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## Voters to tackle Budget Writing Question November 2nd

(Lamoine) — The Selectmen have selected the regular election day to settle a question over how the budget articles that come before town meeting are written. The matter was forced by 67 petition signatures presented to the board earlier this year following the most recent town meeting. The petition asks that all budget questions be written in an open ended, or uncapped manner. This would allow budget articles to be amended upward or downward on the floor of the open town meeting.

In recent years, the Selectmen have chosen to use their discretion to write the questions in a closed, or capped manner, meaning any money raised at town meeting could only be lowered by amendment on the town meeting floor. Should the question pass in November, this method of writing the articles would no longer be available to the Town, un-

4. **Wording of Articles** – Any article placed on a town meeting warrant shall be worded so that the article may be amended to increase or decrease the budget amount, on the floor of open town meeting. This is known as the uncapped method of articles and generally begins with the words “To see what sum the town will raise...”. The Budget Committee and the Selectmen, and School Committee if applicable shall place recommendations as to the amount of the budget in the article.
5. **Repeal** – This order may only be repealed by a majority vote of an open town meeting.

A public hearing on the question will be held at the Regular Selectmen’s meeting scheduled for October 21, 1999 at 6:15 PM. Voting on this article will coincide with the statewide election set for November 2, 1999.

The Board of Selectmen are op-

## State Threatens action against Town Issuance of Plumbing Permit Questioned

(Lamoine) — Yet another chapter is written in the story of a Lamoine landowner and his quest to install a septic system on his land. This time, though, Jack Burns has the system installed.

Mr. Burns purchased the property on Meadow Point with the knowledge that no successful soil test had been conducted on the land, and at least eight site evaluators would not certify that the soils could support a sub-surface septic system. One permit was designed, but revoked by the town in 1992 after the site evaluator withdrew her design. That revocation led to several state court hearings, with the town and State prevailing each time. Mr. Burns sued the town in Federal Court, but lost because the filing on civil rights charges came too late.

In July, Mr. Burns contacted the town to say he had a septic design from a

less dictated by state law.

To avoid a complex question on the ballot, the Selectmen have composed an order regarding the method in which budget questions are presented to the town meeting. It reads as follows:

1. **Purpose** – The purpose of this order is to dictate the way town meeting warrant articles are to be worded when such articles raise and appropriate money.
2. **Authority** – This order is passed by the Lamoine Town Meeting under home rule authority spelled out in MRSA title 30-A §3001 et seq
3. **Applicability** – This order shall apply to all articles that raise and appropriate money for any purpose to be considered by the town meeting of the Town of Lamoine. Should Maine State law dictate that other methods such as secret ballot referendum be applied to such articles, State Law shall take precedence and such articles be written to comply with State Law.

## Refinished Floors get rave reviews

(Lamoine) — The newly refinished floors at the Lamoine Town Hall have won rave reviews from the public using the facility. The floors were sanded in early August by the crew from TA McIntire. They were finished with a lighter stain, and then four coats of a clear top coat were

posed to the question, feeling it takes away some of their flexibility to compose town meeting articles. Additionally, the budget building process takes many months, with a lot of work from the selectmen, town staff, and the budget committee to come up with the appropriate figures to present to town meeting. While anyone is welcome to attend the budget meetings, few do and they are not privileged to hear the debate and discussion regarding the various money articles. The Selectmen believe that work can be undermined by a small minority of the town which might show up for the town meeting on a particular issue.

The petition was presented by resident Jerry Jordan and signed by 66 other residents of the community. Mr. Jordan has expressed the sentiment that by “capping” the articles, the Selectmen take away some of the power of town meeting to decide on taxation levels.

placed upon them.

It took two weeks to complete the project. The town office operated from the Lamoine Consolidated School during that time. Special thanks go to Jason Anderson who assisted with the move back to Town Hall in mid August

licensed site evaluator, and wished to have his system permit approved.

Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI) Rebecca Albright, after consultation with a Selectman, treated the request as she would any other request for a new septic system, and issued the permit after checking for its location within the town’s flood plain zone. The system was installed two days later.

That brought out the State of Maine Department of Human Services. Two representatives of the agency which oversees the LPI program attended a Selectman’s meeting in August and vehemently criticized the town for not calling them in before issuing the permit. They asked the LPI to revoke the permit or face an administrative court hearing over the issuance.

It also brought a complaint to the Board of Selectmen from a neighbor of Mr. Burns. Terry Towne & Diana McDowell asked the Selectmen to order revocation of the permit on several grounds. The Selectmen have referred them to the Board of Appeals.

In previous correspondence with the State of Maine on this matter, the Town has steadfastly maintained that if Mr. Burns could get a system legally designed, the town would not oppose such a system. The system was designed by Dennis Curran of Civil Engineering Services of Brewer who said he stands behind his soils analysis where the system was placed.

