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Challengers Unseat Incumbent Selectmen

(Lamoine) - The number of professionally produced campaign signs for the race for



Selectman in Lamoine far outpaced the signs for presidential candidates at the local caucus elections in early March. With four candidates seeking two seats, perhaps the most spirited campaign in recent politics saw an impressive voter turnout, with 427 people casting ballots on town meeting day. When the clerks were done counting, Bob Christie and Kathleen Rybarz had slightly outpolled incumbent Selectmen Bernie Johnson and Nathan Mason. The vote totals were:

- ⇒ Christie 221
- ⇒ Johnson 199
- ⇒ Mason 194
- ⇒ Rybarz 206

Both winning candidates took office at the March 10, 2016 Selectmen's meeting

following the town meeting vote. They will serve until the annual town meeting in 2019.

Voters returned School Committee members Brett Jones (348 votes) and Bob Pulver (331 votes) and Tax Assessor Jane Fowler (350 votes) to office in uncontested races.

Ballot clerks Marion McDevitt and Kathleen DeFusco worked until about 10:30 PM tallying up the ballots by hand, as the state supplied voting machine does not work with the locally produced ballots.

Voters also overwhelmingly approved a change to the Donation Review Ordinance to increase the recommendation limit to \$700, passing that 299 to 107.



Kathleen Rybarz



Bob Christie & Family

Selectmen, Builder Reach Agreement on Improperly Placed Residence

(Lamoine) - File this one under "O" for "oops". The contractor to place a new modular home under construction on Douglas Highway received a building permit last October. The permit application indicated that the set back from Route 184 was 65-feet. The Building & Land Use Ordinance specifies that the setback from the road right of way must be at least 50-feet. Code Enforcement Officer Millard Billings approved based on the application submitted.

Fast forward a few weeks, and Broughman Builders dug the foundation hole, poured the footings, poured the foundation and set the house (shown above) on top. The company, though, failed to arrange for the Code Enforcement Office to conduct a setback inspection, thus, it did not happen.

Fast forward another few weeks to early January. When the builder went to sell the house and the new potential owner was ready to put a mortgage on it, the bank lined up to finance the project hired an inspector to look things over. The report back from the inspector showed the house was set back from Douglas Highway's right of way by roughly 37-feet. CEO Billings immediately issued a notice of violation when the company sought action



on how to cure the setback issue. The notice demanded that either the house be moved to the proper setback, or that the developer obtain a variance from the Board of Appeals.

Owner Michael Wight opted to seek the variance. The Board of Appeals ruled that it had no grounds to issue a setback variance. The Appeals Board ruled the building could have been placed elsewhere on the lot, albeit at significant expense to remove the newly poured foundation, build a new foundation, and place the house on the corrected setback foundation.

After the variance denial, the builders sought what they termed a "no action" letter from the Code Enforcement Officer which essentially would say that the town recognizes there is a violation of the Building and Land Use Ordinance, but does not intend to take any action on that alleged violation. CEO Billings relayed Mr. Wight's request to the Board of Selectmen which opted to hire an attorney to come up with options on how to proceed to enforce the alleged violation.

It turned out Mr. Wight utilizes the same attorney that the town uses (Tony Beardsley), so the Selectmen hired Diane

O'Connell to handle the matter.

The Board, upon O'Connell's suggestion, had CEO Billings and Assistant CEO Rick Gallegos conduct their own measurements on the building setback, which confirmed the mortgage inspection measurement.

Selectmen have voted to have Mrs. O'Connell draft up a consent agreement with Broughman Builders. Under the agreement, the building can remain where the foundation was poured, but a fence or shrubs and lawn will have to be planted between the road and the building, no other development can take place in that area, the access driveway and parking area must be either beside the home or behind it. Additionally, Broughman will pay the town for its legal fees and a violation fine of \$50.00 per day from the time of the Notice of Violation until the day the Selectmen authorized the consent agreement, which totals roughly \$3,450. Finally, the Code Enforcement Officer will have to perform all final inspections to issue a Compliance certificate prior to permanent occupation. Both sides signed the consent agreement in late March, ending the matter.

After Lull, Planning Board Business Up Subdivision, Detailing Shop Submitted for Consideration

(Lamoine) - For the first time in years, an agenda for the Planning Board contained no project applications to consider, and the Board actually got a chance in March to plan. The discussion revolved around potential changes to the Floodplain Zoning Ordinance, the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, a proposed Appeals Board Ordinance and updates to the Construction Permit Application. The respite was short lived.

