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New Majority Elected to Selectmen's Board

(Lamoine) — A seven-way race for three slots on the newly expanded Board of Selectmen brought a relatively heavy voter turnout March 8th. The election winners took their seats at the regular Selectmen's meeting on March 17th. Cynthia Donaldson won the 3-year seat with 220 votes to William Pinkham's 199 and Kari Graceland's 8. Graceland had dropped out of the race and urged people not to vote for her. Richard Fennelly, Jr. won the 2-year seat, outpolling Donna Thorburn 239 to 168. Brett Jones won the 1-year slot, garnering 211 votes to Richard Davis' 198. A total of 430-voters showed up on a very rainy, slippery day to cast their ballots at the town hall. Incumbent Se-

lectman Glenn Crawford decided not to run for re-election.

Running unopposed for re-election to office were School Committee member Bonnie Marckoon (375 votes), and Assessor Terry Towne (349 votes). Mrs. Marckoon begins her 3rd term on the School Committee. Mr. Towne is serving his 2nd term as a tax assessor.

Voters in Lamoine approved expansion of the Board of Selectmen to five members last June following a petition request for the increase. An ordinance change in November clarified how the terms would be staggered. By state law, Selectmen are elected at the annual town meeting.

Special Town Meeting Set for April 28th

(Lamoine) — Lamoine voters will be asked to make more corrections to the Building & Land Use Ordinance, purchase land behind the school, and to increase the municipal property tax commitment base at a special town meeting to be held April 28th at the Lamoine Consolidated School (7:00 PM).

The increase to the municipal tax commitment is necessary following passage of LD-1 by the Maine Legislature. The new rules set a maximum amount a town can raise for property taxes based on the 2004/05 budget. In Lamoine's case, that amount came out to be a negative number, because the town had more revenues than expenses budgeted for the municipal portions of the budget. The funding approved at the March 9, 2005 town meeting, though, requires that property taxes will have to be used to fund the 2005/06 budget. The article will ask that the budget approved at the town

Firefighters Rescue Two Trapped In Icy Cove

(Lamoine) - Good training, the right equipment, innovating thinking and most importantly trust and teamwork. That's what Lamoine firefighters credit as they saved two women from drowning in Raccoon Cove on February 2nd.

The 9-1-1 call came in around 1:15 PM that a dog had broken through the ice as Irene Bergman and Debbie Fitch were taking them for a walk on Marlboro Beach on the first sunny, warm afternoon in weeks. The Hancock County RCC telephoned the Town Office to



The Slide to Safety

Firefighters pull one of the women to shore using a rope and ladder

ask if the Lamoine Fire Department wanted to try to rescue the dog. Asst. Fire Chief & Town Administrator Stu Marckoon advised that the Fire Department should be paged out to see what could be done.

Arriving at the fire house, Asst. Chief Engineer Maury Oliver decided to take the lead pumper truck, thinking the ladders might come in handy. Capt. Jerry Jordan brought the rescue boat and utility truck, while other firefighters drove in their personal vehicles. Firefighters Mike Jordan and Kermit Theall were on scene within a few minutes of the call and discovered that the women who were walking the dog had gone over the ice to try to rescue it themselves, and they broke through the ice and were immersed in the cold water. That changed the entire call, and an ambulance was immediately dispatched to the scene.

Mike Jordan and Marckoon donned ice rescue suits, Oliver, Theall and Jerry Jordan positioned the rescue boat for launch, and the

race was on to reach the women in the water. Because the ice was too thick close to shore, the motor could not propel the boat, so Jordan and Marckoon pushed it along the ice until they broke through. Marckoon kept swimming and crawling until he reached the victims to keep them afloat, while Jordan got the boat going and used it as an ice-breaker to get within about 20-feet of Marckoon and the two women.

Jordan tossed a rope with a latch to Marckoon who was able to tie it around the women one at a time. He pushed, Jordan pulled, and the effort got each woman into the boat. Prior to getting out of the ice hole, both women were conscious, but starting to suffer from hypothermia. Once in the boat, one became unconscious, but still breathing. Jordan also hauled Marckoon into the boat, as he'd become quite cold and wet when water leaked into the rescue suit.

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The Ayes Have It

Voters at the annual town meeting hold up their cards to signify their vote in favor of a motion on an article. Approximately 150 voters attended the annual town meeting March 9th.

Town Meeting Approves Budget, Ordinances

(Lamoine) — The annual town meeting drew 150-voters to the Lamoine School despite a snow storm, icy roads, and limited parking. The 39 articles on the warrant passed,
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meeting be the basis for the tax commitment increase.

Voters will be asked whether they want to purchase around 3-acres of land to square off property in back of the school. The land belongs to the Miller family and would cost around \$36,000.

The other article to be voted upon will correct a few of the changes made to the Building and Land Use Ordinance approved March 9th. A new table and list of changes proposed is available at the town office, as is a quick explanation of the maximum municipal tax commitment issue.

On-Line Registration Now Available



(Lamoine) — Lamoine is the first community in Hancock County to offer vehicle re-registration services on-line. Starting March 15th, Lamoine residents can take part in the Rapid Renewal program through the Secretary of State's office. A link to the service is contained on Lamoine's website (www.lamoine-me.gov).

