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Salt/Sand Shed Takes Shape For Winter

(Lamoine) - The good news is that Lamoine's plowing contractor will have a safe place to store the salt and sand that will be spread on the town's roads for many years to come. The better news is, the huge building will cost less than what was budgeted. The best news is that construction is well under way and will be done in time for the 2007/08 plowing season (provided it doesn't snow before mid-October).

Designed by Kiser & Kiser Engineering of Hampden, the 5,000 square foot building should hold about 3,000 cubic yards of salt and sand, about enough to get through the winter plowing season. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection granted approval for the facility in a variance that was required because the building is located on a gravel aquifer. That approval arrived simultaneously with Lamoine's Planning Board approval at its July 31st meeting. The Building and Land Use Ordinance sets no setback requirements for municipal buildings. The Board expressed concern that the shed not become the commercial headquarters for a company to sell salt and sand, and Selectmen wrote into the contract with Nankervis Trucking that materials stored



From the Ground Up

The foundation was poured in mid-September for Lamoine's new salt/sand shed.

in the shed are to be used only on Lamoine's public roads

The project went out to bid, three companies submitted proposals, and the low bidder was Jay Fowler & Sons of Lamoine for approximately \$190,000. The town had budgeted \$210,000.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of October, in time for Nankervis to start storing the salt and sand for the winter of 2007/08.

Town Approves Cell Phone Tower Lease

(Lamoine) - Voters at a special town meeting on September 19th gave overwhelming approval for the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with Verizon Wireless. The cellular telephone company has proposed to build a tower on land adjacent to the closed landfill off Lamoine Beach Road.

The initial proposal by Verizon would have the company lease a 100' x 100' piece of land from the town to erect a tower. In return, the town would receive \$12,000 per year, and that figure would go up every 3-years during the 15-year lease at approximately the rate of inflation. The town would also be able to locate communications antennas on the tower in the future, if needed.

Engineers from the tower company working with Verizon have visited the site several times. The initial plans would place the tower on the hill to the east of the capped landfill. The company may opt to build a taller tower instead and locate it near the landfill cap which already has a flat, excavated area and would be easier to access with power and a gated road.

Residents who've heard about the desire to have a tower in Lamoine say they're excited about having reliable cell phone service. Others say the signal may also enable high speed Internet access for areas without cable TV.

Veterans Memorial Taking Shape

(Lamoine) - The Veterans Memorial Committee will raise \$15,000 for the monument and park on the north side of the Town Hall. The park will include flags, benches, a walkway, landscaping and improved parking. An area around the monument will be paved with engraved bricks.

Those who wish to honor someone can purchase a brick for \$50. The brick will read "In Honor Of", or "In Memory Of". The committee has reserved those bricks closest to the monument for names of Lamoine Veterans. A complete list of Veterans will hang inside the Town Hall. The goal is to dedicate the monument on Memorial Day 2008.

Donation Checks can be made out to the Town of Lamoine with "Vets Memorial" in the memo line.



Staking Out A Memorial

Members of the Veterans Memorial Committee and Weiniger Monuments employees put stakes on the north side of the Town Hall.

Petition To End Open Town Meeting Rejected

(Lamoine) - Petitioners led by Assessor Colene Sharkey and her husband Robert submitted 123 valid signatures to the Board of Selectmen in August requesting that a special referendum town meeting be held to vote on a proposed "Secret Ballot Ordinance". In effect, had the ordinance passed, it would have done away with the open town meeting form of government in Lamoine that has been in place since the town formed in 1870.

Selectmen rejected the request for a vote based on advice from an attorney with the Maine Municipal Association (MMA). The attorney stated that such an ordinance might be proper in a town that is governed by a municipal charter, but problematic in a town like Lamoine which does not have a charter. State law grants the right to call a town meeting solely to the Board of Selectmen, including the method of voting. The proposed ordinance would have had the effect of changing state law, which can only be done by the Legislature.

Selectmen also noted other serious problems with the proposed ordinance which could put municipal operations in jeopardy. There was no provision to fall back to a previous budget should the referendum vote on budget items fail. Combined with the absentee ballot and notice requirements, a town meeting to reconsider a failed budget would have to wait another 90-days under the proposal, which, depending on the timing, could have shut down the town, the school, and potentially put taxpayers in jeopardy of having their property seized by the County for non-payment of county taxes.

Another problem with the proposed ordinance was its effective date which would have been the 2007/08 fiscal year town meeting. Town meeting for 2007/08 took place last March. The MMA attorney said she doubted a successful referendum would have been retroactive to that town meeting, but Selectmen said they did not want to chance it.

In response to the petition, the Selectmen invited the Sharkeys and any others who have concerns about the town meeting process to meet with them in the future to discuss what might meet their desires. Absentee voting and proxy votes are not permitted for the open town meeting form of government.

