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School Budget Finally Passes After Three Town Meeting Votes

(Lamoine) - When the Maine Legislature passed the school consolidation laws, it also instituted a new way of approving the school budget which greatly slowed the process in several smaller towns like Lamoine. That process, which involves having an open town meeting set the school budget, to be followed by a validation referendum vote, saw a lot of participation by the electorate, with record numbers showing up for special town meetings during the summer.

The first school budget was presented in May, but the validation vote a few days later failed. The same process was followed in July, after some significant cuts in the school budget. Again, the town meeting set the budget (after restoring the music and phys ed programs to full time positions), but voters again defeated the budget.

The third try came in August. Further cuts were made to music and physical education and to the principal's position, and that budget was validated by a 364 to 277 vote.

The new school budget resulted in a pretty hefty property tax increase. The State Department of Education cut its subsidy to Lamoine by about \$250,000, and last year, the town opted to use \$185,000 in education surplus to offset



Ballot Clerks Kay Bragdon (left) and Marion McDevitt (right) open up the ballots cast at the final school budget validation election in August

budget increases approved in 2007. With roughly \$435,000 less revenue available, and a budget \$91,202 higher, that meant the property tax rate had to rise by 2-mills, from 7 to 9 or approximately 28-percent. To help soften the blow, voters in July

approved a split-bill, with half due on October 31, 2008 and half due on February 28, 2009. Tax bills were mailed out in late August. Interest will not be charged on the 2nd half balance until after that due date.

Consolidation Vote Likely Dec. 9th

By Robert Pulver, Lamoine School Committee

(Lamoine) - The citizens of Lamoine will be asked to vote in December to decide if Lamoine should become part of a Regional School Unit. A public informational meeting will be held November 3rd at the school to answer questions and to provide a detailed picture of the new organization and how it will affect Lamoine. The vote is not to close the Lamoine school but to join other school districts as required by law.

The creation of a Regional School Unit is the result of the school consolidation legislation passed in November of 2007. The purpose of the legislation was to reduce the administrative costs of the State's public school system. More importantly the school consolidation effort will create school districts where all students will receive an equitable and effective learning experience.

The RSU is projected to include the school districts of Ellsworth, Union 92 members Hancock, Lamoine, Mariaville, Otis, and MSAD 26 (Eastbrook and Waltham), Flanders Bay CSD (Franklin, Gouldsboro, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan and Winter Harbor). The reorganization of these districts calls for the creation of a single 15 person school board that will oversee the operation and assets of the RSU. It also calls for the creation of a
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The New Lamoine Veterans' Memorial

Shown just prior to its official dedication, the Veterans' Memorial sits on the north side of Lamoine's Town Hall. More than 3-years of planning and fundraising went into the construction of the memorial. Many thanks to Jay Fowler and Son for the donation of thousands of dollars worth of labor and materials to make the site suitable for the memorial. Thanks also go to Kathy DeFusco, Lamoine's former Assistant Town Clerk whose dedication to the project has moved it forward. (More on Page 6)

Consolidation (from page 1)

local advisory board to assist the elected member of the new board. The cost of educating the children in the RSU will be spread among the 15 members and will be allocated on individual school budgets. There will be no cost shifting from one community to another during the start-up of the RSU. The funding formula will need to be adjusted over time as student enrollment and programs change. Each town will have a single weighted vote based on population except for Ellsworth which will have three members. The educational assets and selected debt will be assumed by the RSU with the understanding that local communities may continue to use these assets as they have done in previous years. If, for any reason, the assets are not required by the RSU they must be returned to the local community. The RSU is scheduled to become operational on July 1, 2009.

How will membership in the RSU affect Lamoine? The most immediate impacts will be:

- Expanding educational opportunities for Lamoine students.
- Retention of school of choice for high school students.
- Assumption of the renovation debt by the RSU and the operating cost for the present school building.
- Loss of a local school board.
- Creation and selection of a local school advisory board.
- A projected reduction in educational costs to Lamoine.