The renewal process is available 24-hours a day. It requires that you have your proof of insurance, current registration, current mileage, and your checking account information. The web service is done through a secure site contracted by the State of Maine.

The state sends the excise tax to the town's checking account, but keeps the agent fee that would normally be collected at the town office.

but not without questions raised from voters on everything from the school budget to ordinances.

Ordinance Changes Pass

The Planning Board presented four articles to amend the Building and Land Use Ordinance. One added definitions, another added a junkyard section, one added fire protection measures to subdivisions, and the largest made a number of changes throughout the ordinance. Members carefully explained the purpose for the changes to the voters, and each measure passed on hand votes. The amendments were developed after several previous votes had gone down to defeat on various proposed amendments. Voters also approved a new Parks Ordinance which means the Selectmen will appoint a new 5-member committee to set rules and run Lamoine's two parks, Lamoine Beach and Bloomfield Park. The Selectmen are actively seeking volunteers to serve on the committee.

The Budget

Voters easily passed the 2005/2006 budget, but added some expenditures in excess of the budget committee recommendations. A move to trim \$10,000 from the Education personnel budget failed to win much support. The voter making the motion said he felt the cut should come because the town lost its appeal of a special education case in federal court. That decision necessitated an alteration to the current fiscal year budget of about \$37,000 from the balance forward account which would have been used to offset property taxes in next year's budget.

Meet Your New Selectmen



Cynthia Donaldson



Richard Fennelly, Jr.



Brett Jones

Planning Board Approves Riding Arena

(Lamoine) - Iron Slipper Farm won approval from Lamoine's Planning Board to build an indoor riding arena at its Mud Creek Road facility. Approval came in February following a public hearing at which neighbors expressed support for owners Susan Arthur and Adam Fronczak.

The new arena is well under construction and may be ready for operation in the summer of 2005. Fronczak is building the project himself as he takes the winter off from commercial fishing. Arthur, a well-known equestrienne and riding instructor, has operated the farm for several years now.

The project required approval under Lamoine's Site Plan Review ordinance because of its huge size. It also received a commercial building permit concurrently with the Site Plan approval.

Parks Commissioners Sought

(Lamoine) - Now that Lamoine has a new Parks Ordinance, it needs a Parks Committee. The new ordinance approved March 9th requires a 5-member committee be appointed to set the rules and regulations for Lamoine's two major parks.

Selectmen are seeking members to serve on the 5-member panel. The panel is required by the ordinance to meet on at least a quarterly basis. The terms initially will run for 1, 2 and 3 years, and subsequent appointments will be for three year terms.

Anyone interested in serving on the Parks Committee should let the Selectmen know in writing of their interest either by mail (606 Douglas Highway), e-mail (town@lamoine-me.gov), or just dropping a note at the Town Office to Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. The Selectmen hope to appoint the new committee by April 14th.

Other budget action included an increase in the social service agency budget to fund the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry at \$600, an additional \$500 in the Parks & Recreation budget to accommodate the YMCA's request for increased funding, and a \$3,000 increase in the library budget. The latter budget is below what the Ellsworth Public Library had requested, but represents the first increase in many years in that budget.

Overall, the town approved \$2.8 million in spending, up 2.9% from the current fiscal year (\$78,000). Lower revenues, though, means the town will have to raise \$210,000 more through property taxes, an increase of approximately 1.2 mills. However, a planned revaluation will likely mean a mill-rate drop as valuations increase.

Lobster Pound Appeal Finally Decided

(Lamoine) - Dozens of hours of hearings and deliberations are finally over for the Lamoine Board of Appeals and a parking area for the Seal Point Lobster Pound won both Site Plan Review and Shoreland Zoning approval—again.

Neighbors of the lobster pound filed appeals following action by Lamoine's Planning Board in 2003 to grant the permits to owners Anthony & Josette Pettegrow. The Appeals Board heard the cases concurrently to accommodate lawyers for both parties. The hearings began on a Sunday afternoon in the summer of 2004 and concluded in January 2005, with a decision finalized and delivered to the parties on February 23, 2005.

The final decision by the Board of Ap-

Planning Board Has Two Vacancies

(Lamoine) — The election of Brett Jones to the Board of Selectmen has created one of the two vacancies on the Lamoine Planning Board. Mr. Jones served as an alternate on the Board. The other vacancy came with the resignation of Linda Haft. Alternate Cece Ohmart was appointed as a full member of the Planning Board to fill Mrs. Haft's spot, creating the 2nd alternate opening.

Persons interested in serving on the Planning Board should contact the Board of Selectmen in writing to make their interest known. The Selectmen hope to make appointments by April 14th.

peals placed some conditions on the permits. The Pettegrow's are to complete construction of enclosures for refrigeration units at their tank building, and for the emergency generator. They are to use idle trailers to buffer sound coming from trucks parked near the facility, and they are to conduct a noise test to make sure the town's noise level limits are not violated at their property lines.

