

The Arrowsic Arrow

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Dear Reader,

Regular firearm hunting season for Deer opens Saturday October 30 for Maine residents and Monday, November 1 for all hunters. The season closes November 27. Hunting is allowed from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 15 minutes after sunset, Monday through Saturday. Sunday hunting is illegal in Maine. If you would like to hunt and do not have a license, you may obtain one at the town office during regular office hours (Wed, 3-5:30 PM, Fri 8:30-11:00 AM). And, please take care that you and your loved ones wear safety orange while walking in the woods.

HELP! Arrowsic Arrow Alert!

Patty Olds, Editor 443-4764

We have been notified that we may not put the Arrow into your mailboxes without postage, and so our secret benefactor who has been delivering the Arrow all these years for us can no longer help. First, I want to tell that person what an invaluable service has been provided for these 14 years and say THANKS THANKS THANKS! Second, I want to ask you, Dear Reader, What shall we do now? Here are a few ideas:

- this issue will be mailed to you with the last few dollars of the Arrowsic Arrow Account. It will cost \$60.72. Do you think we should appeal to our readers to keep funding this postage? If we do not raise enough money for each issue, does that mean the issue doesn't go out?

- We can purchase a bulk mail permit for \$100. which lasts one calendar year and would enable us to mail the Arrow for 20.7¢ each, or \$38.09 per mailing. If we deliver an issue every 2 months, that's \$228.54 per year plus \$100.00 for the bulk permit. (PLUS app. \$30.00 printing charge per issue if we stay in this 11X17 format) Total publication and mailing costs for the year would be \$508.54.

- We could come up with a design for a container like the *Press Herald* and *Times Record* have, get a bunch of people together and make them, then put them next to all your mailboxes like the other papers do. Then we could get a core of volunteers to deliver them.

- We could collect email addresses and send the Arrow via email to everyone who has email, thus limiting the postage costs to the number of people who are not online.

- We could make The Arrow a subscription publication, and charge \$5.00 per year.

- We could seek private funding (I have emailed the Maine Humanities Foundation to see if they have any ideas)

- Every year since its inception, various folks in town have wanted to put The Arrow costs into the Annual Warrant to be raised and appropriated at Town Meeting. I have resisted because I have always felt that even though the Arrow prints town and municipal news, it has also been a vehicle for public opinion which sometimes speaks out loudly against public policy in Arrowsic. One possibility of requesting and using tax dollars to publish The Arrow without implying that The Arrow is an entity of the town would be to list a request for funding along with other independent organizations which are seeking funding (the Patten Free Library, Range Light Keepers, Coastal Human, etc.). However, even if we go that route, we will not be able to use those moneys—assuming they are appropriated—until next July.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS. Let me know what you think. Email me at paolds@javanet.com; write me a note and put in my mailbox (HC 33 #325 Old Stage Road) or in the Town Hall mailbox (HC 33 Box 228); call me @ 443-4764. Send donations if you think it's a good idea, to get us through to July, or to what's next. I will publish all ideas and opinions in the next issue (if there is one). Thanks a million, Patty Olds, Editor

News from the Recycling Committee

Paul Schlein, Chair 443-3209

Jeff Mann, 443-6174

Bob Kalish, 443-4660

Michael Kreindler, 442-7443

Pickup dates for Trash and Recycling for the remainder of 1999 are as follows: Fridays, October 29, November 12; Monday November 29, Friday December 10 and Monday December 27.

The tipping fee for trash disposal at the Bath Landfill has increased from \$46 per ton to \$50 per ton. At our current rate, this will cost the town about \$500. more this year UNLESS WE ALL

RECYCLE MORE. The cost of recycling is fixed at \$1200. per year, NO MATTER WHAT. Please think about it.

RC Rogers and Sons (our trash/recycling haulers) pass this on to you: Make recycling easier for yourself! Newspapers and Magazines can and should be recycled TOGETHER.

Regarding the Mixed Paper Container at the Town Hall: While Specific customers haven't been identified, we have been informed that there has been a problem with contaminants. Corrugated Cardboard, brown paper bags and plastic bags do not belong in mixed paper. Office paper (computer, photocopy, manila folders and envelopes—all colors) can go in the small white building. Mixed paper: paperboard (cereal and shoe boxes, etc.) junk mail, milk cartons, and aseptic packaging can go in the green roll-off container. If you have any questions, call any member of the Recycling Committee.

