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Town Meeting Set for March 5th & 6th

Nomination Papers Due Back January 18th

(Lamoine) — Voters will face some tough decisions at the annual town meeting in March, most of them to do with the budget. After a sizable tax increase this year, budget pressures are likely to continue as the town grows and demands for more government services increase.

The first order of business will be election day, set for March 5th from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Candidates have until January 18th to turn in nominating petitions to the Town Clerk in order to be placed on the ballot. The petitions must contain signatures of at least 25 registered Lamoine voters.

Seats opening up this year are presently held by Selectman Glenn Crawford, Assessor Terry Towne, Town Clerk and Tax Collector Hubene Brodie, and School Committee members Bonnie Marckoon and Anne Gommel. Mrs. Gommel's seat is a one year opening as she has submitted her resignation from

on the budget articles. The school department has yet to submit its budget as of press time, but no one expects it will be lower than the current \$1.7 million budget. The county budget, which rose 34% this year won't see as much of an increase in the coming year. In late December, County Commissioners approved a 5% tax increase to fund that budget.

The municipal side of the budget faces some major issues. The Selectmen have proposed to add another part time person in the town office to help handle vehicle registrations, license sales, and the other day-to-day transactions to take some of the pressure off the present staff. The \$7,100 proposal would provide an assistant clerk and tax collector two-days per week, freeing the Administrative Assistant to perform other duties. The Budget Committee is studying the plan

A proposal for police patrols is also under study by the Budget

School Board To Appoint Building Committee

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine School Committee is poised to appoint a building committee in early 2002. A report from a Building Needs Assessment Committee was released to the School Committee during the fall, and identified many shortcomings of the present Lamoine Consolidated School. The report recommended immediate appointment of a building committee to design a plan that will meet the needs identified in the report.

The Building Needs Assessment Committee report put into writing what many have known about the school for years. Among the findings are that the gymnasium is grossly inadequate to handle community functions ranging from school basketball games to student concerts and events such as the annual town meeting. The parking facilities at the school are also too small to handle the amount of vehicles associated with such events.

the board effective March 1st. Mrs. Gommel cited personal reasons for her resignation.

In addition to voting for candidates, the ballot will also ask if voters wish to amend the Building and Land Use Ordinance (see page 3 for details of the amendments). The referendum is a straight yes or no question. If passed, the new ordinance changes will take effect immediately. If rejected, the ordinance will remain the same as that passed in 1999.

Voters will also be asked to consider an ordinance establishing a Conservation Commission (*see article on page 2*). This matter will be discussed and debated at the open town meeting on the 6th.

The biggest debate is likely to be

Committee Sought for Public Works

(Lamoine) — Faced with escalating costs for snow plowing and limited contractor availability for minor road maintenance needs, the Board of Selectmen will study whether it would be more cost-effective to establish a town Public Works department. The town advertised in November for volunteers to serve on a committee to study the matter. The Selectmen want to have a 5-to-9 member committee to study all the implications of establishing a public works department

Committee. The Public Safety Committee recommended a 2 patrols per week schedule during the summer months and once a week in the winter at a cost of \$6,950.

The Fire Department budget is still under study as well. Chief Skip Smith has asked for 10-sets of turnout gear (\$10,000) and a new ventilation system and paint job for the interior of the fire station, cost unknown. Both requests will significantly increase the fire budget from its present \$21,400 level.

The Road Maintenance budget is also up compared to last town meeting due to the new snow plowing contract. The budget committee is also studying a plan to pave two roads this summer instead of a short section of one road in order to keep up with paving needs.

might involve.

Letters went out in mid-December to people identified as potentially helpful to such a committee. Some others have already volunteered for appointment to the panel.

The Selectmen want to give the committee plenty of lead time before the current snow plowing contract expires in 2004. The State DEP and Maine DOT have also offered to help explore the options available. Anyone interested in

The report also identified shortcomings within the school ranging from inadequate classroom space for the various programs offered to inadequate water supply and bathroom facilities to meet the building needs. It recommends elimination of the portable classroom spaces to be replaced with permanent space. An upgrade in the electrical system is needed, and reconfiguration of the playground area to take it out of the traffic flow is recommended.

Lamoine voters rejected a \$1.5 million school addition and renovation in March 1996, defeating the article by a 3-to-2 ratio. A myriad of factors was blamed for the vote's failure.

Dog Licenses Due Now!

Avoid the Late Charge!

(Lamoine) — All dog licenses expire at the end of December. Mainer's have a month-long grace period to register dogs without a late charge. After January 31st, state law requires that the town charge an additional \$5 for an unlicensed dog. If the animal control officer has to serve a reminder, the cost increases by an additional \$10.

