

# The Lamoine Quarterly

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## School Renovations Bond—Round 2

*State Computer Glitch Forces New Vote for Higher Price*

(Lamoine) - Voting is set for January 29, 2008 for a revised borrowing plan to pay for renovations to the Lamoine Consolidated School. Last January, voters easily approved the renovation bond for \$652,300, of which the town will pay \$456,610 interest free. The money was (and still is) designated for repairs to the roof, the heating system, electrical system, water system and the septic system. The state agreed to pay for the other \$195,690. The estimates for the project were developed by the school project architect using software mandated by the State of Maine.

As the architects got ready to do the final design for the various repairs, it became painfully evident there was a major glitch in the software. It failed to include demolition costs in the estimates. The state has since discontinued use of this mandated software.

The new estimate is \$273,700 higher, and increases the total cost to \$926,000. The Department of Education has agreed to fund the additional amount on the same terms as the one approved in January 2007. That means, if voters approve, the town will pay back an additional \$191,000 interest free over 10-years (\$19,100 per year). The state will now kick in \$277,590 for the project. The total payment will be \$64,761 per year, if approved.

Once voters decide, the project will go into design mode. Once the design is done and approved, bids will be sought, and construction should begin when school closes in June. Under terms of the agreement, the construction must be substantially complete by December 31, 2008.

Two public hearings are scheduled prior to the vote on January 7 and January 22 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

## Salt Sand Shed In Operation



(Lamoine) - If the first snowstorm of the season is any indicator of what's to come, the new salt/sand shed in Lamoine will have arrived none too soon. A storm December 3rd & 4th dumped 14-inches of snow on the town, with another half inch falling in a flurry on the 5th.

Nankervis Trucking, the town's plow contractor, worked out of the shed on Lamoine Beach Road for the storm. They had placed a small amount of salt and sand inside the building and planned to have more sand delivered the following week to create the rest of the winter stockpile.

Union River Builders completed construction of the shed in early November, on time and under budget. Engineer Jim Kiser certified the building as ready for use shortly afterwards.

The only remaining work on the \$190,000 building will be done when the snow disappears in the spring—loam and grass seed will be placed around the building by contractor Jay Fowler.

## Cell Tower Lease Ready To Roll

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have reached agreement in principle with Verizon Wireless on a lease for a new cellular telephone tower to be built on land adjacent to the closed landfill. The lease calls for the town to be paid \$12,000 per year for the first 5-years. The contract will run 25-years in total, with an increase every 5-years. Verizon will lease a 10,000 square foot piece of land upon which it will construct a tower and building to house the transmission and receiving equipment. Signatures on the lease agreement are expected by early January.

The next step for Verizon will be Planning Board approval of the project. The town has no specific ordinances regarding transmission towers and the Board recently approved several poles for Bangor Hydro's Transmission line project. A power line will run to the Verizon site from Lamoine Beach Road through the former Anderson property now owned by the town. Engineers from Verizon have staked out the proposed lease area.



## Blunt's Pond Stocked with Trout

(Lamoine) - Ice fishermen are likely to flock to Blunt's Pond this winter as 150-brook trout have taken up residence. The State's Fisheries Department stocked the pond in November with the beautiful fish who seemed to take to the water quite nicely.

The fishing rules on the pond will allowed fishermen to set tip-ups as soon as the pond froze. Biologist Greg Burr said he expects most of the fish will be caught in the winter, and doubted any would survive the summer in the pond's warmer water.

**Who says fish can't fly?**

*These brook trout were tossed into Blunt's Pond by the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife in time for ice fishing season.*

## Veterans' Memorial Hitting Crunch Time

*Stone Ordered, Preparations for Spring Placement*

(Lamoine) - Donations are starting to come in on a steadier basis as the committee planning the Veterans' Memorial in Lamoine works to have the project complete by Memorial Day 2008. The project is estimated to cost about \$25,000 and the stone has been ordered and should arrive in Milbridge at Weiniger Monuments any day now.