Finally, if you are using plastic garbage bags to put out your trash, you may already be aware of this problem: animals are ripping open the bags and making a mess! When this happens, the trash will not be picked up. If you are putting your trash in bags, please consider putting them in a covered trash container and / or put the trash out as close to the pickup time as possible (anytime after 7AM). Putting out your trash the evening before is asking for trouble. Thanks!

From the Selectboard

Pat Harcourt, Chair 442-8122

Greg Guckenburg, 442-8020

Larry Wilson, 443-6970

The Selectmen will be unable to complete the reassessment work this year because Assessing Agent Kevin McGillicuddy is not able to finish the valuations in time for the Selectmen to review and understand the results. Because Fair and True assessments are our goal, we felt we must go back to our original schedule of full review of assessments for the 2000 tax bills and not force the subject. Therefore, this year's tax bills will be based on current assessments and should be out by mid-November.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes September 27th, 1999

- Brian Scott reported on his meeting with area Fire Chief Association. He reported that there is some confusion about whether Mid Coast Hospital will continue maintaining and funding the mobile Paramedic. At the meeting indication were that Mid Coast Hospital. would not maintain or fund the paramedic service. Later Brian received word that the hospital was planning to continue maintaining and funding the mobile paramedic. Running cost for the service is around \$80,000 per year. Pat H. will follow-up with a call to Mid Coast and ask about cost, funding and operations of the mobile paramedic.

- The incinerator used by Squirrel Point to burn rubbish is neither under the scrutiny Arrowsic Fire Department nor under the jurisdiction of DEP. DEP is not involved because the incinerator does not have an attached burner. Larry will call MMA to see what can be done to have the incinerator meet some type of safety standard and routine inspection.

- Steve Willis and Neil Courtney, State Fire Administrators, have agreed to participate in a selectmen's workshop on "Planning for the Future of Arrowsic Fire Department". All citizens are encouraged to attend. The Meeting will take place Dec. 2nd at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. More information to follow.

- Richard Higgins appeared before the selectmen, as requested by them to address a setback violation of his house to Stone Tree Association's common land. Attorney Bruce McLaughlin represented Richard Higgins

Selectmen, continued

- Dave Foster CEO, using the tax map, pointed out that the common land is not accurately located on the tax map. Dave then pointed out that the Stone Tree Association dock was also in violation of the zoning set back rule. Mr. McGlaulin suggested parties that have obtained permits approving their projects have acquired vested rights once the 30-day appeal period has lapsed. He further stated that The Maine Law Court has consistently held that an abutter's right to object to a permit is forestalled once the appeal period has run out. The idea that a deeper problem existed between Mr. Higgins and Stone Tree Association was introduced. An exchange began about the need to upgrade the Stone Tree Association/ Higgins road in order for Mr. Higgins to develop his land. Selectmen Harcourt reminded all that the selectmen were only interested in the set back violation. Selectmen Guckenburg stated that the selectmen are required to address any zoning violation that is brought before them. Greg went on to explain that, while we were prepared to act, the selectmen would rather see Mr. Higgins and Stone Tree Association get together and resolve the set back violations. It was further suggested that they might want to engage a facilitator for the meeting. There appeared to be willingness by Mr. Higgins and a representative of Stone Tree Association to try to work out an agreement. A 90-day period was granted by the selectmen to work on the agreement with copies of all correspondence sent to the selectmen. Mr. McGlaulin, and Mr. Higgins will be invited to the selectmen's Monday Oct. 25th meeting to give a progress report.

- Eloise Vitelli, chair of the school board and Union 47 Superintendent Bob Young, updated the selectmen on the issue with Bath over the difficulty Union 47 towns have in influencing curriculum and other school issues. Presently Union 47 don't have a vote on the Bath School Board. Both Eloise and Bob stressed that the activity to date is one of exploration and data collection. Two committees have been formed to meet this objective. The Executive Committee is working with the Bath School Board members to identify the problems between Bath and Union 47 towns with the objective being to find acceptable solutions to the problems.