Pet owners are advised they need proof of a current rabies vaccination in order to register the dog. Cost for registration is \$4 for neutered, \$7.50 for dogs that can reproduce.

Conservation Commission Recommended

(Lamoine) — After Selectman Jo Cooper raised the question of having a Conservation Commission in Lamoine, the Selectmen decided to appoint a committee to explore the idea. Members of the exploratory committee are Joan Bragdon, Perry Fowler, Megan Jaegerman, Carol Korty, Michael Garrett Reggie McDevitt, and Fred Stocking. Jo Cooper is the ex officio member.

The Selectmen felt it was worth exploring such a commission for Lamoine, as many environmental issues were raised in the past few years that the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen have not had time to address in the course of their usual duties. As a result there was much frustration and controversy, instead of clear information about issues ranging from shore access to private open spaces, wetlands, and natural resources.

The Exploratory Committee met throughout the fall and agreed that there was a need for such a Commission. Members also felt the Commission should be a resource to residents, the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. The committee researched how Conservation Commissions operate in other towns and reviewed materials from the Maine

Association of Conservation Commissions.

The committee recommended to the Selectmen that Lamoine should have a Conservation Commission. An ordinance to form the commission is on the Town Meeting Warrant for discussion and vote at open Town Meeting on March 6, 2002. The committee also recommends that the Selectmen give the Commission a clear charge of responsibilities. These are:

- 1.) Identify and catalog areas within Lamoine that have unique natural features and/or ecological importance and index sources of information about these features

- 2.) Conduct conservation related research for the Selectmen, Planning Board or other existing Boards;

- 3.) Provide a regular, public platform for community citizens to voice conservation-related concerns and opinions and to educate residents about these issues.

- 4.) Facilitate community projects for the recreational and related uses of Town resources.

The Board of Selectmen thanks the committee for its diligent work.

Illegal Dumping Charge Continues

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen continues to press for resolution of an illegal dumping charge on property located off Asa's Lane. The charge was levied in July 2001 against Ralph Jones and Russell Boynton Jr. when remnants of a garage appeared on Mr. Boynton's property. According to local ordinance and state law it is unlawful to bring in such debris from other property without the proper license.

The town has changed attorneys in the case after months of inactivity. Ellsworth lawyer James Patterson will now represent the town and try to come up with a satisfactory solution. The town has asked the parties to remove the waste to a properly licensed landfill and for legal fee reimbursement, and a reasonable fine. According to the ordinance, the fine could range from \$100/day to \$250/day.

DEP Tests Transfer Station Water

(Lamoine) — Might the metal pile at the transfer station be some of the contamination source for residential and test wells near the old landfill? That's the question engineers hope to answer in early

Water Supply Alternatives Discussed

(Lamoine) — There is no dispute that the closed Lamoine landfill is polluting one well to the point action is warranted. Just what the proper course of action is, though, has become an enigma. There appears to be no right or wrong answer, but several options are presently available.

The town currently reimburses Nate and Marti Anderson for bottled water they purchase, and the Maine DEP will reimburse the town for 90% of those purchases. The bottled water purchases are neither a long-term solution or an option that any party wishes to continue much longer, but instead is a stop-gap

measure until a more permanent solution is found. The Selectmen, DEP and the Andersons met in early December to discuss what longer term options are available.

Among those options are a new well located on the northeast side of the landfill. Exploration work continues on that idea. A water filter system for the Anderson home was pretty much ruled out by all parties as unreliable. The Andersons suggested to the Selectmen that perhaps the town purchase their home for fair market value, thus giving final elimination to the poor water problem. All ideas are still under discussion.

2002 after two days of testing at the transfer station. A crew led by Sanborn, Head and Associates of Portland drilled test holes near the metal pile and other parts of the transfer station to test the dirt and water to see if they could trace the source of the contamination to someplace other than the closed landfill.

Drought Has Effect In Lamoine

(Lamoine) — A severe lack of rainfall from April through early December has left a few people high and dry, but no major groundwater shortage is yet reported. The state experienced a severe drought during 2001, and well drillers have been out straight drilling new wells to replace old dug wells that ran dry.

Some people have asked if the fire department could fill their dug wells and the requests were declined for several reasons. Filling a dug well would prove relatively useless as the water would drain into the ground quickly. Additionally, the water on the fire trucks is treated with chemicals so it doesn't corrode the tank, and it's not safe to drink.

Fire pond levels are extremely low but started to pick up again in late November. Residents are urged to conserve water if they're having well problems.



Crews working for the Maine DEP check water levels in order to retrieve dirt & water samples from the Lamoine Transfer Station in November.