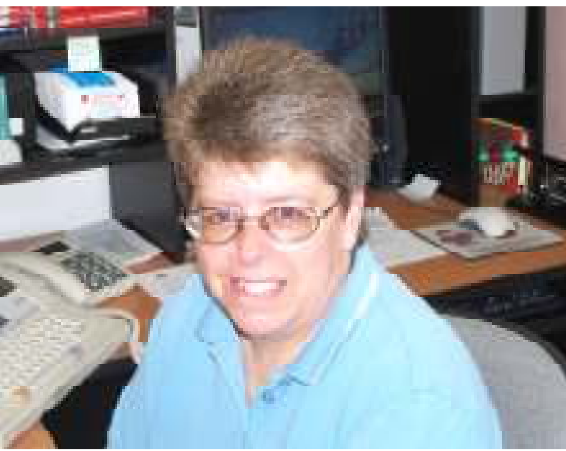
Any change that affects our greatest asset, our children, should not be taken lightly. Please plan to attend the informational meeting November 3, at the school so all of your questions and concerns can be addressed.

Board Rejects Park, Subdivision

(Lamoine) - A vocal audience made passionate arguments against a proposed RV dumping station and group use pavilion at Lamoine State Park over the summer. The Planning Board turned down the Site Plan Review permit because part of the project was located too close to abutting property lines. There was also concern expressed about the potential impact from the dumping station and runoff from the group use area on the mud flats in front of the park. The State Bureau of Parks did not appeal the decision, but has asked for clarification.

The Planning Board also turned down the application of Wayne Wright for a subdivision which modifies a previously approved subdivision off Partridge Cove Road. The reason for that denial was that the road width was not as wide as required by the ordinance. The width issue conflicts with a request from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers that as little wetland be impacted as possible. The case is before the Board of Appeals which is expected to make a final ruling on October 13th.

New Assistant Clerk/ Tax Collector Hired



Diane Carter started in the town office in early September, replacing Kathy DeFusco

(Lamoine) - Selectmen were astonished when 23 people applied for the part time Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant Tax Collector's job following the resignation of Kathy DeFusco at the end of June. It was no easy task whittling down the list. Two nights of interviews were held with 7-finalists, and the subcommittee who conducted the interviews unanimously recommended Diane Carter for the job. Mrs. Carter moved to Lamoine a few years ago and lives on Partridge Cove Road. She spent over 20-years working for the Bar Harbor Water Company and in private business. Several weeks of on the job training are planned around the town office renovation project, and by mid-November Diane should be fully qualified to process vehicle registrations.

Mrs. DeFusco's departure comes after more than 5-years on the job. She remains very active with the Veterans Memorial project fundraising.

Assessors Turn Down Tree Growth Requests

(Lamoine) - A large tract of land bordering Partridge Cove left to Maine Coast Baptist Church by the late J. Aubrey Davis as well as another piece retained by his widow no longer are valued at greatly reduced tree growth rates. The Board of Assessors turned down applications from both the church and Mrs. Davis. The Board said the applications were not received in a timely fashion and the forest management plans were not specific enough to qualify.

By withdrawing the land from the valuation schedule, the landowners are also subject to significant penalties from the previous tree-growth valuation. Supplemental tax bills totaling more than \$77,000 have been issued to the heirs of the land in question.

The Assessors last year denied two other tree growth applications. After the landowners initially filed an appeal with the State Board of Property Tax Review, both withdrew the appeals, and the full valuation was still applicable. The tree growth valuation is designed to value land based on its productivity as commercial forest land.

Selectman Resigns, Voters to Fill Position in December

(Lamoine) - Selectman Chris Tadema-Wielandt has tendered his resignation from the Board. He instead will serve as an appointed member of the Planning Board, taking the unexpired term of Cece Ohmart who resigned this summer.

That leaves a vacancy on the Board for the remainder of Tadema-Wielandt's term, which expires at town meeting in 2010. Nomination papers are now available at the town office, and voters will fill the position on December 9th (coinciding with the school consolidation vote). To appear on the ballot, candidates must gather 25 signatures from registered voters and turn in the nomination petition to the town clerk by October 25th.

