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## Lamoine Woman Murdered

(Southwest Harbor) — The attorney general's office has filed murder charges against former Lamoine resident Stephen Lockhart in the December 11, 1998 death of his estranged wife Andrea. Her body was found in the garage of a Southwest Harbor boatyard, encased in fiberglass resin. Mr. Lockhart is held without bail at the Supermax prison in Warren.

The killing leaves behind four children, three who are enrolled at the Lamoine Consolidated School, and a 2-year old. The first school day after the murder brought counselors into the school

to work with students and teachers. Many in town sought to help the children, who are cared for by a relative.

A trust fund in the name of the four Lockhart children was established at the Union Trust Company, PO Box 479, Ellsworth, ME 04605. *(More on page 6).*

Mrs. Lockhart lived on Buttermilk road. Mr. Lockhart turned himself in to the Southwest Harbor Police Department the night of the killing. Authorities had been alerted to her disappearance when she failed to show for work at the China Hill Restaurant in Ellsworth.

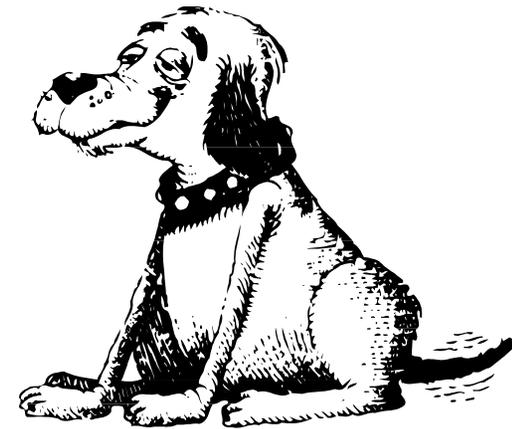
## Gravel Sale Planned at old salt/sand pile

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen has given tentative approval to a plan to sell what remains of the former salt/sand pile storage area to Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. The move is seen as a win/win/win

Additionally, Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. will perform some screening improvements in the area, which should spruce up the aesthetics greatly.

In commenting on the plan, the Selectmen noted that Gott was the only company which could purchase the gravel because of its proximity to the Smith pit,

## License those dogs



(Lamoine) — All dog licenses expire December 31st. If you have a pet dog, you have a one month grace period in which to obtain a registration from the town office without penalty. After January 31st, the town, by law, must charge a \$3 late fee. For those dogs which have not registered by April 15, 1999, a warrant will be issued to the Animal Control Officer, and an additional \$10 warrant fee per dog will be charged. Before the deadline, spayed or neutered dogs cost \$4, and dogs able to reproduce cost \$7.50.

The requirement to register dogs is a State Law which the town is obligated to

situation. A small hill with about ten thousand yards of gravel sits on the site adjacent to the Lamoine Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

Until 1994, the town's supply of Winter salt/sand was stored in the open in this location. Pollution to a pair of wells across Lamoine Beach Road (Rte 184) forced the discontinuance of open salt/sand storage in this location. However, the hill remains with a few trees, some of which have started to collapse from erosion.

The land sits adjacent to a gravel pit owned by Mary Smith, and mined by the Gott operation. Under the state and local gravel ordinance, at least 25 feet must remain on either side of the property line unless written permission is given by both sides to go closer to the property line. In this instance, where both areas are mined for gravel, the elevation can be a common height. Mrs. Smith has given the town permission to remove the gravel to her property line.

Ultimately, the town side of the line will likely be used to build a salt/sand storage shed. Provided the state has funding, such a shed will be required in the year 2003. Once the gravel is removed from this area, the site work will essentially be completed, and the area ready for the concrete pad on which to build the facility.

The third positive part of the project is the sale of the gravel. The town will receive, under the tentative agreement, \$1.25 per yard for the gravel.

on which Gott holds the mining lease. The Selectmen felt the \$1.25/yard price was fair in consideration for restoration work which will be performed on the land once the hill is removed.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the application on Monday, January 4, 1999. Any member of the public is invited to comment on the plan.

Meanwhile, the Planning Board gave final approval to a plan by the Gotts to mine an additional ten feet of gravel from another piece of town land which is already being worked by the company. This piece is located in back of the old town landfill, and adjacent to the pit owned by the Gotts. Once again, the Selectmen stated that the only way a significant return could come from this piece of land through gravel sales was for Gott to mine it, due to the setback requirements. It is anticipated that 17,000 yards of material will come from the additional ten feet of excavation on this piece, with no threat to the groundwater table. Steve Salsbury, a surveyor who has done the planning work on both pieces, said the required slopes for the pit can still be maintained at the 10-foot extra depth. Tim Gott of the company said the material lower than that is not of good, marketable gravel quality.

The Selectmen have a contract to sell material on that project for \$1/yard. Combined, the two projects will bring in \$29,500 to the town's coffers and complete needed site work.

enforce. Even if the dog never leaves the house, it must be registered. The rationale, on the state level, is to protect dogs and the general public from rabid, domesticated animals. So far, cats are not required to be registered. Rabies cases have been reported as close as Waldo County.