For April, the Board has received two applications for new projects. Subdivision developer Tim Ring has proposed adding 7-lots to the existing Marlboro Woods Subdivision located on Lydia's Lane that runs off the Partridge Cove Road. The current subdivision ends in a cul-de-sac that would expand the road and serve the new lots. The plan also calls for an underground tank and fire hydrant to serve the entire subdivision. The new

development would create a total of 25-lots on the original land area. The Planning Board will look over the proposal at its April 4th meeting to make sure the application is complete. If so, the board would schedule a site visit to be followed by a public hearing prior to any final action on the plan.

The other submission comes from Michael Bradford who runs a vehicle detailing business. A preliminary site plan review application proposes to build a new shop and two self storage units off Jordan River Road beside Bradford's Auto which is operated by his father, Clifton. The board has received a preliminary application and will review that for completeness before Bradford submits the formal application, presumably in the coming months. A public hearing for the site plan review and commercial building permit would be required.

Floodplain Ordinance Up For Vote

(Lamoine) - The town's Planning Board has recommended adoption of a new Floodplain Management Ordinance at a special town meeting to be held on May 24, 2016. The ordinance will update the



Preliminary flood hazard maps are on file at the town hall if you wish to check to see what zone a coastal property is in.

one voters last approved in November, 2003. The flood maps will arrive sometime in July, replacing the previous

maps that were last formulated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in 1981.

A look over the preliminary maps shows very little change in the flooding information for Lamoine. In some cases, the flood plains do not encroach as high as previously mapped 35-years ago. Several other towns in Hancock County have hired professional engineering firms to challenge the FEMA mapping.

The Selectmen will place the question before an open town meeting on May 24th. The Planning Board will set a public hearing date as required by law prior to that town meeting.

The Floodplain Ordinance is important to coastal property owners, especially when they seek to obtain a mortgage on a property. Without an ordinance, it is difficult for coastal property owners to obtain flood insurance which is a key component to eventual mortgage approval.

Building, Gravel Permits Issued

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Planning Board has issued permits to Doug Gott and Sons, Inc. to continue mining several parcels of gravel covered land, ending the latest round of gravel permits following passage of the revised gravel ordinance. The company says it is going to restore a previously permitted parcel in North Lamoine, and discontinue the permit. The operations renewed included the "Smith" pit (behind the transfer station) and the "B&H" pit, just west of the Smith pit. The permits are in effect until October of 2018.

In addition to the Planning Board permits, Code Enforcement Officer Millard Billings issued the following permits during the first quarter of the year:

#	Name	Type
1	Fowler, Jane	Shed
2	Young, Frank/Wendy	Expansion

3	Jones/Wyshak	Med Ofc.
4	McMullen, Steve	Com'l Shed
5	Fowler, Perry	Addition
6	Stanwood, Robert	Garage
7	Thomas, Brian	Barn Addn
8	Workman, Stewart	Residence
9	Nichols, Jenny	Shed
10	Kennedy, Samantha	Mob. Home
11	Havey, Melody	Deck
12	Swanson, Carl	Garage
13	Chapman, Jason	Deck
14	Haass, Blake	Residence

Just a reminder that any project greater than 100 square feet, or any building in the Shoreland Zone requires a permit .

Selectmen Sell Foreclosed Property to Previous Owner

(Lamoine) - The former owners of an undeveloped parcel have purchased the property back from the town for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest. The town received payment in late March.

Ironically, the family of the late Doris Delsles, had purchased the lot in question (Map 14 Lot 1) in a tax acquired property sale in 2000, submitting the highest bid for the 3.4 acre parcel that abuts land that has been in their family for centuries.

The town filed a tax lien on the land in 2014 and the lien automatically foreclosed to the municipality 18-months after it was filed and no payment was received.

Planning Board Approves Doc's Office, Salt/Sand Shed

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Planning Board has given the go-ahead to a pair of commercial building projects that will add to the small business climate in town. The board members gave unanimous approval to Dr. Patricia Wyshak's plan to place a small doctor's office/clinic on a subdivision lot that she and husband Brett Jones own on Walker Road. The plan is to establish a small, private practice in Lamoine.

The other project approved is a salt/sand storage building on the Partridge Cove Road. The approval was actually a renewal of the same building that received site plan review approval several years ago from the Planning Board, but was never constructed. McMullen Landscape & Construction is building the small storage shed. Planning Board member Richard McMullen recused himself for consideration, since he operates the company which is also the town's snow plowing contractor. The salt and sand for the town roads will remain in the municipal salt sand shed on Lamoine Beach Road.

Loam Removal Settled

(Lamoine) - The Selectmen have signed a consent agreement with a Mud Creek Road landowner and RF Jordan & Sons in Ellsworth following removal of a significant amount of topsoil without a permit. Under the agreement, the landowner will allow Jordan to regrade and reseed the land so that grass grows again and water flows properly along the state road. Jordan has paid a \$500 penalty imposed by the town.

