

# ◆ The Lamoine Quarterly ◆

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## Voters Decide Whether Full School Choice Worth Extra Costs

(Lamoine) - School consolidation and the resulting loss of a local school board with decision making authority has created a showdown between the town and Mt. Desert Island High School (MDIHS). Roughly 30-students from Lamoine attend MDIHS, and the town, for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2009, owed \$43,918.59 in extra tuition and debt service factor costs. A 5-year contract to guarantee the debt service factor ended on June 30th as well, and it's that debt service payment that forced voters to decide whether to keep paying the extra 10% beyond tuition to MDI. On June 29th, voters approved appropriating \$30,000 from the town's general surplus account by a vote of 163 to 136. The question carried a "no" recommendation from the Board of Selectmen, but that recommendation was not unanimous (3-2,

with Selectmen Cooper and Donaldson recommending "yes".)

At a public hearing, supporters of the question characterized the situation as a game of "chicken". As the hearing was taking place, the MDIHS Board of Trustees was taking a straw vote that unanimously approved putting Lamoine Students on notice that if the debt service factor is not paid, they will not be able to attend MDIHS.

Under the consolidation laws, towns that had school choice for high school retained that right if they chose to administratively consolidate. Lamoine opted to join RSU 24, which contains two high schools (Ellsworth HS, Sumner HS). The RSU Board voted not to enter a contract with MDIHS to pay the debt service factor, leaving the decision up to voters in each sending town. Hancock and

Surry also send students to MDIHS and face a similar dilemma, albeit with a much smaller number of students.

Complicating the fact is that only the RSU can negotiate the debt service factor price with MDIHS under state law. The question before voters asked, in addition to the funding, to authorize and direct the RSU to negotiate the price.

Parents of current and potential future MDIHS students spoke passionately about keeping MDIHS as one of the choices for students. Some said they would move away to keep that option open. Former School Board member Griff Fenton asserted that by having the school as a choice, property values in Lamoine are enhanced. Others spoke of the impact on taxpayers, and the property tax cost being too much for people on fixed incomes to bear.

## Tuition Bill Much Higher Than Expected

(Lamoine) - When voters went to a special town meeting in June, 2009, they approved additional property tax of \$25,167.75 to pay the tuition difference to non RSU 24 high schools. Under the RSU agreement and school law, the individual towns are obligated to pay the difference between the state tuition rate for a receiving school and the average cost to educate a student in the home RSU. The bill that came to the town in June was a

whopping \$45,461.24, or \$20,293.49 more than was budgeted for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010.

Because the budget allows for only the \$25,167.75 to be expended for the tuition difference, and with no means available for raising property taxes to cover those costs, the town is considering a plan that would include the \$20,293.49 difference as part of the school assessment for FY 11.

## Brann, Fennelly Elected Selectmen- Fowler re-elected Assessor

(Lamoine) - Incumbent Richard Fennelly Jr. and newcomer William Brann were the two top vote getters in a 3-way race for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Fennelly garnered 154 votes, Brann 153, and incumbent Kermit Theall pulled in 131 votes.

The only candidate on the ballot for Assessor was incumbent Jane Fowler was handily re-elected with 213 votes.

In all, 246 voters turned out to cast ballots in the annual municipal election held on April 6, 2010. That represented 16.52% of the towns 1,489 registered voters.

## First Tax Payments Due August 31st

(Lamoine) - Voters at the annual town meeting approved of making property taxes due earlier in the fiscal year, and spreading out the payments so they are due six months apart. That means the first half property tax bill will be due August 31st.

For years taxes were due two months later.

The new due date should help improve cash flow, which changed dramatically following school consolidation. The 2nd half will remain due on February 28.

## Sculpture Party, Auction Planned in August



*Dialogue*

(Lamoine) - Mark your calendars for August 21st or 22nd to spend part of your day at Lamoine State Park. Organizers are putting together an event to officially welcome the sculpture "Dialogue" to town. If it's not raining on the Saturday the 21st, that's when the daylong celebration will take place. Rain date is Sunday the 22nd. The event will take place from Noon to 2PM and feature live music, a "bring your own picnic" and more.

On August 20th, the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual auction at the Lamoine School Gym. Professional Auctioneer Chas Hare will once again lead the bidding. Firefighters are in the process of collecting useful goods and services to sell at the Auction. If you have something you would like to donate, you can contact Assistant Fire Chief Stu Marckoon at the Lamoine Town Office (667-2242)



*The 2010/11 Board (l-r) Bill Brann, Gary McFarland, Dick Fennelly, Jo Cooper, Cynthia Donaldson*

## Clam Licenses Now On Sale

(Lamoine) - Recreational clam digging licenses that allow for harvest of up to a peck a day are now on sale at the Lamoine Town Office. Opening say for sales was June 21st, though no one took advantage of the license. Commercial licenses will be available in Ellsworth, with a non-resident lottery to be held this summer.