Planning Board Approves Two Subdivisions

(Lamoine) - The real estate market has been quite soft nationwide, and Lamoine is no exception. Only 12 property transfers were recorded between April and July in 2007, compared to 37 during the same period last year. Despite the soft market, two new subdivisions received final approval from the town's Planning Board.

Developers Tim Ring and Kevin Barbee from Gouldsboro are actively marketing their 8-lot subdivision located off the Seal Point Road. They've installed a new fire hydrant and 10,000 gallon water tank as required by the subdivision ordinance. The two subdivision roads have also been built to town specification and paved (not a town requirement). A residence on Lobster Lane has opted to make an entrance to their home from a spur road in the subdivision. The subdivision roads required special drainage structures to satisfy the Department of Environmental Protection and most of the construction was

completed prior to final local approval.

The other subdivision approved is located off the Walker Road and was submitted by Selectman Brett Jones, his wife, and his business partner Carlton Johnson. As of mid-September trees had been removed for the access road, though several of the lots will likely have access from Walker Road.

Jones and Johnson will also install a 10,000 gallon water tank on the subdivision road, providing fire protection for the subdivision and the surrounding neighborhood.



Lamoine's Newest Road
Work crews from Ring's Paving & Barbee Construction prepare Coley Cove Road for paving in the Sunset Bay at Seal Point Subdivision

Landscaping Garage Proposed

(Lamoine) - You've probably seen Richard McMullen in his trucks with the "Lawn Enforcement" logo on the side—his landscaping business has really taken off. The 21-year old Shore Road resident is ready to set down roots of his own on the Partridge Cove Road and has proposed to the Planning Board that he be allowed to build a garage for his equipment, and to live above the garage.

The proposed building is big enough to trigger the site plan review ordinance and to require a commercial building permit. A public hearing is set for October 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Lamoine Town Hall. Neighbors were sent hearing notices by certified mail.

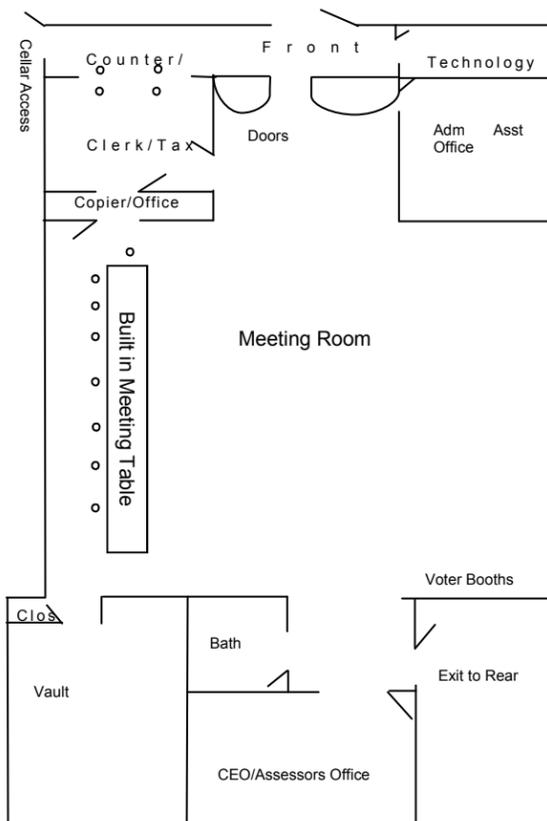
Army Corps Slows Subdivision

(Lamoine) - Vernal pools (swamps) have put a subdivision project on the Partridge Cove Road on hold while the landowners redesign the plans. Wayne Wright, the owner of Coastline Homes in Ellsworth, says he will re-submit plans for the subdivision that received Planning Board approval last January. The new submission will come after State DEP and Army Corps of Engineers approval is obtained.

A lot sold by Wright that began construction earlier in the year was found to have a significant vernal pool. Wright refunded money to the landowner and won't be able to develop that lot and one other that had received local approval. He says instead he'll look to develop two more lots at the end of the subdivision road. Restoration will be needed on the lot where a foundation and septic system were begun.

Office Changes Under Study

(Lamoine) - Security needs at the town office as well as efficient office operation have the Selectmen and town staff looking at some layout changes at the town hall. Selectmen met with an engineer from a Southwest Harbor firm that specializes in such plans, but felt the cost proposed was steeper than need be. A local designer will be contacted. The goal is to generate a set of drawings from which contractors could submit a bid, and to get an idea of the cost for budget purposes.



Just a Sketch
A rough drawing of possible changes in the layout of the Town Office

Barn Approved, Neighbors Upset

(Lamoine) - A hay barn for the Seal Cove Goat Farm received approval from the Planning Board in September, and the Board got an explanation of the Department of Agriculture's jurisdiction over farm issues.

