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Crews for Breezeline string cable in Springvale.
Photo: Lee Burnett

New Lines to Offer Speedier Internet

By Lee Burnett

Breezeline has been stringing fiber optic cable throughout Sanford in recent weeks, giving the city's 11,200 households another option for the fastest internet service available. Comcast deployed its Xfinity fiber optic network in 2023.

Breezeline, of Quincy, MA, says the investment in fiber shows it's serious about high levels of customer service.

"These new fiber-to-the-home deployments are part of our commitment to the Maine communities we serve," David Hennessey, region director of operations for Breezeline, said in a press release. "Our direct fiber connection to the home or business delivers exceptional speed that will meet and exceed the needs of households and local businesses, today and in the future." Breezeline offers free installation of fiber for current customers. For more information and to check availability of fiber, visit Breezeline.com.

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Rule Changes at Sanford Airport

By Kendra Williams

City councilors on April 15 unanimously approved a proposed change in Pilots Cove Cafe's lease at the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport to comply with stricter federal rules about non-aviation uses of airport property.

Airport Manager Allison Navia explained the need for an amendment prompted by 2023 rule changes to the Federal Aviation Administration regulations. Pilots Cove Cafe was previously granted permission to have live music on the premises with the understanding that concerts were incidental to food service there. It has now gradually transitioned to some concerts attended by those who buy tickets and don't necessarily eat at the restaurant. Under the new rules, FAA approval will be required four months before each event, she said.

Attorney Tyler Smith, representing Pilots Cove Cafe LLC, said he doesn't agree

that the FAA regulations are mandatory and said his client would not be signing part two of the proposed amendment. Mayor Becky Brink told him that under the amended lease agreement, the restaurant will need to agree in order to continue operation.

City Manager Steve Buck reminded the council that there are several elements on the airport property that have been impacted by the FAA changes and are now either not allowed or need to change. They include two shooting ranges, some encroachment by industrial development, a fire station, CDL programming and other recreational activities.

In relation to Pilots Cove, Buck noted that concerts were getting larger last year. The 60-day required notice to terminate the lease agreement could have been invoked then, but Pilots Cove was allowed to finish out the year. The parties met in March to discuss concerns and the proposed new lease

amendments. Buck said, "Music events that have taken place and are proposed to take place this coming summer are going to be in violation of our agreements with the FAA around the operation of the airport."

In other action, the council unanimously approved a recommendation to place a

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Stephanie Duplissis of Springvale was one of the 75 people who celebrated Earth Day on Tuesday by picking up litter on downtown Sanford streets. The cleanup was organized by Great Bay Services, which empowers people with disabilities. "It's a fun event, a little chaotic," said Jon Stimmel, program director. "It's great for our members because they get to meet other people (and see) we can do something to give back to the community." Public Works Department crews filed up a couple of dump trucks with bags left on the roadside. Northland Enterprises provided T-shirts, and Great Bay cooked burgers and hotdogs for participants. Duplissis won the raffle. Photo: Great Bay Services





British reenactors marching from the battle Photo: Bradley Morin

Battle of Lexington Reenactment

By Andrew Morin
Sanford High School Student

This past Saturday, the town of Lexington, Massachusetts celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord with a historic reenactment and parade. The reenactment saw the militia minutemen facing British forces, and the subsequent conflict that took place. The story of the Battle of Lexington is an integral part of American history that marks the start of our nation's struggle for independence.

When Paul Revere saw the two lit lanterns of The Old North Church, he knew that the British regulars would arrive by sea on their way to Concord. Their mission was to find and destroy the munitions and armaments of the colonial militia, hindering any future attempts of resistance

against the crown. Revere, himself a member of The Sons of Liberty, knew that if the British succeeded it would be detrimental to the liberties and freedoms of him and everyone else within the colonies. With bravery and determination, Paul Revere set out to warn the members of the militia as to the plans of the British. Accompanied by the likes of William Dawes and Samuel Prescott, Revere made his way through the Massachusetts wilderness and countryside to arrive in the small town of Lexington. It was there where he met the leaders of the colonial resistance, Samuel Adams and John Hancock. Before he continued his journey, Revere warned them of the impending British forces and their plan to arrest Adams and Hancock.

Having learned of the British plans, Adams, Hancock and other members of the mi-

litia decided that they would need to stop or delay the British from reaching Concord at all costs. Members of the militia lined up in formation at Lexington Battle Green to face the British. In total, there were 77 of them; 77 versus a force of 700 British regulars. The militiamen heard the drums of the approaching British getting louder and louder as they approached. Soon the blood-red coats of the regulars appeared before them and came to face them head on.

A heated exchange of words took place between the two forces with the militia yelling for the British to leave, and the British yelling for the militia to lay down their arms. The verbal exchange continued until a single shot was heard. It is unknown who shot first, but the single shot triggered the start of a battle,

and ultimately the start of a war. When the smoke cleared, eight militiamen and one British regular lay dead. The remaining militiamen retreated to regroup with others and the British continued their advance to Concord.

The men who fought in this battle are remembered for their bravery and dedication to the ideas of liberty. Today the battle of Lexington is not only remembered as the start of the revolution, but as an example of American strength and sacrifice. The reenactment of this battle is a way to commemorate and honor their actions, as well as to teach and remind Americans of the sacrifices they made. With there being only eyewitness recounts of this event, the reenactment gives modern Americans an opportunity to see the bravery and fortitude of the men, as well as how the fight for an independent nation began. ■

NEWS notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan

New Navy head visits shipyard: Secretary of the Navy John Phelan, who was confirmed as Secretary of the Navy by the U.S. Senate on March 24, visited the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) on April 17, marking his first official visit to a U.S. public shipyard. Joining Phelan were Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Angus King (I-ME) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH). During the visit, Phelan toured a nuclear-powered attack submarine docked at the shipyard, met with workers and leaders, and learned about the workforce challenges affecting staffing. According to Shaheen, some of these challenges include parking availability, the local housing supply and the costs of both housing and childcare.

Collins stated that the shipyard is expected to add roughly 1,000 workers in the coming years. She noted that the U.S. has 296 battle force-ready ships, while in the next decade, China's fleet will grow to approximately 400. In March, the Department of Defense exempted the PNSY from a federal hiring freeze, part of the spending cuts being made across the government.