To obtain registration, a dog's keeper must present the clerk with a valid rabies inoculation paper. The town office keeps a record of the expiration date for the rabies vaccine. If the animal has been spayed or neutered since its last registration, or for a first time registration, the spaying/neutering certificate should be presented as well.

If you no longer have a dog, the town office needs to be notified. The warrant is based on those does on file last year.



*The hill next to the transfer station will come out, leveling the area in preparation for a salt/sand storage facility under the proposal to sell gravel on town owned land.*

## Fence Installed at Transfer Station



*Rocks and signs at the transfer station have not kept trespassers from illegally dumping. A new fence was installed on December 23rd by ADA Fence of Palmyra.*

(Lamoine) — A new fence will protect the Lamoine Recycling Center and Transfer Station from people who trespass and throw their trash away illegally. Reacting to an increasing problem of improperly disposed of material, the Board of Selectmen voted to use some of the remaining funds in the dump closing account to construct a fence between the existing gate and the natural barriers the prevent easy entrance to transfer station.

Recent problems include bulky

items such as furniture being left inside the transfer station area by unknown people. Some hazardous waste has also been left behind, creating a large expense to remove.

The Selectmen realize many people have properly disposed of regular household trash and recycling materials during off hours, and this will thwart that effort. However, the license from the Department of Environmental Protection requires the transfer station be staffed when trash is disposed of.

Bids were solicited from area fencing companies in December. Only one bid was submitted, that from ADA Fence of Palmyra for \$1,163.76. The

Selectmen were pleasantly surprised by



*Left - A very nice house number display from Anne Bragdon. Below, graphic artists Leslie Edwards and Ian Hulbert live at this Douglas Highway address.*

## Address Changes complete

(Lamoine) — The August 1, 1998 address conversion is complete, and has worked pretty well. Very few problems have been noted in the new road name and number scheme designed to meet the Enhanced 911 guidelines. Where minor problems have occurred, the town has worked with the US Post Office in Ellsworth to ensure proper mail delivery.

The town maintains several files which require addresses, including the tax records and the voting list. All of those lists were converted for the new addresses in August. If people are still in the process of notifying others of the new address, be assured the town has your proper address on file, and unless you have moved to a different address within town, there is no need to notify the town office of the conversion.

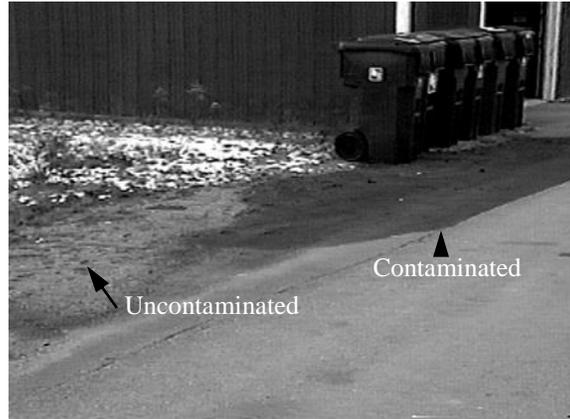
The final part of conversion is the display of numbers on buildings. Under the road numbering ordinance, this was to have been completed by November 1, 1998. Most houses have done well to display the number, but others should do it right away.

# Spill Contaminates Soil at Transfer Stn.

(Lamoine) — The annual inspection by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection identified two problems at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. One was easily solved, the other has proven expensive.

The expensive problem is removal of contaminated soil. Two areas of stained soil were observed by the DEP inspector in November. The town immediately sought to clean the soil and replace it with clean fill as advised by the DEP. That turned out to be an education.

To remove stained soil, the town first had to determine with what it's stained. The nearest facility which will



take such material is the Sawyer Landfill in Hampden. Their DEP license requires several testing results be known before they can accept the material. The tests cost in excess of \$1,600!

Once the tests are back, the town is able to have a contractor dig up the dirt and transport it to Hampden. The most serious spill appears to be by the metals

*Spills near the office paper bins and adjacent to the metal pile at the transfer station are indicated by*



pile, and may have come from a metal canister of material improperly placed on

the pile after opening hours.

The Selectmen have contacted a mason to get a price on putting spill prevention on top of the metals pile. That issue will be discussed during the winter.

Meanwhile, it's expected the cleanup will cost in excess of \$2000 for what may amount to 300 pounds of dirt.