The town approved \$10,000 for the project, and the Veterans Memorial Committee has started offering commemorative bricks to pave a walkway up to the memorial for \$50 each. Numerous people have made donations for an inscribed

brick. A letter writing campaign may be tried over the winter to raise the rest of the funds. Other fundraisers are planned, some involving school students. As of late December about \$2,100 had been raised privately.



**Bricks for Sale**

*The Veterans' Memorial Committee is selling commemorative bricks for \$50 each. An order form is available on page 4 of this quarterly and on-line.*

## Proposed Subdivision Hearing is Jan 8th

(Lamoine) - More than 19-months have passed since a developer submitted the first plans for a proposed residential subdivision near Lamoine Corner. At its meeting in December, the Planning Board found the application for both the subdivision and the site plan review application for the road to be complete. A public hearing on the proposal is now set for January 8, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Lamoine Town Hall.

The proposal involves the land purchased by Sno-Drum LLC. A

farmhouse that currently sits on the property will be removed if the plan is approved by the Board following the hearing.

During the permitting process, the Planning Board expressed reservations about where the subdivision road will enter Shore Road, near the Lamoine Beach Road intersection and the Grange Hall. An engineer with the Department of Transportation has written to the board to attempt to alleviate those concerns. The plan is on file at the Town Hall.

## Selectmen Seek Vehicle Setback Agreement

(Lamoine) - A 12-year old condition on a building permit for a Jordan River Road car dealer may result in an agreement that clarifies what the Planning Board meant and what is reasonably expected of the property owner. When Clifton Bradford applied for a commercial garage in 1995, the Planning Board approved a condition that any vehicles for sale must be set back 100-feet.

Last fall, a Selectman inquired about the restrictions on the dealership, and the Planning Board wrote to the Selectmen requesting enforcement of the condition. A search of the record found the condition but could find no reference point from which the 100-foot setback is to be measured. From the center of the road, the 100-foot setback would apparently inhibit Bradford's ability to



*The vehicles at Bradford Auto were parked 40-feet from the road in early December*

display the vehicles effectively. Selectmen have offered Bradford a consent agreement to limit the setback to 50-feet from the center line but at the end of the year negotiations were continuing.

## Snow Hampers Town Hall Roof Project

(Lamoine) - 14-inches of snow the first week of December was about the last thing roofer Mike Jordan needed to "assist" with the new roof being put on the Town Hall. With the back portion of the roof stripped and a big storm in the forecast, Jordan braved bone-chilling cold and got tarps up to keep the snow from penetrating into the building.

The contract for the roof job called for it to be done by the end of 2007, and he made the deadline, despite the nearly constant snowfall. A warm day on the 12th of December saw the project completed. Jordan says it may take a while to find all the tools and materials buried under the snow.

## Power Line Construction Begins

(Lamoine) - Bangor Hydro reports that it has begun construction of the new transmission line running between Ellsworth and Trenton. Part of the line will run through the northern tip of Lamoine. Several large poles will hold the high power lines. The conservation commission asked that the poles be made of steel instead of wood after the Planning Board granted approval. It's believed the utility will continue to use wood poles.

## Permits Issued

(Lamoine) - The following permits were issued by the Code Enforcement Officers in the past quarter:

#	Name	Project
46	Davis, Paul	Mobile Home
47	McIntyre, Vince	RV
48	McIntyre, Neila	RV
49	McMullen, S&R	Home, Garage
50	Handy, Robert	Lean-To addition
51	Alley, Tracy	Deck
52	Libby, Lois	Addition
53	Sutter, Jay	Residence
54	Strout, Joan	Mobile Home
55	Donaldson, G&C	Conversion
56	Smith, Kenneth	Shed
57	Tilden, Robert	Add'n, Deck
58	Weaver, Peter	Residence, Garage

## Building Ordered Removed

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have given a property owner from New Hampshire until the end of May, 2008 to remove a dilapidated cabin on Berry Cove Road. Neighbors reported that the cabin was partially collapsed and open to the elements, and a check by Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford confirmed the condition of the cabin. Selectmen held a public hearing in November as required by law. The owner had contacted the town office and said he did not disagree with the assessment of the condition and said he would work to find a contractor to remove the building. He said he hopes to construct a new building in its place.

