

BOOK I 1990 to 2003

### Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

### THE EARLY YEARS 1990 - 2002

(This section compiled by Tessa Campbell Burpee, March 2024, from the meticulous notes, photos and histories of Dot Campbell, and interviews with Barry Campbell and Francis Fitzpatrick.)

### A Vision

In the early 1990s, Francis Fitzpatrick, Barry Campbell and Charles Upton started talking over coffee about all of the farm equipment and artifacts that were leaving Aroostook County. They wondered if there would be interest within the community in having some sort of building to store and display old machinery in order to preserve them for future generations.

They invited some people to two meetings in December 1990 at Joe's Diner in Houlton. (Meeting announcements on pages that follow). In attendance on December 5th were:

Ralph Longstaff
Barry Campbell
Frank Peletier
Charles Upton
Francis Fitzpatrick
Keith Fleming
Patrick Coville
J. Thomas Fitzpatrick
John Mooers

On December 11th, the same group met again, along with Cedric Shaw, whom Barry had invited. (Cedric had a vast collection on his farm in Littleton, which he and Emily called the Pastime Museum. They gave tours to school groups and loved talking about their many items to anyone who visited.)



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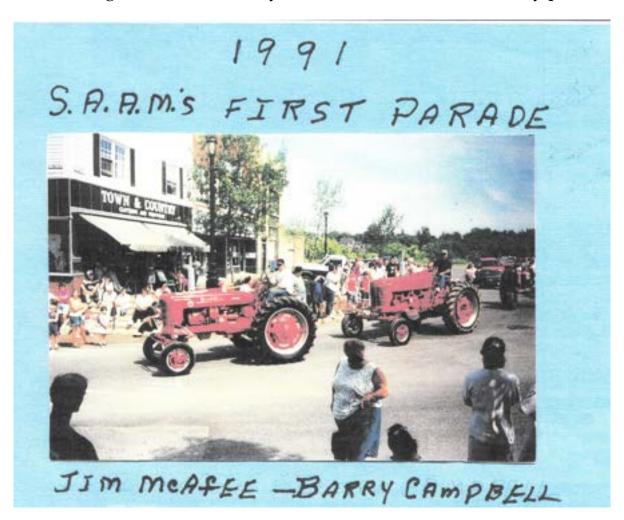
Patrick Coville RPD# 3 Access Road

J. Thomas Fitzpatrick Madigan St.

John Mooers RFD# 1 County Road There were a number of other people in the area, including several who attended these two meetings, who had been collecting equipment and artifacts because they were interested in antiques and history. Most agreed that a "farmers' museum" was a great idea, and some had items they were willing to donate, but it wasn't clear how it could be done or where it could be located.

And now their vision was growing: to have a central location that could not only house these items, but display them for the public and serve as an educational outlet for generations to come.

The following summer, 1991, they entered a float in the 4th of July parade:



A smaller group met a few more times that year, in August and September, at the Houlton Town Office to brainstorm and plan. (meeting agenda/attendance and minutes on following pages).

### AGENDA

### August 27, 1991 - 12:00

### 1. Establish committees to:

- A. Pick a place
- B. Gather equipment C. Talk to lawyer
- - Need donation forms
     Need 501 (C)(3) status
- D. Put together publicity

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### Farmers Museum Meeting

### August 27, 1991

#### Minutes

Attending: Barry Campbell, Frank Peltier, Charles Upton, Francis Fitzpatrick, Keith Flemming, Patrick Coville, Ralph Longstaff & J. Thomas Fitzpatrick.

Francis opened the meeting by saying that many pieces of old farm equipment are being lost to the area through sales to antique dealers, inheritance by family members who no longer live here and through consignment to the dump. He stated the reason we had met here today was to try to come up with an organization and a means to both save what remaining farm equipment we can and to make it accessible for viewing by the public.

He felt that this group should work together to determine who should collect equipment, where it could be stored and how it should be maintained.

The following points were brought up in a general discussion:

Location - Rather than wait on collecting equipment for a place to store it, members of the group could start to provide storage at their individual residences and farms. Caution was given to the need to store equipment with wood and leather parts in dry storage.

Donation Procedure - It was agreed that a donation form should be signed by anyone making a gift. This would allow the museum to have full rights of ownership, would allow someone making a donation to take a tax exemption for the value of the donation and would prevent heirs from coming to the museum years from now and claiming ownership.

Inventory - It was agreed that a catalog of all donated items should be assembled and kept up-to-date. Charles Upton, of the Community Development Department, agreed that this work could be put on his department's computer.

Organization - Pat Coville stated that the Houlton Fair Association had applied for and received non-profit corporate status. He went on to say that the Fair Association would volunteer itself as an umbrella organization. He suggested that the group establish itself as a committee of the Houlton Fair Association. It was agreed that the Houlton Fair Association has established much of the needed credibility required to successfully start and operate the museum. With that in mind, the group accepted Dr. Coville's offer.

Publicity - It was agreed that the Houlton Pioneer Times should be sent a letter from the group stating the goals of forming a museum, collecting articles to be placed in the museum and restoring those articles. Other items bouched on during discussion included; the need for people to collect old farm equipment, to establish a catalog of inventory and to develop and operate a restoration shop.

It was also agreed that a reference library should be established so that a better job of restoration could be done.

At the request of Francis, Charles Upton agreed to draw up a letter to the editor of the Pioneer Times and to meet with the editor of the Pioneer Times to gain a commitment for a strong publicity effort.

Signed,

Charles J. Upton, Director Community Development Office Kaye Trickey Houlton Pioneer Times 23 Court St. Houlton, ME 04730

Dear Kaye:

Recently, a group of concerned people met to discuss the fact that much of our agricultural heritage is disappearing. The result was a decision to start a farming museum. The decision was based on the knowledge that there are many pieces of old farm equipment remaining in the area. Furthermore, there are many people owning these pieces who would like to see them kept in the area. That is exactly what we also want to do.

Like any project, this one must start samplace and the first step we will take will be to solicit donations. A museum is only as good as its collection and we want to put together the best collection we can. We want this collection to reflect as many aspects of early farm life as possible. To be as complete as possible the collection should include horse drawn equipment, early tractors and tractor drawn equipment, tools, barn equipment, household items pertaining to farm life, owner manuals for equipment and photographs of early farm life.

We have been able to arrange storage for this equipment so that we will be able to both take care of it and bring it together once a permanent museum building is built. The result of this will be that we can assure people making donations that their equipment will be cared for.

One other aspect of early farm life we will collect are video tapes of people talking about how old farm equipment was used. These memories and reminiscences will serve as both a library of information about the equipment and as a means for future generations to learn about family histories in relation to farm life in Aroostook County.

Signed,

Francis Pitzpatrick, Chairman Barry Campbell Ralph Longstaff Patrick Coville Keith Flemming J. Thomas Fitzpatrick Frank Peltier

### Farm Museum Meeting

Minutes

September 27, 1991

In attendance: Chairman Francis Fitzpatrick, Barry Campbell, Frank Peltier, Mike Sawyer, J. Thomas Fitzpatrick and Ralph Longstaff.

Francis Fitzpatrick opened the meeting by saying that he had recently met with the Directors of the Houlton Fair Association. They reported they were making progress on getting a design drawn up for a new fairground. Any proposed design would include display buildings for a museum. Francis said this told him the Fair Association was serious about supporting the establishment of a museum.

He then reviewed activities to date after which Mike Sawyer offered the services of the Ag Viability program in assistance of the museum project. After discussion of who was available to assist the project it was agreed that the Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District and Houlton Community Development would work together to provide administrative services for the museum.

The next item for discussion was to establish a name for the museum. After discussion, it was agreed the name would be the Agricultural Museum of the Houlton Fair Association and to be called the Agricultural Museum.

The next item for discussion was that of selecting a publicist. After discussing asking a number of people, it was agreed that Francis would select a person, yet unnamed, to be responsible for publicity.

The last item for discussion was that of setting up displays of agricultural equipment in an effort to get donations. A wide selection of places were named and the group agreed to talk with different business owners to try to get display space.

Respectfully submitted.

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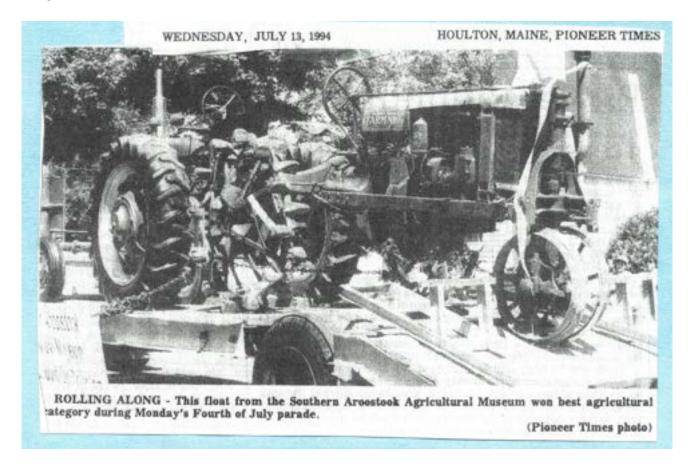
The next summer (1992), they decided to have a set of three vinyl banners made for the parade that summer to promote the idea. Brady Fitzpatrick made the sign:



Their hope was to involve surrounding communities in this effort to preserve the shared agricultural heritage of the area.

Throughout the rest of the 1990s, Barry, Charles and Francis worked tirelessly to raise awareness and interest for this vision, entering items into parades and having displays at trade shows, Potato Feast Days, the 4th of July Fair and other events. They used what they had or borrowed something from others in the community so there was always something different: Barry's long sled, Francis' old truck, an old tractor from Cedric Shaw. Charles got the carnival people to loan them a tent for tables at the Agricultural Fair and they brought what they had or could borrow to display.

