



The Arrowsic Arrow

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Hold onto what is good, even if it is a handful of earth.
 And hold onto what you believe, even if it is a tree which stands by itself.
 Hold onto what you must do, even if it is a long way from here.
 Hold onto life, even when it is easier to let go.
 Hold onto my hand, even when I have gone away from you.
 —Pueblo verse

Fire Dept. News

Sukey Heard 443-6768

Since the last Arrow, the Arrowsic Fire Department has responded to 10 calls, 3 in Arrowsic, 4 in Woolwich and 3 in Georgetown. We are averaging about 5 volunteers per call. Fire Department members have attended the regular second Saturday of the month training sessions run by Chief Ike Heffron, and there has also been an extra workshop session.

Special winter fire tips from the Chief:

Please be careful when the power is out.
 If you use a K-1 heater, be sure to open a window about 2 inches.
 If you use candles, keep them on a hard surface and blow them out if you leave the house.
 Each home should have a working dry chemical fire extinguisher.

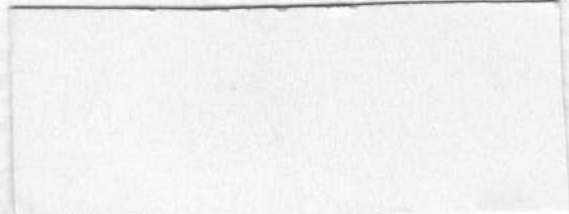
Please remember to clearly label your driveway and home with your new road number so that emergency crews can find you when you need them.

The Greening of Arrowsic

Jeff Mann 443-6174

I am collecting money and signatures for the Green candidates for governor, Steven Farsaci and Jonathan Carter. I am still getting educated about this whole process, but basically, I am collecting \$5 from any registered voter in Arrowsic for either or both of these candidates. This money is part of the "Clean Elections" process. Each candidate must receive \$2,500 in \$5 contributions by April 15 to qualify. In addition, each candidate must have the signatures of 2000 registered "Green Independent Party" (GIP) members by March 15. As you can see this is a two step process. You can call me at 443-6174 with any questions. If you are a green party member you'll be hearing from me. You can change your registration to "GIP" to sign the petitions for GIP candidate for governor.

I know this is confusing to many of you as was the last presidential election. The green party is seen as the "spoiler" for the Democratic party. As recent events have shown, our political process is in danger of being (or has been) taken over by large moneyed interests. Supporting the Clean Election process and the Green party are both ways to combat this. These are not perfect solutions. Time and effort will make them better. I believe they are worthy of your support now to lay the groundwork for a better democracy in the future. Thank you, Jeff Mann



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From the Road Commission

Jim Stump 442-7527

This is to let you know that CMP will be doing roadside work (including tree trimming) within the next few weeks. Any questions, call Jim Stump.

Also, if you have any questions or concerns about Winter Plowing or Sanding, please contact Dick Elwell, Arrowsic's snowplow contractor, at 443-4335 or Jim Stump at 442-7527.

From the Zoning Board of Appeals

Mark Geiger 443-1072 is our newly elected chair. We would like to thank former Chair Grace Stone for her many years of impeccable work. She will remain on the ZBA.

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

SUBJECT: A VIDEO; **THE GREENING OF CUBA**
 PLACE: LIBRARY, G'TOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL
 TIME: Sat., Feb. 9, 10 AM

In conjunction with the Arrowsic Conservation Commission we are offering a program on the changing face of organic agriculture in Cuba. The video profiles farmers and scientists who are working to reinvent a sustainable agriculture based on ecological principals and local knowledge, rather than dependence on outside conditions.

Told in the voices of the men & women who are leading the agricultural movement, the video suggests that both developing and developed countries can choose a healthier environment to feed their people. The video was made by **FOOD FIRST** Institute for Food & Development Policy, and is Spanish with English sub-titles.

It will be introduced by **Pilar Tirado** of the Brunswick-Trinidad Sister Cities Association. Dr. Tirado is a graduate of Brown University and a Master Gardener trainee in the Univ. of Maine Extension program. Following the program, she will provide information on the appearance of one of the Cuban agricultural leaders at Bowdoin College on Feb. 25.

The program is free and open to the public. For information call 371-2575.

CPR News

Mary Hillery 442-8020

New American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) are now in effect. The new format classes will provide less lecture time and more practice time, making it easier to teach, learn and to feel confident that we will all do our best to save a life in a heart or lung emergency.

We haven't scheduled classes for Spring at Town Hall, so I recommend those who need certification or recertification to call Midcoast Hospital Healthline 729-6134. Basic Life Support classes for the average citizen will be held on one Wednesday in the months of February, April, June, August and October of 2002. Healthcare provider classes will be on two Wednesdays in January, March, May, July, September and November of 2002, all at the new Cooks Corner facility.