## Info Request Includes E-mail Addresses

(Lamoine) - A freedom of access request by Seal Point Road resident Robert Sharkey will be fulfilled once the town receives payment for photocopying fees. Mr. Sharkey wrote to Selectmen in October requesting several items, including e-mail addresses on file at the town office. A similar request made several years ago by Mr. Sharkey was resisted by the town office. Since that time the Maine Legislature passed a clarifying law which shields the home e-mail addresses of government officials, except those that are elected officials.

Selectman chair Jo Cooper wrote to Mr. Sharkey asking for clarification on his request which was received in writing. A follow up letter in late October indicated the items desired would be provided within two days of the receipt of \$58.00 to cover the cost of photocopying the materials requested, including materials that Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon picked up at the annual Maine Municipal Association Convention. The e-mail list to be provided will exclude home e-mail addresses of known appointed government officials as required by law.

## Stump Grinding Starts

(Lamoine) - Grinding was due to start in early December in an area between Mill Road and Lamoine Beach Road licensed by Doug Gott & Sons. Several years ago, the Appeals Board ordered approval of a site for a tub grinder. The conditions of the permit require the town to measure noise from the operation when it first starts up. The measurement found no noise violations.

Several months ago, the Planning Board expressed concern about the pile of stumps awaiting grinding into wood chips. The company has been supplying ground water sampling reports for several months, and will continue water sampling after operations to begin to assure no ground water pollution.



*Michael Jordan places ice and water shield on the north side main roof of the Town Hall in November.*

## Mystery Powder At Town Hall



*Cordoned Off*  
*A pile of a flour like material is isolated from the public until a Sheriff's Deputy arrived*

(Lamoine) - It's not believed a pile of white powder left in front of the town hall in October was any kind of terrorist incident. The powder was discovered when Adm. Asst. Stu Marckoon arrived at work at about 7:30 in the morning. The fire chief said he saw it while driving by earlier. Marckoon cordoned off the pile and called the Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Luke Gross took a sample of the powder in a drug testing kit. Both he and Marckoon agreed it looked something like pancake batter mix. Gross advised it should be OK to sweep up the powder and toss it to the side of the town hall lot.

## New Conservation, Parks Commissioners Appointed

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have appointed Robert Pulver as a full voting member of the Lamoine Conservation Commission. Pulver has been an associate member for several years, and takes the place of Tom Spruce who declined reappointment last summer. Named as alternates to the Conservation Commission were Nancy Pochan and Annie Crisafulli of Seal Point Road. They replace Pulver and Donna Thorburn, who resigned this fall. Lolly Lovett of Bay Road was named an Associate Commissioner.

The Parks Commission has some new blood as well. Sara Hurd O'Connell of Boulder Cove Way and Nathan Mason of Pasture Way were appointed as full voting Parks Commissioners, and Richard Brey is an Alternate. O'Connell and Mason replace Mary Henry and Steve Valleau who both resigned this fall. Brey, who is married to full commissioner Christa Brey, replaces Bonnie Moretto who also resigned as an alternate.

## Selectmen Approve Mutual Aid Agreement

(Lamoine) - Municipal officers in several communities are discussing the idea of helping each other out in the event of an emergency. The MDI League of Towns, of which Lamoine is a long-time member, has developed a mutual aid agreement for government services delivery. It would allow another agreeing community to provide basic government services in the event that the staff or facilities of Lamoine

## Town Meeting Set for April 1st & 2nd

(Lamoine) - With school consolidation laws in flux and likely to change, Selectmen have opted to hold off the annual town meeting a month. Municipal elections will take place on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 from 10AM until 8PM at the town office. The annual open town meeting will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Lamoine School Gym.

Three officials will be elected at the polls on April 1st.

One Selectman, a School Committee Member, and an Assessor will be chosen. Incumbents are Selectman Cynthia Donaldson, School Committee Member Robert Pulver, and Assessor Terry Towne. Nomination papers for the offices will

## Compost Bins to be Offered, Again

(Lamoine) - The Recycling subcommittee of the Lamoine Conservation Commission will again sell compost bins in 2008. In addition to the popular compost bins, the commission will be offering kitchen pails and the new "Wing Digger", which is a very effective tool for turning over compost. Further information will be available later in flyers at the town office and posted on the town's website ([www.lamoine-me.gov](http://www.lamoine-me.gov)). Annie Crisafulli or Nancy Pochan have more info at 664-0444.

