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## Town Meeting should lead to lower tax rate

(Lamoine) — Most property tax payers may receive a very pleasant surprise when the 1997 tax bills are mailed out in August. The tax rate for Lamoine should decrease slightly from last year's rate of 10-mills. The only unresolved budget issues at press time are a possible new contract for the school teachers, and what impact, if any, that will have on next year's budget.

The Board of Assessors has yet to complete the final valuation of the town, but it should rise a bit over last year's \$93 million dollar value. That, combined with lower spending from property tax sources should see the tax rate land in the 9.5 mills range. For a person with a \$100,000 property, this would mean a \$50 reduction in the property tax bill.

### Where we saved

The overall budget was up quite a bit, but several revenue sources were tapped to pay for some of the one time increases. The biggest increase was a \$90,000 budget for a portable classroom. The funding for this, though, will come from the education construction fund, the rent charged by the town to the school for use of the classrooms, and a hit on the town's surplus account.

Another part of the spending increase was in the comprehensive planning area, but that is paid for mostly through a state grant.

The Town Meeting also approved purchase of a gravel agreement from RF Jordan & Sons for \$12,510. This will reimburse Jordan for material owed by the town under an old snow-plowing contract. The payment is one time only, and cleans up a small problem the town had for years.

The education budget, as approved, rose about 1.5%, while state funding for education was up about \$33,000 from the previous year.

New property valuations for the year will not increase significantly. The biggest increase in value is a newly licensed gravel pit owned by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. along Douglas Highway. Because of its permitted status, the valuation on the pit has increased significantly from the undeveloped valuation it previously held.

### Town Officials Elected

The annual town meeting saw the return of all incumbents running for office. Bill Collier retained the Selectmen's post. Anne Gommel retained her seat on the School Committee. She is joined by Hancock "Griff" Fenton who replaces Nate Anderson who chose not to run again. Fenton served an unexpired term for a year but was defeated at last year's election.

Elected to the Board of Assessors was Joan Bragdon, who had also served as an interim assessor a few years back. She will fill the seat currently held by Tom Bowen, who chose not to run. Barbara Bartosenski was elected as Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

### Positions Combined

Starting in 1998/99, the positions of town clerk and tax collector will be filled by the same person on an official basis. The open town meeting voted to combine the two jobs, which Barbara Bartosenski has held for the past several years. The job will continue to be an elected position, and candidates are needed for next year, as Barbara plans to retire at the end of this term.

The pay for the two jobs was also

altered. The position was paid a small base salary, plus the agent fees generated by the work done in the office. The agent fees have increased markedly in the past few years, and the Selectmen felt it would be easier to attract a candidate to a part time job which offered a reasonable paycheck.

### Trash Policies Pass

Voters gave approval to a set of policies which will govern the methods used by commercial trash haulers in town who utilize the Lamoine Transfer Station. The policies include informing the Town Office of the method used to recycle materials, a requirement that recyclable materials not be mixed in with the regular trash, and keeping a customer list on file with the town office. So far, the policy has seemed to work pretty well.

### Sign Increase Opposed

Voters turned thumbs down to a measure to allow for larger business signs in town. The change in the building code would have allowed up to 50 square feet of signage on a commercial building's premises, and, with Planning Board approval, larger amounts of total signage.

The change was sought by the Board of Selectmen as a way to accommodate those few businesses in town which built their signs after the latest version of the building code took effect. The code states that signs will be no larger than six square feet, and no more than two per premises.



## Lamoine Fire Dept.

## Auction set for August 8th

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 2nd annual auction on Friday, August 8, 1997 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School. Everyone is invited to come join in the bidding action. The change in time from Saturday morning to Friday evening was to accommodate more people's weekend schedules.

Chas W. Hare of Stockton Springs has graciously donated his time to be the auctioneer. Many items have already been donated this year, including gravel and other related products from most of the contractors who operate in town.

Anyone with items of use that they no longer need is invited to contact the fire department to make a donation to the auction. Contact any firefighter.

## Septic Reimbursement comes to end

(Lamoine) — By a vote of the regular town meeting, the practice of reimbursing home owners for the dumping fee of septage waste has ended. For years, the town has paid the "dumping fee" in lieu of a contract with an end site receiver for such waste. Such contracts were extremely expensive, and very difficult to obtain.

The Selectmen are in the process of finalizing an agreement with Haslam Septic to act as the contract receiver of septic pumpings. Haslam must guarantee that they have contracts with end site receivers in a sufficient quantity to handle its contracts with various towns. The contract should be in place close to July 1st.