Special Town Meeting Slated for May 24, 2016



Open Town Meeting is Swift Affair

(Lamoine) - At least one town official (OK, the guy writing this article) got a little nervous when the annual article to send state funds to the snowmobile club to maintain their trails got bogged down in questions and debate, thinking it could be an ominous sign of what was designed to be a relatively benign town meeting. The discussion went much smoother after that article, and the annual meeting was over in just over an hour from when moderator Joe Marshall opened the get together.

Only one change to the printed warrant was made—an increase in the social services budget by \$600 to Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.

More than 70 voters attended the meeting on March 9th in the Lamoine Consolidated School gym. Joe Marshall was elected the moderator the previous morning. Marshall, who lives on Coley Cove Road, replaced Harvey Kelley this year who was not available to perform the moderating duties. Mr. Marshall has experience as the moderator of the town meeting in Southwest Harbor for many years and drew high praise from meeting



Moderator Maurice "Joe" Marshall led the action at the annual meeting.

attendees for his efficiency at running the meeting.

In addition to swiftly approving the articles for the annual budget, voters also approved an article to extend the lease of land on which the Verizon Wireless cell tower stands by 20-years. In return, the town will receive a \$20,000 signing bonus. That bonus will be split among the newly created Sesquicentennial Fund, the Heating Assistance Fund, and the Recreation Fund. Selectmen signed the contract with the cell tower company at their organization meeting the next night.

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have set May 24, 2016 as a town meeting night to set the school budget in place, and to decide a pair of non-school questions, one of which is expected to generate a lot of questions and discussion; where to send Lamoine's trash beginning in 2018.

The school committee and superintendent of schools are working on the 2016/17 budget and promise to have it ready well before the scheduled town meeting. As of the first of April it was not known what impact the budget will have on the property tax rate. The municipal and county budgets will have virtually no impact when compared to the current fiscal year.

Selectmen also plan to place the Floodplain Ordinance (see page 2) on the warrant, and a very long and complex article (possibly more than one) on where to send the town's trash.

Lamoine's trash is currently trucked to the PERC incinerator in Orrington, but the contract there runs out in March 2018 (roughly 2-years from now). The town also belongs to the Municipal Review Committee (MRC), and that group plans to build a trash to fuel plant in Hampden to be operational by the time the PERC contract expires. The contract offer from MRC is about \$16/ton less than the cost to send trash to PERC, but PERC officials met with area government leaders and point out that the incinerator is all built, debt free, and is a proven operation. Virtually every other town that has already decided has opted to remain with the MRC and commit its trash to the yet to be built facility that will be operated by a company called Fiberright.

Lamoine resident Ken Smith has graciously devoted a lot of time and effort reviewing the MRC contract and reviewed the options for the town, and prepared an analysis. It will be up to the board to decide which option to offer to the town meeting.

Gordon Donaldson is Citizen of the Year

(Lamoine) - Perhaps the biggest challenge for Lamoine's Board of Selectmen is to pick a person to receive the Citizen of the Year honor at the annual town meeting. There are often several folks who have done outstanding things for the community, and the idea is to keep it a surprise, but to make sure the person is there at the town meeting night to accept the honor.

The choice for 2016 was swift and unanimous once Selectmen wrote it down during an open meeting—Gordon Donaldson. The retired U-Maine and public school educator has been fiercely loyal to the town as a Planning Board member for nearly 30-years, retiring from that post last summer. He even assisted with writing a proposed change to the Gravel Ordinance that went before voters last fall. He also led the effort to withdraw from RSU 24 a couple of years ago, and still sits on the Lamoine School Committee.



Gordon Donaldson accepts the Citizen of the Year plaque from Selectboard Chair Gary McFarland at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

When his name was announced at the annual town meeting, Donaldson said he was quite pleasantly surprised to receive such an honor.

The Donaldson home now has two Citizen of the Year plaques—his wife, former Selectman Cynthia Donaldson was honored with the same award in 2013.

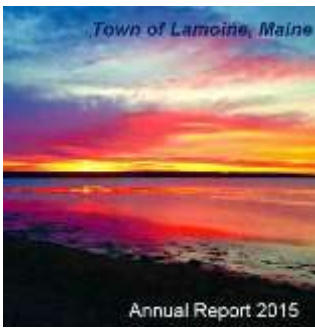
Selectboard Chair Retained

(Lamoine) - The chair of the Board of Selectmen will remain in that role after a unanimous vote by the Selectmen. Gary McFarland has held the chairman's position since 2014. Long time board member Jo Cooper was unanimously selected as the vice chairman, leading meetings in McFarland's absence.