# Junkyards Renewed

(Lamoine) — Selectmen approved renewal of four junkyards properly licensed in Lamoine. Two belong to Pro Auto Center, and one each for Bradford's Auto and Reginald McDevitt. In her annual inspection, Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright noted the Pro-Auto yard on Douglas Highway is largely cleaned up, with fewer than a half dozen vehicles on the lot. More than 2 cars constitutes a junkyard which must be

# Trash Disposal

(Bar Harbor) — A study commissioned by the MDI League of Towns found some interesting statistics about the cost of solid waste. The study by CY Consultants found Lamoine's cost per person to be the lowest of the six towns studied at \$22.73. The cost per ton of trash was in the mid-range at \$93.99. Recycling cost 48 cents per person in Lamoine. Some of the towns studied made money on recycling. The report

# Water Tests Begin

(Lamoine) — The first round of water tests on four private wells near the old landfill is complete, and results seem to indicate no major leaching problem. The Department of Environmental Protection asked for the tests as part of the post-closure monitoring of the old dump. The DEP may begin to drill wells in the area next Spring, and conduct its own long term testing. The second round of town testing will begin in January, with the results to be forwarded to the DEP when they are received from the State testing

## Winter weather scarce, lights plentiful for Holiday Season

(Lamoine) — Early December felt more like mid-October at times as winter delayed its visit to Downeast Maine. The first smell of snow, though, brought snowmobile owners to the town office in waves to register their sleds for the winter. They didn't have any snow until mid-December in our area on which to sled. Die-hard golfers were still on the course in December.

For the town's snow plow contractor, the season starts in mid-October with the stockpiling of the salt and sand. Under the contract with Lamoine and Trenton, Richard J. King, Inc. is paid for the stockpiling and then monthly for six months for plowing. For the first time in recent years, the first installment was paid without the plow trucks having to go out to plow or sand. Company owner Richard

King said that was fortunate, as the salt cost a little more than expected this year.

The first significant snow of the season fell on December 18th. No significant problems were reported on town roads.

While there was little snow, lights were aglow aplenty for the holiday season. The highest candle-power award again goes to Richard King, Inc. on Douglas Highway. The display traditionally draws large crowds. Neighbors Buck Page and Jerry Payson also put up lots of lights. On Asa's Lane, Calvin Smith and Mima Grindle also had a large display. Other displays of note include Bonnie & David Mouland, Richard & Connie Wallace, Charles & Lynda Gray and Dan & Brenda Norwood of Buttermilk Road. Carl Crowley on

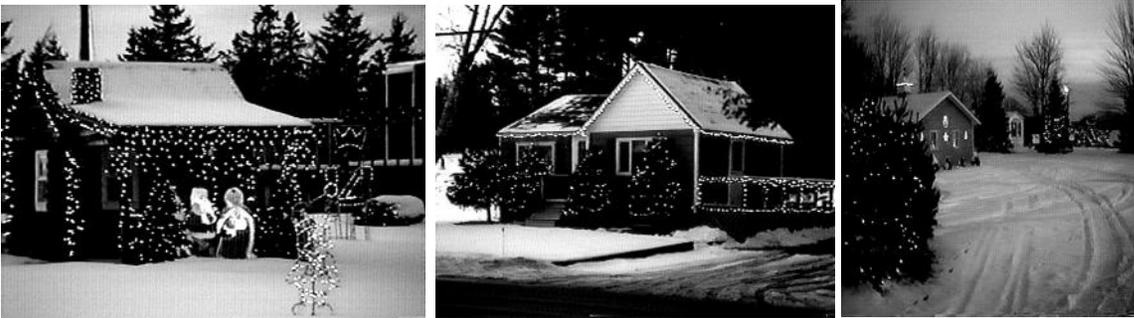
## Parks & Recreation Committee

(Lamoine) — The appointed committee to oversee operation and maintenance of Lamoine's Parks and recreational programs was disbanded by the Board of Selectmen in the fall. The committee had failed to hold an official meeting for many months, and members had expressed frustration at their mission.

For now, the Selectmen will oversee maintenance activities at the two public parks in town, Lamoine Beach and Bloomfield Park. The future of town run recreation programs will be discussed during the winter and probably at town meeting when the budget is set.

The Selectmen thanked those who served on the committee for the past many years. The committee became an appointed board when voters opted to stop electing commissioners to oversee the town's parks in 1994.

### State Park to fix Lamoine Beach Sign, aids with vandalism cleanup



*...with their lights all aglow. Left to right, part of Richard King's huge display, Carl Crowley's home on Lamoine Beach Road, and the Calvin Smith/Mima Grindle display on Asa's Lane as seen at dusk on the day before winter's start*



*New signs mark the end of Lamoine Beach Road (Route 184) to alert drivers before they get wet!*

## End of Road Marked

(Lamoine) — The tragic death of a young woman from Hancock in late October has prompted the Maine Department of Transportation to provide better signage at the end of Route 184 on the Lamoine Beach Road portion. 22-year old Lisa Lounder drowned when her car sped into the ocean at Lamoine Beach. Her father, Harry, is an animal control officer for Lamoine.

Following the mishap, several townspeople reported they had trouble picking up where the road ends at the beach, especially on dark, foggy nights. The town contacted the MDOT office in Ellsworth, and special reflective signs were installed at the end of the road in December.

The town maintains a streetlight, which helps identify the end of the road.

## Selectmen oppose Vending Machines

(Lamoine) — The question of how much a state facility should compete with private enterprise came to a head in Lamoine, and made the statewide news. Officials from the State Park Service had contemplated installation of soft drink and ice machines at Lamoine State Park as a convenience to campers and boaters.

