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Voters Approve Renovation, Reject Addition & Gym In Record Turnout

(Lamoine) - The vote was very close, the turnout set a record, and the post election analysis rampant following a special town meeting referendum on January 23rd. When the votes were counted, Lamoiners approved a bond to fund renovations at the Lamoine Consolidated School to the tune of \$652,300 by a vote of 582 to 185. The other part of the bond package, however, went down to defeat - 348 yes to 420 no. That package would have funded an addition to replace the two portable classrooms, build a new gym, and convert the present substandard gym into multiple purpose space and administrative offices.

Many voters cited the timing of the referendum for the rejection. A few weeks before the vote and after the date had been settled, Governor John Baldacci released his plan for consolidating school districts statewide. The original plan by the Governor would have boiled the Lamoine school department into a huge district covering nearly all of Hancock County, and a few towns in Waldo and Washington Counties. While the governor had no plans to close any schools, under his proposal each district had the power to shut down a school if the population didn't warrant a community school remaining open. The uncertainty over consolidation led to several no votes on the gym and classroom addition.

The campaign in the days leading up to the vote was vigorous. Opponents

led by former Selectman Richard Davis distributed a flyer to select voters projecting the property tax to double if the gym/classroom addition vote were to pass. The true figure was that the addition would add an average of 1-mill to the property tax rate over the 20-year life of the bonds. A flyer distributed by the school department was questioned as to whether it was an appropriate use of school funding by opponents.

Some Budget Committee members felt the issue had been rushed to voters and the committee did not have a chance to weigh in on the plan. There were time constraints on the renovation loan part. That portion of the project which will repair basic systems must be substantially complete by December. The school committee felt it would be more economical to proceed with both plans at once as an economy of scale for a contractor would come into play.

Had the vote passed Selectmen were discussing whether to utilize funds raised by the Jina's Gym Fund (see page 7) and funds from the gravel sale to Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. to either offset the bond price or to enhance the project.

The school department has just received word that more extensive work to the roof may be required by the state. The school committee will discuss that at its April meeting, and the entire campus package will warrant more meetings.



Rejected

The plan above that would have added the rear portion to the school and reconfigured the entrance and parking was turned down by 62 votes.

Annual Litter Pickup Set for May 19th

(Lamoine) - The 2007 version of Lamoine's Roadside Cleanup will be on Saturday, May 19th beginning at 8:30 AM. Volunteers armed with gloves, orange vests and trash bags will roam the roadsides to pick up the litter that has accumulated since last May.

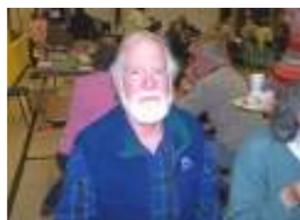
Once again McFarland Road resident Georgia Munsell has agreed to head up the cleanup effort for the Conservation Commission. Last year 38-volunteers picked up 2,240 pounds of trash from alongside the road in just 3-hours from a limited number of roads. More volunteers are needed to cover all parts of town.

Cold Day, No Races, Lead To Light Town Election Turnout

(Lamoine) - Everyone who turned in their nomination petitions to appear on the annual town meeting ballot was elected to office. Just enough candidates ran for the six slots open. For Selectman, voters

returned Richard Fennelly to office with 119 votes and approved of Appeals Board Chair Chris Tadema-Wielandt with 117 votes. Christina Maguire-Harding had 126 votes and Nancy Sargent 106 for the 3-

year school committee seats. Incumbent chair Faith Perkins will fill a 2-year seat after getting 140 votes. And Assessor Board chair Jane Fowler returned with 153 votes. Turnout was just under 12%



Chris Tadema-Wielandt



Richard Fennelly Jr.



Christina Maguire-Harding & Son



Nancy Sargent



Faith Perkins



E. Jane Fowler



Some Place To Call Home

The interior of Steuben's salt/sand shed is just one of the many options being explored by Selectmen. The new plow contract requires the town provide a storage facility

(Lamoine) - Just one bid came in to plow Lamoine's public roads

for the next three winters, and it has some big strings attached. Nankervis Trucking, the town's present plow contractor, was the sole bidder, and the bid will require the town to provide a salt/sand storage facility.

Selectmen are eyeing the land where the former salt/sand pile sat for many years, uncovered, next to the present transfer station. That site was discontinued after it polluted wells at two nearby homes. Former Selectman Perry Fowler generously offered to help with

Town Needs Salt/Sand Facility

seeing the project through so that a shed is constructed before the next plowing season starts in October 2007. A preliminary design supplied by Fowler would run in the neighborhood of \$125,000.