Conservation Award Winners Named
The Lamoine Conservation Commission named the folks who participate in the Adopt A Highway litter cleanup program as the 2016 Conservation Award Recipients. Those who attended town meeting (from left to right) were Gordon Donaldson, Lynda & Chris Tadema-Wielandt, Kathleen Rybarz, Doug Stewart, Bruce Gillett Diane & David Sanderson and Steve McMullen.

Town Report Published



(Lamoine) - The 2015 annual town report has been available since mid-February at the Town Office. The report features a colorful cover photo taken by Meadow Point Road resident Camille Legere as the sun rose over Frenchman Bay in the summer of 2015. It was a unanimous choice of the Selectmen.

The report also features numerous color photos of events that occurred during 2015 on the back cover, and at 109 pages, it is the largest town report printed in town history. Many people take pride in their collection of town reports over the years. There are plenty still available at the town office. The town can't mail them out, but the electronic version is posted on the town's website in a computer printable format.

Comprehensive Planning, Rec Committee Resignations

(Lamoine) - The secretaries of two town boards have submitted their resignations, and the Board of Selectmen accepted them "with reluctance". Becky Mason has stepped down from the Recreation Committee. She was an original member when the committee formed in the winter of 2015, and served as secretary since its beginning. The Rec Committee has several alternate members and will likely recommend an alternate to fill the full voting position in the near future.

Bonnie Marckoon has stepped down as a member of the Comprehensive Planning Committee where she also served as secretary since the committee was formed in 2014. Taking her place as a full voting member is Andrea Ames who has been an alternate member since the committee's formation.

No Property Purchase for School

(Lamoine) - A half acre parcel adjacent to the Lamoine Consolidated School lot will remain on the tax rolls. The school committee and Selectmen authorized Superintendent of Schools Katrina Kane to begin discussions with the property owner to see if there was interest in selling the parcel which contains a single family dwelling and a garage. Kane and the owner were not able to agree to terms on a possible town purchase, and the home was occupied at the time. Any purchase would have to get town meeting approval and funding.

Church Renovation Reveals Surprise

Re-Dedication Set for April 10th.

By Joel Ackerman

(Lamoine) - The interior of the Lamoine Baptist Church is sparkling with fresh paint on the walls and ceiling, thanks to wonderful work done by Sprague Generations of Lamoine during January and February. The project was funded by the generosity of past church members and the estate of Merrill Boynton. The task was not easy, with lath and plaster dating back to 1853 and a 19' ceiling. The crew stripped off wallpaper dating back to the 1960s revealing a dark stenciled border above the chair rail and a painted cross in the archway behind the pulpit. The ceiling had water damage and gravity had taken its toll. The Sprague crew built a huge staging to reach the ceiling, added a floor for working space and covered the old ceiling plaster with sheetrock. Then began the restoration work, carefully replicating the design first painted in 1871. In addition to the painting, Eastern Mold and Remediation did work to remedy dampness on the north wall and some electrical work has been



completed. Painting at lower levels, replacement of the faded carpet and adding more lighting are items still to be done.

The Lamoine Baptist Church will hold a special service to re-dedicate the sanctuary and invite everyone to attend. The Re-dedication Service is scheduled for Sunday, April 10 at 3 PM and will include music, scripture, special guests, a reception, and a display of photographs.

Stolen Street Signs Replaced

(Lamoine) - A rash of street sign thefts in late 2015 has cost the town a good chunk of change in replacement and installation costs. An inventory of the street name signs revealed about 15-signs missing in action. The town posted a plea on its Facebook page for their return, but with no luck this time. One of the Bangor TV stations even did a story on their nightly newscast about the thefts.

The crew from McMullen Landscaping & Construction had some time on their hands thanks to a lack of snow to plow and reset the new signs the town ordered. The replacement project cost nearly \$800, or about \$56 per sign.

Many don't realize the importance of the street name signs. Delivery services like UPS and FedEx rely on them to accurately drop off packages. In fact, it was a UPS driver that alerted the town office via Facebook about the missing street name signs during the busy Christmas delivery season. Even more importantly public safety agencies (police, fire, and ambulance) find the signs absolutely vital when responding to 9-1-1 calls. The thefts were reported to law enforcement agencies.

Shoreland Survey Planned

(Lamoine) - Maine's Department of Marine Resources will conduct a shoreline survey in Lamoine to try to determine whether sewage pollution is impacting shellfish. The area around Lamoine Beach has closed to clam digging periodically due to pollution found on the mud flats. In a letter to the town, DMR Supervisor David Miller says the survey started in March and will continue through November.

The staff will walk the coastline and make observations of potential and actual pollution sources that may impact shellfish harvest areas. Homeowners can expect the DMR staff to briefly interview them regarding the condition of their septic system.

