

# 1960s

## 1964

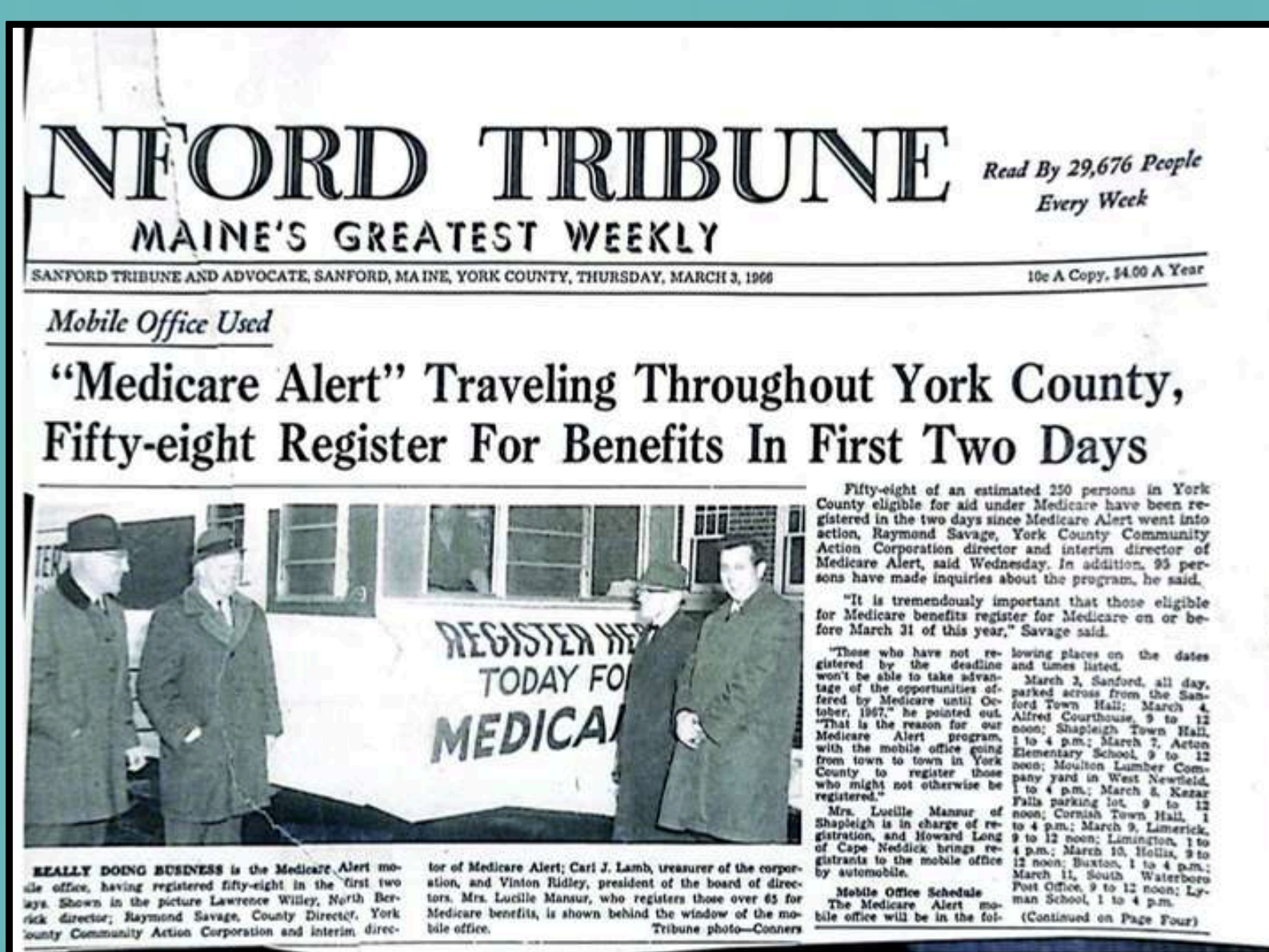
- President Lyndon B. Johnson authorizes the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, creating local Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and Community Health Centers (CHCs)