Deputy Harbor Master Named

(Lamoine) - Selectmen unanimously appointed Kevin Murphy of Hodgkins Lane as Lamoine's Deputy Harbor Master. He was the only applicant for the opening that occurred when former deputy Brian Corrigan resigned. Mr. Corrigan is relocating to North Carolina where he will be a school principal.

Murphy is a veteran lobsterman and well familiar with the harbor area. He will work closely with Harbor Master David Herrick.

Despite Economy, Permits are Brisk

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford issued the following permits during the quarter:

Nbr	Name	Type
24	Ron Fritz	Porch
25	Larry Upson	Residence, Garage
26	K&T Rentals	Residence
27	Dana Young	Play House
28	Hazel Wellman	Shed
29	Greg Gleason	Foundation
30	Marlboro Trust	Steps to Shore
31	Margaret Stewart	Deck
32	John Arnott	Porch
33	P. Kohlenbush	Deck
34	Gregory Stone	Addition
35	R. Haslam Jr.	Deck
36	Joseph Day	Residence
37	Gerald Nasberg	Residence
38	Ron Fritz	Shed
39	Wm. Pinkham	Camp
40	Wm. Pinkham	Camp
41	Will Yancy	Residence
42	Robert Sharkey	Steps to Shore
43	Sherry Rogers	Garage
44	Barbara Stratton	Deck
45	Lee Trenholm	Arbor
46	Wm. Whitener	Addition
47	Carlton Johnson	Residence
	Kelli Willard	Hm. Occupation*
* Issued by Planning Board		

September Rains Bring Out the Road Barricades

(Lamoine) - It could have been much worse, and was elsewhere in Hancock County as two major rain storms hit in September. The weekend after Labor Day saw more than 5-inches of rain fall from the remnants of Hurricane Hanna. Three areas flooded—Mud Creek Road, Pinkhams Flats (Route 204) and Needles Eye Road. Fire Department personnel erected barricades at all three locations and contacted the Maine Department of Transportation for the two state roads. One car stalled out in the flood on Mud Creek Road, but no one was injured.

The last weekend of the month saw two waves of rain and the threat of a major rainfall from Hurricane Kyle which veered to the east and missed the area. Still, the rain from the first two storms was enough to cause Pinkhams Flats to flood at Archer's Brook again, as did Jordan River Road (Route 204) just east of Fennellyville Road. One flooded basement on Birchlawn Drive was also reported during the storm.



Flooded Again

The culvert at Archer's Brook on Pinkhams Flats (Route 204) flooded twice in September

Major Fires Keep Lamoine VFD Busy

(Lamoine) - Two major fires in Hancock County saw help go from Lamoine to neighboring communities to help with the effort. In mid-July, the call to the Church of Life & Praise on State Street by Ellsworth High School came in shortly after 11-o'clock. A full contingent from Ellsworth, Lamoine and Trenton rescued some of the valued items from the church.

A couple of weeks later, Lamoine sent a crew of five to Northeast Harbor while that community's Main Street was on fire. Dozens of firefighters from across Hancock County kept the flames confined to three buildings. The cause remains under investigation.

Lamoine also stood by the Ellsworth station during another house fire reported in September, and two Lamoine firefighters traveled to Brooklin to help assist in a search for a missing woman. She was found just prior to arrival.

In town there was only one working fire during the quarter. A vehicle parked at Redfern Boat on Shore Road caught fire after the catalytic converter ignited leaves underneath the engine. The car was a total loss. Two water rescue calls saw the boat launched, but no actual rescue was needed on overturned watercraft.



(Left to Right) Firefighters Mike Jordan, Maury Oliver and Jon Harris don their gear as part of the mutual aid response to a major fire in Northeast Harbor

Feds Reject Truck Grant Request

(Lamoine) - The Assistance to Firefighting Grant request from Lamoine to the Federal Government has once again been rejected. This year's grant request was for a forestry truck to replace the two aging trucks currently used in wild fires.

The Lamoine Fire Department relies on a 1986 military surplus pickup truck that was converted to a brush truck about 12-years ago. The truck has experienced frequent electrical and mechanical troubles and has been out of service on an increasing basis the past couple of years. It also serves as a command vehicle at motor vehicle accidents. The other truck is the 1976 Ford fire pumper that was the first fire truck the town purchased brand new. It's now 32-years old and has started to suffer some mechanical problems and from obsolescence, making parts sometimes difficult to find.