Building & Land Use Changes Ready

(Lamoine) — After nearly a year of work to revise the Building & Land Use Ordinance, the Planning Board has put the proposed changes out for public review and comment. Two informal hearings are set before the final draft will be presented to a formal public hearing prior to town meeting.

The biggest proposed change will be the addition of an Aquifer Protection Zone. The proposed map of this zone is the sand and gravel aquifer identified and mapped by the Maine Geological Survey. It runs from North Lamoine following route 184 to just east of Asa's Lane and Blunt's Pond.

The purpose of the new zone is to preserve groundwater. Severe restrictions are imposed in the draft copy of the ordinance, including a ban on new gravel mining operations. Present gravel pit

owners will be allowed to expand their pits onto contiguously owned property. In addition, commercial buildings will no longer be allowed in the Aquifer Protection Zone under the present proposal.

The other major proposed change involves junkyards. It would set standards allowing junkyards only in the Development Zone, the smallest zoned land area in Lamoine. None of the 3 licensed automobile graveyards in town are presently within this zone, but they would be exempt until discontinuance.

The ordinance also cleans up some minor language problems and confusion that has crept up over the years. Planning Board Chairman Doug Coleman has asked for public comment so the final version can be ready for the town meeting hearing in February.

Subdivisions—One Approved, Two Pending

(Lamoine) — Lamoine has started to experience unprecedented growth in the creation of house lots through the subdivision process. The Planning Board in December gave approval to the Jordan Bluffs Subdivision presented by Bar Harbor realtor Mike Woodard. The final plan creates 8-lots where one large shore

The initial application is for 11-lots on land presently owned by Dexter Briggs. The two smallest lots are proposed to be 1.6 acres and run along Route 204, while the other 9 lots are greater than two acres in size. The plan will go for completeness review at the January Planning Board meeting.

Site Plan Review Has First Applicants

(Lamoine) — The Site Plan Review ordinance past in March 2001 went into action before the Planning Board in October. Shore Road boat builder Carlton Johnson proposed to build an addition onto his storage sheds. The size increase in less than 5-years required Mr. Johnson seek site plan review by the Planning Board.

As of the end of the year, the matter is still tabled because of incomplete information. A right-of-way held by an abutting property owner caused the delay. It's not clear when the matter will be resolved.

At least three other site plan review applications were submitted to the Planning Board, but none have yet passed the completeness test, and they could be potentially lucrative to the town's coffers.

John W. Goodwin submitted two applications to expand his gravel pits by greater than 10-thousand square feet, kicking the site plan review into gears. Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. also plans to expand its gravel pit operations to include leased area.

The ordinance requires 5-cents per square foot for an application fee. In the case of gravel pits, that equals approximately \$2,200/acre.

front lot previously existed. The new subdivision is served by one road named Moose Run. The road will be widened to accommodate public safety vehicles before building starts on the lots.

Mr. Woodard has proposed another subdivision to the Planning Board, this time on Partridge Cove Road.

Building Still Busy In Last Quarter

(Lamoine) — The following building permits were issued:

# Name	Project
50 Theodore Duffy	Deck
51 Jonathan Colby	Garage
52 Bobby Richardson	Workshop
53 Wayne Lawrence	Residence*
54 R. Weymouth	Garage
55 Dwight Sargent	Deck w/ Roof
56 Amy Guillan	Residence/Garage
57 Phil Bennett	Garage
58 Doug Jones	Deck/Stairs
59 John Herbert	Residence
60 Perry Fowler	Shed
61 Ellen Sherwood	Residence

** Issued with consent agreement to fine for commencement of construction prior to obtaining building & Shoreland permits.*

Ellsworth realtor Steve Joy has proposed a nine lot subdivision to run from Needle’s Eye Road to the shores of Raccoon Cove. The Planning Board found the application complete and will likely take final action after a public hearing on January 8th.

State Orders Tank Removal

(Lamoine) — Underground tanks used for temporary septage storage will be removed by Haslam Septic of Buttermilk Road. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection ordered the removal after owner Robert Merchant Jr. reported he had been using the tanks. Mr. Merchant’s business used the tanks for storage until a full tank could be pumped onto large trucks for spreading at licensed facilities.

The DEP’s Rick Haffner said Mr. Merchant has been very cooperative with the state regulations. The tanks were being prepared for removal to a business in Addison pending final DEP approval.

Clarification is still pending for whether permits are required for location of Recreational Vehicles hooked to utilities for greater than 30-days. The building and Shoreland ordinances conflict.

Planning Board Renews Pits

(Lamoine) — This past fall was a busy one for the Lamoine Planning Board as it renewed licenses for 7 gravel pits. Three belong to Harold MacQuinn, Inc., two to John W. Goodwin, Jr., and one each for Reginald McDevitt and J. Aubrey Davis received renewals from the board.