Voter overwhelmingly approved of the new Shellfish Management ordinance which will be administered in Ellsworth.

## Town Meeting Adopts Most Ordinances

(Lamoine) - Despite the relative lack of controversy on the annual town meeting warrant, voters filled the school gym again on April 7, 2010 and swiftly dealt with the 30-articles on the warrant. Receiving a great deal of support was the regional shellfish management ordinance that imposes licensing requirements for clam diggers from Lamoine and six other neighboring towns. Resident Jim Norris who spearheaded the effort, explained that diggers from across Maine descended on Frenchman Bay last year when the rest of the coast was closed to clam harvesting. The out of town diggers devastated the non-regulated flats.

Voters also passed a couple of sets of changes to the Building and Land Use Ordinance. One set deals with the amount of groundwater that can be extracted for commercial purposes, setting limits requiring Board review. The other set of changes deals with Home Occupations and allows the Code Enforcement Officer to deal with those instead of requiring small,

in home businesses to wait for the Planning Board to meet to give pro-forma approval. Neither set of changes generated much discussion.

The ordinance change proposal that did spark controversy was a move to lower the maximum donation limit



recommendation for each requesting outside agency to \$500, down from the current \$600. In return for the lowered recommendation, the change would have let taxpayers mail back donations on a voluntary check list. Voters rejected the plan, noting it would be cumbersome.

## Gravel Pit Rejection Appeal Upheld

(Lamoine) - The Planning Board's rejection of an expansion of the Gott Gravel Pit into Map 3 Lot 8 (Between Lamoine Beach Road and Mill Road) will be upheld by the Board of Appeals. The Planning Board rejected the proposed gravel extraction based on screening, groundwater quality assurance and compliance with the Comprehensive Plan under the provisions of the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

The Appeals Board met in late May and determined that Gott had filed a complete and valid appeal. A public hearing was held on June 21, 2010. Gott argued the application showed the proposed pit in compliance with both the Site Plan Review Ordinance and the Gravel Ordinance, and that the Comprehensive Plan is not an ordinance and should be disregarded.

The Planning Board countered that the application didn't provide for adequate screening, didn't test the quality of groundwater, and that the Comprehensive Plan counted. The appeals board concluded there was no error by the Planning Board. A final decision will be approved July 1, 2010.

## Private Way Requirements Accommodated

(Lamoine) - The neighbor of a structure on Chickadee Lane that burned in February has met with Code Enforcement Officials, the Planning Board and the Selectmen on numerous occasions since the fire to express displeasure that a building permit was issued to replace the burned out structure. Ron Fritz claims that by allowing substandard structured and an access road that is not in compliance the town is endangering his property and retarding property values.

The two buildings on Chickadee Lane were occupied without occupancy permits from the town prior to the fire. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford issued a notice of violation to the property owner to vacate because of the lack of

inspection and safety concerns. The landowners are working with a federally funded agency to try to come into compliance. Because the original permits were issued prior to the Building and Land Use Ordinance requirement for turnouts every 500-feet of a private drive, CEO Ford has waived the private drive requirement.

Meanwhile, a new home permitted on Coolidge Crossing finds itself requiring a turnout on that private road to meet current standards. The Town owns a piece of land on Coolidge Crossing and Selectmen agreed with the homeowner to let them construct a 20-foot by 50-foot turnout to accommodate emergency vehicles.

## Jones Named to Parks Commission

(Lamoine) - Following the resignation of Lamoine Parks Commission member David Grasso, a recent federal retiree from Acadia National Park has come forward to serve. Douglas Jones of Mill Road, headed up the wildfire management unit at the park. He has also joined the Lamoine VFD squad.

Ironically, it was Jones' son Joshua (who is now a US Marine serving in Afghanistan), who performed a major spruce up at Lamoine Beach Park to earn his Eagle Scout badge.

## Roads Swept

(Lamoine) - The road sweeping contract this year was awarded to Snyder's Chipping of Hancock. The company bid \$800-less than the next low bidder, whose price was the same as the 2009 sweeping job. Lamoine annually sweeps the buildup of sand from winter snow removal operations from its roads. Snyder was finished with sweeping around mid-May.



*With a cloud of dust.....  
Richard Snyder of Hancock won the sweeping contract this spring and is shown sweeping the transfer station in May.*

## Permit Issuance on Par with 2009

(Lamoine) - The Code Enforcement Office issued the following permits:

Nbr.	Name	Project
4	Brawn, Jeff	Driveway in SZO
5	Frost, Tim	Residence
6	Gettman, Rob't	Sun Room
7	Jameson, Anne	RV Pad
8	Pinkham/WM	Residence
9	Dyer, Donald	Shed
10	Perkins, Jon	Enclose Deck
11	Vroom, Eric	Mobile Home
12	Claiborne, Jas.	Steps to Shore
13	Tardif, Susan	Residence
14	Bamman, Don	Shed
15	Brown, Aaron	Residence
16	Donaldson, G.	Wood Shed
19	Bishop, Lewis	Patio

Two permit applications were still pending at the end of the month.