Permitting from the state and the local Planning Board is needed, and an engineer will be required for a project of this magnitude in order to comply with state law. A special town meeting is likely in June to fund the project.

Colemans Honored for Conservation

(Lamoine) - Seal Point Road residents Douglas and Beverly Coleman have received the first annual Conservation Award from the Lamoine Conservation Commission. The citation was delivered just prior to the start of the annual town meeting on March 7th.

The Colemans have placed a conservation easement on much of their property and created numerous hiking trails on 55-acres of land they formerly owned across Seal Point Road from their home. They donated that land to the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine.

Dr. Coleman is no stranger to awards. Before retiring from the Jackson Laboratory, he was instrumental in helping discover genes that are associated with diabetes, setting the groundwork for much of today's treatment and research for the disease.

The new plaque will hang in the town hall with subsequent winner names to be engraved each year.

Town Rejects Right of Way Power

(Lamoine) - One of the more contentious arguments at the annual town meeting involved a request by the Selectmen to negotiate and approve a right-of-way over a small strip of town owned land with Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. The land involved was mined by Gott for gravel over the past several years, and sits between land owned by Gott and land owned by Deerworldz, LLC which Gott is presently mining for gravel. Gott has a right of way over the same lot of land that meanders around the former landfill and enters onto Route 184 (Lamoine Beach Road) at the old landfill entrance.

Selectmen felt an approximately 200-foot straight right of way with Gott relinquishing the old right of way made environmental and public safety sense, but had not negotiated a formal plan to bring to town meeting, opting instead to ask for blanket authority to enter the agreement.

A few voters cited distrust of recent gravel contracts and said they wanted town meeting to have the final say over any agreements with the Southwest Harbor based contracting company.

At the meeting following the town meeting, Selectmen asked that Gott's surveying company submit a proposal showing the right-of-way and the present right of way that could be presented to a future town meeting for final approval.

The land involved is located behind the Lamoine Transfer Station. The town last year was paid nearly a quarter million dollars for gravel removed from the area by Gott under previous contract. Voters approved of setting that money aside in a capital improvements fund.



*The First Annual
Doug & Beverly Coleman accept the first annual Land
Conservation Award from Conservation Commission
Chairman Fred Stocking at Town Meeting.*

Voters Approve Creation, Money for Land Fund

(Lamoine) - A fair amount of debate and explanation came before the annual town meeting voted to establish a fund to set aside money to put toward purchase of land or easements to ensure public access in town. The idea was the brainchild of the Land Conservation subcommittee of the Conservation Commission.

Creation of the fund was designed to give the town a mechanism to accept donations to add to the fund from private sources. At least one person has offered to match a town contribution of up to \$1,000.

The budget committee did not recommend any funding for the article, while the Conservation Commission had requested \$1,000. Voters approved the thousand dollar request.

Subdivision Wins Approval—Another is re-designed

(Lamoine) - Planning Board members gave conditional approval to an 8-lot subdivision located on Route 204 (Partridge Cove Road) in January. The approval was predicated on developer Wayne Wright, the owner of Coastline Homes, remove references to multi-unit homes from the plan and show the buildable area on each lot is the required 40,000 square feet. Mr. Wright has subsequently complied with both conditions. The Planning Board approved a waiver to allow entrances to a few of the lots directly from the state highway instead of the subdivision road.

Meanwhile, a proposed subdivision at the corner of Douglas Highway and Shore Road is being reconfigured, and the new plan will come before the Planning Board in April for a completeness review. The Board expressed concern about the safety of an entrance at the intersection that was recently rebuilt by the Maine Department of Transportation.

Appeals Board Members Named

(Lamoine) - **Warren Craft** moved away from Lamoine, leaving his seat on the Board of Appeals vacant. Selectmen appointed alternate member **Griff Fenton** to move into the full membership slot to replace Mr. Craft, and appointed Walker Road resident **Merle Bragdon** to the vacant alternate position on the board. Mr. Bragdon has taken an active interest in town affairs, helping air several meetings on the Cable TV channel.

When **Chris Tadema-Wielandt** was elected to the Board of Selectmen, he had to resign as Appeals Board chair. Instead of opening the position to the public at large, Selectmen felt it was important to have an attorney to serve on the board and asked attorney **James Crotteau** of Berry Cove Road to replace Tadema-Wielandt, and he has accepted. State law prohibits a Selectman from serving on the Board of Appeals.