Should the survey identify a problem area, the staff will inform the town's plumbing inspector who will investigate whether a septic system might be failing. There are grants to provide state assistance to repair septic systems based on income eligibility.

The DMR says folks are welcome to contact the Shellfish Growing Area Program here in town at 667-5654.

Town Locks In Heating Fuel Prices

(Lamoine) - The 2016/17 budget just passed by voters already has good news. The price for heating fuel at the town hall and fire station will be much lower than projected. Lamoine, Hancock and Sullivan along with the Hancock and Lamoine School Departments jointly bid heating fuel prices for next winter while the price of crude oil was near its low point. As a result, the towns will pay

\$0.899 for propane and \$1.099 for #2 heating fuel. Acadia Fuel won the #2 bid while No Frills Oil submitted the low bid for propane.

The new prices represent a 10-cent/gallon drop for propane from the current year, and a \$0.90/gallon drop for oil. Thanks to the mild winter, the towns heating fuel consumption has dropped approximately 28-percent so far.

Fire Department Enjoys Membership Surge

(Lamoine) - While fire departments around the state are suffering from a lack of volunteers, something wonderful has happened in Lamoine—a lot of people have opted to become active members of the fire department in the past few months. At least seven new members have started showing up on Wednesday evenings to meetings, whether they be training sessions, work details or business meetings. The department has welcomed Sean McLaughlin and his son Remington, Eric Davidson, Robert Cooper, Hayden Sattler, Rick Martens and Phil Richter to the membership ranks. Firefighters Martens and Richter are currently enrolled in the Hancock County Firefighters

Academy, devoting their weekends to training to become certified as Firefighter I & II when they graduate in May.

One other young man who is in the process of moving into town has submitted an application as well—and he has experience and training from another community in Maine. The membership surge is unprecedented for the Lamoine VFD in recent memory. Chief George “Skip” Smith says the choice to join seems to be different for each member, and the department has not made any special effort to recruit. Space in the meeting room is a little cramped at times. The fire chief says that’s a wonderful problem to have.



Lamoine VFD members Phil Richter (top) & Rick Martens at Academy
Photos courtesy of Tina Smith, Fire Chicks Photography



Boiler Fails, Repaired at Fire Station

(Lamoine) - The relatively new boiler at the Lamoine Fire Station had a bad spell in February when the outside temperature dipped below zero. The unit would start up, run for about a minute and a half, and then shut down, leaving the building extremely cold, but not to the point of freezing. Captain Michael Jordan who hangs around the fire station on a fairly regular basis during the day first noticed the problem. A call to the regular

maintenance company went unanswered, so the town office contacted Osborne’s Plumbing & Heating which had installed the new furnace at the town hall, and they responded promptly. Three visits later, with a visual analysis by an expert on the boiler, and the problem seemingly was solved. A combination of a failed sensor in the boiler, air in the heating lines, and vents on those lines led to the system’s problems.

Busy Winter for Fire Department

(Lamoine) - Lamoine’s Volunteer Fire Department responded to 20-calls for help in the first quarter of 2016. Seven of those calls came on the same evening—January 10th when a wind and rain storm howled through Downeast Maine, bringing down numerous trees and wires. Some parts of town were without power for a couple of days.

Another storm on February 16th created similar problems, and a South Birchlawn Drive homeowner called 9-1-1 when smoke started coming out of a wall socket in his kitchen when the power came back on. Firefighters from Hancock, Ellsworth and Trenton were en route to the scene when Lamoine command canceled mutual aid. The entrance line into the home was damaged when the ground line was disconnected, sending power surging through the home at high voltage. The smoke came from a plug-in fragrance device.

A resident of Birchaven Trailer Park on Douglas Highway called after their kitchen caught fire in February. The homeowner was able to put it out before arrival. It was not clear how that fire started.

A furnace malfunction on Lamoine Beach Road that created black smoke also put mutual aid companies on alert before the first arriving firefighters determined help was not required. The fire department responded to assist County Ambulance with a couple of medical emergency situations, both on Seal Point Road.

Firefighters responded to a pair of motor vehicle accidents, on Douglas Highway and Pinkhams’ Flats. Both drivers suffered minor injuries.

Lamoine also responded to a mutual aid structure fire on the Surry Road in Ellsworth with three trucks and 10 personnel in March. 93-year old Roice Saunders perished in that blaze—many in Lamoine knew Mr. Saunders who cared for horses throughout the area and was also an avid trapper.

Fire Department Requests Grant to Replace Airpacks



This tree on Buttermilk Road broke the power lines feeding the eastern end of the road. Emera Maine eventually removed the hazards.