The Planning Board performed site visits to each of the pits up for renewal. The Board put some conditions on the renewal aimed at assuring restoration work take place once the gravel mining is discontinued. Pit permits run for 3-years, and are somewhat staggered. The board should face fewer pit renewals next year.

Digital Tax Maps Completed

(Lamoine) — The College of the Atlantic has completed work on digital maps for Lamoine. The first maps coincide with the proposed change to the Land Use Ordinance. The state aquifer map was laid over the tax map to show exactly which properties are affected. The Frenchman Bay Conservancy helped pay for the digital conversion process performed by the James Sewall Company of Old Town.

More New Roads

(Lamoine) — With more building, more new roads are being named. *Moose Run* is the name for the road leading into a new subdivision off Shore Road. The name keeps the game animal theme along that stretch.

Kitt's Crossing is the new road leading to three house lots off Fox Run. The landowners chose the name, relating to foxes.

Francis Drive is the name for a road leading off Douglas Highway to the property now occupied by the grandchildren of the late Francis Hodgkins.

Orlin Lane was named this fall as well after a 2nd building to access a drive started going up. It's off Seal Point Road on land formerly owned by the late Orlin Ford.

Under town ordinance, any driveway that serves more than one home needs a name. Building permit applications and the approved subdivision spurred the naming need.

Town Asks To Try Project Canopy

(Lamoine) — The move to form a conservation commission may coincide well with a new state program called

Records Preservation Begins At Town Hall

(Lamoine) — Recognizing that the vital records of Lamoine are something that need extreme care and long term preservation, town clerk Hubene Brodie has embarked on an effort to improve the safekeeping of the records.

Plastic sheets designed to keep the elements away from the birth certificates, death certificates and marriage licenses currently on file were ordered and the first batch put to use on the most recent

records. As time and money allow, the records dating back until whenever they first started to arrive will be placed in the protective covers.

Other town records are not as easily preserved. The handwritten document books have started to deteriorate badly just by sitting idle over many decades. The budget committee was asked to see if the town could fund restoring some of the original tax record books starting next year.

DOT To Test Route 184

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Transportation will conduct sampling tests on Route 184 (Douglas Highway, Lamoine Beach Road). Engineers first have to determine that the test areas won't hit power, water, sewer or phone lines. The samples come prior to any major construction on the road.



Eager Beavers At Blunt's Pond

While the Town may have stringent guidelines about cutting trees in the Shoreland Zone, they don't apply to beavers. The busy critters have taken down a lot of trees around Blunt's Pond since summer time, exacerbating the drought.

Project Canopy. The State Conservation Department is running the program which identifies key areas of towns where trees ought to be preserved. Little information is known about the program at this time, other than they are soliciting for towns to participate. Lamoine put its name in during October.

Town Forecloses On One Property

(Lamoine) — A house on Wood Run in Lamoine now belongs to the town because of unpaid taxes. A tax lien filed on June 22, 2000 against Arthur and Kay Lynn Smallidge automatically foreclosed to the town effective December 24, 2001.

Under town policy, the property will be offered back to the Smallidges for payment of all back taxes. Should they opt not to redeem that within 30-days, it's expected the Selectmen will offer to "quit-claim" on the property to a major mortgage holder. Should he decline to pay all the back taxes, interest, and costs, the property will be put up for auction.

The town sent foreclosure notices to 9-property taxpayers who still had their October 31, 1999 taxes due, and the rest paid. One property owner is in bankruptcy, and the town can take no action until the US Bankruptcy court settles that matter.

Assessors Deny Tax Penalty Abatement

(Lamoine) — A tax penalty of over \$19,000 remains on the books after the Lamoine Board of Assessors denied an abatement request. J. Aubrey Davis was issued a supplemental tax for a tree growth penalty dating back over 20-years after it turned out some of the land listed in tree growth was actually part of a gravel pit. Mr. Davis asked the Board of

Assessors to abate most of the supplemental tax. That request was denied. The next step, should Mr. Davis choose to pursue the abatement, is to take the case directly to the State Board of Property Tax Assessment Review in Augusta. The Assessors, meanwhile, asked the Maine Municipal Association for assistance in how to properly handle the case.

Seal Point Road Truck Traffic Increases

(Lamoine) — Revitalization of the Seal Point Lobster Pound has brought a substantial increase in the number of larger trucks on the road. Trenton Bridge Lobster Pound has numerous large trucks hauling lobsters from the Lamoine pound to other facilities and for shipping all over the world.

