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Town Election Held Despite Blizzard

(Lamoine) — With predictions for the storm of the century looming, it seemed like voters in Lamoine probably had a pretty good dose of cabin fever and ventured out into the weather to cast their votes on March 6th. The storm was pretty intense to the west of here, but left only about 3-inches of snow in Lamoine, though visibility was difficult at times. When the polls closed, 204 residents had cast ballots in the election, roughly an 18-percent turnout. And with only one referendum question and one race for elected office, the turnout was better than in some years with more contentious issues on the ballot.

The voting was as follows:

Selectman	Votes
Luck, Christopher	86
Spruce, Thomas	114

School Committee	
Boynton, Lori	161
Perkins, Faith	138

Assessor	
Fowler, E. Jane	179

Clerk/Collector	
Brodie, Hubene	192

Site Plan Review Ordinance	
Yes	127
No	71

Several people received write-in votes in the school committee and assessor's column, but no one received more than two write in votes.

The only contested race, that for Selectman, was won by Tom Spruce. He replaces Arthur Alley who decided to retire after three terms on the board.

Faith Perkins replaces Kathy Stanley on the School Committee. Mrs. Stanley decided not to run for re-election.

According to town ordinance, Mr. Spruce and Ms. Perkins both start service immediately.

Re-elected were town clerk and tax collector Hubene Brodie and tax assessor Jane Fowler. Mrs. Brodie's term is one year, ending June 30, 2002. Mrs. Fowler will serve 3-years, ending June 30, 2004.

The Site Plan Review Ordinance won easy approval among voters.

Separate stories on the winning candidates and the Site Plan Review Ordinance and the open town meeting are inside this issue.

Cheerleaders Claim State Championship

(Lamoine) — Eleven young ladies ranging from 5th grade to 8th grade have brought a state championship trophy home to Lamoine for their performance at the State Cheerleading Tournament in Bangor on March 10th. It capped a remarkable winter sports season for athletes

Brewer in anticipation of the storm. It still took quite a while to dig out the vans from the deep snow and creep across the river to the auditorium.

When it came time to perform, the squad was well prepared. They pulled off a nearly flawless performance, and scored a



State Champions! Back Row (l-r) Sarah Marchoon, Malerie Lockhart, Ashley Budwine, Katie Good, Coach Cori-Lynn Noddin, Casandra Engstrom. Front Row: Alicia Bentivoglio, Stephanie Walls, Paige Boynton, Sarah Burnett, Stephanie Lockhart, and Kim Tupper

from the Lamoine Consolidated School which saw the girls and boys basketball teams and the same cheering squad sweep the championships in Union 92.

The states had their challenges, perhaps the biggest being actually getting to Bangor Auditorium. The day of the competition brought a foot of snow to Eastern Maine, and that kept several area squads from reaching Bangor to compete. Cheering coach Cori-Lynn Noddin arranged to have the girls and several sets of parents spend the night at a motel in

64 according to the judges. That was far and away the best score to bring home the championship trophy and individual gold medals. Finishing 2nd in the division was Life Christian Academy in Ellsworth which had some Lamoine residents on their squad. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, the LCA displayed a congratulatory sign at their facility on Route Three

The Selectmen issued a certificate to the cheering squad for its first ever state Middle School title, and it is now posted at the School.

Gravel Deal Signed, Permits Sought

(Lamoine) — Despite opposition from some residents, the Lamoine Board of Selectmen signed a three year contract with Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. to sell gravel from a portion of the lot that includes the closed landfill. The agreement will bring \$200,000 into the town coffers over 3-years for the rights to mine 160,000 yards of gravel.

The opposition came from a group of residents who say they are concerned about the impact of the gravel removal on the groundwater quality in Lamoine. They contend the gravel sits over an aquifer recharge area, and removal of that layer of dirt will diminish the natural filtering of rain and snow the gravel performs. In considering the matter, Select-

men Chair Glenn Crawford said the amount being mined from the town owned land is miniscule on a comparative scale. Mr. Crawford also said that Gott was the only company with access to the gravel, as they had purchased a lot on the back end of the town owned land, and already owned the lot on the front end. The town had sold Gott gravel from the front end several years before.

The matter is now in the hands of the Planning Board which met to consider an initial application submission on March 13th. The Board found the application to be incomplete, and went over with the Selectmen and Gott what additional information is needed. The project will also have to meet the new Site Plan Review Ordinance.

