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Town Meeting—If You Blinked, You Might Have Missed It

(Lamoine) — About 125 voters settled on the 2003/2004 budget in record time on March 5th. The open town meeting adjourned less than an hour and a half from being called to order by moderator Fred Ehrlenbach. There was very little debate, few changes to the budget questions, and praise for a well organized and efficient meeting. A few attendees seemed a little disappointed that it didn't last very long.

The actual town meeting started the day before with voting for municipal officers and on two ordinance referendum questions. In one of the closer races in a while, incumbent Selectman Josephine Cooper outpolled challenger William Pinkham by 19-votes. The final tally was 195 to 176. Mrs. Cooper begins her 2nd term as a Selectman, having served as chair for the past year. Mr. Pinkham is the former 4-term State Representative from Lamoine and presently serves as the town's harbor master, a position he would have had to resign from had he gained a Selectman's seat.

Returning to the school committee are Tammy Dickey (271 votes) and Francis Murray (173 votes). Neither candidate was challenged. Colene Sharkey won another election to the Board of Assessors with 248

changes would have added an aquifer protection zone to the town's zones, and while the restrictions proposed were less restrictive than a similar measure the previous year, it was clear from the public hearing that voters were unwilling to impose those restrictions

The other referendum question dealt with updating the Floodplain Management Ordinance, and that went down to defeat 192 to 162. There was very little publicity about this ordinance, and some suspect that because of that, voters were reluctant to pass it. This ordinance will have to come back for passage at a later date, as the current Floodplain Ordinance is badly outdated, and could potentially jeopardize property owners who need flood insurance.

At the open town meeting, voters approved of a request by the Public Works Study Committee to search for a piece of suitable land for future municipal purposes. Ken Smith, chairman of the committee, gave a comprehensive presentation on the findings which encouraged the land search, but would not form a public works department.

The meeting also accepted a plan by the Selectmen to place the former Anderson

Lamoine Becomes Forum In Email Address Debate

(Lamoine) — Whether a person's Email address becomes public information once it is supplied to a municipal official is at the heart of what has become a potential test case on a statewide issue. Resident Robert Sharkey requested a list from the Town Office of all the e-mail addresses that individuals have supplied to the town in order to receive such things as car registration reminders, meeting agendas, dog license reminders and the like. Mr. Sharkey said he had "a need to communicate with Lamoine residents." Town Administrator Stu Marckoon replied that he was hesitant to release the addresses, and wished to consult with the Board of Selectmen before releasing anyone's address.

The Board consulted with town attorney Tony Beardsley who advised the board to develop a policy regarding the Email program. An initial reading of the proposed policy produced some changes to clarify that under no circumstances would the town consider releasing a person's e-mail address. The Selectmen approved the policy in March.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sharkey filed an official

votes.

Voters defeated both referendum questions. The measure that would have amended the Building and Land Use Ordinance was defeated 228 to 127. The

home up for sale with the intent of a new owner moving it away from its location next to the closed landfill. A Power Point display of the articles along with amplification drew praise from attendees at the meeting.

Freedom of Information request with the town which asked for all correspondence contained on the town's computers, including e-mail addresses. The town responded that the request was too broad and denied the request.

The *Bangor Daily News* and *Ellsworth Weekly* picked up the story through attendance at the Selectmen's meeting in February, and the

It's A Three-Peat For Lamoine's Cheerleaders

(Lamoine) — Cheering coach Cori-Lynn Noddin says folks from big communities wonder how a little town like Lamoine can dominate a sport like cheerleading. Her answer is simple— “good parents”! Those good parents are just as quick to credit the coach and the students on the team for their success.

The cheering squad picked up its 3rd state cheering championship in a row on March 8th at the Bangor Auditorium. In the cheering world, judges rank the performance on many different parts, and a score in the 60's is pretty good, and usually hard to beat. The Lamoine squad scored an astonishing 74.75, winning not only their mixed division which includes teams with 5th grade students, but beating every team in the small and large school Jr. High division that have only 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

The Lamoine cheering team dazzled the crowd. At one point during the performance, even their fellow cheerleaders from other schools broke out in wild cheers and applause at Lamoine's execution of a difficult move.

The state championship was the culmination of a great season for the team. Lamoine won the Union 92 championships in February at Ellsworth High School while the team's performance at an invitational tourney



Champions Again, All Around
(Starting at 12:00 and clockwise) - Heather Young, Casandra Engstrom Anna Clewley, Mackenzie Curtis, Brooke Moulant, Katie Murphy, Alicia Lofton, Emily Baranello, Katie Bowman, Jina Haslam Kim Tupper, Sarah Marckoon, Sean Keady, Gabrielle Huebner, Jennifer Tupper, Taylor Jones, and Rebecca Anderson.

Photo by Betty Anderson

in Bangor earned them a 3rd place trophy. Perhaps most pleasing, though, is that a vast majority of the students made the honor roll and excel in their school work.

story ran statewide in the papers, on radio and TV. It also sparked strong reaction from those residents who subscribe to the Email service, and virtually every message received supported the Selectmen's position to keep the Email addresses private. Several subscribers immediately requested that their name be removed from the list upon hearing that their addresses could become public information.

Maine Municipal Association advised the town that the addresses are public information, in their opinion, because they are not specifically exempted from the Right-to-Know Law. State Representative Earl Bierman who represents Lamoine in the Legislature has been in touch with town officials and plans to draft legislation that will deal

with the matter on a statewide level. Ironically, the state has an Email service and a specific law that protects personal information submitted.

