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Gas Tank Appeal Likely to Drop

General Store Sold, Reopened

(Lamoine) — A lawsuit asking that the Board of Appeals ruling against gasoline tanks for the Lamoine General Store is likely to be dropped. The suit was filed on April 20, 2000, approximately one month after the Board of Appeals upheld the Planning Board's decision against the proposal. The owners of the store, Edward and Penelope Ciampa, are in the process of selling the store, and would no longer have standing in the suit. The new owner is Carroll Leland of Trenton, who also operates Carroll's Supermarket in Trenton.

The store closed on June 6, 2000 with little notice and a small sign in the window stating closed for inventory. It reopened on June 23, 2000 with the new owner in charge.

The suit brought by the Ciampas alleges among other things that:

- The Planning Board and Appeals Board "committed errors of law, abused its discretion and its findings

tutionally protected procedural due process rights."

- The Appeals Board "applied the wrong standard of review".
- Sections of the Building Code are unconstitutional.

The suit asks the courts to reverse the decisions of the Planning and Appeals Boards and grant the permit to the Ciampas, and to grant further relief as the court finds justifiable.

Town attorney Tony Beardsley filed an answer to the suit, but in late June agreed to an extension request by the plaintiffs with the understanding the suit would likely be dropped if the store is sold. Mr. Ciampa confirmed that he will drop the lawsuit because of the sale.

The store applied for gasoline storage tanks and pumps last winter, but was turned down by the Planning Board because of concerns for groundwater protection. The matter was appealed to the Board of Appeals, which also turned

Code Enforcement Officer Resigns

John Holdsworth appointed interim while search takes place

(Lamoine) — The town's code enforcement officer, local plumbing inspector and building inspector has resigned as of June 1, 2000. Rebecca Albright's voluntary resignation was accepted in May by the Board of Selectmen.

In her letter to the Selectmen, Ms. Albright stated that she has accepted similar positions in Amherst and Aurora, towns that are closer to her home in Otis. Ms. Albright continues to serve as the code enforcement officer in Eddington, Clifton, and Hancock.

Ms. Albright began her service as Code Enforcement Officer in Lamoine in October, 1996 when a vacancy occurred due to a resignation. The duties of plumbing inspector were added to the job when the previous plumbing inspector resigned. The Selectmen eliminated the post of depu-

are not supported by substantial evidence”

- The Planning Board “allowed a member to vote at the February 7, 2000 meeting who did not attend or participate in the January 3, 2000 meeting, thereby denying the Ciampa’s consti-

down the request for gasoline tanks, finding the Planning Board did not make an error.

A citizens group approached the town for support in purchase of the store, but Selectmen opted to stay neutral. The group did not make an offer in time.

ty Code Enforcement Officer at Ms. Albright’s request in July, 1999. There may be some consideration of restoring that post in the very near future.

While the search for her replacement is going on, John Holdsworth has agreed to serve as CEO/LPI for the town. Mr. Holdsworth held that post for many years with Lamoine in the past, and is a resident of the Jordan River Road. Mr. Holdsworth is currently a deputy LPI in Ellsworth and is a licensed plumbing inspector and site evaluator and is well versed in plumbing code. He will continue to hold office hours on Tuesdays from 10AM to Noon and inspect projects as needed.

The Planning Board and Selectmen will interview the candidates for the position in July with the goal of appointing a permanent CEO/LPI this summer.

Catnip Island Landowner sues...again

(Lamoine) — After an unsuccessful federal civil rights lawsuit against the Town of Lamoine and several officials, John and Anita Burns of Massachusetts have again filed suit in federal court. Besides the Town, more than 20 other defendants are named in the latest filing that demands 2-million dollars. The suit was filed in early May, but the town and many defendants were officially served with a copy of the lawsuit in June. The town’s insurance company will defend the suit for the town and the various officials named.

In their suit, the Burnses allege a massive conspiracy by the Town, the State of Maine, and various town residents and officials to prevent them from building a residence on land they own on the Catnip Island portion of Meadow Point Road.

Last summer, Mr. Burns was able

to obtain a permit to install a septic system on the land which was completed a few days after obtaining the permit. The Maine Department of Human Services approached the town about revoking the permit based on the fact that no other site evaluators could successfully design a septic system on that piece of land. The town declined to do so, saying its stance has always been that if Mr. Burns could obtain a legal system design, the town would not stand in the way of a permit.