Neighboring landowner Jay Fowler testified that the goats at the farm have gotten loose on numerous occasions and destroyed dozens of trees on his property and trampled on his dog's grave. Fowler also said that the smell from manure is intense from time to time, as is the number of flies. An investigation by the Code Enforcement Officer found that any matters relating to the farm's operation are delegated to the State Agriculture Department. A representative from the state attended the meeting in September to explain what the limits of his jurisdiction are. Planning Board chair Stuart Branch also advised Mr. Fowler that his complaints appear to be a civil matter between the landowners, and beyond the town's jurisdiction.

Building Permits Slower By A Lot

(Lamoine) - By mid September of 2006 the Code Enforcement Officer had issued 59 construction permits. In 2007, the number fell to 45, a sign that building activity has slowed. CEO Dennis Ford reports issuing the following permits:

Nbr	Name	Type
30	Barbara Brooks	Sign
31	Neila McIntyre	RV
32	Hancock Fenton	Garage/Apt.
33	S. Leonard-Johnson	Greenhouse
34	Lynn Tscheiller	Cabin
35	Robert Collins	Addition, Deck
36	Mark Munsell	Shed
37	Janet DeLeo	Residence/Garage
38	Glenn Manring	Garage Addition
39	Len Bobinchock	Dog Fence
40	Randy Sinclair	Addition
41	Brett Jones	Sign
42	Lucus Temple	Breezeway
43	James Leavitt	Residence
44	Brenda Jones	Addition
45	Barbara Brooks	Hay Barn

Conservation Seat Open

(Lamoine) - Former Selectman and Conservation Commission member Tom Spruce has asked not to be reappointed to the Conservation Commission. Spruce said he has too many commitments to serve effectively. Selectmen are searching for a replacement for Spruce on the Conservation Commission. Anyone interested is asked to contact the town office as soon as possible.

Spruce's appointment to the commission expired at the end of June. The Commission meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday, and sponsors special events such as the annual roadside trash pickup and land conservation activities.

School Consolidation Effort Begins

Effort to "save money" may cost Lamoine big

(Lamoine) - The figures coming from the State Department of Education all seem to point to the same thing—Lamoine had a good thing going while a member of School Union 92. The new school consolidation program will likely increase property taxes at least 14%, no matter who the school chooses for partners.

The town does know who will NOT be a partner with Lamoine. Education Commissioner Susan Gendron rejected one of the four consolidation proposals submitted by Superintendent Jim Boothby. Other towns that also proposed keeping Union 92 intact were told that was acceptable. Lamoine's plan to talk with the Mt. Desert Island schools was initially rejected, but that door remains open as well. The proposals to have the Union 92 schools join with the Ellsworth School Department and possibly the Union 92 (Sullivan/Gouldsboro area) received approval.

Meanwhile, planning the Regional School Unit has fallen upon 5 key players in Lamoine. The School Committee is

represented by Faith Perkins, the Selectmen by Cynthia Donaldson, the community at large by Richard Davis and alternately by Kathleen Rybarz. Gordon Donaldson, Cynthia's husband, is the State approved facilitator for the planning committee. The process for appointing representation in the planning activity was never spelled out by state law and ran into some snags as to whom had authority to name the community representatives.

The planning committee has been meeting on a fairly regular basis since August. Their task is to make sense of the costs based on figures supplied by Augusta. The initial reports look as though Lamoine will be hit the hardest of any of the surrounding communities because of the town's rapid growth in valuation and low per pupil cost. The cost distribution for Union 92 had been based solely on student enrollment. The legislature may be able to soften the blow with a special bill.

A public meeting updating the town on where things stand was scheduled for October first.

School Renovation Project Awaits

(Lamoine)—Last January, voters approved a \$650,000 borrowing plan to fix up the Lamoine Consolidated School. The bond papers have been signed, the money's pretty much in place, but there hasn't been a nail pounded yet. So what's the holdup? Superintendent Jim Boothby says cost estimates on the roofing project were much lower than reality. The good news is, less extensive work is needed to the roof than first thought. The bad news is that more extensive work is needed for the water system, the electrical system, the septic system and the heating system. While the change in plans for the roof will save about \$350,000, the other items will cost up to \$300,000 more than was approved.

Boothby says he plans to meet with the State Education Department to discuss the project and get the go ahead for going out to bid. He reports another referendum vote may be needed, depending on the amount of money available from the state to cover the project.