Get your fruits and veggies here starting May 3: The Sanford Farmers' Market will open its season on May 3, from 8 am to noon, at Central Park. A wide range of fruits, vegetables, cheeses, baked goods, items from local artisans, and more are offered each week. The market will run Saturday mornings from May to October. FMI, email Mary Beth Stocking at sanfordfarmersme@gmail.com.

Kids can cover all the bases this summer with the Mainers: Registration is now open for Sanford Mainers Youth Baseball Camps, available to kids ages 6 to 12. Participants can sharpen their skills and learn directly from Mainers players and coaches. Two sessions are offered: June 30 to July 3, 9 am to noon, and July 14 to 17, 9 am to noon. FMI, and to register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/mr229vsj>

One for the books: Springvale Public Library's annual online auction surpassed expectations, raising \$14,839 – an increase of \$4,000 from last year's total. The auction, which closed on Easter Sunday, featured almost 250 items donated by library supporters. In addition, a few local businesses sponsored the auction, enabling organizers to buy gift cards to other organizations and businesses in the area. "We really kept it local," said Library Director Lesley Unger. She added that many gift cards went for far more than their face value. "I think that shows our community's commitment to us, and how they value us."



Recent improvements have been made to some of Sanford's trails.

Photo: Sanford Trails

Explore the outdoors this spring: Now that spring weather has finally caught up to the calendar, it's time to hit the trails. Sanford Trails recently posted that the Carpenters Crossing bridge on the Rail Trail has been re-decked. Another update this month is new signage by Sanford High School. Access online trail maps to Sanford's trails here. <https://tinyurl.com/3nmhemdz> ■

A Real Place to Call Home: Housing, Stability, Support & Hope

The Sanford Housing Authority has been selected as one of five recipients in the first round of Maine's Home for Good program, a groundbreaking state initiative to address chronic homelessness through permanent supportive housing.

The proposed Sanford Site-Based Housing First project was chosen for its strong vision and commitment to providing stable, service-supported housing for individuals experiencing long-term homelessness. As a recipient of this competitive award, the Sanford Housing Authority will move forward in close collaboration with MaineHousing and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to finalize the development.

"We are honored and thrilled to have our proposal selected," said Diane Small, Executive Director of the Sanford Housing

Authority. "This project represents a vital step toward ending chronic homelessness in our community by offering not just housing, but stability, support, and hope."

The award is contingent on further approvals of the site located on Heritage Drive in the Mill Yard, building and operational plans, as well as the successful contracting of York County Community Action Corporation with DHHS's Office of Behavioral Health to provide essential on-site 24-hour services.

A kickoff meeting for all five first-round project teams will be held on May 12 at MaineHousing headquarters in Augusta, where key stakeholders will collaborate to establish a model for future Housing First developments across the state.

The Sanford Housing Authority looks forward to



Photo: Pixabay

working closely with state partners and local organizations to bring this transformative project to life for some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

Special thank you to the City of Sanford for assisting with land purchase, York County Government for financial assistance through ARPA funding, and the support of the Sanford Community. ■

RULE CHANGES

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moratorium on other special events and airport use outside of normal operations and approved aeronautical activity until a clear and prescribed policy and procedure is in place to meet FAA requirements and updated ordinances. Navia explained that concerts aren't the only non-aeronautical things going on at the airport, as had been mentioned earlier by Buck. There are many requests for airport use that necessitate a fair policy.

The full City Council meeting may be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/FTh-vBILA5us> ■

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2025/2026 CITY OF SANFORD SCHOOL BUDGET PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing was held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 to receive public comment on the proposed 2025/2026 Sanford School budget. The Referendum Vote will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

A summary of the proposed 2025/2026 budget is printed below. The 2025/2026 School Budget is available in the School Department and is also available online.

During the Hearing, the public had time to provide written or oral comments on any portion of the School Budget or ask any questions pertaining to the School Budget.

	Enacted Budget FY 24/25	Proposed Budget FY 25/26	Variance
Regular Instruction	\$ 18,525,781.00	\$19,829,160.00	\$1,303,379.00
Special Education	\$ 12,270,017.00	\$13,975,269.00	\$1,705,252.00
Career/Technical Education	\$ 4,352,099.00	\$ 4,857,276.00	\$ 505,177.00
Other Instruction	\$ 1,266,519.00	\$ 1,344,509.00	\$ 77,990.00
Student and Staff Support	\$ 4,091,853.00	\$ 4,108,000.00	\$ 16,147.00
System Administration	\$ 1,151,398.00	\$ 1,198,111.00	\$ 46,713.00
School Administration	\$ 2,799,026.00	\$ 2,949,415.00	\$ 150,389.00
Transportation and Buses	\$ 2,546,586.00	\$ 2,766,487.00	\$ 219,901.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 6,332,745.00	\$ 6,567,598.00	\$ 234,853.00
Debt Service	\$ 10,774,788.00	\$10,582,856.00	\$ (191,932.00)
All Other Expenditures	\$ 119,556.00	\$ 144,795.00	\$ 25,239.00
Summary of Total			
Authorized Expenditures	\$ 64,230,368.00	\$68,323,476.00	\$4,093,108.00
Adult Education	\$ 575,148.00	\$ 620,649.00	\$ 45,501.00
Total Education Budget	\$ 64,805,516.00	\$68,944,125.00	\$4,138,609.00

Referendum Vote on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.



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

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.
- World Tai Chi Day-Trafton Class @ Gateway Park, 9:45 am, 11 Riverside Ave.
- Baby Blessings, 10 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- YC EMA Open House, 10 am, YC Gov Building, 149 Jordan Springs Rd., Alfred
- Daniel Hill from Three Rivers Land Trust, Eldredge Lumber, noon, 1787 Main St.
- 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
- 9th Annual Chocolate Benefit Spectacular, 6 pm, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- Big John & Skip @ River Junction Brewing, 6:30 pm, 1491 Main St.

Sunday, April 27

- Alabama Singing Men concert, 10:45 am, Pleasant St. Baptist, Springvale
- Otto Pizza grand opening, 11 am, 1299 Main St.
- 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

Monday, April 28

- School Dept. Policy Committee meeting, 8 am, School Department, 917 Main St.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 11 am, Springvale Library
- Red Cross blood drive, noon, North Parish Church, 893 Main St.
- Lego Builders Club, 3:30 pm, Springvale Library
- School Committee Workshop, 4 pm, Sanford School Department, 917 Main St.