Lobster Pound Permit Goes Back to the Board

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Board of Appeals sent approval of a Shoreland Zoning Permit for the Seal Point Lobster Pound back to the Planning Board for further action. The order came following a lengthy hearing in January, and a follow-up meeting to lay out the facts of the case in February.

The pound, owned by Anthony and Josette Pettegrow, expanded its parking area to accommodate large trucks in 2001. The Pettegrow's through their contractor obtained the proper DEP permits, but the contractor neglected to obtain the town Shoreland Zoning Permit for expanding the parking lot. Abutting landowners Paul Frederick, Marie Langlois and Robert Alvarez each complained about the activity. An investigation by Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth discovered the expansion without a permit.

The town issued a notice of violation to the Pettegrow's, and the Board of Selectmen entered a consent agreement with them to pay a fine, legal costs, and ordered them to apply to the Planning Board for the Shoreland Zoning Permit. A complicating factor in the matter was the amount of land coverage on the property. The Lamoine Shoreland Zoning

Ordinance permits only 10-percent lot coverage in the Shoreland Zone. The Pettegrow's surveyor reports that 18-percent of the lot was covered when they purchased the lobster pound and before they started any renovations. One of the original pound developers stated the lot coverage violation has existed for possibly over 20-years.

In granting the Shoreland Zoning Permit for the parking lot, the Planning Board agreed with the Pettegrow's to reduce the lot coverage to the percentage present at their time of purchase through re-vegetation of selected areas. However, the Board of Appeals ruled the Planning Board did not make a written finding of fact when granting the permit approval, and remanded the procedure back to the Planning Board for those facts.

The Appeals Board also ruled that the pound has to apply for a Site Plan Review Permit. That application was submitted to the Planning Board in March. The Planning Board has requested that Town Attorney Tony Beardsley attend the April meeting to help follow the proper procedures. The Selectmen granted the request in a 2-1 vote.

Stump Grinder Hearing Set for April 8th

(Lamoine) — A proposal to locate a stump and wood grinding operation on land between Mill Road and Lamoine Beach Road will go to a

MDOT Project Proceeds Forward

(Ellsworth) — A project that will rebuild all of Jordan River Road, and a large chunk of Douglas Highway and Lamoine Beach Road is

Two More Subdivisions Proposed

(Lamoine) — The Planning Board will make field trips in early April before giving a final review to a pair of subdivision applications. One proposed development would be located off Partridge Cove Road (Route 204) and branch to the left behind the Marlboro Cemetery. Developer Tim Ring of Gouldsboro has proposed a dozen house lots over an acre in size apiece. Surveyor Tom Benson says the plan will propose saving several apple trees which might be a specific type of apple known as the Marlboro Apple. The Planning Board found the pre-application complete in March.

The second subdivision is proposed by Ronald Simons and would be located off Douglas Highway. It also proposes a dozen house lots, half of them with shore frontage. The Planning Board reviewed the submission from surveyor Malcolm Harriman in March and found it to be a completed pre-application.

If both final applications are found to be complete at the April 8, 2003 meeting, both subdivision proposals could be scheduled for a public hearing at the May meeting of the Planning Board. Copies of both completed applications would be available at the town hall for public inspection.

Buttermilk Road to be Repaved in Summer

public hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at 7:00 PM. The Planning Board found the Site Plan Review Application to be complete at its meeting in March.

The proposal comes from Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. of Southwest Harbor. The company owns a large expanse of land in that area, and operates several gravel pits in Lamoine. The plans drawn up by surveyor Steve Salsbury place the operation approximately in the center of four of the pits, about 1,500 feet south of Mill Road. The entrance to the operation would be through existing pit roads that enter Lamoine Beach Road (Rte. 184).

The grinder would not be a permanent fixture at the proposed location according to the application. It is a large but portable machine. Two stump stockpiles and a wood chip stockpile are proposed. Forested areas around the proposed location would shield residences from noise.

Building Permits Few Over Winter

(Lamoine) — After issuing a record number of permits (88) in 2002, Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth had a bit of a breather in the permit writing department, but business has started to pick up again. Permits issued since January 1 include the following:

#	Name	Project
1	John Larson	Shed, Shop
2	Diane Covey	Rebuild Shop
3	William Treadwell	Residence, Shop
4	Robert Schur	Addition

moving forward. The Maine Department of Transportation says work should commence after April 15, 2003 and be complete by August 30, 2003.

Project manager Doug Sargent said the reconstruction will begin at the intersection of Route 3 and 204 (Jordan River Road) in Trenton, proceed to the intersection of Route 184 (Douglas Highway), and proceed to Lamoine Beach Road, ending at Latona Lane. The project will widen the shoulders to 4-feet on Route 204, and 3-feet on Route 184. Striping should create good walking and biking opportunities.

In addition to this project, the town is working with MDOT on a small project to improve visibility at the intersection of Pinkhams Flats (Route 204) and Douglas Highway (Route 184). A small rise between the town hall and the Lamoine General Store makes it difficult for traffic turning on to Route 184 to see oncoming traffic from the east. There are many accidents at that intersection, and many more near misses, especially at high commuter times in the morning and afternoon.

The town will kick in a maximum of \$8,000 for the project after winning approval at town meeting. The total project might run \$24,000, and any amount in excess of that will be covered by MDOT.

