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Timber Ridge Farm in Saco is giving away a black German Shepherd puppy to a New England veteran.

## In memory of Uhdelle

Local dog breeder giving puppy to veteran

By LIZ GOTTHELF  
 Staff Writer

SACO — A local dog breeder is giving a black German Shepherd puppy to a New England veteran in memory of a beloved dog that died last year.

Uhdelle, a 5-year-old German Shepherd that was owned by dog trainer Doreen Metcalf of Timber Ridge Farm near the Buxton border of Saco, went missing the morning of Nov. 14, 2016, according to police. Her body was later found 30 miles away in Gray, where she had been struck by a car and killed.

While it wasn't unusual for Uhdelle to wander off, she always remained close to home and wore a tracking collar, said police.

Police said Uhdelle was taken away from the area by a car, according to information from her tracking collar.

The person who took Uhdelle tried to destroy her tracking collar by throwing it in the Saco River, according to Metcalf. Metcalf described Uhdelle on her website as a "beautiful, big-hearted, play-loving German Shepherd."

On Tuesday, a year after Uhdelle's death, Metcalf posted that in memory of Uhdelle, she is donating a black German Shepherd puppy to a veteran. The puppy, a female, will be ready for her new home, the weekend after Thanksgiving, wrote Metcalf.

"Time does not heal, but it does give perspective," wrote Metcalf. "We will donate one black puppy annually to a New England based veteran in honor of all the dogs who have fought for those they loved and in gratitude for all the people who have supported Doreen and Timber Ridge."

Veterans interested in applying can email justiceforuhdelle@gmail.com to schedule an interview and home visit.

Metcalf wrote that she is confident that one day, an arrest will be made in relation to Uhdelle's kidnapping.

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## New exhibit showcases Susan Paradis paintings at UNE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BIDDEFORD — An exhibition of oil and acrylic paintings by Susan Paradis, called "People, Places and Things" will be on display at the University of New England's Biddeford Campus Center through mid-January.

Paradis has illustrated more than 20 books for children, four of which she authored. She was chosen as one of five American artists to participate in a three-year national tour

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# Former Massachusetts priest faces 31 more sex charges

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ALFRED — A former Massachusetts priest is now facing 31 total charges of gross sexual misconduct in relation to alleged acts with minors.

Ronald Paquin, 75, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, was indicted in February at York County Superior Court on 13 counts of gross sexual misconduct, class A, and 16 counts of gross sexual misconduct, class B.

Paquin was indicted last week on two additional charges of gross sexual misconduct, class A.

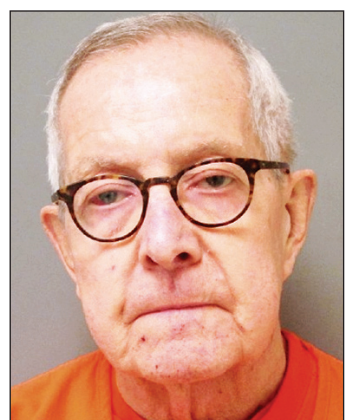
An indictment is not a finding of guilt, but

a determination that enough evidence exists to prosecute.

Kennebunkport Police Chief Craig Sanford said in a February press release that alleged criminal acts by Paquin took place in the late 1980s at seasonal locations in Kennebunkport.

A report from The Associated Press says that in 2002 Paquin pleaded guilty to raping an altar boy and he was released from prison for that crime in 2015.

A former Roman Catholic Priest, Paquin was defrocked in 2004, according to the AP.



Ronald Paquin



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First-grader Peter Graffam, 6, receives a science lesson from UNE sophomore Anna Stowell as his mother, Jessica Chaples-Graffam watches during Family Science Night at Biddeford Primary School on Tuesday night. Through an experiment, Stowell taught Graffam about water surface tension.

## Student teachers lead science night at Biddeford Primary School

By ED PIERCE  
 Executive Editor

BIDDEFORD — It's no secret that investing in knowledge pays the best dividends and student teachers at the University of New England found that out first hand when they conceived and led a Family Science Night at Biddeford Primary School on Tuesday evening.