The Board of Selectmen was contacted by Ruth Keene, the owner of the Lamoine General Store, who said installation of such machines would severely cut into her operating budget at the store. The Selectmen agreed to help politically in the cause, and wrote a letter to Governor Angus King, and to the State Department of Conservation, which oversees the Parks Department.

In the letter, the Selectmen stressed they do not oppose private competition, but felt the plan pits the resources of State Government against those of a small private enterprise, and would threaten the existence to the store which opened a few years ago.

The State Park Service responded, saying it probably will not put in machines which sell similar items to those available at the store. A private group, Friends of Lamoine State Park, will continue to sell firewood at the park entrance.

(Lamoine) — If you lost a Halloween pumpkin in late October, you were in good company. Vandals apparently made a sweep one night, then deposited the booty at the parking lot of Lamoine Beach Park. The remains of about 50 pumpkins littered the area.

Ironically, the crew from Lamoine State Park had chosen that date to remove the sign from the town park in order to paint it during the Winter and reinstall in the Spring. Park manager Jay McIntosh discovered the mess when he arrived at the park that morning, and arranged to get manpower and equipment to the area and clean up the mess. The Selectmen sent Mr. McIntosh a thank-you letter, both for that effort, and for the generous donation of a freshly painted sign in the Spring.

## Traffic Light planned

(Bar Harbor) — Lamoine residents working on and visiting Mount Desert Island may have an easier time returning home next summer. Initial plans call for the Maine Department of Transportation to install a traffic light at the head of the Island to relieve traffic congestion, especially on Route 102.

The MDI League of Towns, of which Lamoine is a member, requested action from the MDOT, and was shown the plan in December. The Bar Harbor Town Council also endorsed the idea. 3

## Town Finances strong going into Winter

(Lamoine) — The Town of Lamoine continues to enjoy a healthy bank account heading into the slow cash flow months of January through May. The latest available financial report presented to the Selectmen showed \$1,016,977.68 in the bank and earning interest. The bulk of that, \$923,804.17, is held in an investment management account by Bangor Savings Bank. Another \$51,667.35 is held in a market rate account at People's Heritage. The remaining \$41,306.16 is in the checking account with Union Trust Company.

The positive cash situation was helped by strong real estate tax collections. By December 10th, 90.58% of the taxes committed were collected. The other component of the strong cash balance has to do with billing of high school tuition. Those bills arrived later than usual this year, with the first one being paid in Mid-December. The school union office expects sizeable bills in January and February which will bring the investment management account balance down significantly.

The report projects nearly \$250,000 left in the bank when the fiscal year ends on June 30, 1999. The project is a very conservative estimate which assumes revenues to be slightly below budget, and

## Town Meeting Date Set for April 16 & 17

(Lamoine) — The annual town meeting to elect a Selectman, a School Board Member, an Assessor, and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be held on April 16 & 17, 1999. Voting will take place on Friday the 16th from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Town Hall for the municipal officers. The open town meeting which sets important town policies and budget matters will be held beginning at 9:00 AM on Saturday the 17th at the Lamoine Consolidated School.

Nomination papers will be available beginning on Thursday, January 21, 1999. The deadline to file at least 25 and no more than 100 nominating signatures will be Tuesday, March 2, 1999. Papers are available from the Town Clerk's office. The final warrant for the town meeting will be published in the annual town report which will be distributed house to house in late March

## Budget Committee Work Under way *New Member Appointed*

## Foreclosure Notices Mailed

(Lamoine) — One of the more unfortunate duties of the town treasurer is notification of taxpayers that their property is about to become tax acquired. The mandatory date to inform for the liens placed on unpaid taxes for the 1996/97 tax year fell between December 9th and 24th. During that time, 13 liens remained in effect. If payment in full is not received by January 22, 1999, the town will become the owner of the property listed.

To properly do the job of informing all parties involved, the treasurer must research all properties at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds to find anyone who might have an interest on the property. Then, certified mail must be sent to all owners, mortgage holders, and anyone else with an interest. One piece of property required 13 certified letters be sent, adding an extra \$36.01 in cost to the lien.

The town does not anticipate taking possession of any of the properties. If one should foreclose, the former owner is given the first chance to buy it back for all back taxes. If they choose not to redeem the property, the town's interest in the property is put out to auction.

Last year, one piece was foreclosed upon, but subsequently sold back to the former owner, who has since

## Contracts Awarded, Settled

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen has agreed to enter a new contract with Grimmel Industries to remove the metals from the collection pad at the Lamoine Recycling Center and Transfer Station. The Board advertised for bids for metal removal during November. Only two bids were received, and they reflected a very depressed scrap metal market. The Grimmel bid was for no cost to the town, but no revenue either. The other bid would have cost the town \$20/ton. In past years, the town has received revenue of \$15/ton for all the metal collected at the transfer station.

Another solid waste contract has been cleared up and better communication established between the town and a contractor. Sawyer Environmental had notified the town it would no longer collect recycling because of the town's refusal to pay its bill. The town had refused to pay the bill because Sawyer had caused contamination of some loads of recycling due to improper configuration of the bins used to transport the plastics and paper.