## Subdivision On Notice

(Lamoine) - The owners of the Raccoon Hollow Subdivision were put on notice by the Planning Board that time is running out to construct the road, as the two year approval mark is approaching. Developer Steve Joy plans to ask the board to hold money in escrow as he builds Pasture Way to subdivision road standards. Joy requested the matter be placed on the July Planning Board Agenda.

## Selectmen Seek Town Meeting Format Opinions

(Lamoine) - The vote in November asking Lamoiners in what format they prefer to handle Town Meeting matters will be a yes or no matter. As Selectman Cynthia Donaldson noted, though, that doesn't really give the Board of Selectmen any information about the "why" of the vote.

The Board developed a 2-sided survey/questionnaire about some of the issues involved with the town meeting format (open vs. referendum vote). The surveys were offered to folks who cast ballots at the June 14, 2010 primary election, and had a fairly high return rate. The questions asked, among other things, what positives they see at open town

meetings, reasons they might not attend an open town meeting, and reasons they might prefer voting by referendum on town meeting matters.

Selectman Donaldson is compiling the 150-or so returned anonymous surveys, and says the comments are very telling. The referendum on the town meeting format will take place November 2nd during the Governor's Election. The question will not bind the Selectmen to calling the town meeting in any particular format, as State law allows the Board to determine the format.

A public hearing will be held prior to the vote.

## RSU 24 Rep, School Advisory Committee Members Step Down

(Lamoine) - Voters will likely elect a new representative to Regional School Unit #24 in November following the resignation of Jon Morren as Lamoine's school committee member. Morren submitted his letter of resignation to the Board of Selectmen, calling his last 15-months of service filled with turmoil, but nevertheless enjoying his experience. Morren was elected the first RSU representative in February 2009 following approval of consolidation. The term ends in June, 2011.

The two Local School Advisory Committee (LSAC) members whose terms expired June 30, 2010 have both declined to be reappointed. Bonnie Marckoon and Priscilla Hukki asked that the seats be assigned to someone else. Selectmen are seeking interested individuals to serve on the LSAC for a 3-year term. It's hoped to fill those seats by July 8th. Interested persons are asked to contact the town hall.

## Wooden Boat Regatta at State Park July 28-Aug 1

(Lamoine) - One of Maine's unique oceanfront state parks will be the host later this summer for a special three-day, wooden-boat rendezvous featuring sailing and rowing boats.

The Small Reach Regatta 2010, will be held July 28 to Aug. 1 at Lamoine state park. The annual gathering consists of a fleet traditional rowing and sailing boats, each between 15- and 20-feet long, which participate in three full days of sailing on nearby waters.

The culmination will be a public sailing parade on Saturday, July 31. Last year, 47 wooden sail and row boats took park in the event.

The regatta is being held during the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Maine state parks system, founded in 1935 by the Maine Legislature.

The regatta members are expected to arrive on Wednesday, July 28, sail for three days on Frenchman's Bay on courses of about 15 to 20 miles long, and haul out on Sunday, Aug. 1. No racing is planned.

The boats are expected to be mostly of wooden construction and owner-built, though traditional sail-and-oar type fiberglass boats also will be present.

## Conservation Commission Shows, Discusses Bottled Water Film

*By Amy Morley, Conservation Commission Member*

As part of an on-going community education about groundwater protection, the Lamoine Conservation Commission presented three screenings of the film "Tapped" in Lamoine, Bar Harbor and Ellsworth during March & May.

The free events were sponsored by the Lamoine Conservation Commission, the Bar Harbor Conservation Commission, the Union River Watershed Coalition, and Food & Water Watch.

Tapped takes a compelling look at the commercial bottling of groundwater, including the economics and effects of this industry on this resource, the global water crisis and climate change.

The Bar Harbor and Ellsworth events were followed by dynamic, interactive panel discussions on bottled water and its impacts, addressing complex issues such as concerns about water privatization and the commoditization of water; how international free trade agreements impact public control and local sovereignty of watersheds; Maine's groundwater laws; and the limitations of our regulatory system to protect our natural resources. Excerpts from the panel discussion in Ellsworth can be heard in the WERU FM 89.9 archives at: <http://archives.weru.org/voices/weekend-voices-52210>.



**Internet Hot Spot**  
*Pamela, a student from Ecuador working in Lamoine, takes advantage of free wireless Internet service now offered at the Town Hall.*

## Star Gazing Date Set

(Lamoine) - Please join the Lamoine Conservation Commission on Wednesday, August 11th for a bring-your-own picnic barbecue at Lamoine Beach at 6:30, followed, for those who wish, by star-gazing led by Linda Penkalski at Marlboro Beach at dusk. Bring binoculars, telescopes, bug repellent, warm clothes. Cloud date August 18th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact #: 664-0444.