Open Town Meeting Approves Budget (Gravel Sale Debate Highlights Discussion)

(Lamoine) — The annual open town meeting drew another large crowd with over 170 voters checking in at the door. Two issues seemed to draw voters; the authority of the Selectmen to sell gravel and the budget.

Open meeting moderator Fred Ehrlenbach got his feet wet in Lamoine in a hurry, as the 2nd article to be dealt with was whether to re-grant authority to the Selectmen to sell gravel from the landfill lot. There was a great deal of debate, much of it focused on the recent sale (see page 1) and whether such events should happen under the Selectmen's authority or whether they should receive town meeting approval. After a close hand vote to move the question, a written ballot was requested, and the vote against re-granting the authority to the Selectmen, 88 to 72 took away the authority until at least the next town meeting.

The other hot issue was the school budget. The School Committee and Budget Committee differed by \$15,000 for personnel. That difference was expanding music into a full time program

from the current half-time offering. Budget Committee member Sheryl Davis called it a fiscally irresponsible proposal that would not enhance academics. School Committee member Kathy Stanley presented arguments correlating a strong music program with better academic performance. The school budget passed with the money included for the full time program.

Cut from the budget was a proposal from the school committee to establish a tuition fund for \$30,000 to take care of emergency tuition expenditures to secondary schools. Town Treasurer Stu Marckoon argued that if it's approved, the money would have to be raised in property taxes in the next year. Selectmen argued that when the school has needed extra money for tuition, it could ask town meeting for the funding, and they have never been turned down.

A minor adjustment from the Budget Committee recommendation was made in one social service line, and a \$5,000 fund for police protection was eliminated for this year.

Spruce Elected Selectman

(Lamoine) — In a close race, Tom Spruce won election to the Lamoine Board of Selectmen for 3-years. The 46-year old Spruce lives on Lamoine Beach Road, and is the father of an 18-year old daughter, Kaela and twin 6th graders Cody and Sam. He's married to the former Lori McMillan, and they live in the home she grew up in.

Spruce works as a heavy equipment and crane operator for EL Shea in Ellsworth, a job he's done for 27-years, including 7-years in the United States Navy and Coast Guard.

Mr. Spruce said he wanted to run for Selectman because he believes everyone should perform some community service. He's served on the town's Ballfield Committee and briefly with the former Parks & Recreation Committee, and has been active with the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Little League. He says he hopes to see the town through the tough issues ahead including gravel and ground-water issues, and the physical plant needs of the Lamoine Consolidated School.

Mr. Spruce grew up in Old Town, and has an interesting family connection. His sister, Tabitha, is a well-regarded author who happens to be married to novelist Stephen King. The King's foundation made very generous contributions to the school library and to the ballfield project in the past year.

Perkins Wins School Board Seat

(Lamoine) — Faith Perkins starts her 3-year term on the Lamoine School Committee in April after her election at town meeting. She ran unopposed for one of the two seats.

Ms. Perkins, 45, has been a Lamoine resident since 1993, moving here from the Machias area. She and her husband, Jim Crotteau live on Douglas Highway at Lamoine Corner. Their daughter Emily is a 4th grade student at the Lamoine Consolidated School.

Ms. Perkins grew up in Western Massachusetts and has a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Maine, Orono. She is presently employed as a developmental therapist for infants to five-years old at Downeast Therapy Associates in Trenton.

Ms. Perkins is active as a leader with the Girl Scouts, singing with the Acadia Choral Society and in service with A Kid's Place, a group that deals with special needs children and their families.

Ms. Perkins says she ran for school committee after observing a number of rough years for the school, and now seeing that the community, administration and teachers seem to be working well together, she wants to make sure that positive relationship continues. She says she wants to see the school continue to make improvements in the education process.

Public Safety Committee Members Sought

(Lamoine) — What level of police protection is appropriate for Lamoine? That was the root question of a debate at this year's town meeting, and no one had a definitive answer. Many had stories of close calls with speeding cars or recent burglaries in the neighborhood or trespassers.

The town meeting instructed the Selectmen to form a committee to find out what the needs of the town are in regard to police protection, and what options are available.

The Selectmen invite anyone interested in helping to contact the town office (667-2242) by April 18th so the committee can get up and running. The goal is to report back with a plan by November in time for the 2002/2003 budget season.

Selectman Alley Retires

(Lamoine) — After serving 24-years in the Coast Guard, many of them as the commanding officer at the base in his hometown of Jonesport, Arthur Alley thought he'd retired. Wrong. He opened a small interior decorating business and it surpassed the expectations he and his wife Mary had at succeeding. He also ran for Selectman and served 3-terms.