Several residents took advantage of the dumping fee reimbursement in late June, pushing expenditures well over the \$6,000 which was budgeted. Thankfully, a smaller than expected solid waste transportation contract cost was able to cover the increased expenses for septic wastes. The move to a contract saved taxpayers \$5,250 in the coming year's budget. However, those pumping their tanks will pay the contractor for the dumping fee.

## Spring comes late to Lamoine



The flowering crab tree outside the town office blooms

(Lamoine) — Ask anyone who tried to put in their garden this year, and you'll find there was very little spring. A cold, damp April and May made for very wet grounds. Then, late May brought dry weather, but it was cold, some nights still got below freezing.

June started out almost summer-like, which finally brought the leaves and the blossoms out. Some of the farmers say the growing season was about three weeks behind the normal schedule.

The fire danger was relatively low during the spring. Only one out of control wildfire was reported in Lamoine, and that came during a dry, windy stretch in April. Because of the dry weather, burning permits in June were severely restricted.

## Changing faces in Town Government

(Lamoine) — July 1st brings the annual appointments by the Board of Selectmen to the various committees needed to run the town government.

The position of alternate plumbing inspector is now held by Rebecca Albright, the current Code Enforcement Officer. The job description for Code Enforcement Officer includes the plumbing inspection job. John Fink continues as plumbing inspector, but Selectmen have held open the option of combining the positions.

Bryant Poors will serve as deputy animal control officer, backing up Harry Lounder. Bryant is a well known animal control agent, and serves as ACO in the Town of Hancock.

The Budget Committee will also have two new members. Richard Davis, a former Selectman, has agreed to serve a three year term. Hubene Brodie, the owner of a craft business on Douglas Highway, will serve the other three year term up for appointment. Reggie McDevitt will become the alternate on the Budget Committee, a new position created by the Selectmen.

## Lisa Clark in Boston, condition improving

### Community rallies in support

(Boston, MA) — A ten year old girl from Lamoine is winning her battle for life in a hospital room at Boston Children's Hospital in late June. Lisa Clark suffers from severe peritonitis, an infection which spread throughout her system. Her condition has fluctuated since she entered the hospital in May, but we're pleased to report she's getting better.

Lisa is the daughter of Donald and Mona Clark of Lamoine Beach Road. She's a fifth grader at the Lamoine Consolidated School, where her fellow students have rallied to help support her family. A benefit supper was held in May which raised several hundred dollars to help offset the costs of lodging and travel in Massachusetts. A member of the Clark family has been with Lisa for virtually all of her lengthy hospitalization.

Also coming to the rescue is the Walmart Store in Ellsworth. The store manager has graciously allocated some of their resources toward the travel and lodging costs.

Lisa's mom and dad expect her home in early July. She will be bedridden for a while, but continues to improve.

## Law Changes affect some town business

(Augusta) — The Maine Legislature has changed some laws which will change the way some transactions are completed at the town office.

People who lease cars will be able to take excise tax and registration credit on their vehicles starting September 19th. The law change elevates a lessee to the same status as a car owner for registration purposes.

People buying new cars will be required to show the window sticker (Munroney label) in order to compute excise tax. This should save some money, and will speed along the registration process.

Snowmobiles will cost more to register. The fee is \$25 as of July 1st. Boat registration fees will rise starting in January 1998.

## Fee Schedule implemented by Selectmen

(Lamoine) — Part of the revenue used to offset real estate taxes are fees charged for various services provided by the town hall. Annually, the Board of Selectmen sets the fees, and there are some changes starting July 1st. Copies will now cost 25-cents a page. Large copy jobs will be eligible for a bulk rate at the discretion of the Treasurer. Full sized map copies (11x17) will cost 50-cents a page. The copy machine has become quite busy, especially since the Hancock County Registry of Deeds increased its price to \$1 per page.

Fax fees are reduced to 50-cents per page incoming and outgoing for local calls. Long distance faxing will cost 2-dollars a page.

Agent Fees, now set by the Selectmen on motor vehicles transactions are \$2.00 for re-registrations and \$4.00 for limited new registrations. The agent fees for hunting licenses, boats, and dogs remain at \$1.00 apiece as set by the state.

Ordinance prices were also set. Land owners may have 1 copy free. Non property owners are charged \$2.50 per ordinance for the large documents, and lesser amounts for the smaller documents.

Voter lists are \$10 for the entire list. Several lists are sold around election time. Property tax books are \$30 apiece. Occasionally a real estate agent requests such a book. Mailing labels can be produced by the town office for \$2 per page. Returned checks are \$10 apiece. Demolition Debris permits are \$1, plus a one time \$1 billing charge, along with all disposal costs. Newsletter subscriptions are \$4.00 a year. The fee schedule will be posted at the town office.

