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Longtime York County Fire Chief remembered

RAY PARENT:
A friend, father and mentor

In June 2002 there was a structure fire on Drake's Island in Wells, in a spot where older summer cottages are pressed close together on tiny streets and lanes.

Standing on the sidelines, watching the scene as Wells firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze was Sanford Fire Chief Raymond "Ray" Parent.

"This is my classroom," he said. At that time, Parent had been a firefighter for 38 years, but he knew there was more to learn, always. "The more I see, the better I can perform," he said that day. "I'm watching serious conditions as they occur."

Parent, 80, who had retired from the fire service in early 2011, died at his home in Sanford on April 10.

He has been described by those who knew him as a family man, as a mentor to both new and



Longtime Biddeford, and then Sanford Fire Chief Raymond Parent. COURTESY PHOTO

seasoned firefighters; possessed of a keen knowledge of human behavior, a sense of humor – a man with integrity, and with a no-non-

sense manner when that was what was needed.

Parent served as fire chief in
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Renovated York County Commission space, upgraded AV, increases public accessibility

County residents attending York County Commissioners meetings in person or online can better see and hear what is being discussed in a larger, more welcoming space, county officials say.

The old commissioners meeting room at the York County Government building at 149 Jordan Springs Road (Route 4) in Alfred has been enlarged, refurbished and sports a new audio visual system.

The government building was once York County Jail. Portions of the building have been renovated over time – but the commissioners meeting room, once the former jail gym and kitchen area, hadn't seen any improvement since 2012, when a hot air heating system and LED lights were

installed, said York County Manager Greg Zinser.

York County Commission Chairman Richard Dutremble said the new space and enhanced audio makes attending in person or online better and more inviting for the public.

"It brings out the atmosphere – that people can contribute," he said.

"I feel it increases the accessibility of our meetings for those tuning in remotely and those testifying through a hybrid system," said Commissioner Justin Chenette. "As well, it's easier to hear commissioners and engage with members of the public."

Zinser said the project stemmed from the COVID pan-

demic, when it became apparent the space in use was inadequate.

"It was very important to the commissioners to continue meeting in person," during the pandemic, said Zinser, which presented logistical challenges. While the room was large enough for commissioners and a few staff members, he noted the public was largely restricted from attending in person, given the COVID regulations at the time. As well, with the county emergency management agency also housed in the building and in full response mode, there was no larger space available.

"The renovation of this room alleviates these issues now and
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Most Mainers getting tax relief with filing extension



Individuals and businesses in York County (and many other Maine counties) now have until July 15, 2024 to file both their federal and state taxes, due to the disastrous storms and flooding that began on Jan. 9.

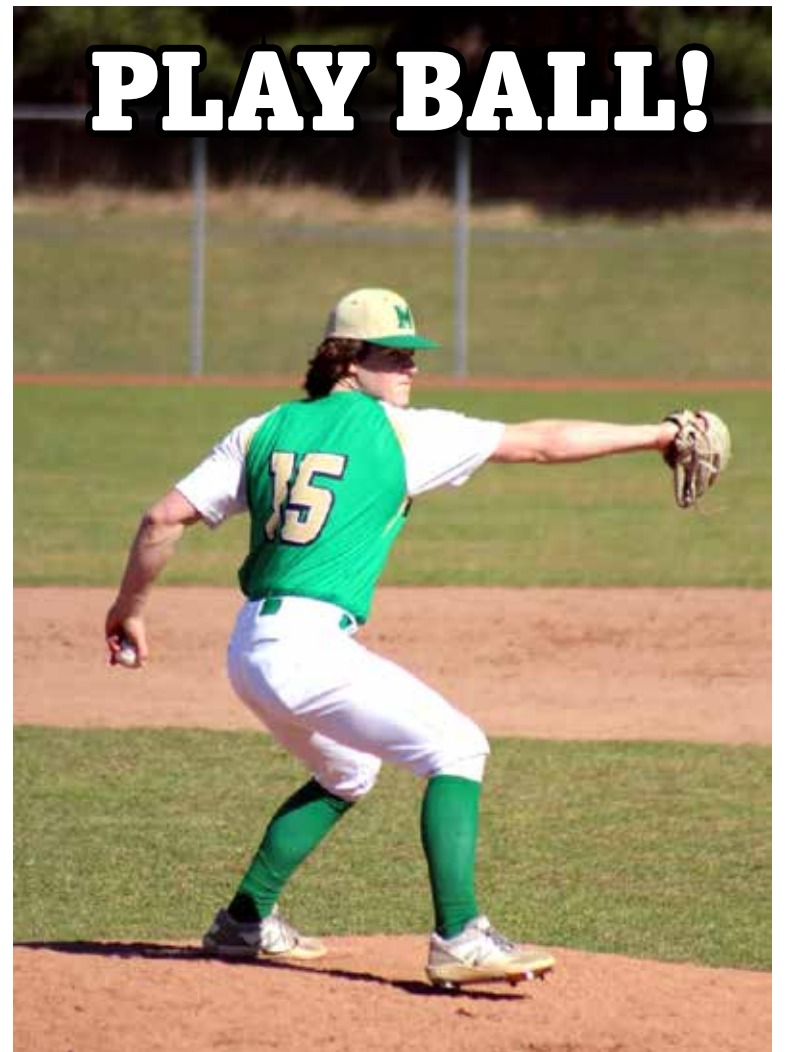
An April 4 tax relief announcement from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has all of the details and can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-maine-taxpayers-impacted-by-severe-storms-flooding-qualify-for-tax-relief-various-deadlines-postponed-to-july-15>