## Appeals Board logs busy September

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Appeals had two issues to decide this summer in a relative flurry of business. The first case has posed some problems for the Board.

The board listened to a variance request by Linden Lane resident Lynn Tscheiller. Her new home and a deck wound up approximately 6-feet too close to the abutting property line. The case was brought to light by Ms. Tscheiller after she had informed the Code Enforcement Officer that a tool shed on an adjoining piece of property was placed too close to her line. A subsequent measurement by Ms. Tscheiller found her deck had encroached on the 25 foot minimum setback required under the Building and Land Use Ordinance.

Ms. Tscheiller explained to the board that the contractor who built her home apparently used a blaze line on some trees as a reference point, thinking it was the property line. A subsequent survey after construction revealed the property line was actually closer to the structure than the blazed line, putting the home in violation. Additionally, the deck was an afterthought and not included in the original building permit. When Ms. Tscheiller came before the Board of Selectmen to talk about the case prior to

Appeals Board involvement, it was revealed she'd never received a building permit for the deck.

The board listened to about two hours of testimony, then decided to schedule a field trip to the home in question before rendering a final decision. The field trip showed a rather wide disparity to where the property lines might be, and the Appeals Board took no action, but referred enforcement actions to the CEO.

The other case was brought by Cove Road Resident Terry Towne. Mr. Towne requested that the board issue him a Shoreland Permit, as one had not been issued to him in a timely fashion by the Code Enforcement Officer. Rebecca Albright, the Town's CEO, reported the physical Shoreland permit was issued, but she forgot to check the appropriate box on the construction permit application when she processed it. A formal, written permit card indicating Shoreland approval is generally not issued but presumed to be issued when the traditional blue building permit card is issued for property in the Shoreland. The Board found the matter moot in that Mr. Towne was issued the permit and had not been unduly delayed in beginning his project. The board took, no action on the matter.

## Primitive Campground proposed

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board is putting the town's Campground Ordinance to use for the first time since its passage in the 1970's. Ellsworth resident Sarah Morton has proposed to purchase a piece of property at the corner of Mud Creek Road and Partridge Cove Road. A barn is already located on the property. The barn was originally permitted to have an apartment located within it, and is served by a septic system.

Mrs. Morton told the planning board her son hopes to run a sea kayaking business from the barn, and kayakers would be able to use the primitive campground for overnight stays.

The Planning Board raised some serious questions about the feasibility of the project and the location of the barn on the property, wondering how it was permitted. A little research in the days after the initial meeting showed the board had granted permission for the barn in 1989, finding positively for the Shoreland and floodplain issues involved. Those findings were shared with the board at a special meeting in late September.

## Banner Summer for building permits

(Lamoine) — A very strong summer season for building permits has kept Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright hopping. The following permits were issued since the last edition of the Lamoine Quarterly:

No.	Name	Type
30	John Hardy	Residence
31	Reginald McDevitt	Residence
32	Brad Berry	Tool Shed
33	Ed Douglas	Residence
34	Harold Getchell	Garage
35	Mark Haskell	Residence
36	Winfred Stevens	Garage
37	Dennis Ford	Dock
38	James Day	Garage
39	Jonathan Colby	Storage Tlr
40	John LeDioyt	Garage
41	Bill Brann	Deck
42	Barry Norris	Addition
45	Lynn Tscheiller	Denied
46	Glen Walker	Residence
47	Warren Murray	Addition
48	James Norris	Garage
49	Wes Bentivoglio	Residence
50	Lonnie White	Addition
51	Charles Major	Shed
52	John Sloan	Deck
53	Scott Watson	Addition
54	Laurence Lovett	Garage

55 William Butler Addition  
 56 Stan Bachman Residence

Several other building permits were pending in late September, and will be listed in the January edition of the Quarterly.

A building permit is required for any structure greater than 100 square feet. Additional permits are required for those developments in the Shoreland Zone and in Flood Hazard section. Consult the Code Enforcement Officer for more information.

## Planning Board Considers Loam Removal

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board was scheduled to hear testimony in late September for a permit to remove more than 500 cubic yards of loam from the Scott & Julie Watson property on Partridge Cove Road. The permit was submitted by Richard King on behalf of the Lamoine Ballfield Committee. The loam will be used on the top surface of the ballfield.

Lamoine's gravel extraction ordinance requires that a permit be obtained if more than 500 cubic yards of material

## Assessor Chair Selected

(Lamoine) — In a 2-to-0 vote (Jane Fowler abstaining), the Lamoine Board of Assessors elected Colene Sharkey chairman of the Board. The board also passed several operational matters at a meeting in July, including required Board approval for conducting assessing activity, contact with a contracted Assessor, spending authorization, and submission of time card approval by the board. The assessors hope to hold formal meetings on a regular basis. Consult the town hall for the schedule.

will be removed in less than a year.