Neighbors inquired to the Selectmen about what could be done about the amount of traffic. The answer is that very little is possible unless the roads are posted. Selectmen suggested the neighbors contact the lobster pound owners to express their concern about the speed of the vehicles in areas frequented by children. No accidents have been reported.

No Demand From State, Yet

(Lamoine) — The town has yet to receive any formal communication from the Maine Department of Human Services regarding a septic system installed on Catnip Island. An inspection by the Division of Health Engineering several months ago supposedly revealed the system was improperly designed for the soil conditions present on the property owned by John & Anita Burns. The investigators had indicated that the town would receive a request to revoke the plumbing permit issued.

The system and previous permit denials have been the subject of two federal court cases and one state court case, all resolved in the town's favor. It's not clear if and when any request might come from the State DHS.

Thermal Imaging Camera Now In Use

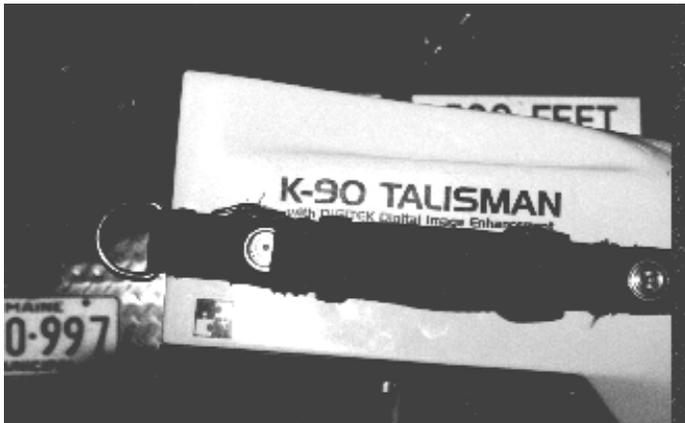
(Lamoine) — After a wildly successful fund raising campaign, the new thermal imaging camera for the Lamoine Fire Department has arrived and is now in service. The camera shows firefighters where the hot temperatures are in contrast to the rest of the field of view so the source of fire can easily be detected. Additionally, the camera can “see” through smoke, making it much easier to find victims who might be trapped in a burning house.

Firefighters Mike Jordan, Brett Jones, Jim Carney and Stu Marckoon attended a two day training session in Bangor on the proper use of the camera,

including some live-action rescue situations at the Bangor fire Department’s burn building. They, in turn, have trained the other fire department members in the camera’s use.

The first official use came in early December on a report of a smoking furnace on Lamoine Beach Road. The homeowner had turned off the furnace prior to the fire department’s arrival, but the camera was used to confirm that there were no hot spots inside the furnace or the duct system to worry about. In addition to a picture of the heat, the camera also gives an indication of what the temperature of the heat source is.

The new camera cost approximately \$17,500. The Galen Cole Family Foundation of Bangor was the major funding source, supplying \$10,000 toward the purchase price. The fire department raised the additional \$7,500 through a letter writing campaign. The Cole Foundation has purchased dozens of cameras for fire departments throughout the state of Maine. Members of the LVFD sent a thank-you letter to the foundation.



The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department’s new thermal imaging camera allows firefighters to see where the hot spots are

Chainsaw Stolen From Fire Truck

(Lamoine) — A Jonsered chainsaw used to cut ventilation holes in burning buildings was apparently stolen from the lead pumper sometime during the summer. The theft was discovered during a routine inventory of the truck in October.

Fire Chief Skip Smith reported the theft to the Hancock County Sheriff’s Department. The saw was worth about \$550.

Supper Aids Victims Of NYC Attack

(Lamoine) — The net proceeds of the annual Lamoine VFD clam chowder dinner in October were hand delivered by Fire Chief Smith’s wife Carol to the New York City Fire Department. The supper raised \$2,877.60 which was donated to the victim’s fund for the Rescue 1 Squad of FDNY. That squad lost nearly half its members in the collapse of the World Trade Center. Their story was featured on the CBS show 48-Hours in December.

This year’s dinner was the most profitable by far put on by the LVFD. Members say people wanted to help.

Quiet Fire Season

(Lamoine) — Despite the severe drought, fire calls were relatively few and far between for the last quarter of the year. The most serious call was for a brush fire at the Ralph Jones residence on Mill Road. Mr. Jones started a pile of brush on fire very close to his garage and it quickly grew and threatened the garage. The fire department quickly put it out, and returned the next day and dumped about 1,000 gallons more water on it.

Most of the other calls involved accident responses and assists to other agencies both in and out of town.