ARROWSIC WRITERS READ
AT THE ARROWSIC TOWN HALL
ON FRI MARCH 1st
AT 7PM.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR READERS AT
ARROWSIC TOWN HALL OR CALL
NANCY BROWN STUMP 442-7529.
COME READ YOUR POETRY, STORY OR
ESSAY. TIME LIMIT: 5MIN / READER

A Thank You from Milly Stafford:

I want to thank all you devious Arrowsic people for making my 80th birthday a complete surprise.

I also thank you for all your good wishes, pretty cards and wonderful gifts.

Classifieds:

I would be interested in buying old and/or antique woodworking hand tools. Planes, saws, draw shaves, wooden clamps, whatever! Please call Bill Bunter at 443-2559

For Sale: 1989 Toyota Pickup with Cap and Ladder rack. Studded snow tires. \$1200 or best offer. Please call 443-3098

From the Tax Collector

Liz Rollins 443-3658

JANUARY

AL'S P.H.E. INC
ATER, ANN
BRIGGS ADVERTISING IN
CARLETON, JAMES R
CARLTON, CELIA M
DAVIS, SHELDON K
FITZHERBERT, MELODY I
GAILLARD, MICHELE
GILES, SAMUEL D
GRILL, CHRISTOPHER J
HALICA, JOHN
HEWLET, LOIS M
HEWLETT, HERBERT
HIGGINS, RICHARD A
KENTY, DIANE E
MALEY, DOROTHY L
MALEY, KENNETH D
MARTIN, MICHAEL T
ROSS, WILLIAM L
SCOTT, JESSE D
SHULTZ, EMILY B
SHULTZ, ROBERT E
SIMONDS, AMY L
STAIB, ERIC A
WARNER, DORIS E

FEBRUARY

AMES, SYLVIA M
APPEL, JAMES M
ATER, ROBERT C
BRETT, J CHRISTOPHER
BRIGGS, JANE W
BROOKS, DAVID M
BRYANT, BARBARA J
CAMPBELL, SHERMAN
CAREY, ANTONIO W
CARLETON, VERNON
CARLTON, DALE
CERRONE, WARREN E
COLE, CHARLES
COLE, CHARLES D
COLLIER, SUSAN J
DUBE, MICHAEL D
ELWELL, RICHARD
ELWELL, ROBERT A
GILES, SAMUEL D
GILES, SAMUEL D
GOODWIN, PETER
GRILL, CHRISTOPHER J
HEARD, ROGER B
HEATH, RALPH
HEWLETT, LOIS
HINDS, JOHN
HINDS, JOHN
HINDS, JOHN F
HOLT WOODLANDS RESEA
JEWETT, DARLA M
JORGENSEN LANDSCAPI,
JORGENSEN LANDSCAPIN
KIDD, MARK R
KIMBALL, DUGGAN
KNOWLES, ROBERT L
KNOWLES, ROBERT L JR
LEVESQUE, REBECCA A
LYDEN, DAVID J
MARTIN, MICHAEL
MARTIN, MICHAEL T
MCCLUER, JOHN W
MCCLUER, JOHN W
MOORE, GEORGE D
MOUNT, PAMELA A
NEILSON, WILLIAM L
NEWCOMB, DICK T
NEWCOMB, DICK T
ODONNELL, NANAKO
PACHARD, PHILLIP E
PINETTE, JAMES A

Reuse/Recycling Quick Reference List

- Appliances**—Donate: Goodwill, (800)664-6577, www.goodwill.org.
- Recycle: Steel** Recycling Institute, (800)YES-1-CAN, www.recycle-steel.org.
- Batteries**—Recycle all types: Battery Solutions, (734)467-9110, www.batteryrecycling.com. Recycle rechargeables locally: Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation, (800)8-BATTERY, www.rbrcc.org.
- Compact Discs and Other Media**—Refinish old CDs: AuralTech, (888)454-3223, www.nsynch.com/~auraltch. Recycle CDs, tapes, computer disks: Green Disk, (800)-305-DISK, www.greendisk.com.
- Eyeglasses**—Donate: Contact your local Lions Club or eye care chain.
- Computers and Home Electronics**—Donate or recycle PCs: Electronics Industries Alliance Consumer Education Initiative, (703)907-7500, www.eiae.org. Recycle PCs: IBM PC Recycling Service, (800)SHOP-IBM.
- Ink-Jet and Laser Toner Cartridges**—Recycle: AAAS Environmental, (847)583-1215, www.aaasenvironmentalinc.com or check your Yellow Pages.
- Oil**—American Petroleum Institute lists Used Motor Oil Hotlines for each state, (202)682-8000, www.recycleoil.org.
- Phones**—Donate cell phones: Collective Good, (770)856-9021, www.collectivegood.com, or Call to Protect, www.donateaphone.com. Recycle single-line phones: Reclamere, (814)386-2927, www.reclamere.com. Recycle office phones: 1-800-PHONE-GUYS, www.1800phoneguys.com.
- Foam Packing Peanuts and Blocks**—Reuse packaging peanuts: Plastic Loose Fill Producers Council, (800)828-2214. Reuse foam blocks: the Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers, (410)451-8340, www.epspackaging.org/info.html.

