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Gardeners Show Up



Garden Fair at Memorial Gym Photo: Lisa Blanchette

By Lee Burnett

People thirsting for spring found it in Memorial Gym last Saturday, a day of dismal weather outside.

At Sanford Garden Fair, there was honey to taste, herbs to smell, and flowers to catch the eyes. A variety of speakers were on hand to stimulate people's gardening imaginations.

"I'm way excited," said Bridget Salantri, organizer of the event. "The turnout is a big surprise considering the weather. We had people here at 10 a.m. and it's been a steady stream all morning. Families, young people. They came for the programs, the plants, all levels of support."

By lunchtime, more than a 100 people had come through the doors, according to admission collectors. By the end of the event, more than 200 adults had paid \$5 admission fee for that glimpse of spring.

Salantri pulled the event together in just the past two months. She downplayed her own role in organizing the event, saying vendors eagerly jumped at the suggestion of a garden show. Participating were a variety of vendors, including Eldredge Lumber, Backyard Bee, the horticulture program at Sanford Regional Technical Center



Mike Minnon of Farmfield Greenhouses chats with Art Lamontagne. Photo: Lee Burnett

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Goodall Library's new circulation desk Photo: Goodall Library

More Chapters in Goodall's Moving Story

By Lawrence Furbish

Progress has been made on renovations to the Goodall Memorial Library, but some challenges remain. Most of the work has been completed and the interior is spacious and bright. A new young adult room has been added as well as an additional community meeting room, and new office space for staff. An updated circulation

desk, redesigned computer stations, and colorful rugs and walls will now greet patrons.

However, the doors to the renovated library won't be opening soon. Tentative plans are for movers and staff to discuss the move this month and for the actual move to take place in June. Movers will need approximately two weeks, and then the staff will have two weeks

to complete the setup.

The library closed altogether on Sept. 5, 2023, for a month while staff set up its temporary home at the Center for Shopping. Construction on the \$3 million renovation was initially expected to take one year, but cash flow problems arose, delaying work and the subsequent reopening.

Meanwhile, the library's

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NEWS notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



Chocolate treats from the 2024 Chocolate Benefit Spectacular
Photo: Sanford Backpack Program

Did somebody say chocolate? Sanford Backpack Program is holding its 9th Annual Chocolate Benefit Spectacular on April 26 at 6 pm at Memorial Gym. The evening will feature decadent treats from more than a dozen chocolatiers, live music, raffles, and a cash bar. Attendees will have the opportunity to taste all the sweet treats, from classic Maine whoopie pies and chocolate-dipped candied treats to more exotic candies and chocolate-covered foods and to vote on their favorite chocolatier. Event judges will also select winners in various categories. VIP tables for eight people are available as well as general admission tickets. Proceeds help the Sanford Backpack Program continue to fight youth hunger in the community. Purchase tickets here. FMI, email backpacks@strongersanford.org. <https://tinyurl.com/bdhnj7b6>

Grant helps YCCAC provide transportation for cancer care: York County Community Action Corp. (YCCAC) has received a \$30,000 grant from the Maine Cancer Foundation (MCF) to continue providing free or low-cost transportation to cancer patients traveling to hospitals, treatment centers and oncology appointments. "We are grateful for MCF's grant funding," said Tom Reinauer, director of transportation. "Their financial support allows us to meet the needs of the community and will mean better health outcomes for our clients."

Without reliable transportation, patients can miss appointments, have lower compliance rates for screening or follow-ups, or skip treatments altogether. Last year, YCCAC provided more than 2,100 cancer care trips for 113 patients to 38 locations. Anyone with questions or needing details on transportation for medical appointments can call 207-459-2932 for more information.

A reminder from the Sanford Arts Commission: Art Walks in Sanford are starting again this month. They will be held on the second Friday of each month, from 4 pm to 7 pm, in Central Park and the surrounding streets. This month's artists will include an onsite laser engraver, a woodworker, several painters of different styles, a photographer and more. The event supports local artists and provides an opportunity to connect with art enthusiasts. Interested in getting involved? Email Kyle Williams at kyle@allmediumscrafting.com.

Join the movement and see Slugger for free: MaineHealth is inviting kids ages 18 and under to join the Let's Go! Move More Challenge and get more physical activity. The reward is a free ticket to a 2025 Portland Sea Dogs game at Delta Dental Park. Participants need to move for at least one hour daily for as many weeks as possible, track their progress, and submit the completed form at least two days before the date of the selected Sea Dogs game. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to join their children and move more, too. FMI, and to download the form, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3uwjhxv5>.

The footlongs are back: Sanford/Springvale residents have probably noticed that the two Subway sandwich shop locations, which abruptly closed last fall, have reopened. The one at 1364 Main St. at the Center for Shopping opened in January, while the Springvale shop at 514 Main St. opened on Feb. 1. According to Ashley Merrill, operations manager, these are two of 16 shop locations in Maine now under the management of franchisee Dhyan Patel.

Free webinar on cannabis for parents and caregivers: A free virtual webinar, What Parents Need to Know About Cannabis, will be held on April 15 at 5:30 pm. Led by substance use prevention specialists, the webinar is designed to educate families, educators, and community members on the latest information about cannabis use, the dangers it poses to youth, and the marketing tactics targeting teens. Participants will also hear from a panel of experts including law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and legal specialists. The webinar is hosted by Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition and Partners for Healthier Communities. Register here to attend. <https://tinyurl.com/2h9965th>

Let someone else do the driving: York County Community Action Corp. Transportation has announced they have new buses on the road and are offering more routes now. In addition, all their vehicles are lift equipped and have bike racks. FMI on the routes and times, go here. <https://tinyurl.com/2htntr37>.