(Lamoine) - The town awaits word from DHS, FEMA on an AFG for SCBAs. Translation, the fire department has submitted a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an Assistance to Firefighting Grant (AFG), requesting Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). If successful, the town would receive 95% of the cost to purchase 10 new SCBAs (better known as airpacks), replacing ones that the federal governments considers obsolete. Each unit would come with the regulator, two air bottles and a mask, and would outfit the fire trucks with new units. The cost for a single SCBA is approximately \$6,900.

Most of the SCBAs currently in use are more than 10-years old, and were rebuilt from an older style airpack which contained about 15-minute worth of air. The current and new airpacks last about 30-minutes, depending on how strenuous the firefighting activity is.

SCBAs are required for any type of interior firefighting. They keep firefighters supplied with clean air to breathe in a hazardous environment and are essential to search and rescue and property preservation in a fire. It’s not know if or when a grant will be awarded.

Animal Control Officer Writes Tickets

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Animal Control Officer (ACO) Shannon Byers had to issue two court summons to residents during the quarter. One summons followed a dog bite at a Mud Creek Road home. The home owner was requested to quarantine the dog which nipped a child visiting the home, breaking the skin. It’s not the first

dog bit incident at the address.

A second summons went to a Rusty’s Lane dog owner after numerous complaints about the dog running at large.

Dog owners are reminded to get their animals registered soon, as official warnings will be issued in April.

Electronic Waste Collection Date is June 25th

(Lamoine) - After a huge collection of broken computer monitors, old televisions and all sorts of gadgets that became obsolete last year in Lamoine, the company that conducted the pickup will return in 2016. Electronics End will set up at the salt/sand shed next to the transfer station to collect electronic items that can't be thrown into the regular trash.

Volunteers from the Conservation Commission assisted last year, and a local girl scout troop has said it will help with unloading vehicles again this year. The town will invite neighboring communities to join in the E-Waste collection.

The Brewer based company said last year's collection which filled four huge pallets with old electronics greatly exceeded their expectation for a town the size of Lamoine. The tentative schedule for collection is from 9am to 1pm, but check the town's web page toward the first of June for confirmation on the times.

Town Extends Snow Plowing Contract

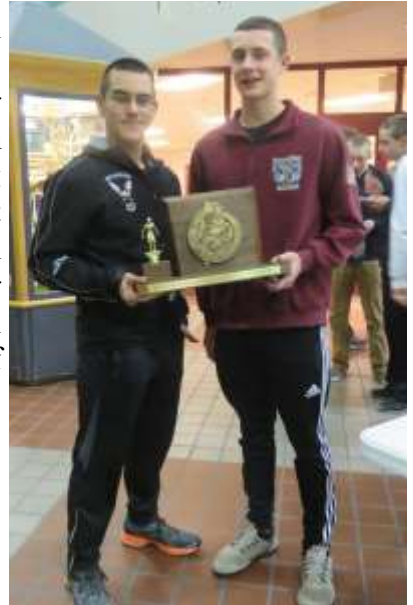
(Lamoine) - Townspeople seem generally pleased with the job that Richard McMullen and his crew have done plowing the town roads for the past several years, and Selectmen have invoked an extension clause in the last contract to keep them on the job for another two years. Negotiations began in December and after a couple of meetings, both sides agreed to a new contract that will increase the payment by 10-percent for the final two years. In return for the higher base payment, an escalator clause to provide for compensation should there be an unusual number of storm events or the price of diesel increases severely has new parameters. To kick in, 54 storm events would be needed, and the diesel escalator is based on the price at the start of the contract. The escalation provides for up to 5-percent extra when either situation is met. Both sides have signed the extension through the winter of 2018.



The crew from McMullen Landscape & Construction makes a pass by the town hall during one of the very few snow events in the winter of 2015/16

Ellsworth High Swim Team State Champs

(Brunswick) - It was a great season for the Ellsworth High School swim team, with one of its key swimmers hailing from Lamoine, and another who lives just over the North Lamoine town line in Hancock. Sam Alvarado and Hayden Sattler (shown right) were among the team members who helped to shatter records first at the PVC Championship, and then at Bowdoin College in the state championship, giving Ellsworth its first ever swimming title. The Boys basketball team at Ellsworth also won an Eastern Maine title. Dylan Kelley of Lamoine is one of the team members who will graduate in June.



Selectmen Name CTV Operator

(Lamoine) - Tim Sobel of Ellsworth was named the new Cable TV Operations Manager after a recommendation from the town's Technology Committee. Sobel has experience in radio broadcasting and studied video production while a student at

the Hancock County Technical Center. He replaces Kendall Davis III who has moved out of state. Sobel will begin work soon.