Transmission Line Seeks Local Permits

(Lamoine) - Bangor Hydro Electric officials met with the Planning Board during the winter to find out exactly what permits will be required for a major transmission line that will cut through the northern tip of town. Planners determined that a Site Plan Review permit and a commercial building permit would be required. The utility, which has submitted applications to the Public Utilities Commission and the Maine DEP, is expected to submit both permit applications in the coming months. A copy of the DEP filing is available at the town hall.

Permits Issued

(Lamoine) - Though the building industry nationwide has slowed down, the number of permits issued in Lamoine held steady through the winter months. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford issued the following permits:

No	Name	Project
1	Richard McMullen	Shed
2	Elizabeth Belch	Residence
3	Michael/Michelle Hamby	Residence
4	Alice Atkins	Road/SZO
5	Steve/Athana Joy	Residence
6	James/Cheryl Claiborne	Residence
7	Cathy Smeal	Garage
8	Donald Harris	Barn
9	Frederic Frost	Steps/SZO
10	Earl Smart	Shed

Additionally, the Planning Board granted a home occupation permit to Christine & Shaun Donovan of Shore Road for operation of a kayaking business from their home.

If you care to track permits issued, they are posted on the town's website in the Code Enforcement Officer's area.

Harbor Ordinance Amendments Pass

(Lamoine) - "He's not here, yet!" That proclamation from Julie Herrick to the town meeting pretty much epitomized the hometown flavor of the town's legislative business. It came in response to a question for her husband, Harbor Master David Herrick, when the changes to the Harbor Ordinance were being discussed. The town meeting opted to table the matter until Mr. Herrick arrived, and after he did, the discussion was brief, and the amended ordinance passed easily.

The changes are fairly major in some areas in an effort to free up the waiting list. One of the provisions raises the mooring permit fee to \$50/year. In an unofficial comparison with other coastal communities, Lamoine had by far the

lowest annual mooring fee at \$15. The new fee is about the same for several communities Lamoine's size.

The ordinance will also require that the permit holder actually have a boat and that proof be submitted with the mooring renewal that the boat has been registered or excise tax paid on documented boats within the past two years.

When mooring balls are replaced in the field off Lamoine State Park, the new balls will have to meet Coast Guard standards. The new rules also clarify that mooring permits are not transferable with the exception of commercial fishermen passing moorings from parent to child. The ordinance will also require parental permission for a minor to have a mooring.

Parks Commissioners Named

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Parks Commission lost two members to resignations during the quarter. **William Fennelly** and **Thomas Barr** both submitted letters of resignation to the Selectmen.

Julie Herrick and **Shannon Sasso** have been named to fill the vacancies. Mrs. Herrick of Douglas Highway, said she is working to become a master gardener, and would like to do some projects at the town parks. She also serves as president of the Friends of Lamoine State Park organization. Ms. Sasso is a resident of Partridge Cove Road and works for the Lamoine General Store. She has also volunteered to help run the Cable TV station during various board meetings.

Flat Top 5K Year 2

(Lamoine) - The weather was nearly perfect (another 20-degrees warmer and winds about 20-miles an hour slower would have been better) for the 2nd annual Flat Top 5K road race in Lamoine.



And the winners are:
Right-Andy Goode of Orono was first across in 16:17. The first female was Elizabeth Brunton (left) of Birch Harbor in 19:27

A total of 155 racers and walkers registered for the event in the memory of former harbormaster Bill Pinkham. The event was sponsored in part by Lamoine's Parks Commission.

State Reviews Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

(Lamoine) - Perhaps the biggest surprise at the annual town meeting was the swift passage of the amended Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board was prepared to answer lots of questions about the ordinance. There were none. Several public meetings ahead of time helped the Planning Board to formulate the concerns of shorefront property owners as the final version of the ordinance was developed.

The final version of the ordinance has been sent to the Department of Environmental Protection for its review. A preliminary reading by the DEP indicates that it will receive conditional approval as consistent with state guidelines. Some of the conditions have to do with the effective date of the timber harvesting section, which gives enforcement responsibility to the State Department of Conservation, some section references, and minor inconsistencies within the ordinance.

The new ordinance did not change any of the setback requirements, which at 100 feet from the high water mark are greater than the state minimum of 75-feet.

Once approved by the DEP, the final version will be available at the town hall. A copy is presently posted at the town's website.