## School Budget Validated

(Lamoine) - Voters in Lamoine approved the RSU 24 budget by a 397-155 vote. Voters also approved of continuing the budget validation process by a vote of 328 to 219. Voting took place during the June 8, 2010 primary.

## Town Hall Steps Fixed

(Lamoine) - Ice took a toll on the town hall steps in the last couple of winters. Fire Chief Skip Smith, whose profession is masonry, repaired broken concrete on several steps this spring. Water seeping into cracked areas expanded, breaking the cement.

The ramp railing also cracked over the winter, likely due to either freezing or being backed into. A temporary, duct tape fix has been done.



*Willem Brutsaert (right) is awarded the 2010 Conservation Award by Lamoine's Conservation Commission. A U-Maine professor, Brutsaert provided valuable work for the Commission in its study of groundwater quantity and flow patterns.*

## Assistant Clerk Resigns, Kovacs Hired Full time

(Lamoine) - The Town Office crew has been reduced by a person after Assistant Clerk/Assistant Tax Collector Diane Carter submitted her resignation in mid-June. Carter, who was hired as a part-time employee nearly two years ago, has taken a full-time position with a medical office in Trenton. She has offered to fill in if needed.

The staff held a low-key going away get together (see below) for Carter,

and will miss her upbeat demeanor and keen knowledge of what's going on in the community.

Filling her two day a week spot is Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar Jennifer Kovacs, who becomes the second full time employee at the town office. Kovacs has been on the job nearly 7-years, hired as the part time Clerk/Tax Collector in September 2003.

As a full time employee, Ms. Kovacs will be eligible for health insurance benefits, paid vacation and paid sick time. When the budget was formulated in October 2009, it was not anticipated that the part time position would be combined into a full time job, however by combining the two budgets, the town was able to reach a contract agreement with Ms. Kovacs that begins on July 1, 2010. Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon will likely fill in those hours when the clerk is on vacation. During those times, there may be days when the town office is closed at lunch. To check, call the office phone 667-2242 or check the website.

## Fire Calls Drop

(Lamoine) - Lamoine was a relatively safe place for the spring, as the fire department was called out just ten times. Two of the calls were for motor vehicle accidents with injuries. None of the injuries were life threatening.

The bulk of the calls for the fire department were from mutual aid departments. Ellsworth asked for help at a structure fire on Foster Street at a building that house a beauty salon operated by Lamoine resident Tracey McDevitt. Surry asked for assistance during a water rescue on Contention Cove, unfortunately, the rescue boat was being used during training in Northeast Harbor and unavailable. Thankfully, the gentleman in the water was saved.

In mid-June, firefighters responded to a call at a South Birchlawn Drive residence after the occupant called 9-1-1 to report her bedroom wall was hot. Investigation found the electric heat had been turned on full.

The fire department also stood by during fires in Sullivan and Franklin, and responded to a gas tank leak that happened when a vehicle hit a piece of metal debris in the road. No one was injured and there was no ignition. Firefighters were able to drain the gas tank into empty containers before the vehicle was hauled away.



### Good Bye, Diane

Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs (left) and Assessor Jane Fowler (right) flank Diane Carter. Jennifer's daughter Annine (front) carefully guards her plate of cake.

## Fire Dept to Explore Tank, Tree Removal

(Lamoine) - You may have noticed pipes sticking out of the ground near several of the ponds around Lamoine. Those are non-pressurized (dry) fire hydrants that allow the fire trucks to refill with pond water. It's a great water source in an emergency, but the water quality is pretty poor. Between silt and an acidic quality, the water has started to take a toll on the pumps and tanks of the fire trucks.

The fire department is exploring a system where an underground tank would be located at the fire station, filled with clean water from the Cold Spring Water Company. Fire Chief Skip Smith reports the Water Company gave permission, provided it is notified when a tank refill takes place. It's not known how much the project would cost. Trucks would be refilled only when used for training or after fires. Pond water would continue to be used during fires.

The fire department is also exploring the removal of trees between the fire station and a neighboring home. Many of the trees have died or are dying, and very often limbs have come down on either the fire station or the neighboring home. Several repairs over the past 10-years had to be made to the fire station roof because of falling limbs.

Quotes have been sought from several folks in town that work in tree removal. If all goes well, the project will be complete with funds raised during the 09/10 fiscal year.

## Granted Tools Start to Arrive at FD

(Lamoine) - A nearly \$15,000 federal grant to the Lamoine Fire Department has seen equipment start to trickle in over the past few weeks. Firefighters will have a new, heavy duty, hydraulic cutting tool to use on vehicle wrecks. That unit has arrived and firefighters gave it a try during this quarter. New flashlights have also arrived at the fire station to assist with working after dark.

Still on order are stabilizing units that help keep vehicles from moving significantly while being cut up. Also on order are several inflatable air bags used for lifting heavy objects such as vehicles. The air bags utilize the department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles and can lift everything from a normal family sedan to a dump truck.