Shore Road Man Lost While Diving

(Lamoine) — School teacher Paul Winkler, 61, apparently suffered a heart attack while diving off Lamoine Beach on November 4th. Winkler was an experienced diver and was checking on moorings. His wife, Irene Szurley, came to the beach to check on him when she saw him floating on the surface. She called neighbors who pulled him to shore. Members of County Ambulance and the Lamoine Fire Department performed CPR but could not revive him. Mr. Winkler taught science in Southwest Harbor.

Lamoine Native Convicted Of Murder

(Augusta) — A jury deliberated a little over two hours before finding Lamoine native Stephen Lockhart guilty of murdering his estranged wife, Andrea. Mrs. Lockhart lived in Lamoine with her three children at the time of her death. Mr. Lockhart awaits sentencing at the Maine State Prison, and faces a minimum of 25-years in prison and a maximum of life imprisonment.

Mr. Lockhart admitted to police that he struck Mrs. Lockhart in the head with a board at a boatyard in Southwest

Harbor in December 1998. He then encased her body in spray-on styrofoam and built a coffin from fiberglass. He led police to the crime scene the night of the murder.

According to courtroom testimony, the Lockharts had separated and Mr. Lockhart had supposedly threatened Mrs. Lockhart with harm if she tried to seek custody of their children through the Department of Human Services. Mr. Lockhart has a history of alcohol related problems. Sentencing is expected to take place in early 2002.

Vandal Fails To Appear

(Ellsworth) — An arrest warrant was issued for an 18-year old former Lamoine resident who allegedly vandalized the flower beds at the Town Hall and took a radio from a school bus last June. Stephen Hall was one of three young people charged in the crime, .

Hall was supposed to go on trial on December 7, 2001 but did not show up in court. The District Attorney's Office said it had information he may have moved back to New York. A juvenile charged in the incident performed community service at town facilities earlier in the year

Fire Department Sets Goals

(Lamoine) — Members of the Lamoine Fire Department went through a goal-setting exercise in late November to find out where the department can improve. Goals ranged from station improvement, equipment purchases, and personnel matters. One common goal was installation of an air filtering system to reduce the damage caused by diesel smoke from the fire trucks. Once a filter system is installed, the interior of the fire house can be repainted. Fire Chief Skip Smith presented the idea to the Budget Committee and was asked to get some firm prices on the project.

New Plow Contractor In Place

(Lamoine) — The first plowable snowstorm for the season hit in Lamoine on December 18th. It was the first test for the new snow plowing contractor, Nankervis Trucking of Franklin. The town office received no complaints during the storm, though the road commissioner did call first thing in the morning to make sure the trucks got rolling in time for the morning commute. The storm dumped about 5-inches and schools throughout the county called off classes. A few cars went off the road which is common for the first storm.

Nankervis won the snow-plowing contract for 3-years after the previous contractor, Richard King, Inc. declined to perform the final year of their contract. The new contract will cost the town approximately \$42,000 more than last year.

Cable TV To Rewire In Spring 2002

(Lamoine) — Adelphia, the cable TV franchise in Lamoine, Hancock and Sullivan, plans to run a lot of fiber optic cable starting in April 2002. The move will propel the three communities into the modern cable TV age and put the towns on an equal setting with Ellsworth and

(Lamoine) — The out-of-control metal pile at the Lamoine Transfer Station was finally removed in November by Grimmel Industries, approximately 5-months after it



A truck from Nankervis trucking is rigged and ready to go before the snow flew silhouetted in front of the company's salt/sand pile on Needle's Eye Road.

Metal Pile Removed, Open For Now

Refrigerators no longer accepted, though

was filled to overflowing capacity. Some of the material was rejected by the company which is under contract with the town to remove metals until December 2002. Old lobster traps contained too much rope and other materials to make it acceptable, and some other items that were not metal were separated out and removed by the town to the bulky waste facility in Ellsworth for \$110/ton.

The most recent load included a number of refrigerators. Grimmel informed the town it will no longer drain refrigerators on site and therefore cannot accept them. The town is thus forced not to take in refrigerators at the transfer station and has posted a sign stating such.

The pad area got a good cleaning up the day after removal as fill-in attendant Bill Fennelly, Town Administrator Stu Marckoon, facility manager Allen Sternfield and resident Gary McGreevey filled numerous trash bags with debris that had collected for over 9-years around the pad.

The town pays nothing for removal. According to officials at the Maine Resource Recovery Association most communities are paying up to \$300 a truckload for metal removal because of the poor market for metal recycling.

increased speed is much faster than traditional telephone dial-up services, but is also about twice as expensive per month.

The towns have joined together to negotiate a new franchise agreement and ordinance, and town attorney Tony

Bangor. The new lines should mean additional channels to town and the cost is expected to be the same as other communities served by Adelpia.