Deputy Dog Officer Resigns

(Lamoine) - Citing severe time constraints from his full time job, John Karst has resigned as the Deputy Animal Control Officer (ACO) for Lamoine. During his two years on the job, Mr. Karst served the town extremely well and conscientiously as an animal control officer. Selectmen thanked him for his service in accepting his resignation with regret.

Harry Lounder remains the ACO. Selectmen planned to meet with Mr. Lounder in late March to discuss whether a deputy is needed.

Town Loses Harbor Master, Replacements Named



Harbor Master Gerald Ford
Shown at Town Meeting in 2005, Gerry Ford served the town admirably as he battled cancer.

(Lamoine) - Town Harbor Master Gerald Ford passed away January 21, 2007—just a few weeks after the former President who bore the same name. He was 69-years old. A Seal Point Road resident for the past six years, Gerry was very dedicated to his duties as Harbor Master, a job he inherited with the sudden passing of the town's first Harbor Master, Bill Pinkham. Even as his health was failing, Gerry was instrumental in drafting up the needed amendments to the Harbor Ordinance that passed at the 2007 town meeting, and was a stickler for following the ordinance to the letter of the law.

Deputy Harbor Master David Herrick agreed to fill out Gerry's term until the end of June, and Falcon Lane resident Brian Corrigan has agreed to serve as David's Deputy for the term. Both attended the annual Harbor Master school in late March in Castine.

Long Range Planning Committee Dormant For Now

(Lamoine) - It started out like gangbusters in the summer of 2004, but the Long Range Planning Committee seems to have fizzled according to chair Brett Jones. The committee which surveyed the town on some key matters and made several suggestions to the Selectmen will remain dormant until given some direction by the Selectmen.

The committee formed in the building boom era of 2004 when subdivisions and home construction were going full tilt and threatened to overwhelm municipal services and possibly irreversibly change the character of Lamoine. The latest discussion has revolved around whether it's time to update the town's Comprehensive Plan that was last approved in 1996.

Town Meeting Approves Budgets New Vote Likely Needed For School Funding

(Lamoine) - The 2007/08 Budget received a lot of scrutiny, but looks remarkably similar to that recommended by the town's budget committee going into the town meeting. The only changes were addition of \$1,000 for the land conservation fund (see story, page 2) and a higher allocation for the Ellsworth Public Library by \$2,845. The increased budget will have no appreciable impact on the property tax rate.

The school budget had a fair amount of debate compared to previous years, and the written ballot required for the vote to exceed the Essential Programs and Services limit took approximately 25-minutes to conduct. When it was done, voters had approved an education budget of \$2,163,183.67 by a margin of 144 to 8. School Department business manager David Bridgham reports that the final

figures for the amount of General Purpose Aid to Education were set in late March, and Lamoine will receive \$73,232.27 less than last year. A special town meeting will likely be needed to adjust the education figures.

The perennial hot button issue of amounts to send to various social service agencies that request funding from the town also took some time to sort out, but the Budget Committee recommendations to fund only those agencies that appeared before the committee won out. Resident Kathy Stanley amended the Library funding article to the amount requested by the Library, noting that most of the budget committee was not present at town meeting, but a library representative was, and Mrs. Stanley noted that if attendance is the criteria, then the library should be rewarded for its attendance at both the Budget and Town meetings.

The last article on the warrant, to increase the limit of property tax commitment, was postponed indefinitely because no increase was needed thanks to use of surplus funds and other revenues. The municipal budget will increase by roughly \$19,000, but less will come from property taxes, the county tax will increase \$6,300, and the overall property tax needed to fund the budget as approved is up by \$23,236.09. That represents a 1.44% increase in the property tax needed. Because of the uncertainty in school funding required locally and costs for a salt/sand shed, it's not known yet if the property tax rate will increase significantly. Stay tuned for dates of special town meetings.



Voter in Training
Young Spencer Hamby mugs for the camera as town meeting gets ready to start. Mom, Dad and baby brother listened intently.

Assessors To Attempt Quarter Review

(Lamoine) - The three person Board of Assessors will visit approximately 25-percent of the town's properties this spring in an effort to make sure the property records are up to date. Jane Fowler, Terry Towne and Colene Sharkey agreed that a locally performed "quarter review" would be possible, saving a significant amount of money instead of hiring an appraisal firm to do it.

The quarter review is designed to pick up changes in construction quality, new construction, and identify property that might need further work from the town's appraisal firm.

The reviews will involve the assessors visiting each home identified on the tax records, taking a digital picture of the home, and comparing what is there to what is quantified in the tax records. The visits will take place in April, May and June.