Mr. Alley decided not to run for another term, but says he will miss it. He was honored at town meeting for that service with a certificate from the new board, and Town Clerk Hubene Brodie (a childhood buddy) brought a cake to share with the townspeople. THANKS FOR THE SERVICE!

Land Sold

(Lamoine) — Town meeting gave approval to sell a piece of land at the head of the Jordan River to Richard and Donna Fennelly. The Fennellys had paid taxes on the land many years ago only to discover it wasn't theirs. The sale will square up their lot, and put a piece of land back on the tax rolls. They paid \$500 for the land. Mrs. Fennelly says they cannot build on it. The Board of Selectmen issued a quit-claim deed to the Fennelly's in late March.

Town Report Correction

The 2000 Annual Report dedicated to Elmer "Spud" Davis incorrectly listed him as a former Road Commissioner. It should read he was the Building Inspector. The report also indicated the town office was open Sundays. It is not, but is open the first and last Saturdays of the month.

New Members Named To Planning and Appeals Boards

(Lamoine) — Interest was at an all time high for service to the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals after several seats opened up. The Board of Selectmen had many qualified applicants to choose from and all said the choices were difficult, and urged those not picked to try again when other openings might occur.

Named to the Planning Board to take **Karen Eaton's** place was Appeals Board member **Joan Bragdon**. Mrs. Bragdon is a resident of Marlboro Beach Road and a former tax assessor who has been keenly interested in town affairs for many years. Planning Board member **Robert Sharkey** submitted his resignation as well, and taking his place is **Michael Garrett** of Great Ledge Road. Mr. Garrett is a veteran of 12-years of service on the Concord, NH city council, and a former vice principal at a New

Hampshire High School. During his service on the city council, Garrett said he also served on the Concord Planning Board.

Taking Mrs. Bragdon's place on the Board of Appeals is **John Larson** of Seal Point Road. Mr. Larson also has a great deal of experience on a planning board, having served in a Connecticut community. He is employed by a small telecommunications company and recently constructed a home in Lamoine. Filling an unfilled alternate seat on the Board of Appeals is **John Wuorinen** of Lamoine Beach Road. A veteran of the Castine Board of Appeals, Mr. Wuorinen has been active on recent gravel issues.

All the candidates said they would work hard to make sure the ordinances of Lamoine are followed in any deliberations they must make. Those not chosen remain on the waiting list.

New Aquifer Maps Issued By State

(Augusta) — With all the discussion about groundwater and gravel, and with the Planning Board working on an aquifer protection modification to the Land Use Ordinance, the Maine Geological Survey timing couldn't be better. New maps

showing the major aquifers of Maine came out in mid-March. Lamoine received two of the three maps completed by the state agency, and the third, just recently completed, was on its way. They should prove very useful.

Town Meeting Approves Site Plan Review Ordinance

(Lamoine) — By a 56-vote margin, voters gave overwhelming approval to the new Site Plan Review Ordinance in Lamoine. The new ordinance takes effect 30-days after its March 6th adoption, or on April 6, 2001.

The Site Plan Review Ordinance is designed to give the Planning Board tools to deal with large development projects. That includes non-residential buildings over 2,000 square feet in size, multi-family buildings, and earth moving activities that exceed 10,000 square feet over a 5-year period. The Planning Board will process and decide on all Site Plan Review applications.

Over the past few years, some applications would have been subject to the Site Plan Review ordinance, especially applications to open new gravel pits. The information requested under the ordinance does not differ significantly from the present gravel ordinance, but the format would be slightly changed.

The Planning Board worked on the new ordinance for roughly two years before putting it out to vote.

Few Building Permits Issued

(Lamoine) — As is usual during the dead of winter, the building permit issues were relatively few and far between. Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth reports the following permits issued:

Nbr	Name	Type
1	Gerald Payson	Garage
2	Leon Sargent	Workshop
3	A. Stroobants	Pier/Dock

Reminder: before starting any building project, a permit must be obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board.

Planning Board Works On Ordinances

(Lamoine) — An aquifer protection zone to be added to the Lamoine Building and Land Use Ordinance is one of the changes that may be proposed to Town Meeting, possibly as soon as November. The board, reacting to requests to write in stronger protections for critical groundwater resources, is working on several changes to improve the ordinance last updated in 1999.

