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LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FORMED

A Local Emergency Management Agency (LEMA) has been formed with four initial members: John Starbird, Brian Scott, Mona Schlein, and Bill Schumaker, Director. The team is seeking more volunteers and would like to include folks from all around the island. For more information contact any member of the LEMA team.

The team has begun doing a *Hazard Vulnerability Analysis* to evaluate threats that are likely to confront our community. One part of this analysis includes completing a *Special Needs Analysis* to determine the vulnerability of our population and to help us with planning and providing assistance to families with children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities during an emergency.

Another part of our analysis is the *Resource Identification Analysis*. This analysis will help the team develop a list of essential resources that could be used in the planning process during an emergency. This list also provides the team with the information to determine deficiencies.

In this issue of the *Arrow* you will find a *Special Needs and Resource Information Questionnaire*. The LEMA committee would like residents to complete the form and drop it off at the town hall by January 1, 1999. All information in the questionnaires will be strictly confidential. For help or assistance, contact Bill Schumaker at 443-5714 or email at schumaker@netquarters.net.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.....

We have been receiving updates from each of the town committee chairs. The purpose of these sessions is to insure that selectmen are aware of current issues and concerns that the committees are addressing.

The study for determining the feasibility of a Regional Dispatch Center continues. Harcourt, Wilson and Brian Scott attended a informational session on Sept. 15th. The Sagadahoc County Study committee has been invited to tour Lin

coln County's Regional Dispatch Center, which will take place in October.

Our County Commissioners are currently deciding the county budget. The commissioners receive input from various sources, such as department heads and representatives from the surrounding towns. Pat Harcourt is our representative.

There are three issues that the selectmen are currently watching. One has to do with clear cutting violation on Mill Island. The owner has been notified of the violation and an appropriate response from the selectmen is being prepared. The second issue involves home business permits that are being brought before the planning board.

The third issue involves overboard discharge septic systems. The state, through a bond issue, is providing grant money, up to 90% of the cost, for replacing overboard discharge systems. We will be sending letters to those having overboard discharge systems encouraging and helping them apply for the grant.

Gardiner Savings Bank gave the Town of Arrowsic a grant of \$1000.00 for the purpose of promoting community interest in conserving and harvesting clams.

Thanks to Ron Elwell, the water pump at town hall is now operational.

ARROWSIC LIGHTHOUSES GET A BOOST

Did you know that Arrowsic is the home to four historic navigation aids while the island of Georgetown, our neighbor to the south, has none? One hundred years ago, the river traffic along the Kennebec was considered so important that Congress began authorizing the construction of three light stations and later, following the grounding of a large passenger steamer, a fog bell tower. The light stations are located at Dou-

bling Point and Squirrel Point with a set of Range Lights and a Fog Bell Tower at Fiddlers Reach. The US Coast Guard has recently turned all these sites over to non-profit organizations with the understanding that they will be maintained according to standards supervised by the Maine State Historic Preservation Organization. The Range Light Keepers, an Arrowsic-based lighthouse organization, owns the Kennebec River Range Lights and the Fiddlers Reach Fog Signal Station. The Range Lights are two separate, tapered, octagonal wooden towers, one at the river's edge and the other located 700 feet behind it on a slight rise. They function together today as they did when they were first built in 1898 and they are the only range lights in Maine. In both daylight and darkness, a ship travelling up the river is safely positioned in the channel when the towers appear to be lined up one over the other.

The Fiddlers Reach Fog Signal Station is also a familiar landmark on the river. It is, unfortunately, in rather rough condition. The marvelous clockwork machinery has been lost and the great hanging bell was cut down with a chain saw in the early 1970's. The tower, a 32 ft.-high pyramid, has been long neglected and left to the elements to weather and decay. Even the US Coast Guard Property Division had lost track of it.

Now the opportunity exists to salvage and restore this remarkable piece of our local maritime history. The Range Light Keepers, a publicly supported charity, is undertaking this project along with its ongoing maintenance and preservation duties at the Range Lights. For more information or a tour of the Range Lights contact Michael Kreindler at 442-7443, or check out The Range Light Keepers web page at www.andover.edu/faculty/pkalkstein/rlk/home.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5-12 GRADERS....

The Bath Parent Discussion Group is a group for parents of students in grades 5-12. It is a relaxed and informal forum for parents to get together and discuss the typical concerns relevant to all parents in the preteen and teenage years. The group's goal is to create an opportunity for parents to get to know each other, to share ideas and concerns relevant to all parents of preteens and teenagers and to foster a sense of community among the parents with children in these transition years.