Thanks Perry
Outgoing Selectman Perry Fowler receives a certificate of appreciation from Jo Cooper, Chair of the Board of Selectmen prior to the Town Meeting. Also honored for service were School Board members Tammy Dickey and Cathi Goebel

School Board Moves Meetings To Town Hall

(Lamoine) - Starting with the April meeting, the Lamoine School Committee will gather monthly at the town hall for their regular meetings, generally the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30 PM. The reason: easy Cable TV access.

The town hall is wired so that meetings can be easily televised from the meeting room—if need be without a technician present provided a board member knows how to put the system on the air.

School Committee chair Faith Perkins felt that having a large availability to the public would more accurately depict the school positions. She cautioned, however, that parts of the meeting would have to be in executive (non-public) session where personnel or students are discussed, and members and staff will have to be diligent about not discussing confidential matters on TV. Meetings will be replayed the day after on a repeating basis.

GET WET Spreads

(Lamoine) - In January, students in the 5th & 6th grades became water research assistants for the U-Maine George Mitchell Center's Groundwater Education Through Water Evaluation & Testing (GET WET) project. They tested their home water as part of the science curriculum. High School students in Ellsworth conducted similar experiments.

The success of last year's testing in Ellsworth and Lamoine has led to expansion of the project to Cape Elizabeth and Winterport. The information from the student tests will be used by the Conservation Commission.

Selectmen to Meet with Boards, Staff

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen did a quick goal setting session the night after town meeting, and one of those goals is to try to meet individually with each appointed board and each appointed official at some point during the year. The first of the meetings was planned for March 22nd with the Animal Control Officer. Many town officials work very independently and see the Selectmen only

Classroom Lease Revisited

(Lamoine) - The Selectmen and the School committee will work to agree to end the town's lease of two portable classrooms a year earlier than planned. Because virtually no reimbursement comes from the state for the lease that ends in 2008, it was agreed that weaning the municipal side of the budget from the \$28,416 in income from the school side of the budget would be in both parties best interest. That payment has been removed from the school budget and the income is out of the municipal budget.

when there is a problem. The idea is to hear from the 9 committee and the staff members as to what issues they face, what they might need to perform their jobs effectively, and how the Selectmen can help.

The Board also hopes to put on another volunteer appreciate night before school lets out for the year. A date has not yet been established.

Winter Proves Busy for Fire Department

(Lamoine) - The first half of March brought a spate of serious calls for the Lamoine VFD to handle. An industrial wood chipper working on Buttermilk Road caught fire and was fully engulfed on arrival. No one was hurt, but firefighters used about 500-gallons of foam and water to extinguish the flames. It's not known how the fire started. Earlier in the day, the fire department responded to an accident on Jordan River Road where a van went off the road and into the gully. The driver was not badly hurt.

Two days later Lamoine responded under the automatic mutual aid agreement to a building fire in Ellsworth on Davis Street (see pictures). Because the call came in during working hours, manpower was sought from literally across Hancock County. Ellsworth fire officials believe the blaze that destroyed the home started around a first floor wood stove.



Big Fire In Ellsworth
Above—LVFD Asst Chief Stu Marckoon backs up Trenton Asst. Chief Steve Corson as they flow water into a burning home on Davis Street (courtesy of Penobscot VFD)
At left, Lt. John Smith and Lt. Mike Jordan get gear from Rescue Engine 403 to take up to the fire. (courtesy of Heather Fowler)



On the 15th of March the fire department responded to a oil leak report on Lamoine Beach Road. It appeared that a snowplow had sheared off the top of the fill pipe for an underground tank and when the snow started melting, it forced oil out of the tank. Firefighter David Herrick Jr. fashioned a plug from a piece of firewood and the crew stuffed it and absorbent pads into the spout to stop the spill until the Department of Environmental Protection arrived. Cleanup crews hired by the DEP were on scene the next day to take care of the mess.

Firefighters responded to a half dozen motor vehicle accidents, only three of which were actually in town. Two accidents on Jordan River Road in Trenton required traffic control and assistance on the Lamoine end of the road, and the Hancock fire department requested that Mud Creek Road be shut down after a bad accident on the Route 1 end of the road.

LVFD personnel responded on St. Patrick's Day with barricades for several roads that had flooded. A chimney fire at a Walker Road residence was quickly extinguished without any significant damage in February. Firefighters assisted County Ambulance with transporting an ill person from a Meadow Point Road home down a narrow flight of stairs and into the ambulance.