In the fall of 1999, Mr. Burns submitted a construction permit application with the town, but failed to provide many pieces of vital information concerning the setback from the shore and the location in relation to the floodplain. The Code Enforcement Officer did not issue a building permit, finding the application incomplete, and worked with a surveyor hired by Mr. Burns to make sure the proper

markings were installed so that it could be observed.

Shortly after filing the lawsuit, Mr. Burns contacted the town and the CEO to say that no officials would be allowed on his land to observe the floodplain markers. The town responded to Mr. Burns on the advice of its attorney that it now considers his permit application withdrawn, and returned his permit fees.

Town Office closes (some) Saturdays

(Lamoine) — Forget the Maytag repairman. Being tax collector in Lamoine on a Saturday in the middle of the month is the loneliest job in town. After a review of the amount of business on Saturdays, the Selectmen authorized the tax collector/town clerk to be closed on the Saturdays in the middle of the month. Some days there was no business conducted, most days less than 4-transactions.

The town office will still be open from 8am to Noon on the 1st and last Saturdays of each month when car registrations are coming due. The office will be open all Saturdays in October for property tax collections. Additionally, the office will now open at 8:00 AM on Friday to handle the early morning crowd. Those with urgent town needs may call the Administrative Assistant or Town Clerk at home on Saturdays to arrange for a convenient time.

Petitions Received

New Faces for town posts

(Lamoine) — After two years at the helm, Barbara Bartosenski has decided to retire as the town's Registrar of Voters. Mrs. Bartosenski who was Town Clerk and Tax Collector for 10-years prior to retirement will still serve as a ballot clerk when needed. She asked to retire to be more free to travel.

Taking Mrs. Bartosenski's place will be Shirley Love, a resident of Asa's Lane. She has served as a ballot clerk

for several elections.

George Crawford and Barry Muise stepped down from the Budget Committee. The Selectmen appointed former principal Sheryl Davis and Marlboro Beach Rd. resident Linda Feury to take their places. Reggie McDevitt has moved into a full board status on the Budget Committee. The Selectmen are considering the possibility of additional alternate committee members.

Primary Turnout Underwhelming

(Lamoine) — The statewide average was no better than the primary turnout in Lamoine for the primary election on June 13th. The lack of races with the exception of a Republican contest for the right to run on ballot in the 2nd Congressional District is blamed for the lack of interest.

Lamoine went the same way the state did, selecting Richard Campbell for the 2nd district nomination 31-to-7. Turnout was 40 for Republicans (10%) and 19 for Democrats (8%). No Green Independent or Reform voters showed up. Although un-enrolled voters could not vote, and the percent of total voters was 5.6%.



Ballot Clerk Kay Day brought her crocheting for the Primary Election on June 13th. She got a lot of it done.

(Lamoine) — Lamoine voters will possibly decide whether the Board of Selectmen should increase to 5 members, and whether a supermajority will be needed to increase the budget beyond recommended levels. Resident Robert Sharkey presented petitions asking that both questions go to referendum to the Selectmen in late June. A check will be made to see if both questions are legal.

Lamoine Man New EMA Head

(Ellsworth) — Ralph Pinkham of Marlboro Beach Road in Lamoine was named the new head of the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Pinkham replaces Deale Salisbury who retired from the post a few months ago.

Mr. Pinkham is a retired State Police Officer who headed up the Eastern Maine Criminal Investigation Division at the time of his retirement. He ran for the State Senate in 1998 as a Republican Candidate.

Pinkham says he intends to work closely with the towns of Hancock County to bring their level of emergency preparedness to where it ought to be. He noted recent bomb threat incidents point to a training need for responders.

Well Problem Probably resolved

(Lamoine) — A Partridge Cove Road man who recently constructed a new home brought a bottle of the water from his well to a Selectman's meeting in May. Glennon Walker said he's been unable to drink the water since moving in. He felt backup from a driveway next door was going into his well.

Selectmen listened patiently and

suggested Mr. Walker contact another well driller, which he did.

A few days later, Mr. Walker reported that the installed well had a broken seal and ground water was leaking in, causing the problems. He said the well driller he called guaranteed he would have potable water with a properly installed well. There was no cost to the town.

Aquifer Resolve Shelved

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen opted not to approve a written resolve to ask the Planning Board to draft protection language for the underground water supply known as the aquifer. The request came from the newly formed Lamoine Community Association (LCA).