An April 9 announcement from the Maine Department of Administration and Financial Services

stated that the Maine Revenue Service would match the recent IRS federal tax extension deadline, and can be found at: <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/news/maine-extends-state-filing-deadline-fema-identified-counties-impacted-january-storms-through>

According to maine.gov, any related penalties and interest will be abated through July 15, 2024. Affected taxpayers are encouraged to file electronically, and taxpayers filing paper returns should write "MAINE FLOODING" across the top of their return. Affected taxpayers are encouraged to make payments and file if they are able and prepared to do so before July 15, 2024.

Taxpayers with questions about special federal tax relief associated with federally declared disaster areas should contact the IRS at (866) 562-5227 or go to the IRS website at www.irs.gov.



PLAY BALL!

Massabesic's Brady Batson delivers a pitch during a preseason game against Bangor. (See Page 5 for more baseball coverage.) PHOTO BY SHANNON BATSON

NEW EVERY THURSDAY!
LOCAL news, events and faces from your LOCAL community.



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The Original's present "A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED" BY AGATHA CHRISTIE at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, April 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. and April 21 and 28 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org.

When an announcement in the local paper states that a murder is to be committed at Miss Letitia Blacklock's home, Little Paddocks, that same evening at 6:30 pm, the household is sent into a frenzy. Soon neighbors come calling to see what the fuss is all about and the entire village is pulled into the danger that awaits. Who is to be murdered? And by whom? Is everyone in the village exactly who they say they are? Might some of them have ulterior motives? Luckily, Agatha Christie's plucky busybody of a detective, Miss Jane Marple is on hand to provide the solution -- but perhaps not without great risk to herself!

Featuring Jennifer Porter, Dawn Tucker, Dana Packard, Karen Ball, Elisabeth Hardcas-

Community CALENDAR

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tle, Gerald Davis, Amanda Painter, Josh Brassard, Megan Cross, Kat Moraros, Zack Handlen, and Thomas C. Vail, "A Murder Is Announced" will keep you guessing until the very end!

LION'S CLUB TURKEY DINNER The Acton Shapleigh Lions Club will hold a turkey dinner on Saturday, April 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Shapleigh Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Rd. Cost is \$10 and includes turkey, gravy, stuffing, squash, peas, real mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, and a delicious dessert. You may pick your drink: milk, chocolate milk, decaf, or regular coffee, tea, or water.

ST. MATTHEW'S BEAN SUPPER The Knights of Columbus will hold a Bean Supper in the parish hall at 19 Dora Lane, Limerick, on Saturday, April 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. The menu includes two types of baked beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, assorted casseroles, bread, drinks and dessert. Adults pay \$12, Children ages 6 to 12 pay \$6, Children ages 5 and under eat free, and a Family pays \$30.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER April 20 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Goodwins Mills Advent Christian Church, 503 Goodwins Mills,

Route 35. Menu is American Chop Suey, green beans, rolls, cookies and beverages.

Newfield Historical Society presents **SNAPSHOTS INTO THE PAST** Sunday, April 21, at 2 p.m., the Newfield Historical Society, 64 Elm Street, will present *Newfield - A Snapshot into the Past*. This will be presented by Gloria Gerry-Dyer and Peter Stickney.

DELICIOUS HADDOCK SUPPER BUFFET Saturday, April 27 at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

The Arundel Historical Society will be hosting a **BAKED BEAN AND PASTA SUPPER** on Saturday, April 27 at the M.L. Day School Gym from 4:30 to 6 p.m. located at 600 Limerick Road, Arundel. There will be Baked Beans (2 kinds), Mac-n-cheese, American Chop Suey, Hot Dogs, Cole slaw, Cornbread/Rolls, Drinks and coffee and Homemade desserts. Takeout is available. Suggested donations are Adults \$10, Kids 6-10 yrs- \$5, Children 5 and under free. There will be historical displays,

membership info, Spring Raffle, and merchandise available. This is to benefit the Arundel Historical Society and all are welcome.

SHAPLEIGH'S 3RD ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be the morning of Saturday, April 27. Gather family and friends to help clean up your road and meet at the Shapleigh Commons at noon for some sweet treats. The cleanup is sponsored by the Shapleigh Conservation Committee.