School Gets Portables Early

(Lamoine) - Selectman chair Jo Cooper and School Superintendent Jim Boothby have signed an early termination of the lease of the two portable classrooms to the Lamoine School Department. The town actually owned the portables, building them and leasing them to the school which received reimbursement from the state for leased space. The state payments dwindled down to nothing, so it was felt that there was no need to include any more rental payment to the municipal side of the budget from the education side of the budget. The termination means the school department now owns the portables. A small fund to provide for the maintenance of the classrooms remains.



Thank-you!
Harold "Bubby" Boynton and his wife Nancy can be seen, litterbags in hand, cleaning up Lamoine nearly every day while they walk.

Couple Keeps Town Clean

By Georgia Munsell

(Lamoine) - Once a year, Lamoine volunteers spend a morning picking up trash along our highways. But Lamoine has two volunteers who pick up litter **every day** on their one mile walk. Lamoine salutes and thanks Nancy and Harold Boynton of Lamoine Beach Road for their efforts to help keep our roadways clean.

Nancy reports that they select one of four different directions to walk each day of the week and pick up trash on both sides of the street. Explaining their motivation, Nancy says, "This is our town and we want to keep it looking beautiful. We hope we might inspire others to do the same."

Tax Rate Unchanged For 2007

(Lamoine) - The phone calls started coming into the town office as soon as the tax bills went out. Folks who compared them to last year's bill found they were exactly the same in many cases and wondered if there had been some sort of mistake. After all, who'd ever heard of taxes not going up!

Indeed, the tax rate is the same, though the amount raised this year is up a bit. An increase in property valuation is partly responsible for the steady tax rate of 7-mills (\$7 per \$1,000 of valuation). The town's valuation grew about \$6.68 million dollars, or 2.8%. The budget amount approved by town meeting which requires property tax funding grew by roughly \$61,000, or 3.8%. Assessors opted to set a smaller overlay than last year to keep the rate the same.

Annual Town Meeting Date Set

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have set April 1 & 2, 2008 as the annual town meeting dates. Municipal Officers (Selectmen, School Committee and Assessors) will be elected on April 1st, and the annual open town meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 2nd. The new format for approving school budgets will likely mean that another town meeting will be devoted exclusively to school funding. The 2007/08 budget had to be approved again at a special town meeting in June because the state failed to meet its obligation to provide the funding amounts to local communities by February 1st. As it turned out a significant drop in state funding was coming to Lamoine, and more tax money was required to run the school department.

Nomination papers for elected office will be available January 4, 2008 and must be returned by February 15, 2008.

State Election Is November 6, 2007

(Lamoine) - Voters will decide five statewide questions on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Three of the questions are bond issues totaling \$133-million dollars, another is a referendum asking for approval of a racino in Washington County, and the final question on the ballot would extend the term limits for Legislators from 4-terms to 6.

Polls will be open in Lamoine at the town hall from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The election will be the second using the state's new Centralized Voter Registration System now in place in all communities. Ballots will still be counted by hand in Lamoine, which does not have voting machines.

Budget Committee To Stay As Is *Proposed Change Designed only for discussion*

(Lamoine) - Feelings were strong on both boards about possibly changing the makeup of Lamoine's Budget Committee. Selectman Chair Jo Cooper had put out some thoughts that were designed to stimulate some discussion on what might be done better, but were seen by Budget Committee members as a major step backward.

The thoughts included expanding the Budget Committee to include department heads and board chairs and to render recommendations the same night as the budgets were being reviewed by the committee. Budget Committee chair Henry Ashmore pointed out that many years ago the department heads and board chairs were on the committee, and that created some problems of advocating only

for a particular departmental budget. He also noted that rendering a recommendation immediately did not give the budget committee the chance to look at all budget requests in relation to the bottom line picture.

Though the discussion got a bit heated at a joint meeting with the Selectmen in September, there were some agreements reached. The two committees will meet before the budget season starts (this year at the October 11th Selectmen's meeting), and review what the budget priorities might be. Department heads and board chairs are invited to attend. They will also meet after the budget committee makes its recommendations to review the reasoning behind the recommendations to town meeting.

Cash Or Check Still—No Credit Cards

(Lamoine) - Rarely a day goes by at the town office when a customer doesn't ask if we take credit or debit cards. The answer is "no", and there is a valid reason for it. Convenience costs.

Banks charge merchants usually between 1% and 3% for the card transactions. This potentially could be very costly for a town that brings in over \$2-million dollars a year in transactions (potentially \$20,000 to \$60,000/year). The budget does not take that cost into account.

There are companies that will allow limited use of credit cards for tax

transactions (property tax, excise tax), however the customer is charged, typically an extra 3%, for the transaction. So far, the Selectmen have felt that's not such a hot idea either.

We continue to explore ways to offer credit or debit card service without costing an arm and a leg and may work with our bankers to see if there is some sort of solution.

In the meantime, bring cash or bring a check. If all you have available is a credit card, you generally can obtain a cash advance at an ATM at most banks or at the General Store.