The Planning Board is also

Gravel Forum Draws Crowd

(Ellsworth) — After a blizzard in February pushed things back a week, a panel put together by the Lamoine Citizens Association explained in great detail how the groundwater and gravel deposits are situated in Lamoine. Dr. Harold Borns of the University of Maine, Andy Tolman of the Department of Human Services, and Paula Cole of the Maine Rural Water Association spoke to about 20-people at Ellsworth City Hall.

The panel said there are no exact answers on how to protect groundwater from potential pollution sources. There is also no definitive answer regarding how much of a layer of gravel is needed above the groundwater before it is damaged. At least one panelist said the town's ordinances seem to be fairly good when it comes to groundwater protection measures. Ms. Cole also said that while ordinances are important, they are also not the best method for protecting groundwater resources. She suggested public and protective purchases of critical areas above groundwater sources are the best way to guarantee that the resource below might be protected. Mr. Tolman said statewide testing programs might yield some better information.

Permit Issued For New Pier

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board approved a Shoreland Zoning permit for a new pier at a Point View Lane property. Douglas Beal applied for the permit on behalf of property owner Alphonse Stroobants.

In March, the board found the pier application complete and voted unanimously in favor of issuance. The applicant had come back with more information upon the board's request.

Lamoine's Harbor Master, Bill Pinkham, reported to the board the pier would not significantly impact navigation in the Skillings River.

looking into other changes to help clean up some oversights and definitions. One of those oversights was the omission from the road frontage requirements that waives the 200' minimum if the proposed building is set back greater than 200 feet from the road it's on.

The board is also working to develop a more definitive zoning map. The College of the Atlantic will be employed to produce the maps this spring.

Partial Route 184 Rebuild Planned

(Lamoine) — After a winter full of frost heaves and sink holes, word of a partial rebuild on Route 184 may come as a bit of relief. The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) has included a 2-mile section of Douglas Highway from Jordan River Road and heading southeasterly toward Lamoine Beach Road in its 6-year working plan.

An MDOT official said the idea was to strengthen the road enough to pre-

vent it from being posted as closed to the heavy commercial traffic in the spring. No final plans have yet become available, and it's not known when the rebuild will come to pass.

The bi-annual transportation plan also includes a more than 3-mile section of Route 184 for a major re-surfacing project at a cost in excess of a million dollars. That project is slated to start at Route 204 and proceed southerly.



A sign of spring

The pile of snow behind the Lamoine Consolidated School was quite impressive following several snowfalls. Here, by mid-March, it has started to melt and leave a rather ugly face.

Plow Contractor Keeps Up Despite Unusually Heavy Snowfall

(Lamoine) — No matter how much it snows, it costs the Town of Lamoine the same to have the snow removed from the public roads. Some years it's a good deal for the plow contractor. This year it's proven quite valuable to the town as numerous storms hit starting in December, and not letting up until Mid-March.

Contractor Richard King said he's used up all the surplus salt/sand mixture he'd been able to store from previous years of plowing because of the high number of storms. He also told the Selectmen he would not seek any extra compensation for this year's plowing, despite the heavy demand this winter.

The Selectmen will sit down with Mr. King once the snow season is over and look over the final year of the contract and discuss the possibility of extending out the contract several more years.

Mr. King said the biggest factors in his costs are a steep increase in the cost of diesel fuel and increased insurance costs for Workers Compensation and General Liability.

Despite the snowfall, few complaints about slippery roads came into the town office. There were a few calls about damaged mailboxes, and one summer resident was upset that during a blizzard in March the plow trucks ended up turning around on her lawn.

Snowmobile Club May Expand Trails

(Lamoine) - The Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile Club members thank all the land owners in and around Lamoine who allowed the trail system to cross their property. In Lamoine we currently have 17 miles of interconnecting trails and with land owners permission hope to be adding more in the near future. The trails are enjoyed by snowmobilers, cross country skiers, walkers, bicyclists and many more throughout the entire year. It is pleasant to enjoy our own backyards in this wonderful state of Maine without leaving Lamoine.

We have a lot to offer right here, ocean, pond, hills and lots of wildlife.

The F.B. Riders work hard to keep the trails and road crossings well marked. We also spend many hours clearing trees that have fallen across trails. By doing this we keep the trails safe and enjoyable for all.