## 1965

- York County Community Action Corporation is officially incorporated
- Receives first federal grant of \$35,000 from Office of Economic Opportunity

## 1966

- First YCCAC office opens on Main Street in Sanford
- First program launches – Medicare enrollment outreach



## 1967

- Head Start launches as a summer program

## 1969

- Transportation program launches

# 1970s

## 1972

- Healthmobile (mobile pediatric clinic) launches

By the late 1970s, nearly 5,000 children receive vital health screenings

## 1973-1974

- WIC (Women, Infants & Children) program launches
- Weatherization and Fuel Assistance programs are established
- New Transportation program supporting older adults begins



**TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERLY** has been organized on a near-county-wide basis. Here Maurice Simpson, driver of the "MMC bus" is shown assisting Mrs. Jacqueline B. LaFlamme into the vehicle. The MMC bus goes to Portland and the Maine Medical Center during the week. The newest service started last week, picks up the elderly at certain spots near their homes and allows them to visit with others or come directly to the MMC bus. The York County Community Action Corporation sponsors the transportation.

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# 1980s

## 1981

- President Reagan consolidates funding and establishes Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) program

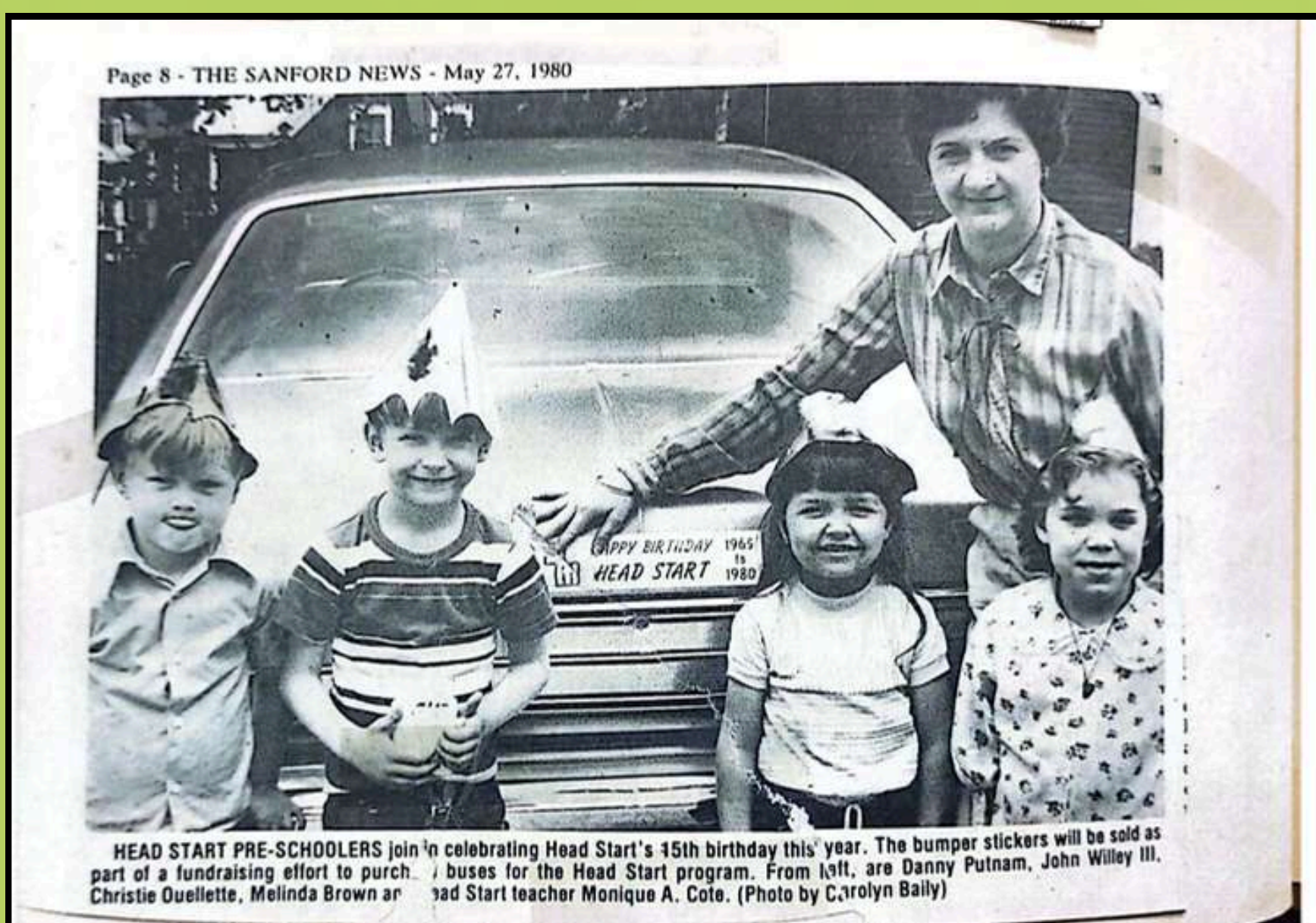
## 1984

- Agency adopts computer technology

## 1985

5,565 households receive fuel assistance

## 1986



10 Head Start centers are in operation by the end of the 1980s

# 1990s

## 1999

- Family Independence Program is established in collaboration with York County Shelters, Inc., Caring Unlimited, and Sanford Housing Authority



- Agency purchases three multifamily homes to start transitional housing program.
- Agency receives two grants to construct five MaineStar Energy Efficient Homes to be sold to low and moderate income families.

2,850 households received nutritious food, nutrition education, and counseling.

# 2000s

## 2001

- Early Head Start program for children ages 0-3 years begins

## 2004

- YCCAC opens community health center, York County Community Health Care.

## 2005

- The TEDDI Award, named after Teddi Brunette, long time staff member, is established to recognize an individual's or a group's community spirit and joy of giving to others.

## 2006

- Shoreline Explorer transportation service launches and receives national recognition