In addition, the Planning Board has asked for permission from two abutting landowners to excavate land closer than 50 feet to the property line. That permission is required before the board can issue the permit.

Removal of material started before the Planning Board hearing, but less than the 500 cubic yard threshold was to be taken out in order to comply with the ordinance. The Ballfield Committee reports the Watsons made a very generous offer.

## Commercial Trash Hauler Warned about trespass

(Lamoine) — Mysterious trash which appeared during closed hours of the Lamoine transfer station has been traced to a Lamoine based commercial trash hauler. The Board of Selectmen visited the transfer station after their regular meeting on September 9th, after receiving a report that someone was sneaking into the facility during closed hours and illegally dumping.

Subsequent checks have found some security problems at the facility. Fill-in attendant Bill Fennelly has been very diligent in checking the lock on the gate, and has found on several occasions that it has not been locked. That has led to speculation that a key to the town's lock is floating around, and the lock will be changed. Additionally, all authorized key holders have been requested to make sure the lock is secure while they work at the transfer station during off hours, and after they leave.

The offending commercial hauler has received a severe warning that if there are any further violations or trespassing incidents, he cannot use the station.



*Ballfield Committee foreman Steve Fellis leads a crew removing wood from the property behind the school in preparation for the new athletic field complex. Volunteers have nearly completed the work on the fields. (photo by Lori Spruce)*

## Ballfield Construction Nears Completion

(Lamoine) — An exciting summer as townspeople and contractors have come together to build the new athletic field complex behind the Lamoine Consolidated School. After receiving approval from voters in June, work began in July to remove the trees from approximately 3.4 acres of land in order to build a baseball, softball, and soccer field complex.

Crews of volunteers armed with chainsaws started the initial clearing process, putting in long hours on hot weekend days. A couple “weekend warriors” were injured with minor chainsaw cuts in the process.

A professional logging crew removed the large trees with their equipment, in return for some of the stumps. The rest was cut into firewood and sold to various people. After the clearing, the

graders, bulldozers and dump trucks started their work. Led by Lamoine contractor Richard King, work has progressed to a point that will see completion in the very near future. Mr. King reports wonderful cooperation by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. and Doug Gott & Sons, and many other contractors have donated time and materials to the project. The final coating of loam should be down by mid November.

In addition to the labor, a fund raising effort is under way to raise money for bleachers, backstops, and other amenities the field might need. The Ballfield Committee has been quite successful, raising approximately \$5,600 of their \$20,000 goal which will finish the field without use of taxpayer dollars. A supper is set for Friday, October 8th at the Lamoine School. Tickets are available at the school.

## State installs test wells at old dump



*Workers from Sanborn-Head and the Maine DEP inspect their installation around the old Lamoine landfill in July. Water samples taken from these four wells will determine the amount of contamination leaking from the capped landfill.*

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has installed four test wells around the perimeter of the former Lamoine landfill. The DEP will take samples from the wells periodically to test for leachate from the old dump.

Initial testing was done when the wells were installed in July. The results of the tests were consistent with tests performed on neighboring wells done by the town for the past few years. Another round of testing from the new wells was done in September, and the DEP awaits the results.

The results from town testing show some levels of contamination, but nothing that exceeds state and federal

health guidelines. Four private wells have been tested on a quarterly basis, with the results provided to the homeowners and the DEP.

The Lamoine landfill stopped accepting trash in 1993 when the transfer station opened. It was capped using state and local tax dollars, and monitoring of wells has taken place since the cap was placed on top of the garbage.

The State DEP paid entirely for the installation of the four wells and worked with landowners to make sure they were satisfied with the location of the wells on town owned land but next to property lines.

## New Face at Recycling Center

(Lamoine) — After working many years without taking any time off, Transfer Station Manager Allen Sternfield asked for a couple weekends this past summer. Bill Fennelly of Jordan River Road was hired as the fill-in attendant, and has done a superb job.

Mr. Fennelly is a self-employed fisherman and bait dealer. He has become quite diligent in making sure the proper trash is dumped in the proper place, and is very conscientious about keeping the facility cleaned up and orderly. Welcome Bill!

## Trash Increases

(Lamoine) — This calendar year has seen a fairly sizeable increase in the amount of trash. Figures through August 1999 show an increase of 8-percent in solid waste sent to the PERC plant in Orrington. August was the busiest month on record, with nearly 72 tons of trash sent to PERC. The previous high was 58.5 tons in August 1998.

Business at the transfer station was so great, extra pickups had to be scheduled for most of July and August

## Despite Dry Summer, Few Forest Fires

(Lamoine) — Before the arrival of Tropical Storm Floyd in mid-September, Lamoine had received less than 2-inches of rain since the beginning of summer. The fire danger was in the extreme category for most of the summer, and no burn permits were issued from mid-June until September 19th, with the exception of one rainy weekend in July. The curtailed burning paid off, as only one small wild-fire was reported during the extended dry spell. That fire charred about 40-square feet at the Thomas Barr property on Meadow Point Road. Lamoine was plenty busy on mutual aid calls during the summer. A huge mansion in the Town of Mt. Desert was reported on fire in August, which brought a five member crew with airpacks to MDI. The crew didn't get in to fight the fire but assisted in rolling up hose from the scene. The home was a total loss. Firefighters from ten fire companies and the US Coast Guard were on scene.