The LCA was active in opposition to permitting gas pump installation at the General Store (see page 1). The group said it is trying to raise funds to possibly purchase the General Store, and run it as a cooperative type of business. The president of the group, Karen Blennerhasset, said they were seeking a grant from the Maine Community Foundation for the purchase, and the assurance of drinking

water protection was essential for the grant procurement.

The Selectmen said they did not wish to approve the written resolution which would give the Planning Board a definite time frame in which to draft aquifer protection language. Glenn Crawford stated that it was bad timing as the issue of the gas pumps is before the Superior Court. Selectman Arthur Alley said he did not feel it proper to start passing measures to suit one business or property in town, or to dictate policy to the Planning Board. Selectmen Jo Cooper sided with those seeking the resolution, saying it would be useful for the Planning Board to have some direction in writing.

Planning Board busy in Spring

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Planning Board put in a busy 3 months on various issues, reviewing permit applications that required their action.

In May, the Board approved of the septic system plans by Alphonse Stroobants of Guardhouse Point in order to expand the home he recently purchased. The Board also listened to plans by a couple from the Skowhegan area who wished to install a septic system at a home on Berry Cove Road. The proposal drew opposition from neighbors. The Board took no action, noting the proposal did not come from the owners of the property in question.

In June, the board approved a request by James Donnelly to extend the life of his building and shoreland permits to allow him to finish construction of his Partridge Cove Road residential building begun 10-years ago. The board approved plans for an in-home occupation by John Burnett to repair motor vehicles on Lamoine Beach Road. And the Board conditionally approved a septic system on Great Ledge Road for Charles & Lucille

Appeals Board Upholds After Hours Permit

(Lamoine) — Finding a basis for the Planning Board to act, the Board of Appeals upheld an after-hours gravel extraction permission to Jay Fowler. The appeal was brought by competing contractor Richard J. King, Inc.

In his appeal, Mr. King said the fact that Mr. Fowler's son sat at the same table with the Planning Board, though he had declared a conflict and did not vote on the matter, constituted a procedural problem. Mr. King also said the fact that the roads were posted in the spring did not constitute a financial

hardship on Mr. Fowler, and the permission should not have been granted.

The Appeals Board found that Perry Fowler's presence did not mislead the Planning Board. The board members also found that because the gravel was coming from the Davis Pit located a great distance from any homes that the remoteness was helpful.

Mr. Fowler operated after dark on three occasions during the Spring road posting season. The Appeals Board, which met after the posting was lifted, said no relief was possible because of the timing.

Ordinances now computerized

(Lamoine) — The last of the big ordinances have been entered onto the town office computers, and now all the current ordinances are available in computer readable formats. The process has been a long one, and the last document entered was the Comprehensive Plan which took many weeks to enter and edit thanks to the many charts and graphs in the plan.

Comprehensive Plan Chair Charles Major is currently reviewing the

computerized version of the comprehensive plan which lays things out in a slightly different format in the graphs and tables than the original version. The information is all the same. Once copies of the original plan have run out, copies will be made from the newly entered plan.

Those desiring disc copies of various ordinances can get them by supplying a disk or making a request by e-mail to the town office. The town uses Microsoft Word 2000 but can convert to other formats

Building Activity Picks Up

(Lamoine) — The following permits were issued since the last Lamoine Quarterly by the Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Board.

No.	Name	Type
06	P. Bennett	Shed
07	G. Crawford	Roof Exp.
08	G. Manring	Garage
10	J. Burnett	Garage
11	C. Crowley	Roof-Deck
12	B. Stan	Addition
13	D. Briggs	Shed
14	A. Stroobants	Garage
15	B. Muisse	Barn
16	L. Tscheiller	Deck*
17	J. Shea	Deck
18	J. Butler	Deck
19	L. Moon	Deck Add'n
20	R. Merchant	Residence
21	G. Ford	Residence
22	A. Upton	Deck
23	C. Zeph	Residence

(Permit # 9 was not issued)

* After the fact, survey found deck in compliance with ordinance.

Planning Board Chair “Retires”

(Lamoine) — David Smallidge has chaired his last meeting of the Planning Board for the time being. Citing a lack of time to devote to such an important matter, Mr. Smallidge requested that he be replaced on the board when his term expired on June 30th. He has served as chairman for the past two years, and was widely praised for his work by his

fellow board members and the Selectmen.