Partners Bank president/CEO to retire: Blaine A. Boudreau, president/CEO of Partners Bank, has announced his plans to retire on Dec. 31, 2025. Boudreau will step down as president on June 30, while retaining the CEO position through Sept. 30. Anthony Cataldi, executive vice president/chief operating officer, will step into the roles that Boudreau will be vacating. Boudreau will stay with the organization through Dec. 31 as a consultant to the management team and the board.

Before joining Partners Bank, Cataldi served in executive leadership roles at Macon Bank, the Lyons National Bank, Baker and Taylor, Inc., and Accenture. He joined Partners Bank in 2011 as the senior vice president/chief operating officer. Over the years, Cataldi took on additional roles and responsibilities, and in 2017 became executive vice president/chief operating officer overseeing lending, marketing, branch administration, operations, and IT functions. Cataldi has also been very active on local, non-profit Boards, including United Way and Waypoint, and has coached youth football and baseball.

Under Boudreau's leadership, the bank has doubled its asset size in less than eight years. It has also transitioned to a more diversified balance sheet while shrinking the interest rate risk profile. Boudreau also served on numerous boards, including United Way of York County, Waban, York County Food Rescue, Kiwanis and several others. ■



Anthony Cataldi (left) congratulates Blaine A. Boudreau on his upcoming retirement from his position as president/CEO of Partners Bank. Cataldi will take on the role of president/CEO. Photo: Partners Bank



Recently promoted Lieutenant Everett Allen with his two sons.
Photo: Ayn Hanselmann

City Council Passes Budget

By Kendra Williams

At its April 1 meeting, after months of budget workshops, the City Council gave final approval for the 2025/26 municipal and school budgets with Councilors Nathan Hitchcock and Jonathan Martel voting against it. The amount to be raised by taxation is \$41,752,101. The law requires a validation referendum election for the school budget portion, which will be held on June 10.

Included in the budget motion was a notation that the funds for Goodall Library will be held until a lease agreement and other issues have been finalized.

City Manager Steve Buck reported earlier that an application for a people's veto referendum, challenging the budget passed by the legislature on March 21 and signed into law by Gov. Janet Mills, has been submitted to the Secretary of State. Included in that budget is local funding for essential programs and services for schools, municipal revenue sharing, jails and gap funding for MaineCare services important to hospitals and ambulance services.

If the petition, which may begin to be circulated next week, receives just under 68,000 signatures by June 15, the budget currently due to go into effect on June 20 will be delayed until after the November election. Buck encouraged voters who are asked to sign the petition to be aware of the consequences of the delay, which will include significant local budget shortfalls and large property tax increases.

In other budget news, the council voted to accept and authorize a benefits proposal from Paquin and Carroll LLC for Maine Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) Insurance. An application for a waiver to opt out of the State of Maine PFML Program will be submitted. The combined annual savings for the schools and city will be significant.

Also at the meeting, a brief celebration was held to recognize the promotion of Everett Allen from sergeant to lieutenant. Police Chief Eric Small spoke of Lt. Allen's dedication to service and leadership in his previous roles as officer, detective and in

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Mainers Welcome Back Familiar Faces

By Jackson Walsh, Director of Broadcasting & Media

The Sanford Mainers announced Monday that Nic Lops will return as manager for his fifth season. 2025 will be Lops' sixth season overall with the organization after serving as hitting coach for one year. He will return to Sanford this summer after the conclusion of the season for St. Joseph's College where he has taken on the role of Director of Player Development for his alma mater. Lops was named the 2024 Joel Cooney Manager of the Year, voted on by the fellow managers of the NECBL. He was given the honor after guiding the Mainers to the 2024 NECBL championship series. It is the second time he has been awarded with the honor, also receiving it in 2022.

"I'm stoked to be back," said Lops. "I look forward to welcoming in a new group of Moose for the summer of 2025. It will be nice to have a handful of returners back with us this summer as well. I expect this group will buy into what it means to play baseball for the Sanford Mainers."

Returning alongside Lops are assistant coaches Tim Moreau (third season), and Josh Guptel (second season). The Mainers are also thrilled to welcome Kobie Carter to this upcoming season's coaching staff.

Moreau will return to Sanford after he spends the spring season with Colby-Sawyer College serving as the associate head coach for the Chargers. Moreau plays an integral part day-in day-out with the team, primarily working with the Mainers infielders and outfielders.

Guptel will once again serve as the Mainers pitching coach along with coaching first base. Recently, Guptel joined the staff at Maine's York High School as the junior varsity head coach and the varsity team's pitching coach. Before the season begins you can hear Guptel and multiple Mainers on his newest podcast "Pitchcast". The show can be found on YouTube.

The lone newcomer to the Mainers coaching staff is Kobie Carter. He interned for the organization for two summers and will now step foot in the dugout in 2025. Carter was previously an assistant coach at Southern Maine Community College, where Lops was the head coach for the Seawolves. This spring Carter is on Mainers General Manager Aaron Izaryk's staff at Bridgton Academy.

Lops commented on the addition of Carter saying, "He's a tireless worker who loves the game, and he will handle opponent scouting reports as well as various types of analytics to help our ball club."

The Sanford Mainers full season schedule is available online at sanfordmainers.com and on the official mobile app presented by Marc Motors. ■



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-Online Preview 4/1-4/20
- Community Room-In Person Preview 4/12-4/20

Saturday, Apr. 5

- St. Thomas Fair Drop-Off Event, 9 am, St. Thomas School, 69 North Ave.
- Laura Kargul & Callie Brennan Concert, 3 pm, Historical Society, 505 Main St
- St. Thomas School Bean Supper, 4:30 pm, 69 North Ave.
- Sanford Christian Academy Auction Night, 5 pm, 47 High St.
- Matt Gahagan @ River Junction Brewing, 6 pm, 1491 Main St.
- Jazz at Lincoln Center, 7 pm, Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- YMCA Gala, 7 pm, 1 Emile Levasseur Dr.