## Volunteers Sought for Committees

(Lamoine) — When Lamoine voters passed the Comprehensive Plan in 1996, it called for formation of several committees. The Selectmen seek people to serve on those committees. Included are a Housing Committee, Senior Citizens Issue Committee, Marine Resources Committee, Impact Fees Committee, and Mobile Home Park Ordinance Review Committee.

The Selectmen will be sending letters to people who they've identified as potential committee members. Anyone interested in serving on any of these committees is urged to contact the town office to let the Board know about your interests. Meetings may be infrequent, but the work is important.

## Fire Department purchases trailer

### Should help with wildfire response

(Lamoine) — A brand new trailer for use in brush/forest fire situations is ready for rapid attack response at the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Engineer Mo Oliver put together the idea of mounting a portable pump, extra fire hose, and various tools onto the trailer during the dry months. In the low forest fire danger times other equipment can be placed on the trailer, depending on the response which might be needed. In cases where roads may need to be temporarily closed due to severe conditions, the trailer can haul the various barriers easier than the fire trucks.

The new truck 405 outfitted in the past year by the fire department can haul the new trailer. The truck continues to be a first response vehicle for wildfire calls, and the addition of the trailer will enhance its capabilities on that front.

The trailer gives the department a great deal of flexibility in response, depending on what equipment is needed.

## Fire Calls sporadic in Spring

(Lamoine) — Fire safety apparently continues to be on the minds of Lamoine residents as the spring of the year brought very few calls for help. There was a week in April when personnel were called out several times, but the quick response prevented significant damage.

A wildfire on Partridge Cove Road and Walker Road was quickly brought under control thanks to Truck 405 which drove right up to the burning grass and trees and used its on board pump and tank to extinguish the fire.

A mutual aid call to Hancock didn't see any action for Lamoine. Hancock firefighters helped Sullivan control a large brush fire.

The next day, a chimney fire was reported on the Shore Road in the late morning hours. A half dozen firefighters left their work to respond, and quickly controlled the fire. The chimney was clogged with creosote, and quite a good amount of time was spent knocking the burning creosote out of the chimney. There was no damage to the home.



The new trailer at the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department — ready to go!

In June, firefighters were called to a Walker Road residence for smoke and an electrical fire smell. It was traced to an old stereo which had been left on for a long time. A resistor in the tube type stereo overheated, causing the smoke. The homeowner said his grandchildren may have turned on the stereo by mistake.

The fire department has suspended issuance of burning permits during the dry spell in June. Statewide, fire danger is very high, and there has been little rain, but lots of wind. By controlling the burning permits, the chances of a burn getting out of control are lessened dramatically, protecting the whole town.

## Outhouse removed at Lamoine Beach

(Lamoine) — The Parks and Recreation Committee asked the town to get rid of the old outhouse at Lamoine Beach Park for some time. The Fire Department used the decrepit structure for a training exercise in early April. The privy, a one holer, was lit off several times, and extinguished with foam to demonstrate the use of foam on a building fire. For some newer members, it was the first live fire training they'd received.

The septage left in the hole in the ground was pumped out by Haslam Septic. James Haslam Construction then knocked in the sides of the holding tank, and filled in the hole with gravel.

The town will continue to rent a privy for the park. The rental unit arrived in mid-June.

## Park Improvements Planned

(Lamoine) — Thanks to some generous donations of materials and labor, visitors to Lamoine Beach Park will see some nice improvements this summer. Goodwin and Gott construction have donated materials for a planter under the sign. Robert Clewley has volunteer to construct the planter. Parks and Recreation Committee

Janet Mullen and Lori Boynton planted the flowers, and Janet painted the sign.

The trash cans at both Lamoine Beach and Bloomfield Park were painted for the summer. Students in the 2nd grade at the Lamoine School picked up litter from the beach during the road cleanup program.



5th Graders pick up trash on Douglas Highway

## Students learn about litter, clean it up

(Lamoine) — It's amazing there have been so few forest fires in Lamoine given the number of cigarettes which are flung out car windows. Students from the Lamoine Consolidated School found out first hand how much trash is tossed along the roads as they helped clean it up in mid-June.

The town office and Maine Department of Transportation supplied vests, bags, gloves and clipboard to the kid-power. Students then were assigned to various sections of road. They split up into small groups, each with an older chaperone, and recorded all the trash they picked up.

The results are staggering. Enough auto parts were picked up to nearly put together a vehicle (not a very good one, though.) Even a kitchen sink was found along Douglas Highway.