#	Name	Project
5	Michael Paige	Storage Shed

Several more projects seem to be waiting for more information prior to final submission. All projects greater than 100-square feet require a building permit.

(Lamoine) — Voters at the annual town meeting approved funding for repaving the middle portion of Buttermilk Road in the summer of 2003. It's estimated the project will cost \$35,100. The paving will begin where a paving job 3-years ago ended, and continue to the Ellsworth City Line. Ellsworth paved its portion of Buttermilk Road last summer.

Frozen Culverts a Winter Fact of Life



Workers from Anderson Pressure Washing thaw out a Buttermilk Road culvert that froze solid. This is the first year in a while that the town has had a problem with culverts freezing up. The operation typically would involve feeding a high pressure nozzle up into the outlet end of the culvert and spraying heated water to thaw out the ice. On a few culverts, a backhoe had to dig out the outlet end to give water a path to travel, lest culvert freeze up again. The state also had several culverts freeze up during the winter months.

Town Budget Rises, Tax Impact Not Yet Clear

(Lamoine) — Property tax payers will have to come up with \$152,876 more in the next fiscal year to fund increase in the school, town and county budgets. The impact on property tax bills won't be known until at least July, 2003 as the tax assessors work to figure out the new valuations as of April 1st. At last year's taxable valuation rate, the increase would be 1.45 mills, or \$145 more on a \$100,000 property. That does not take into consideration the new town valuation which could rise significantly thanks to new construction and new subdivisions.

The largest part of the budget increase came from the school department, which saw its budget exceed \$2 million for the first time. The budget is up \$124 thousand from the previous year. Most of that budget increase is

attributed to special education and secondary tuition costs. The school and budget committees worked hard to trim the budget and came into town meeting with the same recommendations.

The town's portion of the budget is up by \$58,159. About half the increase is for the road budgets. Another big chunk will be for a revaluation project, however money for that has been set aside for the past several years, and the revenue from that fund will cover those costs. Increases of less than \$5,000 came in administration, code enforcement, and solid waste, and the amount added to the fire truck reserve increased by \$5,000.

The county budget bill is up nearly \$11,000 for next year, reflecting an increased valuation and increased costs.

No Public Works Department for Now *Committee to Look for Land*

(Lamoine) — After concluding the time is not right to establish a public works department for the town, the same committee will begin the search for an appropriate piece of land. Public Works Study Committee chair Ken Smith gave a fact filled presentation to the town meeting, explaining that establishing a public works department would be far more costly than the way public works activities are presently performed through contractors. The committee spent a year studying what the town has, what options are available, and comparing the costs.

The committee recommended, though, that the town pursue buying a fairly sizeable piece of land for future municipal needs, whether they be public works, fire department, or for educational purposes. Town meeting gave strong support to the idea, allocating \$3,000 in the search process. The Board of Selectmen requested the committee to make recommendations on which pieces the town might pursue. A future town meeting could be asked to close the purchase, probably via a referendum vote. Much of the preliminary work for available land has been conducted with Mr. Smith developing a color-coded map of suitable land. The criteria is that it be 20-to-30 acres, not on the aquifer, and be centrally located in the community. It's now known when a final recommendation will come from the committee.

Anderson House, Garage Go To Auction

(Lamoine) — The former Nate and Marti Anderson home purchased last December by the town will likely be put up for auction. Selectmen are putting the finishing touches on the bid specifications.

The Lamoine Town Meeting approved a plan from the Selectmen to put the house and garage up for auction, and that the high bidder be required to move them off the property. If the bidder keeps the buildings in Lamoine, they will be given a 20



Public Works Committee chair Ken Smith explains their final report to voters at the annual town meeting while Budget Committee member Joe Young ran a Power Point presentation.

-percent preference on the bid price.

The house is a split-level modular, and the bid specification calls for the basement to be demolished and filled after the house is removed. Sealed bids are due to the Town Office no later than April 24th.

The town purchased the buildings and land with the help of the DEP after it was determined that leachate from the closed landfill polluted the Anderson's well. The DEP stipulates that the water cannot be used for human consumption, and the Selectmen felt it might be best to try to recoup some of the expense of purchase by selling the buildings.

The school department will take possession of a storage shed and will move that onto the school grounds sometime in the spring.

Town To State: "Lower Seal Point Road Speed"

(Lamoine) — Increased truck traffic is one of the concerns of residents who live along Seal Point Road. Many of them signed a petition asking the Selectmen to seek a lower speed limit on the road. At a meeting with petitioner Patricia Wyshak, Selectmen heard about many vehicles that travel the road at higher speeds than pedestrians feel is safe. Dr. Wyshak asked that the limit be lowered from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. Testimony during the meeting revealed that the truck traffic is not speeding, but many of the residents who drive on that road in personal vehicles do. It was felt by those present that a posted, lower limit could slow the residential traffic down.

Cable TV Company Raising Rates

(Lamoine) — Rates for some cable TV service are rising again. Adelphia, which provides service to Lamoine, informed the Selectmen and customers that they will raise some of their rates depending on the type of service. The company attributed the increase to programming costs.

Additionally, the Selectmen received notification that Adelphia intends to charge the full franchise fee to customers. The franchise fee is turned over to the town, and will eventually fund a public access cable TV channel. The town made about \$3,500 in franchise fees during 2002. The cable TV account now has about \$4,500 which will go toward purchase of broadcast equipment.