Tuesday, April 29

- Salvation Army Food Pantry, 10 am, 871 Main St.
- Baby/Toddler Rhyme Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library
- 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
- YCSP's "To-Go" Lunch @ St. George's Episcopal Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- Sanford Elks Bingo, 4 pm doors open, 6 pm games start, 13 Elm St.
- Dulcimer Group, 6 pm, Goodall Library

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Middle School Students Bring “Beauty” to Life

By Grace Pearson, Sanford High School senior

SMS Theater Troupe will be presenting performances of “Beauty and the Beast” from 7:30-8:30 pm on Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3 at the Sanford Performing Arts Center.

The show is an adaptation of the Disney film of the same name. It follows a young woman named Belle who dreams of living a better life, and the Beast, a prince cursed by an enchantress. The only way for the Beast to break the curse is to fall in love and be loved by that person in return. However, time is running out, and if the Beast cannot break the curse, then he and his household will remain cursed forever.

The show focuses on looking past appearances to find beauty, self-discovery, kindness and sacrifice.

The lead role of Belle will be played by eighth grader Miranda Payeur, whose favorite song from the show is “Belle Reprise.”

One of Payeur’s favorite things about theater is all the people she gets to meet. “Everyone is so nice, and you make friendships that you wouldn’t have otherwise, and it’s somewhere you can just be yourself,” she said.

“The kids that work with us, oftentimes walk onto the stage thinking one thing about themselves and leave thinking something totally different,” said director and middle school teacher Adam Bellefeuille, who has been directing for 16 years. “They walk on thinking, ‘Oh, there’s no way I can do this, there’s no way I can do that.’ And then through the process, they figure out that there are actually doors where they thought there were walls. They figure out a way to accomplish things that they couldn’t possibly do at the beginning, and they figure out a way to get around those obstacles in a format that very few other opportunities provide.”

“I would say my favorite part is watching the process unfold, and a lot of people say, ‘How do you do it?’ and the answer is really, I don’t, I get out of the way,” said Bellefeuille. “I simply watch. I put the kids on stage, and I watch the magic happen.”

Bellefeuille has two favorite songs from the show. “I’m partial to the dramatic moments, I’m partial to moments that build the audience’s emotion, and take them on a ride, and probably the best roller coaster ride in this show is a song called ‘Home,’” he said. “Then for a more traditional, peppy kind of number, I really enjoy ‘Belle.’”

Bellefeuille, like the other cast and crew members, is incredibly busy. Bellefeuille takes care of scheduling, communicating with parents and school departments and facilities, making sure that tickets are on sale and talking to the people who do the ticket sales.

“I would not even attempt to put an hour on it because it would probably scare me if I did,” he said. “Up until March, we were going two days a week. We switched over to three in March, and now we’re pretty much every day. So, it picks up dramatically.” Outside of rehearsals, students with larger roles have to work on memorizing lines, dances and songs.

“I could not be more proud of the students, all of them, cast and crew, that we’ve been privileged enough to work with this year. And I am grateful to every single family, every single parent, grandparent, neighbor, whatever it might be, that’s contributed to this show either through getting their kids here on time, financial donations, which we’ve had so many financial donations this year,” Bellefeuille said. “And I’m also very grateful to the school department, administration, and my



colleagues for allowing me to pursue this passion, that becomes a little bit involved at this point in the process.”

He says the play will give audiences “an opportunity to unplug from the rest of the world and to see what happens when you put 45 middle school kids into a room and let them drive. We’re going to take them on a roller coaster ride through a show that many people have seen before, but it’s a little bit different because you’re dealing with younger performers, and the emotion that comes with that performance will definitely leave them satisfied.”

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. Tickets can be bought at the door on the night of the show with cash only or at the Sanford Middle School office with either check or cash. ■



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SPEEDIER INTERNET Cont'd from page 1

Sanford is unusual in having two cable TV companies competing for business. Metrocast of Rochester, NH had long enjoyed a monopoly arrangement in Sanford through a periodically updated franchise agreement with the city. The exclusive arrangement is common throughout the industry. Rival cable companies traditionally do not challenge each other’s territories due to the high upfront costs of building out an entirely new network. But business convention is changing. Comcast, the nation’s largest internet provider, entered the Sanford market in 2021. By then, Metrocast had evolved into Atlantic Broadband, which was bought by Breezeline, the nation’s eighth largest cable company. (Spectrum, a third company, serves a tiny segment of Sanford.)

Comcast’s entry was hailed at the time as good for pricing and customer service. City Manager Steve Buck underscored that point in an interview this week.

“We’re very fortunate to have two providers,” he said. The presence of competition forces companies to “step up their game.” The presence of two providers also gives the city two streams of franchise fee revenues, he said. At home, Buck says he subscribes to Xfinity’s fiber-to-the-home service although he said it’s faster than he really needs.

The owner of a local computer repair business has been eyeing the latest stage of competition with interest.

“In my opinion, competition is good,” said Sharon Peraulta, owner of Essential Tech Solutions. “When there’s only one company, and you have a complaint, they always blame the customer and quality control doesn’t exist.”

Peraulta said she recently switched her business from Breezeline to Comcast over problems with customer service but says Comcast service is not much different. “I don’t have a love relationship with them,” she laughed. “Getting a person on the phone is difficult, getting a knowledgeable person is more difficult.”

“If we can bring in competition and push customer service, that would be great,” she said.

Sanford’s economic development director welcomed the higher levels of internet service. “Access to high-speed internet is important, almost as important as clean water and food,” said Keith McBride, director of the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council. “It’s a necessity. Access to the internet is access to opportunity, better access, faster service is a good thing.” ■

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Bill Aims to Help Parents of Runaway Teens

Press release

A bill that would give parents a little help on keeping tabs on wayward kids cleared a legislative committee. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio of Sanford, would require a person who knowingly shelters a missing or runaway child for more than 24 hours without the consent of the missing child's parent or guardian to provide information regarding the child's location and condition to a law enforcement officer if contacted and asked about the child. A person who violates this provision would be subject to a civil penalty up to \$250.

"The teenage years can be trying for parents and teens, and it is not uncommon for children to leave home after a fight. If your child chooses to run away and ends up at someone else's home, those adults are under no obligation to confirm that fact," said Mastraccio. "Sometimes all the parent or guardian needs to know is that their child is safe. This bill will do that without requiring



Photo: Pixabay

the juvenile to return home, and it would ensure that their safety and location can be confirmed without creating an atmosphere where the juvenile is treated like a criminal." LD 1150 was heard before the Legislature's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee in the Maine Legislature, where it

received a unanimous vote of support from committee members earlier this month.