By far, the most common litter was cigarette butts. The figures were compiled by the 8th grade for Douglas Highway between the Lamoine General Store and the School found 604 cigarette butts!

One could make somewhat of a living from returnables, as 91 cans or bottles were picked up in the two mile stretch. Another 47 coffee cups were found, along with 81 cigarette cartons, 50 fast food bags, 217 fast food cups, 32 fast food containers, 44 losing lottery tickets (no winners were found, imagine that), 197 pieces of various plastics, and 30 paper bags. Another 100 pieces of various types of paper, and 122 pieces of styrofoam materials (lots of those pesky packing peanuts included) were found. There was clothing, as 2 socks (non matching) were found. A sneaker, even a nearly new backpack! Other interesting items, a hockey mask, newspapers, a mailbox, pieces of canvas, lots of food and discarded gum, pieces of insulation, and a lot of metal goods.

## Automobile Graveyard Granted Permit

### Restrictions imposed by Selectmen

(Lamoine) — After several months of enforcement activities and negotiation, the Board of Selectmen has issued an automobile graveyard (junkyard) permit to Bradford's Auto & Towing on Jordan River Road.

The process began with several complaints that junk vehicles were being stored on the land. Because owner Clifton Bradford was in the business of repairing vehicles, it was initially believed that the small number of cars were awaiting repair. However, the number kept growing, and it was evident that some were being stored in anticipation of disposal. Under Maine State Law, such vehicles must be stored in an automobile graveyard. Additionally, the cars were closer than allowed to the Shoreland Zoning on Mr. Bradford's property.

The State Police were informed, and when asked, Mr. Bradford moved the vehicles out of the Shoreland Zone. Eventually, after urging from the Code Enforcement Officer and the State Police, Mr. Bradford applied for an automobile

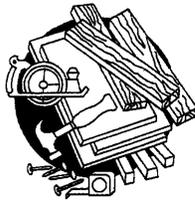
graveyard permit. A hearing was held in May at which several of Mr. Bradford's neighbors appeared. No one opposed the issuance of a permit, however, they did express concern that the storage area be screened from the road, and that steps be taken to ensure that fluids not leak onto the ground.

The Selectmen issued the permit in early June with several restrictions. The land will be segregated into a junk vehicle area and an impound area. The junk vehicle area is to be screened from the Jordan River Road and from neighbors.

Additionally, all vehicles moved to the junk vehicle area are to be drained of fluids. The impound area may contain cars with fluids, provided they sit on an impermeable surface. After 60 days in impound, the vehicles will be moved to the junk car area.

The Selectmen felt the restrictive permit would allow Mr. Bradford to continue his business, while at the same time protect the town from an unsightly junkyard, and a potential threat to the groundwater in the area.

The Code Enforcement Officer will inspect the new automobile graveyard to make sure it complies with the restrictions. Additionally, the Selectmen feel that the other three automobile graveyards in town should warrant serious review at renewal time in December.



## Building Activity Picks Up

(Lamoine) — Building activity has been somewhat slow to start the summer, but there are signs that things will pick up a little bit. Several potential new homes are under discussion with the Code Enforcement Officer, and permits may be sought soon.

The following building permits have been issued since April 1st:

No.	Name	Type
6	Geo. Crawford	Poultry Coop
7	Mima Grindle	Sun Room
8	B & J Anderson	Garage
9	Wayne Stanley	Garage
10	Rhonda Boynton	Deck
11	W & P Stevens	Residence
12	CJ & L Boynton	Residence
13	J & K Morren	Garage
14	R & V Sprague	Garage
15	Bill Johnston	Dock
16	Les Vokes	Addition
17	C. Ashmore	Residence
18	—to Appeals Board—	
19	Carol Korty	Porch
20	C & S Moore	Deck

## All-in-One Form Proposed

(Lamoine) — One of the more difficult parts of building a home has been the paperwork to obtain the various permits required. In Lamoine, to build a structure along the shore, one must obtain a Building Permit, a Shoreland Zoning Permit, and a Flood Hazard Permit. That has required three separate forms, which ask for much of the same information.

The Town Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer have drafted a single form which will cover all three permits. The form went before the Planning Board in June for comment, and was edited to meet their desires. Final approval is anticipated in July.

Among the features of the new forms are filling in the map, lot, and name only once. The cost for the various permits is also listed on the form. Various data for flood permits and Shoreland Zoning issues appears on the form as well.

Some new questions appear, as required under the Comprehensive Plan. They deal with population increases, and the impact any new housing might have on school aged population. This information will aid greatly in planning the use of town resources.