The LVFD's fundraising efforts in coming months will likely be dedicated to helping purchase the chassis for a new brush truck to replace the two aging trucks.

Firefighter's Supper Set for October 18th

(Lamoine) - The annual Lamoine VFD Clam Chowder Supper will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 5PM to 7PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School. Tickets will be available at the door, and firefighters will sell tickets door to door the Sunday before.

The menu includes clam chowder, rolls, beans, casseroles, pie and beverage. Firefighters will serve the dinner which has become a popular social event over the years.

Auction Raises Funds for LVFD

(Lamoine) - The annual fire department auction had more leftovers this year, and raised about \$4,500 which is a bit less than previous years. Still, many generous donations from area businesses and residents were well received by bidders at the fire station. The fire house had to be utilized for the auction due to renovations at the Lamoine Consolidated School this summer. Rain did not put a damper on the auction, but poor economic conditions may have.

Condemned Building Removed

(Lamoine) - It took a little longer than desired, but a building that was condemned as dangerous by the Board of Selectmen has been removed from Berry Cove Road by its owner. Neighbors complained in 2007 that the unused cabin was open to the weather and attracting animals and was not fit to inhabit. A subsequent inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer confirmed the observation and Selectmen held a hearing at which the owners did not appear. Selectmen ordered removal, the town attorney successfully convinced the owner to do so after the deadline expired.



The Lamoine VFD crew played a major role in extinguishing a fire that destroyed the Church of Life and Praise in Ellsworth in July

Selectmen Adopt Policies on Uncollected Tax, Bulletin Boards

(Lamoine) - After a Birchlawn Drive resident complained to Selectmen about a property tax lien for \$2.03, the Board has adopted a policy that will allow some discretion in the overdue tax collection process and help avoid significant costs associated with the lien process.

The particular case involved a payment received several days after the deadline, and the unpaid amount represented the interest due on the late payment. A receipt had been mailed to the homeowner indicating the unpaid amount, and then the required 30-day notice sent via certified mail, which was never picked up by the property owner.

Under the new policy the tax collector will send a letter to those who pay late and where interest exceeds \$1.00. If the amount is less than \$10.00 when the 30-day notice time arrives, a letter will be mailed ahead of the 30-day notice certified letter informing the taxpayer of the unpaid amount. Should the small amount remain unpaid, the lien process will begin with the process as spelled out by state law.

The other policy adopted by the Board involves the use of bulletin boards displayed at town facilities. It came about after a resident tried to insist on posting political propaganda at the transfer station bulletin board and covering up official town postings.

The policy prioritizes postings, giving official town notices such as town meeting and public hearing notices top priority. Community events sponsored by town boards or departments are lower down on the list, and non-profit organization events have the lowest priority. Prohibited are commercial advertising, political postings and materials of a graphic or offensive nature. Town staff will make the initial determination as to the appropriateness of the posting, and the decision may be appealed to the Board of Selectmen.

Recycling Containers Moved

(Lamoine) - The cardboard recycling containers have been moved slightly at the Lamoine Transfer station, giving more area to park next to the swap shop. The proximity of the containers to the swap building had started to cause some maintenance issues as the 10-yard dumpsters scraped against the building. Pine Tree Waste has moved the containers to the cement pad that used to house the metals pile.

Attendant Bill Fennelly reports that all seems smooth with the new location and that he's been able to fix the building damage.

Road Adoption Going Strong

By Georgia Munsell

(Lamoine) - As you drive the town roads this fall, you may see some of our 57 Adopt-A-Highway volunteers out picking up road side trash. If you do, please slow down as you pass and give them a brake. Fortunately, most adopters have reported a decrease in the amount of litter picked up and consequently less time cleaning up their section. The Town of Lamoine praises the efforts of all our adopters as well as these new volunteers.

Madison Brown

Angie and Karla Butler

Brandon Cote

Emily Rose

Penny and John Walls

Would you like to adopt a section of town road? If you would be willing to volunteer to clean up a one mile stretch of town road a few hours twice a year, please e-mail Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, Georgia Munsell at: munsells@gmail.com.