The Town cannot set a speed limit on a public road. By law, that task is designated to the Maine State Police and the Maine Department of Transportation. The Selectmen wrote to the MDOT and enclosed the petition asking that consideration be given to the lower speed limit.

If MDOT concurs, the town will then be able to post the new speed limit signs. Selectmen stressed during the meeting that enforcement of the new speed limit, if approved, is likely to be non-existent because police forces with the Sheriff's Department and State Police are stretched thin already, and do very little speed monitoring.

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has moved ahead on several fronts in the Winter months. A Parks Ordinance has reached the draft stage and will, after final discussion, move on to the Planning Board and the Selectmen for consideration.

A Forestry Ordinance was discussed with State officials and many townspeople. The Commission is committed to finding a way to encourage and support forestry in Lamoine as a viable enterprise that adds to the diversity of the community. Further discussion and research is needed.

The Planning Board asked to research improvements to the Gravel Pit restoration process. The Commission has developed a number of suggestions which will be refined into a concrete proposal this Spring.

In February, Barbara Charry of Maine Audubon gave a presentation on the Beginning with Habitat program, a collaboration of several conservation groups and state agencies. As habitat blocks shrink, the number of species that can be supported in the community shrinks enormously. She also gave us a set of habitat maps of Lamoine.

The Commission could use some help. We would love to have someone to help us develop maps of the Town that we can add to as we learn more. There are several sources of public information about the Town that need to be compiled to help the Planning Board and the Selectmen when decisions are pending. The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, or you can contact Chairman Fred Stocking at 667-6564.

Appeals Board To Hear Complaint

(Lamoine) — The Board of Appeals will hear an Administrative Appeal brought by two members of the Board of Assessors regarding a decision from the town's Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). The meeting is set for April 17th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Assessor Terry Towne reported in the summer of 2002 that a building owned by John and Carolyn Larson of Seal Point Road was allegedly replaced and not repaired as claimed by the Larsons. Mr. Towne alleged that a replacement would not have been allowed under ordinance because the building is too close to the shore.

CEO John Holdsworth found the Larsons were told by a previous CEO that repairs as proposed by the Larsons would be allowed and would not require a building or shoreland zoning permit. That determination was made in April of 2000, and repairs began on the building shortly after that date.

Mr. Towne wrote to the Board of Selectmen and asked for a written report as required by the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Holdsworth produced a 9-page report in January 2003 outlining the various activities that took place prior to and following the complaint. Mr. Towne was joined by fellow assessor Jane Fowler in asking the Selectmen for action, but the Selectmen felt the CEO report was accurate that no violation occurred. The two assessors filed the appeal in early March, saying they disagreed with the investigation.

New Assistant Clerk, Tax Collector Hired

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen hired Kathleen DeFusco as the new Assistant Clerk/Tax Collector. Mrs. DeFusco, who moved into her brand new home on Orchard Lane comes from New Jersey and brings many years of office experience to the job. She was one of a half dozen well qualified applicants for the position and started in late February.

She and her husband George purchased their new home in the Applewood Shores subdivision in late March, living temporarily in Ellsworth prior to that. She'll receive training in all aspects of motor vehicle registration, tax collection, and various other municipal services in the coming months.



New Assistant Clerk/Tax Collector Kathy DeFusco has begun her duties at the Lamoine Town Office.

If the Sap's Running, Spring Must Be Here!



Lamoine resident Bruce Eaton and his Aunt stand in front of the Syrup boiler at their Sugar Shack off Douglas Highway

(Lamoine) — All day long people trudged through the mud to Bud and Ginny Eaton's backyard one Sunday in March. They were not disappointed as the Eatons showed off their Sugar Shack where they transform sap from dozens of maple trees into a tasty delight.

The Eaton operation was one of many in Maine to open up for Sugar Sunday in a celebration of maple syrup. It was quite a party too. Cooks served up pancakes, ribs, even scallops all with the tasty syrup. Son Bruce explained how they collect the sap, send it through pumps to the boiler, then carefully monitor the temperature and filter out the impurities. The end result: Pure Maple Syrup! The consensus is that it tastes great.

Eagle Eye Clerk Spots Irregular Signatures

(Lamoine) — An effort to force a statewide referendum on a property tax cap may have run into a roadblock in Lamoine. Petitioners must receive local certification that the signatures submitted are actually those of registered voters. That's done by registrars of voters or town clerks, and generally there is no huge problem with that.

The many pages of petitions submitted by the Maine Taxpayers Action Network led by Carolyn Palesky arrived in January for certification. Town Clerk Hubene Brodie noticed something didn't look right with the very first signature she tried to certify. It was allegedly from one of the town's ballot clerks who works on Lamoine's elections, and was signed in a very unusual manner, using a nickname instead of her given name.

Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon brought the petition with the questionable signature to the ballot clerk, and she confirmed it was not her signature. It also did not match the signature on her voter registration card. That prompted a quick call to the Secretary of

State's office, which oversees elections.

Deborah Cabana of the elections division advised Brodie and Marckoon on how to go about checking all the signatures submitted by MTAN, and how to report the irregularities to her office. She said the matter might be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

Each signature on the petition was carefully checked against the voter registration cards, and over half were found not to match up very well with the voter list. At least three people directly contacted by the town officials said the signatures on the petition were not theirs, and they didn't remember signing any such petition. One person contacted said the signature was genuine.