In 1994, they won first prize in the Houlton 4th of July Parade for best agricultural float.



Ralph Longstaff and John Flemming, who had attended the initial meeting, and others from the community visited the events and were supportive of the effort. The Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District featured SAAM and a picture of old farm implements several different years to raise awareness about their efforts to start a museum while they tried to find a location for the growing number of items that were being collected.

Some people from the initial brainstorming meetings thought it would be good to have the museum at the fairgrounds in Houlton. In 1994, they explored the feasibility of moving an old barn on the Bird Farm that Houlton High School wanted to dispose of. Thurston "Dusty" Haslam, a

former Littleton resident who moved houses for a living, came up from the Ellsworth area to see if it could be done. It was determined that it would be too difficult to move.

## Historical landmark leveled

by Sarah L. Stewart
Following much thought and
deliberations by the SAD 29
school board, a local "landmark" has been leveled.

Due to safety concerns, the Bird barn, part of the town and school's history for over 100 years, was recently torn down and the remnants burned.

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"The foundation was in very poor shape," said Eugene Jackins, who taught Spanish and French at Houlton High School for 24 years. "It was starting to crumble and fall away from the wooden structure. There was also a chance of fire because the barn was so close to Houlton High School and some students would School and some students would School and some students would smoke near the area."

Other areas of concern about the ancient barn were the fact that the beams shifted, causing the wooden pegs that held them together to break. When the beams moved, they were sticking through the top of the barn's roof.

through the top of the barn's roof. The building's main supports had also let go and time was slowly taking its course on the framework causing it to bend and sag.

The barn was clearly unsafe, said Houlton High Custodian. Dale Clark. "Some students had started building funnels underneath the barn so they could enter the building. It was becoming a challenge trying to keep them out. challenge trying to keep them out. We didn't want anyone to get hurt because the barn was getting to the point where it was about to collapse."
The barn's condition was a

concern to the Houlton school board and the question of what to do with it had been on the agenda for many months. Different approaches of what to do with the building were considered, but in the end the safest decision was made, and an agreement was

made with the Amish community that they would tear the building down in exchange for some of the lumber and beams that came from the barn

The Bird barn has been around for quite sometime, having been built somewhere between the late 1880's to early 1890's. It's cre-ator, Francis Bird, came over from Ireland in 1834 and settled on the White Settlement Road. Bird later moved onto Pleasant Street where the Bird barn was built. He continued to farm for many more years and became one of the richest farmers in the Houlton area.

When Houlton High School was built in 1949, the Bird barn along with grounds covering 100 acres was bought by the school system for \$20,000. The barn was then used by the school for storage in the upper part of the barn and the lower part was used for storing farm equipment, which the Future Farmers of America (FFA) used.

"I believe that a lot of the farmers in this area were at one time associated with the FFA that used to exist at Houlton High," said Jackins. "That barn played an important role in the program be-cause it helped it to develop and expand. Now FFA doesn't even exist in Houlton anymore."

The Bird barn is sure to be missed by many local citizens, es-pecially those who can remember it's younger years. "Before the barn was torn down

I removed and saved some of the pegs from the beams," said Jack-ins. "It will be a constant reminder of the Bird Farm. Unfortunately it's also the end of a



BEFORE - Shown above is the Bird Barn located behind Houlton High School. The barn was in the process of being torn down by citizens of the Amish community, because it was considered a safety hazard to the school (Photo courtesy of Eugene Jackins)

There was a lot of excitement during these years, but still no place to call home.



AFTER - The Bird barn, which has been a part of Houlton for over 100 years, was recently tom down and the remains were then burned. The barn, was destroyed because it had been causing many safety concerns among the Houlton school board, seeing as over a century of aging had greatly affected it, and it was within five to six feet of the Houlton High School building. (Rafford photo)

# Littleton School to close this year

### Residents vote 77-13 to close down

by Sam MacIlroy

It's final.

The 1999-2000 school year will be the last that students will have to walk the halls of the Littleton Elementary School.

In a 77-13 vote in favor of closing the school building, voters gave the SAD 29 board of directors the authority to officially end the building's role as a school.

According to Jennifer Gogan, town manager for Littleton, 90 residents came out to voice their preference on the matter. She added that while voter turnout was higher than normal for the school vote, only 15 percent of registered voters took part.

Had voters opted to keep the

building open as a school, it would have cost the town \$143,103.20 in addition to their regular district assessment.

The vote does finalize the future use of the building, but not the work that will come with turning the building back over to the town.

"There is really a lot of work to be done," said SAD 29 Superintendent David Wiggin. "There are several areas we will be working on and the first priority for the school district is our staffing concerns and working out staffing arrangements for next year."

Part of those arrangements include finalizing where stu-

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dents will be receiving their education and how they will be getting there and how staffing will be affected.

Wiggin believed this would be finalized by the April board meet-

"Secondly, another part of the process will be the disposition of the building, making the transfer back to the town of Littleton and working out our responsibilities with the town," said Wiggin.

Transportation issues and additional bus routes will be ironed out through the summer with the least amount of inconvenience for the families involved.

"That is enough to keep all of us busy here for a while," said Wiggin.

Since the building comes back to

the town, officials are preparing for

the changeover.

"The building has been well-built and well-maintained and we're sure it will be put to good use," said Raymond Wotton, who served as moderator for the meeting.

Other business at the town meeting included the re-election of Rae Johnston to the position of selectman for three years and the re-election of Kerry Golding to the SAD 29 board of directors.

Voters approved the \$239,316 budget with no changes. Several increases in the budget were due to infusing surplus into the budget for special projects such the fire department reserve and the salt sand storage reserve.

Littleton's solid waste costs also increased by \$5,800 due to increased rates and increased ton-

## Hearing set to discuss former Littleton School

Littleton town officials receive two proposals for Littleton School, information meeting to be held Jan. 3

By Sam MacIlroy

Staff Writer

LITTLETON — After less than a year of being empty, the Littleton School may make the transition from a school to another use.

The school was closed this year after more than 50 years of service to School Administrative District #29. After the school board decided to close the building, the structure was handed over to the town, which in turn began looking at the different options for the building.

"We sent out requests for proposals and we received two responses," said Jennifer Gogan, Littleton town manager.

One of the proposals was from Teen Challenge of Maine, a state licensed child care facility.

"We would like to run the Teen Challenge program in the building. We hope to use it to train, educate and develop young men for the future," said Daniel Holmes, program director for Teen Challenge. If their proposal is approved, Holmes said Teen Challenge would like to establish a recreational center for the town and allow the town to continue to use the facility.

The other building proposal came from C&C Salvage who could not be reached for comment as to their intentions for the building.

A hearing on the proposals is planned for Wednesday, Jan. 3.

As far as selling the building, Gogan said the town was willing to sell or lease depending on what the business or organization needs.

"We are really open to anything and will work with whomever," said Gogan. "In the end, it will

be up to the townspeople what will be done."

After the hearing, Gogan said a special town meeting will be called to vote on the proposals.

"The Jan. 3 meeting is just to get information on the proposals and what they would like to do with the building," said Gogan.

She said it was important for Littleton residents to be involved in the hearing process.

This is important because it is for the ultimate decision of what we will use the school for and we can't redo it once it's decided, so we need to put a lot of thought into it," said Gogan. "We need to get all the information we can ahead of time."

The hearing will be held at the Fire House.

### A Permanent Home

In January 2001, the town of Littleton announced a special meeting to accept proposals for the sale of the Littleton Elementary School, which had closed the year before. This was the opportunity they had been waiting for! Francis presented a proposal to turn the building into an agricultural museum and asked for one year to come up with the money.

## Littleton residents listen to options regarding occupancy at former school

By Sam MacIlroy

Staff Writer
LITTLETON — The former Littleton School is one step closer to having a new occupant.

A meeting to hear proposals for the use of the building was held Jan. 3 and a second meeting was held Monday, Feb. 5 to review the propos-als and take a preliminary vote on who would get the chance to use the former school building former school building.

Making presentations at last Monday's meeting were Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum, C&C Salvage and Teen Challenge of

Jennifer Gogan, Littleton town manager, said that she was pleased with the turnout for the event. Eighty people came to the meeting despite the fact that a major snowstorm was

After hearing all the options, Littleton residents voted and opted to have the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum take up residence in the building.

The agricultural museum plans to buy the building from the town for \$50,000," said Gogan, adding that the town will still have access to the gymnasium once the museum is in place.

Despite the vote taken last week, the museum will have to hold off on any plans for the time being.

The vote taken at the meeting was only a preliminary vote and a final vote will be taken at the annual town meeting in March.



Pioneer Times file photograph WAITING FOR OCCUPANCY -- The former Littleton Elementary School is getting closer to having a new occupant. At a meeting held Feb. 5, residents heard three different proposals and a preliminary vote was taken on which option people liked best. Residents are leaning toward the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum setting up in the old school. A final vote will be taken next month at the annual town meeting.

## HOULTON

WEDNESLOAY, MARCH 14, 2001

## PIONEER TIMES

Town meeting to be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Meduxnekeag Ramblers Snowmobile Clubhouse

## Littleton voters to decide on agricultural museum

By Scott Mitchell Johnson

LITTLETON — Residents in the town of Littleton will decide at Monday night's annual meeting whether to sell the former Littleton School to the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum.

According to Jennifer Gogan, Littleton town manager, museum officials would like to buy both the school and property for \$50,000, but need residents' approval.