It has been an expensive process for all involved, as both the neighbors and the Lobster Pound owners were represented by attorneys.

It's not believed that either party plans to appeal the matter to Superior Court, as the deadline for doing so expired on March 25th, and no notice of suit was received.

Thieves Net Large Amounts In Two Burglaries

(Lamoine) — Police are investigating a separate pair of home burglaries that netted thieves thousands of dollars in cash. One occurred on Buttermilk Road in January, the other on Shore Road in late March. Investigators ask anyone with information in either case to contact them.

The January robbery on Buttermilk Road was particularly worrisome. The Hancock County Sheriff's Department say men broke into the mobile home under the cover of darkness in the early morning hours and bound the elderly female resident and held a pillow over her face while they took a safe from the trailer. The woman was able to flip her porch light on and off and that alerted her neighbor across the road several hours after the attack. The woman was not badly hurt, but was emotionally shaken.

The Shore Road burglary also targeted an elderly resident. State Police say the man had left his home during the day for a doctor's appointment, and on his return found the house had been ransacked, and several thousand dollars in cash was missing. Troopers plan to question neighbors to see if they spotted anything suspicious around the time of the burglary.

The two cases point out that it's not a good idea to store large amounts of cash in a home—better to safely deposit it in a bank which has good security and federal insurance. The Sheriff's Department can be reached at 667-7575 and the State Police at 667-5697. All emergencies should call 9-1-1.

State Assessment Shows Revaluation Need

(Lamoine) — Title 36 of the Maine State Statutes require that towns value property at a minimum of 70-percent of fair market value. Lower than that, and it's time to revalue properties to make sure taxpayers are assessed their fair share. The upcoming state valuation will show that it's time for Lamoine to revalue the properties.

Bill Skinner of Maine Revenue Services conducted his annual sales ratio study and found that on average, properties in Lamoine were valued at 59% of the actual selling price for select transactions in 2003 and 2004.

The new state valuation (2006) for Lamoine, pending any adjustments, will be

\$187,550,000, which represents an increase nearly \$28-million from the 2005 valuation, or an increase of 17.4%.

The report uses actual sales and compares the sale price to the valuation on the books in the tax assessor files. From those figures, a sales ratio is calculated.

The town plans to conduct what's called a factored revaluation during the summer of 2005. This is an exercise where the appraisal firm that has kept track of properties uses the sales data and applies that data to the formula set during the last full revaluation in 1993. The various factors will result in new values town-wide which will be used for the 2005 tax commitment.

Fresh Water Study Makes Progress

By Carol Korty, Volunteer Coordinator

The Freshwater Initiative project has been under way since September. Many volunteers from Lamoine have stepped forward to help. Some sent out information packets to people owning properties in Lamoine and made follow up phone calls to seek responses to a questionnaire regarding wells on their property. Others entered data on Excel spreadsheets. Our thanks go to Joan Bragdon, Margaret Burnett, Joyce Cornwell, Kathleen DeFusco, Cynthia and Gordon Donaldson, Rae Dumont, Stephen Gabel-Richards, Mike Garrett, Bruce Gillett, Ashley Herbert, John Holt, Carol Korty, Beth Boland Levesque, Charlie and Mary Major, Georgiana and Robert Pulver, Kathleen Rybarz, Tom Spruce, Anne and Fred Stocking, Chris and Lynda Tadema-Wielandt, Donna Theall, Susan and John Wuorinen for all their help.

inactive gravel pits from Fletcher's Landing to Lamoine Beach. They have gathered glacial geology background from Dr. Hal Borns and summary information about gravel pits in Maine from Maine's Department of Environmental Protection.

In the coming months, focus will be on collecting data from Ellsworth properties over the aquifer and completing collection of data on a few remaining properties in Hancock and Lamoine. Additional spring, stream, and well samplings will be made. A detailed study of Lamoine's Cold Spring Water Company will be made as soon as snow and ice have melted. One of the grants financing this project is designated for study of this Lamoine site.

The target completion for the study is summer, 2005. At that time, we will report a summary

The New "Reality TV"? Government Channel 7

(Lamoine) — Increasingly, homes with cable TV in Lamoine have started to tune into the local government channel (7) on Thursday nights to catch the latest Selectmen's meeting. The two meetings in March proved to be quite a draw, with videotapes made and passed around town to those without cable service (see related article on page 4).

Thanks to volunteers who've learned to use the switching equipment, cable TV viewers are seeing the meetings as they happen. The volunteer technicians include Chris Bowman, an MDI High School student who's handled the bulk of the telecasts. Nick Pappas, also an MDI High student, videotaped most of the basketball games during the winter for the channel. Kelly Wilder (Ellsworth High), resident Franco Colella and Town Administrator Stu Marckoon have also taken a turn running the gear.

Besides the Selectmen meetings, the TV channel has also aired live the Planning and Appeals Board meetings, and Conservation Commission presentations. Presented by tape delay over the winter were all the home basketball games for the Lamoine School, the Cheering Championships from Ellsworth High and Bangor Auditorium, the sports awards night, the candidate's night for municipal officers and the annual town meeting.