UNE and the Biddeford School Department have a working relationship in training new teachers and events like the Family Science Night not only benefit student teachers by giving them practical experience in interacting with school-age children, it also provides Biddeford students with one-on-one time with future teachers and helps keep them engaged with the curriculum and

motivated to learn.

Krysten Gorrivan, a Biddeford Primary School second-grade teacher on sabbatical this year, is working as a Teacher Educator Fellow at UNE and teaching three classes in the education department to pre-service teachers while

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## Sanford solar project plans to generate power in 2019

By TAMMY WELLS  
 Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — With the sign-offs in recent days by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Defense, a 50-megawatt solar array proposed by NextEra Energy at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport is now two steps closer to beginning construction.

The company plans to submit their final application for environmental permitting to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection soon, and if all goes well, that will be followed by the city permitting process. Once those permits are in hand, installation of the estimated

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Participants attending an Open House event at Southern Maine Aviation at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport on Tuesday checked out plans for NextEra's \$69 million solar farm.

### Sanford Police Log

SANFORD — The following people were arrested or issued summonses by Sanford Police Nov. 10 to 14:

- Candice L. Staples, 156 Lebanon Road, North Berwick, was issued a summons charging shoplifting theft on Main Street Nov. 10.
- Michael Martin, 334 Back Road, Shapleigh, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence and criminal mischief Nov. 10 on Main Street.
- Alicia M. Chapman, 27, 46 High St., Apt. C, was issued a summons charging assault on High Street Nov. 10. As well, Sean Romney, 29, of the same address was issued a summons charging theft by unauthorized taking or transfer.
- Michael Austin, 57, 16 Briggs St., was arrested and charged with domestic violence assault on Briggs Street on Nov. 10.
- Michael Huff, 53, 15 Payne St., Apt. A, was issued a summons Nov. 11 charging violations of conditions of release. As well, Betty L. Bowman, 52, of the same address

was issued a summons charging assault, all on Payne Street.

- Steven L. Murtinger, 41, 80 Pleasant St., was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, failure to obtain a driver's license, unlawful possession of a scheduled drug and on a warrant Nov. 12 at the intersection of Laurel and Brook streets. As well, Julie Murtinger was issued summonses charging she permitted unlawful use, operating after suspension, and possession of a suspended or fictitious license.
- Caileen A. Murtagh, 47, 144 Twombly Road, was arrested and charged with domestic violence assault on Twombly Road on Nov. 13.
- Dilan Sanborn, 18, 20 Bodwell St., Apt. A, was issued a summons charging he drove on a suspended registration Nov. 14 at the intersection of Bodwell and Pioneer Avenue.
- Mark Nolet, 28, 9 Emery St., Apt. B, was arrested and charged with driving without a license Nov. 14 on Pioneer Avenue.

#### Solar Project

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200,000 solar panels on city-owned land at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport will begin in 2018.

NextEra Energy Resources solar development project director for New England, Aaron Svedlow, said the company hopes to be up and running, generating power — for which the company already has sales agreements — sometime in 2019.

He estimated the cost of the Sanford project at \$69 million.

Sanford residents and some from the surrounding area stopped by Southern Maine Aviation's hangar at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport on Tuesday evening to talk to NextEra Energy Resources personnel about the project. The open house event served two purposes — to chat with local residents and to meet a requirement set forth by the permitting process.

Project Manager Liz Peyton said the company has been conducting wildlife surveys for the past couple of years, and engaged with Island Fisheries & Wildlife as part of their environmental permitting process.

Sanford City Manager Steve Buck

in his Tuesday report to the Sanford City Council said that the project completely avoids wetlands and vernal pools.

According to its website, NextEra is a competitive wholesale power generator — not a public utility. The company operates a number of facilities, totaling more than 19,970 net megawatts, from power plants in 29 states and Canada, the website stated. The power is sold to companies and businesses including utilities, retail electricity providers, power cooperatives, municipal electric providers and large industrial customers.