The Assistance to Firefighting Grant program is paying for most of the gear purchase—the department is contributing the matching part of the grant.

The department also won a grant to help upgrade radios and pagers. The Federal Communications Commission has ruled that all emergency communications must switch to narrow-band broadcasting by January 1,



### Just Training

The Lamoine VFD crew cuts up a van donated by Pro Auto for extrication.

2012. Many of the fire truck radios, the portable two-way radios and the pagers do not comply with the narrow band standards and will be replaced. The town funded purchase of pagers and 2-ways to go with the Forest Service grant.



### Fire Prevention / Training

Firefighter Kermit Theall is silhouetted by smoke during a field burn by the Lamoine VFD on Douglas Hwy.

## Forum Attracts Small Business Owners

(Lamoine) - The messages heard at a forum on business development in Lamoine were pretty clear. Big business is unlikely to locate in town because of its geographic location and lack of infrastructure (water, sewer), and other businesses have a perception that Lamoine's ordinances are anti-business.

Ron Beard of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension led the discussion on May 25th. Many small and micro-business operators attended, answering invitations mailed by the Selectmen.

One of the biggest calls was for expansion of Broadband availability (see article below), so that small businesses in town can get their goods to market. Another request was for impediments in the current town ordinances to be removed. One contractor asked that the

Sunday ban on gravel extraction be removed.

Several people in attendance liked the idea of a cooperative community center effort—where a meeting hall and marketplace might be located in the same complex.

One idea that will likely be followed will be development of a community business director and location of a business assistance "center" so to speak at the town hall. The directory would list Lamoine businesses with contact information. The assistance center would offer items to assist potential businesses with getting off the ground.

Janet Toth of the City of Ellsworth and Roxanne Jobe of Eastern Maine Development Corporation have been working with the town to come up with development ideas.

## Broadband Plan Opposed, Alternative Offered

(Lamoine) - A Machias based company that specializes in offering wireless broadband service submitted an application to the CONNECT-ME program on behalf of Lamoine, Hancock and Gouldsboro. Axiom Technologies utilizes existing towers and repeaters to bring the services to areas that are too far off the main roads to be able to receive cable TV or DSL/phone company service.

A Bangor based company called Premium Choice filed an 11th hour

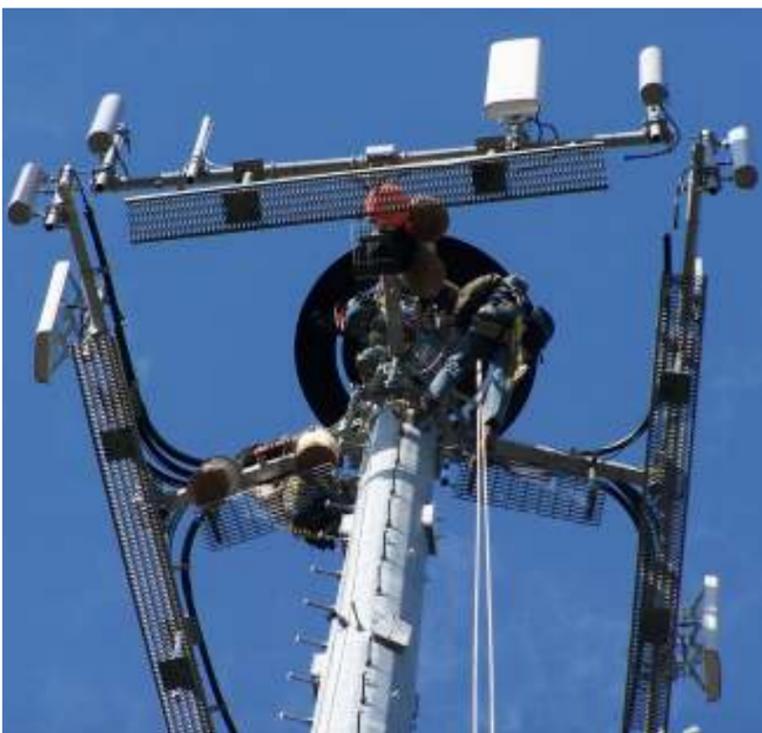
objection to the filing, claiming they already offer wireless broadband service to roughly 75% of the town. Few had even heard of the company prior to its objection to the public funding for Axiom, but company officials met with Selectmen in June and offered a presentation with its coverage claims.

Folks living beyond the cable area who want high speed internet service are encouraged to contact the town office for information on Premium Choice.

## Cell Tower Should Turn On this Fall

(Lamoine) - The strobe light shows up brightly at dusk on the new cell phone tower built next to Lamoine's closed landfill, but the bars on phones have yet to increase. That's because the tower has not yet been activated.