"We would give them one year and the transfer of ownership wouldn't happen until they paid the \$50,000," said Gogan.
"They've applied for grant money, so that's why there's time allowed."

The community held a meeting Feb. 5 to review proposals from three organizations wishing to acquire the facility, but the majority of those in attendance opted for the museum to be established at the former school.

Gogan said the Littleton Recreation Department will use part of the school regardless of who acquires the building.

They're going to work something out,

so they'll be able to use the gym and the ballfields," she said.

If residents approve the sale, Gogan said the money would likely go into the town's general fund.

"We've kicked around a few ideas, but we're open to suggestions with what to do with the money," she said. "Nothing has been decided on."

Voters will also decide on whether to adopt a 2001 municipal budget of \$216,542, which is about \$7,000 higher than last year's budget.

Gogan said the increase was related to

"There was an increase in the town officer's account due to health insurance increases, an increase in the miscellaneous account because we're having our maps updated, and there was an increase in the solid waste budget because of higher tonnage and having to hire another attendant at the transfer station," she said.

Among the budget items to be voted on include:

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 \$55,000 for Highways and Bridges (to be spent after Local Road Assistance money).

\$44,700 to operate the Solid
Waste Facility.

 \$17,875 for Ambulance Service.

• \$14,500 for Fire Protection.

Should the budget be approved as presented, Gogan said the mill rate would go up slightly.

"The current mill rate is 16.34," she said. "If everything is approvedncumbents Gordon Hagerman and Gerald Miller are both running unopposed.

Gogan said with the school issue being decided Monday night, she expects more people to attend the meeting.

"We usually have a dozen or so people," she said, "but I anticipate more people coming this year than usual. Voting and attending the meeting is part of living here."

Residents can vote from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on March 19 at the Littleton Town Office. Anyone who has not registered to vote can do so at that time. The town meeting will follow at 7 p.m. at the Meduxnekeag Ramblers Snowmobile Clubhouse on the Wiley Road.

Staff Writer Scott Mitchell Johnson can be reached at 532-2281 or by e-mail at pioneer-times@nepublish.com.

In March 2001, Littleton voters approved the sale of the school to the museum, giving them a year to come up with the money but allowing them to take possession of the building, paying for fuel and upkeep. **The museum finally had a home!!** 

They invited people from several surrounding towns to a meeting. Thirteen people attended; they each donated \$75 to get things started and became the founding board members of the museum:

Charles Upton Richard Corey
Barry Campbell Terry Nason

Francis Fitzpatrick Roscoe "Jr" Tingley

Colby Shaw John Fleming
Leland Longstaff Albert Williams
Ralph Longstaff Thomas McAfee

Max Lynds

They had bylaws drawn up and adopted Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum as their official name. It not only represented the communities in the region with a shared heritage, but now it was also their location.



Parade guly 4/2001 Russell Stairs

Barry Campbell

> roostook Museum ur Collection



During the first year, they spent a lot of time planning and trying to raise money for fuel to heat the building. They rented one of the rooms to a church group and relied on sporadic donations from generous supporters to make ends meet.

Now that the museum had a building, volunteers began to come out of the woodwork to help. They cleaned, painted, renovated and prepared the building and grounds.

When the first year was up in March 2002 and the money had not been raised to pay for the building, Barry Campbell, Jamie Watson and Colby Shaw co-signed a loan to pay the town. The bank agreed to let them pay just the interest until they got things going. They raised money through memberships, rentals and donations, scraping by to pay the interest, maintenance, overhead and renovations.

In June 2002, a loan check for \$50,000 from Katahdin Trust Co. was presented by SAAM board members to officially mark the purchase of the building.



### THE COUNTY

## Littleton school bought for farm museum

BY WAYNE L. BROWN OF THE NEWS STAFF

LITTLETON - It has been two ears since the final bell rang at the Littleton Elementary School and pupils left the school for the last

SAD 29 closed the school in June 2000 after enrollment dwindled and townspeople voted to shut down the

Today, there is a mustiness in the air and voices echo off the walls, now devoid of the colorful bulletin boards and displays of children's artworks that had adorned them for 50 years.

But there is still life in the old school. With the presentation Saturday of a loan check in the amount of \$50,000 from Katahdin Trust Co., members of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum committee officially marked their purchase

of the 13,000-square-foot school.

Residents approved the sale of the school for the museum last year at town meeting.

The intention now is to use the half-dozen classrooms, as well as some of the 8 acres, to develop a museum to preserve the region's agricultural heritage.

"This is the first milestone," said Francis Fitzpatrick, president of the group that has been discussing a museum since the mid-1980s. He said that to many people, the idea of a museum was only a dream, and without a building, it would never come to fruition.

"We needed an identity to prove to people that the project is a reality," he said.

The museum is already well on its way to filling the old classrooms, thanks to the pending donation of thousands of items by Cedric Shaw

of Littleton, who for the past 14 years has turned his barn and other farm buildings into a oneman museum show of the region's agricultural history.

Because of his generosity, the museum officially will be known as the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum, Cedric Shaw Collection, according to Charles Upton, the orga-nization's vice president. "It was his collection that really brought this thing to a head," he said.

For Shaw, 86, who is a member of the museum committee, the new museum is a continuation of what he began in 1988. With no family in the area to take over from him, he said, it was only logical that much of what he has collected would go

into the new museum.
"I approve of it 100 percent," he said on Saturday. "I'm really excit-

Upton said others in the area have been collecting tools, farm equipment and other items for years waiting for a place to put them on display.

He added that eventually the muse um would include a storage shed for large machinery exhibits, as well as a restoration shop where equipment can be rebuilt for exhibition.

A key goal of the museum committee is to retain the building's use as a source of education.

We think there are age groups that should know that there wasn't always a computer in the room, Fitzpatrick said. "There's a lot of people, a lot of educators, who could utilize the museum as an educational tool."

It is that educational element that has prompted the committee to begin negotiations with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to relocate the museum

In that way, Upton said, people can learn about the way agriculture and rural life used to be and learn about modern trends in farming all at one site.

We believe that a museum needs to be an educational institution, he said. "We don't want to be an

attic where people just put things." While much of the building will be devoted to the museum, the large gym and kitchen will still be available for use by the community for functions and meetings, Fitzpatrick said.

The museum committee meets at 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month at the museum on U.S. Route 1. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, people can call Fitzpatrick, Upton or Barry Campbell, the organization's treasurer.

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### June 2002

## Littleton school purchased by historical group



CLOSING THE DEAL - On hand to seal the deal on the new home of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum were, from left, Dot Campbell, Richard Corey, Ronald Stairs, Francis Fitzpatrick, Colby Shaw, Barry Campbell, Carl Hagan, Tammy Griffin of Katahdin Trust Co., Matt Williams, Jennifer Gogan representing the town of Littleton, Dick Barker, Jerry Miller, Max Lynds and Cedric Shaw. The organization purchased the building from the town for the sum of \$50,000 and has much planned for the facility.

Dot Campbell, pictured above on the far left, served as the museum's historian. She meticulously compiled notes, saved newspaper clippings and took pictures of everything that went on in the early years after the building was purchased.

The following pages have been scanned from her first book of history, which track the museum's progress from June 2002 to May 2003. There are several more books in the process of being scanned. These detailed histories document the incredible volunteer efforts that have made our vision a reality.

### By Sam MacIlroy

Staff Writer

HOULTON — Organizers of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum are hoping that an idea that started over coffee can evolve into a regional educational tool.

The group officially purchased the former Littleton School last Saturday, giving them a location from which to begin the

"We started this because we realized we were losing a generation and we needed to think about what they did and what we could do to remember them," said Charles

Upton, vice president of the organization. Remembering them will be done in and

stay focused on an educational approach according to Francis Fitzpatrick, president of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum.

"Our main focus is southern Aroostook history pertaining to the way the lifestyle was 100 or 150 years ago and our purpose is to maintain and collect all the items still left in peoples' possession and bring them in and display them in order to use them as an educational system," said Fitzpatrick. "There are lot of people who have not been exposed to that way of

life.

Upton said that the group was negotiating to have the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service locate

their offices in the building.

"We want their work and our exhibits to reflect advances in technology and how you use it and get the best out of it, rather than just the fact that the technology is out there," said Upton. "We also feel that our association with the Extension service would be a benefit to us and them because we have this facility which is very accessible to the public and they have the training programs which would help us meet

our goals."

Now that the organization has a building, museum supporters' next step is to plan the displays for the museum and pursue their ambitious capital plan for the building which includes \$200,000 worth of updates and additions to the current complex.

Increasing membership and involvement with the museum is also a goal.

Fitzpatrick said the museum group was glad to have acquired the building since it was already a well-known community

## Littleton School-

### (Continued from Page One)

landmark.

"We hope to expand the use of the building and then it will live on instead of being torn down or changed," said Fitzpatrick.

When it comes to contributions of artifacts, time or money, Fitzpatrick said he hopes that all of southern Aroostook will embrace the new venture. "There is something in this facility for everyone. We would like this to be a community project and not limited to just Littleton or Monticello," he said.

Regardless of which community patrons may be from, their help in any regard will be appreciated as the group works to get the building and displays prepared.

"We don't want to become an attic, we want people to learn and help the younger generation see what it was like and that it isn't just computers that were used," said Upton. "We just want to be the best museum we can be. We feel it's that important to this part of the County."

Anyone interested in learning more about the group's plans can stop by the shcool and attend a meeting on the first and third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. or contact Fitzpatrick at 532-3224, Upton at 532-7093 or Barry Campbell at 538-0900.

### SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

The S.A.A.M. was originated in the year of 1990 THE first meeting was held @ BEALS Resturant on Military St. Houlton, Me. Some of the members were Cedric Shaw, Frances Fitzpatrick, Charles Upton, John Flemming & Barry Campbell.

They continued to meet over the years & even though they checked several location to house a museum, it wasn't until the year of 2002 they found a suitable building.

In 2001 there was a special meeting held at The Littleton Fire House with two other interested groups.( In previous notes) The vote was in the museum favor. A warrant was entered in The Littleton Town Meeting to see if The town of Littleton would sell The Littleton School to The S.A.A.M.

The item was entered into the warant at The Littleton Town Meeting in March, 19,2001. (In previous notes.) At this time it was once again in favor of The S.A.A.M.. The museum was purchased on June 2002. The first meeting was heldin the new museum on June 22,2002.

The museum meetings were continued twice a month, the first and the third Saturday of the month@ 9 a.m..

Pres. Frances Fitzpatrick V.Pres. Charles Upton Sec. Charles Upton Treas. Barry Campbell

The last two years The museum has had exposure by having a display table at The Miller Arena in Houlton during The Southern Aroostook Trade Show. Another exposure was by entering a float in the 4th of July Parade in2002 Moulton, Me.for the first time and won first place in the agriculture group. The theme was chores each day of the week around the year of 1900.

Starting out in July after the 4th. the committee cleaned the gym, kitchen and the rest rooms so they could be rented out to the public.

The play ground had to be removed for safty sake and

insurance. This was completed .

The building had to be secured before and prepared before any matiques could be moved into the building. They had Cubby Morse with voeunters cover the back windows on the west side of the building and install locked doors across the corridor below the section that is to be rented to the puplic They also had Cubby cut a couple archways between class rooms on the west side of the corridor.

The ballfield had to be removed because of insurance. The previous sign that was placed there when the ball field was dedicated in memory of Gene Henderson was deteriated and was removed prier to the museum takeover.

Mowing of lawns.

Supervisor-Roland Stairs & Ralph Longstaff Volunteers to help, Rhonda Shaw, Barry Campbell & Frances Fitz.

This group will take care of lawns with the exception of month of Aug. During this month a group from antique car show will be responable for it, as it is in their contract of rental the third week end Sat & Sun in Aug. for five yrs.

Snow plowing-Barry Campbell and

Care of the building-Colby Shaw -- (was, stripping, waxing & buffing floors
Roland Stairs -checking & helping ¢ improvments
Barry Campbell " " "

Collecting & Cataloging items donated to the museum Ralph & Justina Longstaff Carl & Helen Hagan

Cleaning & painting -Barry Campbell & Dot Campbell & Colby Shaw

Organize refreshments for suppers or lunches Rae Johnston

Aug 7/02 committees met after meeting with Cedric to se what has to be done to prepare the rooms for his collection. At this time the west windows of three rooms havebeen covered & secured on outside & inside.Cedric & Emily furnished the board for the inside.

The Patition between rooms 3&4 have had an archway put between them.

- Aug/8/02 Pictures were taken Cubby Morse putting a patition & installing a door across the corridor so it can be locked for security when the gymand other rooms were rented to the public.

  34 to the public On these ocations when it's to be opened some one from the museum be there to cover.
- Aug.,21,02 Cedric & Emily started moving some of his collection from his home in his prepared rooms.Good group
  turned out to help them.Don & Helen Hagan,Ralph &
  Justina Longstaff,Charles & Rae Johnston,Roland
  Stairs & Barry & Dot Campbell.Following Cedric &
  Emily Shaw treated all to pie & coffee at The Blue
  Moose.Rolland & Barry were unable to go.

  (pictures following)
- Aug 24,02 The S.A.A.M. was opened during the Antique Car Show.
- Sept,7,02 The Museum meeting was held at 9 a.m.in meeting room. Fund raising supper 4-6:30 p.m.put on with the Medus-keag Group and shared the profits.Music supplied by The Spelling Band.
- Sept,14,02 Sat. The Men Moved some machinery that was donated, to the museum to Glen Manuel barn on The Station Rd. until themuseum has a building for them.

Sept/21/02 The meeting was held in the gym as it was warmer in there. discussed the schedule when keeping the museum open.

The museum was presented a U.S. flag that had been flown over the State Capital.Will have a dedication later. The Flag Pole is up.

Nov/16/02 open house 1-5 light lunch of sweet breads, crackers & dip finger sweets & drinks cold & hot.

Good turnout pictures following. Open House-The southern Aroustock Agricultural Museum from 1-5 p.m.

The public is invited.

Dec./7/02 Meeting 9-11
17 members present Justina had the meeting date
placed in comming events in The Pioneer.

Dec. 21/02 meeting 9-11 3 new members attended.Ken & Louise Whitmore & Charles presented an agenda (the first) Nason Graham Discused hours to open museum.

Dec./23/02 Took pictures of crew working in the K room. Albert Williams, Rick Haney, Carl Hagan, Ralph Longstaff & John Flemming.

Dec/ 27/02 Pictures taken of raising the frame for the muse museum sigh by the Main Road. (pictures Following)

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum Meeting at 9 a.m. All 3museum members are encouraged to attend this meeting and to bring a friend along with them that might have interest in the museum. Hope you all can come and see what's going on and help plan the future of our museum.

First notice in Pioneer
Dec.,21,2002
(for rountine meeti

During the month of December the atic of the museum was insulated by Rick Haney & David Lezotte

NO PICTURES TAKEN

### MISSION STATEMENT:

### "TO TELL THE STORY OF THE PAST"

### VISION STATEMENT:

"TO COLLECT, PRESERVE, AND DISPLAY THE HISTORY OF LOCAL AGRICULTURE FOR THE EDUCATION OF ALL GENERATIONS."

## Littleton School soon to be the home of Southern Aroostook Agricultural Musem







Route 1 Littleton, ME

> Coming to the Littleton School

### The Idea



In an effort to preserve the agricultural history of Southern Aroostook, a group of interested volunteers have decided to purchase the Littleton School that was closed in in 1999.

The school's layout will allow for the display of many items that have been used in the development of Aroostook's agricultural communities.

Items that are planned to be displayed will include farm equipment, tools, books, catalogs, photos and oral histories. Become a member of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum



Members will receive our newsletter





All members receive free admission



Route 1 Page 1 of 4



Route 1 Littleton, ME 04730



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Route 1 Page 2 of 4

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What are these???

We need help to identify these tools.

Let us know if you can help.

Route 1 Page 3 of 4







We need your support

I would like to volunteer for the project.	
I would like to donate equipment, tools, books, pictures, vide	os, emphera or oral history.
I would like to make a donation of	
Sign me up as a member.	
Single Membership \$20.00	
Family Membership \$30.00	
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### Please mail to:

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

1678 US Route 1

Littleton, ME 04730

207-538-4100





## July Fourth 2002 Parade Winners

There were more than 200 entries in the July Fourth 2002 parade. Following is a list of winners selected by a panel of judges:

· Houlton Twirlers - Best Walking Unit

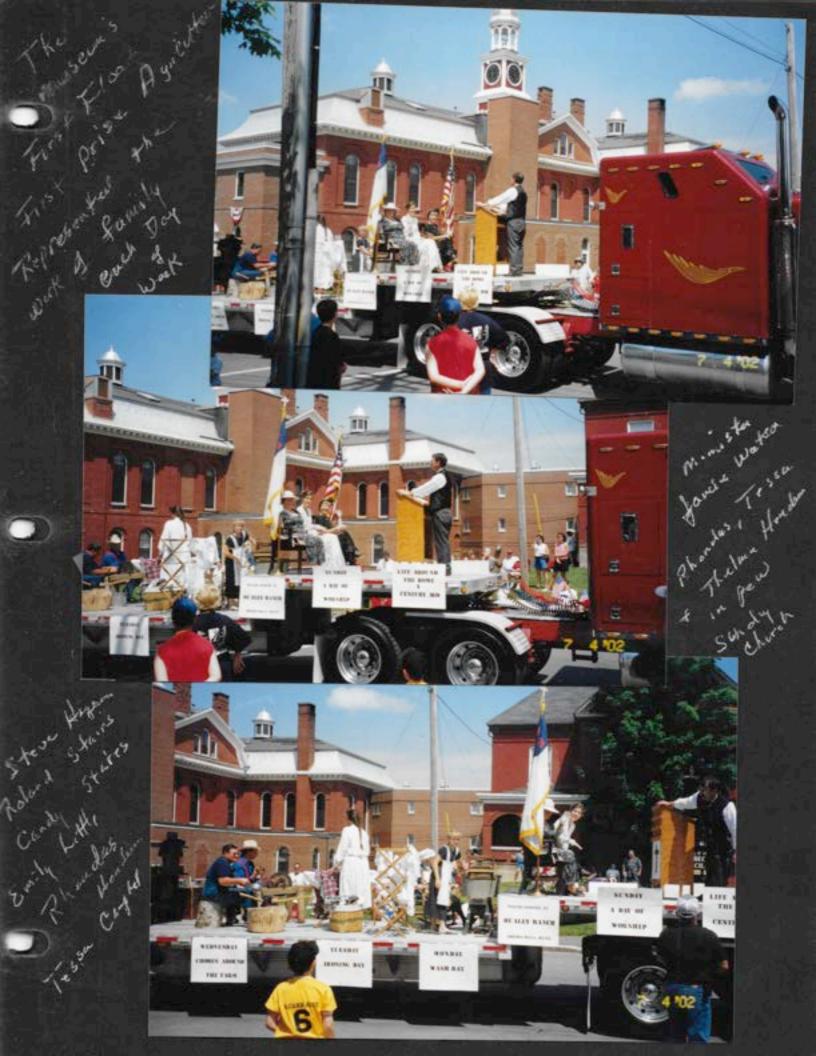
SAD 29 Suzuki Strings - Best Non-Commercial

. Shop 'N Save - Best Commercial

 Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum - Best Agricultural

· Houlton Southside School Band - Chairman's Choice







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Enily Little = Dot. Campbell







Charles Upton - Sat in Buth



### NOW THE WORK BEGINS

Getting the gym, kitchen andthe rest rooms cleaned and prepared for rental

The boys worked a couple days prier to this.