Sunday, Apr. 6

- Lecture-Meet Queen Victoria w/Sally Mummey Historical Society, 3 pm, 505 Main St.

Monday, Apr. 7

- Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 am, Nasson Community Center, 457 Main St., Springvale
- Baby Rhyme Time, 10:00 am, Springvale Library
- The MomCo @ Pleasant St. 10 am, 10 Pleasant St.,
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 11:00 am, Springvale Library
- Lego Builders Club, 3:30 pm, Springvale Library
- School Committee meeting, 6 pm, Sanford City Hall,

Tuesday, Apr. 8

- Property Subcommittee meeting, 8:30 am, online
- Toddle Time, 10 am, Sanford Memorial Gym
- 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
- Public Safety Subcommittee, 11:00 am, online
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Zoning Subcommittee meeting, 1 pm, online
- Cribbage, 1 pm, Springvale Library
- YCSP's "To-Go" Lunch @ St. George's Episcopal Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting, 2 pm, online
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- Water District Trustees meeting, 4 pm, Sanford Water District, 243 River St.
- Sanford Elks Bingo, 4 pm Doors Open, 6 pm Games Start, 13 Elm St.
- Toddle Time, 5:30 pm, Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- Matthew Meal 6 pm, St. Thomas School, 69 North Ave.
- Dulcimer Group, 6 pm, Goodall Library

Wednesday, Apr. 9

- Land Bank meeting, 8:30 am, online

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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: Heirs of Dale Sanchez, Carmen Sanchez ("Former Owner")

Property Address: 49 North Ave, Sanford, ME, 04073 ("Property")

Notice of sale of foreclosed property

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

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

maintaining, or improving the property, including documented administrative costs and reasonable attorney's fees;

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

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

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

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



SCAM

Don't Loan Your Cell Phone

By Kendra Williams
Source: Microsoft

Microsoft warns you to be wary of strangers who ask you to borrow your phone. Scammers will often approach you in a public place and use urgency or distress to pressure you into lending them your phone. For instance, they may tell you they lost their phone and ask you to borrow yours to make a call for help. While borrowing your phone they may move out of sight under the pretense of making a call. Their goal is to gain temporary control over your phone and to commit fraud.

Once they have your phone, they can use your apps to make quick money transfers, access personal information and maybe replace your sim card with theirs.

To protect yourself, always lock your phone with a strong password or other method of unlocking it. And be cautious with strangers. Offer to make the call or send a text for them instead. ■

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Citizens Get a Taste of Police Work



Graduates of the first-ever York County Sheriff's Citizens Academy
Photo: Tammy Wells

By Victoria Lynn

For four weeks, about two dozen York County residents, including many from Sanford, got an education in police work through the first-ever Citizen Police Academy presented by the York County Sheriff's Department.

Participants, who ranged from 20 years old to senior citizens, heard presentations from several police officers, saw videos and asked lots of questions. The topics included use of police dogs, citizens' search and seizure rights, and the many hats that officers wear, from law enforcement to school resource officer.

Students were shown the variety of equipment officers wear each shift, weighing about 25 pounds. They got a tour of the county jail and were offered the opportunity for a ride-along and a CPR certification class.

The course wound up with a graduation ceremony with certificates, photos, and a tote bag full of goodies. A reception followed, which included the opportunity to sample many different chilis that were part of a contest. All attendees expressed gratitude for this comprehensive opportunity.

The Citizen Police Academy graduates are: Ross Albertson, Dennis Bailey, Christopher Benson, Alex Blow, Frank Brackin, James Daniels, Robert Dyer, Jonathan Fallon, Krista Freeman, Richard Freeman, Tracy Gaudet, Patricia Guay, Bruce Hagan, Joseph Harris, Paul Hodak, Linda Letourneau, Victoria Lynn, Dennis McDonald, David McQuade, Martha Morrison, Matt Ryan, Rosanna Ryan, Kevin Spainhour, Steve Veit, Tim Veit, Tom Veit, and Janet Vincent. ■

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Property Address: 12 Proulx Court, Springvale, ME 04083 ("Property")

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SHS Production of Grease Delights

By Kristi King

Sanford High School Theater Company presented four public performances of Grease over the weekend of March 28–30 at Sanford Performing Arts Center, setting a record for the most tickets ever sold to a single event at the venue. This rocking student production of a special school edition of Grease delivered all the nostalgia, favorite characters, and musical performances generations have enjoyed. The outstanding leads were Ben Terril as a John Travolta-like Danny Zuko who flirts with the sweet-voiced Ava Fagan, as Sandy Dumbrowski, finding young love at Rydell High. Featured were the leather-clad “T-Birds” played by Tim McGee (Kenickie), Austin Glidden (Doody), Josh Fogarty (Sonny), Ben Terril, and Braden Landry (Roger) who performed Greased Lightning with an old jalopy that miraculously turned into a new roadster. In their signature silk jackets, the “Pink Ladies” with Rebecca Horton (Frenchy), Ava Fagan, Sophia Randall (Patty), Ari Young (Jan), Assistant Choreographer Morgan Bailey as Marty, and senior Hope Abbott-Eaton, the show’s Principal Choreographer starring as Rizzo, harmonized beautifully on “Freddy My Love.”