A woods fire in Franklin a few days later brought a four person crew from Lamoine to the scene in another multi-department effort. Two trucks from Lamoine assisted Hancock Sullivan, Sorrento, Eastbrook and Franklin on that fire.

Several auto accidents meant

some late nights or early mornings for the volunteer squad. In July, the driver of a pickup truck was reportedly operating at a very high rate of speed when he lost control in front of Chief Skip Smith's home on Douglas Highway. Two utility poles came down, and the truck came to rest in some alders next to a pond. The driver, identified as Steve Pierce of Ellsworth, fled on foot, leaving three injured passengers behind. He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, and turned himself in to the Hancock County Sheriff's Department later in the day.

A late night accident in August on Lamoine Beach Road left a Cove Road resident with severe leg injuries, and was a rare case where not wearing a seat belt may have saved his life. Sean George slammed into a tree, crushing the driver's side of his utility vehicle. He was thrown to the passenger's side of the cab which suffered minor damage. The State Police are investigating the cause.

In late September, the fire chief's address was the scene of yet another crash. Benjamin Graham of Shore Road lost control of a station wagon, over compensated, and wrapped it around a tree. He, a passenger, and a motorists coming the other way all suffered injuries.



## Old LaFrance wins a Trophy in Bangor

(Bangor) — Some things get sweeter with age. The 1958 American LaFrance truck taken out of service this summer competed in the antique pumper contest at the Maine State Federation of Firefighters convention in September, and brought home a 2nd place trophy. Lt. Ed Farnsworth polished up the truck and drove it in the parade. The truck is currently for sale and drew some interest from collectors at the parade in Bangor. The department replaced this truck with a 1975 American LaFrance purchased and outfitted this summer. The new truck is working well, but has not been needed yet on real fire calls.

## Firefighters Supper Planned for Oct. 23

## New Railings at Town Hall

(Lamoine) — By early October, the outside steps at the Lamoine Town Hall should have new handrails. The old aluminum rails had come loose and taken a beating from the snowplows over the years.

The Selectmen set aside \$1,500 from last year's budget to pay for the railings. Chairman Glenn Crawford worked up the specifications and they were sent to potential bidders in July. It turned out the budget was a little low, as the winning bid for stainless steel railings came in at \$4,250. The Selectmen felt stainless steel would be the longest lasting rail and be far superior to the lightweight aluminum rails currently in place.

Bangor Steel, Inc. was the winning bidder and plans to install the new railings in October.

## Harbor gets GPS to identify moorings

(Lamoine) — Town Harbor Master Bill Pinkham plans to purchase a Global Positioning Satellite receiver (GPS) to accurately map mooring locations in the town harbor. The unit will be paid for from the



## Fireman's Auction nets big donations

(Lamoine) — Friday the 13th proved to be a lucky day for the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department. A standing room only crowd, tons of donated goods and services, and volunteer professional auctioneer Chas Hare combined to bring in \$6,300 to the fire department. Bidding was brisk and lucrative. A \$50 savings account went for \$55. One Beanie Baby sold for \$65. A diaper pail full of stuff animals fetched \$31!

The fire company is looking to purchase a heart defibrillation unit which can be used in case of heart attacks at fire and accident scenes. Research is being done to purchase the proper model.

harbor fund which has built up thanks to mooring fees over the years. The GPS unit may also be used by other town departments for various functions involving mapping.

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Fire Department will serve its annual clam chowder supper on Saturday, October 23, 1999 at 5:00 PM at the Lamoine School. Dinner will include chowder prepared by Chef Albert Herrick, beans, casseroles, cole slaw, beverages, and pies for dessert.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Firefighters will sell tickets door to door on Sunday, October 17th, and tickets will be available from any firefighter or at the town office ahead of the sale, or you can purchase them at the door. Proceeds of the sale will benefit the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department.

## Cable TV changes explored

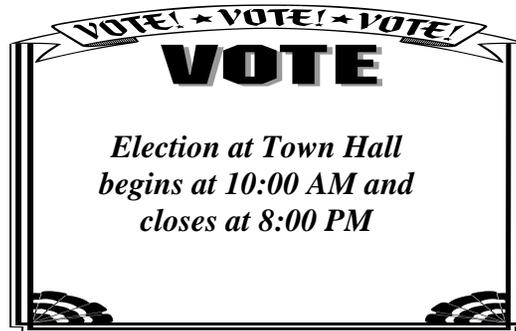
(Lamoine) — With about 3½ years to go on the current cable television franchise agreement, the towns of Lamoine, Hancock and Sullivan are exploring options before renewing. The agreements in place require that the towns give the franchisee, Frontiervision, 36 months notice if they do not intend to automatically renew. The three towns have informally discussed the issue and are getting advice from a consortium of other communities which recently renegotiated with Frontiervision.