Submitted by Larry Wilson

Minutes for meetings of the Selectboard and of other committees are available at the Town Hall or the Town Website at www.gwi.net/arrowsic. Town Hall hours are Wed 3-5:30 and Fri 8:30-11

News from the Arrowsic Conservation Commission

Phine Ewing, Chair 443-9795

The Arrowsic Conservation Commission will not be holding its regular (3rd Monday evening) meeting in November. Instead, they will be taking a field trip to the two properties in Arrowsic purchased recently by the state. They will start at the former "Lyons" property on Old Stage Road at 9:00 Sunday Morning, November 14, explore the property for an hour or so, then move on to the property at the very southern end of Bald Head Road. Anyone interested in joining us is most welcome. For directions or in case of rain, call Phine Ewing at 443-9795.

From the Town Registrar

Jean Kane, 443-4978

A reminder to all voters that there will be an election (referendum) on November 2, 1999 at the Town Hall. The polls will be open at 10 AM and close at 8 PM. If you have not registered to vote, please do so. If you have changed your address or party please be sure to notify the Town Registrar or Town Clerk. Thank you.

Arrowsic Artworks

Contacts: Phine Ewing, 443-9795

Clare Bridge, 442-0159

Arrowsic Artworks is holding an organizational meeting on Sunday, November 21 at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Everyone from the last two shows, please come if you can. Anyone who would like to be in a future show is cordially invited. For more information call Clare Bridge or Phine Ewing at the above telephone numbers.

CPR Class to be held

Mary Hillery, 442-8020

The annual American Heart Association Arrowsic CPR class will be held Saturday, November 13 from 9-12 at the Town Hall. The class is appropriate for new and recertifying (recertification is recommended every one-two years) participants and costs \$10. per person.

Basic Life Support (BLS) and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can save lives. Most victims of cardiac arrest however do not receive early CPR and do not survive.

The American Hear Association and other national public health organizations have strongly urged communities to promote citizen CPR since cardio-vascular disease is the single biggest killer of Americans.

The more Arrowsic citizens who can fit into the "Chain of Survival" the better our chances of saving our relatives and our neighbors from preventable death.

The American Heart Association "Chain of Survival" starts with Early Access (E-911), then Early CPR (you), Early Defibrillation (ambulance), then Early Advanced Care (hospital).

Every link in the chain is necessary, as well as what the heart association calls "prudent heart living," such as maintaining one's ideal weight, aerobic exercise and avoiding tobacco.

In Arrowsic, our volunteer fire department recertifies members annually. Citizens in the medical and health professions recertify annually through their employers. In addition, 19 others have been trained at the Arrowsic Town Hall. To register for the next class, please call Mary Hillery at 442-8020 (h) or 725-8264 (w)

From The Tax Collector

Liz Rollins, 443-3658

All registration fees increased by \$2.00 as of October 1, 1999. This fee also applies to late renewals.

The following registrations are due in these months:

October

ARSENAULT, JAMES E
BASSETT, KRISTEE
BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM C
BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM C
BRIDGE, ALEXANDER
BRUMMER, KATHLEEN D
CARLTON, JAMES R
COLE, CHARLES D
COLE, CHARLES D
DOWNS, GEORGIA K
DUNN, SALLY K
ELWELL, KIMBERLY
ELWELL, RICHARD H
ELWELL, RONALD
ELWELL, RONALD C
ELWELL, SUSAN
FANDANGO MUSIC
FOSTER, DAVID R
GEIGER, JENNIFER L
GIBERSON, DEBRA
GRILL, MARIA M
GUCKENBURG, GREGORY V
HENDRIE, NANCY
JORGENSEN, MARK
KNOWLES, EUGENIE H
MACLEOD, JAMES K
MANN, JEFFERY S
OLDS, PATRICIA A
SCOTT, KEVIN P
STOEBE, JEFFREY A
STURGEON, MAYBELLE A
STURGEON, MAY
SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY S