The price on DVD recorders fell, so the cable system now records shows on DVD which has greatly increased the quality. One ad-

A team from the George Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research have entered the data, measured the water level in dozens of wells in Hancock and Lamoine, conducted water tests on 2 ponds, 2 streams, and 5 springs in the area, met with 7 owners of active gravel pits in the area, and viewed approximately 18 active and

Conservation Commission Active

By Donna Theall, Member

The Conservation Commission has been busy with other activities in addition to the Freshwater Initiative:

- “Trash Talk II” was held on March 16th at town hall with Dr. Robert Kates. This informative session and discussion offered a perspective on issues of consumption, waste and recycling. Dr. Kates is Trenton’s representative to the Acadia Disposal District.
- The recycling committee has been meeting to explore various options to reduce cost of solid waste removal, improve service and make recycling more user-friendly. Stay tuned for more details!
- Town Cleanup Day – Saturday, May 7, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 11:30. No signup is necessary. Participants will meet at the Town Hall. Advertising will be posted with more details.
- LCC continues representation at Planning Board and Long Range Planning Committee meetings .

LCC meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Public attendance and participation is encouraged and welcome!

The Commission has an opening for an alternate member following the resignation of member Rae Dumont.

of the Freshwater Initiative study, analysis of the findings, and recommendations for the municipalities of Ellsworth, Hancock, and Lamoine. The goal is to assure protection of our valuable drinking water resource.

Planning Board Deals with Subdivisions, Pits

(Lamoine) - Can one build on a lot that won’t support a septic system by putting a septic system on land one owns across the road, and pumping septic under the road? That’s the question the Planning Board is dealing with on a couple of projects in the Meadow Point area. The Board has asked the town attorney to render an opinion and the Selectmen have requested the State Department of Human Services to review one septic design to make absolutely sure it’s proper.

In other action, the Planning Board is still waiting for DEP approval of a stormwater management plan before scheduling a public hearing on a proposed subdivision on Shore Road. Owner Duane Crawford expected approval in hand in late March, making a hearing likely in May. The board gave final approval to the road design for Steve Joy’s Marlboro Mist II subdivision on Partridge Cove Rd, and construction has started.

The Planning Board granted final approval to a gravel pit renewal by John Goodwin Jr. in the Marlboro area. A restoration plan had held up approval. The Board awaits a plan from pit operator Mike Keene who has purchased a pit from the late Aubrey Davis. Mr. Keene has ceased operations for now.

vantage to that, besides better playback quality, has been assistance to town staff with keeping meeting minutes. A new computer purchased recently has a built-in DVD player, and the meeting disc can be popped in and minutes derived from that.

The CTV committee will meet on April 11th to discuss progress thus far. So far viewers seem pleased and have offered good suggestions for improvements.

Permit Activity Slows During Winter

(Lamoine) — Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford reports a bit of a breather during the first three months of 2005. After a frenzy of building activity for the past three years, the number of permit applications has slowed to a trickle during the winter months. The following permits were issued since the last *Lamoine Quarterly*:

No.	Name	Project
1	Brigitte Cassidy	Addition
2	Fronczak/Arthur	Riding Arena
3	Charles Cobb	Sunroom
4	Susan Lara	Driveway, well
5	Martin Beauvais	Workshop

The cost of building permits has changed with approval of the amendments to the Building and Land Use Ordinance at town meeting. Residential structures will be charged 10-cents a square foot, and non-residential structures only 5-cents a square foot. The cost, for example, of a 200-square foot deck would be reduced from \$25.00 to \$10. A 14 x 72 mobile home increases from \$100 to \$100.80.

Ice Rescue—Continued from Page 1

The next part of the difficult rescue was getting the victims from about 300-yards out to the waiting ambulance. Jordan piloted the boat to about 100-feet from shore where the ice kept it from moving further. Oliver slid a ladder out with a rope attached. He, Jordan and Marckoon rolled one of the women onto the ladder while firefighters Theall, Joe Young, and David Herrick Jr. pulled it back to shore. Theall had driven home to get a canoe, and that was sent out next with the rope attached and the 2nd woman was placed into the canoe and pulled into shore. By that time the ladder was free again, and Marckoon got onto that, and he was pulled to shore to get out of the wet gear.

Jordan then took the boat out again to get the dog (named Jake) who got into the boat and was safely brought ashore. Jake fared about the best of anyone in the ordeal, though he seemed quite glad to get into a warm fire truck.

County Ambulance EMT's treated Bergman and Fitch at the scene and transported them to Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. Both recovered well from the ordeal, which they described as being about the dumbest thing they'd ever done. They and their husbands joined the fire department for their annual election supper at the fire house a couple of weeks later.

Animal Control Officer Harry Louder was called in to corral other dogs at the scene, and took them to the Small Animal Clinic where their owners retrieved them.

Lost in the rescue were a fire department pager and radio which did not fare well in salt water, and a digital camera from the town office that Marckoon had put in his jacket which ended up in the rescue boat and got soaked. WABI-TV had extensive coverage of the operation with a reporter at the scene. Several news organizations also wrote and aired the story that week.