## Prepaid Oil Saves Town Big \$\$

(Lamoine) - Selectmen approved a contract with No Frills Oil to lock in the price of heating fuel at the town hall and fire station at \$2.69/gallon for the winter heating season. The agreement was timely as the price of fuel skyrocketed to well over \$3.00 per gallon in November and shows no sign of coming down anytime soon.

The oil price is a major factor driving up the budget for 2008/09 being considered by Lamoine's Budget Committee. Petroleum costs are a major factor in several budgets. Road paving costs are based on the cost of oil, as are heating fuel, diesel for fire trucks, and electricity. Paving costs

were rendered inoperative due to a disaster such as the pandemic flu. Conversely, Lamoine could provide similar services to other towns.

Police departments and fire departments already have mutual aid agreements when more manpower is needed. Selectmen in Mt. Desert, Bar Harbor and Tremont joined Lamoine's Selectmen in endorsing the idea.

become available on January 4, 2008. Persons interested in running for office must return signatures from at least 25 registered voters no later than the close of business on February 15, 2008. Absentee ballots for the municipal election will be available on March 1, 2008.

The open town meeting should be a lot shorter this year, as the school budget process will come at a later date. An update to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to comply with state law will be on the warrant. The municipal budget will comprise most of the warrant.

As mentioned earlier, school consolidation laws are in a state of flux. Under current law, once the school budget is passed at open town meeting, voters must approve a referendum question. That law may be delayed.

## Skillings River Tests Clean

(Lamoine) - Recent testing by the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) lab on the Skillings River near Moseley Point have reportedly come back clean, and the area closed to shellfishing may be able to reopen in the near future. DMR scientists found higher than acceptable levels of fecal coliform in water tests taken from the river near the tidal flats. The CEO found several RVs parked near the area and the owner has since properly permitted those that remain and removed others.

## Committee Readies Town Budget

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Budget Committee has spent much of the fall pouring over figures in an effort to figure out what it costs to run the community, pare budgets to get by, and to live within the town's means and the dictated increase maximum under state law. There's not a lot of wiggle room.

LD-1 passed by the Maine Legislature a few years ago caps the amount of property tax increase a community can experience at the rate of valuation growth and the rate of personal income growth. The figure means Lamoine could raise 3.75% more in property taxes to fund next year's budget than it was allowed for the current fiscal year. The municipal tax commitment can increase no more than \$5,485.26 without an override. Lamoine currently funds the municipal budget with about 2/10ths of a mill on the property tax. The rest comes from excise taxes, interest, and other income sources.

Several capital projects are being proposed in addition to normal operations. A reconfiguration of the town office, new telephone system, ditching, saving to widen Buttermilk Road, and other projects are under review.



## Stolen Vehicle Found Off Beach



*Lamoine Rescue Personnel Brett Jones and Jon Harris join David Herrick and Mike Jordan checking out an SUV discovered submerged at Lamoine Beach.*

(Lamoine) - State Police are investigating the reported theft of a 2006 Chevy Suburban that was found submerged off Lamoine Beach on November 25th. Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department personnel were dispatched to the scene after folks walking on the beach spotted the vehicle which was exposed as the tide went out. The department's rescue boat was launched to see if anyone was inside. Harbor Master David Herrick also launched his boat, and no one was found. The crew assisted a tow truck that had to get an extra long cable to pull the vehicle from the water.

State Trooper Jessica Shorey said the a caretaker reported the SUV stolen from a Clamshell Alley residence earlier in the day. No arrests have yet been made. It's believed the vehicle suffered significant water damage.

## Fire Dept Wins Hospital Award

(Ellsworth) - A rescue from Frenchman Bay by the Lamoine Fire Department last summer earned the department "Call of the Year" co-honors from Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. County Ambulance was also awarded for its response to a fatal car accident in Ellsworth. At a dinner to honor emergency services personnel, the LVFD received a plaque in recognition of the effort in which 3-people were pulled from the chilly waters off Lamoine State Park in June after a wind gust capsized their small sail boat. All three were cold but otherwise OK after the ordeal.