The bill will come before the full House and Senate for further votes in the coming weeks. ■

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - Cont'd from page 3

Wednesday, April 30

- It Takes a Village 207 indoor meal @ St. George's Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Sam's Book Club, "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by G. Zevin, 5:30 pm, Springvale Library
- Wednesday Night Bite community meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.

Thursday, May 1

- 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.
- Free community meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- Game Night @ the Library, 5 pm, Goodall Library

Friday, May 2

- Harvest Table Food Pantry, 9 am, Salvation Army, 871 Main St.
- Toddler Time @ SCAE, 9 am, 668 Main St.
- Kids Free to Grow Playgroup @ SCAE, 11:30 am, 668 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Sound Journey w/Sara Nova @ YMCA, 6:15 pm, 1 Emile Levasseur Dr.

Saturday, May 3

- Sanford Farmers Market Opening Day 2025, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Healthy Kids Day @ The YMCA, 10 am, 1 Emile Levasseur Dr.
- St. Thomas School bean supper, 4:30 pm, 69 North Ave.

Sunday, May 4

- St. Thomas Spring Fever Fair, 9 am, 69 North Ave.
- Dog Park cleanup day, 1 pm, Sanford Dog Park, Oscar Emery Dr.

Check Sanford School Department sports schedules at <https://tinyurl.com/cm4tz7v>

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Maine Program for Abusive Men Reopens Despite Financial Uncertainty

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By Erin Rhoda
April 17, 2025

A York County educational program for abusive men has reopened under new leadership after being shuttered for a year and a half.

While the program was closed, advocates and a prosecutor told the Bangor Daily News that their options were limited for rehabilitating men convicted of one of Maine's most rampant crimes. The difficulty of keeping such a program open reflected a wider statewide struggle to fund domestic violence intervention programs, advocates said.

The new domestic violence intervention program for male offenders is now being run by York County's domestic violence resource agency, Caring Unlimited. After a brief pilot this winter, it officially decided in January to run the York County Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program long-term, said Susan Giambalvo, executive director of Caring Unlimited.

The previous program for men, called Violence No More, had been privately run by Tricia Ledoux, but it closed in August 2023 for financial and staffing reasons. In the interim, domestic violence offenders requested to end their probation early when they couldn't get into an intervention program elsewhere, leading victims to feel unsafe and abandoned by the criminal justice

system, advocates said at the time.

With two virtual classes for male offenders currently being offered, Caring Unlimited aims to have four by the end of June and ramp up to six by the end of September, with some of the classes meeting in person at various locations across the county, Giambalvo said. While recognizing the potential financial risk of running a program that could not stay afloat before, she said the organization believes the intervention is a key component of fulfilling its mission to end domestic violence.

"The community needs to be able to count on these programs being available. We saw what happens when one closes," Giambalvo said. "We felt it was necessary, critical, that this aspect of the system exist."

The organization was buoyed by a federal grant of about \$30,000 per year for three years to help fill its anticipated operating loss, Giambalvo said. (Classes across the state run off fees paid by participants who do not always pay.) But other programs across Maine have ceased operation, showcasing their overall tenuous financial situation. Safe Voices, for instance, discontinued men's classes in Sagadahoc and Lincoln counties in 2024, due to funding and staffing shortages.

Domestic violence intervention programs, previously called batterers' intervention, aim to teach offenders to identify and address the root beliefs underlying their abuse. A court can order those

convicted of domestic violence to attend the 90-minute, 48-week class as part of their probation. If they don't, they can be sent back to jail. Others may be required to attend by child protective services or as part of a deferred disposition agreement with a court.

"A lot of domestic violence operates under a belief of, 'I have the right to power and control,' so really in class we're working to dismantle that belief and change it to, 'Me and my partner are equal,'" said Anna Dullea, the violence intervention coordinator for York County's new program, which has enrolled about 40 participants, with another 50 in the process of enrolling.

Domestic violence intervention programs in Maine use a curriculum that the National Institute of Justice has rated as effective for reducing the likelihood that men will be violent again. The program may not change everyone's behavior, but it is an important offering within a community's larger, systemic response to domestic violence, which



Susan Giambalvo, director of Caring Unlimited, stands on the playground at her organization's Sanford-based transitional housing complex in 2024. Photo: Troy R. Bennett / BDN

also includes well-trained police and prosecutors, Dullea said.

When Julia Davidson, Caring Unlimited's advocacy director, first began enrolling offenders, she said she could often quickly see how they ended up in the program based on how they treated her. Then she learned how many had experienced horrific trauma as children or watched violence unfold in their homes, providing them

with an early model of relationships and dominant behavior that became ingrained over time. It doesn't excuse their actions now, she said. But it shows that it is possible for what was learned to be unlearned.

"Doing this work increased my hope in community transformation," she said. "The jail sentences, which are short, do not deter them from being violent. The finan-

cial ramifications do not deter them. They find new partners. They start new relationships, and they repeat their behaviors unless there's an opportunity for change and reflection."

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New Adult Day Program in Springvale!



SMAA's Adult Day Programs are geared toward older adults with Alzheimer's and other dementias. For more information or to schedule a tour of our Biddeford or Springvale locations, contact us at **207.396.6508** or ngarrity@smaaa.org.



SCHOOL notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan

SMAA recognizes two SHS seniors: Ben Terril and Addie Fiandaca, senior student-athletes at Sanford High School, received the 2025 SMAA Citizenship Award earlier this month. Terril played basketball, serving as captain during his junior and senior years, as well as tennis and outdoor track and field. He is also active in the performing arts. Fiandaca played soccer, basketball, and outdoor track and field, serving as captain in all three sports. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is an officer of the Student Council and the Class of 2025. The Southwestern Maine Activities Association (SMAA) is comprised of 17 high schools in Cumberland and York counties. Each year the SMAA awards two athletes from each of its member schools.

SHS variety show delivers talent and treasure: The Sanford High School National Honor Society hosted the Spartan Show-



Sanford High School seniors Ben Terril and Addie Fiandaca, 2025 SMAA Citizenship Award recipients Photo: Zachary Lemelin

case, its annual variety show, on April 16 at the Sanford Performing Arts Center. Supported by more than 30 local sponsors, the showcase featured 12 diverse performances. Act 1 opened with "Swerve City," performed by Eli Baker, Evan Caron, Austin Glidden, Rebecca Horton and Brennan Reynolds. Solo performances such as Hazel Marcinkowski's "Daydreams" showcased individual talents, while the Sanford Varsity Cheer squad presented their precision routine. Act 2 continued with the Mars

Hypnotic Brass Ensemble, emotional performances such as "When God Made You My Father" by Addison and Lillian Tuttle, and creative expressions including Allyssa Mallock's "I Only Paint in Red." The Color Guard demonstration added visual artistry to the musical lineup.