## Work begins on Portable Classroom

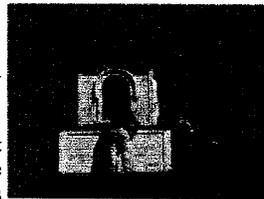
(Lamoine) — Construction was just beginning at press time on the new portable classroom at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The project will be complete in mid-August.

Lamoine contractor Bill Walker was the successful bidder on the project. The Selectmen and Mr. Walker signed a contract in late May, and he'll construct the classroom for \$87,500.

The Selectmen have appointed Dexter "Pete" Briggs as the clerk of the works on the project. He'll be assisted by Elmer "Spud" Davis. They'll inspect the work periodically to make sure everything is up to specifications.

The Portable Classroom was handily approved at town meeting following last year's defeat of an addition. The new unit will house three classrooms, and be handicapped accessible. It replaces a smaller unit the town was renting from a private corporation. There are 3 rooms.

Rent will be charged to the school by the town. The rental payments will be used to cover the cost of construction for the first few years. After the cost is amortized, town meeting may be asked to accumulate the payments to another fund in the future.



Workers prepare the cupola at the Lamoine Town Hall for new siding in June

## Town Hall gets minor face-lift

(Lamoine) — The town hall is getting a little bit of a spruce up for summer. The Selectmen noticed the cupola was looking mighty ragged, as it hadn't been painted in some time. They asked Sinclair Builders for an estimate to put vinyl siding on the cupola, and once received, authorized them to do the work, which was completed in June.

Additional work is planned around the front entrance of the building. It will be scraped and painted, and the message board outside repaired and re-hung.

The sign at the town hall is likely to be replaced this summer as well. The current sign is peeling badly, due mostly to an inferior grade of plywood used years back. A sign maker has been contracted about making a new sign to take its place. It will be smaller than the current sign in order to comply with the sign ordinance.

## Speed Limit Lowered on Route 184

**Speed  
35  
Limit**

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Transportation has lowered the speed limit on Douglas Highway to 35 miles an hour in the vicinity of the Lamoine Town Hall and the Lamoine General Store. The lowered speed came at the request of the town during the permitting process for the store.

The signs were finally installed after the frost left this past Spring. They seem to have been effective in slowing traffic down, as no serious accidents have been reported at the intersection of the road with Pinkham's Flats and Jordan River Road.

The town has also requested the MDOT to look at the intersection with an eye toward improving visibility for cars turning onto Douglas Highway from Pinkham's Flats. A slight rise on Route 184 sometimes makes it difficult for smaller cars to see traffic approaching. The same is true for cars coming off Jordan River Road. The commissioner of transportation has promised an engineer will look into the matter.

The DOT does not plan any paving in Lamoine this summer. Route 184 (Douglas Hwy and Lamoine Beach Rd) will be paved again in the summer of 1998.

## Road Mapping nearly complete

(Lamoine) — As the State of Maine strives to have every community name and number its roads, Lamoine finds itself in very good shape.

The third draft of the digital road maps has come out, and very few mistakes have been found. A little more field work by the town is needed, and a couple of roads need to be drawn in for the final edit.

Since town meeting, some new roads have been named, and the street signs erected. Starfish Lane was changed to Hodgkins Lane upon a vote by town meeting in April. Lupine Lane was assigned to a road leading off Marlboro Beach Road. The name was part of the original suggestions for road names, but was rejected by the naming committee for later use. Lupine Lane had not originally been slated for a name.

The other new name comes with an interesting story. Dick's Rock Road also leads from Marlboro Beach Road toward the shore. Property owner Fred Frost wrote to suggest the name, passing along the story he's heard. It seems as cow named "Dick" (and he's at a loss to explain the gender confusion) wandered down this particular lane many years ago, and fell from the cliff

and drowned in Frenchman Bay. Apparently the locals of the time referred to the cliff as Dick's Rock. Mr. Frost reports the legend lives on today, and the road name may help keep that alive.

New street signs were also installed this spring in the Meadow Point/Bar Harbor Highlands subdivision off Lamoine Beach Road. The residents had purchased their own signs a few years back, but the road naming ordinance required blue signs for privately maintained roads.

The next step in the naming and numbering process lies with the Post Office. Once everything is measured out correctly, numbers and intersection numbers (for zip plus 4) can be determined. The final steps will involve the telephone company which will have to convert all the homes into a database so an address can show on the screen when a person dials 9-1-1. Optimistically, the numbered street addresses might be ready by the end of the year.