The *Ellsworth Weekly* newspaper picked up the story and ran with it the week after it happened. Their columnist, Al Diamon, wrote that MTAN leaders denied collecting any signatures from Lamoine. In the end, MTAN did not submit any signatures to get on the November ballot.

Bankruptcy Stalls High Speed Internet

(Lamoine) — (Lamoine) — Bankruptcy has put a major cable TV rebuild in Lamoine on hold, and that means folks waiting for high speed Internet access will have to wait a while longer.

Adelphia filed for bankruptcy protection after a corporate scandal resulted in prison time for some company officials. That has halted major construction plans for the

company until such time as the bankruptcy court gives permission to proceed.

Adelphia began new line construction by replacing all the cable drops to individual homes last summer. Amplification boxes on utility poles have been added to accommodate the high speed lines. Most of the new boxes were electrified during the winter months.

Town Hall Renovations Under Way

(Lamoine) — Voters at the annual town meeting approved of renovations to the town hall, and work began hours later.

After receiving a half dozen bids, Selectmen awarded the bid to Ralph Murphy builders. Mr. Murphy and his partner Charles Wellman replaced the siding on the front part of the building in about a weeks time. They will rebuild the front entrance to the building, replacing the door frame that has started to badly corrode. A new bulletin board and repainted shutters will complete the new look outside. Inside, wainscoting will be added in the hall by the Clerk's office, and some minor repairs will take place.



Carpenter Chuck Wellman tears away the old vapor barrier between the brittle outer siding and the old clapboards on the Lamoine Town Hall. New siding took its place and is drawing rave reviews.

Crime Prevention Forum Generates Ideas

(Lamoine) — The first thing Sheriff Bill Clark told an audience gathered to hear about crime prevention was that he was glad there were not a lot of people there. He said that's a sign that what crime problems have existed have been effectively dealt with, and criminal activity doesn't appear to be a huge problem at the moment. Clark and Chief Deputy Richard Bishop appeared at the request of Selectmen reacting to a crime spree that touched the town in late 2002. Three teen-agers allegedly involved in that spree have been charged with several crimes and await trial.

Sheriff Clark began by warning folks about crimes against the elderly. He said phone and home repair scams are a problem

and urged people with elderly parents to keep an eye on what's going on.

The new emergency 9-1-1 phone number was promoted. Many in attendance said they were unsure which number to call for non-emergency matters. The Sheriff said he would try to publicize that better. That number is 667-7575.

The group discussed the possibility of having a volunteer patrol force, similar to that used in the Town of Hancock. Sheriff Clark said that volunteer group has been very effective at deterring property crimes just by having a patrol car highly visible around town. He said he's not sure if legally such a vehicle could run with lights and siren if volunteers don't have police training.

The Sheriff said some basic crime prevention tips include locking homes, marking valuables, and taking an inventory of what people have in their home, and storing it in another location, such as a bank safe deposit box. He said that's valuable in case of a fire or theft to make an insurance claim.

One member of the audience asked if there seems to be a big drug problem in Lamoine. The Sheriff said unlike neighboring Washington County, this part of Maine has not yet been overrun by drug related crimes. He said parents play a huge role in preventing drug crimes. He credited those parents who stay

highly involved in their childrens' lives with preventing drug use. He said an intact family is perhaps the best crime fighter.

Store Damaged in Early Morning Crash

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine General Store doesn't have a drive through, and it's not open at 3:00 AM. That didn't stop a driver from speeding through the intersection at Jordan River Road and Douglas Highway one Saturday in March. The vehicle took out a sign post and crashed into the store, then left the scene of the accident.

Police officers had a relatively easy time tracking the suspect. One of the vehicle's tires apparently went flat in the crash, and a trail of rubber led up Douglas Highway toward Ellsworth and turned off into a residential driveway. Reportedly a vehicle was impounded and the driver questioned and charges are pending.

Carpenter Dean Murphy had the hole patched up in the store in a few hours. No word on how costly the damage might be.

Lots of Fire Calls

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Fire Department had a busy first three months of 2003, and if the pace keeps up, the fire trucks will be on a record number of calls for the year.

In a span of 24-hours in January, the fire department was called to three chimney fires on Hodgkins Lane, Marilyn Lane and Shore Road. No substantial damage was caused to any of the homes involved. In February, a chimney fire was successfully extinguished on Needles Eye



Sheriff William Clark (right) and Chief Deputy Richard Bishop talk with a small group concerned about the perceived crime problems in Lamoine at a forum held at the school March 12th.

Crime Prevention Tips

- ◆ Mark valuables with unique identification & record serial numbers.
- ◆ Store a home inventory off site, preferably a bank safe deposit box.
- ◆ Watch neighbors homes when they're away, and arrange to have them watch your home.
- ◆ Be suspicious of people knocking on your door to "ask directions", especially if you live off the beaten path.
- ◆ Lock your doors when not at home.
- ◆ Arrange with the Sheriff's Department for a patrol check when away for extended periods.
- ◆ Report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department. The non-emergency # is 667-7575.
- ◆ Keep track of elderly parents and potential scams on the phone or by itinerant sales people.
- ◆ Report all emergencies to 9-1-1.

9-1-1 On Line Now!