## Audit shows town in good fiscal health

(Lamoine) — The annual financial audit of the Town of Lamoine was completed in early September, and the results were very favorable. At the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 1999, the town had a surplus of \$337,255.61. The Budget Committee and Selectmen try to aim for a surplus of about \$300,000, and use conservative budgeting techniques to attempt to arrive at that figure.

The audit was performed by James Wadman, CPA of Ellsworth, who has performed the audit for the last several years. Mr. Wadman writes in his management letter "The financial records are very detailed and organized....It appears that the Lamoine Town Office is running very efficiently. Although there could be more duty segregation achieved by hiring more staff, this would probably not be cost beneficial." The management letter did not contain any suggestions for changes in financial practices.

As of June 30th, the town had \$586,196 in various cash accounts, the bulk being in a cash management account. Outstanding taxes from previous years totaled a little over \$26,000 which is lower than in many past years.



## Election Day is November 2nd

(Statewide) — It may take voters a while to fill out their ballots and a long time to count the votes up on November 2nd. Besides the special town meeting vote (see page 1), all Maine voters have 9 questions to decide.

The two hot issues are a pair of citizen initiative questions. One would ban a specific abortion procedure to be defined by the Legislature. The other would allow for use of marijuana with a doctor's permission. Both questions are expected to generate a great deal of debate.

Besides the two initiatives, Mainers face five bond questions. A \$56,042,031 bond would fund highway and bridge repairs. A \$12.5 million dollar bond would go for pollution control and drinking water protection. A \$9.4 million

## Tax Rate increases

2%

*Bills sent out earlier*

(Lamoine) — After enjoying decreases in the past two years, the property tax rate in Lamoine took a very modest jump this year. The mil rate (dollars per thousand dollars valuation) was set by the Board of Assessors at \$9.20. That's an increase of 20-cents per thousand from 1998.

The increase comes from an increased budget and lower available revenues. After hitting the surplus account fairly hard in the past two years, the town meeting appropriated only \$6,250 from surplus this year. And the town will sell a lot less gravel this year as well, which decreased revenues a bit. Budgets were up slightly on the expenditure side.

On a positive note, the town will receive more than expected for state aid to education, which was factored into the tax commitment from the assessors. And saving up to pave Buttermilk Road helped offset the budget for that project.

The Board of Assessors finished the tax commitment in mid-July, and bills were mailed out shortly thereafter. Tax receipts have been steadily coming in to the town office, and cash flow has been very positive during the summer.

## Fewer tax liens filed *One Foreclosure Expected*

(Lamoine) — In what may be a sign of better financial times, the town filed only 34 tax liens this summer at the Registry of Deeds with a value of nearly \$16,913. That compares to 47 the previous tax year worth \$27,316 and 52 the year before worth \$31,191. Refinancing homes and sales of property with liens helped cut down the number.

The town does expect to foreclose on a piece of property near Lamoine Beach for non-payment of taxes. The landowner has been tracked down to a rest home, and the home indicates they do not wish to pay the back taxes. Foreclosure day is in mid-December. Selectman Richard Davis and Treasurer Stu Marckoon have indicated they may bid on the land when it goes to auction.

## Computer crash fixed, little was lost

(Lamoine) — The good news is, the two computers in the Town Office can now talk with each other. The process of getting there got a little hairy, but the ending was happy.

Brett Jones, a Lamoine resident who owns Ellsworth computer offered to network the two machines and donate the labor. It turned out some major problems

question asks if taxpayers wish to fund a conversion to digital broadcasting for the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation. A \$26.4 million dollar bond would fix up the technical colleges in Maine. The final bond question asks to borrow \$50 million to be matched with \$25 million to purchase public lands.

There are also a pair of constitutional amendments on this fall's ballot. The first asks if the Constitution of Maine should be amended to require a petition for a people's veto to be voted upon at the next statewide or general election instead of a special election. The other amendment would allow for reduced property taxes on property that will be maintained for historic preservation or for scenic views or significant vistas.

Persons wishing to vote must be registered, but can register the day of the election at the town hall. Polls are open 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

turned up on the new machine in the clerk's office. A new CD ROM, processor and monitor were installed, but they crashed a few weeks later. Thankfully, a backup on the vital information was done. A backup on the other computer was also done and that was reprogrammed to network with the clerk's computer, and all is well after a hairy 3 days.