New Park Road Bid Awarded, Kiosks Coming Soon

(Lamoine) - The effort to construct a new entrance into Bloomfield Park and isolate a neighboring home's driveway is progressing slowly. The project went out to bid during the summer, and several contractors attended the pre-bid meeting to show what the project entailed. At the bid opening, Jay Fowler and Son was awarded the job for \$10,332. Construction is waiting for the execution of easements between the Town and numerous owners of abutting properties to Bloomfield Park. Those agreements should be signed in October.

Meanwhile, the Parks Commission has been working for several years to design kiosks for the various town parks. That design work is now complete according to chairman Kerry Galeaz. Construction of the kiosks should be taking place over the next few months with installation at the three towns parks by next Spring.

The kiosks will show the historic and natural features along with the park use policies in effect at Lamoine Beach, Bloomfield Park and Marlboro Beach.

Heavy Turnout Expected for November Election

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs is bracing for an onslaught of voters on Election Day and for absentee ballot requests before Election Day as the nation selects a new President and House of Representatives and a third of the US Senate. Several other races are on the ballot as a new Maine Legislature will also be elected, and some county offices will be filled.

Three teams of ballot counters will be hired, and the counting will likely last well into the wee hours of the morning as Lamoine counts its ballots by hand. The town does not use voting machines.

Absentee ballot requests have been pouring into the town office in September even before the ballots were available. Several have come from servicemen stationed overseas. The full ballots were mailed out September 30th. Slightly delaying the effort was the town office reconfiguration which briefly interrupted the town's internet connection with the State's Centralized Voter Registration (CVR) system. The number of absentee ballots may result in those ballots being cast

publicly but before the polls open on November 4th. The absentee ballots are opened and placed into the ballot box with the regular ballots that are cast on Election Day.

Voting by absentee ballot no longer requires that a reason be stated for not voting on Election Day. One can show up at the town office during regular office hours and request to vote absentee on the spot. That does not require an application be filled out, only that the clerk on duty fill out the absentee envelope, the voter fills out their ballot, places it in the envelope, and signs the envelope.

Ballots that will leave the building for absentee voting must have an application filled out by the person who is taking the ballot or requesting it to be mailed to another voter. Those returning the ballots must also sign the application indicating the return, unless it is by mail. Telephone requests are allowed, but e-mail requests cannot yet be processed as a deadline for the accommodation passed before it could be implemented.

Town Hall Renovations Under Way

(Lamoine) - The interior of the Lamoine Town Hall is going to look a lot different the next time you visit. After talking about replacing the floor for a couple of years, and then talking about enhancing security for another year, the contract has finally been awarded and work has begun on the renovation project.

The existing floor is being covered with a wooden Pergo flooring which is much sturdier than the present soft-wood floor which has probably been in the building since its construction in the late 1800s. Selectmen picked an oak color for the floor which will be much easier to maintain and should hold up to the traffic better.

AA Randall and Sons of Glenburn was the low bidder for the project and arrived in mid-September to begin the project.

Besides the floor, the major part of the renovation includes a new office for the town clerks and tax collectors functions. A service counter is being installed, and two work stations will be

located behind the service counter. Two people will be able to process customers simultaneously which will greatly speed up customer service. It will also enhance security, as the cash handling area will not be easily accessible by the public.

In addition to the new clerk/tax collector's office, a window has been installed into the hallway from the Administrative Assistant's office. The front room where the photocopier had been located is being converted to house all the technology items, including a much roomier table for the cable TV operation. A new telephone system has been purchased which allows the person answering to place the caller on hold and to transfer the call to another extension.



Matt Randall of AA Randall & Sons installs the frame for the new window in the Administrative Assistant's Office

Town Hall Phone Service Changed

(Lamoine) - When you called the town hall before October, if the person you wanted to speak to didn't answer the phone, the one who did was not able to put you on hold. New phones will solve that problem and make things much more efficient. At the same time, the town is switching phone service to Time-Warner Cable from One Communications. The new phone service is about half the price from the traditional copper line service, with free in-state long distance. The new phone service was installed September 30th.