Preparing to rescue Firefighter Kermit Theall (r) and Asst. Chief Stu Marckoon (l) get the rescue boat ready to launch. The two victims and the dog are barely visible as dots about 300-yards offshore. The Lamoine VFD purchased the boat several years ago after a similar incident in Raccoon Cove

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On Dry Land!

Debbie Fitch (l) and Irene Bergman (r) shared dinner and hugs with the fire department volunteers who saved them.

New Pumper/Rescue 403 Now “10-8”

(Lamoine) — After two town meeting votes in favor, the bidding process, and the long wait for construction, the Lamoine Fire Station now houses its newest truck. The 2005 rescue/pumper is in service. Firefighters have been trying out the new truck, and it's already rolled on a couple of calls, including a flooded basement call overnight after town meeting voting. The truck features a lot of storage space for rescue gear, a 750-gallon tank and a 1,250 gallons per minute pump. It has automatic transmission and power steering and brakes. Ladders are stored on a hydraulic arm which raises them to the top of the truck, out of the way of storage ,

Selectmen—Fire Department Debate Truck

(Lamoine) - Tempers flared as outgoing Selectman Glenn Crawford charged that members of the Lamoine Fire Department deliberately misled voters to win votes for the new rescue/pumper truck a year ago. At his last meeting as a Selectmen on March 3rd, Crawford said the fire department led people to believe a 1975 American LaFrance truck was “a piece of junk” and that was why the department wanted the new truck. Crawford said he was upset that when the truck was put up for sale it was listed in excellent condition and the pump passed its certification test.

Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon said he wrote the ad that appeared on the town’s website and made an error on the pump certification information. He said there had been no offers received in regard to the Internet ad, and corrected the information the next

day.

Volunteer Chief Engineer Mo Oliver said he informed the one department that made an offer the Selectmen were considering about the true condition of the truck, and that it needed new rear tires and the pump failed to pass its overload test the last time it was tested. Oliver said he was insulted by Crawford’s charges and left the meeting.

New Selectman Richard Fennelly Jr. picked up the matter at the next Selectmen’s meeting and wondered if any sort of disciplinary action was necessary. The Selectmen ultimately accepted an offer of \$8,500 for the old truck from the Passadumkeag Fire Department until the March 31st meeting. Research by Fennelly and Selectman Perry Fowler indicated the truck might be worth \$15,000 to \$20,000.



The New Rescue 403

(Left) - Lamoine Rescue 403 is in service. The 2005 International chassis and MetalFab body arrived in late February. The body was constructed by MetalFab Ltd. of Centreville, NB and Blaine, ME which has built the last three Lamoine fire trucks.

(Right) - Painter David Gross of Penobscot puts the finishing touches on the lettering for the new truck.

compartments, giving much more room for gear storage.

The truck cost a total of \$200,000. Voters twice approved using \$25,000 from the fire truck reserve fund, accepting a \$50,000 from the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department, and borrowing \$125,000 over 5-years to pay for the truck, which arrived in late February.



First Call

The new truck on the scene of a traffic accident on Jordan River Road



Dogs, Goat Seized, Cruelty Summons Issued

(Lamoine) — Animal Control Officer Harry Louder issued a summons to a Francis Drive homeowner after neighbors complained that a couple of dogs appeared to have been abandoned. Louder obtained a search warrant after observing that the dogs were pawing through snow and eating garbage left on the property that the landowner had left for the winter. Inside a mobile home with apparently no food or water was a goat.

Louder took the unlicensed dogs to

the Small Animal Clinic which serves as Lamoine's shelter. The goat was another matter. Town officials contacted Troy Tainter of Ellsworth who owns goats, and he graciously took this one in.

Louder reports the animal owner claimed to be coming to the property periodically to feed the animals, and was looking to get rid of the goat anyway. The dogs were licensed and released from the shelter to the owner. A May 3rd court date awaits.



Got Your Goat?

This little pigmy goat was quite glad to get some fresh hay after ACO Harry Louder relocated it from a Francis Drive home.

Lamoine's First New Truck Gets New Tank

Fix Route 184 Letters Flood MDOT Office

(Lamoine) — It looks like a widespread letter writing campaign started by the Board of Selectmen might have done some good. The horrid conditions on State Route 184 from Route 1 to the Town Hall and from Latona Lane to Lamoine Beach have gotten noticed in Augusta. MDOT Commissioner David Cole, the recipient of the letters, was in Lamoine on Saturday, March 26th to take a look at the road first hand. Cole lives in Bangor, and stopped by the Town Office to tell Clerk Jennifer Kovacs he was looking things over.

The Selectmen and many other letter writers received the same response after writing to Cole—that the MDOT planned to pave those sections of road during the summer of 2005. Many found that short-term solution unacceptable as the paving jobs in the past few years have not solved the severe frost heaves, dips, and potholes that occur in the winter and leave the road a treacherous drive, even after the spring thaw. Commissioner Cole did not

A Patch Job For Now
An MDOT Crew Prepares to Patch Rte 184

indicated that any longer term solution was in the immediate future during his trip to Lamoine.