Then there were the Girl Scouts. A smoke alarm was activated at about 5:15 PM on January 7th at the Lamoine Baptist Church, and on arrival, smoke was coming from the back door. It turned out the local Girl Scout troop had been baking dog biscuits in a microwave oven, and they were, shall we say, "well done". There was no damage to the church.

Bloomfield Park Road Explored

(Lamoine) - Town meeting gave approval to the Selectmen to come to an agreement with Stuart and Lisa Branch about Bloomfield Park Road. The Branches are concerned by the amount of traffic using the park road that runs in front of their home, and proposed moving the road so that the present road acts as a driveway, and the park access is better defined. That will allow the town to significantly improve the access road, eliminating the huge potholes that are on the private right of way leading to the park and the Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile Club building. No cost estimate has come for the new entrance plan yet.

Three FF's Attend Training

(Lamoine) - They're almost ready to run into buildings that normal folks would run out of. Jon Harris, Jennifer Reynolds, and Angie Butler have been spending their weekends attending the Hancock County Firefighter-One Academy. By the time they're done, each will have spent well over 100-hours of classroom and field work to become certified to respond to structural fire calls.

The highlight of the class was the live fire burns at the corner of Beechland Road and High Street in Ellsworth on February 25th. Firefighters practiced several aspects of interior fire attack by entering the burning buildings, putting out a real fire, and acting as safety backups to other crews. The building was completely burned following the practice fires.

Flash In the Pans To Play in August

(Lamoine) - The *Flash In the Pans* steel drum band will perform on Monday, August 28th at Lamoine State Park. This will be the 3rd straight year for the popular group to put on their show. The previous years have drawn a large crowd to the park and proved to be a good fund raiser for the sponsoring groups.

This year's performance is sponsored by the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department which will be cooking up dinner for sale at the park. It's suggested that folks car pool and arrive early—the performance starts at 7:00, dinner should be ready to go around 5:30 PM, and parking is often at a premium. In the event of rain, the band cannot play.

Veterans Memorial Committee News

(Lamoine) - If all goes well in the not too distant future, the Lamoine Town Hall could become home to a permanent Veterans' Memorial. The Selectmen officially formed the committee which had met informally for several months. Jo Cooper, the chair of the Selectmen, has served as chair of the Memorial Committee, and Assistant Town Clerk Kathy DeFusco as the secretary.

In addition to picking a site, the committee has been granted a bench from the Cole Foundation. Initial estimates for a memorial start at \$25,000, but work remains on a design. Jay Fowler has offered to do the site work.

Volunteer FF Policy Explored

(Lamoine) - Selectmen are reviewing a draft of a policy that lays out the process for town employees who are also members of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department when the call for help goes out. Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon is also the Assistant Fire Chief, and from time to time a call comes in when he's working at the Town Office alone, and response requires the office to be closed. It's expected that a formal policy on how best to respond to both functions will be in place by April.



Not a Fashion Statement
Firefighter in training Angie Butler prepares her SCBA under the watchful eye of Lamoine VFD Chief Skip Smith

Storms Wreak Havoc With Roads

(Lamoine) - You just knew we were going to pay for a relatively snow-free November through January, and we did - all at once! Valentine's Day didn't show much love for drivers as a heavy, wet snow fell, leaving behind about 8-inches, it turned to sleet and rain, and then it froze. Hard. Then the weather stayed beastly cold for a few weeks, leaving rock hard snow banks along the road sides.

Timing was everything for the February 14th storm, and it didn't work out well. Between the time the plow crew from Nankervis Trucking scraped the slush from the roads and more formed, the temperature dropped so quickly that it created a thick coating of glare ice on the roads. School was canceled for two straight days. Even the town office closed for an afternoon because it was impossible to get the steps free of ice to allow customers and workers to enter safely. It took over a week of salting, sanding and scraping to get back

down to the bare pavement on the local roads, and it made for a very bumpy ride for many motorists. The quick freeze and slush also clogged up many drainage



culverts, leaving a dangerous mess like the one shown above.

As the surface thaw began in March, more blocked culverts reared their ugly heads. The day before a major storm predicted for St. Patrick's Day Weekend, contractors Jay Fowler and JR Anderson cleared out several culverts. The snow this time was followed by heavy rain, and more culverts were overwhelmed, including this driveway culvert to the left that washed out the entrance to a home on Buttermilk Road. The town has submitted the shoulder damage estimates to the County Emergency Management agency in the event that a federal disaster might be declared for the state and the county. If there was enough damage, up to 75% of the repair costs may be covered.