Right of Way Agreement Pending

(Lamoine) - Gravel pit owner Doug Gott & Sons says it agrees to a right of way swap that will discontinue Gott's right to use the road leading into the old landfill and around the cap in favor of the road they presently use through the transfer station and salt/sand shed lot. The final agreement is expected to be signed by both parties in October.

Gott had hesitated on the swap as they had another right-of-way issue through the gravel pit behind the transfer station. Attorney Michael Ross told Selectmen that the swap originally approved at town meeting in 2006 will be executed as planned.

New Doors for Garage

(Lamoine) - The town owned garage at the former Anderson lot will soon sport new doors. Voters approved \$2,000 for repairs to the garage which leaked water which froze on the floor in the winter.

Selectman Brett Jones has offered to install the new garage and service doors which have been purchased. The garage is being used to store road barricades, picnic tables, signs, and other public works type items for which room is limited at the town hall and fire station.

Paving Costs Soar, Compromise Reached

(Lamoine) - Lamoine was able to pave the roads it planned to this summer for the amount that was approved at town meeting in April, despite soaring costs in the cost of liquid asphalt. That's the black goo which holds the sand and stone together that makes pavement upon which your vehicle rides best. Asphalt is made entirely from petroleum, and with the cost of oil going through the roof in the summer months combined with a slowdown in making asphalt, costs to paving companies more than tripled.

Lamoine contracts its paving through Pavement Management Services (PMS) of Bucksport. Owner Roger Picard draws up the contract specifications, measures the roads that need repaving, bids out the contract and picks the contractor to be used. This year, Lane

Construction of Hancock was the low (and only) bidder at approximately \$78/ton. When the asphalt price soared out of control, Lane sent the many towns that use PMS letters indicating that it might not be able to afford to carry out the contract for the agreed upon price. Numerous towns utilize the same system which Lamoine uses.

After considering the options, Selectmen offered to increase the contract price to half of the estimated increase Lane had in asphalt costs and the thin out the mix a bit on Walker Road. Lane agreed to the new price at about \$90/ton, still significantly lower than towns not using the PMS system. Walker Road, Birchlawn Drive and South Birchlawn Drive got new coats of pavement in August.



The crew from Lane Construction begins paving Walker Road

Some of the Many who Created Lamoine's Veterans' Memorial



Contractor Jay Fowler digs the first hole on the north side of the town office



Concrete contractor Allen Doll sets the forms



The crew from Wieninger's Monuments sets the main stone in place



Fred Wieninger and crew set the top of the monument in place



Young Ross Fowler operates the compactor to set up the walkway



(l-r) Perry Fowler, Jay Fowler and Tom Anderson prep the flag pole top



Jay Barnes carefully places the perennial plants around the monument



The crowd gets into place for the dedication ceremony September 13, 2008



Committee members unveil the monument at the dedication



Keynote speaker Delmont Merrill, World War Two Veteran



The Ellsworth VFW Color Guard salutes the memorial



At the reception following, the Fletcher's Landing Philharmonic provides music

Bricks Still Being Sold to Fund Memorial

(Lamoine) - The Veterans Memorial Committee is shifting gear from design and execution of the construction of the memorial to fundraising to pay for it. Commemorative bricks with the names of veterans and donors line the walk way with room for hundreds more. Bricks cost \$50.00 each. Three lines of printing with up to 17 characters (including spaces) are available to be engraved. Veteran names are placed closest to the monument.

A special tool is being ordered to replace empty bricks with engraved ones. The engraving is being done by

Wieninger Monuments in Milbridge.

The committee needs to raise approximately \$12,000 to pay back a loan from the town's capital improvements fund. The monument's total cost is approaching \$31,000. A few more bills are expected. The town appropriated \$10,000 to get the project started. The committee has been able to raise about \$14,000 through brick sales, cash donations, cookie sales, and other events. Committee members are also searching for grants to help defray the costs. DVD's of the dedication ceremony will be available soon and other events are being planned.

Scores Attend Dedication

(Lamoine) - So many people were expected at the dedication ceremony, a bus from Downeast Transportation was hired to cart them from the school parking lot to the town hall and back. An estimated 150 watched the ceremony live.