13TH ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON FOR VETERANS Sponsored by Rolling Thunder®, Inc Chapter 1 Maine, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bowl-A-Rama, Main Street, Sanford. We're looking for teams and sponsors. All proceeds will benefit local veterans and their families. Teams can bowl for 1-6 hours. Challenge your friends, family and coworkers. Raffles and 50/50, hourly door prize drawings. Trophies will be presented and teams can enjoy free pizza while it lasts following the bowl-a-thon. Pre-Registration suggested, but not required. \$10.00 per person. Registration fee covers bowling and shoe rental. To register or more information contact Bonnie 207-324-0636

The Friends of ParSem will hold their **PRE BLACK FLY YARD, BOOK AND BAKE SALE** Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain date Sunday, May 5. The location is route 160 (504) North Rd. Parsonsfield. All proceeds go for the restoration of the buildings on the campus, including the Blazo School.

CD RELEASE PARTY: JENNIFER PORTER "YES, I DO!" at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org.

VAUDEVILLE AT SRT: JANOAH BAILIN IN MESSES at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, Sunday May 12 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children 5 to 18, children under 5 free at www.sacorivertheatre.org.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! York County Shelter Programs is accepting applications for the craft fair at the Shaker Hill Apple Fest, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 & 22. The fair is juried. FMI, or for an application, contact Bonnie Leslie at bleslie@ycspi.org or (207) 324-1137, ext. 109.

BEAN SUPPER Massabesic Lions monthly dine-in or take-out the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Regional Medical Center, 813 Main St. Waterboro. Adults \$10. Children 5 to 12 are \$7, kids 4 and under are free. Kidney and Pea Beans, Chop Suey, Ham, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, "Our homemade" biscuits and a variety of desserts.

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RAY PARENT

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York County's two largest communities. He began his career in Biddeford, where he rose through the ranks to serve as deputy chief for eight years and chief for 13, retiring in 1994 after 30 years with the department. He sold fire trucks for a couple of years and then became fire chief in Sanford in 1996, retiring in early 2011.

Along the way he served a stint as interim Town Manager in Sanford and as director of Sanford Regional Communications for a time. He later served as interim fire and rescue chief in Lebanon.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Parent was a driving force behind the years-long effort to see Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, located in Springvale, come to fruition. The cemetery was officially dedicated on Aug. 24, 2010.

He had served as president of the Maine Fire Chief's Association and was long involved with the York County Chief's Association and had served as its president.

It was during his tenure as fire chief in Biddeford in 1989 when the city broke ground on a new, sorely needed fire station that had been discussed for a decade before coming to fruition.

He was named Maine Fire Chief of the Year in 2005. "What I like about Ray is that he's a straight shooter and a hard worker," said Mark Green, Sanford's Town Manager, at the announcement that year.

Parent got started in the fire service at the urging of his mother, Arline. He was 21 years old and had completed a four-year hitch in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Key West, Florida, where, he said, part of his job as a radio operator was to relay lengthy speeches by Fidel Castro to officials in the US government by teletype during the Cuban missile crisis.

Parent came home to Biddeford and was driving a cement truck when his mother convinced him to apply for a job as a firefighter in his hometown.

He had an interview, but the telephone did not ring – until one morning when an irate Biddeford fire commissioner called and asked why Parent hadn't shown up for work the previous day.

The fire commissioner told him "You'd better be there today," he recalled in a 2003 interview.

He made sure he went to work. Parent also made sure he came home to the love of his life, wife Priscille, and their children.

In a conversation some time ago, Parent spoke of Priscille – they met when she was 15 and he was 16 – and their first dance together in the ballroom on the Old Orchard Beach Pier, where the big bands were playing. It was love, a long-lasting love.

Daughter Noreen and son Eric recall their parents telling them that when they were courting, Ray didn't have a car, and so he would

run to Old Orchard Beach, where Priscille lived, to spend time with her.

His counsel was valuable to other firefighters.

"Ray was not only a friend, but a mentor," said Waterboro Fire Chief Matt Bors, who was new to the position when he met Parent.

He said Parent convinced him to become involved in the Maine Fire Chief's Association and later, the New England Chief's Association.

"These were all great opportunities for me in my new role," said Bors. "Our conversations were broad, but I realized quickly that I should listen and learn. Chief Parent was honest, fair, and maintained a high level of integrity."

Peter Cutrer, hired by Parent as the Sanford department's fire marshal in the mid-2000s, concurs.

"He was a mentor to me and so many others," said Cutrer, now a fire instructor. "My favorite teaching point from him was 'honesty and integrity equals credibility. If you lose one of the first two, you lose the most important one, number three.'"

"Ray was quite a person, he had his opinions and people had opposing opinions and often Ray was more correct in the long run," said Jeff Rowe, who served as Parent's assistant chief in Sanford and became chief there when Parent retired. Rowe retired a couple of years ago from his job as Kennebunk's fire chief. "He impacted a lot of young people and older people in the fire service. He provided a lot of people with a lot of opportunity, and I am certainly one of them."

Retired Biddeford Fire Chief Raymond Gagne recalled that he and Parent were hired at the same time, and later, Gagne served as Parent's deputy chief, taking on the role of chief when Parent retired.

"He loved the job," said Gagne. He recalled that during the oil crunch in the 1970s, when people turned to woodstoves to heat their homes, Parent educated himself on the proper way to install and maintain them and then set about to educate others in Maine and beyond.