Pit Entrance To Be Paved

(Lamoine) - The Planning Board renewed several gravel pit permits for Doug Gott & Sons in January—but with a condition. The pit entering Lamoine Beach Road just after Memory Lane will have its entrance paved prior to July 15th. Operations out of the pit created a muddy mess from large truck tires several times in the late fall and early winter, and when it rained, the road became very slippery. It's hoped a paved apron leading to the highway will alleviate that problem.

Grange Plans Changes

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Grange plans to become more of a community center, but the building urgently needs repairs to a leaky roof and dry clapboards. Electrical upgrades, insulation and new windows are planned to turn the facility into a year round building.

Carol Korty of the Grange reports they need money and volunteers. They've submitted grant applications and expect the renovations to cost up to \$45,000. Some tax deductible pledges have already been made. If you can lend a hand or make a donation, contact Carol after May 1st at 667-4441 or treasurer Yvonne Brann at 667-7559.

Recycling Tip: CFL Bulbs

By Lucia Michielli



Willie Wastenot

(Lamoine)-Compact fluorescent light bulbs use at least 2/3 less energy than standard incandescent bulbs, provide the same amount of light and last up to 10 times longer, according to the US EPA and Department of Energy. Although, the original cost of the CFL bulb is greater, you can expect to save \$30 or more in energy costs over the life of the bulb and when less electricity is used, fewer greenhouse gases are released.

Compact fluorescents are available in many sizes and shapes in local supermarkets and home stores. If you are not able to change all your bulbs at once, replace those that you use most often for greatest savings. This is one way we, as individuals, can save money and have an immediate positive effect on an environmental problem.

It is important to note that compact fluorescents include minute amounts of mercury and should **not** be put into regular trash, but should be disposed of where universal waste is accepted. Coastal Recycling, Rte 182, Hancock, accepts fluorescent bulbs of all kinds.

Town Office Security Options Explored

(Lamoine) - Selectmen and office staff at the Town Hall are thinking about security and safety a little more after a series of events in late January. An irate resident who refused to register to vote demanded to cast a ballot, and the town meeting moderator summoned the Sheriff's Department when he refused to leave. A few days later the same person entered the town office and made threatening moves to the clerk on duty when he didn't agree with answers to his questions. The town attorney drafted and served the resident with an order that bars him from entering the town office without making an appointment by phone with the Administrative Assistant.

The incidents also have prompted a look at the physical layout of the town office. One instant improvement was the addition of a door bell that activates when the front door opens. That will alert staff in any part of the building that someone is entering the building. Selectmen are also looking at enhancing the telephone system so that other personnel can be reached via intercom if need be. Installation of a deadbolt lock to be activated in an emergency lockout is also planned. When Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs returns, the staff will meet to look at the layout of the offices to suggest changes that may offer better protection to staff and a more efficient use of the office space.

Roads Posted

(Lamoine) - Selectmen authorized posing Buttermilk Road, Shore Road, Mill Road and Asa's Lane, preventing heavy trucks from using the local roads until the frost is out. The Maine DOT posted a portion of Route 184 in North Lamoine, Route 204 and Mud Creek Road. The Route 184 posting is likely to extend back to the town hall as conditions warrant. For the first time in a while, the posting started just after MacQuinn Road. At least one resident was upset by the smaller posting area because the town did not post MacQuinn Road. Selectmen approved of posting MacQuinn Road in late March.

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Lamoine Wins 7th Straight State Cheer Title

(Lamoine) - So how could cheering coach Cori-Lynn Noddin-Martin top the drama from last year after being involved in a motor vehicle accident and requiring several stitches one day before the state competition—then guiding her team to victory? How about being 9-months pregnant? Three days after the cheering squad brought home the trophy from the Wal-Mart State Junior High School cheering competition, Coach Cori-Lynn gave birth to a son—Caden Luca Martin on March 13th.



We Love Our 2007 State Champion Lions!
Front: (l-r) Malarie Brown, Natalie Young, Brittany Handy, Erin Beauvais
Middle: Anna Curtis, Katie Fennelly, Brittany Fronczak, Hannah Tardiff, Marissa Boynton, Kristy Eaton
Back: Heather Tupper, Sarah Willis, Lauren White, Liam King, Kayla Herbert, Rebecca Marckoon Brandon Rose

And how about that cheering team! They wowed the crowd twice this winter—winning back the Union 92 crown in February at Ellsworth High School with a nearly flawless performance. The competition for Union 92 featured the 15 girls on the squad — the two boys who joined after basketball season were still just finishing up that season and had not had a chance to practice with the team.