The Selectmen responded to the letter, expressing concern that the MDOT was planning to pave the proper road after the Commissioner indicated paving would start at Route 204 and end at Route 1 in Hancock. Route 184 ends in Ellsworth.

State Representative Earl Bierman said he has also been in touch with the MDOT about the sad shape of the highway, and had some assurance that officials from the state agency would take a closer look at the road that is designated as a Collector Road. Bierman said he hopes to keep informing MDOT about the problems. Resident George Orzel and many others provided the Selectmen with a copy of his letter to MDOT complete with pictures of broken pavement, heaves, cracks and holes.

(Lamoine) - Time and road salt were not kind to Lamoine's Engine 402. The 1976 Ford's gas tank had holes in it, and was leaking gasoline when filled too full. Welder Harrison Pinkham and Chief Engineer Mo Oliver worked together to build a new gas tank which was installed successfully in March. The truck also is getting much needed work on its emergency brakes, vital during pumping operations.



*So That's What A Gas Tank Looks Like
The new gas tank sits in the back of a pickup truck just before installation.*

Ambulance Contract Renewal To Be Aired

(Lamoine) — For decades the Town has signed contracts with County Ambulance in return for the private company guaranteeing it will provide adequate staff to respond to calls in town. The City of Ellsworth stopped signing such a contract a few years ago, and now residents and Selectmen are questioning whether the town should continue with its contract. The matter came up at a Selectmen's meeting in January with company owner John Partridge explaining what the contract money provided to Lamoine. It also came up at the town meeting in March, and Dan Bahr of County Ambulance attempted to answer audience questions.

The Selectmen will discuss the matter in May with Mr. Partridge. The town meeting kept the funding in the budget with the direction given that the Selectmen could decide whether to renew the contract. The price for 2005/06 is \$8,970, or \$6/person.

Trash Transporter To Refund Overcharges

(Lamoine) — Selectmen accepted a settlement of about \$1,800 from Pine Tree Waste after the company said it mistakenly included commercial trash picked up in Lamoine with the transfer station trash dumped at the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) facility in Orrington. By contract the two are supposed to be accounted for separately, and the commercial accounts are billed by Pine Tree for the tipping fee at PERC.

General Manager Bill DeRoss met with Selectmen in January to explain the problem and Selectmen accepted his calculations on how much was mistakenly charged to the town. The town awaits a check from the company.

Snowstorm, Christmas Close Transfer Station

(Lamoine) - Predicted heavy snow (which fizzled out) closed Lamoine's transfer station on March 12th. Extremely heavy trash collection on December 31st also caused a closure after dumpsters filled quickly. Selectmen and Station Manager Allen Sternfield discussed closing policies after the Christmas Trash incident. The town is trying to construct a sign for the gate to indicate emergency closures and reopening times. Town officials put notices on commercial TV stations in March, the local government channel, the e-mail system and website indicating the closure. Few complaints came in.

State, Town May Fix Section Of Route 204

(Lamoine) — That huge frost heave on Route 204 (Partridge Cove Road) just to the east of Raccoon Cove Road may be a thing of the past soon. So might the icing problem near the intersection with Needles Eye Road.

Selectmen have asked to jointly fund a project to repair that section of Route 204 with the Maine Department of Transportation which is responsible for the road. The funding plan

is the same one that fixed the intersection of Pinkhams' Flats and Douglas Highway in 2003.

The MDOT has put \$30,000 in the budget for the project which it will engineer with input from the town as to what and where needs fixing. The project is expected to be included in the two year road plan the MDOT publishes.

Fire Calls Brisk During Winter Weather

(Lamoine) — Firefighters responded to a dozen calls during the first three months of 2005. The bulk of the calls were for vehicle accidents and to provide mutual aid to other area departments.

In January, two vehicles went off the road on Douglas Highway during separate snow incidents. No injuries or damage were reported in either case, and firefighters provided traffic control while the cars were brought back onto the roadway. Lamoine also stood by the Ellsworth Fire Station as that department battled a house fire in North Ellsworth.

In February, besides the ice rescue call (see page 1), the fire department responded to a lifeline alarm on South Birchlawn Drive, a structure fire in Trenton, a fatal accident in Hancock for traffic control, and an accident on Douglas Highway during a snow storm. The department also stood by while several towns fought a structure fire in Franklin. Another accident occurred on Jordan River Road, a stand-by call for Somesville during a fatal fire came in during Candidate's Night. In March, firefighters responded to a flooded basement call during a snow/ice/rain storm the first week of the month.

Winter Tough On Plow Company

Selectmen To Tackle Voter Accessibility

(Lamoine) — A survey by the Secretary of State's office and a follow up measurement by Selectmen during a weekend workshop meeting found that the entrance to town hall doesn't quite measure up as accessible to the handicapped.

When the ground thaws and trucks can access the town office legally, the ramp will be lifted slightly to meet ADA standards for an incline. The bulletin board will have to come off the front wall, and will likely stand alone beside the building instead so as to not interfere with wheelchairs. The stainless steel railings will be fitted with better hand grips to meet the mini-

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imum height requirements, and a hand railing will be installed on the building to assist those with a walking disability. The town will also install a curb on the paved portion of the ramp to keep folks from going over the edge. That's been a complaint off and on for years.