Besides cable TV, Adelpia also will be able to offer high speed Internet access through cable modems. The

Beardsley hopes to have that ready for the March town meeting. Selectmen said they would favor one or two local access channels, cable modems for the town buildings, and a franchise fee to cover purchase of equipment to broadcast local events.

Town Shares Trash Load With Eastbrook

(Lamoine) — Selectmen in Lamoine will allow Pine Tree Waste to mix the trash from town with the municipal solid waste from Eastbrook. The Monday pickup from Lamoine doesn't fill the big packer truck, and Pine Tree picked up the contract for Eastbrook which also has the garbage hauled on Mondays.

The Selectmen have asked Pine Tree Waste to weigh its truck before and

after it leaves Lamoine so that the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) can have an accurate record as to where the trash originated. PERC will continue to bill the towns directly for the actual weight disposed of at the Orrington facility. Pine Tree had hoped to start the plan in late November, but the town has yet to be informed the trash is being mingled.

DEP Hears Pit Expansion Concern

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Environmental Protection listened to residents concerned about drinking water during a hearing on whether a gravel pit should receive a state variance. A DEP scientist said the state agency doesn't look at the overall impact of pits on groundwater. Mark Stebbins of the DEP said the variance from Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. is to open greater than 10-acres at one time. Mr. Stebbins said they don't

consider groundwater issues unless excavation is proposed below the ground water level. Members of the Lamoine Water Coalition argued that removal of gravel would remove its filtering qualities and change the groundwater quality. Mr. Stebbins said his concern is the ability to restore the area and past violation records.

Ice Storm Batteries Removed

Finally

(Lamoine) — The DEP had a good idea after the January 8, 1998 ice storm. They supplied each transfer station with a barrel to collect used up batteries. Lamoine got one, and residents faithfully deposited their dead batteries in it. Trouble was, no one ever came to collect it — for over 3-years!

In November DEP worker Tom Varney arrived after a few calls from the town and carted off the battery barrel. He said they'll be deposited at the Sawyer landfill in Hampden. A private contractor initially handled the ice storm program.



It didn't take long for the metal pile to build back up at the Lamoine Transfer Station. A few weeks after cleanup, the metal pad is nearly full again.

Nate Jordan Named Eagle Scout

(Lamoine) — Resident Nathaniel Jordan has become an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. It is the highest scouting award given. Jordan, the son of Jeannine and James Carney of Douglas Highway, received the honor at a ceremony November 25th at the Lamoine Baptist Church.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nate constructed a trailer for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry to use in fundraising events. The food pantry serves needy Hancock County residents with food supplies.

During the ceremony, state representative Bill Pinkham noted that of the 9-Eagle Scouts in his district honored during his terms in office, 7 have been from Lamoine. Nate also received congratulations ranging from the Lamoine Selectmen to President Bush to Bob Hope.

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) — The town has two new citizens to welcome. **Madison Haley Jones** was born on November 24, 2001 at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. She's the daughter of Dr. Patricia Wyshak and

After School Theater Program Offered

By Sheri Wilder

This school year, students in grades 6 through 8 at the Lamoine Consolidated School will have an opportunity to express themselves theatrically. Through efforts of the Lamoine School Patrons of the Arts an exciting after school theatre program will be offered in late winter. The mission of this pilot program is to teach basic theatre skills such as poise, concentration, focus, body movement, relaxation, and expression. Students will gain self-confidence, learn teamwork, and perform for their fellow students, family and community.

Artistic director Shay Cobb and assistant director Dottie Schaller will staff the program with volunteers from the school and community

Sign up for the four-week program begins in January. Participants will meet in the gym 3 times a week after school beginning on February 25, 2002. Students interested in learning more about theatre are encouraged to sign up.

The After School Theatre program will culminate in two performances on Friday March 22, 2002, an afternoon show for the student body and an evening performance open to the public. While there will not be any sign up fees to parents or participants of the program, there will be an admission fee at the final performance to benefit the Patrons of the Arts. This program is made possible this year by funding from both Patrons groups at the Lamoine School, a mini-grant from Union 92, and a donation from a parent.

Low Interest Rates Means Good Excise

(Lamoine) — Excise tax collections rose a whopping 21% for the first five months of the fiscal year (July through November), and the recession felt nationwide might be part of the explanation. Continuous interest rate reductions prompted many car dealers to offer interest free financing on new cars, and many have taken advantage of that.

percent.

Excise tax is based on the sticker price of a vehicle multiplied by a mill rate as specified in state law. Excise taxes account for an important portion of the town's revenue picture, providing approximately \$200,000 this year to reduce the property tax rate. The last fiscal year saw the first drop in excise taxes in quite

Brett Jones of Seal Point Road. Mom is a physician at Ellsworth Internal Medicine and dad is a Lieutenant with the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department.