Rick Haney

July / 2/202 11 4th 4th



Colby Shaw



Dot Campbell



Barry Campbell



Richard Corey, Barry Campbell & Rick Haney

Repairing To blo July 1909



Richard Corey



Richard Corey

July/1902



Rae Johnston



Dot Campbell



Rae Johnson



### The Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

Preserving a Way of Life for the Next Generation

To: Members of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

From: Francis Fitzpatrick, President

Date: August 26, 2002

This has been a busy summer at the Museum. As you know by now, the Museum purchased the Littleton School this spring. Since then, a crew of volunteers has been working hard to maintain and remodel the building so it works better as a museum. Roland Stairs has headed a group to keep the lawns mowed. Colby Shaw has been busy stripping and refinishing the floors. Barry and Dot Campbell have headed up the effort to clean the building. Carl Hagan and Ralph Longstaff have been out collecting articles that have been donated. Cedric and Emily Shaw have been working to set up displays in the building. 'Cub' Morse has been doing the necessary carpenter work. And last, but not least, Debbie Campbell has been arranging rentals for the gymnasium and keeping the books. Thanks to all of you!

The result of this work is a working museum that was open for the weekend of August 24 and 25. This was the weekend of the North Country Cruisers' annual Show and Shine Car Show, which was held on the Museum grounds. The Board of Directors felt that with the crowd this show would draw, it would be a good opportunity to open the Museum for the first time. Many visitors to the car show took the time to visit the Museum. More than 170 signed the guest book. We were pleased at this and feel this is a good beginning.

#### Fundraising Dinner

The Museum and the Meduxnekeag Ramblers are putting on The Second Annual Littleton Bean-hole Bean Dinner at the Museum, Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to make a salad or desert, or both, for the dinner, or help serve part of the meal, please call Rae Johnston @ 538-9402. The dinner is being held to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Littleton School (now the Museum). Music will be By Ken McAfee and friends, and a good time is promised. The Museum will be open also, so come and see what we are doing.

#### Members Needed

If you know someone who has asked about the progress of the Museum, or about joining us, please call one of the officers at:

Francis Fitzpatrick 532-3224 Barry Campbell 538-9583 Charles Upton 532-7093 Remember the Museum belongs to all of us. Let's make it as good as we can.



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Carl Hagan





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Roland Barry Candy Charles Upton in back



Charles Upton



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# ual Potato Feast Days 57 28, 2002



CLASSICS - The North Country Cruisers filled up the lawn at the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum in Littleton as part of their two day show held in conjunction with Potato Feast Days.

## Show and Shine



SHOW AND SHINE - The North Country Cruisers will be holding the third annual Show and Shine Weekend on Aug. 24-25 at the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum in Littleton, formerly the Littleton School. Saturday events will include pre-registration, music, car games, and food vendors. Sunday events will include registration, music, 50/50 raffles and lots of giveaways including a tire and wheel raffle. Eighteen classes of vehicles will be presented with awards as well as the president's memorial award, awards for best club attendance, participants choice, people's choice and best of show. No alcohol will be allowed at the fame club attendance, participants choice, people's choice and best of show. No alcohol will be allowed at the family event. For more information on the Show and Shine event, call 532-6010 or 532-4233.



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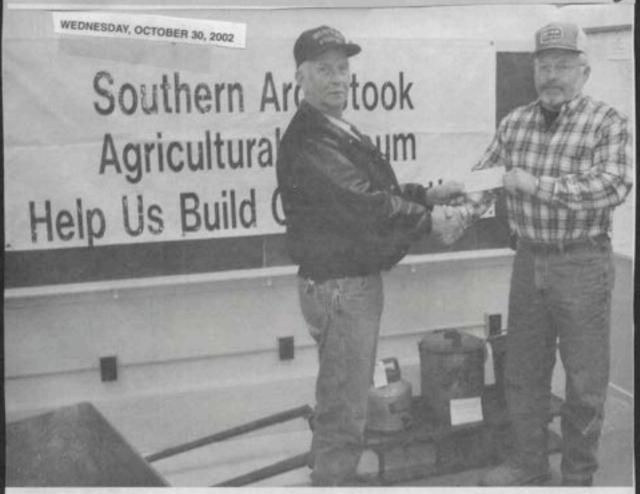
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## Cruisers and the community



DONATION – Dale McAfee, left, president of the North Country Cruisers presented Barry Campbell, representative of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum in Littleton, with a \$500 donation. The North Country Cruisers were able to use the museum's property to host their third annual "Show and Shine" Car Show this Fall. The Cruisers will be holding their fourth annual show next year on Aug. 23-24 at the museum.



CRUISIN' – The North Country Cruisers held a mini-car show on Oct. 5, as part of the child safety seat checkpoint held at Houlton Wal-Mart. Standing with their classics are, from left, Dale McAfee, president of North Country Cruisers; Vernon Sirois, Tom McAfee and Kenny Smith. The North Country Cruisers gave away a booster seat during the child safety seat checkpoint. The winner was Kim Folsom of Houlton. The North Country Cruisers car club holds a monthly drawing for a child safety seat. A person can enter a name into the drawing by contacting a club member or obtaining an application, which is available at many doctor's offices.

# BEAN HOLE BEAN SUPPLE

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 7, 2002 FROM 4 TO 6:30 PM

WHERE: SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

WHAT: BEANS, PORK, CHICKEN, CORN ON THE COB & DESSERT

WHAT ELSE: 50/50 DRAW

KEN MCAFEE AND HIS FRIENDS WILL ENTERTAIN (BRING A LAWN CHAIR)

PUT ON BY: THE MEDUXNEKEAG RAMBLERS AND THE SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

COST: ADULTS \$5.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$3.50

Bean Hole Bean Supper from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum. Beans, pork, chicken, corn on the cob & dessert. 50/50 Draw. Ken McAfee and his friends will entertain. Bring a lawn chair. Adults \$5 children under 12-\$3.50. Sponsored by the Meduxnekeag amblers and the Southern boostook Agricultural Museum.



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Ralph Sawing - John



John Carl Ralph.



James Watson dropped in - John + Carl putting on pos Board.



Albert Williams had few days off from work - Thought he would help too,



Rick Hancy Albert Withouse Closet & Bath room - Rose been removed + Archway Cut through to other Room - Blue plastic covering the opening to Keep dust out of other Rooms.



Carl John, Rick + Albert - Framing opening +
Pre paring wall for Peg Boards



John Rick Albert



Carl, John , Rick , HIbert - Ralphon

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Dec 27/2001

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Carl Hagans Pickup & Fite Flat Body & Sism frome on it. Richer, Barry & Ralph.



Carl in his pickup - The Frame being hoisted up by Frances Hoist.

The Sign France was make by Carl in Barry's Shop



Flewelling running the hoist Frances + Bill looking on directing him



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Flewelling running Hoist - Bill + Francis
looking on.



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of frame + menually pulled it back - to lower
top So Frame would 80 under wires than
drug it under wires + then raised it again on other side



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Sign put up over Front door Dec/02-By Balok Longstatt & Carl Hagan

# Happy New Year!

### JANUARY 2003

#### HOULTON PIONEER TIMES

Saturday, January 4 3003

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum Meeting located in the old Littleton Community School building from 9-10 a.m. All museum members are encouraged to attend this meeting and to bring a friend along with them.

Open Museum will be at the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission, but donations are always gladly accepted and appreciated. Come and see what we have done and discuss any thoughts for future planning.

Jan, 4, 2003 9 a.m. The first meeting of the new year ¢ GREAT HOPES!!

THE WOMAN'S FIRE AUX.CALENDAR OF 2003 ADVERTIZES THE MUSEUM NOT ONLY ON THE CALENDAR WITH OTHERS BUT NOTICE ON EACH MONTHE 1st & 3rd. 9 a,m. as a reminder of the meetings
ALSO THE PICTURE OF CEDRIC IN HIS MUSEUM AT HOME BARN WITH
THE PRES. FRANCES FITZPATRIC, SEC. CHARLES UPTON & TREAS.BARRY
CAMPBELL (OF MUSEUM)

Jan, 3, 03 The roof was put on the frame of The S.A.A.M. by Barry Campbell with the help of Jay Reed & Rick Haney. The frame was made by Carl Hagan & roof by Barry Campbell. The sign & lettering will come later. (pictures s to follow.)

Jan.4,2003, 11a.m. to 3 p.m. following the meeting the museum was opened to the public . Carl and Helen Hagan remained for this time.

Saturday, January 4
Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum Meeting located in the old Littleton Community School building from 9-10 a.m. All museum members are encouraged to attend this meeting and to bring a friend along with them.

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#### Saturday, January 18

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum located in the old Littleton Community School building, will be having a meeting from 9-10 a.m. All museum members are encouraged to attend this meeting and to bring a friend along with them.

friend along with them.