*And the winners are..... Lt. Brett Jones, Asst. Chief Stu Marckoon, Lt. Mike Jordan, and Lt. David Herrick pick up a plaque from Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Personnel*

## Rabies Cases Confirmed in Lamoine

(Lamoine) - State health officials ordered one dog quarantined and confirmed another case of rabies in Lamoine this fall. Both involved raccoons, and an advisory was immediately issued by the town office. Animal Control Officer Mike Arsenault was featured on TV newscasts and in press reports about the rabies cases. Flyers about rabies were sent home with school children immediately upon learning of the potential danger.

Another case involving a probable rabid skunk was reported by Selectman Chair Jo Cooper who was accosted by the animal at her Thaddeus Lane home. The skunk was never captured, nor did it show

up again.

Game Warden Phil Richter says winter is usually a good time for rabies outbreaks to abate as the sick animals will expire and not as readily transmit the disease.

Selectmen meanwhile authorized Arsenault to receive pre-exposure rabies vaccination shots. Officials remind pet owners of the importance of having their cats and dogs vaccinated against rabies (it's the law for dogs), and to register their dogs. Dog registrations expired December 31st. A rabies vaccination clinic will be held at the Town Hall on January 26, 2008 from 10AM to Noon.



*Standing Room Only Lamoine residents filled the town hall in early November to get their flu shots from nurse Carol Smith of Maine Coast Memorial's Health Link*

## Flu Shots Popular

(Lamoine) - Business had been slow for flu shots this fall until Maine Coast Memorial Hospital's Health Link program arrived at the town hall. Nearly 70-people rolled up their sleeves in 2-hours to get their annual shot. Iris Simon of the program said it was the biggest turnout to date in the program. Shots were a little more expensive (\$15) this year, but no major flu outbreaks had been reported. Residents say the location is ideal.

## Firefighters Deal With Wrecks, Rescues

(Lamoine) - Two serious car accidents in a 10-day period left three young people with injuries, but all will recover. A crash on Partridge Cove Road in mid-October injured a newly licensed driver who went off the road near the Pinkham Farm. Witnesses called in the crash nearly instantly and fire personnel assisted in getting the young woman into the ambulance. She suffered several broken bones.

In late October, two poor decisions met head on, literally. A group of young men decided the weather was good for "mudding" or driving 4-wheel drive trucks off Needles Eye Road. One of them got stuck, and a buddy was in the process of pulling him out when a compact car driven by a young Hancock man came speeding down the wet road and slammed into the large pickup truck. Firefighters used the rescue jaws and cutting tools to remove the roof of the compact car (see picture to right) so the driver could be safely removed. A passenger walked out of the vehicle. State Police investigating the crash have charged both young men with possession of drug paraphernalia and other

infractions. The men who were "mudding" were requested to fix up the roadside damaged by the activity and complied with the request.

Firefighters also responded to numerous trees down in hurricane force winds during an early November storm. Several structure fire calls in neighboring communities brought stand-by requests for the Lamoine department. A pair of smoke investigations in November and December rounded out the calls for service from the LVFD.



*Firefighters attend to an accident victim on Needles Eye Road after removing the vehicle's roof*

## Home Emergency Kits Available

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Town Office is one of several sources for a nifty home emergency kit being marketed by Healthy Acadia. The \$45 kit comes in a large red bag and includes a wind-up flashlight and radio, medical supplies, bandages, and

masks designed to help folks in the event of a pandemic flu outbreak. It could be handy in any disaster, such as an extended power outage. A limited supply is available at town offices in the MDI League of Towns region.

## School Administration Consolidation Plan Rejected by State

(Ellsworth) - The plan to form a Regional School Unit (RSU) that includes the current School Union 92 towns has been rejected by State Education Commissioner Susan Gendron. In a letter to Regional Planning Commission (RPC) chair Richard Malaby of Hancock, Gendron said the decision not to include the Ellsworth School Department and the Airline Community School District in the proposed RSU was not consistent with the new state law.