Mr. Smallidge said he’s willing to remain on the board as an alternate member, and the Selectmen had great praise for his service. The selectmen may take him up on that. Alternate board member Robert Sharkey moves up to full board status. The Planning Board will select a new chair at their July 10th meeting.

DEP asks town to test wells

Initial findings look positive for old landfill

(Lamoine) — Test results from residences near the closed town landfill look encouraging according to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Meeting with the town and several of the landowners, the DEP reports that the level of contaminants has started to subside in some of the four residential wells tested. None of the wells registered any levels near the point of concern for the safety of drinking water standards.

Last year, the DEP installed four wells closer to the landfill to see if the results would be similar to what came from the residential wells. The findings

were indeed similar, and the agency has asked the town to take over the testing of those wells twice a year. The selectmen opened proposals from two firms recommended by the DEP. Both proposals cost over \$10,000, and the Selectmen are studying their options.

During the presentation to the Selectmen, Bob Birk of the DEP said it takes about six years for the ground water under the landfill to migrate toward the residential wells. It’s been about six years since the town capped the dump, and though the improved ground water quality may have shown up, the DEP feels further testing is needed.

Tax Liens filed in State funds may take sting from taxes late June

(Lamoine) — Tax Collector Hubene Brodie filed tax liens against 35 pieces of property on which taxes due October 31, 1999 have not been paid. The total value owed is \$18,415.22. Property owners have 18 months from the filing date to pay the tax, interest, and associated fees, or the town will automatically own the property.

The figure is a little higher than last year's 34 liens filed at \$16,913.50. About \$5,700 of the liens filed last year remained unpaid at the end of the fiscal year.

(Augusta) — Thanks to a strong economy and legislative action, the tax increase projected for Lamoine may not be as high as first thought, but the increase in the tax rate is likely to still be significant.

First the economy. Municipal Revenue Sharing projections from the State of Maine are now \$7,000 higher than budgeted for town meeting. That's a sign of the strong economy, as the reimbursement to towns is based largely on sales tax collections.

The other economic issue is the increase in Lamoine's valuation. The current fiscal year has about \$98.3 million in taxable value. Very preliminary fig-

ures from assessing work papers should increase this by at least \$2 million.

The legislative action involves school funding. Lamoine was due to get \$35,019 less next year in General Purpose Aid when town meeting took place. The legislature restored funding to the current year level.

Based on the preliminary assessing figures and funding restorations, the mill rate may increase from 9.2 to 10.3, or a 12% increase. The exact figure will not be known until the Board of Assessors completes the valuation process, and there is the chance the \$2 million increase is overstated which could result in a higher rate.

Voters to decide social service policy

(Lamoine) — When Lamoine's voters go to the polls on November 7th, they will decide if a policy adopted a few years ago by the Selectmen should become a town ordinance. The policy dictates how the budget committee and Selectmen decide which outside agencies are included on the town meeting warrant.

The policy has been that all requests must be received by November 30th each year, and that the requesting agency outline how they serve Lamoine

residents. The limit is \$600.

At the March town meeting floor amendments funded two agencies which did not submit their requests in time.

Several members of the committee that formulated the original policy expressed dismay at the proceedings and asked for the ordinance. Because the measure will be voted on by referendum, there will be a public hearing on the ordinance prior to the vote, probably in October.

Computer Upgraded

(Lamoine) — Thanks to lower insurance costs in the administration budget, the Selectmen approved an upgrade for the computer in the Administrative Assistant's office. Ellsworth Computer performed the upgrade which includes a faster phone modem and a boost in speed from 100 mhz to 400 mhz. The upgrade has greatly cut the time required to perform functions on new software added this year.

Cable TV Changes Planned

(Hancock)—This summer marks the 12th year Lamoine has been served by cable television. Originally United Video Cablevision of Rockland, the cable company has been sold several times and the town is now served by Adelphia.

Part of the Cable TV contract requires the town to give 36-months notice to the company if the town does not desire an automatic 15-year renewal of the contract and franchise agreement. Many other communities are in the same situation.

In May, the Selectmen of Hancock, Sullivan, Lamoine, Franklin, Trenton, and Surry met with Lamoine's town attorney Tony Beardsley. The Town of Mt. Desert may also join up. Beardsley reported that Adelphia is currently swamped with communities seeking renegotiation of new contracts and it would me many months before they can deal with the Lamoine/Hancock/Sullivan system.

Meanwhile, Adelphia has contacted the town and reported that system upgrades are planned and they will negotiate a new contract before the current one expires in July, 2003.