Gagne said he and Parent had

a telephone conversation a few weeks ago.

They talked about old times – like when the Biddeford Fire Department organized a drum and bugle corps that took part in several parades – and he taught Parent how to play the drums.

And they talked about fires. "We had bad times and good times, we saw a lot," Gagne said.

"Chief Parent was a pioneer in the fire service in Maine and a true legend in his own right," said York County Fire Administrator Roger Hooper.

Parent was predeceased by his beloved Priscille in 2019, by his parents Albert and Arline Parent, an infant son Rodney and sisters Yvette Sylvester and Nancy Neault, according to his obituary.

He is survived by his treasured children and their families, his siblings and others: daughter, Noreen Parent, of Sanford; son, Eric Parent, and his wife, Marie, of Hollis; grandchildren, John-Paul Parent of Utah, and Zhanae Parent of Limerick; great-grandchildren Boston Parent and Rylee Parent; his sister Claire Ouellette of Florida, sister Elaine Corbeil and her husband Roland, of Florida, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Eric remembers Red Sox games and Bruins games and in later years, the family bringing their motorcycles and camper to Loudon, New Hampshire at race time and touring the countryside together. Retired after 30 years in the military, Eric moved back to Maine a decade ago and father and son drew closer.

Growing up, he recalled his father working two jobs. "He was dedicated to what he was doing and to his family," he said.

"My Dad was a humble man," said his daughter Noreen, "Everything was family."

She and Eric noted her family also had an "open door" policy and those needing an ear would often come and talk with Parent, and there were times those conversations stretched into hours.

"He never turned anyone away," she said.

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government (See obituary on Page 7.)

SPRINGVALE

Springvale Library Annual Auction

It's that time of year again! Springvale Library, 443 Main St., is holding its 4th Annual Online Auction. The Auction is a major fundraiser for the library and has always been successful. There are over 197 items worth \$18,500 donated to the library for bidding.

To participate, go online to Springvale Library at springvalelibrary.org and click on auction. Go to the registration page and register your name and information to be part of the auction, then go to the auction catalog and peruse all the items for bid. The auction begins on April 22 and runs until April 28, and during that time, you can bid on any of the items. If you are outbid, a notice or pop-up on your phone or computer will tell you the new bid and give you the opportunity to bid a little higher. From now until April 28, you can also preview the items in person at the library's Community Room. Winning auction items can be picked up at the library on April 29th.

This year, some items include a Black & Decker drill, a two-person tent, many gift cards to different institutions and restaurants around the area, artwork, books by Maine authors, furniture, charcuterie boards, quilts, crafts, jewelry, and more.

– By Joanne Bargioni

WATERBORO

Free brush dumping

The town is offering free brush dumping through the end of May at the Waterboro Transfer Station for Waterboro residents only. Fees will still apply for contractors and residents of the Town of Hollis. The transfer station is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 132 Bennett Hill Road in East Waterboro.

The cost for a dump sticker is \$10 for the first, and \$6 for any additional stickers within the same household. Beginning July 1, 2024 stickers will be increasing to \$20 for the first, and \$10 for any additional stickers within the same household. Residents who are 65 or older will pay a rate of \$10 per sticker. All commercial haulers are required to purchase a Commercial Hauler Permit.

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**TOWN OF ALFRED
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Monday, May 6, 2024, 6:30 pm
at Alfred Town Hall, 16 Saco Road, Alfred**

The Alfred Planning Board will continue to review the County of York's Land Use Permit Applications outlined below to determine if the proposed land use or activity will conform to all applicable provisions of Alfred Code §160-149 and other applicable codes or ordinances of the Town:

**• Construction of a First Responder
Training Center**

Layman Way, Alfred; Tax Map 4, Lots 3 and 3M
(Application complete 9/18/23; public hearing 11/27/23;
review started 1/8/24)

**• Construction of a Regional Substance Abuse
Recovery Center**

Layman Way, Alfred; Tax Map 4, Lots 3 and 3M
(Application complete 10/23/23; public hearing 11/27/23;
review started 1/8/24)

**TOWN OF LEBANON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10:00 am

Lebanon Elementary School Gymnasium
65 Upper Guinea Road, Lebanon, ME

**A Public Hearing to review the
Warrant/ Referendum Items:**

- Shall an ordinance entitled 'Floodplain Management Ordinance' be enacted?
- Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to adopt the changes made to the 'Lebanon Shoreland Zoning Ordinance' adopted 1993, amended June/2024?
- Shall the Town of Lebanon vote to amend the 'Lot Size Ordinance 2017'?
- Shall the Town of Lebanon amend the 'Maine Uniform Build and Energy Code Administrative Ordinance'?
- Shall the Town of Lebanon amend the 'Site Plan Review Ordinance'?

For the Annual Town Meeting/Election on June 11, 2024
Copies of the Warrant/Referendum Items available at Town Office

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OPINION

PART 4 of 5

Understanding how information is processed for understanding, for memory, and for application is imperative. The five articles in this series review research-based understandings that can support many interactions.

