SCA volleyball team visits State House: The Sanford Christian Academy girls' volleyball team visited the Maine State Senate and House of Representatives this week. The visit celebrated the team's back-to-back titles in the ACEL Christian School league and their 2025 state championship. ■



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PASSAGES

Compiled by
Rev. Susan Murphy

Francis H. O’Gorman, 81, of Sanford, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, April 7, surrounded by his loving family. Francis was born in Saco on Feb. 2, 1944, the youngest child of James and Pearl (Cole) O’Gorman. He grew up in Sanford, where he enjoyed playing trumpet in the school band and graduated from Sanford High School. Shortly after, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Following his military service, Francis pursued his passion for music, earning a degree in music from the University of Southern Maine. He later obtained a degree in building trades from Southern Maine Community College. He married the love of his life, Linda, in 1975 and together they raised their children. Francis worked at Pratt & Whitney until his retirement in 2008. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who



dedicated countless hours to supporting youth sports in the community, coaching teams, volunteering with the Sanford Athletic Boosters, and faithfully attending every game, scrimmage, or recital his children and grandchildren participated in. In retirement, Francis found joy in the simple things – trips to his family camp in Vermont, daily walks with a group of fellow veterans, reading, and caring for his yard. He was a kind, steady presence who gave generously of his time and love. Francis was predeceased by his parents; his brother, James; his sister, Lorraine; and his nephew Douglas. He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda; daughters Teena, Katie (Adam), and Jill (Mark); and sons Cullen, Brent, and Kendal (Gretchen), and his niece Debbie (Chris) of Yarmouth. He was a proud grandfather of 10 and a great-grandfather of one. Francis will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him. A burial service will be held at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale on Thursday, May 1, at 10 am with a celebration of life to follow at the Springvale Social Club. ■


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Legacy Foundation is on a Mission



Legacy Board Members first row Matt Nelson, Judy Ward, Pam Crosby, Matt Petermann. Second row Melissa Simpson, Cheryl Fournier, Sue Murphy, Lisa Blanchette. Third row Warren Roberts, Lydia Lehoux, David Jagger and Kendra Williams. Not pictured Gale Michaud, Sarah Ouellette, Mark Patterson and Stacie Parker. Photo: Laura Snyder Smith

By Laura Snyder Smith

Born from this community's heart for generosity, the Sanford Schools Legacy Foundation is a nonprofit that serves our public schools largely behind the scenes. Initially formed to support the new Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center, the nonprofit now extends its mission to all Sanford schools, providing financial and in-kind support through partnerships with local businesses, community leaders, and residents.

Since its founding in 2016, the Sanford Schools Legacy Foundation has quietly played a transformative role in enhancing education across Sanford's public schools, funding a wide range of

projects that go beyond what tax dollars typically cover. A few projects include:

- New playground equipment at Carl J. Lamb School
- Scorers' Table for Partner's Bank Gym at the high school
- Uniforms for the high school marching band
- Dugouts at the SHS softball field
- Ropes course outside SHS with zipline
- Electrical wiring and meter kits for SRTC program
- Building Trades Program equipment
- Folding chairs and storage racks for Sanford Middle School community events
- Steinway piano funded by "Have a Seat" naming in the SPAC

- Athletic scoreboards in the gym and stadium
 - Fitness equipment in the Cardio Room
 - Building and equipping concession stand and restrooms at Alumni Stadium
- "Our work serves Sanford students, empowers educators, and invests in our community. These important, practical gifts enhance the amazing opportunities our schools give our children every day," said Lydia Lehoux, president of the Legacy Board. "The Legacy Foundation acts as a conduit for donations from area businesses, nonprofits and personal donations, such as estate gifts from folks who want to leave a local legacy."

The Legacy Founda-

tion, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, provides individuals and corporations with a means to provide tax-deductible financial and in-kind support to the Sanford schools. It often works in collaboration with the Sanford Red and White Foundation, SHS Music Boosters and the Sanford Alumni Association. In addition, the Legacy Foundation regularly partners with local and regional businesses and community leaders throughout Sanford.

"I strongly believe children and their education is critical as we are responsible for maintaining a nation of well-educated and motivated people so that all may have a quality of life that is satisfying for them and future generations," said the Rev. Susan Murphy, who joined the board in 2022. "Children need to know that the community values them and wants to maintain a quality of education and care that provides security, a system of values respecting each of their talents and providing additional skill development that brings not only financial advantages but a satisfying life."

The founding board, then led by The Director of Sanford Community Adult Education Allen Lampert, was crucial to establishing relationships with large donors. "Under the direction of the myself and our board, Gwen Bedell Gadbois or David Jagger, spoke to local companies about our efforts and ways they could support us," said Lampert.

"It was truly a collaborative effort. None of it would be possible without the efforts of everyone on the board at that time."

The current board, comprising top professionals in their fields as well as parent leaders, community members, teachers and school administrators, meets monthly to discuss school needs and funding opportunities.

The Legacy Foundation, a 501(c)3, is funded by donations as well as paid naming opportunities. For example, classrooms throughout the district are available and may be named in a loved one's honor or memory for \$1,000. Larger areas, public and technical spaces and wings have been sponsored by area individuals and businesses and many more are available. Sponsored spaces are denoted with plaques designating the donors or names in honor or memory of someone. The Legacy Foundation also accepts personal planned giving or as part of companies' charitable giving or organizations such as the Maine Community Foundation.