The program for the evening, which served as a guide to the performances, was created by Mari Clarke, a digital design student at Sanford Regional Technical Center. A raffle raised funds for NHS activities.

Stay up to date on school curriculum: The latest Curriculum Newsletter from the Sanford School Department is available. This issue features information about spring Maine Educational Assessments, an article on teaching children to be involved citizens, a calendar of upcoming concerts and art shows, and more. Read the newsletter here.

https://core-docs.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/692/Sanford_School_Department/5548855/April_Newsletter-2.pdf

Join in the fun and support local students: St. Thomas School's 41st annual Spring Fever Fair is scheduled for May 4, from 9 am to 3 pm, at Memorial Gym in Sanford. The fair offers gift baskets, plants, a yard sale, raffles and prizes, food for purchase, and more. The fair is a cash-only event. ■

SCAM

Fake IRS Calls

From the office of the Maine Attorney General

Fake IRS agents - usually with a heavy foreign accent - may try to scare you into thinking you owe back taxes or there's a problem with your return and you'll be arrested immediately if you don't pay them now.

They also call pretending to be from the Department of the Treasury or another law enforcement agency with demands of a large payment due for back taxes or some other purported debt. If you disagree, they typically become rude and belligerent. They will threaten you with immediate arrest, jail or other legal action to pressure you to pay them right away by providing them with your bank account information or send them money via wire transfer or a reloadable card.

These are all scams. Hang up the phone. If you think you owe money to the IRS, contact a number you know to be correct or through <http://www.irs.gov> ■

photo of the week



Mayflower makes an early appearance Photo: Kevin McKeon

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OUT IN THE WOODS

By Kevin McKeon, Maine Master Naturalist

Don't Tidy Those Messy Streams

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Maine's 32,000 miles of streams are one of its most important natural resources. Various protective laws exist with restrictive requirements that are often met with head-scratching as to why. Here are some reasons.

To Native Americans, streams were trade and travel routes as well as valuable food sources to be revered, cherished and protected. But the past few centuries have brought non-native human incursions, with different lifestyles and perceptions, regarding our environment. Waterways became a tool to be modified. Streams got dammed for the building of water-powered grain, lumber, and fabric mills. Large hydro-electric dams sprouted to power industrial growth. Dam impoundments formed ponds and lakes which became exclusive homesites. These events caused the characteristics and landscapes of streams to drastically change, along with the critters that lived in and around them. Disruption of traditional livelihoods ensued.

Civility required the formation of water use and rights laws, leading to water quality protection laws. They will most probably remain in flux for the foreseeable future as we discover factors that both impede and enhance streams' water quality,

quantity and the critters living in and around them. One of the things we've learned is that a "messy" stream is a healthy stream.

Streams naturally form by the landscape's need for water drainage. Rainfall and gravity combine with the erosive effects of water flow to create the streams' banks and beds, becoming contained in downhill flows along often sinuous paths. These waterways are sometimes altered due to turbulent flow events caused by torrential rains and sudden heavy snow melts but eventually become rather permanent.

Sometimes, folks feel the need to "improve" a nearby stream by straightening or redirecting it, removing protective riparian vegetation to improve views. They may "clean" the stream of logs and branches or line stream banks with stone to "fix" erosion. These actions often cause less water of lower quality to be absorbed into the landscape due to resultant less-restricted flows. Both flood and erosion risks are increased, creating damage to roads and property.

The straightened stream is shorter than the previously meandering one, reducing riparian areas. Thus, aquatic wildlife quality, quantity and diversity are also reduced. Removal of wood litter and stones destroys and decreases the formation of many types of habitat and wildlife. Insects and amphibians that live and shelter in the wood are



The natural diversity of streams relies on a bit of untidiness.

Photo: Kevin McKeon

impacted due to reduced eddies that trap food sources. Lowered water turbulence reduces oxygenation, suffocating fish, plants and amphibians. Pools that form for various wildlife degrade. Basking sites for turtles, snakes and birds are lost. Hunting and traveling platforms for heron, mink and fox get eliminated.

All this to say that stream "messiness" is a good thing. By keeping logs and branches — "large woody debris" — where they lay, a stream's natural, meandering path through the landscape is maintained. Downstream flooding is mitigated, and habitat and species diversity is conserved. Logs and branches collect fallen leaves and other debris and ephemeral pools and sand bars form to create habitat

for aquatic insects—the basis for the food chain. The complex underwater habitats of large woody debris, piled sand, river stones, and vegetative dams offer diverse shelters for a multitude of aquatic wildlife supporting vibrant riparian landscapes.

"Messy" dams also serve as filters, catching gravel, sand and silt from the water column where it accumulates and forms rich, underwater meadows where aquatic plants thrive and provide yet more habitat for the riparian areas. Anthropogenic pollution settles here and the rich meadowland allows the formation of aquatic macro-invertebrates that actually eat that pollution! Submerged wood is also important as a direct food source: More than 20 different species

of aquatic invertebrates in our region rely directly on wood for food. These so called "miners" tunnel into underwater logs and branches, consuming wood as they go. They include the larvae of beetles, mayflies, caddisflies, stoneflies and true flies. Collectively, they play a critical role in the aquatic food web.

Stream health studies will almost always include documenting the presence of large woody debris, as this is known to be a key health indicator. Stream restoration work at Sanford's own Goodall Brook — the Goodall Brook Watershed Management Plan — advises the addition of woody debris. But don't just do this without proper guidance and authority. The permitting process, although head-scratching, protects our valuable

waters. Hopefully, there's now a bit more understanding for this need. Do feel free to remove plastics, tires, shopping carts, and such. And inform folks that altering their boundary stream to "look better" is most probably not a good idea for the backyard wildlife...or their wallets if they get caught! It's best to let sleeping logs lie!

Goodall Brook Watershed Management Plan: [https://cms5.revize.com/revize/sanford/DocumentCenter/How Do I/Document/Goodall_Brook_WBP.pdf](https://cms5.revize.com/revize/sanford/DocumentCenter/How%20to%20Document/Goodall_Brook_WBP.pdf) ■

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

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Varsity Sports Spring Preview

By Bella McCall and Eliza Allen, sports writers
(reprinted from The Spartan Times)

With spring sports already underway at Sanford High School, this season's varsity head coaches have recapped last year's season and what their goals and expectations are for this season.