Officials with Verizon Wireless say they plan to have service up and running by the 4th quarter of the year. The Lamoine tower is part of an array that also includes a pair of towers in Bar Harbor. A technician said they have to wait for



**Service Up In The Air**  
*Technicians put the finishing touches on the antenna array on top of the tower near the former landfill*

construction of the other two towers before turning on Lamoine's facility, because the signal from Lamoine alone would interfere with roaming capabilities on Mt. Desert Island. The news upset several summer residents who had hoped the new tower

would be on to provide wireless Internet service on laptop computers.

The town has started receiving the \$1,000/month rent from Verizon Wireless for the tower location, retroactive to last July.

## Still No Credit Cards At Town Hall

(Lamoine) - Selectmen continue to explore options to allow taxpayers to pay their town bills via debit or credit card. While some merchant fees can be passed to the

consumer, the process has proven too complex to be beneficial at this point. The exploration will continue, meanwhile, it's check or cash only.

## Historical Society Plans Meeting

*By Muffet Stewart*

(Lamoine) - **Cully's Gold has been published!** The Lamoine Historical Society joins with Lamoine Community Arts to present a Reading of Cully's Gold at Ellsworth Public Library on Thursday evening, August 26th, at 6 PM. This play, written by two LHS members Carol Kory and Susa Wuorinen, grew out of their work with materials in LHS archives, as well as from memories of stories told to Kory by her grandmother, Sarah Coggins Tweedie Hodgkins. Copies of the script will be available for sale at the Reading, as well as at the monthly meetings of LHS on July 28, August 25, and September 22 (the Annual Meeting) -- all held at Lamoine Baptist Church, 7:30 PM.

**Summer Events at the Historical Society Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** to find out about Holidays, Celebrations and Social Gatherings in Lamoine in days of yore. There will be artifacts and decorations from the archives as well as yummy desserts.

**Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** Bob Alvarez will join us reminiscing about the USS Massachusetts and the old Coaling Station (now Lamoine State Park) **Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** will be our Annual Meeting, with a program to be announced and update on the renovations of the old church. Lamoine Historical Society Calendars for 2011 will be available for sale as well. This year's theme will be Lamoine homes – then .... and now.

All events take place at 7:30 pm at the East Lamoine Baptist Church and refreshments will be served.

## Turnout Surpasses Expectations

(Lamoine) - With a turnout projected at 20%, voters in Lamoine shattered expectations at the June 8th primary election. The 587 ballots cast was a 39.2% total turnout. Republicans cast 296 ballots for a 56.7% turnout. Democrats cast 177 ballots for a 44% turnout. Green Independents cast 17 ballots for a 26% turnout. Unenrolled voters 97 ballots for the referenda and RSU Budget validation for a 19% turnout. Extra voting booths had to be set up to accommodate all the traffic during balloting.



*Counting up the various ballots at the June 8th primary are Franco Colella and Fred Stocking*



Gary Saunders puts the final screws in to hold the new Town Hall sign

## Town Hall Sign Replaced

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Town Hall is sporting a new outside sign that looks a lot like the old one.

Made of a PVC board and vinyl lettering, the new sign is expected to last a lot longer than the previous version that was installed in 1997. The previous town hall sign was made from marine paint in plywood.

Ellsworth resident Gary Saunders constructed the new sign

## Bluebirds, Bears Reported

(Lamoine) - The Town Hall was packed in April as Lamoine Beach Road resident John Holt gave a presentation on bluebirds, and offered up his home made bluebird houses to folks who wanted them. Bluebirds have nested at his house, and several others in town, for many years. A link to bluebird information has now been posted on the town's website.

The town office has also fielded a number of calls about bears. One resident asked if the town office staff could come take care of some very hungry bears—the very swift answer was “NO”. We do advise folks to call the Maine Warden Service (941-4440) if there is a problem bear. Wildlife biologists advise the best way to discourage bears from becoming a nuisance around homes is to eliminate food sources, such as bird feeders and trash cans. Without the food, the bears will generally look elsewhere for something to eat. No bear attacks on humans have been reported.

## Recycling Taken Lots Closer to Home

(Lamoine) - The newspapers and milk jugs that Lamoine residents are diligent about recycling used to be transported to Bangor, causing the Pine Tree Waste trucks to make three round trips up and back. Now, Coastal Recycling in Hancock is receiving the material, charging a lower processing fee to the town, potentially increasing the meager revenues from recycling.

The change came after an exploration of a no-sort recycling method

which proved not to be terribly beneficial at this time. Coastal Recycling officials offered to take the material from Lamoine, and Pine Tree Waste was agreeable to making a much shorter trip. The Bangor Recycling Facility had been closed down last fall, and the town didn't receive much income for its materials when that happened.

So far no problems are reported with the deposits of recycling at the Route 182 facility.



A recycling dumpster similar to that used in Lamoine is offloaded at Coastal Recycling in Hancock

## State Park Officials Meet With Selectmen

(Lamoine) - A face to face meeting between Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands officials and the Selectmen proved to be far more productive than limited e-mail correspondence. Fishermen and boaters voiced concern to the Selectmen about the condition of the boat ramp at Lamoine State Park. Boating facilities manager George Powell had communicated to one concerned boater that the town was blocking projects to improve the ramp.