The RPC met on numerous occasions starting last July to craft an RSU plan that would comply with state law and remain affordable to the participating communities. The initial proposed district from the Department of Education (DOE) included Ellsworth in the RSU, and extensive analysis was performed to determine what costs would be assumed by the various municipalities. Lamoine School Committee chair Faith Perkins said cost shifting and estimated education cost

increases would have cost Lamoine between \$200,000 and \$700,000 more in property taxes than the current Union 92 setup. Perkins and fellow RPC members Cynthia Donaldson and Richard Davis felt the town could not afford this increased costs. That sentiment was echoed by the other Union 92 members, Hancock, Mariaville, Otis, Trenton, Surry, Eastbrook and Waltham.

On November 29th the Union 92 RSU plan was submitted to the DOE. The rejection came on December 14th. Ms. Perkins reports members of the RPC have met with some of the Legislators in the district and there is word that cost shifting issues will be addressed by the new legislative session.

The RPC will continue to meet. Other RPC's in Hancock County have suspended action following rejection. Superintendent Jim Boothby continues to explore what the next steps are after state rejection.

## Resolves Urge Consolidation Repeal

(Lamoine) - Both the School Committee and Board of Selectmen have signed resolutions urging Lamoine voters to sign a petition asking for repeal of the school consolidation law passed by the Maine Legislature as part of the budget process. Petition circulators at the polls on November 6, 2007 had little trouble getting people to sign the petition spearheaded by former lawmaker Skip Greenlaw of Stonington. More than 170 signatures from Lamoine voters have been certified by town office staff.

The resolutions have been delivered to Lamoine's legislators, Senator Dennis Damon and Representative Rob Eaton.

## Assessors Ask for Help with Tree Growth Apps

(Lamoine) - A pair of applications to value property using tree growth rates instead of the town valuation schedule have been referred to the Maine Forest Service for assistance. Richard & Sheryl Davis and Charles Kelley submitted applications last March. The Board of Assessors denied the initial applications last summer, asking for corrected applications from both which were submitted in August.

The Board contacted the Forest Service to assist with analysis of the confidential forest management plans submitted with the applications. Those plans were under study by the Forest Service as of late December. Meanwhile, Mr. Kelley has filed for abatement of his property taxes and the Davises have indicated they'll appeal to the State Property Tax Review Board.

## School, Fire House Lots to Separate

(Lamoine) - Concerned about the potential of a Regional School Unit to appropriate land on which the present school sits, Selectmen are exploring the idea of officially designating an area for the fire station. Board members walked the school lot in early December looking for markers along the various boundaries. The school lot is a conglomeration of various pieces of land that have been purchased by or donated to the town on several different occasions.

An article likely to be presented at Town Meeting in April will ask voters if they wish delineate the land associated with the fire station. Land where the ballfields sit is deeded separately.

## Cemetery Requests Town Held Funds

(Lamoine) - Every now and then the town receives funds to hold in trust to help pay for the care of a grave. The two largest cemeteries in Lamoine, Forest Hill and East Lamoine, are each governed by private cemetery corporations and the town periodically distributes the interest earned on the accounts to the appropriate corporation.

This fall the Forest Hill Cemetery Corporation (FHCC) wrote to the Selectmen requesting that town held funds for graves in that cemetery be turned over to them to add to their holdings. Selectmen had no objection to asking town meeting, but were advised by Maine Municipal Association the process would probably have to go through Probate Court. Selectmen responded to the FHCC that if they wished to pursue the request that they do the legal groundwork so the town can release the funds.



**New Playground Gear**  
Lamoine School custodian Lenny Bright helps to unload the truck with the new playground equipment to be installed.

## Selectman Repairs Classroom

(Lamoine) - A request from School Principal Val Perkins to utilize the portable classroom maintenance fund to repair skirting and fascia board came complete with a \$500 estimate. That seemed a bit steep to Selectman Dick Fennelly who offered to obtain and install the materials at cost. The total bill: less than \$90.

The Selectmen opted out of the lease agreement with the school department a year early, turning maintenance of the two portable classrooms over to the school department. Several thousand dollars has built up in the maintenance fund over the years. Town meeting will have to decide what to do with that money.