The opening night full house enthusiastically cheered after each musical dance number as twenty talented entertainers including ensemble members Ava Allen, Anna Brown, Callie Curtis, Avila Cyr, Anna Held, Marti Kane, Cyndy Pattershall and Lydia Treadwell filled the stage with thrilling dance moves singing timeless hits Summer Nights, Beauty School Dropout, Hand Jive and We Go Together that displayed the spirit of rock ‘n’ roll rebellion. Actors did an outstanding job of recreating memorable characters including rock and roller Johnny Casino and Teen Angel (Jack Van Gieson), school nerd Eugene (Oakley O’Keefe), affable class clown (Braeden Landry), Radio DJ Vince Fontaine (Jakob Bendel), “Cha Cha” (Jordyn Martin) and Sanford High School Principal Tracy Gibson in the role of Ms. Lynch all delivering joyful moments sprinkled throughout the two-hour sold-out show.

Under Artistic Director & Scene Designer Brett Williams, this eye-catching production featured spectacular sets built by Emerson Whitlock, George Westerlund, Owen Wyman, Azure Shrubsall and Chase Gauthier, with props and painting by Hannah Morgan (lead), Kallu Charron, Isabella Dudley, Addison Gendreau, Thalinda Hengthal, Riley Kirby, and Zoey Voll. The vivid costumes under Backstage Director & Costume Designer



“You’re the One That I Want!” Ben Terril and Ava Fagan star as Danny and Sandy in Grease. Pictured in background (l to r): Callie Curtis, Anna Brown, Josh Fogarty, Morgan Bailey. Photo: Sam Dunbar

Kristie Baker rivaled the 1978 movie’s reminiscent poodle skirts and lettered high school sweaters with dazzling costumes and props by Cynthia Carroll (co-lead), Kaylee Gauthier (co-lead), Esmee Baron, and Summer Bowtell with hair and make-up by Sam Dunbar. High ‘props’ go to the stage crew led by Stage Manager Giuliana Drouin that seamlessly created one mood-setting scene after another.

Lighting and smoke effects by Lighting Designer Jeff Perry and controlled by Gwen Fogarty, Emerson Whitlock and Owen Wyman added to the mind-blowing surprises that delighted the appreciative audience. Audio was superbly handled by Conner Rice (lead), Gabe Williams and Chase Gauthier. The ‘above stage’ 5-piece band-Elliot Barron, Benjamin Ferarri, Josh Hyssong and Blaine Morin led by Musical Director Ryan Geary brought the 50’s era to life with their oldies rock-n-roll music that had everyone grooving in their seats.

Audience member Aiden Maliski, whose USM roommate was guitarist Benjamin Ferarri, excitedly stated, “It’s my first time at this beautiful venue. What an exceptional performance!” ■

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - Cont’d from page 3

- Fire Station Working Group, 11 am, online
- It Takes A Village 207-Indoor Meal @ St. George’s Church, 2 pm, 3 Emerson St.
- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Friends of Downtown meeting, 4:30 pm, Reg. Economic Growth Council, 919 Main St.
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Wednesday Night Bite Community Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- One Night of Queen, 7 pm, Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd.

Thursday, Apr. 10

- Airport Advisory Committee meeting, 8 am, Seacoast Reg. Airport, 9 Presidential Ln.
- Senior Food Distribution, 10 am, Crossroads Methodist Church, 15 Grammar Rd.
- Sensory Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Dining for a Cause, 11 am, Ted’s Fried Clams, 890 Main St.
- 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
- York County Stamp Club, 6:30 pm, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.

Friday, Apr. 11

- Harvest Table Food Pantry, 9 am, Salvation Army, 871 Main St.
- Toddler Time @ SCAE, 9 am, 668 Main St.
- Salvation Army Staples Box Distribution, 9 am, 871 Main St.
- St. Thomas School’s Milk & Cookies Club, 10 am, 69 North Ave.
- Homeschool Group, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Kids Free to Grow Playgroup @ SCAE, 11:30 am, 668 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett’s Bridge Road, Alfred
- Sanford Art Walk, 4 pm, Main St.

Saturday, Apr. 12

- St. Thomas Fair Drop-Off Event, 9am, St. Thomas School, 69 North Ave.
- 50¢ Clothing Sale, 9 am, St. George’s Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- 14th Annual Bowl-A-Thon for Veterans, 9 am, Bowl-A-Rama, 1217 Main St.
- The Wintery Mix, 6 pm, River Junction Brewing, 1491 Main St,
- Toss for a Cause Cornhole Tournament, 6 pm, Nason Center, 457 Main St. Springvale

Sunday, Apr. 13

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

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

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SCHOOL notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



The annual Character Carnival at Margaret Chase Smith Elementary School aims to build a community of enthusiastic readers and compassionate citizens.
Photo: Sanford School Department

Bringing books to life at MCS: Last month, Margaret Chase Smith Elementary School celebrated literacy and positive values as families gathered for the annual Character Carnival. The event featured interactive literacy games, engaging storytime stations, and hands-on activities that brought favorite book characters to life. Students and their families moved through various stations, collecting stamps on their “character passports” while strengthening values through literature. Staff, parent volunteers and community partners contributed their time and resources to put on the event.

Educators learn about substance abuse trends and warning signs: Last month Brian O’Keefe, an agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration, visited Sanford Middle School to provide middle and high school staff with information about current substance use trends affecting New England communities. The presentation covered important insights to help educators better understand the challenges faced by students and how to recognize warning signs.

You get the food, they get the bucks: Ted’s Fried Clams, 890 Main St. in Sanford, is holding a Dining for a Cause event on April 10, from 11 am to 7 pm. For every purchase made during this time — whether it be dine in, take out or curbside delivery — Ted’s will donate 20% of the bill to St. Thomas School.

CORRECTION

Last week, in the pickleball story, we printed the wrong email for Roger Huppe.

His correct email is
rphuppe@gmail.com
We apologize.