The doorway will have a new base plate to eliminate the lip from the stairway which should meet ADA requirements.

The list of work came after an inspection by students employed by the Secretary of State's office last summer. All town offices got their reports just days before the November 2004 Presidential election, which made it impossible to meet the request that any major changes be made by election day.



Screen Coming for School Gym

(Lamoine) - Straining to see what was displayed on the computer projector at town meeting should be a thing of the past soon. School Principal Val Perkins and Town Administrator Stu Marckoon measured up the area normally used for town meeting to see what size projection screen would be appropriate. It was decided a 64-square foot screen would fit the best. The screen will cost about \$400 and the town and school will split the cost. Mr. Perkins said the screen will also be useful at school events like graduation.

The Hydro Lineup

Bangor Hydro trucks line Douglas Highway during an accident call on February 10th. No injuries occurred.

Lamoine Winter Athletics Sweeps 2004/05

(Lamoine) — Some years are not that profitable in the snow plow contracting business. Lamoine's contract is a one-price deal, whether it snows every day or is a mild winter. The winter of 2004/05 was one of those snows a lot winters.

Nankervis Trucking of Franklin won the contract for three years, beginning with this past winter, and had to haul in extra sand and salt toward the end of the season. Several storms required putting crews on 24-hours a day. While some towns with their own public works departments qualified for federal disaster aid, Lamoine did not because of the contract situation.

Very few complaints came into the town office during the winter other than the occasional "they haven't plowed our road yet" call. The plowing priority is for the major roads first, such as Route 204 and Buttermilk Road, and then the smaller residential roads. One problem after multiple storms was finding a place to pile the snow, and banks for 10-foot or more were common.

Make Room For More
The crew from Nankervis Trucking had its hands full this winter in Lamoine and Hancock. Here one of the large trucks pushes snow back at the Town Hall, creating high snow bankings.



School and the fifth straight Union 92 and State Championship in a row for the Cheerleading squad was the buzz of the town this winter. The squads were dominant and none of the competition came very close to beating the basketball teams which posted perfect 12-0 records this season.

The girls basketball team was made up of Drew Beauvais, Emily Crotteau, Casey Wyman, MacKenzie Curtis, Jena Haslam, Cara Weber,

(Lamoine) — An amazing year for the boys and girls basketball teams from the Lamoine Consolidated



Lily Cooper and Danielle Hutchins, and beat the Cave Hill School 54 to 16 in the championship game. The boy's team was comprised of Shawn Murphy, Tyler Fronczak, Josh Morren, Zach Gray, Zach Emeigh, Bill Dickey, Ben Tilden,

Wyatt Damon, Tyler Crawford, Odane Gaynor, and Gavin Young. Both Basketball teams



were coached by Michelle Morse. The boys beat Hancock 42 to 16 in the Union 92 Final.

The Cheerleading team has become the envy of the state, winning its' 5th straight state title at the Bangor Auditorium in January. Members of the team include Katie Branch, Malarie Brown, Marissa Boynton, Heather Tupper, Rebecca Marckoon, Kayla Herbert, Jennifer Tupper, Alicia Lofton, Taylor Jones, Gabrielle Huebner, Katie Bowman, Shawn Keady, Brooke Moulard, and Katie Murphy.

Lamoine was once again coached by Cori-Lynn Noddin. The win in Bangor came two-and-a-half months earlier than usual, as the state tournament is usually held in March, but had to be moved due to scheduling problems this year. The Lamoine squad also won the Union 92 championship in February which was held at Ellsworth High School, as were the basketball championship games.

Coaches Noddin and Morse were quick to give credit to the student athletes and parents who showed incredible and positive support to the programs all season long.

Litter Cleanup Set for Saturday, May 7th

(Lamoine) — As the snow melts, the litter appears along roadsides all over Maine. If all goes well, much of that litter will end up in its proper location in Lamoine. Volunteers will hit the road on Saturday, May 7th beginning at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall.

Georgia Munsell agreed to lead the effort again this year after a very successful cleanup last spring. Volunteers will receive trash bags and orange vests and assigned to stretches of road that need a cleaning. The litter pickup will end at 11:00 AM, and volunteers will man pickup trucks to pick up the bags of trash left by the volunteer pickers.

It's recommended that folks bring gloves and possibly a rake to reach trash in

ditches. Bug spray might be a good idea too, depending on the weather.

Last year over 3-dozen people pitched in to clean up the roads in Lamoine, and it made a big difference in how the town looked. The Conservation Commission has helped to sponsor the effort with volunteers and publicity.

Anyone who wants more information may contact Mrs. Munsell via e-mail: Munsells@direcway.com.

The pickup line

Volunteers gather at the Lamoine Town Hall Parking Lot in 2004 to get vests and trash bags for the annual litter cleanup.