Selectmen said the opposition to projects proposed at the park in years past was because of the potential impact on commercial fishermen who work out of the



The Pack 86 Picker-Uppers

## Adopt A Road

(Lamoine) - Over 70 Lamoine residents, including local Cub Scout Pack 86 pictured above, pick up litter on 27 sections of town roads under the Maine Adopt-A-Highway program. These volunteers bag beer bottles, soda cans, cigarette packages, food containers and plenty of other items tossed out of car windows.

Occasionally, volunteers get a nice reward as Barbara Bland and Don Bamman did recently while picking up trash on their section of Shore Road. As Barbara reports, “We were picking up trash on our road when we heard this commotion in the nearby woods. Shortly a moose crossed the road right in front of us. What a nice reward for our work.”

If you are interested in adopting a section of a Lamoine town road, please contact Stu Marckoon in the town office.



Spring Spruce Up  
Parks Commissioner Christa Brey applies a fresh coat of paint to the privy at Lamoine Beach

## Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - Three very prominent residents were among those to pass away in Lamoine during the last quarter. On April 1st, **Dr. Morris Lambdin** died at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor. Dr. Lambdin was a rural pediatrician for many years in the area and traveled the world practicing medicine. He was 88.

**Frederick Hutchinson** passed away at Eastern Maine Medical Center at the age of 79. Hutchinson moved to Lamoine in 1996 after retiring as the President of the University of Maine. A moment of silence in Fred's memory was observed at the April 7th annual town meeting, the night of his passing.

**Richard J. King** died at his home on June 14th. A prominent contractor in town, King donated countless hours to construction of the athletic fields behind the Lamoine Consolidated School. He was also well known for the incredible Christmas light displays at his Douglas Highway home and business. He was 67.

Also passing were **Carla Wofford**, 47, at her home on Sugarbush Drive on May 8, 2010. Longtime resident **Clifford Carter** passed away on May 6, 2010 at the age of 85. And summer resident **James Higgins** died on February 22, 2010 and was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery, around the corner from his Shore Road summer home.

We've got some new Lamoine residents. Welcome to **Kenneth Gage Curran** who was born on April 25, 2010 at MDI Hospital. **Gabriel Dalen Cobb** was born on June 2, 2010 at Eastern Maine Medical Center, the day after **Alexander Robert Cameron** was born at the same Bangor hospital. And **Ian Donald Frost** was born June 18, 2010 at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, just days after his mom, dad and big brother moved into their new home.

Congratulations go to four couples who were recently married. **Jon Perkins and Darlene Larrabee** of Buttermilk Road were married on June 12, 2010 in Trenton. **Paul Mitchell and April MacLean** were married June 4, 2010 at the Town Hall. **David Legere and Camille Hightower** were married in Lamoine on May 8, 2010. Another town hall wedding saw **Michael Walsh and Shannon Faulkingham** married on February 19th.

## Shore Cleanup 9/18/10

(Lamoine) - Lamoine will join the League of Towns on Mount Desert for a major clean up of our shores from trash that washes up with the tides. LCC is calling for VOLUNTEERS to turn out at Lamoine Beach and Marlboro Beach. Jim Norris and Paul Davis are joining with us, as part of the clammers' Restoration Program, to plan the event. The day will end with a big community picnic at Lamoine Beach. Watch for detailed information after Labor Day. Contact Amy Morley (667-4888)

## Big Crop of Honor Grads

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have sent certificates honoring those Lamoine students who graduated with honors in the class of 2010. From Ellsworth High School were **Gabrielle Huebner, Jennifer Tupper, Rebecca Wakefield, Derek Potter, Brittney Robbins, Alicia Lofton** and from MDI High School were **McKenzie Curtis and Will Dickey**.

## Students Awarded Hodgkins Scholarships

(Lamoine) - Eight Lamoine college students will share in \$14,000 worth of scholarships from the Allen and Leurene Hodgkins Scholarship fund. Selectmen awarded scholarships to:

- Mackenzie Curtis, Keene State
- Tyler Crawford, St. Anselm
- Kirstien Dickey, Maine Maritime
- William Dickey, Maine Maritime
- Casandra Engstrom, Southern ME
- Gabrielle Huebner, UNH
- Sarah Marckoon, Thomas
- Jennifer Richter, UM Farmington

This was the first year the scholarships have been available. The Maine Community Foundation is in charge of administering the scholarships.

## Eel Grass Restoration Planned

By Carol Korty

(Lamoine) - Eel Grass restoration is in full swing in Lamoine this summer. Upper Frenchman Bay Stakeholders meeting organized by MDI Biological Laboratory at the end of March identified Berry Cove in Lamoine as a primary target area for restoration of eel grass. A section of the shore near Old Point has been set aside for planting eel grass harvested from sections of the Jordan River where it is still plentiful. Mussel draggers have agreed to keep clear of this area.