NEURO-MOVE #4: Emotion

The sorting hat: Is there a ‘Slytherin’ of Neuroscience that applies to education

Unpacking Emotion

Can YOU Relate to this situation? You spot the mother of a student heading your way. Instantly, prevailing emotions of past interactions flood your mind. Anticipation comes with each approaching step. You feel a dominant emotion emanating from prior interactions with this parent. Frequent... and common.

Now think of one of YOUR students. Notice what germinates in your mind. The sum-total of interactions constructs emotions. These undertones range from pleasure to anxiety and more. They in-

fluence our disposition. Keep this in mind as you read on.

We are all familiar with emotions. Often we refer to them as happy, sad, fearful, angry, frustrated, and even surprised. Emotional “tags” are NOT commentaries of “the kids love this” or “they really enjoy that.” Subtle differences between how kids react and that which powerfully impacts learning are pivotal. Surface emotions often evolve to complacency, rejection, fear, or disenfranchisement without a sense of meaning or purpose is missing.

“Emotional Tags” for learning

YOUR student has topics and interests personally “tagged” as meaningful to them. Everyone has them. Emotional tags refer to high interest meaning-based material that instills emotional connections for the learner. Connecting with constructive emotions shifts disposition more effectively than punitive alternatives.

Emotions are real and “earned.” When harnessed, these “tags” bolster attention. Untethered, they resist or block processing. Social-emotional programs seldom address an individual’s personal tags or dominant emotions. Individuals benefit from personal meaning in conjunction with learning more than being coached about feelings.

Dominant emotions

YOUR student also has “dominant” emotions about subjects, situations and even school in general. Dominant does not mean strong or dominating. Dominant is the aggregate of circumstances over time. Experiences create a backdrop that influences perceptions, cues interest, and the likeliness of certain responses. Early in schooling students establish dominant emotions with respect to risk taking or engagement in learning activities. Juxtaposed with peers each develops mindsets regarding their role at school. Some withdraw from participating, fearing negative attention. Unproductive emotions can prevail. Attendance, grades, and homework often become battlegrounds.

Neurobiologist Dr. Patrick Levitt states, “Emotion IS learning... period!” The mental conclusion of not important suggests little meaning is indicated (Levitt 2010). That which has only minimal impact on personal meaning for learners can, by definition, have no significant emotional basis for retention. For too many, the dominant emotion that accompanies learning is not helpful.

– By educators Dr. Robert K. Greenleaf of Newfield and Elaine M. Millen, M.Ed. C.A.G.S.



Earth Day is April 22

Make Earth Day matter with Maine Audubon

The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970, the brainchild of Gaylord Nelson, a senator from Wisconsin. He wanted to “get the nation to wake up and pay attention to the most important challenge the human species faces on the planet.” Designed as a day to sponsor “teach-ins” at college campuses across the nation, more than 20 million people gathered at colleges, schools, and communities to show their concern for the environment. Lawmakers were given notice: the people wanted clean water, clean air, protection for endangered species, and more. By December of that year, Congress had created the Environmental Protection Agency.

Now, more than 50 years since Earth Day began, it feels more urgent than ever to pay attention. One lesson from Earth Day is that everyone’s actions count, no matter how large or how small, and that our strength lies in collective action. Here at Maine Audubon, (though we think every day is Earth Day) we’ll be celebrating and we invite you to join us.

FALMOUTH (Greater Portland): Earth Day Event Gilsland Farm Audubon Center

Join us on Earth Day weekend for a special Play Me a Story program from Portland Stage! Enjoy a performance of specially-curated Earth Day themed children’s stories followed by an interactive acting workshop with Portland Stage’s Education Artists and Maine Audubon educators. Saturday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; \$15 per child with accompanying adult, and \$8 for each additional child, best suited for ages 4-10.

SCARBOROUGH: Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center

Join us for this spring Earth Day tradition. We will gather at the Nature Center, 92 Pine Point Road, Scarborough, for a cleanup of the marsh and beaches. There will be refreshments, displays, and information on how you can be a better steward to this beautiful part of the earth. We’ll supply all you need to help pick up trash and debris. This event is also sponsored by, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Scarborough community. We will also be collecting food for Project GRACE. Groups are welcome. Registration is helpful but not required. Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

For more info on these events and more, visit <https://maineaudubon.org/news/make-earth-day-matter-with-maine-audubon/>