"Providing additional resources to advance the education of our children, beyond what taxpayers are asked to contribute through local and state resources, enables more opportunities for personal growth and development," said Murphy.

"When you give to the Foundation, you are investing in the future of our students and our community by enhancing

educational opportunities that may not otherwise be possible through taxpayer support," said former Board President Kendra Williams. "When you give, you open up possibilities for the next generation in Sanford."

Some ways to help include naming a classroom or playing field in a loved one's honor; giving a gift of gratitude to honor or memorialize a loved one; leaving a legacy and naming us in your will or even joining our board to help us decide the future of giving in Sanford.

Interested in donating but not sure where to start? The Sanford Schools Legacy Foundation can help — it's a community nonprofit specifically established for this sole purpose! For more information go to <https://www.sanford-schoolslegacyfoundation.org> or email legacy@sanford.org ■

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REAL ESTATE Transactions

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



501 Main St., Springvale (4/4 closing, listed below)
Photo: Carolyn Cadigan

4/3, 38 Ashmont St., 9-room Cape, 3 bed/2 bath, front-to-back living room, office, family room, bonus room, attic, finished walk-out basement, patio, .48 acre, \$420,000

4/4, 501 Main St., Springvale, 7-room Victorian, 4 bed/2 bath, large kitchen, laundry on first floor, den, built-in bookcases and cabinets, two staircases, 3-season sunroom, attic, dirt floor basement, attached 2-car garage, security system, corner lot, intown, built in 1900 by George Goodwin, \$200,000 (pictured above)

4/4, 14 Pleasant St., Springvale, 2-story Cape, 4 rental units: three 1 bed/1 bath and one 3 bed/2 bath, full basement, off-street parking, intown, built in 1890, \$489,900

4/4, 42 Lentago Lane, 6-room Contemporary Cape, 3 bed/2.5 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite on first floor, laundry on first floor, great room, unfinished basement, attached 2-car garage, porch, deck, generator hook-up, underground electric, abuts conservation land, corner lot, .59 acre, built in 2025, \$566,000

4/8, 6 Harrison St., Springvale, 5-room Ranch, 3 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, cathedral ceilings, attic, unfinished walk-out basement, porch, level lot, built in 2024, \$390,000

4/9, 26 Signal St., J2, Springvale, 7-room Townhouse Condo, 3 bed/3.5 bath, open concept kitchen/living area, primary bedroom with ensuite, laundry on second floor, family room, finished basement, attached 1-car garage, patio, intown, built in 2024, \$414,900

4/10, 398 Twombly Rd., 6-room Ranch, 3 bed/1.5 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, unfinished basement, detached 2-car garage with workshop and storage, large deck, private yard, level lot, 3 acres, \$420,000



91 River St. (4/11 closing, listed below)
Photo: Google

4/11, 91 River St., 6-room Bungalow, 3 bed/1.5 bath, two bedrooms on first floor, den, many updates, unfinished basement, porch, deck, two sheds, intown, built in 1880, \$342,500 (pictured above)

4/11, 20 Sidetrack Lane, H3, Springvale, 6-room Multi-level Condominium, 3 bed/2.5 bath, open concept kitchen/living area, primary bedroom with ensuite, laundry on second floor, slab, attached 1-car garage, patio, built in 2024, \$375,000

4/11, 227 Bauneg Beg Rd., 5-room Ranch, 3 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, open floor plan, full walk-out basement, 2-car garage under, porch, deck, generator, rural, 2.04 acres, built in 2020, \$450,000 ■

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Vacation Week Activities

By: Kristi King

Sanford Parks and Recreation has posted their schedule of April vacation events on their Facebook page. They include **Rock-N-Glo Bowling** at Bowl-A-Rama all week at 12 pm each weekday for the cost of \$15. Call 324-2401 for information.

Also, Shains of Maine is offering **\$1 kiddie cones** all week. Tell them "The Ice Cream Man Sent Me."

Tuesday, April 22

- A **Bike Hike** starts at 12:15 at Memorial Gym. It's a 3-mile easy ride on the Mousam Trail. No training wheels. Parents can join if they desire or wait on the playground. Helmets are a must. No registration required. Just show up.
- A **Fix-A-Bike clinic** sponsored by the Bicycle Coalition of ME at 1 for youth 4th grade and up. Adults are welcome to participate. There will be bike lights and wrist bracelet giveaways. Register for this free event at Sanfordrec.com.
- At 2:30 there will be Free **Nerf Gun Fun** for 3rd-8th graders at the Memorial Gym. Ammo is provided. Bring your nerf guns and required eye protection.

Wednesday, April 23

- **Fishing at #1 Pond** for children 15 and younger with their parents at 8:30-10:30. Bring your poles and fresh worms from your garden. Someone will bring a shovel in case you forget your worms. Prizes for everyone.
- **Line Dancing** for all ages 11-2 at the Memorial Gym. Cost is \$2.00. Enter through door #3 at the back of the gym.
- **Kite Flying** at Blouin field at 12:30. Bring your own kite.

Thursday, April 24

- The **rock wall** will be set up at the lower parking lot next to the Memorial Gym from 3:30-5. Free for kids, teens and adults.

Friday, April 25

- **SNAG golf clinic** for 6-8 year olds 9:15-10. Register online at sanfordrec.com. Cost is \$10. Use door #7 to enter the building.
- Learn **Disc Golf** at Gowen Park at 10:30. Some frisbees are available or bring your own. ■

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