Town Gets New Cell Phones

(Lamoine) - Selectmen approved of changing cell phone plans after AT&T informed the town their government plan was no longer going to be available. After shopping around, Verizon was found to have the best deal for government phones, and the new, modern flip phones arrived in late September.

The old plan cost about \$10/month per line, plus a per call charge. The new plan will cost \$13/month for two of the lines that don't make many or receive many calls (there is a per-call charge), and \$30/month for the phone used by town office personnel.

The town uses 3-phones, one installed in a fire truck, one for the transfer station, and one for the town office usually carried by Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon.



Trespass Alleged

(Lamoine) - The Hancock County Sheriff's Department has served a complaint of trespass against a Shore Road resident who came to the town office without first making an appointment.

Town Attorney Tony Beardsley prepared what is called a vexation order against the resident who had consistently made threatening remarks and gestures toward town personnel. The order, served by a Deputy Sheriff last winter, requires that the resident call the town's administrative assistant by telephone and to make an appointment to do business at the town office.

In August, that resident came into the office to make a tax payment without an appointment and made some demands of the tax collector on duty that were confusing and contrary to policy. The tax collector contacted Adm. Asst. Stu Marckoon by phone after the incident to confirm that there had been no appointment. Selectmen were advised of the incident, and they requested that the Town Attorney prepare a criminal trespass complaint, which was done in early September. Both the tax collector and Administrative Assistant prepared written complaints to the Sheriff's Department who served the complaint.

Closed Clam Flats Leads to Complaint



A mini campground?
Three trailers and RV's placed near the shore got a Code Enforcement citation

(Lamoine) - A map showing a section of the Skillings River closed to shellfish harvesting because of fecal coliform pollution led Selectmen Dick Fennelly to ask why, and request Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford to see if he might find the source of the pollution. The search didn't take all that long, though it's not know if the alleged Shoreland Zoning violations found caused the pollution. A Seal Point Road landowner had at least three camper trailers and recreational vehicles placed too close to the shore. Brush piles were also too close to the shore, and Ford issued a notice of violation to the land owner. The notice required immediate removal of the trailers from the Shoreland Zone or obtain proper permitting for proper placement, including arrangement for proper septage removal. Ford reports the landowners have been cooperative.

Fiscal Year 2007 Ends Strong

(Lamoine) - Strong revenues and fewer expenses than budgeted on the municipal side of the budget have resulted in a healthy surplus for the town. The very preliminary figures which have yet to be finally audited, show the town with a \$468,000 undesignated fund balance at the end of June 2007. Allowing for appropriations of \$147,125, the town's surplus account should be around \$321,000 at the end of FY 2008 if all goes as planned.

The just ended fiscal year saw very strong collections for excise tax (\$17,000 over budget), and investment interest (\$32,500 over budget). The only areas that fell short were municipal revenue sharing from the state (off by \$315) and interest on unpaid taxes (off by \$268).

Expenses for the municipal side of the budget came in lower for solid waste (\$3,400 less than budgeted), and administration (\$10,000 less than budgeted).

The figures are all subject to change following the annual audit by personnel at James Wadman, CPA of Ellsworth, who examined the town's books in late September. The full audit report is generally ready in December. The town's financial reports are posted on-line at the website, and in the annual report. The audit will be on line as well.

A Perfect Night For A Town Party

(Lamoine) - The Flash In The Pans Steel Drum band played for the 3rd straight year at Lamoine State Park and drew the Park's biggest crowd yet for the show. The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department sponsored the performance and sold lobster stew, hamburgers and hot dogs. Park Manager Jay McIntosh said the crowd was well over 500, and the fire department reports they sold out of food for the event, making about \$750 in profit for the department.

To add to the atmosphere a full moon rose over Frenchman Bay while the band played on. Many thanks to Park personnel and other volunteers who helped to park cars and serve dinner.



The Flash In The Pans Steel Band at Lamoine State Park on August 27th.



Chowder Supper Oct. 20

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual clam chowder dinner on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at the school. Albert and David Herrick will prepare the chowder, and numerous volunteers will contribute casseroles and dessert for the evening.

Firefighters will go door to door selling tickets on Sunday, October 14th. Tickets are also available at the door or at the Lamoine Town Hall.



Keeping An Eye On Lamoine

Deputy Rob Morang set up a speed patrol at the Town Hall for several days in September. Computers installed in the cruisers are allowing more road patrol time for the Sheriff's Department.

Quiet Summer For Fire Calls

(Lamoine) - July and August saw the fire department paged out for emergency calls only twice, but business picked up a bit in September. The July call was for a boat in distress at Lamoine Beach, but no response was needed. In August, LVFD firefighters responded to a mutual aid call at a structure fire on Nutting Lane in Trenton. The high heat and humidity caused one LVFD member to be taken to the hospital for treatment of heat exhaustion. He was released hours later.