Mitchell Colby Wilson arrived on November 29, 2001. He's the son of Carlton and Stephanie Wilson and grandson of Stan Wilson, all of Shore Road.

Two marriages to report. On Columbus Day **Daniel White and Indre Sirmulyte** of Bar Harbor were married at the Lamoine Town Hall by Deputy Clerk Stu Marckoon. Mr. White is a former radio personality and the new Mrs. White is from Lithuania.

Mathew Alley and Melissa Shoemaker were married in Hancock on December 22nd by Rev. John Holt of Lamoine. Mr. Alley, a long-time Lamoine resident, is in the service presently stationed in San Diego. The new Mrs. Alley is from Ellsworth.

Lamoine lost several residents during the quarter. **Paul Winkler** of Shore Road passed away November 4th. **Golda Beal** of Douglas Highway died October 23rd. **Pauline Barnes** of Marlboro Beach Road died on October 22nd, **Galen Crowley** died October 18th at his daughter's home on Birchlawn Drive. **Ceylon Leslie Smith** of Loon's End passed away October 4th. **Karen Eaton** of Mill Road, a former planning board member and mother of Selectman Chair Glenn Crawford died October 1st.

Since the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 20 brand new cars were registered in Lamoine, for a total excise tax collection of \$11,507.42. Total collections for the five month period was \$98,110.42, an increase over the same period in 2000 of \$17,232.41, or 21

some time compared to the previous year. That drop was an indication that the economy had started to move into a recession. Many other communities also reported lower excise tax collections last year.

Low Turnout For Referendum Election

(Lamoine) — Lamoine bucked a statewide trend of extremely low voter turnout when 31% of the voters cast ballots on six referendum questions. Statewide, the average turnout was about 15%, but higher in towns with local elections. Lamoine had no local election. All the bond issues passed statewide, while in Lamoine, voters rejected a

housing bond. Question 1 (housing) failed 188 to 166. Question 2 (bio-research) passed 188-164. Question 3 (highways) passed 244-110. Question 4 (school repairs) passed 209-142. Question 5 (pollution) passed 194-160. Question 6 (universities, Maine Maritime) passed 191 to 160. Two teams of ballot counters had the tabulations completed by 9:45 PM.

Legion Lends Hand

(Lamoine) — The American Legion Post in Trenton once again spread some Christmas cheer through the town office. For many years the legionnaires have donated food baskets and gifts to the town for distribution to needy households in Lamoine.

This year the Legion offered help to ten needy households which the town identified anonymously. Gifts for children and food baskets were dropped at the town office on December 20th. The Lamoine Fire Department also helped with gift contributions.

What's In A Name?

Most Popular Dog Names In Lamoine: Surprisingly it's Sadie! Six dogs have that as their name or a variation thereof. Tied for 2nd are Sheba and Max. Toby, Lilly, Bud/Buddy, Bear, Casey, Lucy and Maggie round out the top 10. There is only one Rover, a Toto, a Beethoven and a Scooby, but not a Lassie, Benji or Fido at all! Ties for most unusual names (in our opinion): Sam The Dog (who has since passed away), Baby Oil, and QT.

Dog licenses all expire December 31st. Late fees apply after January 31st.

January 2002-Town of Lamoine Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1-Office Closed, New Year's Holiday	2-7PM Assessors	3-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	4	5
6	7-7PM School Board 7PM Planning Board	8-7PM Planning Board	9-4PM School Budget Workshop	10-7PM Fire Dept.	11	12
13	14	15-Office closed AM 7PM -Planning Board	16-7PM Budget Committee	17-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	18-4PM Nomination Papers Due	19
20	21-Office Closed— Holiday	22	23-7PM Budget Committee	24-7PM Fire Dept.	25	26
27	28	29	30	31-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.		

February 2002-Town of Lamoine Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4-7:00 PM School Committee	5	6-7PM Assessors	7-7PM Fire Dept.	8	9
10	11	12-Office Closed in AM	13	14-7PM Pub Hrsg 7PM Fire Dept.	15	16
17	18-Closed—Holiday	19	20-7PM Public Hearing Town Mtg.	21-7PM Fire Dept.	22	23
24	25	26	27-7PM Issues & Candidates Night	28-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.		

March 2002 Town of Lamoine Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4-7:00 PM School Committee	5-Town Mtg. Vote 10AM to 8PM	6-Town Meeting 6PM at School	7-7PM Fire Dept.	8	9
10	11	12-7PM Planning Board	13-7PM Assessors	14-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21-7PM Fire Dept	22	23
24	25	26	27	28-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	29	30
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