The town worked with Sawyer to rectify the situation, a fair settlement was reached, and no further problems have been reported in the collection of recyclables. Approximately two more years remain on the contract, which was originally with BFI, but sold to Sawyer by the original

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Budget Committee has begun its annual review of budget requests. Most of the non-school budget plans have been presented by the various departments. The largest component of the town budget, education, will be presented beginning in January.

Because no draft of the school budget has been presented, it is impossible to predict what will happen to real estate taxes in the 1999/2000 fiscal year. Unless there is a significant decrease in expenditures, or a sizeable increase in State Aid to Education, it is likely that taxes will rise.

The municipal budget excluding schools is still being formulated. The committee has looked at all the material submitted by the Selectmen, Fire Department, and outside agencies requesting funding to date. Among the proposals which generated heated discussion was a plan to pay the elected board of assessors a smaller flat rate salary, then an hourly wage based on documented hours working for the town, up to a set maximum. The Selectmen felt this plan would be a more fair way to compensate assessors who may work more hours than others on the aspects of setting property values and committing the taxes for collection.

During the winter months, the Selectmen will formulate the town meeting warrant wording.

Barry Muise replaces Bruce Chamberlain who moved. Muise, an electrician lives on Douglas Highway.

## News of Neighbors

(Trenton) — Congratulations to the Town of Trenton for being named the Developers of the Year by the Finance Authority of Maine. The Board of Selectmen received the honor at FAME's annual dinner in Portland. They won the award for the Trenton Business Park project which has attracted two tenants to date.

(Ellsworth) — The Hancock County Commissioners have approved a budget increase of 6.25% for the coming year. The biggest component of the increase has to do with the construction of the new Hancock County Jail. Because Lamoine's proposed state valuation increased approximately 5.8% compared to a county-wide increase of 3.7%, Lamoine's county assessment could rise by over 8%, to approximately \$48,500. The final figures are still pending, and should be out in January.

(Bar Harbor) — Jean Barker has retired as the Town Clerk of Bar Harbor. In October, Mrs. Barker was given Ethel N. Kelley award by the Maine Municipal Association for her 37 years of service. Pat Gray was hired to take her place.

(Hancock) — Congratulations to the Town of Hancock, winner of a 3rd place award in the annual Town Report Competition held by the Maine Municipal Association. 4  
The "Singing Bridge" is on front.

## Fire Calls numerous

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Fire Department was kept quite busy with emergency calls during the Fall season. In early October, the department assisted Trenton at a house fire on Route 3. The home belongs to Jeff and Cindy Gordon, and Lamoine volunteers were first on the scene, as it's fairly close to the town line. A fast attack kept some of the home intact, but much was destroyed. A faulty electrical entrance is blamed for the fire in which a dog and cat perished.

The department used its rescue boat to aid in the recovery of a vehicle which plunged into the water off Lamoine Beach.

A car belonging to Bruce Gott of Mill Road was damaged in a fire in late November. Mr. Gott was driving the car when he noticed flames in the rear window. Firefighters used a dry chemical extinguisher to put out the fire.

In December, a dryer fire at the John and Aili Murphy residence kept firefighters at the scene on Lorimer Road for about two hours. The house suffered smoke damage, and the dryer was destroyed, but there was no burn damage to the home. Two cats in the house survived the acrid smoke.

A couple days later a grass fire (On December 11th!) was reported on Lamoine Beach Road at the Ray and Arlyss Becker residence. Wood stove

ashes thrown in a brush pile apparently ignited that blaze. While the field burned, there was no significant damage.

Other Hancock County Towns have suffered significant fire damage during the fall. The Largay's IGA complex in Blue Hill was completely destroyed by fire on December 5th. The Lamoine Fire Department had a crew standing by to cover Ellsworth and Trenton which sent units to Blue Hill. The fire investigator report indicated two teen-aged employees of the supermarket started the fire by playing with matches, which caught a recycling bin on fire.

On the 7th of December, fire completely destroyed a convenience store in Bass Harbor. Big Al's pit stop was the victim of a burglary and arson. The store safe was taken in the burglary, and the fire was apparently started by the burglars to try to cover up the crime. A tenant living above the store was not injured.

The Mount Desert Island High School in Bar Harbor suffered significant damage in an early morning explosion December 13th. Investigators report a propane line used for a clothes dryer in the boys locker room leaked, and a motor in an ice machine triggered the explosion. The locker rooms were destroyed by the blast, and the gymnasium was put off limits until structural repairs are made. The rest of the high school was declared safe by building engineers. Many Lamoine residents attend MDI High.

## Lawsuit Update

(Lamoine) — A suit filed against the town and its former plumbing inspectors is still pending in Federal Court. Depositions were planned in December as the town prepares its defense in the suit brought by John and Anita Burns. They claim discrimination because a plumbing permit was denied to them. The town denies the charges. Attorney Mark Franco of Portland is handling the case on behalf of Maine Municipal Association, the town's insurance carrier.