Jazz Band Performs Well At States

(Houlton) — Several grade school musicians from Lamoine received honors at the State Jazz Festival in March in Houlton. Recognized for Outstanding Achievement were Jennifer Eckert (who got a trophy for best rhythm soloist in Division IV), Cara Weber, Sean Keady, Taylor Jones and Gina Souththivong. Each received a "1" rating. The Lamoine Jazz Band is led by music teacher Karen Hawthorne.

Road Finally Named

(Lamoine) — Lydia's Lane it is. Selectmen assigned the name to the road serving the Marlboro Woods subdivision after a lengthy debate. Chair Jo Cooper wanted to name the road Remick Lane to reflect the history of that area. Landowner Tim Ring had requested Lydia's Lane in honor of his late aunt Lydia Dunbar who owned the land for many years.

Also named during the winter was Up Back Road, which is across from Lamoine State Park on land owned by Eric Hartman.

Long Range Planning Committee News

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's long range planning committee has more questions than answers at this point. One of the questions is what should the questions be. The committee is thinking about conducting a community survey to help determine a direction for Lamoine. Also under study is creation of a town veterans memorial.

Vital Statistics

The Committee will need a new chair, as newly elected Selectman Brett Jones said he would continue to serve on the committee, but not as chairman. The next Long Range Planning meeting is set for April 19th at the Town Hall

Historical Society

By John Wuorinen

(Lamoine) - This winter the Lamoine Historical Society spent Saturday mornings going through boxes and notebooks of the Joe Lear Collection. The thousands of genealogical, cemetery and constables' log records are now housed in acid-free archival folders and boxes to be preserved for the future. There are still many boxes and artifacts of the historical society's own collection to be re-housed, and we are always looking for volunteers to help. Call Anne Stocking at 667-6564 for information.

Thanks to the Town of Lamoine for granting the Historical Society \$600 at Town Meeting. We will be able to continue preservation efforts with those funds. Summer programs and meeting schedules are in the works. Stay tuned to Lamoine's Cable TV channel and local papers for information.



(Lamoine) - Winter proved to be a tough season in Lamoine, as several residents passed away. **Lorraine Viola Grenier**, who's family lives on Falcon Lane, died January 23rd. **Ellie Bennett Rich**, a long time resident of Jordan River Road, passed away on February 15th. **Michael Alan Kief** of Pinkhams Flats died on the 17th of February. **Barbara Coe Willis** of Lamoine Beach Road, died on the 21st of February, and **Villa H. Tweedie**, a long-time Lamoine resident of Meadow Point Road, died on the 24th of February.

Just one birth to report since the last *Lamoine Quarterly*. **Genevieve Willow Cameron** of Douglas Highway was born in Blue Hill on December 23rd.

No marriages took place during the quarter in Lamoine.

D.A.R.E Graduates Learn to Say NO! To Drugs

(Lamoine) — Fifth graders at the Lamoine Consolidated School (pictured at left) received their T-Shirts as graduates of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in March. Hancock County Deputy Scott Kane instructed the students for several weeks about the dangers of drug use, and in ways to resist the pressures to use illegal substances.

The program has run in Lamoine schools for many years now with great success. It's designed to help students learn at a young age what kinds of pressures they potentially face as they get older, and to give them the tools they need to make good decisions in regard to drugs. School officials say Deputy Kane is an excellent instructor who has a good rapport with the students.

Boy Scouts Disband

(Lamoine) — Boy Scout Troop 88 has disbanded after being unable to find a scoutmaster following the retirement of Ted Duffy. The troop saw a record number of young men become Eagle Scouts (*see January issue*). The number of active members dwindled to three, and all three have joined Troop 93 in Trenton.

The Cub Scouts also face an uncertain future. Only two boys are left in the pack following the completion of the Webelos program this spring. Many of them say they'll not continue with scouting because there is no troop in Lamoine.

It's hoped that with so many Eagle Scouts still in town, someone will come forward to lead the program. Interested people should contact the Katahdin Area Council (800-353-5888).

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3	4-7PM School Committee	5-7PM Planning Board	6-7PM Assessors	7-7PM Fire Dept.	8	9
10	11-7PM Cable TV	12-10AM MDI League of Towns	13-7PM Conservation Commission	14-7PM Selectmen, Fire Dept.	15	16
17	18-Office Closed (Patriot's Day)	19-7PM Long Range Planning	20	21-7PM Fire Dept.	22	23
24	25	26	27	28-7PM Special Town Meeting, Fire Dept.	29	30

May 2005—Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-7PM School Committee	3-7PM Planning Board	4-7PM Assessors	5-7PM Fire Department	6	7-8:30 AM-11AM Litter Cleanup
8	9	10	11-7PM Conservation Commission	12-7PM Selectmen, Fire Dept.	13	14
15	16	17-7PM Long Range Planning	18	19-7PM Fire Dept.	20	21
22	23	24	25	26-7PM Selectmen, Fire Dept.	27	28
29	30-Office Closed, Memorial Day	31				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1-7PM Assessors	2-7PM Fire Dept.	3	4
5	6-7PM School Committee	7-7PM Planning Board	8-7PM Conservation Commission	9-7PM Selectmen, Fire Dept.	10	11
12	13	14	15	16-7PM Fire Dept.	17	18
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