November

AL'S PLUMBING HEATING
ARSENAULT, MARK A
BICKNELL, NOEL J
BRIGGS ADVERTISING IN
BROOKS, DAVID M
BROWN, PAUL
BRYANT, DONALD A
BUNTER, CAROLE A
BUNTER, WILLIAM
CARLTON, JAMES
CARLTON, VERNON F
CHAPIN, E BARTON III
CROXFORD, CHAD F
DEMERS, THOMAS W JR
DRESSER, ARTHUR E
DUBE, MICHAEL D
ELWELL, RICHARD
GALUZA, JAMES J
GILL, DEBORAH S
HIGGINS, RICHARD A
HOLBROOK, KIMBERLY L
JORGENSEN, MARK
KING, AMY S
KING, STANLEY E
KREINDLER, MICHAEL L
LIZOTTE, SUSAN Y
MACKENZIE, CAITLIN L
MCDUGAL, TROY A
NELSON, ROBERT H
PETERSON, GERTRUDE M
PINETTE, REBECCA
PUFF, DAVID M
ROBINSON, MATTHEW B
SHUFELT, LESLIE A
STAFFORD, GEORGE F
SWEARINGEN, RICHARD T
TEXTOR, MELISSA
WASILEWSKI, ERICA M
WINWOOD, JOHN D
WOELL, KATHLEEN

The new physics tells us that the world itself is not hierarchical, but a kind of orderly chaos in which everything is independent-and interdependent. The flap of a butterfly's wings here can change the weather hundreds of miles away. Everything we do has enormous power. We are a continuum of the past. Together we make one hell of a butterfly--
Glona Steinem

Letters

Dear Editor,

It has now been several months since my wife, Lisa Tavenner Spencer, died from a fall. While it has been, and continues to be, a tremendous struggle for our kids and me to deal with her loss, the kindness and caring of family, friends, and neighbors has been a huge support.

This is to particularly express the thanks of my family and myself to members of the Arrowsic/Georgetown ambulance Service who responded to my home on the night of April 19, 1999, to help my wife when she was critically injured. Their professionalism was evident and their kindness and caring was a great comfort at a terrible time. They truly are unsung heroes.

Two of those who responded deserve particular mention. Waiting for help to arrive, minutes did seem like hours. However, in retrospect, Prudy Foster, the first on the scene, arrived in an amazingly short time, and set to work immediately.

Nancy Barney was called out to take care of my 7 year old daughter and 2 year old son so I could proceed immediately to the hospital. She was a great comfort to them, and thereby, to me. It turns out that Nancy is the aunt of one of my daughter's best friends and classmates where my daughter goes to school in Dresden. That connection was very reassuring to both of my kids. When I mention this service to people from larger cities and towns they are both surprised and envious.

Sincerely, David Spencer

To the Editor:

The following correspondence is regarding the Osprey nest on the bridge entering Arrowsic. I wrote the Commissioner of the Dept of Transportation, John Melrose, after I read about the painting project which is scheduled for next year:

Dear Mr Melrose:

In a recent email correspondence you had with Jim Tolan, you mentioned the DOT was presently preparing to advertise a project that will completely repaint the Max Wilder bridge over the Sasanoa next year....My question and concern is are you aware there is a permanent osprey nest on this bridge? We have a mated pair of Osprey who take residence on the top span of the bridge every year. They arrive in April and depart the latter part of September.

Please let me know how you intend to handle this without disturbing them

Thank you, Avery Anderson

Their reply:

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Thank you for your e-mail dated September 7, 1999, concerning the Osprey nest located on the Max Wilder bridge.

The Department of Transportation has obtained a permit from the Dept of the Interior to remove And/or relocate these nests after the Osprey have departed for the season. A biologist from the Department will be involved in removing and relocating the nest this year after the Osprey have left.

Our intention is to begin work on the project next year before the Osprey return. The project duration is

expected to take two construction seasons ending around November of 2001.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Jim Wentworth, Project Engineer, at 287-5789 if you have any further question. Thanks you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely, John Melrose, Commissioner

What do you think about this...

We have been thinking about doing something a little different for Arrowsic's Solstice Celebration this year.

In past years, we have had a Funhouse for Halloween, plays for Holidays and Solstice by Arrowsic adults and young people (even one year starring the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department in full turnout gear!), songs from the Arrowsic Singers, exhibits and sales of incredible art and fine craft from Arrowsic Artworks...wouldn't it be fun to have an afternoon or evening of readings by Arrowsic writers?

Think of all the things we've written through the years...think of the wonderful writing our young folk bring home from school...think of your favorite poem...wouldn't it be fun to share some of this with your friends and neighbors at Solstice? If you are interested in throwing some ideas around, participating in reading or gathering materials for reading, or just seeing what takes form, call Nancy Brown Stump at 442-7527.