(Ellsworth) — The new phone number for any emergency in town is 9-1-1. The old numbers will be discontinued once the new phone book is published. The Hancock County Regional Communications Center reports the 9-1-1 lines are working well. The Town Hall reported an accident to 9-1-1 in February and found it to be very efficient.

The Sheriff said his department will patrol homes that make such arrangements if the owners are going to be away for an extended period of time. He said deputies will quickly check the property for any signs of suspicious activity and keep a lot of the properties they check. He said people who plan to be away should notify their neighbors who can keep an eye on things, and offer to do the same when their neighbors might go away. He said criminals will often approach a house, knock on the door, and ask for "directions" if someone answers. He said for homes off the beaten path, that's a suspicious behavior that should be reported.

Fire Computer Donated to Town

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Fire Department recently upgraded its computer, and opted to donate the computer it replaced to the Town Hall. That computer has been put on line for public access to town public records.

The computer is located in the main meeting area of the town hall. By the end of March it has a complete collection of the Maine Statutes, replacing the badly out of date law library which was disposed of earlier in the year. It also has the collection of town ordinances for the public to look at. A printer was hooked up.

Town boards should find the computer helpful if they need to consult town or state laws. Eventually, tax records and the voter list will be put on the computer.

Road. Other towns called on Lamoine too. As fire crews were packing up the trucks from the Hodgkins Lane fire, the Ellsworth Fire Department asked them to stand by while they fought a mobile home fire. Ellsworth called again for standby in February while they battled a house fire, and the Sullivan Fire Department called for a tanker and manpower from Lamoine and many other towns at a house fire on the Tunk Lake Road.

A passing State Trooper called for the fire department when he saw smoke billowing from a Mud Creek Road home. Firefighters found a malfunctioning furnace and left the homeowner a note that he ought to have it fixed.

By far the most calls during the quarter came for vehicle accidents. Icy, bumpy and snow covered roads are blamed for most of the crashes. Accidents were reported on Pinkhams Flats, Lamoine Beach Road, Jordan River Road and Douglas Highway.

Rescue Tool Ordered

(Lamoine) -- With funding secured by the town meeting, the fire department has placed its order for a rescue tool that can be used to cut apart vehicles involved in accidents to free victims. Taxpayers will fund about half of the \$9,400 tool. The fire department will be sending letters to all property owners asking for donations to come up with the other half.

The department felt it needed the hydraulic powered cutting device because of the growing number of car accidents, and because the ambulance service no longer carries such a tool. The new tool should arrive sometime in late May or early June.

Overdue Dog License Reminders Sent

(Lamoine) — Dog owners who forgot to register their animals by January 31st got a reminder from the Town Clerk to get it done right away. A \$5.00 late fee goes into effect by state law after February 1st. By April 1st, those who've not registered their dogs will be subject to service by the Animal Control Officer, and an additional \$10 in fees must be charged. The municipal officers are obligated under state law to issue the unlicensed dog warrant.

Failure to register the dog after service by the Animal Control Officer can result in a court summons with substantial fines. To be registered, the dog owner must present proof of a current rabies shot. Puppies must be registered when they turn 6-months old. Dogs new to town must be registered within 10-days.

The state animal control laws are posted on the bulletin board at the Town Hall.

Town Shops for Banks

(Lamoine) — The Selectmen's meeting on March 13th looked like something from a TV ad, as bankers from three local banks filled the room to explain their offers on banking services to the Board. The Selectmen decided to see what offers might be available after a bank approached them in 2002 with an offer for service.

The bids returned in February came from five banks. The three finalists included Bangor Savings Bank, Union Trust Company

Mooring Fees, Rule Come Under Study

(Lamoine) — The full harbor at Lamoine State Park and the long time spent on waiting lists might loosen up a little bit with implementation of some proposed changes to the Harbor Ordinance.

Harbor Masters Bill Pinkham and Gerry Ford have set a workshop meeting for April 9th and invited mooring permit holders to attend to look over the proposals and come up with changes to present to a town meeting.

One change that doesn't need town meeting approval is the fee for a mooring permit. The Board of Selectmen is authorized in the ordinance to set the fees which have stayed at \$15 a season for many years. The Harbor Masters have proposed raising that fee to \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. The new fees would still be among the least expensive in the area. The Selectmen will act on the suggestion April 10th.

Habitat For Humanity Plans Lamoine Home

(Lamoine) — "The enthusiasm in Lamoine is phenomenal; never before have we had a response like this!" Those are the words from Edith Forst, the executive director for Habitat for Humanity as the town comes together to build a new home for a local family.

Fund raising has begun for a Lamoine family to build a new home in the Habitat for Humanity Program. Cheryl Curtis and her two children presently rent a home that has fallen into disrepair over the years and were

hopes to have the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new home take place on May 1st. The town is being asked to waive permit fees, something currently under exploration.

The proposed changes to the Harbor Ordinance requiring Town Meeting approval all have to do with the application process. For instance, there is no requirement that one have a boat or anything on their mooring, and that has led to some moorings being assigned, but vacant for an entire season. A change would require proof of boat registration or excise tax payment on a boat. Another change would require that lobster cars moored in the harbor have acquired the required approval from the Army Corps of Engineers, and that the cars be placed where the Harbor Master assigns them outside the main anchorage.

The Curtis family is required to contribute 500-hours of "sweat equity" into the home. That means everything from pounding nails, wiring, plumbing and painting, to building the chimney and the various other aspects of home building. Volunteers have been signing up to help with the effort, and anyone who

and First National Bank of Bar Harbor. The town currently has investment accounts at Bangor Savings, and its main operating checking account at Union Trust Company.