– By Maine Audubon Staff

Town of Acton Job Opening - Treasurer

The Town of Acton is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Treasurer. This is an salaried position of 26 hr a week, with an additional 10 hours available performing other miscellaneous office work as an Administrative Assistant. The Town of Acton Personnel are on a 4 day work schedule, set as T, W, and F from 8:00am - 5:00pm and Thursday from 10:00am - 7:00pm. Work is performed under the direction of the Town Administrator/Select Board with independence of action in accordance with applicable laws and following accepted accounting practices. The ideal candidate will have strong math and computer skills as well as an accounting background. The Town of Acton offers competitive pay, benefits that include, 85% paid health insurance, longevity, paid time off, retirement and more.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Reconciling daily deposits, deposits to bank and check scanning via RDC software
- Creating bank transfers as needed
- Collecting and processing revenue from various departments
- Preparing weekly payroll and accounts payable warrants, uploading ACH files for direct deposit, uploading check register for handwritten checks for Positive Pay @ bank, reconciling deductions
- Posting daily work and creating adjusting journal entries as needed.
- Filing Quarterly returns for Federal and State income tax withholding
- Filing Quarterly unemployment reports with MMA
- Creating W4 and 1099 for employees and vendors annually
- Schedule annual audit and scan and upload to the auditing firm all relevant information to complete the audit
- Reconcile Ambulance Billing Service Balances monthly
 - Workers Comp Insurance Administrator
 - Property/Casualty Insurance Administrator
 - Unemployment Insurance Administrator
 - Health Insurance Administrator
- Maine Public Employees Retirement System Administrator- monthly reporting to MEPERS
 - Prepare annual budget
- Create RFP’s for banking, loan, and audit services
- Administer “new hire” information and communicate with Maine DOL for new hire notifications
- Assisting Select Board with the annual Tax Commitment
- Tax Liens, discharge paid liens with the registry, send 45 day notices during the automatic foreclosure process
 - Supporting the budget process
 - Other duties as assigned

Interested candidates should mail a complete resumé to:

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Or Email - With PDF Attachments to jroux@actonmaine.org

Applications submitted by May 1, 2024 will be given priority, but applications will be accepted until the right candidate is found.

Town of Acton Public Notice April 24, 2024 – 6:00PM

The Board of Selectmen will be conducting a public hearing to consider the application of a liquor license renewal request for BARN LIGHTS – 189 HOPPER ROAD.

The Public is Encouraged to Attend.

Questions or comments, which will be read aloud that evening, can be emailed in advance, to jroux@actonmaine.org.



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SPORTS

By **MIKE DEANGELIS**
Sports Editor

BASEBALL

Scots top Mustangs

Trevor Nevells pitched a complete game and Bonny Eagle scored five first-inning runs to help lift them to a 6-0 win over host Massabesic on opening day for varsity baseball, Wednesday, April 17.

The Scots were assisted in the top of the first by four errors from the Mustangs. Jaden Dougherty picked up an RBI on fielder's choice grounder and Aiden Toy's groundout knocked in a run to

quickly make it 4-0. Bonny Eagle added another run to close the first ahead 5-0.

Nevells was in control from the start. He gave up his only two hits in the fifth, walked no one and fanned three. The diminutive righty threw just 76 pitches-53 for strikes. Toy picked up his second RBI with another groundout in the fifth, plating Dougherty. Drew Larrivierre and Canaan Wood had both went 2-4 with a run scored.

Spartans lose in extras

South Portland scored twice in the top of the eighth to help them top host Sanford 6-4 in a back-and-forth extra innings affair on

Wednesday, April 17.

The Spartans tied it at 4-4 with a run in the bottom of the seventh, forcing extra frames. Brady Adams singled to open the inning. Tyler Sevigny followed with a single to center that scored Adams thanks to an error. Sevigny moved to third after an infield out but was left stranded. The Red Riots plated two runs (unearned) in the top of the eighth to go ahead 6-4 and effectively seal the win despite the Spartans loading the bases in the bottom half.

South Portland scored twice in the top of the first, but the Spartans tied it in the bottom of the second. Sanford went ahead 3-2

with a single run in the third then the Red Riots plated two to go up 4-3 and set the stage for the bottom of the seventh.

Sevigny (2RBI), Ben Gill (4IP, 2ER) and Cayden Gendron each had two hits for Sanford. Tyler McCann went the final 3.2. He gave up four hits no earned runs.

BOYS LACROSSE

Massabesic split its first two games. They fell to host Kennebunk 15-3 but followed with a 20-2 thumping of the combined team from Noble/Sanford at the Corral on Tuesday, April 16. The Mustangs were scheduled to host Traip Academy on Friday, April 19 and they'll visit Deering April 23.

Bonny Eagle opened their season with an 18-4 win over Cheverus on Tuesday, April 16. The Scots visit Windham on Friday, April 19 before returning home to face Westbrook the next day.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD Middle Schoolers compete at Expo

The Portland Expo opened its doors March 29-30 for the annual Southern Maine Middle School Track & Field Festival and participants from 13 middle schools showed off their abilities.

Massabesic had some good showings. Gavin Melville won the 40-yard dash for the seventh grade from a large field of 32. Gabriel Bourque (6th grade) was runner-up in the 150 and Gunnar Nelson (6th) was runner-up in the 440. Sixth grader Quinn Johnson won the girls' 600 and classmate Alea Curtis was third in the 440. Myah Carbone had a shot-put toss of 23-4 that fell second behind Yarmouth's Grace Brown, who landed hers at 23-8. Abigail Gilley finished second in the 1-mile and Alyson Kraus was third in the 240.