## They built it on the town line!

(Lamoine) — What happens when the property you own has the town line running right through the middle. That's the question a property owner on Buttermilk Road had recently, as they attempt to place a manufactured home on the land. The answer depends on who you ask. The town office staff decided to ask the Planning Board for clarifications.

The ultimate action apparently involves a joint meeting with the other affected town, in this case, Ellsworth. Both communities have similar setback requirements, and the Code Enforcement Officer in Ellsworth was of the opinion that the town line would not count as a boundary for setback purposes. The actual land boundaries are the proper consideration.

No building permit application has yet been received in Lamoine. This same piece of property was always thought to be completely within the borders of Lamoine until a surveyor was hired to mark the town line last summer.

## Cable Company

(Rockland) — The cable television company which serves Lamoine, Frontiervision, has recently purchased Cablevision. The Cablevision franchise is located in several larger communities, including Ellsworth and Bangor.

It's not yet clear if the purchase will have any impact on the local system's offerings. Two channels were added this Spring, and rates went up slightly.

## Land Use Rules get reviewed

(Lamoine) — The often tedious work of updating the land use ordinance in Lamoine is well under way. On June 17th, the Planning Board and the Selectmen met with Tom Martin of the Hancock County Planning Commission to make sure everyone is working on the same thing.

The Comprehensive Plan passed in 1996 requires many changes in the land use ordinances. Mr. Martin explained that it was easier to start from scratch than to write the present ordinances over. The Planning Board plans several work sessions in the coming months to hammer out final agreement on the ordinance. One of the major questions, which activities should be allowed in which zones, was addressed at the meeting. Some of the proposed draft will have to be reworked.

The Selectmen stated clearly that anything at odds with the comprehensive plan will not be put out to a vote. The ordinance is an attempt to become very specific based on the very broad outlines in the Comprehensive Plan.

Once the land use plan is done, Mr. Martin says the other codes currently in effect will be updated, and all the rules codified into one document to simplify use.

## New manager for State Park

(Lamoine) — A welcome to town to Jay McIntosh, the new manager at Lamoine State Park. Jay is a veteran with the State Conservation Department, with 23 years of service to the Parks and Recreation Bureau.

He comes to Lamoine from Damariscotta Lake Park in Jefferson. he said he was attracted to Lamoine by the beauty of the park.

Jay said the people and the staff at the park have been wonderful. He reports that Donna Fennelly has kept him well supplied with flowers, and he looks forward to the first meeting of the Friends of Lamoine State Park soon.

### Harbor News

The moorings at the State Park are pretty much full. During the off season, Harbor Master Bill Pinkham polled all the mooring permit holders as to whether they plan to renew. Several people had requested moorings, but space had run out, so a waiting list was created.

Some permit holders declined to renew this year, so those on the waiting list were able to get their moorings this season.

The new street light is installed and working at the harbor area.

## Two Graduate with honors in '97

(Lamoine) — Two high school seniors are honor graduates this year, and both have a lot in common. Ryan Day is an honor grad from Ellsworth High School, and Peter Swanberg graduated with honors from MDI High.

Ryan is the son of Roger and Debbie Day of Douglas Highway. Debbie is a teacher at the Lamoine Consolidated School, Roger the owner of HC Austin Furniture in Ellsworth. Ryan plans to attend George Washington University.

Peter is the son of Debbie and Charles "Butch" Swanberg of the Shore Road. Debbie is a registered nurse, and Butch works for the US Postal Service in Bar Harbor. Pete plans to study at the University of Maine in Orono in the fall.

Golfers will easily recognize their names and faces. Ryan is one of the top young golfers in the State of Maine, having won several tournaments in his age group. Pete is also an avid golfer, though his scores are a bit higher. Ryan's extra curricular activities included theater, and he often landed the leading roles. Pete played a lot of baseball at MDI High, and participated in track (both indoor and outdoor) and the camera club. Both were honored with a commendation by the Board of Selectmen.



Ryan Day (above) graduated with honors at Ellsworth High. Peter Swanberg (below) an honor grad at MDI High.



## Lots of June Brides (and grooms)

(Lamoine) — Congratulations are in order for four couples who tied the knot since the last issue of the Quarterly.

**Jean McFarland and Roland Donovan** got married on May 11th in one of the biggest weddings ever held in Lamoine. Hundreds of guests flocked to the Lamoine Church on Mother's Day. He works for Hinckley Yacht, she works at her parent's business, the Giant Sub, in Ellsworth. They reside on Douglas Highway.

**Wayne Hodgdon and Darlene Seavey** were married on June 7th. They reside on Buttermilk Road.

**Thomas Barr and Beth Goode** were also married on June 7th. They live on Meadow Point Road. Tom works for Northeast Plumbing and Heating and is a frequent visitor to the school and town hall to fix the plumbing.