BASEBALL

Coach Kyle Bernier enters his 4th year as the head coach of the baseball program. Last year, baseball finished the regular season 10-6 and lost in the first round of the playoffs to Gorham. "There were a lot of positives from last season, but I also felt like we left a little on the table," Bernier said.

Who are the top returners and/or newcomers this season you are excited about?

There are a lot of guys that I am excited to see what they are capable of this year. We have quite a few guys that will be taking on bigger roles this year, so seeing how they handle that will be fun. A few names to watch would be Scott Robitaille, Tyler Do and Matty Hebert, but I believe we will have a lot of guys that contribute this year.

What are your goals and expectations for this season? Any challenges you anticipate?

The end goal never changes, and that is to win a state championship. With that being said, we lost a few key pieces from last year, especially on the mound. I expect us to play good defense, be competitive at the plate, and run the bases very well. The question mark for us is going to be on the mound, but from what I have seen so far, I believe we have guys that can collectively put us in positions to win games.

What are you most looking forward to this season?

I am really looking forward to seeing how guys handle themselves in bigger roles this year and, in turn, watching them develop. Our guys have worked very hard so far this preseason, so I can't wait to see how that translates once the season starts.

LACROSSE – GIRLS

Coach Kelly Foley enters her fifth season as the head coach of the girls' lacrosse program. Last year, the Spartans went 8-6, falling to a talented Massabesic team in the first round of the playoffs. Last season, they beat Thornton Academy for the first time in program history!

Who are the top returners and/or newcomers this season you are excited about?

We are lucky to see a lot of returners this season. Payton Kimball returns in goal, Kya Duprey will lead our defense, Savannah Knight and McKenna Nanartowich will run our midfield, and the Sevigny sisters (Paige Sevigny and Sadie Sevigny) and Ali Long will lead our offense. We also have a ton of athletic newcomers, and I'm excited to see them improve.

What are your goals and expectations for this season? Any challenges you anticipate?

I'd like to see another 8-6 record or better. Last year we lost two games that should have been ours, so I hope we learn from those mistakes and come out on top against those teams this year. I'd love for us to get a playoff win as well.

What are you most looking forward to this season?

We have a really talented group of athletes — arguably our strongest varsity and JV we've had in years. So I'm very excited to see our players work together, support each other, and challenge each other to be better every day.

TENNIS – BOYS

Coach Nicholas Works enters his third year as the boys' tennis head coach. Last season, the Spartans made the playoffs and lost a close match with Marshwood, 2-3.

Who are the top returners and/or newcomers this season you are excited about?

We have a lot of newcomers that have a lot of potential that I'm looking forward to see play.

What are your goals and expectations for this season? Any challenges you anticipate?

Our goal is to make the playoffs once again. This season we will face some challenges early with a completely new roster from last year.

What are you most looking forward to this season?

This season I'm looking forward to see the development of this team's younger core.

TENNIS – GIRLS

Coach Hailey Francoeur enters her third year as the girls' tennis head coach. They had an historic year in 2024, as the SHS tennis ladies were Class A State Runner Ups. That's the farthest the girls' tennis team at SHS has ever gone in the playoffs.

Who are the top returners and/or newcomers this season you are excited about?

Some of our top returners are Audrey Payeur, Olivia Adornetto, Lily Gillis and Angelina Hu. We have quite a few new players this season. Lyla Fiandaca and Hailey Payeur have come into the team really strong.

What are your goals and expectations for this season? Any challenges you anticipate?

We're certainly a young team, with almost an entirely new varsity team this year. The girls are working hard and I anticipate we will make our way into the playoffs once again. Right now, it's all about learning the game and refining our skills.

What are you most looking forward to this season?

We have a really large team this year, so I'm really looking forward to everyone getting into the game of tennis and becoming a supportive team. It's been really nice to see ladies show up to the courts early for practice, and staying after practice ends to keep working.

Anything else you'd like to share?

Come on out and support the ladies at a home match!

TRACK & FIELD

Coach Nate Smith enters his first year as the co-ed head coach for the track and field team after a program restructuring. He had previously been the head coach for the girls' team for the last two seasons and had been the assistant coach for boys' track for 22 years.

Last year, the boys' track team had a very successful season with multiple SMAA and All-State placements. As a team, the boys had a 9-3 record. The girls had a small team but competed respectably all year, winning

the Class A South Sportsmanship Award.

Who are the top returners and/or newcomers this season you are excited about?

On the boys' side, we have Jack Van Gieson leading the way in Pole Vault, Logan Glidden returning as one of the strongest jumpers in the state, and Kadden Veilleux looking to improve upon his success in the throws. We are looking forward to seeing Isaac Pelletier become a huge asset to the team in the distances after being injured last year.

On the girls' side, we are returning a very strong distance and mid-distance crew with Bella McCall, Samone Gallagher, Annalise Stimmell and Adeline Fiandaca. Lily Peters will be returning as a key factor in jumps and sprints. After a tremendous freshman season in indoor track, Mattea Peters will be a game-changer for the girls in the sprints.

What are your goals and expectations for this season? Any challenges you anticipate?

The boys' team graduated many talented athletes last year, but will be strong with many younger athletes stepping up to fill in the spots left open. The girls will look to improve on last season. Both teams have good numbers and will look very different from the beginning of the season to the end as athletes learn their events and make gains rapidly.

What are you most looking forward to this season?

I am looking forward to watching our athletes make goals for themselves and work with our talented coaches to achieve what they have set out to accomplish.

Anything else you'd like to share?

Sanford has the privilege of hosting the SMAA Championships on Friday, May 30. It will be the first time we have hosted the event since 1998.

SOFTBALL

Coach Tori Lawrence, an SHS alum '21 and assistant volleyball coach here at SHS, enters her first year as head softball coach.

Can you provide us with a brief 2024 season recap?

Softball in 2024 did not play out how most had hoped as we did not win a game. This year will be our growth year with hopes to leave last year behind us and improve for the future of Sanford Softball.

Who are the top returners and/or newcomers this season you are excited about?

This year our top returners are Linda-Rose Krol, Autumn Liston and Bree Tyler. We are excited about our newcomers, Faith Martel and Kennedy Dennis.

What are your goals and expectations for this season? Any challenges you anticipate?