Ad Ban in Quarterly Upheld

(Lamoine) — The *Lamoine Quarterly* will continue to remain neutral on political matters and will not accept or publish advertising for local businesses Selectmen said in May. Responding to a request from resident Robert Sharkey that some space be set aside for ads and editorials, Selectmen said the purpose of this

paper is purely for information dissemination to the citizens of Lamoine. A request that candidate profiles be printed prior to elections was also rejected as potentially creating a bias should a candidate not respond to requests for information. The paper will continue to strive to be a factual presentation of town matters.

More Bins at Transfer Station

(Lamoine) — Two more dumpsters will be added to the transfer station as soon as they can be refurbished and delivered. The Selectmen voted to purchase two used dumpsters for \$600 each from Sawyer Environmental.

The volume of trash has increased quite a bit since the transfer station opened in August, 1993. The 11 dumpsters are now emptied twice a weekend and manager Allen Sternfield reports they are jam-packed full. Two more dumpsters should meet that extra volume pressure for a few years, and the town is licensed for two more by the DEP. Down the road, it's likely the transfer station may have to open on another day.

Lamoine Beach Park Spruced Up

(Lamoine) — Things look a bit nicer at Lamoine Beach Park, but you have to look closely for the changes this summer.

Two new cooking grills have replaced a pair of older grills that had deteriorated over time. Welder Harrison Pinkham installed the grills, and at the same time removed the pump handle from the old well that hasn't worked in many years. The Selectmen determined not to revitalize the pump due to expense and the fact the water would have to meet state public water supply guidelines.

A new culvert was added on the road to the bathroom. Flowers are blooming and a picnic bench was replaced in early June.

Wildfire threatens areas around Blunt's Pond

(Lamoine) — Quick recognition by two teen-aged girls that something wasn't quite right may have saved the day at Bloomfield Park. Angel Kelley and Jennifer Levin were visiting the park on May 2nd and noticed someone was burning and had left it unattended. When they called the town office they were advised that no burning permits were out, and no fire should be burning. The fire department was pressed into service quickly and was on scene within 4-minutes of the alert.

When the firefighters arrived, they encountered extremely heavy fire and thick smoke being fanned by a stiff wind off the pond. The brush truck provided water for a quick knockdown of the flames, while the lead pumper and tanker truck crews got to the rest of the hot spots.

Forest Ranger Rick Henion was unable to determine the cause of the blaze. The natural fire break created by Bloomfield Park Road and the driveway helped keep the fire contained.

Fire Department Auction August 11th

(Lamoine) — The annual Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department auction is scheduled for Friday, August 11, 2000 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The auction has become quite popular in the past few years, raising funds for equipment like a defibrillator purchased with funds from last year's auction.

Donations to the auction can be made to any member of the fire department or by calling the town office (667-2242). The members ask that donated items be in useful condition so very little has to be thrown away. Profession auctioneer Chas Hare is expected to be the auctioneer again this year

The Old Engine 403 is Sold!



Town Receives Grant for Airpack

(Lamoine) — The fire department will complete the process of upgrading its air bottles and regulators thanks to a grant from the town's insurance carrier. Maine Municipal Association's risk pool awarded the town a 2:1 matching grant for purchase of the 2.2 type of air-pack. The new unit will be purchased this summer and will replace an older model unit, the last of those models to be retired. In applying for the grant, Fire Chief Skip Smith showed how the purchase will enhance safety for firefighters with uniform air-packs across the board.

Disaster Drill Goes Well

(Lamoine) — As school wound down for the year, principal Val Perkins decided it was time to see if students could be quickly removed from the school campus in the event of a major disaster. The drill came on Friday morning June 9th. The fire alarm sounded and students quickly evacuated from the school building, then teachers

Free Smoke Detectors Available

(Lamoine) — A grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office will mean the Lamoine Fire Department can hand out nearly 100 free smoke detectors in the coming weeks. The detectors which have 10-year lithium batteries, arrived in Lamoine on June 22nd. Several Maine communities were approved for smoke detectors to be handed out to those households that might need them.

Firefighter Jonathan Morren submitted the application on behalf of the fire department, and will begin distribution work in the very near future. Anyone who might need but does not have a working smoke detector can call the town office (667-2242) to be put on the distribution list. If you know of others who might need a detector, please let the town office know. Checks will be made with elderly residents first to install working detectors

Smoke detectors are a first line of defense for saving lives in a fire, giving homeowners a chance to escape before it's too late. Homeowners should have detectors on all levels of a house. Detectors over 20-years old should be replaced.