Speaking of Solstice, there is an amazing organization called Heifer Project International which sends livestock (heifers, goats, pigs, sheep, rabbits, chicks, bees, llamas, water buffalo, ducks, donkeys, and oxen) plus the training and support needed to care for these animals and create sustainable, self-reliant communities around the world. For more information and/or a catalogue (with incredible stories of hope) call 1-800-422-0755 or go to their website at www.heifer.org.

Seven practices that can make a difference

- Meet with two or three people about a public concern that troubles you – even if you don't know what to do about it. (Then arrange to meet again even if you still don't know what to do about it.)
- Make an effort to get to know someone from outside your own "tribe."
- Ask yourself regularly: Who needs me as a mentor? Who is watching how I live and the choices I make – and who needs me to affirm, challenge, and inspire them?
- Be dependable and trustworthy for the children who count on you. If you don't have children in your life, support your friends who are parents or grandparents. Families work best when there is a network of encouragement in the neighborhood and workplace.
- Avoid violent images that numb your response to genuine suffering and distract you from the true stories of our time. When you encounter suffering, let it move you to action.
- Stay alive to beauty, awe, and delight. Paying attention to wonder creates hope.
- Don't be a Lone Ranger. Find a community of comfort and challenge and invest your time and money in keeping it alive – for your own and the world's sake.

The Science Page

The Leonids Meteor Shower is coming to a backyard near you!

Every November 17 and 18, Earth crosses the orbit of comet Tempel-Tuttle and the Leonids become visible. The Leonids are a meteor shower, so called because they appear to radiate out of the constellation Leo. A meteor is a particle from space, typically ranging in size from a grain of sand to a pea. A meteor appears when it enters the Earth's atmosphere and burns up high overhead. Earth enters clouds of particles several times a year and the result is a meteor shower. The Leonids are the most consistently spectacular display of all the annual showers.

The Leonids are fast meteors (moving at about the fastest speed possible for a body belonging to the solar system). They enter the Earth's atmosphere traveling at speeds of over 158,000 miles per hour. By comparison, the fastest jet has a speed of 2190 mph, and an orbiting spacecraft has a speed of 20,000 mph. Besides being fast, the Leonids usually contain a large number of very bright meteors. The trains of these bright meteors can last several seconds to several minutes.

Most if not all meteor showers are produced by comets. In the case of the Leonids the parent comet is Tempel-Tuttle which makes an appearance in our skies every 33 years. Comets are composed of ice and dust. Every time a comet

approaches the sun the ice melts and dust is released. Eventually the dust spreads completely around a comet's orbit, but most of the dust stays close to the comet. When Earth passes through the dense cloud of dust the result is a meteor shower or storm.

To observe the Leonids:

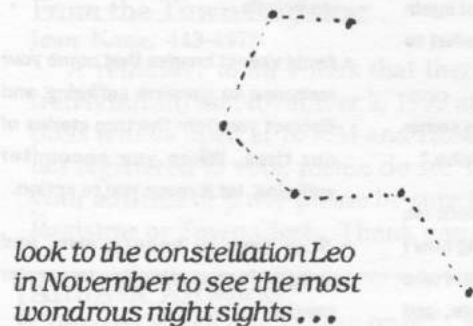
The constellation of Leo rises in the east around 12:30 AM. Although a few Leonids can be observed prior to this time, many more will be seen after it rises. At about 3:00 AM the radiant (the origin within the constellation Leo from where the meteors seem to radiate) will be at about 30 degrees above the horizon and meteor rates will continue to increase from 10-15 per hour to 20-40 per hour or more. (In some countries in Eastern Europe and Africa, rates will be as high as 800-1000 meteors per hour.)

The constellation of Leo takes up about the same amount of sky as the Big Dipper and looks like a giant Sickie, or a backwards question mark. Don't look directly at the constellation because meteors right in front of you do not appear to move much. Instead, keep your gaze 30-40 degrees west or above the radiant. Last year, meteors could be seen all over the southern sky and all night long. Best to get a lawn chair, point your feet toward the east, south-east and lean back for a great show. (Some people go to the beach, but we got a great view in my backyard right here in

Arrowsic!) Sources for this information include two web sites: www.imo.net & medicine.wustl.edu/~kronkg/leonids.html

The next issue of The Arrow, assuming we can fund it, will be published in early December. Thanks to all for your support.

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