## 2009

3,627 medical visits  
3,800 dental visits  
at York County Health Care

\$686,728 in tax refunds  
to York County residents

6,492 households received  
fuel assistance

# 2010s

## 2012



WAVE, the year-round  
program connecting  
Sanford-Biddeford and  
Sanford-Wells, celebrates  
its 500,000th rider

## 2013

- York County Community Health Care is renamed Nasson Health Care and moves to its current location at 15 Oak St. in Springvale

## 2016

- York County Head Start focuses on expanding center-based programming

## 2019

- YCCAC shares top award in 2019 Community Matters More contest

# 2020s

## 2020 YCCAC Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

- Nasson Health Care serves as a Swab and Send Test Site and provides COVID-19 vaccines. It offers both remote and in-person medical visits, remote behavioral care services, and, after suspended services through the spring, in June it resumes full dental services.
- Transportation program launches a Free Rides service for residents with essential needs—grocery shopping, medical appointments, pharmacy, going to work.
- Head Start and Early Head Start transitions to remote operations, offering educational opportunities and family support services, from March to July, and resumes in-person classes in August.
- Our Economic Opportunity Department meet with clients remotely, by phone or electronic conferencing, and offer in-person services as needed.
- Energy Services makes it easier than ever to apply for benefits from the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): it can be done by phone. The client never needs to leave home.
- Agency administers the MaineHousing Rental Relief program to ease the financial strain on landlords and tenants



# 2025 and beyond

## 2025

- New Transportation Program begins in partnership with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard - Shipyard Sprinter.
- Board of Directors approves Agency's current Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure that all people in York County thrive. We work with our partners to meet urgent needs, create opportunities to succeed, promote well-being, and advocate for just policies and practices.

## Looking Forward

- **Building from 60 years of strength, trust, and experience**
- **Facing today's challenges together** with creativity, innovation, and courage
- **Partnering for greater impact** across York County
- **Turning our collective vision into results** for our community's future