The group meets the first Monday of every month, from 7-8:15 p.m. at the Middle School in the Home Economics room next to the cafete-

ria. Below are the dates and topics of the Parent Discussion Group for the 1998-99 school year. Hope you can join us for some!

November 2, 1998: "Raising Sons and Daughters, Part 1": focus on raising daughters in the 90's. (Please come if you have a son, too!)

December 7, 1998: "Raising Sons and Daughters, Part 2": focus on raising sons in the 90's. (Please come if you have a daughter, too!)

January 4, 1999: "Friendship and Dating": how friendship changes, understanding groups, and what does "going out" mean?

February 1, 1999: "Independence and Responsibility": driving, working, going out and other unnerving aspects of parenting a teen.

March 1, 1999: "Setting Limits": when to say no, be flexible, be quiet.

April 5, 1999: "Whate's Cool, What's Not": making sense of trends and popularity.

ARROWSIC ARTISTS, CRAFTSPEOPLE ON DISPLAY

Arrowsic Artworks, a coalition of 20 island artists is presenting a **HOLIDAY SHOWCASE** of fine crafts and art on **Saturday, November 7**, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Town Hall. Come find out what hidden talents we harbor on the island. Artist will exhibit works in clay, fiber, glass, metal, oil, pen-and-ink, stone, wood, and mixed media. Refreshments will be provided.

MAGAZINE/BOOK SWAP AT ARROWSIC TOWN HALL

While recycling old magazines is better than throwing them away, wouldn't it be better to pass them on to someone else who might be interested in reading them? Other towns have been doing this with great interest and success.

When you've finished reading your magazines, take them to the Town Hall during regular business hours (Wednesday 3:30-5:30 and Friday 9-11) and drop them in the special location that will be set up for this purpose (there will be an obvious spot, either a basket or shelf on the wall, or something--yet to be determined). And while you're there, see what other magazines have been dropped off that you may be interested in! The same is true for books--if you've finished with them and no longer want them, drop them off too! Questions? Call the Recycling Committee: Paul

Schlein/443-3209, Bob Kalish/443-4660, Jeff Mann/443-6174.

FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

As part of 'Goals 2000', the Arrowsic School Committee completed our draft of the Arrowsic Vision Statement.

Arrowsic Vision Statement

Arrowsic respects and supports the individual educational choices of each student and family in our town

- We believe children are unique individuals with unique needs.
- We believe in the development of the whole child and encourage each child to reach their highest potential.
- We believe learning takes place both in the school and in the community.
- We believe our participation in and support of Union #47 create strong educational options for our children.

School Union #47

Mission and Vision Statement

School Union #47 respects and supports the individual educational choices of each student and family in our district. As a diverse partnership of communities and schools, we recognize the unique educational needs of each child and coordinate appropriate educational services, programs, and policies.

Our children's aspirations, joy, personal development, and educational growth are achieved in schools that are humane and where children are listened to, trusted, and respected.

The above ideals are embodied in a safe, healthy, and inviting school environment where life skills and the academic curriculum are fully integrated through an active partnership of students, staff, and community.

A CLAM FOR A SEASON

Arrowsic clam-flats have been open for a season and based on reports received, it has been a success. Although our flats are not easy to reach (it takes a certain amount of craft and perseverance), there are tasty clams in them thar mud flats. Several times during the season, harvesting was prohibited due to water quality problems and this undoubtedly disappointed our commercial diggers. However, our understanding is that the Back River Flats were plentiful for those who pursued the bivalve. For first timers, the digging was an amusing education in tidal life. In total, the town issued xx recreational and 4 commercial licenses for this shortened first year.

The Shellfish Committee worked to establish a liaison with the Conservation Committee based on the idea that water quality was a shared focus and goal. A joint meeting was held October 19, 1998, during which we heard from our State Representative, David Etnier, about local water quality issues related to the upcoming demolition of the Edwards Dam. In addition, reports were filed by Don Card from Maine Department of Marine Resources and Jon Hentz, Arrowsic Shellfish Warden.

There was a discussion of recent developments concerning the possible removal of several overboard discharge waste systems on the island. Thanks to efforts by members of the Shellfish Committee and Selectman Larry Wilson, the Coast Guard has begun work to convert the overboard discharge system at the Kennebec River Range Light Residence to a conforming in-ground system. Pat Harcourt outlined the role the selectmen would play in informing local property owners with overboard discharge systems of a State grant program that would help them with the costs associated with installing a septic system. These developments represent great news for all residents who use our rivers for boating, fishing, clamming, or swimming. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for the two committees to meet and discuss their shared responsibilities.

SOME WORDS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ARROW.....