(Lamoine) — If all goes according to plan in late June, the 1958 American LaFrance truck that served Lamoine for 15-years will serve another Hancock County town. The Eastbrook Fire Department was raising funds to purchase the pumper truck for \$4,000.

The Lamoine Fire Company earlier this year purchased the truck from the town books for a little more than \$1,000 which was the amount due to a fund for equipping the new Engine 403 purchased a year ago. Proceeds from the sale to Eastbrook will go to a new pain job for that truck, a 1975 American LaFrance pumper truck. The fire department had advertised for bids on the 1958 LaFrance, but rejected both bids received as too low. The members felt it was important that the truck go to another fire department, and found Eastbrook interested.



On its last weeks of service to Lamoine, Engine 403 will fight fires in Eastbrook

were told to have the children proceed to the Lamoine Baptist Church. The fire department dispatched three fire trucks, the lead pumper to the school building, the brush truck to Lamoine Corner and the water supply pumper to the intersection of Lamoine Beach Road and Mill Road for traffic control. One lane was kept open for traffic at all times.

The children walked to the church with no incidents, freeing the school for any emergency response efforts without fear of little ones getting hurt. It was the first test of the crisis plan drawn up last fall by a group from the school and the town for disaster response.

The fire department role in a major incident has yet to be defined beyond fire suppression and traffic control, and those matters will be discussed in the coming year.

Respiration Standards Met

(Lamoine) — Firefighters have begun to fill out confidential medical questionnaires to determine if they are able to operate with respirators in a hazardous environment. The new policy meets new federal and state laws requiring medical checks for all firefighters, and a test of the equipment to see if it fits.

MDOT to Lower Speeds, Mark Intersections

(Lamoine) — The traffic engineer from the Maine Department of Transportation is working on speed and marking changes to several intersections in Lamoine which may help improve public safety.

The speed on Shore Road is likely to lower to 25 MPH for the upper half of the road that is currently 45 MPH. A survey of the road found it to be more densely populated, warranting the lowered speed limit. Additionally, the intersection with Route 184 was observed, but no definite changes were suggested at this time.

Birchlawn Drive, a small residential sub-division road off Buttermilk Road is likely to have its speed limit lowered to 25-miles per hour. MDOT Engineer

No More Slow Children (signs)

(Lamoine) — The yellow “Slow, Children Playing” signs in Lamoine will be coming down this summer. The State Department of Transportation has sug-

Dawn Coffin made the same observations on that road, and it was noted that several requests have been received

to lower the limit on that short road.

The intersection on town where the most accidents take place may see some new markings in the near future. Mrs. Coffin spent a great deal of time observing traffic leaving Pinkham’s Flats (Route 204) and going on to Douglas Highway (Route 184). At car height, it is difficult to see oncoming traffic at the Jordan River Road intersection coming North on Route 184. Mrs. Coffin suggested that a stop line might be painted further out into the intersection, giving cars a better chance to see oncoming traffic. A similar stop line may be painted on the Jordan River Road intersection.

Lamoine School Makes News

(Lamoine) — A flurry of activity hit the Lamoine School as the year wound down.

Grants Received

The highlight is a pair of donations from the foundation set up by writers Stephen



School's Out!

8th Grader Anne Herrick supervises teacher Chris James as he prepares a barbecue lunch the last day of school.

Portable Classroom Repairs

The Town owned portable classrooms will see some repair work this summer. The newer classroom located behind the school will have its skirting fixed. High winds and heavy rains caused the skirting to blow off frequently during the school year. The repair will be made by securing pressure treated lumber with steel rods into the ground and the proper channeling put into the wood to keep the siding in place.

Earlier in the school year, carpenter Bill Walker repaired a door to the older portable classroom (out front), and made

gested that communities no longer install such signs. According to DOT studies, motorists tend to ignore them shortly after they are put up. The DOT says that the signs give parents a false sense of security when they really should keep a very close eye on children playing near the road and educate their children about the dangers of roadway. Another disturbing finding is that pedophiles have admitted they use the signs as a landmark for areas where children might be located and stalked.

Once the speed changes are approved (see above article), the slow children signs will come down on Birchlawn Drive and Shore Road, and anywhere else they are located.