The state competition on March 10th came with some trepidation that Coach Cori-Lynn might not be available given the pending arrival, so assistant coach Bonnie Marckoon was at the ready

if need be. Not to worry, “Little Man” as he was dubbed held off for a couple days. The squad pulled off another nearly flawless performance in the mixed division, handily winning that. Not only did the team have the highest score in the division that included 5th through 8th graders, it also had the highest score of the entire competition—beating teams from much larger towns with no one younger than 6th grade.

The state program showed how much cheering has progressed in our area as the squads from Hancock and Surry both finished 2nd in their divisions.

Basketball Teams Fare Well

(Lamoine) - The boys are the champs and the girls overachieved—by a lot. That’s the summary from Lamoine’s basketball coach Michelle Morse after Lamoine’s basketball squads appeared in both Union 92 championship games.

The boys dropped their first game of the season to a talented squad from Surry, and then reeled of 11-straight wins, including a 30-to-24 decision over Surry in the final game at the Ellsworth Middle School.

The girls did not have a lot of experience going into the season, and finished the regular season with a 6-4 record, losing to Trenton and Cave Hill twice each. They met Cave Hill in the playoffs and won 44 –to-25. A much more experienced Trenton team prevailed in the championship match 33-to-19.

Military Personnel Updates

(Lamoine) - They weren’t here to see their standing ovation at the annual town meeting, but several young men from Lamoine should know they’re a hit back home.

Joshua Jones has completed his basic training at Camp LeJeune and was due to be deployed to the Middle East this month. **Nathaniel Jordan** tells his folks

all is OK where he’s deployed in Al Anbar province in Iraq. **Jason Richter** returned home in February from his deployment in Iraq, but expects another tour of duty soon.

Chad Smart who’s in the US Navy and **Frankie Gordon** with the US Coast Guard actually caught up with each other while on leave here in town, and stopped by the town office to vote.

Town Clerk Adds “Mommy” to Job List

(Blue Hill) - Congratulations to Lamoine’s Town Clerk/Tax Collector Jennifer Kovacs who gave birth to her daughter Annine Alexandra Kovacs on January 27th. Jenn says Annine is a little beauty and has brought her by the town office a couple of times while out on maternity leave. Assistant Clerk Kathy DeFusco has graciously filled in for Jennifer while she was out and made quite a fuss as an honorary aunt.

The office staff is glad to have Jennifer back on duty as of March 28th.



Jina’s Gym Gets Big Gift

(Lamoine) - Ellsworth developer Steve Joy and his family business have donated the proceeds from the sale of a subdivision parcel to the Jina’s Gym Fund in a transaction which does double duty. The lot was sold at a discount price to Habitat for Humanity which will eventually build a home for a qualifying family on the lot. The \$20,000 selling price has been deposited into the fund started by the family of Jina Haslam to build a new gym in her memory. That brings the fund to a little over \$175,000, but with an uncertain future.

The defeat of a school bond in January delayed plans for the new gym at the school, and the direction the school department will take in regard to the school campus remains unclear. A gym was identified as a top priority long before Miss Haslam’s tragic death in June 2005. The donations to the fund started by her grandmother Enid Neleski are being held by the School Department.



Changing Hands
Back (l-r) Linda Kelley of Habitat for Humanity, Bob & Patty Haslam, Enid Neleski. Front: School Committee Member Bob Pulver, and Rebecca Joy of SARJOY

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1	2-5:30 PM School Board	3-7PM Planning Board	4-7PM Assessors	5-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	6	7
8	9-10AM Rural Letter Carriers 7PM Cable TV	10	11-7PM Conservation Commission	12-7PM Fire Dept	13	14
15	16-Office Closed—Patriot's Day	17	18	19-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	20	21
22	23	24	25-7PM Veterans Memorial Cmte.	26-7PM Fire Dept	27	28
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13	14	15	16	17-7PM Selectmen* 7PM Fire Dept	18	19
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27	28-Office Closed, Memorial Day	29	30	31-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.		

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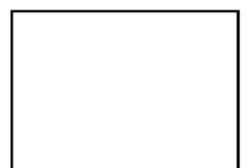
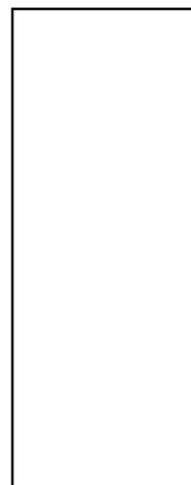
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