"The lingering approvals have been contingent upon addressing the 'Species of Special Concern' that are present on or around the airport property to include sleepy dusky-winged moths, grasshopper sparrows, black racer snakes, bland turtles and others," Buck wrote.

The sign-off by the Department of Defense was necessary, NextEra officials as the property was used by the U.S. navy during World War II.

The project was first proposed by Ranger Solar, which was purchased by NextEra earlier this year.

NextEra Energy Resources, based in Florida, says in its online literature that 95 percent of its electricity comes from clean or renewable resources including wind, solar, gas and nuclear — the company owns the nearby Seabrook Station nuclear facility in New Hampshire.

NextEra is leasing an estimated 450 city-owned acres at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport, land for a substation near Cyro Drive and some additional privately-owned land near Route 4.

The Sanford project is one of four either before the DEP for permitting or is expected to be by the end of the year. The three others are a 75 megawatt solar project in Farmington, and 20 megawatt projects in Clinton and Fairfield, said Svedlow.

City officials say the project will generate about \$1.3 million annually in taxes and more — when the project is operational, land lease payments will enable the airport to become financially self-sufficient.

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### Science Night

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sharing her expertise with future educators.

Gorrivan said that the Family Science Night was a direct result of a project that UNE students were doing in her Teaching Elementary Science Course, geared for teaching children in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

"The UNE students partnered up to collaborate in presenting a lesson and experiment to students in Kindergarten through fifth grade," she said. "The Biddeford School Department has established a commitment toward STEM education and this correlated with those goals."

According to Gorrivan, UNE students agreed before the event that she would be looking for professionalism, preparedness, presentation, and student engagement from them at the Family Science Night.

"I feel that they surpassed any and all expectations I had," she said. "They were so engaged with the students, and even parents were giving the feedback that they learned something from the UNE students."

She said that when the families had left and everyone was cleaning up, she gathered the students and told them that she couldn't be more proud of the impact they left on families that attended the event.

"They were all glowing with pride because of the effort they put in and the result of the interactions with the students and families," Gorrivan said.

Kristen Vandissel is a graduate student at UNE working toward obtaining a master's degree in education. She participated in the Family Science Night and helped guide children through

a fun experiment called Marshmallow Shooters.

"The purpose of this experiment is to teach the kids about force in motion," Vandissel said.

She said that she wants to become a teacher because she enjoys connecting with students and passing on knowledge to them.

"It's very rewarding to watch children grow and have that 'aha moment' when they understand something for the first time," Vandissel said.

Ernie Dore has three kids who are students at Biddeford Primary School and said he was happy to bring his children to the Family Science Night and watch them having fun while learning about science.

"I like that these are hands-on activities," he said. "Even I learned something new tonight and that is that slime is both a solid and a liquid. I didn't know that before."

Gorrivan said that UNE students knew from the beginning of her course at UNE that this Family Science Night would be a part of the course expectation.

"Through the course we have learned about engagement in science activities and the inquiry-based format for a science lesson plan," she said. "They worked on these presentations for about two weeks with time in class and meeting with partners on their own time. Much of what they did was based on the learning objectives of their lesson plans and what they wanted the children to walk away remembering."

There were 24 UNE student teachers attending the event and several Biddeford Primary School teachers also on hand. Each student teacher only had about 10 minutes with each group so they understood that they needed

to make an impact quickly.

"We wanted the children to be able to see as many of the 12 stations as possible in order to learn as much as they could," Gorrivan said.

As a mentor, Gorrivan said there were a few things she wanted her UNE students to learn through participating in the Family Science Night.

"I want them to see how important it is to be creative with their planning in order to motivate and engage their students to learn. Science and Social Studies are two subjects that really catch those students that otherwise feel disconnected and uninterested in school and in their education," she said. "We teachers need to embrace these content areas and make learning fun for the students."

"One parent said to me last night 'They are learning so much and they don't even know it because they are having fun.' In this time of data and testing in education, teachers can feel that their independence and creativity can be stifled," Gorrivan said.

"We need to use these content areas to hook these students and deepen their love of learning while they are having fun. They can become lifelong learners because of an amazing science lesson. This is what I want my UNE students to walk away with."

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