OPEN MUSEUM-open to the public to come and tour from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission to the museum but donations are always gladly accepted and appreciated to help further our efforts on building up this museum.

#### Saturday, February 1

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum Meeting located in the old Littleton Community School building from 9-10 a.m. All museum members are encouraged to attend this meeting and to bring a friend along with them.

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Open Museum from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission, but donations are accepted and appreciated. Come and see what we've done so far and discuss the future planning of our museum.

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Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum Open House (located in the old Littleton Community School building) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Open and Free to the public and tour the museum and discuss future planning of our museum. 3/15743

Saturday, March 29
Southern Aroostook
Agricultural Museum Meeting at
the old Littleton Community
School from 9-10 a.m.
Open Museum will be at Southern
Aroostook Agricultural Museum

from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Saturday, April 5
Southern Aroostook Expo and Trade Show at the John Millar Civic Center in Houlton from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, contact Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce at 532-4216.

Sunday, April 6

Southern Aroostook Expo and Trade Show at the John Millar Civic Center in Houlton from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, contact Greater

foulton Chamber of Commerce at 332-4216.

Saturday, April 19

Southern Aroostook Agri Museum Meeting from 9-11 a.m. at the old Littleton Community School building.

Open House at the Southern Aroostook Agri Museum from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the old Littleton Community School building. Southern Aroostook Expo and Trade Show at the John Millar Civic Center in Houlton from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, contact Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce at 532-4216.

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Saturday, May 3
Southern Aroostook Agri
Museum Meeting at 9 a.m. at the
museum. Open to public from 11
a.m.-3 p.m.

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Saturday, May 31
Southern Arbostook
Agricultural Museum Meeting
from 9-11 a.m. at the museum in
Littleton. Then open for public
tours until 3 p.m.

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MEMBER 2003

Littleton School

NOW the home of

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum











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#### We need your support

I would like to don:		
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# SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

at former Littleton Consolidated School



Come see what we have done and discuss any thoughts you might have for future plans



This photo was found in the District's archives. It depicts the 1956 potato harvest at Cole Tompkins' Farm in Bridgewater.

# SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK

## SOIL AND WATER

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ONTHEIR

CALENDAR

Van./3 /03



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Bany directing Rick & Bucket



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Jay Reed + Barm Campbell



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Bary Putting on Trim Board

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## Jan 9/2003



Scott Johnson + Cedric Shaw



Scott - Pioneer Vines



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2003 HOULTON, MAINE, PIONEER TIMES

# Littleton museum seeks to

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COMFY OR WHAT? — Dot Campbell checks out a rope bed that is featured at Littleton's Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum. Before the days of box springs and mattresses, people would sleep on a rope bed giving them a little bit of added support.

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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

### Friday, February 7, 2003

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Linneus Sno-Sports Spaghetti Dinner

Join your sled buddies and take a ride to the Linneus Clubhouse for spaghetti and all the fixins' or hop in the car and drive out for vittles Friday night! Cost \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. At 6:30 pm, everyone beelines back to Houlton by sled or by car to Community Park for the Snowmobile Light Parade!

6:15 pm Exciting Varsity Hockey Action!

See Stearn vs. Windale at the Millar Civic Center! Hockey is exciting and if you haven't been to a Varsity game, you've been missing out. Come hoot and holler! There's even viewing in glassed, warm areas if you desire or enjoy the game rink inside.

7:00 pm Moosestompin' Snowmobiles on Parade

Decorate your sled, round up your buddies and meet everybody at Community Park at 7 pm for a ride through town and back to Community Park for the huge bonfire! This year's parade will hopefully include lots of the old antique beauties we enjoy seeing. Participants receive an extra card towards the Poker Run on Sunday.

8:00 pm Bonfire!

All three area snowmobile clubs, Linneus Sno-Sports, Meduxnekeag Ramblers and Smoki-Haulers get together as the whole gang warms up after the snowmobile parade. After being shut up all winter, get out and meet your old friends and make some new ones! Grab yourself hot chocolate, coffee and food provided by the Greater Houlton Christian Academy.

8:30 pm - 10:30 pm Free Ice Skating at Millar Civic Center

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, everybody head up to ice skate at the Civic Center for two full hours for FREE! Listen to music, have some laughs, get some good old fashion exercise! Get out from behind that old television set you've been spending too much time at this winter.

### Saturday, February 8, 2003

Cross Country Skiing! All Day!

Littleton and Linneus courses will be open and groomed. Spread the word!

6:00 am - 10:00 am One Of The World's Largest Buffet Breakfasts!

With all of the activity and calories you're going to burn being outside snowsledding, cross country skiing and playing in the Moosestomper games; you're going to need a good foundation of food in your belly! Wander on up to Meduxnekeag Ramblers Snowsled Club on the Wiley Road in Littleton by sled, car or even hitchhike if you have to . . . \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. They do it every weekend! The cooks are the best and friendliest!! Buy a 50/50 ticket! Proceeds all help fund trail maintenance. Don't forget the 5 1/2 mile cross country ski course at Linneus that's available all weekend long. Cross country ski trails will also be groomed in Littleton. After breakfast, make sure to check the schedule that Joe McAtee has outlined for an 85 mile loop of the Houlton area! Don't Miss Out!!!

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Youth Hockey Games

Southern Aroostook Minor Hockey Association (SAMHA) Novice tournament at Millar Civic Center. Watch your SAMHA Novices play in a tournament in good, friendly, spirited competition! Free Admission! Dress warmly or use the heated warming rooms to enjoy the game. Inside concessions open with lots of goodies to eat! Check with the Civic Center at 532-1313 for individual times.

#### 9:00 am Sliding On Derby Hill Opens

Throughout the weekend, enjoy Derby Hill sliding! Bring your flying saucer, toboggan, your cardboard box and have fun with your friends and neighbors sliding.

#### 10:00 am Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum in Littleton wants to show you the best of their Farmer's Museum!

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#### 10:00 am Food Concessions Open At Community Park

Miss Breakfast? The Greater Houlton Christian Academy has you covered! Visit the log cabin at the park for a warmup and a snack or two, available inside the Millar Civic Center also. Concessions are also open with your favorite vittles!

#### 11:30 am Half Dollar Scramble for Kids

Age groups 6 and under, 7 to 9, 10 to 13. Here's where the kids make all the money! We have three piles of snow, mix with a generous helping of over \$300.00 worth of half dollars, then the kids go into a feeding frenzy digging, searching and trying to find the cash! Everybody goes away with a fist full of half dollars!

12:00 noon Human Dog Sled Races Two pull, one rides...Mush! Mush!

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#### 12:00 noon - 4:00pm FREE Sleigh Rides

FREE sleigh rides up by Derby Hill! Local horsemen and women bring their gentle giants out to play! Snowsleds will be on board, too, with trailers that you can hop in and take a spin!

12:30 pm Kiddie Mini Tractor Pull Kids, pull with all your might!

1:00 pm Human Curling No need for brooms - Just brawn!

1:30 pm Award Ceremony Join us at the Millar Civic Center! Congratulations to all!

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#### 2:00 - 4:00 pm FREE Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

Ride at the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum with Barry and his gentle giants!

#### 3:15 pm Varsity Hockey

Blackhawks vs. Windale at the Millar Civic Center. Come hoot, holler and support your local team! They are having an awesome year and will play even better with you on board to watch the fast paced competition.

#### 4:00 pm Baked Bean Supper at Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

Come to Littleton and see all they have to offer and support a really worthy local cause that is picking up steam! \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Don't forget to pick up a 50/50 ticket!

#### 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Hogan Tire Shootout

See local SAMHA hockey youngsters show their skills in various age groups from 5 to 18. Bring your skates, your helmet and your stick! There will be competition in spring skating, puck performance and radar slapshot categories.

#### 7:45 pm - 9:45 pm FREE Public Skating

Back to the Millar Civic Center for music, lights and prizes! Wander outside to enjoy sliding on the hill and then the bonfire to celebrate winter . . . our longest season!

#### 9:00 pm Moosestomper's Ball at The Lounge Downunder & Dance with the Monticello Fish & Game Club and Rough Riders

Enjoy shaking off all of those calories from all of the eating you've done today plus loosen up those cold muscles twisting, shouting, moving and grooving! Join us at The Lounge Downunder in Houlton or go dancing the night away with the sounds of "Honkytonk" at the Monticello Fish & Game Club co-sponsored by the Roughriders group!

### Sunday, February 9, 2003

Breakfast at Linneus Sno-Sports 6:00 am - 9:00 am

Again, sled out or drive out . . . just make sure to be there for all of the fun and good food! \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

#### 9:00 am - 11:00 am Poker Run



Don't want to miss out on an excellent ride and not to mention a great way to receive 1/2 - CASH PRIZES!! The best 3 (high) hands take the winnings. The trails are groomed perfectly and the atmosphere is filled with fun. Buy unlimited @ \$5.00 per hand. Ride in the Moosestomper's Parade Friday night, get an extra card. Register at the American Legion Post No. 47 on the Bangor Road in Houlton all morning long until 11:00 am where you'll receive your first card and map. Cards must be in by 3:00 pm back at the American Legion Post No. 47. This Poker Run is open to anyone on a sled or vehicle! There will also be Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Hot Chocolate and Coffee to warm you up and give you energy for your trip. Take part in the 50/50 draw to make your chances better for the day! ENJOY - PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS AND BE SAFE!!!

11:00 am Derby Hill Sliding Opens

Round up the family, spread the word with your friends and neighbors. See you at the Hill!

12:00 noon Sled Rides Free sled rides to anyone who wants to go for a spin!