SHS freshmen win drug awareness contest: Four Sanford High School freshmen have been recognized as state winners in the annual Elks Drug Awareness Video Contest. The ninth-grade students — Adeline Fraser, Anna Brown, Allison Horton and Joshua Fogarty — created a video centered around this year’s theme: “Don’t Let Drugs Ruin Your Future.” Their achievement continues a streak of success as members of the group had previously won at the state level in sixth and seventh grades as well. The students will be honored at a state banquet in Waterville on May 3 and 4, where they will have their video showcased. To read the full story and watch the video, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4fcdryww>

Grocery purchases can earn money for Sanford schools: The 2025 Hannaford Helps Schools program has officially launched. This year, there are over 1,500 participating products that will help earn money for schools. For every four participating products purchased, shoppers will earn three School Dollars, which will be displayed on their receipt at checkout. Shoppers can then select the school they want to donate to on the Hannaford redemption website or by using the Hannaford Helps Schools app. Several Sanford schools are participating in the program, which runs through June 7. FMI, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4ztk9br3>

SMS band receives superior rating at festival: Sanford Middle School’s eighth grade band achieved a “Superior” rating, the highest honor possible, at the Maine Band Directors’ Association Concert Band Festival, held March 26 at South Portland High School. The band, which includes some seventh graders, performed three pieces, including two selections previously performed at Band Fest. In addition, the festival included a sight-reading exercise requiring the band to learn and perform a completely new piece of music after just a few minutes of preparation time. “I could not be more proud of their hard work in preparation, their focus during the performance, and the way they represented Sanford at the

festival,” said Erica Scarano, the band’s director. “This is the only festival of its kind in Maine, providing an excellent opportunity for students to perfect their musical pieces and perform under pressure.”



Sanford Middle School staff display banners with three of the school’s principles, the focus of several programs designed to create a supportive environment for students.
Photo: Sanford School Department

Grant makes a positive impact at SMS: A three-year Stronger Connections Grant, currently in its first year of implementation at Sanford Middle School, is aiming to create a more positive, supportive environment where students feel respected, responsible and connected to their school community. Several innovative programs, which have been developed with the input of student ideas and voices, are being implemented through the grant.

One program is a weekly raffle in which students who demonstrate three specific principles — being safe, responsible and respectful — have their names entered into their grade-level raffle for the chance to win prizes. These principles also appear on colorful banners throughout the school, reminding students of expectations in every area of the building. Coming soon is another recognition program called Spartan Medallion, which recognizes students who consistently demonstrate exemplary behavior throughout the school. These students will receive privileges like early lunch dismissal and other rewards

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New Adult Day Program in Springvale!



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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 Cont'd

designed with input from fellow students.

Other events and workshops are being planned so families can participate, offering them ways to engage with their children's learning and strengthen school-home connections. Read the full story here. <https://tinyurl.com/5bpfyrh9>

Students, see what happens on the Senate floor: Students in Maine have a unique opportunity to see first-hand what happens during a legislative session at the State House. Maine Senator Matthew Harrington recently shared some details on how students can participate. Students from third grade through high school are invited to serve in the Senate Chamber as Honorary Pages when the Senate is in session. Honorary Pages have the opportunity to see what it's like to work on the floor of the Senate and be part of a legislative session. Pages perform such duties as delivering messages to senators and distributing amendments and supplements in the Chamber. In addition, the State House is open to visitors year-round Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm. Guided group tours, which run hourly between 9 am and noon, may be arranged through the Maine State Museum. Visitors may take a self-guided tour any time the building is open. FMI on the Honorary Page Program, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrc3u2zr> ■



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Bluegrass Returns to Springvale

Press Release

Southern Rail will once again showcase its bluegrass musical abilities at the Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum on Sunday, April 13, at 3 pm. The band, a favorite of local folks, offers high energy and harmonies with bass, banjo, guitar and mandolin selections.

Tickets are \$20 for ages 18 and up, free for children. They're available from southern-rail.eventbrite.com and at the museum during regular hours (Fridays 10 am to 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm) or at the door before the performance. Doors will open at 2:15. The museum is located at 505 Main St. in Springvale and is handicapped accessible. ■

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

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

Notice of sale of foreclosed property

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

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OUT IN THE WOODS

By Kevin McKeon, Maine Master Naturalist

All About Skunks

A balanced ecosystem requires us humans to realize that every creature holds an important component to that ecosystem, adding value and service to its maintenance and health. This realization often escapes most folks, and this misunderstanding possibly applies to no critter more than our colorful but greatly stigmatized skunk. Let's peek into the ecological niche of these interesting mammals.

Our Striped Skunk, *Mephitis mephitis* (meaning "bad odor"), was once classified as a weasel, but DNA studies have placed it into its own, 12-species family — the mephitids. They all have oversized, muscle-controlled scent glands that use nipples (papilla) to direct the defensive odoriferous spray up to 20 feet, with very good accuracy within six feet. Before spraying, however, skunks will first run away from any perceived threat. Second is to face the threat and stomp the ground with front feet. Raising its tail is third. Then comes the fourth devastating, neighborhood filling, scent deterrence spray. Humans can smell it at a concentration of 5.8 parts per trillion, which is about 1/3 teaspoon in an olympic sized swimming pool or like tasting a pinch of salt distributed across one ton of potato chips! The spraying almost always gives the skunk time to continue its running away tactic. However, coyotes, bobcats, foxes,

and dogs will predate upon them when hungry enough. Some raptors will get them too, especially Great Horned Owls; most birds have a poor sense of smell, so aren't bothered too much by the spray.

The mephitids' journey began about 35 million years ago, evolving into skunks about 12 million years ago in Germany and eventually crossing the Siberian land bridge into Canada. Fossil evidence puts them in Nebraska about 1.8 million years ago. "Shee-gawk" is the Midwestern U.S. Algonquian word for Chicago which means "skunk land". The fur trappers eloquently called them Alaska Sable, which undoubtedly enhanced sales.