Needles Eye Road to be paved

(Lamoine) — Crews from Lane Construction will pave the upper end of Needles Eye Road this summer, probably in July. The paving job will fall within the budget set at town meeting in March. High diesel fuel prices have impacted paving projects as well.

Re-paving will start at the Asa's Lane intersection and proceed approximately 6-tenths of a mile to a section paved in 1993.

and Tabitha King. A \$10,000 donation went to the Ballfield project which should be enough to complete the project this summer. It will defray costs associated with seeding the field, building the fence and dugouts and other costs that could not be donated by volunteers. The Ballfield committee raised in excess of \$10,000 on its own to add to the grant. The King's foundation will also fund \$25,000 in improvements to the school library at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The money will be used to buy shelving and books for the library.

MDI Tuition Settled

The Lamoine School Committee voted unanimously in favor of a compromise offer by the MDI High School Board of Trustees to pay 10% higher tuition for Lamoine students to attend the Bar Harbor High School. The increase will be phased in over a 3-year period, so that it will not affect 11th and 12th graders this year, and 12th graders next year, and will take full effect in the 3rd year. A change to state law allows high schools that receive tuition students to charge up to 10% more than the state maximum if that high school has approved a major expansion project. The Trenton School Board approved the same contract.

repairs to the stair railings at the front portable. Repairs to the furnace in the front portable will be suggested during the summer.

Kindergarten goes All-Day

Starting in the 2000/2001 school year, children entering kindergarten will attend classes for a full day instead of the half day of kindergarten that has been in place for many years. Research has shown some benefit to having 5-and-6 year old students spend the full day in school in terms of preparation for entrance into first grade. Many other Maine communities have decided to start full day kindergarten.

According to birth records for the incoming classes for the next several years, the population of kindergarten students may be fairly low, keeping the need for only one teacher.

School to Start Early

The traditional start of school after Labor Day comes to an end this year. The School Committee voted to begin school for students on Wednesday, August 30th. The two days before will be in-service days for teachers.

The next school year will increase to 177 instructional days with 7 teacher in-service days. If all goes as planned, the last day of school in 2001 will be on June 14th. That calendar presumes that three days will be lost for snowstorms during the year.

Familiar Faces Leave School

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Consolidated School is looking for help this summer, and will miss some folks who've moved on.

Third Grade Teacher Debbie Day has retired after 26-years on the job. She was recognized at a party in late June where current and former teachers and principals all spoke of her good humor and support for fellow teachers. Moving into the 3rd grade is current 1st grade teacher Diane Bonney. Mrs. Bonney's place is taken by Sherry Young who was hired by the School Committee in June.

Librarian Donna Healy's resignation was accepted by the school committee in June. Mrs. Healy was instrumental in obtaining the grant from the King

Honor Grads Honored

(Lamoine) — Lamoine residents did well in their final year of high school, with 11 students graduating with honors. The Selectmen sent certificates to Ellsworth High graduates **Julia Arnold, Janna Duym, Nathan Fennelly, Brynn Kimball, Jennifer McCarty, Ryan Robertson and Tiffany Shoppe.** Graduating

Foundation .

Also resigning this summer are school secretary Marti Anderson and custodian Ralph Hall. The school was advertising for replacements in late June, along with an Ed Tech III position.



After 26 years on the job, 3rd grade teacher Debbie Day has retired. This picture came on her last day of school as her son Ryan took the lead →

Lamoine Grange

offers personal rewards, history to members

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Grange needs people. The Grange (#264) was formed in 1884 and occupies the building at Lamoine Corner built in 1886. Back then, average attendance at a grange meeting was 70-to-90 people. Today,

Friends of State Park to Meet

(Lamoine) — The Friends of Lamoine State Park will meet on July 12, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the Lamoine Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and the Friends say they could use more members. The Friends of the Park thank Tammy Dickey and Richard King for generous donations of planters and soil to the park.

Lamoine Man wins Golf Tournament

(Bangor) — Ryan Day (that's his proud mom's picture to your left) won the Paul Bunyan Golf Tournament in June after two playoff holes at Bangor Municipal Golf Course. Ryan is a senior at George Washington University and has become a very accomplished golfer

from MDI High School in Bar Harbor with honors were **Nicole Bonney, Michael Garrity, Rachael Good, and Sylvan Herskowitz**. Congratulations!