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OPINION

All thumbs down

In the wondrous world of these Corporate States of America one has to question the difference between a foreign owned energy company and the popular mega monster otherwise known as Walmart. Walmart insists they have done nothing wrong in spite of the fact they've agreed to a recent 45 million dollar payout for keeping a thumb on the scale measuring the cost of all those meat, vegetable and fruit products you're convinced you're saving so much money on. Do you remember the campaign with the big bright yellow smiley face representing all the great savings Walmart has to offer? I have a feeling Happy Face was merely a symbol of the front office boys laughing at all the fools come through the doors, money in hand. And I imagine there are plenty of shoppers racing to Walmart to replace all the food they had to throw out after old mother nature knocked the power out for as long as a week for many local residents.

Now that the power has been restored and my internet service along with it, I just received my monthly bill from CMP. Unlike Walmart, based in the U S of A, Central Maine Power is part of a major corporation based in Spain. They also go by the name of Florida Power and Light Company and probably 46 other community sounding names. I was struck by the fact my bill for the three weeks of service I did have, was no different from my bill for the four weeks of service I had in previous months. Of course my quest for a degree hit a wall when I walked through the doors of geometry and algebra, so maybe CMP is just using one of those new math formula's I could never grasp; or is this just another thumb on the scale of life? I'm taken aback to the New York City blackout of 77, when a spokesperson for Con Ed separated liability for a loss of power by blaming God. 'It was an act of God!' Con-Ed declared, freeing them of a horde of lawsuits related to business lost as a result of the power outage. I'm not sure if there was ever a subpoena issued for God.

This isn't the first time Walmart has faced the wrath of the Courts. While bulldozing family owned businesses back in the 70's Walmarts front offices encouraged the hiring of part time employees. The only requirement was the older the better, especially if they could fill out a booklet sized application initialing in all the right places, particularly the page with the One Million Dollar life insurance policy naming Walmart as the sole recipient - a practice that became known as the Dead Peasants Policy. This practice was stopped when Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton caught wind of it, ordered an investigation and inevitably had the practice deemed illegal.

I should probably buy a generator to keep from throwing out nearly two hundred dollars worth of food, but I'd rather buy a scale for the meats and vegetables, the fruits and chickens I will replace in stores outside of Walmart. I mean, maybe a thumb on the scale is a common business practice. It's not as if unethical business practices are anything new. While Walmart was capitalizing on its Dead Peasants Policy a New York real estate mogul was hiring subcontractors to redo apartments and build casinos and hotels to fill with underpaid immigrant employees. The benefits of hiring subcontractors is you can stiff 'em and appeal the loss in a civil court. You can appeal the loss in the District court as well. Eventually you can walk away a winner because subcontractors can't afford to keep up with all your appeals. It's like underpaid immigrant employees. They aren't going to complain to the Department of Labor. As a matter of fact, they aren't going to complain to anyone for fear of deportation. But like Walmart, you can only appeal for so long; eventually those pursuing you manage to keep up. The wheels of justice go round. They just go very slowly. Did you keep all those receipts from Walmart dating back nearly a decade so you can claim your portion of the 45 million dollar settlement? What will your vote say about you come November? You sure there isn't a thumb on your grocers scale?

— Jon Simonds lives in North Waterboro and is the author of "Brooklyn Encounters," a collection of short stories available on Kindle.

Obituaries

Alton G. Woodsome

Alton G. Woodsome, age 80, a resident of North Waterboro, passed peacefully Monday, April 8, 2024, at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.



Alton G. Woodsome

Alton was born in Biddeford, on Sept. 9, 1943, a son of Andrew C. Woodsome Sr. and Ellen Pinkham Woodsome. A graduate of Sanford High School. Alton was drafted into the US Army serving our country proudly in the Viet Nam War and was Honorably discharged. He came back to his hometown to start his work life. He spent several years working for Saco Tannery and finished his remaining work life, retiring at Cyro Industries as one of their forklift operators.

His interests, besides going up to the family camp located at Mount Chase every possible opportunity, were hunting, gardening, and spending his leisure time relaxing with family.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry (Birmingham) Woodsome; son, John Woodsome, his wife Doreen; daughter, Jennifer Demos and husband Tony; brother, David Woodsome; grandsons, Ronald Singh, Justin Demos, Austin Demos, and Erik Richard; granddaughter, Shawna Bissonnette; several nieces and nephews and three great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by Father, Andrew Carl Woodsome Sr., and Mother, Ellen Pinkham Woodsome; Brother, Andrew C. Woodsome Jr.; and grandson, Tyler Woodsome.

Per Alton's wishes, there will be no funeral services.

To leave a message of condolence, visit <https://memorials.bibbersautumnngreen.com>.

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Martha I. Dube

Martha I. Dube, 85, of Springvale, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford.



Martha I. Dube

Born on Jan. 24, 1939, in Norway, Martha was the daughter of Ralph and Clara (Roy) Chasse, Sr. She moved to Sanford at the age of 10, where she attended local schools and later graduated from Sanford High School.

Throughout her career, Martha dedicated herself to caring for others as a med tech and CNA at Goodall Hospital and Greenwood Center until her retirement in 1995. She was a dedicated member of Curtis Lake Christian Church when she was younger, where her passion for music shined through her participation in the choir for over a decade.

