Connors advocates for workforce training

BY TANNY WELLS

SANFORD — Maine Chamber of Commerce President Dana Connors, when speaking about education and the economy last week, recalled the words of the late Sanford Area School Board member, Joseph Brennan.

Connors, who was commissioner of transportation under Brennan, said his boss, a Democrat, used to put it this way: “The best social program in the world is a job.”

These days, a job isn’t quite as easy to find, when, in many locations in Maine, someone graduated from high school on one day and walked into a well-paying job at the paper mill, or took their chances with the bounty from the sea aboard a lobster boat the next.

While lobstering remains

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‘The world needs you’

By ANGELO J. VERZONI

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This world depends on each of us to solve problems in ways that don’t threaten the Earth’s resources.

This way of life, said Roosevelt, leads to true happiness.

It forces us to think of others first, and then to be happily surprised by the personal benefits we derive along the way. “Giving of ourselves makes us happier,” she said. “Giving of ourselves leads to a happy life.”

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Municipal Meetings Calendar

By TAMMY WELLS

Here is a list of regularly scheduled upcoming meetings and events, as well as scheduled meetings for area councils, boards and committees. Meetings are held in public.

Acton: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesday; 1st and 3rd Monday at 7 p.m., Town Hall, 68 Sawyer Road, Acton; next meeting May 20.

Arundel: Selectmen meet 7 p.m. and 1st and 3rd Monday at 7 p.m., Town Hall, 300 Main St., Arundel; next meeting May 27.

Bath: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m., City Hall, 2nd Floor, Bath; next meeting May 27.

Bath Regional School District: Board of Directors meet 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Monday, Bath Regional School District, 10 Spring Street, Bath; next meeting May 20.

Buckfield: Board of Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m., Buckfield Town Hall, Main Street, next meeting tonight, May 18.

Lyman: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Monday, Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road, Lyman; next meeting May 18, 5:30 p.m.

Old Orchard Beach: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, 225 Maine Street, Old Orchard Beach; next meeting May 19; RSU 37 School Board meets 6 p.m., Old Orchard Beach Community Center; next meeting May 19.

Portland: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Thursdays; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m., City Hall, 2nd Floor, Portland; next meeting May 18.

Scarborough: Selectmen meet 7:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Monday, Town Hall, 15 Falmouth Road, Scarborough; next meeting May 19.

Saco City Council: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Monday at 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., Saco; next meeting May 27.

Sanford: Sanford School Board meets 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesday at City Hall, 100 Main Street, Sanford; next meeting May 19.

Somerset: Board of Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Mondays; 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, 19 Main Street, Skowhegan; next meeting May 18.

South Berwick: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m., City Hall, 2nd Floor, South Berwick; next meeting May 27.

Saco: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Monday, Town Hall, 19 Main Street, Saco; next meeting May 27.

Phippsburg: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Monday, Town Hall, 64 School Street, Phippsburg; next meeting May 18.

Thorndike: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Thorndike; next meeting May 27.

Waterboro: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Monday, Town Hall, Main Street, Waterboro; next meeting May 27.

Yarmouth: Selectmen meet 7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, 94 Main Street, Yarmouth; next meeting May 27.

UConn Graduation: The University of New England graduation ceremony occurred at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland on Sunday.

Gas prices go up slightly in Maine over last week

PORTLAND (AP) — Gas prices have risen nearly a penny in Maine this past week.

Gasoline price-monitoring website GasBuddy.com reports Monday that the average cost of a gallon of gas in Maine is $2.65.

Maine gas prices are 21.1 cents per gallon higher this month compared to a month ago, and about 102.1 cents per gallon than at this time last year.

“The price per gallon in Maine is up 7.9 cents over the national average,” said the price is based on a survey of more than 1,200 gas stations.

DEP gets money for pump-out stations

PORTLAND (AP) — The U.S. Department of the Interior’s Fish and Wildlife Service is providing a $356,000 grant to Maine under the “Clean Vessel Act.”

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection plans to use money to install pump-out stations and facilities to subsidize pump-out vessels and facilities.

“The grant will help to prevent the spread of invasive species,” said the grants will help to prevent the spread of invasive species, “Such as the crystal clear charm for Mainers and visitors alike.”

University of New England President Dan Rice gives speach to the crowd at UNE’s commencement ceremony at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland Saturday.

City of Biddeford General Meeting of City Council and Citizens

Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers – 2nd floor of City Hall

In accordance with the City Charter, Article XII, Section 4 General meetings of citizens, a group of citizens has submitted a petition with enough signatures for a General Meeting to be scheduled with the City Council and the citizens.

This meeting has been set for Tuesday, May 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The regularly scheduled Council Meeting will commence after the General Meeting, at 7:00 p.m.

John Alfano, who works as a mediator, will facilitate the General Meeting.