Ellsworth business owner and WWII veteran Delmont Merrill delivered the keynote speech, emphasizing the importance of veterans. The Ellsworth VFW Color Guard provided a gun salute and the Lamoine School Band played the National Anthem. Reverend John Holt provided the opening and closing prayers.

School Gets Principal Perkins Back, loses Superintendent Boothby

(Lamoine) - Val Perkins' retirement didn't last very long. As the budget process moved forward through the summer, it was clear that the school committee would not be able to fund a full-time principal. Mr. Perkins, who retired from the job in mid-June has agreed to act as the interim principal for 3-days a week. Lead teacher Leah Treadwell will make the decisions required of a principal on those days Mr. Perkins is not working.

The school committee has just learned that Union 92 Superintendent Jim Boothby is leaving to become the Superintendent for the Bucksport School Department. Pending consolidation will consolidate 3 superintendencies into one, likely leaving Boothby as the potential odd man out. Until the consolidation takes place, it's Omar Norton will serve as interim superintendent.



School Principal Val Perkins checks the new controls for the water system

Person of the Quarter:

Angie Butler

By Georgia Munsell

Fortunately for Lamoine, Angie Butler grew up in Lee, another small town in Maine. "Just like Lee, Lamoine is a close knit community where everyone helps and looks out for everyone else," Angie explains. Angie has been doing just that ever since she and husband, Bill moved here in 1994.



After attending her first PATRONS meeting, Angie volunteered to fill the secretarial opening. When the president's slot opened in 2002, she accepted that position and has served ever since. PATRONS (Parents and Teachers Recognize Our Neighborhood School) organizes events with donations going to the school playground, library, classrooms and teacher appreciation.

You might be familiar with Angie's voice if you listen to radio station WNSX weeknights. She's also the station's office manager. A graduate of the New England School of Communications, Angie is back in school as a part-time UMA student working on a bachelor degree in mental health and human services. "I would really like to work in youth counseling since I enjoy working with kids so much.

As if being a volunteer, wife, mother, student and working full time isn't enough, Angie is also one of Lamoine's firefighters, having attained Firefighter II training last year.

School Renovations Progress

(Lamoine) - School didn't quite open on time in Lamoine, but it was close. Water system problems pushed the opening back until the day after Labor Day. The renovation project begun at the close of school in June is nearing completion. Engineers were making a final check the last week in September to come up with the list of items that need to be completed.

The school now has new, energy efficient lighting, a new, reliable water

system, a new septic system, air exchangers, an insulated roof, and a new boiler system. The electrical circuits have been replaced and new heating units installed in each classroom.

The entire project cost of \$924,000 was given final approval in January of 2008. As of the end of September the project had drawn nearly \$630,000 from the bond that is funding the renovations.

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - Lots of babies born this quarter. **Cole Hanson** arrived July 7th. **Camden Kittredge** was born July 8th. **Jocelyn Wilson's** birthday is August 17th. A week later **Greyson Smith** was born. **Kimberly Lambert** was born September 2nd while **Brianna Swanberg** was born September 20th.

Seven marriages to report as well. **Damien Chua and Julia Arnold** on August 1st, **Michael Higgins and Gina Testa** August 5th, **Jeremy Atherton and Margaret Marshall** August 8th, **Matthew Rosen and Darrah Bowden** August 16th, **Ryan Day and Jennifer Sawtell** August 18th, **Mark Applebee and Nichole Steede** August 27th, and **Angelique Kelley and Charles Longstaff** September 27th.

We lost **Albina Gorman** on July 12th. Long time music teacher **Eleanor Norris** passed away on September 3rd. There was a large funeral for **David "Red" McDonald** who died suddenly on September 17th. Red was well known throughout the county as a basketball player, golf coach and volunteer at the hospital in Ellsworth. Red's family expressed deep thanks for many kind words and thoughts.



Madison Jones and her mom, Patty Wyshak, inspect their handiwork for the newly installed playground equipment. The project was funded by the Lamoine PATRONS with volunteers doing the installation and many thanks to Jay Fowler & Son for the site work.