We are trying to improve the Arrow so that it can better communicate news between the selectmen and the residents, and between residents. We'll publish everything received, limited only by room. Your feedback is encouraged, as is your participation. Those of you who have email are invited to send submissions to Bob Kalish (rkalish@gwi.net) or Larry Wilson (lwilson@gwi.net). You may leave old fashioned paper and ink in the Arrow box in the Town Hall, or you can mail it to Bob Kalish, HC 33, Box 156, Arrowsic 04530. We would like to experiment with a Kid's Page or Kid's Korner featuring news, drawings, and features from our school-age citizens. We plan to publish every other month, so the next issue will come out in January. **Deadline: Dec 31.**

Thanks to the following for contributions towards printing the Arrow:

Larry & Betty Wilson

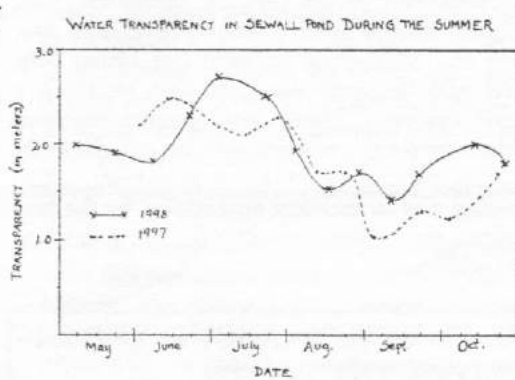
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Local Emergency Management Agency

Contributions will ensure the continued publication of the Arrow.

FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.....

Every summer the Conservation Commission tracks the transparency of the water in Sewall Pond as part of Maine's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Project. Sewall Pond's water is highly colored. Part of it is caused by tannins leaching out of decaying vegetation, which turns the water tea-colored. Another cause is planktonic algae. Reading transparency using a secchi disc will, over time, give an indication of when algae blooms occur. Most large ponds and lakes in Maine have transparency readings much higher than Sewall Pond -- 8 to 10 meter range compared to Sewall Pond's 1 to 3 meter range. The Committee would like to thank the Ater family, who for years did the readings themselves before the Conservation Committee took it up, and who very generously allow us to borrow their boat when we need it.



LOCAL CITIZENS URGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION TREATY

Some citizens of Arrowsic have joined 28 other Maine communities in an effort to achieve nuclear abolition early in the next century. A petition drive is under way to get an Article on next year's town meeting. The gist of the article is that if passed the citizens of Arrowsic will call upon the governments of all nuclear weapons states to secure a Nuclear Weapons Abolition Treaty by the year 2000. Such a treaty would set a timetable for the elimination of nuclear weapons. Petitions will be available on election day. For further information, call Al or Grace Stone at 442-7663.

RECYCLING/TRASH SCHEDULE CHANGES

Because of the holidays, trash/recycling pickup will be changed. On Thanksgiving and Christmas, the pickup day will be the Monday following the originally-scheduled Friday. So instead of putting trash/recyclables out on Friday, November 27, place it out on Monday, November 30. Likewise, during Christmas, which falls on a Friday, trash will be picked up the following Monday, December 28. The schedule for the following months follows. In the next Arrow we'll publish a more comprehensive schedule.

November.....	13, 30
December.....	11, 28
January.....	8, 22
February.....	5, 19

WANTED: Avery Anderson (Anderson Glass Art) needs shipping peanuts. Anyone who has peanuts to recycle, in quantity, please call her at 443-4157 to arrange for pickup.

CAR REGISTRATIONS FOR NOVEMBER.....

AMES, HAROLD JR	JORGENSEN, MARK
ARSENAULT, JAMES E	KNOWLES, EUGENIE H
BASSETT, KENNETH L	LEVESQUE, REBECCA A
BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM C	MACLEOD, JAMES K
BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM C	MAIN STREET FUEL CO,
BRASSARD, DONALD J	MERCER, DAVID
BRUMMER, KATHLEEN D	MILLER, ROBERT
CARD, AIMEE	NICHOLS, GARY
COLE, CHARLES D	OLDS, PATRICIA A
DOWNS, GEORGIA K	STOEBE, JEFFREY A
DUNN, SALLY K	STURGEON
ELWELL, KIMBERLY	SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY S
ELWELL, RICHARD H	
ELWELL, RONALD	
ELWELL, RONALD C	
ELWELL, SUSAN	
FANDANGO MUSIC	
FOSTER, DAVID R	
GIBERSON, DEBRA	
GRILL, MARIA M	
GUCKENBURG, GREGORY V	
HENDRIE, NANCY	
HIGGINS, RICHARD A	
JORGENSEN, JENNY	