The threatened lawsuit brought by a Lamoine woman on behalf of her son has apparently been settled out of court. Local newspapers report a settlement between former teacher Timothy Barlow and Darlene Hodgdon, the student's mother. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed. The articles indicated that the other named parties, including the school department and the town, would not be sued in the incident.

Related to that incident is a case pending before an arbitrator. Mr. Barlow has appealed his dismissal by the Lamoine School Board. Several hearings were held at the Union 92 office by an independent arbitrator assigned to the case. A ruling is expected by early January in the case as to whether Mr. Barlow should remain dismissed or receive his job back.

The incident involved allegations that Mr. Barlow reacted to a misbehaving student in an unacceptable manner.

## Condemned

### Building Still There

(Lamoine) — The owners of a building condemned in 1997 by the Board of Selectmen have yet to authorize removal. In July 1990, the building on Urann Creek Road in the Partridge Cove Subdivision was destroyed by fire. The remains of the building have stood since the fire, with no effort to remove.

In 1997, the Town was approached by a neighbor who complained the building was an attractive nuisance to young people. An inspection by the Town found also that a heating fuel tank was still present and very rusted. It's not known if any fuel is still inside the tank, but that threat of pollution was among the driving factors to condemn the building by the Selectmen.

The town has been in contact with one of the owners off and on during the past year and a half. A \$500 deposit was sent to the town to help with removal costs, and the town solicited bids during the summer. Only one bid was received, and it exceeded \$4,000. The owner has not been in contact with the town since.

The matter has been turned over to Town Attorney Tony Beardsley to pursue removal during the winter. Two other buildings condemned at the same time by the town were removed by their owners, eliminating two unsafe conditions.

## Fire Department Supper A Success

(Lamoine) — The annual firefighter's supper was deemed a success in October as more than 200 people were served a clam chowder and casserole dinner by members of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department. The final profit was \$1,154.93.

Ticket sales were not as brisk as in previous years, as the pre-sale of tickets didn't do as well. The big reason for the low pre-sale amount was that many

firefighters were out of town attending a training session in Waterville. With fewer people to knock on doors, some large areas of town were missed.

Chef Albert Herrick cooked up another great pot of chowder, and households from all over town donated casseroles, pies, and ingredients. The supper was organized by Mildred Jordan.

## Assessors Organize

### *Regular Meetings Planned*

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Assessors met on December 3, 1998 to organize for the coming year, and agreed to set regular meeting dates which will be announced to the public. The next meeting of the Board will be on January 13, 1999 at 9:15 AM. Any member of the public may address the full board at that time. People are encouraged to contact the town office with issues for the Assessors ahead of time.

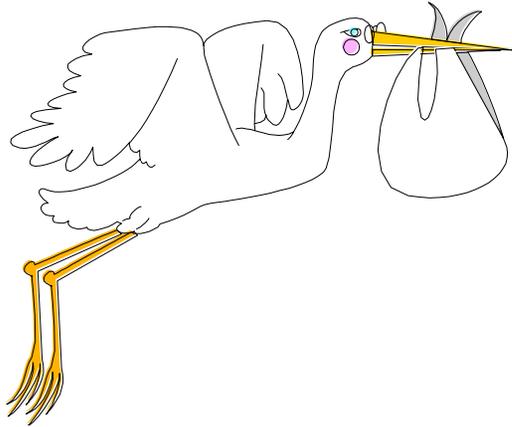
Jane Fowler remains the Chairwoman of the Board. Colene Sharkey and Pat Wallace are the other two elected assessors. Pat's term will expire on June 30, 1999.

During the coming months, the assessors will review the tax records, the building permits, and prepare for the

spring appraisal work. That includes a review of building permits and works in progress. All property in town is appraised as of April 1st of each year.

Very few tax abatements were sought for the current fiscal year. One was granted for an error in a land valuation for a piece of property sold several years ago. Another was granted for an appraisal of a home under construction for work presumed to have been completed by April 1 which it turns out was not completed until later.

The proposed state valuations have come in. Lamoine's state value has gone above \$100 million, as proposed, or an increase of \$5.5 million. The valuation increase is approximately 5.8%.



## No Ice Storm Baby Boom

(Lamoine) — Apparently couples in Lamoine found less creative ways to stay warm during the ice storm in January, as a baby boom in October never materialized. In fact, it's been a rather dry spell for babies during the last quarter, as just one birth was reported to the Town Office.

Congratulations and welcome to **Emma Sophia Forthofer** who was born on December 5, 1998. She's the daughter of Kim Kreiton and Jeffrey Forthofer who make their home on Lamoine Beach Road. She was born at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor.

Before Emma's arrival, no babies had been born in Lamoine since last July! Several couples are expecting in the Spring, so we hope to have a pretty good crop of new arrivals to report in the next issue of the Quarterly.

## How Can I Help?

(Lamoine) — The tragic death of 32 year old Andrea Lockhart and the subsequent arrest of her husband Stephen has left behind four children without one or both parents. At both the Lamoine School and the Town Office, the phone started to ring immediately with people asking how they can help ensure the children are taken care of.