In September, LVFD responded to a pair of motor vehicle accidents, a structure fire in Sullivan, and a search after a capsized kayak was found in Hancock.

The SUV at the left was totaled in an evening crash on Jordan River Road.

ACO's Now Carry Pepper Spray

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have spent the last few meetings re-acquainting themselves with some of the staff they don't see on a regular basis. Lamoine's Animal Control Officers, Harry Louder and Deputy Michael Arsenault, briefly reviewed the program in place, and Arsenault suggested that it might be a good idea for them to carry something to keep aggressive dogs at bay.

Selectmen approved of the purchase of a couple of canisters of pepper spray. The spray, which is also carried by police officers in many jurisdictions, is not harmful to humans or animals, but will give the ACO's enough time to get to safety should a dog they might be dealing with decide to attack. So far there have been no incidents requiring the spray to be used.

New LVFD Members Welcomed

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Fire Department has welcomed three new members with varying degrees of fire and rescue training. **Tom O'Neill** comes to us from Hancock and is a fully trained Firefighter II. **Garrett Bowden** is a 10-year member of the Blue Hill Fire Department. **Dr. Peter Goebel** has extensive wilderness rescue training with Lincoln Search and Rescue. O'Neill and Goebel live in Lamoine, Bowden in Hancock.



In Training

New Lamoine VFD Member Garrett Bowden puts out a fire with an extinguisher

Lamoine Parks News

(Lamoine) - It's been a very busy season for the Lamoine Parks Commission, some of it way behind the scenes.

Chairman Kerry Galeaz reports work is progressing on the kiosks that will be placed at Lamoine's three parks (Lamoine Beach, Bloomfield Park and Marlboro Beach). At Bloomfield Park, a surveyor has finished up work on where the new entrance road will enter the park. It will branch off Bloomfield Park Road to the existing parking area, and leave the existing road as a driveway to the Stuart & Lisa Branch home. It's hoped that construction will start in the fall or winter. The Parks Commission also got an estimate for placing boundary markers at Marlboro Beach—it was expensive, and the commission has not decided how to proceed.

At Lamoine Beach, the outhouse now has a state of the art toilet paper and hand sanitizer dispenser. The pathways have been paved and handicapped parking area signs were installed this summer.

Two positions are open on the Parks Commission following resignations by Steve Valleau and Bonnie Moretto.

Road Names Assigned

(Lamoine) - The street sign maker has been busy this summer as Selectmen assigned names to five new roads. **Milky Way** is the new name for the road off Route 204 leading into the Seal Cove Goat farm and a private residence. **Tamarack Lane** leads off Marlboro Beach Road to a pair of residences. **Coley Cove Road** and **Sunset Drive** are the two roads serving the new subdivision at the end of the public portion of Seal Point Road. **Madison Avenue** (named for a developer's daughter) will serve the Walker Farm Subdivision off Walker Road.

Road Work Awarded

(Lamoine) - Selectmen awarded the contract for work required on Lamoine's local roads to contractor Jay Fowler. The work is to be completed by October 31st. Three bids were received for the work, much of which is being funded by the FEMA to fix storm damage from earlier this year.

Trout May Inhabit Blunt's Pond

(Lamoine) - Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife may stock Blunt's Pond with brook trout this fall in time for ice fishing season. Biologist Greg Burr met with Selectmen in September to outline the plan and to get their approval (it was unanimously in favor).

Burr says about 150-large brook trout would be trucked in and released into the pond, and the fishing season would be extended to November and December as well as the ice fishing season. The trout are part of hatchery raised fish that the department routinely stocks in many ponds around Maine.

Burr says Blunt's Pond currently only has pickerel and yellow perch. He said the trout would not likely survive the summer because the pond is too warm for the fish. Stocking would be a "put & take" fishing opportunity.

The project needs final approval from higher ups at the IF&W Department. Burr says they'll evaluate the program for to see if it should continue. The Parks Commission gave its enthusiastic endorsement.



Thanksgiving Nears

This growing flock of wild turkeys was spotted near the town's landfill in August. Lots of turkeys are roaming around Lamoine, and not everyone is pleased. One farmer called the town office in September looking for help from the Fish & Wildlife Department to discourage the birds from ruining his vegetable crops.

Get Wet Project Continues

By Bob Pulver

(Lamoine)-A major component of Lamoine Conservation Commission's Fresh Water Initiative has become part of the science curriculum in both the Lamoine Consolidated School and Ellsworth High School. GET WET! (an acronym for Groundwater Education Through Water Education and Testing) teaches students how to conduct tests on water samples brought from home, for pH, conductivity, nitrates, hardness, chlorides, and iron. The purpose is to help us monitor our groundwater by collecting data on water quality in our area. In addition to providing data each year, the project was designed to teach students proper laboratory procedures while alerting them to the importance of monitoring one of earth's most valuable resources: our drinking water.