This year our goal is to play competitive softball. We are focusing on growth and correct fundamentals. We want all the girls to get excited about playing and we are hopeful that the program will grow and we will be able to have two teams again by next year.

What are you most looking forward to this season?

We are really looking forward to seeing these girls play their hearts out. We are excited to see our team improve and play their best game. ■

PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

Gordon Joseph Parker,

82, of North Shapleigh, died on March 1 after a three-year fight with cancer. He was born on April 24, 1942, the youngest child of Joseph and Valeda Parker of Parkman, in Piscataquis County. As a boy, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and hauling pulp wood for his father with a horse and skid. His family home had wood heat and no indoor plumbing, but life was good, and blessedly simple. After graduating from high school, Gordon followed his older brother, Stillman, to Sanford, where he worked for a time in the woods and in local shoe factories before going to work at Cyro Industries, where he stayed for more than 30 years. He always made time to go back home to Parkman and see his folks, eventually moving them to North Shapleigh so he could better care for them. Shortly after moving to Sanford, Gordon met Vera Ann Hill of North Shapleigh. They were married Sept. 1, 1962, and spent 58 years together in North Shapleigh, until she passed away in November 2020. With the help of family, the couple built the foundation of their lifelong home out of recycled cement blocks, carrying timber that came from the old movie theater in Springvale. They lived in the foundation until they saved enough money to build the house. Over time, they welcomed three children into the world, Aaron, Rhonda, and Bridget, and the foundation grew into a four-bedroom cape. In retirement, Gordon enjoyed working on cars, going to bluegrass festivals, and visiting friends and family, sometimes on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He was a caretaker for his wife in her later years. Gordon is survived by his son Aaron Parker and his wife, Linda, of Shapleigh, daughter Rhonda Burnell of Springvale, and daughter Bridget Lister and her husband Scott of Lebanon; four grandchildren, Amanda Bond and her husband Cal of Newfield, Joseph Parker of Shapleigh, Ashley Fish, her husband Aaron and son Jacob of Warren, and Jordan Lister of Chicago. At the request of the family, services will be private. For more: <https://tinyurl.com/3jnccv5>



Elizabeth Hughes Jagger

passed away peacefully on April 16, 2025, following a four-year struggle with ALS. Born on Nov. 23, 1948, in Glynneath, South Wales, Great Britain, Elizabeth was the beloved daughter of the late John and Edna (Evans) Hughes. Her early years were devoted to church and Girl Guides (similar to the Girl Scouts), where she earned the highest achievement of "Queen's Guide," the equivalent of Eagle Scout in the United States. She also received the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's Award, recognizing exceptional character and service, from Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace. She attended Hendon College, part of the University of London, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1971. While visiting relatives



in Springvale, Maine, in 1969, Elizabeth met Richard "Dick" Jagger. Their bond was instant, and though she returned to her studies and Dick resumed his work as a merchant mariner, fate brought them back together when his ship docked in England months later. They were engaged that Christmas and married in July 1971, beginning 53 beautiful years of marriage. Elizabeth and Dick raised two sons, Aaron and Robert. She volunteered extensively with the First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School, shared her deep faith with children and families, and most memorably, sang in the church choir. Elizabeth also gave generously of her time to the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In her later years, she split her time between Florida and Mousam Lake in Shapleigh, where she spent summers creating cherished memories with her grandchildren. Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Richard Jagger; her sister, Anne VanMechelen, and nieces Victoria and Hannah of Great Britain; her son, Robert Jagger, and his wife, Corinne, of Saco, and her treasured grandchildren: Rose and Ruth Jagger of Saco and Benjamin Jagger of Orlando, Florida. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Edna Hughes, and her beloved son, Aaron Jagger. A celebration of life will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, May 3, at the First Baptist Church of Springvale. For more: <https://tinyurl.com/uvhznewu>

Patrick Fagan Sr., 85, died

on April 14, 2025. He was born on Oct. 5, 1939, to Napoleon and Cecile (Cabana) Fagan. At that time, he and his sister, Claire (Fagan) O'Clair, lived on the East side of Sanford. Patrick attended St. Ignatius schools, graduating in 1957 as valedictorian. He was offered a full scholarship at Bentley College but decided to enlist in the Navy in order to stay with the love of his life, Irene Fagan (Tebbetts). They were married Nov. 4, 1958, and settled down on Brook Street, next door to his parents. After the birth of their first child, Patrick received orders to report for active duty in Vietnam, but the order was pulled when the couple discovered they were expecting a second child. The couple bought their first home, on Dorrington Avenue in Sanford, where they lived for about 60 years. Patrick started work at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where he worked his way up from clerk typist to head of his group. After the birth of their third child, Patrick returned to school and earned an associate's degree in real estate. After retiring from the shipyard at age 46, he went to work for Dubois Realty, then later moved to Coldwell Banker, where he worked with his friend Steve Brunette. His final position was with the Massiello Group, and he retired at age 70. He and Irene purchased their dream home on Mousam Lake in 1977. Friends and family were welcome there anytime. Patrick was never happier than when his family was all together. He was not afraid to share his opinion. He knew everyone – who their parents were, their siblings, addresses, jobs, etc. He had his wits right to the end. He spent most of his time at the camp after his wife's passing. He got his wish to stay at his camp un-



til his final days. Patrick was predeceased by his loving wife, Irene, on Dec. 2, 2021, and by his parents. He is survived by his sister, Claire Fagan (Burbank) O'Clair, and her daughters Bette and Donna Burbank, and great niece, Alix Burbank; his daughter Kathy (Eastman) Fagan and her fiancé (of 30+ years) Paul Lemieux; his son, Patrick Fagan Jr. and his wife, Joanne Fagan (Desrochers); and his son, Christopher (Chris) J. Fagan, and by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church on Monday, April 28, at 10 am. Burial will be at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery. For more: <https://tinyurl.com/2hkafn63>