Boat Wreck Located off State Park

(Lamoine) - A funny thing happened when lobsterman David Herrick Jr. tried to pull up one of his traps last fall—it got stuck on something. After a little investigating, it tuned out the trap had gone down through a hatch of a sunken boat near the state park—a craft that no one seemed to realize existed. Young David told his father, David Sr., who is also Lamoine's Harbor Master and the effort to solve a mystery was under way.

Someone got in touch with Ed Monat of Town Hill (better known as

"Diver Ed"). He took a dive with a camera on one of the nice weekends during January and found the sunken vessel. After lots of speculation about what the shipwreck might be and when the boat went down, it ended up being a boat that sank only a few years ago from a mooring offshore. The owner of the vessel has since passed away.

It remains unclear whether the sunken ship will be removed from Frenchman Bay. The Marine Patrol has been notified.

State Reduces Labor Fines at School, FD

(Lamoine) - Maine's Bureau of Labor Standards has reduced a \$2,100 fine to the fire department and a \$700 fine to the school department by 90% after the entities provided proof that they have made significant progress in meeting federal safety rules. The Safety Inspector arrived in town last November, inspecting the transfer station (which had just experienced a fire), the fire department operation, the school, and the facilities maintenance director's position. The fire department received the bulk of the proposed fines. The department had not conducted its annual testing to make sure

air masks fit the firefighters who use them (it was under way), had not provided medical clearance for all interior firefighters (that was also under way), and provided proof that all interior firefighters had Hepatitis "B shots. In addition to the fineable items, several other situations were noted in the BLS report, including an air mask that was not stored in a bag, boots stored improperly on stairs

leading to the loft, a lack of light guards on some fluorescent lights above the storage loft, ladder and SCBA inspection and pump testing, and emergency vehicle driver training.

Since the citation, the fire department has created a training database in order to track what members have received required training. This will allow volunteer supervisors to more easily monitor when a firefighter is due to receive more training. The required equipment checks were completed. School Superintendent Katrina Kane also reported the school citations were in compliance.

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Lamoine Community Arts

By Carol Korty

(Lamoine) LCA has entered a new phase! We've signed a lease on the historic Lamoine/Bayside Grange, the building which we've rented for our productions each spring and fall. LCA has assumed full responsibility for the building's maintenance, while the Grange will continue to hold their regularly scheduled activities in it. It's a win-win situation for both groups!

The building, constructed in 1918, is in need of many upgrades. LCA is undertaking a fundraising effort in order to begin renovations this coming spring. Our initial goal is for \$50,000 to upgrade the electrical system and install insulation to allow year-round use. A long list of subsequent improvements includes interior and exterior painting, kitchen upgrade, and basement lavatory.

If you would like to contribute, please make out a check to Lamoine Community Arts, (with Grange Renovation in the memo line), and mail it to Fred Stocking, LCA Treasurer, 30 Berry Cove Road, Lamoine, ME 04605. For more information, please contact Carol Korty at 207 667-4441.

Arts Scholarships Available

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Community Arts offers a limited number of need-based partial scholarships to Maine summer arts programs. Any Student in grades K – 12 who is a resident of Lamoine or attends the Lamoine Consolidated School is welcome to apply. The scholarships are for summer camps related to all arts including music, art, dance, theater, visual arts, or any combination of these.

Scholarship awards will be based on need; each family is expected to pay a portion of the cost. This scholarship gives first preference to Lamoine residents.

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Lamoine Consolidated School office. Deadline for submission is May 16, 2016.

FT5K—2016

(Lamoine) - The 2016 version of the Flat Top 5K Road Race was a chilly affair and no records fell in this year's race. The fastest time came in from Dave Kerschner of Orono at 16:59. Tracy Guerette of Orono was the fastest female racer, crossing at



Kids Fun Run winner Charlie Collins jumps at the finish line to slap the banner

19:31. Some 220 timed runners took part in the annual race on March 26th, run in memory of Bill Pinkham, Lamoine's former harbor master who died in 2005.



Library Project Nears Completion

By Cynthia Donaldson

(Lamoine) – The Library Project undertaken by Lamoine's Little Children is nearing completion. With a grant received from the Saxifrage Opportunity Grants Fund through the Maine Community Foundation, donations in honor of Veda Ames, and great community volunteer participation, the library has been transformed.

The original project proposed creating a warm and welcoming corner in the Lamoine School Library for preschool children and their families. The idea was to support a connection for young Lamoine families with the school which will welcome their children. At the same time we hoped to enhance opportunities for little children to have easy access to books and learning materials.

With the school involved and funding in hand, we began planning last spring. We quickly realized that to "spruce up" a little corner of the library made no sense unless the whole library was given a

fresh look. Over the summer, volunteers boxed all the books, painted the entire library, and repainted bookshelves which had been rearranged or rebuilt. Most of the books were re-shelved by the time school started last fall. Through this year we have been working around the school schedule to complete the book organizing and apply finishing touches.