Striped skunks live from central Canada, throughout the continental United States and down to Mexico. They're about two feet long and 10 pounds, with claws curved in the front and straight in the rear that make them great tree climbers. In winter, a state of dormancy called torpor is used to drastically slow their metabolism while housed in their den, sometimes shared with other critters. Skunks will lose up to half their weight during torpor. Breeding is in late February, with the birthing of six to eight kits about two months later. Mom teaches her kits the art of foraging until early fall, when the young strike out on their own. About a third of them make it to



age one, with a life span of about four to five years or 10 in captivity.

Skunks choose a habitat based upon water and food availability. Their concern for predators is low due to their coloration which advertises their formidable defense capabilities. As with many other woodland creatures, skunks are attracted somewhat by the relative "messiness" of human occupation, which results in food scraps around outbuilding shelters, cultivated fields, pastures and gardens for the skunk's use. Dens, insulated with leaves and grass, are dug mostly along hedgerows and under outbuildings, but old woodchuck dens

are preferred. These are used by females with their litters, sometimes with other skunk families, and during winter, communally by both sexes. Otherwise, males and non-lactating females use above-ground retreats during the day, doing most of their foraging at night within a one-mile radius. But young adventurous skunks, and those with amorous intent, will roam five miles or so!

The scrapings we see on our lawns are evidence of skunks eating the grubs that eat the grass, ultimately helping to keep lawns healthy. Skunks eat mostly insects but also dine on rats, mice, moles, gophers, beetles, snails, grasshop-

pers, yellow jackets and cockroaches. For many homeowners, a skunk can be a benefit to have around, keeping those other critters from becoming bothersome to gardens, decks and patios. But these opportunistic creatures can cause a bit of havoc in fruit and berry orchards and in our unfenced vegetable gardens, especially in late autumn when they're fattening up for their winter torpor sleep.

Did your dog get sprayed? Mix one quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup of baking soda, and one teaspoon of dish detergent in a bucket. Apply the solution, avoiding the eyes, ears entrance and mouth. This solution will not store

well, so use immediately. Note that peroxide will discolor clothes. Tomato juice? The authors of the book, *Land Mammals of Oregon* say, "Don't waste good tomato juice. Add a little vodka and drink it. It won't reduce the odor, but the odor won't bother you so much!"

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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A LOOK BACK: When Sanford Lost its Sunday Papers

By Lawrence Furbish

How much do you love your newspaper? If one day you found that it was unavailable, what would you do and how would you feel? On Friday, April 2, 1909, the weekly Sanford Tribune ran an article about just such an event and its impact on the town. The headlines were "LID WAS ON TIGHT - All Stores Except Lunchrooms and Restaurants were Closed - COULDN'T GET SUNDAY PAPERS - Puritanical Sunday Under the Enforcement of Blue Laws - Druggists all Went out of Town."

Restrictions on non-religious activities on certain days date back to AD 321, when Roman Emperor Constantine prohibited labor on Sundays. In 1619, the first such regulations in America were adopted in Virginia's Jamestown Colony. The term "Blue Laws" apparently came from Connecticut's history, but it is unclear why or how.

In any event, for some reason in 1909, Sanford's selectmen and the Civic League decided to enforce a Sunday closing on all businesses except restaurants. The unnamed author of the Tribune article described the results as follows:

"While Sunday was probably the first day in the history of the town that all the stores, with the exception of

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SANFORD, MAINE, FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1909.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

RECENT DEATHS.

Azaro Belanger.

The death of Azaro Belanger occurred at the home of his parents, State street, last Friday afternoon. He was 23 years of age. He was well known and had a wide circle of friends who will mourn his loss. He was an esteemed member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He had been a sufferer from consumption for a long time, and this was the direct cause of his death. The funeral was held from St. Ignace church Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Fr. J. J. McGinnis officiating. The members of the C. O. F. attended in a body and did escort duty. Interment was made in St. Ignace cemetery.

Joseph H. Ridley.

Joseph H. Ridley passed away at his home in Alfred Monday morning after a few days' illness from pneumonia. He was about 65 years of age and was a veteran of the Civil War. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Olive Trafon, of Alfred, and one son, Fred H. Ridley, of Lynn, Mass. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Broggi.

leaves and roses; Knights of Pythias Riverside Lodge, emblem of Killarney roses and plinks; Arbaine Temple No. 27 Pythian Sisters, spray of carnations; Knights of Templar, standing cross and crown of red plinks and roses; J. D. Lovins and E. Edwards, spray of emerald plinks; Dr. and Mrs. Miller and Miss Alston, bouquets of carnations; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Averill, sheath of wheat and carnations; Business Men of Sanford; standing wreath of lilies of valley, red and white roses; Mr. and Mrs. Lacombe, bouquet of plinks; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Allen, spray of calla lilies; Mr. J. C. Rankin, spray of pink roses and hooks; Mr. J. D. Libby and family, spray of calla lilies; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Chase, wreath of roses and plinks; Miss Paula Bagster, spray of roses; Miss Ethel Ruden, wreath of plinks, calla lilies and galax leaves; Mr. and Mrs. Christian Ebyers and Miss Alice Brearley, basket of plinks, roses and lilycuties; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leavitt, spray of carnations; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Brown, galax wreath and roses; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Averill, spray of plinks; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conist, galax wreath and roses; Mr. John Trafon, spray of carnations; Mr. and Mrs. John Rand, spray of carnations; Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, spray of roses and plinks; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shepard, spray of carnations; Ramazza

LID WAS ON TIGHT

All Stores Except Lunch Rooms and Restaurants were Closed.

COULDN'T GET SUNDAY PAPERS

Puritanical Sunday Under the Enforcement of Blue Laws—Druggists all Went out of Town.

While Sunday was probably the first day in the history of the town that all the stores, with the exception of the restaurants and lunch rooms, have been closed, it was not the quietest Sunday that can be remembered. From early morning there were many people on the streets ... some were riled, some were furious, and some went to church in peace.