Martha found joy in the simple pleasures of life, often taking daily walks along Main Street and indulging in her hobbies of completing jigsaw puzzles and baking. Renowned for her delicious whoopie pies and intricate cake decorating skills, Martha's culinary creations brought smiles to many faces.

In her later years, Martha found companionship and community at the Lodges in Springvale, where she embraced the vibrant social life and activities with gusto. She cherished the time spent with her friends and will be fondly remembered for her warmth and kindness.

Martha was preceded in death by her daughter, Denise Neal, and two sisters, Geraldine Bouchard and Dorothy Couture.

Her legacy of love and devotion extends to her family, where she leaves behind a lasting impact. She is survived by her five children: Rita (Jeanne) Sevigny and husband Edgar of Sanford, Roger Dube and wife Eileen of Concord, North Carolina, Darin Dube of Wells, Brian Dube and wife Sheila of Sanford, and Dennis Dube and wife Darcy of Wells. Martha is also remembered by her 17 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren,

and her siblings: Ralph Chasse, Jr., Donald Chasse, Carl Chasse, Verna Vezina, and Lorina Dryden, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on April 15 at the Carll-Heald & Black Funeral Home, located at 580 Main Street in Springvale. Interment will take place at a later date at Oakdale Cemetery in Sanford.

The family expresses their gratitude to the staff at the Lodges Care Center in Springvale for their compassionate care during Martha's period of declining health.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider sending a memorial contribution in Martha's memory to the Lodges Activities Fund, P.O. Box 355, Springvale, ME 04083.

Arrangements are under the compassionate care of Black Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Sanford-Springvale.

To share condolences and memories with the family, visit www.blackfuneralhomes.com.

Raymond M. Parent

Raymond "Chief" M. Parent, 80, of Sanford, passed away on April 10, 2024, at his residence.



Raymond M. Parent

Born in Biddeford on June 12, 1943, to the late Albert and Aline Parent, Raymond grew up and attended local schools, graduating from Biddeford High School.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for four years as a

Communications Specialist in Key West.

At the age of 15, Raymond met the love of his life, Pricille Jarry, whom he spent nearly 56 years loving and caring for. Together, they shared a lifetime of devotion and support.

In 1964, Raymond embarked on his lifelong career in the fire department, starting as a firefighter and ambulance attendant and eventually retiring as chief. His natural leadership skills propelled him through the ranks, serving as captain, deputy chief, and finally, chief. He also served as communications director for Sanford 911 and dedicated three years to building fire engines with Mike Anton. Raymond's commitment extended beyond the fire department; he served double duty as interim town manager and fire chief for six weeks and chaired the Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association, dedicating a decade to establishing the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale.

Despite receiving numerous awards and accolades throughout his career, including Fire Chief of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Kiwanis Citizen of the Year, Raymond remained humble, valuing his role as a dedicated public servant above all else.

Raymond's true joy came from his family. His wife and children were his priority, and he cherished every moment spent with them.

Known for his zest for life and gratitude for each day, Raymond maintained an open-door policy at his home, always willing to lend an ear or offer guidance.

Raymond is predeceased by his beloved wife, Pricille Parent,

an infant son, Rodney Parent and two sisters, Yvette Sylvester and Nancy Neault.

He is survived by his daughter, Noreen Parent, of Sanford; his son, Eric Parent, and his wife, Marie, of Hollis; grandchildren, John-Paul Parent of UT, and Zhanae Parent of Limerick; great-grandchildren, Boston Parent and Rylee Parent; his sister Claire Ouellette of FL, his sister Elaine Cobeil and her husband Roland, of FL, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, April 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Carll-Heald & Black Funeral Home, 580 Main St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave., Sanford. The burial will take place at a later date.

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NEW SPACE

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for the future,” said Zinser. Funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, the renovations cost about \$1.2 million.

The new space incorporates the old, but is nearly three times the size of the former meeting room, is brighter and much more welcoming, said Zinser. “Everything was replaced with new materials. The room has also been set up with a much higher grade AV system for broadcasting meetings and can accommodate any other two way interactive video meetings in a large setting,” he added.

Custom designed for the space, the speakers have the ability for voice assist – and while not a mic and speaker system meant

for large scale voice projection, the system sports internal microphones designed to enhance the voice level of the speaker so that all can clearly hear without echo or annoying feedback or interference, Zinser explained.

It was also designed in such a way that the room and the restrooms across the hall can be segregated from the rest of the building, which means the county can resume its practice of accommodating community groups meeting there, after regular business hours. Outside groups and non-profits should reach out to Kathy Dumont, Assistant to the York County Manager at 459-2312.

Commissioner Donna Ring said the new space has a professional flavor.

“I love the set up and acoustics

and I can see and hear everyone without having to turn my neck or back to hear individuals speak,” said Ring. “And it’s more inviting and accommodating to the public.”

– By Tammy Wells, Media Specialist for York County Government



AT RIGHT: Those attending York County Commission meetings will now enter through a new door at the side of the York County Government building at 149 Jordan Springs Road in Alfred. Inside, the larger space and upgraded audio and visual technology will make the meetings more accessible to the public, both in person and online, county officials say. YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT PHOTO

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