Good Ideas! (left in the Arrow box)

When you get ads in your phone or utility bill, include them with the payment. Let them throw it away. When you get those pre-approved letters in the mail, for everything from credit cards to 2nd mortgages and junk like that, most of them come with postage paid return envelopes, right? Well, why not get rid of some of your other junk mail and put it in those cool little envelopes! Send an ad for your local dry cleaner to American Express. Or a pizza coupon to Citibank. If you didn't get anything else that day, then just send them their application back! If you want to remain anonymous, just make sure your name isn't on anything you send them. You can send it back empty if you want to, just to keep them guessing! Eventually, the banks and credit card companies will begin getting all their junk back in the mail. And best of all, THEY'RE paying for it. Twice! The USPS collects another 34 cents plus a handling fee for each envelope returned. Maybe the postal service won't even need to increase postage again!

Dear Friend, (excerpted —if you'd like the entire text, phone me (Patty Olds) at 443-4764) It is understandable that we Americans feel an almost reflexive need for unanimity in trying times like these. As a nation, we are rightly consumed with responding to the terrorist attacks on September 11th. But, at some point — and I think we're beginning to get there — we need to take a long-term view even as we are reacting to the current crisis. Really important domestic issues facing us before all of this happened — education, energy and the environment, health care — still have the same dimension and consequence. But we have to recognize that it's much more difficult to discuss and debate them in the aftermath of Sept. 11th. Unfortunately, disagreement is sometimes characterized as unpatriotic during times such as these and open, thoughtful discourse is somewhat muted.

The gravity of the current situation is not lost on any of us and we all want to do what's right to insure our national security. It is with this in mind that I felt compelled to write you today.

A handful of determined U.S. senators, encouraged by the White House, are arguing that national security requires the Senate to rush a pro-oil energy bill into law. They have vowed to hold up normal Senate business and attach the bill to every piece of legislation that comes to the Senate floor. So far they have failed in what The Boston Globe is calling "oil opportunism." But with President Bush, himself, now calling for rushed passage of this disastrous bill, intense pressure is building on Senate leaders to succumb to the emotions of the moment. Using our national tragedy as an opportunity to advance the narrow interests of the oil lobby would not be in the best interest of the public.

This bill, already passed by the House, would not only open the Arctic Refuge to oil rigs, it would also pave the way for energy companies to exploit and destroy pristine areas of Greater Yellowstone and other gems of our natural heritage. As important, it would do nothing to address energy security.

I'm asking for your immediate help in stopping this legislation. After reading my letter I hope you'll take action at www.savebiogems.org/arctic/index.asp?src=ab0110a and then forward this letter to your friends and colleagues.

...Last spring, the Bush administration and some members of Congress said we had to pass the president's oil-friendly energy bill because we were facing the most serious energy crisis since 1973. But here we are, a mere six months later, and the energy crisis has vanished. Due to a slowing economy and falling demand, the prices for gasoline, natural gas and home heating oil have plunged. Meanwhile, the much-feared "summer of blackouts" in California never happened, largely because consumers and businesses made dramatic cuts in energy use by launching the most successful statewide conservation campaign in history.

...With no energy crisis to scare us with, the administration and pro-oil senators are now promoting their "Drill the Arctic" plan under the guise of national security and energy independence. Don't buy it. It would take ten years to bring Arctic oil to market, and when it arrives it would never equal more than two percent — a mere drop in the bucket — of all the oil we consume each year. Our nation simply doesn't have enough oil to drill our way to energy independence or even to affect world oil prices.