Remember riders and all other users, **STAY ON MARKED TRAILS, BE COURTEOUS TO OTHERS, SLOW DOWN FOR SKIERS AND OTHER RIDERS** and in other words be safe and enjoy. If you are looking into find out more about the French Bay Riders Snowmobile Club, please call President Gerald Payson, 667-2264 or VP Stuart Branch, at 667-7434

Selectmen May Explore Pier Feasibility

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen have written to the Maine Department of Transportation to see if the town might be eligible for an infrastructure grant. The program, called BIG (basic infrastructure grant) is designed to help communities establish facilities to handle larger recreation type boats.

Years ago a pier with a restaurant extended from Lamoine Beach toward Salisbury Cove in Bar Harbor. If the grant is awarded, the town could start the process of seeing if re-establishment of that pier might be something the town wanted and if it's feasible to construct.

Everything is at a very preliminary stage at this point and there has been little demand for such a facility in Lamoine, but utilization of Lamoine State Park by larger recreational craft has become more of a demand lately with all the moorings filled and a waiting list in place.

Mill Road To Be Paved In Summer

(Lamoine) — The town will put a fresh coat of pavement on the upper section of Mill Road during summer 2001. An initial estimate on the paving cost matched the town meeting approved amount of \$30,000.

The paving will begin east of the residential section of town, which is in relatively good shape. It will proceed from the hill by the gravel pit and end at the intersection of Walker Road.

Before the paving takes place, the town will hire a contractor to try to repair some drainage issues on that section of road that have caused some severe frost heaves during the spring of the year. It's believed there is some ledge that prevents water from draining out of the road. If that can be broken up, drainage can be established and it should take care of the frost heave problems.

The paving contract will go out to bid soon along with several other towns that employ the consulting company Pavement Management Services, Inc. Owner Roger Picard said he anticipates prices for asphalt will be similar to those of last year, possibly even slightly lower.

Residents of Mill Road will be advised shortly before the project begins so they can make appropriate travel plans for that day when equipment will block one lane of the road.

Fire Department Receives Hydrant Grant

(Lamoine) — The Maine Forest Service awarded the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department a \$3,500 grant to put toward a hydrant project to bring water from Blunt's Pond to Lamoine Beach Road (Route 184). Fire Chief Skip Smith estimates the total project will cost about \$35,000.

The initial grant was discussed at town meeting along with the proposed project. Because there is not a lot of information yet available, voters instructed the fire chief to work toward obtaining easements and an engineering

plan in an effort to come up with a project cost.

Under the concept, a water intake would be placed in Blunt's Pond near the town beach area and pipes run down an existing road to a piece of land on Lamoine Beach Road where a hydrant would be located. The water coming to the hydrant would be pressurized, creating a very valuable water supply in a part of town that doesn't have much water available for firefighting. The current hydrant at that pond is unusable because of silt and maintenance problems.

Department of Labor Inspects Fire Station

(Lamoine) — Like all fire departments across Maine, Lamoine's got a thorough going-over by the Maine Department of Labor for safety violations. Of particular interest was compliance with the year old respiratory protection standards adopted by the state. The inspector looked over the records for each firefighter along with the training records to verify that each interior firefighter was trained and medically cleared to go into a burning building. It appears as if the town has

passed that burden of proof. Testing of firefighters had been completed prior to the DOL inspection.

The inspector did find a few safety violations in the workplace area that have been corrected already. One involved storage of used motor oil near the rear exit of the building close to the oxygen/acetylene welding torch. Two others involved equipment that had the grounding pin removed from the electrical plugs. A fine of \$1,375 is being appealed by the town.

Tax Increase Expected

(Lamoine) — The annual town meeting actions should cause a tax increase of about 14% in the coming year. Voters approved of spending \$2,044,975.19 for municipal and education budgets. Revenues from other sources will mean the town will have to raise approximately \$1,224,000. If the town valuation increases at the same rate as recent years, that should mean a tax rate of approximately 11.9 mills, an increase of 1.5 mills from the present tax rate. The actual figures should be ready in August.



New Circuit

Bangor Hydro Electric got the permit approvals needed to install the new circuit to Lamoine on Douglas Highway. The new circuit cuts over from Route 1 in Hancock and was strung in March.

Few Fire Calls During 2001

(Lamoine) — For the first time in a long time, the Lamoine Fire Department recorded a zero-call February. In fact, for a winter when chimney fires were expected to increase because of the price of fuel, no chimney fires were recorded!

The only calls included a flooded cellar at a Lamoine Beach Road property in January, an oven fire that was out on arrival at a Douglas Highway home in March, and an automobile accident on Douglas Highway in mid-March.