Pull Tabs Sought

(Lamoine) - Pull tabs from soda cans are being collected at the school and town hall. The aluminum tabs will benefit the Shrine's Children's Hospital. The school is holding a contest and the class that brings in the most can tabs will win a pizza party from Perry & Heather Fowler

Community Arts Group Gains Formal Status, Plans Performances by Carol Korty

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Community Arts is pleased to announce its fall performances. We will be offering three very old, very funny plays: The Lying Valet by David Garrick – from the mid-1700's!, Box and Cox by J. Maddison Morton, and Dr. Diaculum by Byam Wyke, both from the mid-1800's. The plays are currently in rehearsal, and three directors, Carol Korty, Dale Macurdy, and Tom St.Claire, are working with nineteen Lamoine actors. This fall's presentation won't use the Dessert Theater format with service at cabaret tables; chairs will be arranged in

traditional theater format. Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 7th and 8th at 7:00, and Sunday, November 9th at 3:00. Call JoAnn Lawrence at 664-0531 to reserve your tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. The plays are recommended for adult (and teen age) audiences.

LCA's last performance was a staged Reading of "Cully's Gold" on June 28th on the Grange stage. The script, by Susa Wuorinen and Carol Korty, two LCA members, has won the Aurand Harris Memorial Playwriting Award. This annual

award from the New England Theatre Conference is open to writers of plays for youth or family audiences and given in honor of Aurand Harris, a prolific playwright for young audiences.

LCA is a newly formed, dues paying organization, open to all members of our community. There are many tasks waiting to be done for the November performances. If you'd like to help or to have more information, please call Carol Korty, President, at 667-4441 or Rae Dumont, Treasurer, at 667-0554.

October 2008-Lamoine Schedule

SunMonTueWedThuFriSat

The town office is open from 8am to Noon each Saturday in October			1-7PM Assessors	2-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Selectmen	3	4
5	6-5:30 School Committee	7-6:30 Planning Board	8-7PM Conservation Cmsn	9-7PM Fire Dept.	10-9AM Healthy Acadia	11-9AM –1PM HHW Collection @ MDI High School
12	13—Closed 5:30 Budget Cmte 7PM Appeals Brd	14	15-7PM Veterans Memorial Cmte	16-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Selectmen	17	18-5PM Fire Dept Supper @ School
19	20	21-7PM Parks Commission	22	23-7PM Fire Dept	24	25-Nomination Petitions Due
26	27	28	29	30-7PM Fire Dept	31-First 1/2 Property Taxes Due	

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Budget Committee meeting schedule is tentative-schedule will be finalized in October. Consult the town’s website for details.						1
2	3-5:30 PM School Committee 6:30 Public Forum	4-Election Day 10AM to 8PM	5-7PM Assessors	6-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Selectmen	7	8
9	10-5:30PM Budget Cmte	11-Office Closed 7PM Planning Brd	12-Flu Shots 4PM to 6PM 7PM Consrv Cmsn	13-7PM Fire Dept	14	15
16	17	18-7PM Parks Commission	19-7PM Veterans Memorial Cmte	20-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Selectmen	21	22
23	24-7PM Budget Cmte	25	26-7PM Fire Dept	27-Office Closed	28	29
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December 2008 Lamoine Schedule

SunMonTueWedThuFriSat

	1-5:30 School Committee	2-7PM Planning Board	3-7PM Assessors	4-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Selectmen	5	6
7	8-7PM Budget Committee	9-10AM to 8PM Voting (School Consolidation)	10-7PM Conservation Cmsn	11-7PM Fire Dept	12	13
14	15	16	17-7PM Veterans Memorial Cmte	18-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Selectmen	19	20
21	22	23	24-Office closing @ Noon	25-Office Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31-Office closing @ Noon			

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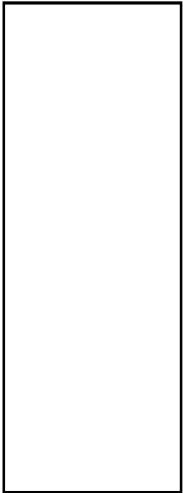
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