If the stores had kept open an hour or so to sell the papers, but the dealers say that there was no exception in the order which they received.

The placards in the different windows were unique and caused a great deal of amusement in some quarters. On the door of Wood's drug store was a sign which read "Too bad, but we must close—today Sunday, per order board of selectmen. One prominent citizen who went to this store to get his Sunday paper wrote a note which he appended to the bottom of this sign with a couple of one-cent postage stamps, which read, "This is absolute; you mean cranks." At Brown's several cards greeted the eye. One said, "Gone fishing; will return Monday." Another, "You can't drink soda on Sunday; drink anything else you can get." Another, with a picture of several monkeys, said that monkeying was what had forced him to close all day Sunday.

At Springvale, L. B. Trafon's drug store had a number of different placards, reading as follows: "This town is locked up Saturday night and opened Monday morning by Selectmen." "We sell monkeys, and have to close all day Sunday by order of selectmen." "If you

In looking over our stock, we have found several articles that are

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ON MONDAY, MARCH 29

these articles will be placed in our windows, marked at prices that will please you.

25c Mirrors	9c	10c Toothpicks	5c
25c Hair Brushes	11c	10c Novels	4c
25c Lavative Quinine	5c	10c Post Card Albums	3c

Many other articles at the same low prices.

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The store that does not carry intoxicating liquors for any purpose.

Sanford, Maine

Photo: Springvale Public Library

the restaurants and lunchrooms, have been closed, it was not the quietest Sunday that can be remembered. From early morning there were many people on the streets ... some were riled, some were furious, and some went to church in peace.

One woman told the reporter she had never heard so much swearing as she did on the streets that Sunday. Interestingly, the main reason for the upset was that people could not get their Sunday papers because all the drugstores were closed. On the Saturday before the closing, the druggists held a meeting and determined they would close on Saturday night and not re-open until Monday morning. They collected the keys from their clerks so that no one could get into the stores, put up placards saying things like "gone fishing," and, in one case, draped a window in mourning.

Sunday newspapers were still shipped into town but then loaded into a wagon and brought to a local barn, where they were under guard all day. One of the druggists who usually sold a large number of papers was told by the publishers that unless the papers were sold the following Sunday, they would send representatives into town to sell them.

It is not clear why or how the Sanford Civic League was involved. The national Civic League was formed in 1894 in Philadelphia by Theodore Roosevelt, Louis Brandeis, Frederick Law Olmsted and others. Its goal

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

Notice of sale of foreclosed property

A tax lien mortgage held by the City of Sanford for unpaid real estate taxes on your former property located at 22 North Ave, referred to as Tax Map 128-Lot 120 was foreclosed on February 11, 2022. The City of Sanford now owns this property. You are receiving this notice because the City of Sanford intends to sell this property. Pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, the City of Sanford will list the property for sale with a real estate broker or agent for the highest reasonable price the property is anticipated to sell, and will convey the property via quitclaim deed to the successful buyer at the highest price at which the property is able to sell within 12 months after listing. Following the sale, the City of Sanford will pay to you, as the former owner, any excess sale proceeds, after deducting:

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was to advance civic engagement and improve city government, but there was no mention of Blue Laws. The Tribune reporter did note that the Sanford Civic League was willing to have Sunday papers sold, but wanted cigars, ice cream, soda, etc. to be under the ban.

A final interesting historical side note: In 1851, Maine became the first state to prohibit the sale of alcohol with the exception that "medicinal whiskey" could be sold in drugstores to treat everything from toothaches to the flu. With a physician's prescription, patients could legally buy a pint of hard liquor every 10 days. One doctor ordered "take three ounces every hour for stimulant until stimulated." There is no mention of this in the Tribune article, but one may wonder if some of the distressed citizens in 1909 were unhappy about something other than missing their Sunday newspaper.

Editor's note: This is the first in an occasional series on stories of interest from Sanford-Springvale history. ■

support services within the mental health unit.

In other business, the council reviewed and discussed municipal vehicles assigned to staff in various departments that may be taken home to be able to respond to situations and emergencies in their off hours. Typically, personal vehicles are to be used unless responding to an incident. However, Chief Small explained that for certain supervisory roles, the vehicles are sometimes used on personal errands to enable a prompt response to situations without having to return home to switch vehicles. He also shared the reason for not having some of them marked is due to expensive contents that could make the vehicles a target. Councilors agreed that managers of various departments should provide supervision of staff vehicles and follow personnel policies, but public perceptions are important. If citizens have concerns about the use of staff vehicles, they should contact the mayor or the appropriate department manager.

The full meeting can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/vh89p7d9> ■

and Farmfield Greenhouses. Also participating were mission-driven organizations such as Three Rivers Land Trust, Sanford Trails Committee, and York County Beekeepers Association. Native plant expert Shawn Jalbert gave two talks.

During the event, Salantri answered the question "will this be an annual event?" with a resounding "Yes!" She also fielded offers from new parties interested in being vendors and/or presenters at next year's event.

Proceeds from the event are going to support additional landscape plantings at the Gary Sullivan Staircase at Main Street Marketplace. Salantri has spearheaded the rejuvenation of plantings at both Main Street Marketplace and the Route 4/Route 109 roundabout through the Sanford/Springvale Beautification Program "working to beautify Sanford/Springvale one project at a time." This program has just been accepted under the fiscal sponsorship of Strategies for a Stronger Sanford, so anyone interested in making a donation can send it to SFSS at PO Box 958, Sanford, ME 04073 marked for the Beautification Program. ■

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

Notice of sale of foreclosed property

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

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**Public Hearing Notice
Tuesday, April 15, 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, Azul Agave Mexican Cuisine, 6 Lebanon Street, Sanford, Maine for a NEW Liquor License with Malt, Spirituous and Vinous, privileges.