We possess a mere 3 percent of the world's oil reserves, but we consume fully 25 percent of the world's oil supply. We could drill the Arctic Refuge, Greater Yellowstone, and every other wildland in America and we'd still be importing oil, still be paying worldwide prices for

domestic oil, and still be vulnerable to wild gyrations in price and supply. As The Atlanta Constitution put it: "Burning through our tiny oil supply faster will not make our country more secure." I'd go further: increasing our dependence on oil, whether that oil comes from the Persian Gulf or the Arctic Refuge, practically guarantees national "insecurity". If our nation wants to declare energy independence, then we have no choice but to reduce our appetite for oil. There's no other way. We need to rely on smarter and cleaner ways to power our economy. We have the technology right now to increase fuel economy standards to 40 miles per gallon. If we phased in that standard by 2012 we'd save 15 times more oil than the Arctic Refuge is likely to produce over 50 years. We could also give tax rebates for existing hybrid gas-electric vehicles that get as much as 60 mpg. We could invest in public transit. We could launch an "Apollo Project" to bring fuel cells and hydrogen fuel down to earth, allowing us to begin the mass production of vehicles that emit only water as a by-product. The list goes on and on...There are plenty of sensible and patriotic ways to guarantee our nation's energy security, but destroying the Arctic Refuge is not one of them. Please tell that to your senators. They urgently need to hear it because the pressure is on to move this pro-oil bill to a vote. It will take you only a minute to send them an electronic message from NRDC's SaveBioGems website.

And please forward this message to your family and friends. Millions of Americans need to know about this cynical attempt to promote the interests of energy companies at the expense of everyone else.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Redford

True Story About An Iowan:

sent to us by Bill Bunter

In a supermarket, Kurtis the stock boy, was busily working when a new voice came over the asking for a carry out at check register. Kurtis was almost finished, and wanted to get some fresh air, and decided to answer the call. As he approached the check-out stand a distance smile caught his eye, the new check out girl was beautiful. She was an older woman (maybe 26, and he was only 22) and he fell in love.

Later that day, after his shift was over, he waited by the punch clock to find out her name. She came into the break room smiled softly at him and took her card and punched out, then left. He looked at her card, BRENDA. He walked out only to see her start walking up the road.

Next day, he waited outside as she left the supermarket, and offered her a ride home. He looked harmless enough, and she accepted. When he dropped her off, he asked if maybe he could see her again, outside of work. She simply said it wasn't possible. He pressed and she explained she had two children and she couldn't afford a baby-sitter, so he offered to pay for the baby-sitter. Reluctantly she accepted his offer for a date for the following Saturday.

That Saturday night he arrived at her door only to have her tell him that she was unable to go with him. The baby-sitter had called and canceled. To which Kurtis simply said, "Well, lets take the kids with us." She tried to explain that taking the children was not an option, but again not taking no for an answer, he pressed. Finally Brenda, brought him inside to meet her children. She had a older daughter who was just cute as a bug, Kurtis thought, then Brenda brought out her son, in a wheelchair, he was born a paraplegic with down syndrome.

Kurtis asked Brenda, "I still don't understand why the kids can't come with us?" Brenda was amazed. Most men would run away from a woman with two kids, especially if one had disabilities. Just like her first husband and father of her children did.

That evening Kurtis and Brenda loaded up the kids, went to dinner and the movies. When her son needed anything Kurtis would take care of him. When he needed to use the rest room, he picked him up out of his chair, took him, brought him back. The kids loved Kurtis. At the end of the evening, Brenda knew this was the man she was going to marry and spend the rest of her life with.

A year later, they were married and Kurtis adopted both of her children and since they have added two more kids.

So what happened to the stock boy and check out girl? Well, Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Warner, now live in St. Louis, where he is employed by the St. Louis Rams and plays quarterback. No wonder God has blessed him so much!

Did You Know (sent to us by Hugh Mosher)...rubberbands last longer when refrigerated; peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite...there are more chickens than people in the world...2/3 of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey...Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance...the average person falls asleep in 7 minutes...dragonflies live for 24 hours

Next Arrow will be published early March - leave submissions at town hall or email to paul@javanet.ca

TOWN OF ARROWSIC

2002

TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

January–May; September–December: Biweekly Friday pickup for everything
June–August: Weekly Friday trash pickup; biweekly Friday recycling

JANUARY	4 ^R		18 ^R		
FEBRUARY	1 ^R		15 ^R		
MARCH	1 ^R		15 ^R		29 ^R
APRIL		12 ^R		26 ^R	
MAY		10 ^R		24 ^R	
JUNE		7 ^R	14	21 ^R	28
JULY	5 ^R	12	19 ^R	26	
AUGUST	2 ^R	9	16 ^R	23	30 ^R
SEPTEMBER		13 ^R		27 ^R	
OCTOBER		11 ^R		25 ^R	
NOVEMBER		8 ^R		22 ^R	
DECEMBER	6 ^R		20 ^R		

^RRecycling, as well as Trash pickup

NOTICE: Corona Beer bottles contain blue cobalt and cannot be recycled.

Questions? Please call the Recycling/Solid Waste Committee:

Bob Kalish, 443-4660 • Roz McLean, 386-0179

Michael Kreindler, 442-7443 • Jeff Mann, 443-6174

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