On Thursday, November 8th, at 7 pm some of the students and teachers involved in last spring's testing will

demonstrate the process to us in an informational session at the Lamoine School gymnasium. Lamoine students will focus on the testing, Ellsworth students on the use of computers to record the data. The project's designer John Peckenham of U-Maine's George Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research will explain the significance of the work – and plans for its expansion.

The Lamoine project has already expanded into the state with grant monies awarded to the Mitchell Center to duplicate GET WET! in other Maine schools. The National Ground Water Association has approached Peckenham about the logistics of introducing the curriculum into schools nation-wide. Just think: it all started here in our town!

Come on November 8th to see our students, support them in their work, and learn of the latest updates.

Grange Roof Update

By Carol Korty

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Grange is on its way to getting its leaky roof replaced. A dozen inquiry letters went to potential grant sources and a formal application was submitted to the Maine Charity Fund. We should know by the next issue of *The Lamoine Quarterly* if we've received a grant. Meanwhile, fundraising locally has started with five \$100 gifts and pledges for another five. The funds are being raised to come up with matching funds for this or any other grants that might be received and require a match. Another \$3,600 is needed to make this year's goal.

The Grange hopes to become a year round facility and available to the community for a full range of events. The roof needs repair, and insulation projects and other improvements will follow.

Donations in any amount may be made to the Lamoine Grange c/o Carol Korty, 32 Fox Run, Lamoine, ME 04605. Gifts are tax deductible if made out to "Maine Grange Foundation" with "Building Renovation" written on the memo line. The state grange foundation is a 501 (c)(3) corporation. Questions about the fund raising or the project itself can be addressed to Ms. Korty at 667-4441.

Marlboro Paved

(Lamoine) - The 2007 summer paving projects included three contiguous roads in the Marlboro area of Lamoine. Marlboro Beach Road, Maxwell Avenue and Lorimer Road all received a layer of new pavement put down by Lane Construction Company under the supervision of paving consultant Roger Picard.

The last time Marlboro Beach Road and Maxwell were paved was in 1993. Lorimer was paved a few years before that. The project cost \$94,913.



X Marks The Spot(s)

The big cross marks on several roads in Lamoine that appears in September are part of an aerial surveying operation.

Conservation Award Nominees Sought

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Conservation Commission is seeking nominees for the 2008 Conservation Award. Nomination forms are available at the town's website (www.lamoine-me.gov) and can be sent to Donna Theall (dmt43@hotmail.com). If you don't have Internet access, or have questions, please call Mrs. Theall at 667-7323.

Last year the Conservation Commission was pleased to give the award to Doug and Beverly Coleman.

The deadline for this year's nomination is November 12, 2007. Eligibility criteria include being a Lamoine resident or having a significant relationship to Lamoine. Any citizen of Lamoine can nominate any eligible person or organization.

The Conservation Commission will review the nominees and make their choice based on stewardship and best practices for conservation of the local environment and activities that benefit the community and protect or preserve natural resources.

The award will be given prior to the start of the annual open town meeting (set for April 2, 2008).



The Lamoine Transfer Station is looking much neater thanks to a big trimming job by Richard McMullen, and new signs.

Second Dessert Theater Set

(Lamoine) - What do Kathy DeFusco, Dustin and Derek Murphy, and Fred Stocking have in common? They and eight other actors are all spending their weekends under the skilled direction of Carol Korty, our local theater expert who is once again generously donating her time and talents, rehearsing for Lamoine Baptist Church's 2nd Annual Dessert Theater. The two plays are "The Red Lamp" by Hilliard Booth and "Hyacinth Halvey" by Lady Gregory, both early 1900 farces. And it's not just actors who are busy. Many others are helping with stage management, costumes, sets, props and many others behind the scene tasks.

The church is producing the Dessert Theater as a community outreach, and a fundraiser to support a local mission. Last year's production, which sold out all three performances, and made \$1642.00 for both Jina's Gym Fund and the LBC steeple fund, was made possible by the donations and efforts of many, many volunteers and businesses throughout Lamoine and beyond.

The church will donate half the proceeds of this year's production to LifeFlight of Maine, a nonprofit organization that provides a statewide medical helicopter service that transports critically ill and injured patients.

LifeFlight has made five trips to Lamoine over the last couple of years; four of those trips were for Lamoine residents.