## Annual Audit Explained

(Lamoine) - The Town Auditor sat down with the Selectmen and Budget Committee following delivery of the annual audit this fall. Jim Wadman, CPA reported the town is in good financial shape, with an undesignated fund balance (surplus) of \$468,000.

Of particular interest to the Selectmen was the method for placing values on the town's fixed assets. Mr. Wadman explained how all the big ticket items (roads, fire trucks, buildings) are valued and depreciated over a given amount of time. The life expectancy is helpful when figuring out a capital replacement schedule, an exercise the Budget Committee has been performing yearly.

Mr. Wadman said there didn't seem to be any material weaknesses in the town's financial operations that would warrant hiring more staff to segregate functions.

*The town office staff has caught a candy thief! He was partial to mints, and had stashed them away for future enjoyment. Alas, the culprit paid with his life in a mouse trap. The candy is now kept in a covered jar*





## Grange Presents Dictionaries

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Grange has presented new dictionaries to each member of the 3rd grade class at the Lamoine School. Dan Paul of the Grange (pictured above with the students) handed out 15 dictionaries as part of "The Dictionary Project". The organization has a goal of providing every 3rd grader in the country with a dictionary, and the Grange hopes to sponsor the project annually in Lamoine.

## Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - A quiet quarter in the town clerk's office. Jennifer Kovacs reports one birth—**Ella Jae McAndrew**, born October 26th in Ellsworth, one marriage, **Michael Berzinis and Rebecca Winn** in Northeast Harbor on September 22nd and one death, **Ethyl Hapworth** of Buttermilk Road on October 12th. Condolences also to the family of former resident **Dodie Moore** who passed away December 31st. Her parents Win & Mabel and sister Deirdre Fennelly all live in town.

## Conservation Programs Planned

On **January 9: Lighting 101**, an introductory presentation on the issue of "light pollution". Peter Lord of Island Astronomy Institute will share an hour's worth of information and photos which he designed in collaboration with Acadia National Park to give Planning Boards and residents a starting place for looking at the growing problem of loss of clear night skies and a variety of solutions for consideration.

On **March 12: GET WET! Report** on testing of drinking water done by Lamoine 5th and 6th graders and Ellsworth chemistry students as part of their science curriculum. John Peckenham of the Mitchell Center at UMaine will give background information about the project; science students will demonstrate the tests each of them learned to conduct; and algebra students will conclude with a Power Point presentation showing how they recorded the results for our on-going collection of data on the sand and gravel aquifer underlying Lamoine, Ellsworth, and Hancock.

## Roof Fund Drive Underway at Grange

By Carol Korty

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Grange received a \$5000 grant from the Maine Charity Fund, through the Maine Community Foundation. The grant goes a long way to help reach the goal of \$9,600 for the New Roof Fund. And local pledges and donations have already grown to \$1400! In addition, the Lamoine Baptist Church has given a very generous donation of \$1000 from the proceeds of the successful Dessert Theater fund-raiser this fall.

The fund is still \$2200 short. Anyone wishing to help make the new roof a reality may send a donation to Lamoine Grange, c/o Yvonne Brann, 1017 Shore Road, Lamoine. Checks can be made out to either Lamoine Grange #264 or to The Maine Grange Foundation (to qualify for tax deduction), with "Building Renovation" on the memo line.

## Student Athletes Commended

(Lamoine) - Selectmen recognized the achievements of a number of athletes this fall. The Lamoine Consolidated School soccer team again won the Union 92 championship, going undefeated in the league for the season. In fact, none of the opponents scored a goal against Lamoine!

At the high school level, Selectmen recognized **Alex Emeigh** who was named to the Boys All-State soccer team. Alex is a senior at Ellsworth High School and lives on Jordan River Road. Walker Road resident **Jennifer Richter**, also a senior at Ellsworth High, was named to the Penobscot Valley Conference all-star soccer team. And Rabbit Run resident **Sarah Marckoon** (her proud Dad writes *the Lamoine Quarterly*) was recognized for being named to both the All-State and All Academic Volleyball teams. She's also a senior at Ellsworth High.