The fire department has entered into an automatic mutual aid agreement with the Ellsworth Fire Department. For any structure fire call in Lamoine, the Ellsworth department will automatically start a pumper and a tanker toward Lamoine. Lamoine will reciprocate for most reported structure fires in Ellsworth, which may increase the out of town runs for the fire department slightly. The move should help both communities from an insurance and public safety standpoint by making more equipment and manpower available, especially during the daytime hours.

Proper Address Display Urged

(Augusta) - As the advent of Enhanced 911 emergency telephone service looms ahead in July, the Maine Department of Public Safety is reminding homeowners that they must display their street numbers so police, fire and ambulance workers can see them. Residents are urged to utilize the following guidelines:

- Always post the number on the structure
- If the structure is visible from the road, post the number on the mailbox and the structure
- If the structure is not visible from the road, and the mailbox is not beside the driveway, erect a sign or number post at the entrance of the driveway leading to the property.
- If you use a post office box, you must still post your 9-1-1 address
- Put property numbers on both sides of the mailbox if it is located in front or across from a structure.
- Posted numbers must be high enough so the snow doesn't cover them
- Numbers must be 4" high and a contrasting color to the background.

The local road naming and numbering ordinance set out similar requirements for all Lamoine residences several years ago. You can check www.maine911.com on the internet for more information.

New Recycling Contract Approved

(Lamoine) — Come April, things will change dramatically in the recycling picture for Lamoine, but hopefully those who utilize the transfer station won't notice a thing. The Selectmen approved a new contract with Sawyer Environmental Services in March.

The big change will be in the way the town is billed. Each time the large containers of newspapers and plastics are hauled off, the town will have to pay the freight charge. However, instead of Sawyer keeping the revenues from the sale of the recycling material, that revenue will come back to Lamoine.

The bid was one of two received by the town when it put the recycling contract out to bid in February. The other bid was Waste Management, Inc. was significantly higher than the Sawyer bid.

Sawyer has served the town for the past several years, taking over a contract from BFI awarded in 1995. At that time, the town pulled out of the Coastal Recycling Cooperative because of the high costs associated with processing the material and transporting it from Lamoine to Hancock. It's not yet clear how much the new costs will be offset by expected revenues.

YMCA Offers Stronger Partnership With Lamoine

(Lamoine) — A stronger recreation program through the *James Russell Wiggins* Downeast Family YMCA is expected on a formal basis in coming months. The Ellsworth facility received funding from the 2001 town meeting with no questions from the voters.

The "Y" has offered to have a staff person essentially oversee the various recreation offerings with Lamoine teams, providing support services for coach mentoring and training, scheduling, and hiring officials for games.

There will still be a program fee charged to participants in the YMCA programs, but with the funding, a rate reduction compared to residents of other communities that do not provide funding to the "Y" goes into effect.

Executive Director Peter Farragher, a Lamoine resident, plans to sit down with town officials in the very near future to hammer out any details needed on the recreation program. Among the new "Y" offerings this spring will be sanctioned Little League baseball. Information should be forthcoming on that program.

School Names Building Needs Committee

(Lamoine) — Anyone who's attended a basketball game at the Lamoine Consolidated School has heard the phrase "we need a new gym" a lot. There is little space for fans to sit, and playing areas are limited for the young athletes. Toward that end, the school committee has formed a sub-committee to study the needs of the physical plant at the school, and not only the gymnasium.

Named to the sub committee were Gordon Donaldson, Donna Thorburn, Glenn Crawford, Kathy Stanley, Reggie McDevitt, Skip Smith, John White, Sharon Oliver, Doreen Boynton, Brett Jones, Amy Duym, and Val Perkins.

The committee held its first meeting in late March and will meet again on April 23rd, May 21st and June 25th.

School Board chair Bonnie

Marckoon says the committee will look objectively at what the space needs are for the school and for the community as a whole. Once the needs are known, then the School Committee can take appropriate actions to try to address the needs that are found.

Mrs. Marckoon stressed the committee is not a building committee and any plans to add-on or significantly renovate the school are a ways off.

The last significant addition to the Lamoine Consolidated School came in 1974 and involved the town obtaining a 20-year bond issue that was paid in full in 1994. Since then, the town has constructed two portable classrooms. Those buildings could be sold, should an addition be constructed.