## Illegal float removed at Bloomfield Park

(Lamoine) — Whoever placed it there probably did so with the best of intentions, but at the same time the town was placed in a dangerous position and the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance was violated. A wooden float appeared in Blunt's Pond at Bloomfield Park on a couple of occasions during the summer. Selectman Glenn Crawford was assisted by Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and residents John & Russell Burnett in removing the float in mid-July. Mr. Crawford took the float for storage at his business in Ellsworth, and whoever it belongs to may pick it up there.

Several complaints were received about the float, and the dangers it posed to the swimming public. It was held in place by a rope tied to a rock on the bottom of the pond. A few swimmers say they received scrapes trying to get onto it.

The scary potential was for someone to dive into the relatively shallow water and receive a serious injury. That made removal of the float of paramount importance.

The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance requires approval for all structures such as this, and the town has never applied for such approval. The swimming area does not have a lifeguard.

## Plow Contractor drops Trenton, keeps Lamoine

(Lamoine) — Richard J. King, Inc. has informed the Trenton Board of Selectmen that they do not intend to plow their roads in the upcoming winter. Owner Richard King met with the Lamoine Selectmen in August and said he will continue to plow the roads in Lamoine. The two towns have a joint snow-plowing contract which began last winter in an effort to pool road mileage and possibly achieve some savings. Only two people bid on the contract.

The Selectmen from Trenton are in the process of putting their snow plowing out to bid again, noting it is late in the season to be looking for someone to plow the roads. They have expressed some regret in the change, and may explore legal options. The Selectmen from Lamoine may investigate other plowing options if they are needed in future years.

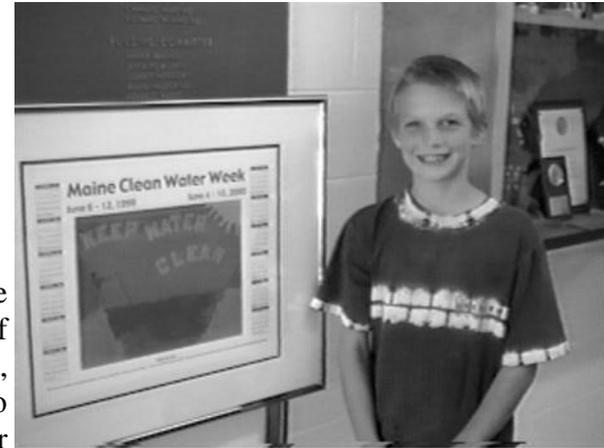
Mr. King told the Selectmen that verbal complaints from Trenton residents to his family were the main reason he wants to give up plowing in that community. He said Lamoine residents have had very few complaints and were courteous.

## Needle's Eye Road keeps crew busy as a Beaver

(Lamoine) — As creatures go, few are more industrious than the beaver. Lots of Lamoine residents know that first hand, but Lorelei Leslie isn't always happy to see them. The stream that runs by her home on Needle's Eye Road has been a favorite spot over the years, and this summer they were particularly eager.

A 36" diameter culvert runs under the road in that spot, and the stream provides a pretty constant flow of water there, even when it's dry. After getting a couple of reports the culvert was dammed up the town called in the Maine Warden Service and former Deputy Animal Control Officer Bryant Poors. Mr. Poors set traps and was able to relocate the beavers to an area where their work would be better appreciated. Local contractor Dick King cleaned out the inlet and the outlet of the culvert, and all is flowing well again.

Repair work is planned elsewhere on Needle's Eye, and a new patch for a culvert crossing Mill road is in order for the fall. Going into winter, the roads are in relatively good shape.



*The winner of a statewide poster contest, Matt Jordan, is all grins as he stands beside the award winning entry*

## Lamoine Boy wins statewide poster contest

(Augusta) — Congratulations to Matt Jordan of Shore Road. He won a contest for a poster design for the Maine Wastewater Management Agency. Matt and his family members were guests of the agency at Sugarloaf USA to pick up his prize, which included a new TV and VCR for the Lamoine School.

Matt is the son of Michael and Melinda Jordan and is now a 6th grader.

## Lamoine School begins year with some new, some familiar faces

(Lamoine) — Someone once said the more things change, the more they stay the same. That could be said for the Lamoine Consolidated School this fall, as some personnel changes have taken place, but the faces are familiar.

The first new face greets folks who walk through the new front doors. Marti Anderson has been hired as the school secretary, replacing Lisa Crosby who took another position after the last school year. Marti was secretary for several years until her husband Nate obtained a seat on the school board a few years ago.

The other new but familiar face is 7th grade teacher Tim Barlow. The school board was ordered to re-hire Mr. Barlow by an arbitrator and the decision was upheld by superior court following a well publicized incident involving the discipline of a student. While the case is being appealed to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court Mr. Barlow is teaching at full pay.

Two middle level teachers hired last year have left for other jobs. Tom Coleman and Ben Edes each gave their

notice during the summer. Mr. Barlow replaces one position, and Charles Liebow was hired to teach the other position. Mr. Liebow of Mount Desert Island, and is reunited with principal Val Perkins, with whom he worked at the Tremont School.