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) — Congratulations to our new arrivals. **Riley Lloyd Johnson** was born to parents **Peter & Michelle Johnson** on April 27, 2000. They make their home in the house next to the fire station.

Craig Albert Ridley, Jr. arrived on May 23, 2000, the son of **Shelly and Craig Ridley**. They make their home on Fennellyville Road. Craig's big sister Felicia is reportedly quite proud of her baby brother.

Lamoine was the setting as **Jason Carter and Michelle Kaufman** of Waltham were married on May 5, 2000. Also married during this quarter were **Patricia (Ashmore) Bowman and Brent Heath** who reside on Clamshell Alley. They were married at the Lamoine Baptist Church on June 3, 2000.

While no current residents of Lamoine passed away this quarter, we did lose **Rev. Ellis "Sam" Holt** on May 18th. He was well loved in town and served on some town boards and was very active with the Cold Spring Water Company. **Barbara Hodgkins Kudlich** passed away during the winter and was buried at Marlboro Cemetery. And former Seal Point Road resident **Evora "Shrimp" Whiting** died on February 27, 2000.

membership has fallen to the 20's, and attendance is just a handful.

The Grange (officially the Order of Patrons of Husbandry) has a rich history in the United States. Meetings discuss community concerns, there are social events, and members advance through

voice and vote at meetings regardless of age, gender or position within the Grange. For more information about the Lamoine Grange, call 667-2233, 667-7559, or 667-2057. The Grange meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7PM.

Wet Spring Slows Ballfield Completion

(Lamoine) — An extremely wet Spring has taken a toll on plans to complete the athletic fields behind the school. Ballfield committee chair Lori Boynton reports the loam piled on the field was still extremely wet in late June, and contractors were not able to spread it effectively. The work is nearly done, however, and

the project is well funded thanks to the \$10,000 donation from the King Foundation. The dugouts were completed by a crew from the Hancock County Technical Center, and Superior Fence Company has installed the backstops on the poles provided by Bangor Hydro Electric. Look for the final cover and seeding later this summer and a dedication in the fall.

Art Show, Concert Planned

(Lamoine) — The Historical Society building will be the site of the first Lamoine Art Show on August 5, 2000 from 10AM to 3PM. (Rain date Aug. 12). Artists should bring what they need to display their work, and a chair and materials. Contact Joan Bragdon (667-7956) or Mascha Litten (667-8465).

A "Pot-Luck" concert will be held at the Historical Society on Sunday, August 20th at 7PM. Donations will be accepted to help with ongoing renovations of the historic church. Contact Carolyn Ackerman (667-8124) or David Henry (667-7182) if you wish to perform. The concert is considered "pot luck" because it depends on who shows up and the music they want to perform, but the entertainment is high quality and fun!

July 2000-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1-Town Office Open
2	3	4-Office closed for Independence Day	5-7PM Assessors	6-7PM—Fire Dept	7	8-Town Office Closed
9	10-7:00 PM Planning Board	11	12-7PM—Friends of Lamoine State Park	13-6:15 Selectmen* 7:00 Fire Dept.	14	15-Town Office Closed
16	17	18-Tax Collector closed in morning	19-7PM Assessors	20-7PM Fire Dept.	21	22-Town Office Closed
23	24	25	26	27-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	28	29-Town Office Open
30	31-Town office closed (vacation)			*Warrant signing only anticipated, no formal meeting is planned		

August 2000-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1-Adm Asst closed, CEO 10-Noon	2-Town Office closed 7PM Assessors	3-7PM Fire Dept.	4	5-Town Office Open 10AM Art Show
6	7-6:30 School Board 7PM Planning Board	8	9	10-6:15 Selectmen* 7:00 Fire Dept.	11-5:30 PM Fire Dept. Auction-school	12-Town Office Closed
13	14	15	16-7PM Assessors	17-7PM Fire Dept.	18	19-Town Office Closed
20-7PM Pot Luck Concert	21	22	23	24-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	25	26-Town Office Closed
27	28	29	30-School Starts	31-7PM Fire Dept.		

September 2000-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2-Town Office Open
3	4-Town Office Closed (Labor Day)	5	6-7PM Assessors	7-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	8	9-Town Office Closed
10	11-6:30 School Cmte 7PM Planning Board	12	13	14-7PM Fire Dept	15	16-Town Office Closed
17	18	19	20-7PM Assessors	21-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	22	23-Town Office Closed
24	25	26	27	28-7PM Fire Dept.	29	30-Town Office Open

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