Richard Jude Gerard

Michaud, 89, of Sanford passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. He was born on Aug. 23, 1935, in Madawaska to Mary Ann (Cyr) and Wilfred Michaud. The family moved to Springvale when Richard was five years old and spoke only French. Richard graduated from Sanford High School in 1953, where he was captain of the football and basketball teams. He served as a quartermaster in the Army for two years. He then trained as a machinist at SMVTI for two years and worked at Hamilton Standard, where he helped craft propellers for President Eisenhower's personal aircraft, the Columbine. He worked as an engineering technician at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for 31 years, drafting technical designs for nuclear submarines. Richard lived a life of service; he was faithful as a citizen, employee, husband, and father. He was a student of military history and was fascinated by any book that further explained either the Civil War or World War II. Though he loved music and had a beautiful voice, you would only ever hear him sing in church. Quiet and reserved, he appreciated people for who they were, tending to see the best in people. He is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Annette (Gagnon); son James Michaud and his wife Michelle; son Daniel and his wife Susan; daughter Sharon (Michaud) Quintiliani and her husband Gary; grandchild Paul Michaud and his wife Dahlia (Seggelin), daughter Charlotte and daughter Betsy; 10 grandchildren to whom he was affectionately known as "Peps," and a sister Gloria (Michaud) Soucy and her family. He was predeceased by his parents and brothers Patrick and Roderick Michaud. Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 pm, Monday, April 28, at the Black-Heald Walker Funeral Home at 580 Main St. in Springvale. At 7 pm, the family will lead a saying of the rosary for any who wish to participate. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, April 29, at St. Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Church. For more: <https://tinyurl.com/4d9hv59m>



Leo Paul Paradis, 69, passed away peacefully at home on April 20, 2025, with his loving wife by his side. He was born on Oct. 12, 1955, in Sanford to Gerard and Pauline (Boucher) Paradis. Leo graduated from Sanford High School in 1973 and attended Northeastern University and the University of Maine at Orono, followed by four years of service in the US Navy. After he was honorably discharged, Leo attended SMTC in Portland, where his focus was technical graphics and design. He worked for several building and architectural companies, including Wasco Products, Mohlin & Company, Architectural Skylight Co., George Roberts Co., Advanced Building Products, and finally at Warren's Office Supplies as a sales account manager, a job that gave him great satisfaction and a true sense of team and belonging. Leo's earliest interests involved freelance writing for Face Magazine during the mid 1990s doing music reviews and feature stories on several Maine area bands. Always a big music buff, Leo enjoyed all types of music and even tried his hand at playing a few instruments. Leo lived to eat and loved to cook and was very creative in the kitchen, baking cakes and desserts as well as a wide range of entrees. He also had a bit of the travel bug, taking journeys to explore the U.S. from coast to coast. He was always up for an adventure, whether it be a quick weekend getaway or traveling to another country. Leo found great comfort in the friendships that he formed when he was young and cherished these long-lasting bonds throughout his adult life. He will be greatly missed by so many who knew him well and loved him. Leo is predeceased by his parents Pauline (Boucher) Landry and Gerard Paradis and stepfathers Andre Auger and Roland Landry. He is survived by his wife Debra (Poisson) Paradis, brother Norman Paradis and his partner Claire Thibeault of Sanford, nephew Marcel Paradis and his wife Crystal of Springvale, as well as many other dear nieces and nephews. Service day and time will be announced on the funeral home website (blackfuneralhomes.com) as soon as it is determined. ■



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Public Hearing Notice



Notice is hereby given that the Sanford City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 in person at City Hall Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Third Floor, Sanford, Maine and via remote video and teleconference pursuant to 1 MRSA §403-B (2) (D) and section 6 of the Sanford City Council Rules of Procedure. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on proposed changes to the City of Sanford Ordinances pertaining to Article II Chapter 120 Fees; Chapter 220 Transfer Station §220-5A Fees; Chapter 149 §6.8 Vacant Building Fees; Article III §226-28 Digging Permits; Chapter 78 Article VIII §78-29 Permit Fees; and Article II §78-4 Impoundment Fees; and to certain other municipal fees.

Further information on the proposed changes may be obtained through the City Manager's Office prior to the public hearing. Written comments and questions should be directed to the Office of the City Manager, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford. The proposed amendments can be viewed by visiting the City of Sanford website at www.sanfordmaine.org and clicking on Public Notices.

Instructions for joining the meeting by in-person and remote methods are posted on the City's website on the Meetings calendar. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26 and archived at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>.

Public Hearing Notice Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:00 PM City Council Meeting



The City Council will open a public hearing to seek and receive comments on the following:

An application submitted by Archer Farms LLC, 72 Emery St, Unit 307, Sanford, Maine, for a NEW Medical Marijuana Grower/Cultivation License.

The hearing will be conducted via remote video & teleconference at 6:00 P.M. on the date above-referenced. Members of the public wishing to join the meeting by phone should dial 1 (929) 205-6099 and use the meeting ID & Password provided in the link on the City of Sanford website calendar for the meeting date listed above: (www.sanfordmaine.org).

Public comments in favor or against the requested license may be submitted via email to info@sanfordmaine.org.

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4/11, 1 Dexter St., 6-room New Englander, 2 bed/1 bath, open concept floor plan, laundry on second floor, unfinished basement, detached 2-car garage, corner lot, intown, \$300,000 (pictured above)

4/15, 29 Grammar St., 2-story Duplex, two rental units: 2 bed/1 bath each, attic, full basement, detached 2-car garage, porch, corner lot, intown, .43 acre, \$335,000

4/16, 35 Payeur Circle, 7-room Contemporary Ranch, 4 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, open concept design, family room, unfinished walk-out basement, attached 3-car garage, covered porch, patio, 1.89 acres, \$639,900 ■



SPORTS notes

Compiled by Sam Bonsey
Sanford Schools Communication Coordinator

Spartan Times

Busy Week for Home Fields: Sanford High School athletics will host multiple varsity competitions next week, giving fans plenty of opportunities to support the Spartans on home turf. The action begins Tuesday, April 29, with a trio of events: **Girls Varsity Tennis** takes on South Portland at 4 pm, while **Girls Varsity Lacrosse** faces Bonny Eagle at the same time. **Varsity Baseball** rounds out the day with a 4:30 pm matchup against Scarborough. On Wednesday, April 30, the **Track & Field** team will host a meet beginning at 4 pm. The week concludes Thursday, May 1, as **Boys Varsity Tennis** welcomes Windham for a 4 pm contest. ■



Terri Marriot and Rachel Driscoll were among a dozen and a half people who raised signs and waved to passersby at a Stand up for Democracy rally at Central Park on Friday, April 18. Similar events are happening regularly in Biddeford, Wells, Kennebunk and other Maine communities. Photo: Lee Burnett

Correction:

A story about the York County budget in our April 11 edition misstated the effect of property revaluations on county taxes. It should have said that the cost of supporting county services will shift among towns and cities because valuations have gone up in some, down in others.



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