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm FREE Public Skating at Millar Civic Center

More family fun! FREE indoor ice skating if you're not worn out yet or maybe you missed the fun yesterday. Stop by for family skating!

SAMHA Bantams vs. Tobique Valley

Exciting hockey action between quality US and Canadian teams! Definitely worth your attendance!

Stick Time for Grades 6 & Under

Bring your helmet, stick and gloves!

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Family Night Skating

All youth must be accompanied by a parent!

More events to be added! Stay tuned and check out the web site at www.greaterhoulton.com/moosestompers!

ALL ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT COMMUNITY PARK IN HOULTON UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED (IE: SNOWMOBILE CLUB ACTIVITIES IN LINNEUS AND LITTLETON). MOST EVENTS ARE LOCATED BETWEEN MILLAR CIVIC CENTER, THE SLIDING HILL AND THE BASEBALL FIELDS.

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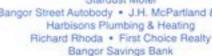
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# Moosestompers Weekend kicks off Friday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003

By Sarah MacIlroy

Staff Writer

HOULTON - The moose is oose once again.

Despite some early setbacks this the sixth annual Moosestompers Weekend will be happening in southern Aroostook, and according to promoters promises to be better than ever.

"At first we thought we were just going to have a reduced version [of the event]," said Organizer Andy Mooers, "but now, actually, it looks like it's going to be better. The sled clubs have really stepped up to do a lot more .... and they've all pulled together."

Mooers and Jim Brown, both local businessmen and Rotarians, spearheaded an effort by the Houlton Rotary to supply the additional funding needed by the Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce to but re-engerized. kick-off the event.

Moosestompers, an annual event usually hosted by the chamber, had been put on hold this year when the organization announced that funding shortfalls would be curtailing their upcoming activities. Events like Moosestompers, which reportedly did not generate enough revenue to break even, were cancelled.

Unwilling to see a lapse in an event which had gained national attention, area organizations banded together to make the three-day winter festival happen.

Thanks to support from a host of local businesses and organizations, including Linneus and Littleton snowmobile clubs, the American Legion, the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum and more, Moosestompers was not only saved,

"There are so many people involved in it," explained Mooers.

"It gets you out from behind that TV in the middle of winter. ... It is our

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longest season, but instead of dreading it we can enjoy it."

Just about everybody could find something to enjoy at the Feb. 7,8,9 weekend, judging from the lineup of events.

Getting kicked off with a spaghetti feed, the event includes everything from a snowmobile parade through Houlton to horse-drawn sleigh rides and human dog sled races. Also on the docket is free public skating at the Millar Civic Center, tours and a baked bean supper at the Littleton's Agricultural Museum, human curling, a half-dollar scramble, poker run, varsity and recreational hockey action, a bonfire, "one of the world's

biggest" buffet breakfasts, (For a complete schedule see Page Five or www.greaterhoulton.com/moosestompers.)

Part of what makes this year's activities unique is the fact that so many different groups pulled together to make it happen. One of the key players this year are snowmobile clubs.

"What I'm amazed at is seeing these people come forward [to help] from Littleton and Linneus snow clubs," explained Mooers, "This isn't just a Houlton club, ... What we had to do wasn't really organize the events: it was to just find out everything that was going on and [bring it

together]."

Help from local business and make organizations help Moosestompers happen, but the event's biggest backer seems to the community spirit that ties all the loose ends together.

"Jim Brown is really great at organizing," Mooers said. "He's been really detailed and put a lot of time of time into it. So has the town manager and the chamber and the Rotary. You can't have just one or two people organizing the whole thing. You have to have a lot of different people involved."

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Events like Moosestompers can break up the winter blues and give a boost to the local economy, too.

"We got involved just to make sure it would happen because it's a good boost for the economy and for tourism," he added. "When you have snow sledders that come for that weekend to stay at motels and buy gas and say what a friendly town we are, it's great. Plus, the locals get a free weekend of sliding and prizes and sleigh rides. That's a good thing for the middle of winter."

Saluting the local support for Moosestompers, Mooers didn't fail to mention Moosestompers' most important ingredient.

"We've got snow. If we hadn't had snow it wouldn't matter how much work you put into it," he added.

# Moosestompers 2003 schedule of events

Friday, Feb. 7

4:30-6:30 p.m. Linneus Sno-Sports Spaghetti Dinner. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12

6:15 p.m. Varsity hockey action will be at the Millar Civic Center with Stearns facing off against Windale.

7 p.m.

Moosestompin' Snowmobiles on
Parade starts at Community Park
and travels through Houlton, ending at Community Park.

8 p.m. A bonfire will be held at Community Park

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Free ice skating at the Millar Civic Center.

Saturday, Feb. 8
Linneus and Littleton cross
country skiing courses will be
open and groomed for skiers all
day.

6 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast at the
Meduxnekeag Ramblers
Snowmobile Club on the Wiley
Road in Littleton. Cost is \$5 for
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7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Youth hockey games, hosted by the Southern Aroostook Minor Hockey Association. Check with the civic center for individual times.

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5 p.m. Stick time for grades 6 and under

> 6-8 p.m. Family night skating





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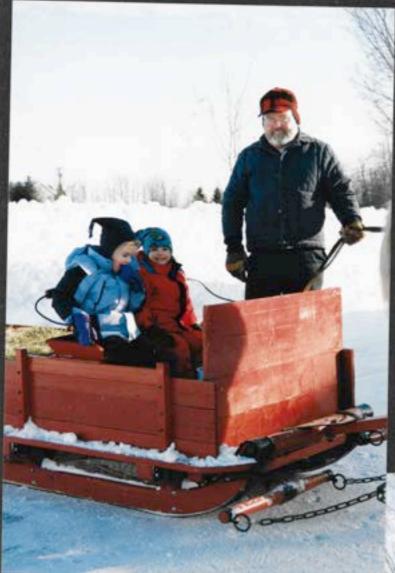
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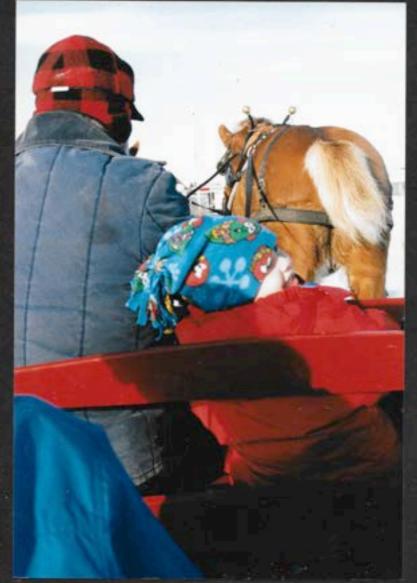


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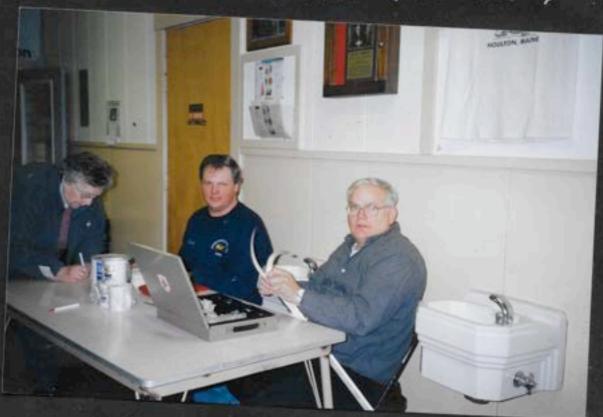


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#### Moore named 'Farmer of the Year'

HOULTON - The Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District recently announced that Smyrna farmer David B. Moore has been named Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year for 2002.

Moore, who runs a 164-acre beef cattle operation, was chosen to receive the prestigious award due to his dedication to the conservation of natural resources on his farm.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Technician John Roy said Moore began aligning his farming operation with conservation practices in 1997.

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RECOGNIZED — Those recognized at the Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District's (SASW-CD) 2003 Annual Banquet included David B. Moore, as Southern Aroostook's Conservation Farmer of the Year and the A.E. Howell Wildlife Conservation Center, receiving the Distinguished Partnership Award. Pictured, from left, are SASWCD Board Chairman Perry Lilley; Dorothy and Arthur Howell; John Roy, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service soil technician; Moore and Andrea Newman, district education coordinator.

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future generations."

Long before the conservation cen-

ter opened, the Howells had a cream and they were determined to see it through. The parents of seven children worked with poultry, dairy cattle, and in the field of horticulbefore fure receiving a calling from the Lord which led them to Amity in 1980.

"After we set-tled in," Arthur Howell recalled, 'we opened the A.E. Howell Wildlife Conservation

Center and Spruce Acres Refuge in memory of my late father. From that point on we began doing educational programs in and with schools, rehabilitating wildlife (everything from

birds to moose), and giving educational tours to people from all over the world so that we could stress the importance of our wildlife and con-

necting with our environment."

Both Newman the Howells said their partnership will be life-long.

"Our future plans are to grow and set an example for others to follow-both in the rehabilitation of wildlife and the education of the youth of tomorrow,' stated the Howells.

The A.E. Howell Wildlife Conservation Center Inc. and Spruce Acres Refuge is a volunteer nonprofit organization which

receives no financial support from state or federal agencies. Their sole support network comes from memberships, donations and grants.



Arthur Jr. and Dorothy Howell

"Dave Moore has a strong commitment to the preservation of natural resources," Roy stated. "He not only wants what's best for

his animals, but also for the soil. water, and crops on his property.

Roy went on to state that Moore began the process by installing 2000 feet of grassed waterway and 1000 feet of subsurface drain tile in 1997. He that added

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David B. Moore

Moore continued his efforts during the next five years.