The school was in need of a new librarian after the resignation of Margot Haertel. Again, another familiar face has taken over the library duties. Donna Healey taught in the Chapter I program for several years.

Karen Hawthorne has been hired to teach music for the year. She comes to us from SAD 68 in the Dover-Foxcroft area where she taught elementary music. She replaces several people who had pinch hit in the music position in the past year.

Christine LaBreck has been hired as the new speech therapist. She most recently worked in the Belfast area as a speech therapist.

Carolyn Todd has been hired for the guidance position. She replaces Linda Bernstein who resigned last Spring. Welcome to all new staff at the Lamoine

## School is spruced up over Summer

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Consolidated school is in tip top shape after a busy summer of improvements to the facility. The biggest project was replacement of the east wing wall. It includes new thermal pane windows which should make heating and cooling in the first grade room a little easier to bear. Walker Builders of Lamoine, which built the portable classroom in the rear, finished the project in mid-August.

New front doors grace the school as well, replacing the clunky old metal doors. The new doors are made of glass and the divider that was between the old doors is gone, making it easier to bring large loads into the building.

Custodians Ralph Hall and Lenny Bright stripped all the classroom and office doors during the summer and repainted them in lighter colors. They also put a tougher paint on the hallway walls which should be much easier to clean.

The kitchen has some new equipment, including a convection oven. Cook Barbara Stratton reports it makes great sticky buns. And plumbing fixtures in the restrooms were also upgraded.



## Three Couples exchange vows

(Lamoine) — Three weddings with Lamoine ties occurred during the summer. Shore Road residents **Jeffery Pierce and Melody Cole** were married in Portland. Mr. Pierce works at Acadia Broadcasting in Ellsworth and Mrs. Pierce is a sales rep for AT&T Wireless. They were married on August 14th.

**John Whitney and Carrie Thompson** of Sullivan were married in Lamoine on August 20th by Notary Public Dolores Davis.

On September 18th, **Donald Sites and Mona Saliba** were married in Lamoine by Archdeacon Thomas Benson. The wedding took place at Mrs. Sites' mother's home on Gilpatrick Lane overlooking Eastern Bay.

## News from our Neighboring Towns

(Hancock/Sullivan) — The Singing Bridge is gone, and the new bridge over Taunton Bay on Route 1 is officially open. A parade on August 7th officially opened the new, wider bridge. Although only one lane was opened at first, Reed & Reed contractors got both lanes open in a few weeks. The old bridge is being demolished upstream and sold for scrap metal.

(Hancock) — The Town of Hancock is again looking for a new Administrative Assistant. Marian Anderson, who was hired resigned in late September. Among the staff, still, is Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright who decided to stay on the job. Stacey Clement continues as town clerk. The town is advertising for applicants for the job.

(Ellsworth) — The new roof at the Ellsworth City Hall is making very slow progress. A shortage of workers in the summer has reportedly delayed the project somewhat, but work has started in earnest, and the first strips of shiny copper have gone onto the roof at the west end of the building.