The hearing will be conducted in person in the Sanford City Council Chambers and 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 may be submitted via email to info@sanfordmaine.org in favor or against the requested license.

TDD/TTY users may call local TTY number or 711. If you are physically unable to access any of the City's programs or services, please call Larisa Ricketts at (207) 324-9173 so that accommodations can be made.

REAL ESTATE Transactions

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



41 Theriault St (3/26 closing, listed below) Photo: Google

3/24, 9 Plaza Dr., 6-room Garrison, 3 bed/1.5 bath, laundry on first floor, hardwood floors throughout, breezeway, full unfinished basement, detached 2-car garage, patio, shed, fenced-in yard, in-ground pool, level lot, \$440,000

3/27, 40 Airport Rd., 4-room Ranch, 2 bed/1 bath, single wide manufactured home, open concept design, slab, shed, level lot, \$230,000

3/26, 41 Theriault St., 9-room Raised Ranch, 4 bed/3 bath, two bedrooms on first floor, updated kitchens and bathrooms, pantry, bonus room, hardwood floors on main floor, in-law suite with own entrance, post and beam construction, finished daylight basement, 4-car heated garage, shed, corner lot, \$440,000 (pictured left)

3/28, 2 Deborah Ave., 7-room Cape, 4 bed/2 bath, two bedrooms on first floor, sunroom, full unfinished basement, attached 2-car garage, patio, shed, corner lot, \$410,000 **3/28,**

173 River St., 9-room New Englander, 3 bed/1.5 bath, remodeled, two mudrooms, sunroom, built-ins, refinished hardwood floors throughout, attic, full unfinished basement, attached 1-car garage, deck, intown, corner lot, built in 1910, \$364,900 (pictured above)

3/28, 24 Berwick Rd., 4-room Ranch, 2 bed/1 bath, attic, full basement, deck, shed, fenced-in yard, intown, \$293,000

3/28, 16 Joy St., Springvale, 5-room Cape, 2 bed/1.5 bath, remodeled, built-ins, attic, full basement, attached 2-car garage, patio, intown, \$392,000

3/28, 170 Twombly Rd., 2-level Duplex, two rental units: 2 bed/1.5 bath each, unfinished basement, off-street parking, deck for each unit, shed, level lot, intown, \$439,000

3/28, 72 Grammar St., 5-room Ranch, 3 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, open concept living, full unfinished basement, two driveways, level lot, built in 2024, \$395,000 ■



173 River St. (3/28 closing, listed left) Photo: Google

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board of trustees had dwindled due to departures and terms limits. The last two members with experience, the vice chair and treasurer, are now leaving. The board began an active recruitment campaign and added 10 new members. According to the new board chair, Jordan Godin, to make up for the loss of institutional memory, the board intends to leverage the expertise of several longstanding patrons and board members with substantial nonprofit experience.

The library has also been without a director since the departure of Ann Thomas last October.

The board decided to hire a general manager for the interim until the move could be completed and a search conducted for a new director. Julie Norsworthy, who had been the board president, was selected for that role. According to Godin, at its March meeting, the board established a hiring committee to start a search for a new director and assistant director.

During budget workshops in March on the city appropriation for libraries, several city councilors

raised concerns about the situation at Goodall Library. These included the amount of fundraising the library had done, number of library users, board experience and governance, and expenditures. Godin says that the board is fully aware of these concerns and is committed to addressing them proactively. According to the library board's February minutes, a closed-door meeting with the city regarding the library building will take place but has not yet been scheduled.

Another challenge facing the library involves its endowment, which is made up of six separate funds.

The problem is that many of these funds are restricted in terms of what the library can withdraw. For example, the library receives only interest from the Reando Memorial Children's Fund of \$297,000. Two trusts managed by H.M. Payson are shared with other city entities, and the library receives 20% of that interest annually. The Thomas Goodall Trust restricts the library to a withdrawal of 5% of the principal each year. ■

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PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

Lucien Joseph Bouchard, 70, of Sanford, died Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at his home. A time of sharing was held at the Black, Heald and Walker Funeral Home, on Tuesday, April 1.

Joyce Rose Caron, 68, died peacefully at home on March 7, 2025, surrounded by her family. Joyce was born in Sanford on March 11, 1956, to Romeo and Claire Caron. Memorial services will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, April 22, at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green (47 Oak St., Alfred). Burial will follow at St. Ignatius Cemetery in Sanford.

Robert E. "Gene" Hall, 81, passed away on March 20, 2025, surrounded by family. Born in Somersworth, NH. A celebration of Gene's life will take place at Black-Heald Walker Funeral Home on Saturday, April 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. Family and friends are invited to share their stories and enjoy light fare in his memory.

Beverly A. Malpass, 98, of Springvale, died on Sunday, March 9, at the Lodges Care Center in Springvale. A graveside service will be held at 2 pm on Friday, May 9, at the Calvary Cemetery, 1461 Broadway in South Portland.

Steven Roberge was born on August 8, 1948, in Sanford. He peacefully passed away on Friday, March 21, 2025, at age 76 with his family at his side. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2 pm on Wednesday, May 7, at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. A Celebration of Life will follow from 3-6 pm at the V.F.W. Post #9935 in Sanford.

Ronald David Thibeault (T-Bo) passed peacefully on March 25, 2025, following complications from a rare spinal stroke. Visiting hours will be held from 10 am noon, on Saturday, April 5, at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green, 47 Oak St., Alfred. Following the visitation, the family invites you to a Celebration of Life at The Ridge, 49 Shaw's Ridge Rd., Sanford.

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

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Blue Heron reflecting on Number 2 Pond in Sanford Photo: Terry Jellerson

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