In the summer of 1998, Dave completed 138 acres of crossslope farming and installed four acres of grass filter strip, and he completed a nutrient management plan in the fall of 2000," Roy continued. "The finishing touches were completed in 2002 when he installed a well, four watering troughs/tanks, and put in a solid manure stacking pad. He now has a really impressive operation and it certainly is a model for other beef operations."

Moore takes a more modest approach to the work he has done

during his seven years as a farmer. Basically, I'm a grassland

farmer," Moore explained. "I have

always possessed a tremendous love of animals and have taken a special interest in the ability to coexist with them. It is especially important to me that I make good hay for my cows and calves, which I love. The business aspect of my farming operation involves weaning and selling my calves at about 450 to 650 pounds and then I start all over again."

Moore noted that he has been able to achieve a healthy and conservationally sound farming operation through technical assistance received from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Thanks to John Roy of USDA-NRCS we have great drainage, good water, and healthy soil and pasture. He has been a great help to me.

Moore, whose hobbies include golf and naturalistic reading, said his future plans are to "keep doing the same and increase my cattle

The father of two is also a member of the Houlton Lodge of Elks and the Houlton Country Club.

# Exchange effort grows into stat

county-city exchange between Orono High School all types of and Walton High School in the stereotypes. Bronx, N.Y., has became a life- And it's been changing event for a mother and doing exactly her daughter.

For eight years, Connie Carter served as Orono's service learning coordinator. Before that, she taught special education for 12 years.

Her daughter, Cami Carter, taught music for two years at Walton High School in the Bronx.

The two conceived the idea of an exchange visit between their respective schools, believing that offering a program to students of such different environments could help break down stereotypes.

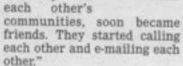
The program proved to be so successful, it continues.

"Basically, both of us saw students coming back, or participating in these exchanges," Connie Carter said recently.

"hat began in 2001 as "Our goal was to break down that I saw the possibility of example, Pat's Pizza, Bear Brew stereotypes, learn about each other's lives, and counteract

that.

The Carters found that students "lived in each other's homes, and stayed in



And it was true for the adults, as well.

"There became a point where I couldn't keep up with the connections anymore," Connie Carter said of the program, which took on a life of its own while she attempted to continue her school responsi-

'The other piece, for me, was

addressing a lot of social justice issues," she said.

Additionally, she began to discuss the program with representatives of other schools who "wanted to have this opportunity."

Thus Connie and Cami Carter left the teaching profesation Breaking Stereotypes Inc., which they incorporated last August.

OBS is currently working with a middle school in southern Maine and a middle school in Harlem, Carter said, "which will, hopefully, lead to an exchange.

"And we have another high school in the Bronx that is very interested in exchanging with a high school in Maine, but we haven't found one yet."

However, for such exchanges to succeed, a great deal of community cooperation is necessary, Carter said.

Pub, Bell's IGA, LaBree's Bakers, Old Town Bowling Lanes and Bangor Photo all made donations "that contributed to the success of our time together," Carter said.

The Church of Universal Fellowship offered assistance, as did the Orono United Methodist sion to form the nonprofit Oper- and St. Mary's Catholic churches and interns from the University of Maine.

And, of course, a terrific number of parents and community members contributed "substantial time and energy towards a meaningful and funfilled weekend," she added.

Last, but not least, is the importance of the contributions made by the students, "to whom we owe all the success of this program," Carter said.

She commends them for "their passion, their sense of social justice, and their desire to go beyond race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status to For the Orono exchanges, for learn the importance of know-



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"We all think Maine is this safe, wonderful place, but what these parents are just as nervous as we are.

"They don't know if their kids will be met by a black bear when they come off the bus," she laughed. "Kids have actual-y asked that!" If your community or school

wants assistance in organizing such a program, OBS is there to answer your questions.

You can obtain information by writing OBS, P.O. Box 633, Drono 04473, or calling Connie Carter at 866-3187.

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the annual meeting and mem-For those considering such a bership drive of the Southern program, Carter said taking Aroostook Agricultural Musethis step "is as much a leap of um in Littleton begins with a faith for parents in The Bronx, public ham and turkey supper

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, and free for members. The event includes enterwe've come to understand is, tainment and a tour of the

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Dr. Moshe Myerowitz will help you with "Understanding the Babel on Those Food & Nutrition Labels" from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Myerowitz Chiropractic Center, 1570 Broadway in Bangor.

Space is limited to 35 seats. To reserve your space, call 947-3333 or (800) 649-2873.

You should bring a clipboard and pencil.

Joni Averill, Bangor Daily I'll have more information News, P.O. Box 1329, Bangor





### The Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District

announces our 2003 Annual Banquet

The event will be held at the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum (former Littleton School) located on US Route 1 in Littleton, if heading North their driveway is the first left before the C&W Citgo, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 4.

#### Program:

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Luncheon

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Award Presentations** 

(Farmer of the Year and partnership awards)

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Brief presentation on the Ag. Museum followed by

a guided tour of the museum.

Please RSVP to Andrea Newman at the Southern Aroostook SWCD Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2003 at 207-532-9407 Ext. 3.



the photo at the right, Francis Fitzpatrick, president of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum talks to Wayne and Jeannette Harris of Houlton about the various display pieces that are housed at the museum located in Littleton.

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GRAND PRIZE WINNER —Winner of the recent Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum raffle was Jim Ward of Houlton who won a John Deere LT150 Lawn Tractor courtesy of Peabody Lawn and Leisure. Pictured, from left, are Daniel Peabody, general manager of the North Street business; Ward and Francis Fitzpatrick, president of the museum. According to Fitzpatrick, the museum plans to use the funds raised in the raffle to move the last one-room school house in Littleton over to the museum's grounds.



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LITTLETON — At one time, the Littleton School was where children went to learn many things—including the history of this nation.

Now, the former schoolhouse

is where residents can learn about the agricultural history of Aroostook County.

On April 1, 2002, the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum purchased the school from the town, and began housing artifacts that have since become a thing of the past.

"We had to cut holes in the walls and make some renovations," said Barry Campbell, museum secretary/treasurer. "We've been putting in displays since August.

"People have been working every week on bringing in items," he said. "Everything here has come from donations."

The Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum will be open during the winter from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the first and third Saturdays of the month. New hours will be announced when the museum's regular season starts May 1.

The museum features a wide array of displays—many of which were donated by long-time Littleton resident Cedric Shaw, who used to operate the Pastime Museum.

"The museum committee came down to see me more than a year ago to see how I felt

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about having the agricultural museum," said Shaw. "They didn't want to compete with me, and I said it suited me just right because I was tapering off [my museum].

"I knew I was going to need to find a home for these things, so the agricultural museum seemed to be the best place," he said.

Every item that has been donated to the museum has the donor's name on a tag.

"We want to give credit where credit is due," said Shaw.

The first area guests come to features dozens of saws, handtools, firemen's tools, and axes.

"We've got everything from a buck saw to a pulp saw," Shaw said, noting that people were very ingenious years ago. "With the buck saw, people would put a rope on top of it and twist the rope to tighten the blade."

Alongside the axes are a cra-

dle and slasher—tools used for cutting grain, as well as pitchforks and a potato barrel grabber.

"We always loaded potato barrels by hand until wartime, and then there wasn't a lot of help around," said Shaw. "Women and kids helped out in the fields and nobody wanted to lift the barrels all the time, so they invented the hydraulic hoist which lifted the barrels."

Shaw said many of the artifacts housed at the museum were either run by a crank or a handle.

"One of my jobs was turning the handle on the drill years ago," he said.

One large donation is a blacksmith bellow used to fan the

flames at the Houston Foundry.
Walking through the second
room, visitors get a feel for how
people lived a century ago.

There's a cookstove, butter churns, a milking stool, a rope bed, washing machine, bathtub, a cash register, barber's chair, optometrist's chair, and a row of sleds.

"We'd like to find an old dentist's chair, too," said Shaw.

A third section of the museum isn't finished yet—the potato room. Presently the room houses old potato baskets and barrels, as well as potato seed cutters.

"At some point, we might divide the room into two sections—have one part be for planting and one designated for harvesting," said Campbell. "The potato industry is a big part of our history."

Campbell said the idea for the museum has been on the minds of community members for many years.

"There was an informal meeting about 15 years ago and people were talking about having a museum and saving these old agricultural items," he said. "But what really gave us the chance to go for it was when the Littleton School came up for grabs.

"There wasn't too much interest in the building, and we were fortunate we were able to purchase it from the town," said Campbell. "It's been growing ever since."

There are still some items

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This old-fashioned seed cutter is on display at the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum in Littleton. Officials say they hope the facility's "potato room" will be one of their popular attractions.

## Museum

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"We've got a lot of big items that people have donated to us. They're in barns and potato houses. We hope to have a couple of machine sheds outside of the building to house the bigger

equipment."

Shaw said there are two different thoughts about antiques,

"You either leave them the way you find them, or you restore them to how they used to be without rebuilding them entirely," he said. "I prefer things that have been put in good condition. I don't want

local history, call Campbell at 538-9583 or 538-4100.

"We want to preserve our heritage," he said, "and educate the people at the same time. I think the museum is going to be good for the community because it doesn't cost the taxpayers any money, and they can learn how things used to be."

rust or dirt on them. I like to have them look good, but not modern."

Campbell said should any businesses be interested in sponsoring a room at the museum, the businesses' name will be placed over the door. For information about sponsoring a room or donating funds or a piece of Tralpy Testine Lung Stesses.

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