(Bar Harbor) — The new Island Explorer bus system was a big hit with

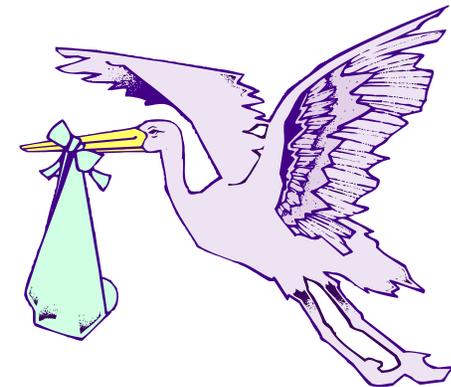


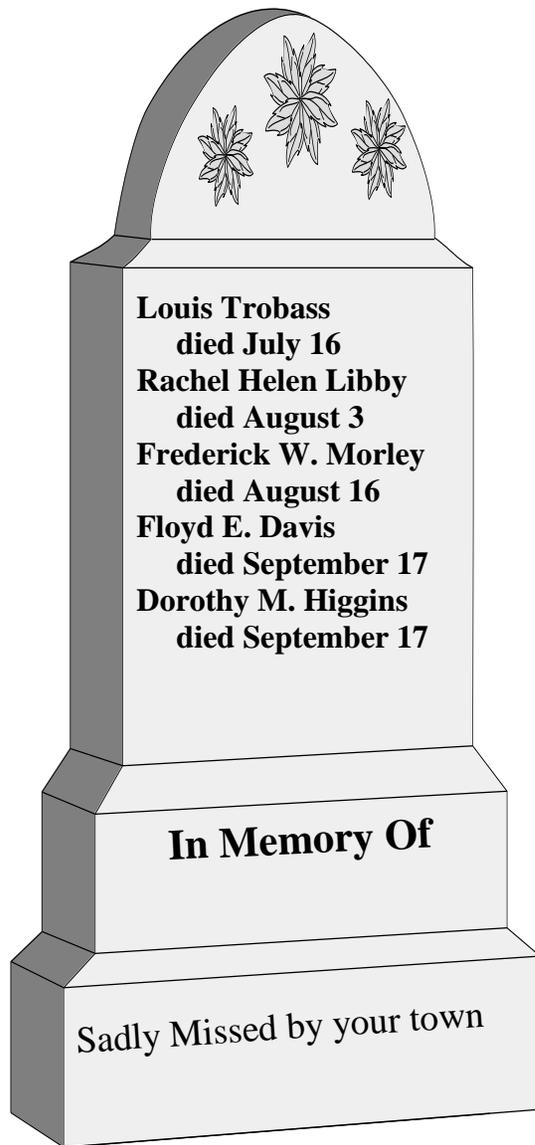
## Dog Licenses Due

(Lamoine) — A reminder to all dog owners that licenses for dogs must be renewed by January 1, 2000. The new stickers should be available by October 15th.

Dog licenses cost \$4 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$7.50 for animals able to breed. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required at the time of licensing in order to issue the sticker.

State of Maine law requires all dogs over 6 months of age be licensed in the community in which they reside. A \$3 late fee is charged after January 31, 2000, and if the animal control officer must serve a warrant, an additional \$10 per animal is due.





tourists this past summer. Figures from the bus operator show 142,260 passengers rode the busses which was far greater than expected. The system estimates that cut the number of cars on MDI roads by 27,905 and RV's by 14,773. If lined up, the traffic taken off the roads would extend from Bar Harbor to Calais.

(Ellsworth) — The preliminary budget for Hancock County was released by the County Commissioners. The expenditure budget proposed by the Commissioners is up \$315,871 with increased revenues of \$136,760. The commissioners are also proposing to buy the WDEA/WWMJ building for office space. More work by the County Budget Committee is expected before the budget is finalized.

## Artists Plan Show for Summer 2000

(Lamoine) — Residents who paint, draw, sculpt or pot are invited to the 1st annual art show in Lamoine. It'll be the first Saturday in August, 2000 on the lawn of the Lamoine Historical Society. Organizers Mascha Litten and Joan Bragdon say it's time to start making pieces for the show now, and they'll have more details as time goes by. You can call Mascha (667-8465) or Joan (667-7956) for more info.

## Three born to Lamoine Parents

(Lamoine) — Three births to report this quarter, and they're all sort of neighbors.

**Keith Lewis Eaton** was born on July 11th to Gary & Linda Eaton of Buttermilk Road. Keith shares his home with big sister Kristy.

**Maya Lin Parlee** was born on August 31st to Bruce and Laura Parlee of Jordan River Road. Maya also has a big sister, Jane at home.

**Samuel Aidan TeHennepe** was born to Gregg TeHennepe and Jacklyn Haines. They live on Buttermilk Road as well.

## And a new business too!

(Lamoine) — One of the rare filings the town clerk's office does is a business in a name other than the sole proprietor. Susan Sanchez of Douglas Highway has started a business called Jordin As She Grows/Jordin Designs at her home. Mrs. Sanchez reports she'll be making upscale children's clothing and marketing the line on the Internet and possibly in a local children's clothing store. State law requires such registration at a town office.

# October 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4-7PM Planning Brd 6:30 School Board	5-Office Closed, training	6-Office closing at Noon (vacation day)	7-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	8	9-5PM Supper @ School for Ballfield
10	11-Office Closed, Columbus Day	12	13	14-7PM Fire Dept.	15	16
17	18	19-Clerk's Office closed, CEO here	20	21-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	22	23-5PM Supper @ School for Fire Dept
24	25-(tentative, Budget Committee)	26	27-Office closed for DMV Classes	28-7PM Fire Dept.	29	30
31 Taxes Due	The public hearing for the November 2 Election is at the October 21st Selectmen's Meeting					

# November 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-6:30 School Board 7PM Planning Board	2-Election Day 10am to 8pm	3	4-6:15 PM Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept.	5	6
7	8	9	10	11-office closed, Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16-Clerk's Office closed, CEO here	17	18-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Office Closed, Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30	The Budget Committee will meet this month, but the schedule won't be set until October. Consult the Town Hall for times and dates.			

# December 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Consult the Town Hall for other meeting times			1	2-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	3	4
5	6-6:30 School Board 7:00 Planning Board	7	8	9-7:00 Fire Dept	10	11
12	13	14	15	16-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept.	17	18
19	20	21	22	23-7:00 Fire Dept	24-Office closing at 2:00 PM	25-Office Closed, Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30-6:30 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept.	31-Dog Lic. Due, Office closing 2PM	

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