**Perry Fowler and Heather Dickens** were married in Ellsworth on June 21st. A Lamoine native, Perry does much of the contracted road work in Lamoine, and is in business with his father. Heather operates Mailboxes Etc. in Ellsworth. They'll build a new home on Walker Road very soon.

## Babies Scarce!

(Lamoine) — For the first time in a while, there are no births to report during the previous quarter. There is no truth to the rumor the stork stayed south for the winter!

## Lamoine resident tops among Mainers at marathon



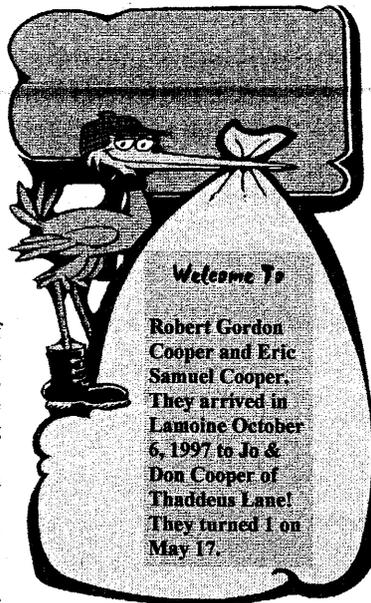
Well Done!

(Lamoine) — Richard Miller of Lamoine was the top Maine finisher at the 1997 Boston Marathon in April. Rick lives on Great Ledge Road with his wife Catherine Straka and their two young daughters, Maddie and Sarah.

Rick finished the Boston Marathon in two hours, 43 minutes and 16 seconds. That's an astounding 9.6 miles an hour! His time was off from his 1996 finish of 2:35, which was also tops among Mainers.

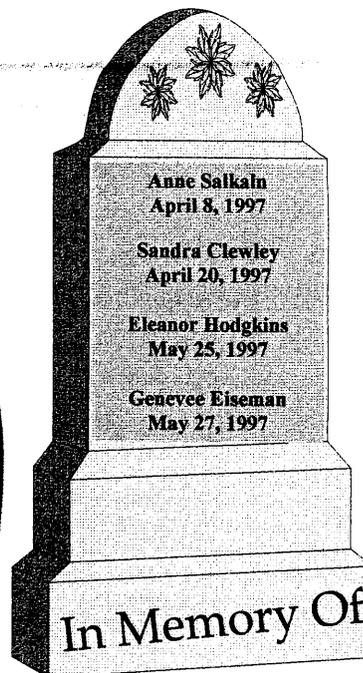
This was the fifth time the 43-year old Miller has run the Boston Marathon. He plans to go back next year, looking for the threepeat.

Miller said he trains for about 5-months before the marathon, and runs about 80 miles per week just before the race. When he's not running, Rick works for the United States Department of the Interior in the Petit Menan area.



## Town loses Eleanor Hodgkins

(Lamoine) — A battle with heart disease claimed one of Lamoine's best loved citizens in May. Eleanor Hodgkins was a long time school teacher, both in Lamoine and Hancock. She was an avid golfer, and



leaves behind her husband Harlan, two sons, and many grandchildren. Harl & El lived where the sign says Welcome to Marlboro Country at Needle's Eye and Partridge Cove Road.



## School's Out!

On June 19th, the last day of school, students held a walk-a-thon to raise money for wildlife expert Scott Grierson

## Lamoine OMer's 25th Best in World!

(College Park, MD) — Seven Lamoine students on the OM team proved they were up to world class competition as they competed against the best of the best in Maryland. The OMerdroid team placed 25th in the world. A team from China was the world champion.

Team members include Willy Fellis, Avi Gabel-Richards, Richard McMullen, Bryan Duffy, Miranda Engstrom, Lauren Linscott, and Mary Jones. They are coached by Laurie Davis and Terri Linscott.

On Friday, June 6th, the team performed their project in front of a crowd of about 400 people, including the all important judges. The competition involves making a robot out of unusual materials. The students said they even gave him a smile! The 25th place finish is considered very good in the stiff competition.

The students and chaperones got to visit the Smithsonian and Washington Zoo during the trip. They arrived home in the wee hours of June 9th. Congratulations!

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## Transfer Station Makes the Grade!

(Lamoine) — Yeah, it may be a dump, but it sure is a nice dump! The Lamoine Transfer Station and recycling center passed its Department of Environmental Protection inspection this spring with flying colors.