Recycling Rate Increases in 2000

(Lamoine) — According to a state report using figures supplied by the town office, the recycling rate in Lamoine rose slightly last year. The state says Lamoine recycled 31.7% of its solid waste in 2000, up from a 28% rate the previous year. It also marks the first time the town recycled more than 30% since figures

some interesting calculations for the towns. In Lamoine, each person generated about 1,096 pounds of garbage last year. The typical person also recycled 227 pounds of material last year according to the state report. The figures were based on a population of 1,381 and a solid waste budget of \$58,475. That figures into a cost

were first compiled in 1993.

The annual report, required under state law, actually saw the amount of solid waste sent to the PERC incinerator drop by over a 1.6 tons. That's unusual in a growing community, but may have some explanation in better enforcement of the rules at the transfer station. One commercial trash hauler was forced to stop using the transfer station in late 1999 after he was caught hauling in trash from other communities to Lamoine. The enforcement seems to have worked, as the trash weights slowed significantly.

The State report also performs

of \$42.34 per person for solid waste and recycling services, or \$77.24 per ton of trash disposal.

Many might ask if the figures are accurate, and the truthful answer is they are not pinpointed. Because the town's cardboard collections are not weighed, but mixed in with other communities at the recycling centers, the report is a guesstimate on that front. Other materials are weighed, and those figures were reported to the State Planning Office, which offered an on-line report for the first time this year.

The new recycling contract should offer a more accurate means to report the recycling rate in future years.

Web Page Updated

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's web site has finally been updated. Due to the sale of AcadiaNet to Prexar, the update e-mails for the web page were apparently lost in cyberspace for a while. The web page address is <http://home.acadia.net/govt/lamoine/>. The latest available minutes and an up to date listing of town officials are on the page. Calendars of coming town events will be posted when available.



*A Snowy Day To Vote
Stuart & Lisa Branch and their children mount up on their snowmobiles they rode to the town office to cast their ballots on March 6th.*

A Baby Boom In Lamoine

(Lamoine) — A number of homes in Lamoine celebrated new arrivals since publication of the January *Lamoine Quarterly*.

On Christmas Eve, **Victoria Ann Woods** was born in Bar Harbor. Her mom, Wren Foster, lives on Lamoine Beach Road.

The New Year saw the stork arrive a little further down Lamoine Beach Road and bring **Jacqueline Eva Amaya Goebel** on January 2nd, the daughter of Cathleen & Peter Goebel. She was born at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth.

A 3rd generation of Fowlers has now started in Lamoine with the arrival of **Ross Perry Fowler** of Walker Road. Perry & Heather Fowler's son was born on January 8th at Maine Coast Memorial. Dad is Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board, Grandpa Jay is on the Board of Appeals, and Grandmother Jane is Chairman of the Board of Assessors.

A month later, on February 8th, **Samuel Cowan** was born at MDI Hospital. He's the son of Erika Rowland and Karl Cowan of Douglas Highway.

The final arrival for the quarter was **Nicole Fronczak** on February 15th at MDI Hospital. She's the 4th child for Susan Arthur of Mud Creek Road.

Congratulations to all the new arrivals and their families.

Lamoine Student Scholarship Finalist

(Lamoine) — Joseph Arnold, a student violinist from Lamoine, was one of five finalists for the scholarship competition sponsored by the Maine Alliance for Arts Education. If he's successful, he'll attend the National Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Institute in June.

Arnold, the son of Richard and Marion Arnold of Marlboro Beach Road,

was recognized at Arts Education Advocacy Day in Augusta on March 1st. His application was forwarded to the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington DC which makes the final selection.

Arnold is a student at Mount Desert Island High School in Bar Harbor and has studied violin for several years.

Basketball Teams Capture Titles

(Lamoine) — For a 3rd straight year, the Lamoine Consolidated School girls basketball team finished the season undefeated, bringing home the championship plaque with relative ease. Coach Michelle Davis's squad finished their perfect season at Ellsworth High School, easily defeating their counterparts from the Hancock Grammar School.

The boys basketball team under the leadership of coach Peter Austin also won the Union 92 championship by also defeating the Hancock Grammar School in an exciting game. The two teams had split on the regular season.

Team members for the girls included Ashley Oleson, Emma Stanley, Heather Gordon, Katlyn Damon, Amber Higgins, Kim Crane, Emily and Caitlin Christie, Alexandra Raynor, Emily Miller, Shackena Gaynor, Emily Frederick, and Katrina Proctor.