Volunteers are needed on shore at Lamoine State Park on **JULY 16th at 7:30 AM** for two hours to help tie the harvested eel grass onto grids.

Volunteers are needed to kayak in the low tide waters of Raccoon Cove on **JULY 29th at 6:30 AM** for two hours. (Rain date July 30.) Boats, instruction, and kayaking guides will be provided by MDI Bio Lab for identifying where eel grass is growing in the Cove. Bring life jacket and meet at Marlboro Beach Call Carol Korty (667-4441) if you can help.

## Hodgkins Trust Adjustment Sought

(Lamoine) - Former town treasurer Leurene Hodgkins left a large sum of money in trust, interest which could be used by the town for capital improvements. The trouble was, there had to be \$350,000 in the account before any

## Lamoine Students Excel

By Carol Duffy  
**Speech Contest Winner**

Samantha Mason, a fifth grade student at the Lamoine School, placed second in the Modern Woodmen of America regional speech contest after winning the Lamoine School and RSU 24 competitions. This year's topic was "If I Were President."



Samantha Mason

**VFW Recognitions**  
Post 109 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars recognized Lamoine students at a May pizza lunch. Eighth grade student Kristy Eaton was the first place winner in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. High school student Kristina Pentland received a certificate of merit for placing second in An Outstanding Spokesman for Freedom competition.



Ivy Wallace & Madison Brown



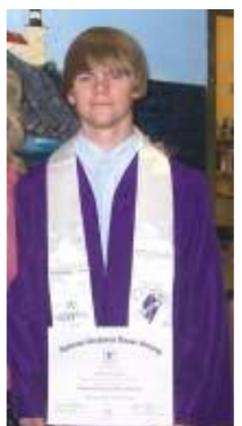
Kristy Pentland & Kristy Eaton



Austin Treadwell

**Blast Off!**  
Lamoine seventh grade students Madison Brown and Ivy Wallace were awarded scholarships for a class trip to the Challenger Learning Center after participating in a Bangor Hydro essay contest. The sixth and seventh grade classes attended a mission at the Bangor center in June.

**Published Writer**  
Austin Treadwell's editorial on the benefits of reading the newspaper was published in this year's Bangor Daily News student supplement. His essay was the eighth grade runner-up in the yearly competition.



Duncan Haass

**Technical Honors**  
Duncan Haass, the son of William Haass and Lisa McGlothlin was selected to the National Technical Honor Society and inducted in May. Haass, a student at the Hancock County Technical Center, is lobster fisherman when not at school. He was honored for his studies of automotive technologies.

distributions. Bar Harbor Trust Services is working to amend that amount downward to \$200,000, which is closer to the amount in the account. Voters approved of accepting the funds from the trust in 2009.

## July 2010—Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1-Noon, Board of Appeals	2-State Shutdown Day	3-Town Office Closed
4-Independence Day	5-Town Office Closed (Federal Holiday)	6-7PM Planning Board 7PM Fire Dept	7-7PM Assessors	8-7PM Selectmen @ Fire Station	9	10
11-12:30 PM Grange Turkey Dinner	12	13-7PM Fire Dept	14-7PM Conservation Cmsn	15-630 PM Fire Mutual Aid @ Town Hall	16-Eel Grass Restoration (7:30 AM)	17
18	19	20-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Parks Cmsn	21	22	23	24
25	26	27-Town Office closed @ lunch 7PM Fire Dept	28	29	30	31-Town Office Open 8-Noon

## August 2010 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3-7PM Planning Board 7PM Fire Dept	4-7PM Assessors	5	6-State Shutdown Day	7-Town Office Open 8-Noon
8	9-7PM Appeals Board	10-7PM Fire Dept	11-6:30 PM Conservation Cmsn (Star Gazing)	12-7PM Selectmen	13	14
15	16	17-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Parks Cmsn.	18	19	20-Fire Dept Auction 6PM	21-Sculpture Dedication
Administrative Assistant Vacation Week—Office closed during lunch						
22-(rain date, Sculpture Dedication)	23	24-7PM Fire Dept	25	26	27	28
29	30	31-7PM Fire Dept Property Taxes due				

## September 2010 Lamoine Schedule

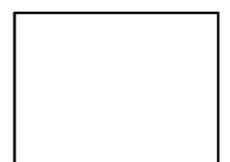
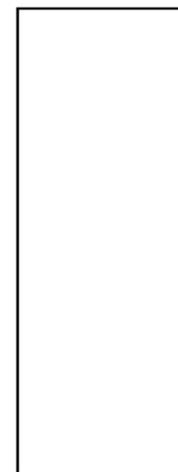
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1-7PM Assessors	2-7PM Selectmen	3-State Shutdown Day	4-Town Office Closed (Holiday Weekend)
5	6-Labor Day, Office Closed	7-7PM Planning Board 7PM Fire Dept	8-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	9	10	11
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