Inspector Karen Knuuti of the Bangor DEP office annually treks to Lamoine to make sure our facility is operating within the guidelines of its license. In her report, Ms. Knuuti found no deficiencies, and remarked that it is nice to see a well run transfer station facility.

In the four years that the recycling center has been open, the DEP inspection has usually found a small item or two to report, and the town has always responded by fixing the problem.

The Board of Selectmen gave credit to manager Allen Sternfield for keeping the place shipshape. Allen has been the only regular attendant for the transfer station since it opened, though Janet Mullen has filled in part of a shift from time to time. Allen has never missed a day of work since he started his town employment in August 1993!

Some new posters will soon adorn the trash disposal area reminding residents which materials can be recycled.

## Lamoine keeping tabs on PERC/BHE situation

(Orrington) — The Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) and Bangor Hydro Electric (BHE) are in the midst of negotiating a new contract for the sale of power produced at the plant. This will have a direct impact on the property taxes of Lamoine, and all signs point to a fairly stable future in the cost of trash disposal. The town is represented by the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) which met in late June to review several options between PERC and BHE. The charter communities, of which Lamoine is one of several dozen, agreed that it is in the long term interest of all to renegotiate the contract with BHE.

Under what seems to be the most popular plan, the trash rate would stay at about \$45 per ton for 10 years. That's slightly less than what's being paid now. The debt on the PERC plant would be stretched out to account for the loss of revenue from BHE.

The electric utility faces deregulation and a possible natural gas alternative in its uncertain future. An emergency 4% rate hike was granted to BHE in June. Stay tuned, things can change quickly.

## Tax Exemption Challenged

### Storage building called water pollution control facility

(Lamoine) — The State Commissioner of Environmental Protection has declared that the transformer storage building owned by Bangor Hydro Electric Company should be considered exempt from taxation because it is a water pollution control facility. The Board of Assessors and Board of Selectmen have challenged the ruling to the Board of Environmental Protection.

The town has joined the towns of Veazie, Lincoln and Machias in their challenge of the ruling. Richard Violette, the town attorney for Veazie is handling the case.

The towns contend that the buildings are for the storage of transformers, and not primarily for processing polluted water. The utility says the building is designed to handle more than four thousand gallons of waste water per day, the requirement for the state tax exemption.

Carried to the extreme, the towns feel that if the transformer storage building is considered a water pollution control facility, virtually every basement in the State of Maine could be similarly eligible for tax exemption. One's basement is generally designed to contain any release of heating fuel from a tank burst.

The towns have asked the Board of Environmental Protection to reverse the tax exempt status granted by the Commissioner. A filing with the BEP was made, but word has yet to filter back on when a hearing on the matter is scheduled.

## Charter Community Status pays off

(Orrington) — A little more than a year ago, Lamoine decided to become a "charter community" with the PERC trash to energy plant. It involved some up front joining costs, but Lamoine would share in the rebates offered to charter communities for good performance of the plant.

It cost \$700 to join, plus a small quarterly assessment. This year, the town received a check for over \$1,200. In other words, we made about \$300 by changing from a contract town to a charter community. The dividend should be greater next year, depending on the outcome of the negotiations with Bangor Hydro Electric, and other operating factors.

The income was credited to the PERC disposal expenses. Even with the income, the expenses slightly exceeded the budget for 1996/97 due to increased trash amounts.

July 1997		Town Hall & Meetings Calendar					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1- 7pm Planning Board	2	3- 6:15 Selectmen 6:30 Appeals Brd	4- Office Closed (Holiday)	5	
6	7-6:30 PM School Board	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17-6:15 Selectmen	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24 1PM League of Towns	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31-6:15 Selectmen			

August 1997		Town Hall & Meetings Calendar					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		Town Hall Closed - Vacation			1	2	
3	4-6:30 PM School Board	5-7PM Planning Board	6 Office Closed	7	8-6PM FD Auction @ School	9	
10	11	12 Office Closed	13 Office Closed	14-6:15 Selectmen	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28 -6:15 Selectmen	29	30	

Selectmen's meetings move to Thursdays starting in July. A decision will be made in late August on when to regularly hold them. The Lamoine Fire Department meets each Thursday at 7:00 PM at the Fire House. Schedule subject to change!

September 1997		Town Hall Meeting Schedule					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1-Office Closed Labour Day	2-7PM Planning Board	3	4	5	6		
8-6:30 PM School Board	9	10-6:15 PM Selectmen or	11-6:15 Selectmen	12	13		
15	16	17	18	19	20		
22	23	24-6:15 PM Selectmen or	25-6:15 PM Selectmen	26	27		
29	30						

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