Through the generosity of the Lamoine Grange, the Dessert Theater will be held again in the Grange. With its small intimate stage, its beautifully painted canvas stage curtain, lovely windows and high ceilings, the Grange offers a wonderful ambience and a good old fashioned feeling that adds to the whole sense of community everyone felt at last year's performances.

Performances will be Friday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 4th at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, as seating is limited and will be assigned in order of date and time of purchase. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. Please call Debbie Swanberg at 667-9949 for tickets.

There is much to do between now and performance time. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time with many jobs, such as sewing costumes, gathering props, making desserts, organizing servers, etc., may call Mary Henry at 667-6108 or Carol Korty at 667-4441.

Thespian at Work
A scene from last year's production at the Dessert Theater at the Lamoine Grange from "Spreading The News"



Flu Shots Set for November 8

(Lamoine) - The annual flu shot clinic at the Lamoine Town Hall will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 from 4PM until 6PM. The date is subject to change based on vaccine availability.

Iris Simon of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital's Health Link program says the cost is \$10, and direct billing is available for Medicare and MaineCare (bring your card if you are enrolled in these programs). A full schedule of flu shot clinics is posted at www.mainehospital.org.

Any additional updates will be posted on the town's website as well. In past years nearly 100-people have received shots at the clinic, so early arrival is recommended.

Exercise Classes Available

(Lamoine) - A FREE exercise routine that involves aerobic warm up, upper/lower body strength training and yoga stretches meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30 AM at the Lamoine Baptist Church. More information is available from the MCMH Health Link Program at 667-2474.

(Lamoine) - Welcome to:

- **Caiden Ross Chattin**, born July 13, 2007 at MDI Hospital
 - **Cassidy Elaine Hall** born August 21, 2007 at MDI Hospital
 - **Ella Lucille Montgomery** born August 27, 2007 at Maine Coast Memorial
 - **Emily Baxter West** born July 24, 2007 at MDI Hospital
 - **Jacob Benjamin Willard** born August 5, 2007 at MDI Hospital
 - **McKenzie Renea Bowman**, born September 25, 2007 in North Carolina
- Congratulations to:

- **Arthur Ashmore & Jennifer Harriman** married July 28, 2007
- **Kirk Barnes & Virginia Gallagher** married June 29, 2007
- **Robert Collins & Judith Lamb** married July 7, 2007
- **Lester Sitton & Vicki Kimball** married July 7, 2007
- **Travis Smith & Andrea Snyder** married July 28, 2007
- **William Chute & Nancy Glass** married August 24, 2007
- **William Clow & Amelia Pinkham** married September 8, 2007

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- **John Wardwell & Darci Collins** married September 15, 2007

During this quarter we've lost:

- Eugene Farrin, July 6, 2007*
- Ernest Taylor, July 16, 2007*
- Irving Wellman, July 28, 2007*
- Robert Budwine, August 25, 2007*
- William Fitzgerald, September 9, 2007*

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	1-5:30 PM School Committee 7:00 PM -School Consolidation Forum	2-6:30 PM Planning Board	3-7PM Assessors	4-7PM Fire Dept.	5	6
7	8-Town Office Closed (Columbus Day)	9	10-7PM Conservation Commission	11-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	12	13
14	15-7PM Budget Committee	16-10AM MDI League of Towns	17-Office Closed (DMV Training)6:30 PM Regional School Planning @ Hancock School	18-7PM Fire Dept	19	20-5PM Fire Dept. Supper
21	22	23-7PM Parks Commission	24-7PM Veterans Memorial Committee	25-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	26	27
28	29-6:30 Regional School Planning @ Sumner 7PM Budget Committee	30	31-Property Taxes Due	The Town Office will be open all Saturdays in October		

November 2007

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4	5-5:30 School Committee	6-10am-8pm Election Day	7-7PM Assessors	8-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	9	10
11	12-Office Closed 6:30 PM-Regional School Planning @ Hancock 7PM Budget Cmte	13-7PM Planning Board	14-7PM Conservation Commission	15-7PM Fire Dept	16	17
18	19-6:30 PM Regional School Planning @ Ellsworth	20	21-7PM Fire Dept	22-Office Closed, Thanksgiving	23	24
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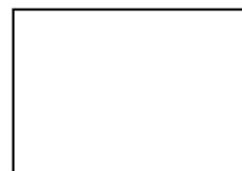
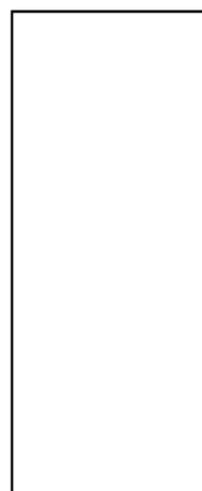
<i>Meetings are tentatively scheduled and subject to change. Please consult the town's website for the latest calendar of events.</i>						1
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