The Selectmen listened as each bank explained its offering, but deferred making a decision until the final meeting in March as they wanted some more information. The Board broke the bids down into investment management services and checking account services. After analysis of the offers, the Board opted to utilize 1st National Bank. Selectmen Glenn Crawford excused himself from voting, as his brother works for one of the banks involved. Treasurer Stu Marckoon also informed Selectmen his wife is employed by the same bank, stressing that any decision must come from the board.

Park Renovation Planned By Scout

(Lamoine) — Boy Scout Joshua Jones hopes to become the next to join a long and proud line of Eagle Scouts from Lamoine, and Lamoine Beach Park will benefit.

The Selectmen approved a plan by Jones to perform some badly needed renovations at Lamoine Beach. Included will be repairs to picnic tables to make them handicapped accessible, re-setting cooking grills that have started to list, and preparing the walk-way that leads to the picnic area for re-paving or graveling. That walk-way has sprouted weeds, and the pavement is barely visible. Jones will coordinate and raise funds for the effort in the coming months.

approved for the Habitat program. Now the hard part begins. Donations have been pouring in as the Lamoine Baptist Church attempts to raise \$20,000 in cash for the project by May 1st. An auction was held in late March, and a spaghetti supper is planned for April. Mary Henry of the church sent out letters asking for donations.

A piece of land off Lamoine Beach Road was anonymously donated for the project, and some right-of-way issues need to be cleared up prior to building, but Forst says things are quickly falling into place. She

wishes to help should contact Cliff and Jan Smith on the Shore Road.

Lamoine carpenter Michael Jordan will act as the site coordinator, making sure the right things get into the right place. The entire project budget is \$60,000, and much of that will be in donated goods, material and labor. For those who've helped on other Habitat projects, it's much like an old fashioned barn-raising.

Forst says the project has turned into a real community event with folks anxious to lend a hand to a family that has contributed greatly to the school and the town.

Wires Damaged At Transfer Station

(Lamoine) — A new truck driver for Pine Tree Waste apparently missed the overhead wires at the transfer station when dropping off a new roll-off container for recycling. The next thing he new, the service entrance to the transfer station had been torn off when he tipped the container off the truck.

Gary Stanley of Bangor Hydro Electric surveyed the damage and advised that a private electrician would have to repair the situation because it involved the local entrance. Pine Tree Waste was very cooperative and agreed to foot the bill for the repairs which were complete within a day's time.

Tires On Rims, Damaged Lids Plague Facility

(Lamoine) — Things are relatively peaceful at the Lamoine Recycling Center even after metal recycling was shut off in 2002. The cleared off pad has stayed clear of debris for the most part, and once the snow and ice disappear, a final decision will come on how to configure the recycling and trash dumpsters on the cement pad.

The biggest problem that faced the transfer station is the sudden appearance of tires on rims. These are not allowed, and must be separated. Tires without rims are allowed

on a limited basis (one per dumpster). A local mechanic will be contracted to perform the separation.

The only other problem has been rectified by Pine Tree Waste. The lids on the dumpsters get damaged when the trucks empty out the trash and cardboard recycling, and that can cause trash to blow around and seagulls and crows make a mess of uncovered garbage. All the lids were repaired in March, and the dumpsters appear to be in good shape for summer.

Two From Town ARE State HS Champions

(Augusta) — The MDI Girls Basketball team won their 3rd straight Class “B” state championship this winter, defeating Greeley in the final. Congratulations to **Emma Stanley** and **Emily Christie** who were part of the varsity squad. The pair live in Lamoine and played at the end of the state championship game. Both received a certificate of commendation from the Board of Selectmen.

Town Report Savings Significant

(Lamoine) — A statewide bidding process for printing the annual report resulted in big savings for the town this year. The Copy Center in Augusta printed up 500 copies of the report for approximately \$656.00. The next lowest bidder was over \$700 higher!

The town produced about 150 fewer reports this year after Selectmen opted to stop door-to-door delivery. Instead, school children were provided with reports to take home, a message was sent via e-mail and a newspaper ad for folks to pick up copies at the town office, and copies were available to voters at the municipal election. The door-to-door delivery was halted because of concerns expressed by the volunteer drivers about the number of unrestrained dogs.

Thanks to the savings, the town was able to purchase audio equipment to help amplify speakers at the open town meeting.

Student Artists Dress Up Town Report

(Lamoine) — One of the fun parts about putting together the annual Town Report is featuring art work from students at the Lamoine Consolidated School. This year’s work shows an amazing amount of talent at the school. Honored by the Selectmen for their contributions to the report were **Rebecca Anderson, Emily Baranello, Nick Bubel, Mackenzie Curtis, Duncan Haass, Jenna Hall, Gabrielle Huebner, Melinda Mahar, Sarah Marckoon, Nick Pappas, and Heather Young**. All the artists received certificates from the Board of Selectmen. Our thanks to art teacher **Patricia Haugh** who helps coordinate the student art contributions for the annual report.

