

# The Arrowsic Arrow

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## Dear Reader:

THIS SATURDAY, February 24 from 8-11AM will be the first **Woods and Brush Fires training class** taught by Bath Deputy Chief Steve Hinds, Bath Captain Ken Desmond and Bath Captain Mike Clark. This will be a classroom session at the Arrowsic Town Hall. Outside Woods Fire Training will take place in the spring. Please join your neighbors for an informative morning. You can call Dale Carlton (442-8343) or any of the selectmen (Greg: 442-8020, Larry: 443-6970 or Michele: 442-7443) for more information.

Arrowsic Town Hall (443-4690) hours are Wed 3-5:30 pm and Friday 8:30-11 am. Our Selectboard: Greg Guckenburg: 442-8020; Larry Wilson: 443-6970; and Michele Gaillard: 442-7443. Liz Rollins is Tax Collector and Phine Ewing is Town Clerk.

You can find the Arrow on the web at [www.gwi.net/arrowsic](http://www.gwi.net/arrowsic) thanks to Larry Wilson and Great Works Internet (1-800-201-1476)

## Further Fire Matters:

We are currently negotiating with Bath on the final terms for a five year contract. We are presently on a first call basis with the Bath Fire Department as they receive all 911 calls from the Sagadahoc County Dispatch Center.

The Selectmen are also encouraging several levels of involvement in the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department:

- 1) Equipment maintenance and Mutual Aid Response. Ike Heffron (371-9093) will be in charge of coordinating these efforts.
- 2) Woods and Brush Fire Brigade. Ongoing training efforts will be organized by Dale Carlton (442-8343) who has agreed to act as Assistant Fire Chief to Chief Brian Scott.
- 3) Home Safety and Education efforts will be headed up by Charlotte Brown (442-8383). We'd like to have a group of people that will work with Charlotte to provide safety information to residents.
- 4) For those with a higher level of training or for those who wish to obtain a higher level of training, you can work with Chief Brian Scott (442-7409) learning to

use the mini-pumper and answering calls in Arrowsic and in our Mutual Aid towns.

If you are interested in any of the above areas, please contact the above individuals. We are very pleased with the level of interest in fire matters that townspeople have shown. Thanks to all who signed up at the Town Hall and who answered the call for volunteers in the Arrow. Thanks especially to Brian, Ike, Charlotte and Dale for committing their energies to growing The Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department.

### From Grace Paley's essay, "Jobs" in the collection, *Just as I Thought* ©1998:

(This) was the best job I ever had. I was the secretary to the Fire Chief on the army post and in on all the fires. Most of them were brush and continued all summer in the North Carolina grass. An important part of my job was the ringing of the fire bell at noon. In order to ring it at the right time, I had to call the post switchboard operator at about ten or eleven. I asked her for the *absolutely* correct time. One day I called her and said, "Ellie, how do you know what the correct time is? Who tells *you*?" "Oh," she said, "I set my clock everyday by the twelve noon fire bell."



## Arrowsic classifieds

(to place an ad, leave at the Town Hall in Arrow box or email to paolds@javanet.com)

### Wanted: Master Electrician

We need to run a circuit for the new electric hot water heater at the Town Hall. Call Bob Ater, Town Property Management Committee, 443-1519

### Wanted: Old shovel blades or other steel

garden implements that are no longer in service. Call Jeff Mann at 443-6174



"Taking action is simple. Ask your friends if they're aware that the CEO of GAP, Millard Drexler, made \$41,500.00 an hour last year. And that the young women in Honduras who are making the clothes for GAP work 14 hour days for 50 cents an hour. Then you could each call GAP's 800 number and say, "I like your clothes, but I'd feel a lot happier if the women who made them earned a living wage. I wouldn't mind paying a little more, but it could also come out of Millard Drexler's salary."

-Ellen Schwartz, *Hope* (Summer 2000)

## for the Earth:

NCR is sponsoring a very cool recycling effort: send off your empty ink jet cartridges in their postage prepaid envelopes available at the Town Hall and they will make a donation to the American Red Cross.

[www.iShareStuff.org](http://www.iShareStuff.org) is a free web site that reduces waste and saves you money by making it easy to share stuff with people you know.

The next Arrow will be published in April. It will be largely devoted to the care of our planet. Anything you'd like to include may be left at the Town Hall or emailed to paolds@javanet.com.

## For all who have not heard or read what's up with the Max Wilder Bridge and the Osprey:

It appears things are coming to a close on our efforts for the Osprey. You have probably noticed the construction equipment and trucks near the bridge. This is the crew that will be setting up the rigging. They will be at the bridge for approximately one month, and then will leave and the painting contractors will arrive.