The most pressing need was for clothing. Andrea's sister and her daycare provider have made sure the children have shelter and care, and the school has arranged for many generous donations of clothing. The holiday season also brought many calls of concern that the children receive gifts. Additionally, the 2 year old daughter's birthday came a week after the killing. Many individuals have made sure that both the Christmas and birthday presents were taken care of.

The biggest area of need will be long term. To that end, trust funds were set up at the Union Trust Company for the children. For details, you can call the Union Trust Company at 667-2504 and ask for Rebecca Sargent, or drop off a check at any Union Trust branch in the name of the "Lockhart Children's Fund", and it will be put into the account.

Final details are still being worked out on how the trust fund will be administered, but family members indicated it would be for the future educational needs of the Lockhart children.



## Two Couples marry during quarter

(Lamoine) — Congratulations to the following couples who exchanged wedding vows during the previous 3 months.

**Theodore Stanley and Renee Forrest** were married in Hancock on October 24, 1998. They make their home on Mud Creek Road.

On November 7, 1998, **Jamie Cross and Storey Renault** became husband and wife. They were married shortly after they purchased a home on



# School News

## Mrs. Lockhart Retires

(Lamoine) — Mrs. Marilyn Lockhart wrapped up her teaching career on December 23, 1998. After 30 years at the Lamoine Consolidated School, Mrs. Lockhart decided it was time to retire. Her 4th grade class dedicated their performance at the Holiday Concert to her, and the audience gave her a standing ovation. Many parents said good-bye on her last day, and she was presented with an official resolution of appreciation from the Selectmen. Principal Val Perkins joked it was obvious from the snow-blower for sale on her front lawn that she planned to head South for the winter.

To replace Mrs. Lockhart, the School Board has hired Linda Brooks. She comes to Lamoine from Trenton where she was working as a middle level language arts teacher and aide.

## Acts Needed

The Lamoine Patrons of the Arts is once again sponsoring a wintertime Cabaret to chase away cabin fever and spotlight talent in our community. The Cabaret will be held on Saturday, February 6 and will include delectable desserts as well as a cross section of performing arts.

There is still time to add acts to the program. If you or your group would like to perform in the Cabaret call Amy Duym at 667-8578 or 667-7219 the first week of January. We are hoping to include mime,

poetry, humor, dance, vocal and instrumental music, storytelling, and puppetry in the evening's program. People who would like to help with the event in other ways can also leave their names with Amy.

We hope you will attend this enjoyable evening that has become one of the cultural highlights of the winter. Tickets will be on sale late January. Proceeds will be used to benefit arts programs in the school and community.

*by Faith Perkins*



*Channel 7 Television interviews nurse Barbara Beal at the Lamoine Town Hall*

# Lamoine Community Care Organized

(Lamoine) — Lamoine Community Care, a new volunteer group to help our senior neighbors, had a good beginning in November. From a group of 15 volunteers, 9 were able to attend the Health-Link sponsored workshop "Hearts and Hands" learning basic skills to help their neighbors. In addition, three attended an eldercare workshop called "The Grace to Care" sponsored by area churches in conjunction with Health Link. A great deal of useful information regarding services and available resources was provided.

The Community Care Team, headed by Tammy Dickey, Nancy Ford, and Dartha Reid, is now ready for calls from Lamoine's seniors who would like to use their services. They can provide telephone chats, companionship visits, rides to doctor appointments, delivery of library books, help with shopping, or help in finding assistance with yard work or inside tasks.

Please call the Town Office at 667-2242 and leave your name and phone number for the Community Care Group. They will be contacted and will call you. Once the group establishes what your needs are, you will be matched with 6 volunteers to help.

## New School Board Member Elected

(Lamoine) — Bonnie Marckoon of Buttermilk Road was elected as she ran unopposed for a School Committee vacancy in November. Mrs. Marckoon gathered 482 votes. There were 6 write-in votes for others.

Mrs. Marckoon will serve until the next annual town meeting. She fills the seat held by Kathy Chamberlain, who has moved away from town. Bonnie is an assistant manager with Bangor Savings Bank, and married to the Town Administrative Assistant (editor of the Quarterly). They have two school aged children.

## Election Results

<b>Governor</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Clarke, William	27
Connolly, Thomas	43
King, Angus	274
Lamarche, Patricia	71
Longley, James	130
<b>Congress District 2</b>	
Baldacci, John	380
Reisman, Jonathan	162
<b>State Senator, District 5</b>	
Goldthwait, Jill	372
Landers, Jane	154
<b>Representative, District 132</b>	
Pinkham, William	401
Wagner, James	144
<b>Judge of Probate</b>	
Patterson, James	458

## Septic Systems Installed with Grant

(Lamoine) — Two Birchlawn Drive homes have new septic systems thanks to the State of Maine's Small Community Grant Program. Income eligible homes receive up to 90% of the installation cost of a system to replace a failing system.