The boys team included Lucas Carriere, Frankie Gordon, Derek Murphy, Chad Smart, Devin Pickard, Buster Brown, Brandon Becker, Josh Jones, Jeremy Curran, Elan Gabel-Richards, and Chase Harding.

As mentioned on page 1, the cheerleading team also won the Union 92 championship, with Hancock coming in 2nd.

Art Show Info

(Lamoine) — The 2nd annual Lamoine Art Show will take place on August 4th (the first Saturday in August) on the lawn of the Lamoine Historical Society on Lamoine Beach Road.

There will be no entrance fees or judging. All residents are invited to display their art work. Now is the time to start thinking about a display and how to show it.

For more information, questions and suggestions, contact Joan Bragdon at 667-7956 or Mascha Litten at 667-8465.

Diabetes Checklist

By Cece Ohmart, Health Officer

Diabetes is a silent disease. You may have it for years and not know it. During this time, harm to your eyes, nerves, and kidneys may occur. Your risks increase as you age, gain weight, or become inactive.

Most people have no symptoms but if you are very thirsty, urinate often, or if you lose weight without trying, contact your doctor.

To find if you at risk, try this test. Check each statement that is true for you. At the end, add the points for each check

1. I am a woman who had a child weighing more than 9 pounds at birth. (1)
2. I have a sister or brother with diabetes. (1)
3. I have a parent with diabetes. (1)
4. I am overweight. (5)
5. I am under 65 years of age and get little exercise. (5)
6. I am between 45 and 64 years of age. (5)
7. I am 65 years or older. (9)

10 or more points: You are at risk for having diabetes. See your doctor for a diabetes screen.

3 - 9 points: You are at low risk for diabetes now but change the factors you checked yes now before you develop the disease. This includes keeping your weight in control, become active most days of the week, and eating a diet low in fat, high in fruits and vegetables, and whole grains.

For more information contact the American Diabetes Association at: 1-800-342-2383 or website www.diabetes.org

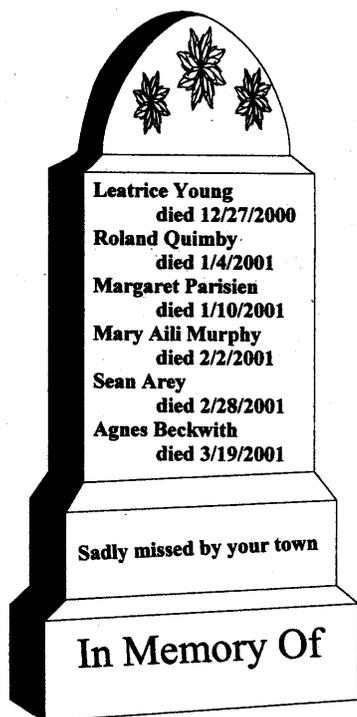
Two Couples Marry

(Lamoine) — Winter tends to be a slow time for marriages.

Exchanging vows in Bar Harbor were **William Patrick Connell IV of Lamoine and Heidi May Ashmore of Hancock**. They were married on January 12, 2001.

As the old year came to a close, **Robin Absher and Christopher Barstow** of Lamoine were married in Portland. The couple owns a home on Shore Road in Lamoine.

Congratulations to the brides & grooms.



April 2001-Lamoine Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2-6:30 School Cmte.	3	4	5-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	6	7-10AM Planning Board Site Visit
8	9	10-7PM Planning Board	11	12-7PM Fire Dept.	13	14
15	16-Office Closed for Patriot's Day	17	18-7PM Assessors	19-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	20	21
22	23-6:30 PM School Bldg Needs Cmte.	24-Office closed in Morning, CEO In	25	26-7PM Fire Dept.	27	28
29	30					

May 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	4	5
6	7-6:30 PM School Committee	8-7PM Planning Board	9	10-7PM Fire Dept.	11	12
13	14	15	16	17-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	18	19
20	21-7PM School Bldg Need Cmte.	22	23	24-7PM Fire Dept.	25	26
27	28-Office Closed, Memorial Day	29	30	31		

June 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4-6:30 School Committee	5-7PM Planning Board	6-Office closed all day	7-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	8	9
10	11	12	13	14-7PM Fire Dept	15-Last Day of School (tentative)	16
17	18	19-Office Closed, DMV Training	20-Office Closed, DMV Training	21-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	22	23
24	25-6:30 School Bldg Needs Cmte.	26	27	28-7PM FireDept.	29	30-Fiscal Year Ends

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