## Conservation Award Winner Named

(Lamoine) - The 2nd annual Lamoine Conservation Award will be awarded posthumously to Reverend Ellis "Sam" Holt His foresight in commissioning the Gerber Report on Lamoine's sand and gravel aquifers was a key factor in the selection as the recipient. Rev. Holt initiated the study to furnish the town with information necessary to ensure effective management of two natural resources that are central to the town's well-being—extensive gravel deposits and the groundwater for which the gravel serves as the host.

Rev. Holt secured the grant funding for the report completed by geologist Robert Gerber in November 1983. He also spearheaded involvement of volunteers who collected data on over 300 wells in Lamoine. The award will be presented to

## Historical Society News

By Muffet Stewart

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Historical Society now has a permanent address which is 362 Lamoine Beach Road, Lamoine, Maine 04605, complete with a mail box! Their email address is: [Lamoine.historical.society@yahoo.com](mailto:Lamoine.historical.society@yahoo.com). If you are not a member and would like to join, let us know by email or drop us a note at our new address. Membership is fun, easy as pie and the more the merrier! Meet your neighbors and learn about our area and history.

**A Chance to Get Involved. Many hands make light work.**

Volunteers will begin meeting again to work on the Historical Society archives on January 12. Work sessions are weekly on Saturday mornings from 9:00-12:00. Current work includes organizing two major collections, and writing up guides to those and other collections. This work requires some minimal training, and folks interested in helping should contact Anne Stocking at 667-6564.

Also needed are people who can transcribe audio tapes from the collection of interviews with "old timers." This can be done at home.

This spring, we will again repair & refresh our beautiful Meeting House, which is badly in need of painting and shutter repair. Clapboards Doug Stewart found in the loft of their barn will be used to cover the basement entrance which he and Joe Reynolds insulated last fall. Clean up needs to be done upstairs and in the basement, with the hope that the building can eventually be safe and enjoyed more by the public. Key to more use will be the repairs needed inside, including replastering the ceiling and walls where needed. Generous donations to a Restoration Fund in memory of Rene Hodgkins will help fund the work and more fund raising ideas are welcome. If you can help with any of these projects, please email Sue Hodgkins at [Lamoine.historical.society@yahoo.com](mailto:Lamoine.historical.society@yahoo.com).

his son, Rev. John Holt, at the April 2nd town meeting.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1-Town Office Closed—Holiday	2-7PM Assessors	3-7PM Veterans Memorial Cmte 7PM Fire Dept	4-Nomination Papers available for 4/1/08 election	5
6	7-5:30 PM School Cmte 7PM Public Hearing—School Bond Referendum	8-6:30-PM Planning Board	9-7PM Conservation Commission	10-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	11	12
13	14	15-7PM Parks Commission	16	17-7PM Fire Dept	18	19
20	21-Town Office Closed—Holiday	22-7PM School Bond Referendum Hearing	23-Veterans Memorial Cmte.	24-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	25	26-10AM to Noon Rabies Clinic @ Town Hall
27	28	29-Town Meeting Referendum Vote	30	31-7PM Fire Dept.		

## February 2008—Town of Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4-5:30 PM School Committee	5-7PM Planning Board	6-7PM Assessors	7-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	8	9
10-1PM Democrat Caucus	11	12	13-7PM Conservation Commission	14-7PM Fire Dept	15-Nomination Petitions Due	16
17	18-Town Office Closed (President's Day)	19	20-7PM Veterans Memorial Committee	21-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	22	23
24	25	26-7PM Parks Commission	27	28-7PM Fire Dept.	29	

## March 2008—Town of Lamoine Schedule

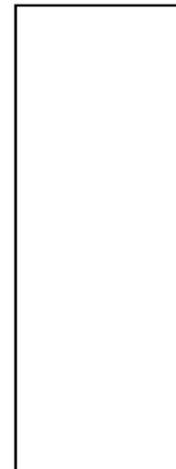
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2	3-5:30 PM School Committee	4-7PM Planning Board	5-7PM Assessors	6-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	7	8
9	10	11	12-7PM Conservation Commission	13-7pm Fire Dept	14	15
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