Church to Celebrate Sesquicentennial

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Baptist Church will mark the 150th anniversary of its sanctuary. The church building at Lamoine Corner was dedicated on October 6, 1853 (when Lamoine was part of Trenton). Plans are underway for a special week of events and exhibits to note the milestones and the heritage of the only active church in town. Among the celebration dates are:

- July 26th—Craft Fair & Yard Sale
- August 1—Special Concert
- August 2—Open House
- August 3—Celebration Worship
- August 3—Hymn Sing (in the evening)

Girls Win Union 92 Bball Championship

(Ellsworth) — Congratulations to the Lamoine Consolidated School Girls Basketball team. They defeated the Trenton squad to win the Union 92 championship and finish undefeated this season. Team members include **Heather Gordon, Kim Crane, Kaitlyn Christie, Emily Miller, Kayla Becker, Shakeena Gaynor, Miranda McIntire, Jessie Lofton, Alexandra Raynor, Stephanie Walls** and **Sarah Day** (the only 6th grader on the team. All the rest of the squad are in 8th grade.

The boys team finished as the runners up in the Union 92 tournament, dropping the final game to a very talented Trenton squad. A fire truck escort led the winners back to town.

October 5 — Rededication Service

The church is looking for older photographs of the building, events, Sunday School classes, couples married at the church, and folks connected with church events. They would like to borrow and copy the pictures for permanent records. If you have items to share, contact Carolyn Ackerman (667-8124) or Marion McFarland (667-8893).

The church is also looking for items for the yard sale which will help raise funds for Habitat for Humanity, and a project to repaint the front of the church and the steeple. Everyone’s invited to participate.

School Building Committee Report

(Lamoine)—Last year's Town Meeting raised \$20,000.00 to fund studies of the school's building facility. James W. Sewall Company of Old Town completed the study. A copy of this report will soon be available at the Town Office and at the Lamoine School for citizens to review. The report identifies deficiencies of the current facility from a "bricks and mortar" viewpoint. Space and programming shortfalls are not included.

The report states that there are several critical issues that must be addressed, including: plumbing has insufficient and corrosive water, electrical entrance is insufficient, exterior doors and windows need replacement, condensation problems with gym floor, no fire suppression hood in the kitchen, drain in kitchen does not work, no vapor barrier in the roof eaves and the septic system has failed. The total estimated cost for these and the less critical issues that will need to be addressed in the next five years is \$358,881.00. This figure represents 22% of the total replacement cost of the current structure.

The School Committee hired Oak Point Associates, an architectural firm from Biddeford to complete the school building application. Eight of the last twelve applications that Oak Point has submitted have been approved for State funding. To qualify for the current round of funding, the application must be submitted by August 31, 2003. If we are approved for a new school, it is expected we would be able to break ground by 2007.

Jazz Band Places 3rd In Maine

(South Portland) — These kids certainly have a right to blow their own horns....about blowing their horns, buzzing the reeds, and banging the drums. The Lamoine Consolidated School Jazz Band took home 3rd place honors in their division in the State Middle School Jazz Festival held March 22nd in South Portland. Additionally, several band members received awards for solos during the performance. Gaining the highest "one" rating were trumpeters Rebecca Anderson, Casandra Engstrom and Alexandra Raynor, drummer Nick Pappas, pianist Jennifer Eckert, bassist Cody Spruce, clarinetist Anna Clewley, flutist Sean Keady, and saxophonist Kimberly Tupper.



Jazzy Winners
Front Row: Jennifer Eckert, Anna Clewley, Sean Keady. Middle: Nick Pappas, Karen Hawthorne (Director) Cody Spruce, Kimberly Tupper, Cara Weber, John Cooper, Jina Haslam, Back: Alexandra Raynor, Casandra Engstrom, Rebecca Anderson, and Taylor Jones –Courtesy of Ellsworth American

4th Annual Arts Fair Planned

(Lamoine) — The 4th annual Lamoine Arts Fair is set for Saturday, August 2, 2003 at the East Lamoine Meeting House (Historical Society grounds). The fair will feature works by Lamoine artists and artisans in a wide array of media. Locally grown produce and home-made baked goods and barbecue will be available. Admission is free, and the fair runs from 9AM to 3PM. People interested in participating should contact Joan Bragdon at 667-7956. There is no judging and no fee to enter. The Lamoine Artisans meet the 3rd Friday of each month at the Fire Station from 1 to 3 PM Rain Date is August 3rd.

Used Books Collection

(Lamoine) — The Downeast Books for Kids program has placed a collection bin at the Lamoine Transfer Station swap shop. Cynthia Donaldson of Downeast Health Services reports it's the newest drop off for new or gently used books. If you or your child sees a book they'd like to have, please feel free to take it. Once or twice a month the books will be gathered and delivered to Lucy Barnhart of Downeast Books for Kids.

Last year the program delivered 4,275 books to schools, programs and community sites where kids might spend time. Bins are set up in many Hancock County locations.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2-7PM Appeals Board	3-Office closes at 4:15 PM (training) 7PM Fire Department	4	5
6	7-7PM School Committee	8-7PM Planning Board	9-7PM Harbor Workshop 7PM Conservation Commission (School)	10-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Department	11	12
13	14-7PM Public Works Study Committee	15	16	17-7PM Fire Department 7PM-Appeals Board	18	19
20	21-Office Closed, Patriot's Day	22	23	24-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Department	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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18	19	20	21	22-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Department	23	24
25	26-Office Closed—Memorial Day	27	28	29-7PM Fire Department	30	31

June 2003 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-7PM School Committee	3-7PM Planning Board	4-7PM Assessors	5-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Department	6	7
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