In a phone call with Eric Shepherd earlier this week, we were told that the Historical Preservation group would not sign off on the permanent deflector system that has been proposed by the MDOT. Due to the requirements set forth by this group, the MDOT has decided against installing any permanent devices on the bridge. Instead, they will put up temporary cones to deter the Osprey from nesting during the painting project, and will remove them upon completion.

According to Shepherd, our bridge project may not be completed until October 2002. If this is the case, two

nesting seasons will have come and gone. Hopefully, this will give the Osprey time to adjust to new nesting sites. Naturally, there is no guarantee they will not take up residence on the bridge again when it becomes available.

As for our nesting sites, the contact has been signed by Reed and Reed. They will be constructing the three nesting platforms and are to have them in place by March 9th. It will be an interesting spring as we eagerly await the return of our Osprey. Let us hope they choose one of the new sites so we can continue to enjoy watching them soar the skies above the Sasanoa and during the process of raising their young.

Thank you again for your support on this effort.

—Alexander Bridge and Avery Anderson

## From the Tax Collector

### Liz Rollins, 443-3658

The following registrations are due in these months. Please note that many of the registrations in February are for trailers.

AL'S PHE INC  
ALS PLUMBING & HEATING  
ANDERSON, AVERY H  
ARSENAULT, MARK  
BRIGGS, JANE W  
BRIGGS, WALTER  
BRIGGS ADVERTISING INC  
BRYANT, BARBARA J  
BRYANT, DONALD A  
BRYANT, DONANT A  
CARLTON, DALE  
CHAPIN, EDWARD B III  
CHAPIN, EDWARD B III  
COLE, CHARLES  
COLLIER, SUSAN J  
DETWILER, BRIAN  
DUBE, MICHAEL D  
ELWELL, RICHARD  
ELWELL, RICHARD H  
ELWELL, ROBERT  
ELWELL, ROBERT A  
ELWELL, RONALD E  
GALUZA, JAMES J  
GRILL, CHRISTOPHER J  
HIGGINS, RICHARD A  
HILTON, WANDA  
HINDS, JOHN  
HINDS, JOHN  
JEWETT, DARLA M  
JORGENSEN, MARK  
KING, KATHY  
LAMARRE, ROBERT N  
LEVESQUE, REBECCA A  
LYDEN, DAVID J  
MOORE, GEORGE D  
MOUNT, PAMELA A  
NEWCUMB, DICK T  
ODONNELL, NANAKO  
OLDS, PATTI  
ORR, ED  
PINETTE, ALFRED J  
PINETTE, JAMES  
PUFF, KATHLEEN S  
RHYTHMIC CABLE  
RHYTHMIC CABLE  
ROBBINS, KAREN M  
ROOT, DONALD N  
SAFFORD, GEORGE A  
SCOTT, BRIAN D  
SCOTT, NANCY  
SFERRA, NANCY J  
SHAW, RON  
SHULTZ, ROBERT E  
SOKOL, DAMIAN

SPENCER, JAMES A  
STAFFORD, GEORGE  
STAFFORD, GEORGE F  
STARBIRD, JOHN S  
STINSON, CARL W  
STINSON, LUCY E  
STOEBE, JEFF  
STOEBE, JEFF  
STOEBE, JEFFREY A  
STOEBE, SARAH  
STUART, SCOTT  
SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY  
THOMAS, KATHRYN  
WALSH, THOMAS J

february

march

AMES, HAROLD A  
ATER, ROBERT G  
BASSETT, DEBORAH M  
BRIDGE, CLARE L  
BURKE, JOHN G  
DAVIS, NANCY A  
EARNER, JASON S  
FOSTER, DAVID R  
FRAHM, SHIRLEY D  
GILES, SAMUEL D  
JOHNSON, ROBERT A  
JORGENSEN, MARK  
KANE, JEAN R  
KING, STANLEY E  
KNOWLES, ROBERT L  
KREINDLER, MICHAEL  
LAMARRE, ROBERT N  
LEBRUN, JEAN M  
LIZOTTE, RENA N  
LYDEN, DAVID J  
MANN, JEFFREY S  
O CONNOR, JAMIE R  
OCONNOR, JAMIE R  
PACKARD, PHILLIP E  
PACKARD, PHILLIP E  
ROBBINS, KAREN  
SCHLEIN, PAUL B  
STANTON, MAUREEN P  
STONE, JOHN F JR  
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL  
TOLAN, JAMES J  
WOOD, JOHN  
YEATON, GUY M