A little children's niche is now in place, with an animal rug, a round table and small box chairs. Board books for very little children have been ordered and four new Kindle Fires are being set up for preschool use by Tim Hilton, the school's information technology coordinator. Some day in the very near future, Lamoine's Thursday morning playgroup will take a field trip from its church "home" across the street to inaugurate the site. And then we'll develop a scheduled time for the preschool community and their families to use this special space.

Fuel Buyers News

By Kathryn Gaianguest

(Lamoine) - Despite our warm winter, and current low prices, there are still special ways to reduce your heating bills. The Lamoine Fuel Buyers Group develops agreements with three local fuel companies to offer special lower prices, for both oil and propane, to all Group members. Over 85 Lamoiners have joined our group. Organized by volunteers so no membership fee. To join, or for more information, just email Kathryn Gaianguest at gaiangu@maine.edu, or call 667-1282.

Energy Education Planned

By Larry Libby, Conservation Commission (Lamoine) - On May 4 the Conservation Commission will host a public meeting on reducing the cost of energy use in a home or business. The speaker will be Dr. Anna Demeo who directs the Energy Education and Management program at College of the Atlantic. Her emphasis will be on what home and business owners can do to reduce their energy costs, perhaps with environmental side benefits. Further details about this public event will be coming out later, but please keep the date.

Lamoine Students Hit Challenger Center

By Dawn McPhail, Principal

(Bangor) - On March 23rd middle level students headed to the Challenger Learning Center in Bangor for not so much a field trip...but an adventure!

At the Challenger Learning Center our students were treated to dynamic hands-on exploration and discovery. In real-world

simulations they became astronauts and engineers and solved problems in a space like atmosphere; discovering the thrill of missions through the solar system. NASA believes that these programs inspire lifelong passion in science, technology, engineering and math. Who knows....we might just have a future astronaut in our midst.



School Jazz Band Competition by Dawn McPhail

(Lamoine) In early March the LCS Jazz Band received a II rating at the District Jazz Festival to qualify them to compete at the State Jazz Festival. Several students received Awards for Outstanding Musicianship including Oliver Brown on trumpet, Moxie McBrearity on trumpet, Olivia Davis on piano, Ella Wallace on trombone, Matthew Jones on bass and Laura Yeadon on clarinet. The band then traveled to Nokomis High School for

the state competition. Once again our Jazz Band got a II (2) rating. Our amazing Olivia Davis received an outstanding musicianship trophy and was recognized as a top soloist in our State! The following students also received a top rating for their solos; Moxie McBrearity, Haleigh Young and Laura Yeadon. We are very proud of our hardworking musicians for representing our school so well.

April 2016—Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Town Office will be closed at lunch time from April 1 to April 8 due to vacation. School vacation is the week of April 18-22.						1 2—Town Office Open 8am-Noon
3	4—7PM Planning Board	5	6—Board of Assessors (Time TBD)	7	8	9
10	11	12—6:30 PM School Committee	13—7PM Conservation Cmsn.	14—7PM Board of Selectmen	15	16
17	18—Town Office Closed (Patriot's Day)	19	20	21—6:30 Comp. Planning	22	23
24	25	26	27	28—7PM Board of Selectmen	29	30 —Town Office Open 8am-Noon

May 2016—Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-7PM Planning Board	3	4-Assessors, Time TBD 7PM Conservation Cmsn. Energy Reduction Talk	5-6:30 Comp. Planning	6	7—Town Office Open 8am-Noon
8	9—6:30 Parks Cmsn.	10	11	12-7PM Board of Selectmen	13	14
15	16	17	18	19-7PM Board of Selectmen	20	21
22	23	24—6:30 PM Special Town Meeting	25	26	27	28—Town Office Open 8am-Noon
29	30-Town Office Closed (Memorial Day)	31	The Budget Committee will meet to discuss the school budget sometime prior to the special Town Meeting on May 24, 2016.			

June 2016—Lamoine Schedule

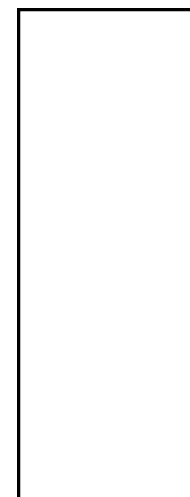
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1- Board of Assessors (TBD)	2—7PM Selectmen	3	4—Town Office Open 8am-Noon
5	6-7PM Planning Board	7—8am to 8pm—Primary Election / School Validation	8-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	9	10	11
12	13	14—6:30 School Committee	15	16—6PM Scholarship Cmte 7PM Selectmen	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25—Town Office Open 8am-Noon
26	27	28	29	30—End of Fiscal Year		

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