The town is one of the oversight agencies for the Department of Environmental Protection Program, processing the grant applications, advertising, and awarding the bids, and performing the inspections. Both projects were completed by November, and a \$12,500 check is expected in early January.

If anyone knows of a low income household which has a failing septic system, the town office should be contacted immediately, as applications for the next round are due in January 1999.



## Planning Board renews pits

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning board renewed four gravel pit permits during the fall. Three pit areas belonging to Harold MacQuinn, Inc. were granted new three year licenses, as was a pit owned by J. Aubrey Davis.

The Planning Board also gave preliminary approval to a plan by Walter and Mary Grenier to construct a residence adjacent to the Eagle Point Subdivision. The approval was needed in order for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to grant permission to construct in a Bald Eagle Habitat area. An eagle nest in the Skillings River caused part of the Grenier property to fall into the habitat protection area. The Town and the Fish & Wildlife Department await

## Building Permits

The following building permits were issued after the last issue of the Lamoine Quarterly:

<u>Nbr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>
98-42	Rhonda Workman	Garage
98-43	Vaughn Nichols	Residence
98-44	G & R Levin	Deck
98-45	D & G Crawford	Residence
98-46	Michael Wilder	Day Camp
98-47	J & D White	Residence

<b>County Treasurer</b>	
Lakin, Robert	433
<b>Register of Deeds</b>	
Hanscom, Marilyn	452
<b>Sheriff</b>	
Clark, William	451
<b>District Attorney - 7</b>	
Povich, Michael	451
<b>Referenda Question 1</b>	
Yes	292
No	191
<b>Question 2</b>	
Yes	303
No	178
<b>School Committee</b>	
Marckoon, Bonnie	482
Others	6
Total Votes Cast	554
Total Registered Voters	1044
Turnout Percentage	53.07%

Enrolled Democrats	238	
Voting Democrats	144	
Percentage Democrats Voting	60.50%	
Enrolled Republicans	399	
Voting Republicans	243	
Percentage Republicans Voting	60.90%	
Unenrolled Voters	407	
Voting Unenrolled	167	
Percentage Unenrolled Votes	41.03%	

## Ordinances are now computerized

(Lamoine) — All pertinent ordinances (and even a few archaic ones) are now in computer format and available in that format from the Town Office. The town uses the Microsoft Word 6.0 Format

*Town Clerk Hubene Brodie has added quite a festive touch to the Lamoine Town Hall for the Holiday season. Candles were placed in each window. The flower boxes (shown above) sported nice evergreen decor thanks to tips donated by Gerald Hill. A tree donated by Hubene, and decorations from Stu Marckoon and George Crawford was displayed inside. In 1999, we'd like to have townspeople make some tree decorations to be displayed yearly. Details in the October '99 issue*

## Road Weight Limit

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Selectmen passed an order which will allow them to place any local road off limits to heavy trucks. The language in the order was based on a model ordinance obtained through the Maine Municipal Association.

The order itself does not impose weight restrictions on any road at this time. What it does is give Selectmen a tool to protect town roads from damage, or to post them for public safety reasons.

The Selectmen felt the lower section of Mill Road, in particular, would be a highly inappropriate place for large trucks to operate on a regular basis. If for some reason such traffic should increase, the mechanism is in place to put that road off limits for the heavy traffic. The ordinance requires advertising and public

98-48	K & C Lantz	Residence
98-48	K & C Lantz	Dock
98-49	G Mannisto	Residence
98-50	M & M Arsenault	Residence
98-51	Perry Fowler	Garage
98-52	Robert Friedman	Addition
98-53	Robert Willis	Pool House
98-54	Russell Boynton Jr.	Shed

A reminder that if a new, or permanent, driveway is being installed on a public road, a road opening permit is needed from either the Town Office or the DOT.

## Ordinance Changes

(Lamoine) — If all goes well, Lamoine voters will decide on some major changes to town ordinances at the annual town meeting. The Planning Board is in the process of going over the final changes to the Building and Land Use ordinance to bring it into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Also under review is a new Site Plan Review Ordinance. This was highly encouraged by the Comprehensive Plan, and would apply to large commercial type projects. Work has begun to develop a forestry ordinance, though a direction to regulate wood harvesting in town has not yet been determined. All ordinance changes must be approved by a town meeting vote. Meetings will be held prior to the 7 final vote.

# JANUARY 1999

**SUN**

**MON**

**TUE**

**WED**

**THU**

**FRI**

**SAT**

1- Office Closed,  
New Year's Day

**2**

# FEBRUARY 1999

**SUN**

**MON**

**TUE**

**WED**

**THU**

**FRI**

**SAT**

1-6:30 PM School  
Board  
7:00 PM Planning  
Board

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

**6**

← School Vacation Week. →

**3**

4-7PM Planning  
Board

5-Office closed,  
Gen'l Assistance  
Training

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The Budget Committee will meet during January and February, but the schedule is not set. Consult Town Hall.

# MARCH 1999

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1-6:30 PM School  
Cmte 7:00 PM  
Planning Board

2-Nomination  
Papers Due 4PM

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