

The Arrowsic Arrow

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Next Arrow deadline is mid-January.

Town Hall Hours are Wednesdays 3:00-5:30pm and Fridays 8:30-11am. Town Hall will be closed on Christmas and New Years and open December 27th. Thanks Phine Ewing, Town Clerk and Elizabeth Rollins, Treasurer.

Dear Reader,

It's that time of year when we count blessings like warm coats and boots, dry firewood, sticky snow for snowpeople, fluffy snow for skiing and snowshoeing, clear ice for skating, snowplows, salted sand and Dick Elwell who is out before the ice and during the snows to keep us safe and on the road. Thanks, Dick and thanks to your crew. And while we're on the subject of snow, please don't forget to shovel out your mailbox for Ray, our mailman!

Solstice Celebration

Arrowsic's Annual Solstice Celebration
Put on By and For Kids of all Ages
The Arrowsic Singers will sing songs
Refreshments, Merriment, Cheer
Sunday Dec 22, 4:00 Town Hall

Patten Free Library News

Elizabeth Hughes, Library Director 443-5141

COMMUNITY READ for 2003

George Orwell's 1984 has been chosen for the second annual Community Read. Patten Free, Curtis Memorial, Topsham and Wiscasset Libraries are sponsoring the event.

Patten Free Library will have free paperback copies to borrow and share with a friend. The reading period will be January and February with activities in March. Be sure to mark your calendar and pick up your copy of 1984 to read or re-read. (Some of us read it the first time before it was 1984!)

Having everyone in the community read the same book will provide an experience with great literature and bring people together for discussion. The themes of 1984 which include the condemnation of totalitarian regimes and "Big Brother" are very real concerns today.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Free tax help will be available again at the Patten Free Library from February ^ April. Contact the library after Jan. 1 for details. 443-5141 or www.patten.lib.me.us.

TELEPHONE REFERENCE HELP AVAILABLE

Need information? Call the Reference Desk at the Library 443-5141 ext. 12.

FUN FOR KIDS: Check it out at the Library

Check out recorded books and stories on tape cassette or CD. Especially recommended for ages 5 ^ 8 are multi-

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media kit bags with both the book and a recording of the story.

PLEASE NOTE: PATTEN FREE LIBRARY HOURS

Monday and Friday 10am- 5pm

Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday 10am- 8pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

The History Room is open Mon-Thurs- from 12noon-4pm

Closed Friday

Saturday from 10am ^ 1pm

BIW helps Patten Free Library Increase Annual Fund Giving

Bath Iron Works will match every new or increased donation, up to \$10,000, to Patten Free Library,s Annual Fund Drive. The drive begins now and runs through February 1, 2003.

BIW,s commitment to the Library,s financial needs underscores its understanding of the significant contributions that PFL makes to the greater Bath area.

Because of this year,s funding shortfall, Patten Free Library was forced to reduce some hours and cut back on staffing.

Municipal contributions increased but not enough. Last year's contributions to the Annual Fund reached the goal of \$50,000. With the BIW match, this year's goal is \$70,000.

Back by popular demand! Phine Ewing's famous pen & ink mosquito adorns a white, long-sleeve, 100% cotton t-shirt... in sizes XS, S, M, L & XL! (Makes a GREAT Holiday present!)... \$12 ea.

Proceeds from the sales go to Spindleworks, in Brunswick, ME.

Contact Clare Bridge @ 442-0159. Thanks!

The following registrations are due:

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
AL S PHE INC	ALS PLUMBING & HEAT	AL'S P H E INC
ARSENAULT, JAMES E	ARSENAULT, JAMES E	ATER, ANN
BASSETT, KRISTEE	BROWN, CHARLOTTE	BRIGGS ADVERTISING
BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM	CARLTON, ANN	BURKE, JOANNE S
BRETT, J CHRISTOPHE	CHAFFEE, JOHN W	CARLETON, JAMES R
BRIDGE, ALEXANDER	CHAFFEE, JOHN W	CARLTON, CELIA M
COSSART, EDWARD M	COLE, CHARLES D	COLE, CHARLES D
DUNN, SALLY K	COLLIER, DAVID M	DAVIS, SHELDON K
ELWELL, KIMBERLY	CUNNINGHAM, PAUL	FITZHERBERT, MELODY
ELWELL, RICHARD H	DETWILER, BRIAN W	GAILLARD, MICHELE
ELWELL, RONALD C	ELWELL, RICHARD H	GILES, SAMUEL D
FANDANGO MUSIC	ELWELL, ROBERT A	GUCKENBURG, BARTON
FOSTER, DAVID R	GOWELL, RANDALL R	HALICA, JOHN
FOSTER, PRUDENCE E	HINDS, JOHN F	HEWLETT, HERBERT
GEIGER, TREVOR E	JOHNSON, LEE	HEWLETT, LOIS M
GRILL, CHRISTOPHER	JORGENSEN LANDSCAP!	HIGGINS, RICHARD A
HENDRIE, NANCY	KANE, JEAN R	KANE, MICHAEL M
JORGENSEN LANDSCAP!	KING, KATHY A	MALEY, DOROTHY L
KNOWLES, EUGENIE H	KNIGHT, MILDRED E	MALEY, KENNETH D
LAW, DONALD W	LEBRUN, LEONARD A	MARTIN, MICHAEL T
MACLEOD, JAMES K	MCLUER, PAULINE	ROSS, WILLIAM L
MANN, JEFFERY S	MITCHELL, ROBERT D	SANTERRE, ROBERT F
MCCARTHY-STONE, PAT	MOSHER, HARRIET A	SANTERRE, ROBERT F
OCONNOR, MARK	PACKARD, NANCY	SCOTT, JESSE D
OLDS, PATRICIA A	PATZLAFF, GARY H	SHELDON, DAVID B
SHELDON, CATHERINE	PIEH, LUCY K	SHULTZ, EMILY B
STOEBE, JEFFREY A	PUFF, DAVID M	SIMONDS, AMY L
STURGEON, MAYBELLE	RICHARDSON, JOAN E	WARNER, DORIS E
SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY S	ROBBINS, KAREN M	WARNER, DORIS E
WEISS, DAVID R	SHOVER, EVELYN R	
	STORIN, MATTHEW V	
	STUART, SCOTT	

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CALLING ALL DOGS

Please have your secretaries come to the Town Hall and take care of your registration AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Have them bring your current rabies and neutering certificates by Dec 31st.

The Coastal Humane Society had their annual OPEN HOUSE and SILENT AUCTION on DECEMBER 15th

Visitors were invited to tour the facility, visit with the animals, enjoy light refreshments and bid on the fabulous collection of Silent Auction items gathered by devoted volunteers from many generous donors.

If you missed this marvelous event and would like to make a donation to the Humane Society or adopt a pet, please contact them at 725-5051

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Lee Johnson has volunteered to be the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department's Community Liaison. The notice was a bit short for this issue of The Arrow, but she will be providing us with future Fire Department updates.

FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Judith Kenney, President

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Arrowsic Fire Department would once again like to thank all the people who purchased tickets for our annual lobster raffle.

The lucky winners of the raffle were Margaret Brennen, winning the twelve lobsters and Wendy Briggs, winning the six lobsters. Once again, both winners came from the home town. Thanks for all your support and we hope to see you all again next summer.

BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL.

SENT TO US BY MILLY STAFFORD

This piece was written by Joanne Roberts, age 14, of Bass River, New Brunswick, Canada. Her project was to write something that has to do with the community.

The fireman she writes about is her grandfather, Vance Symes, a second cousin to George Stafford

A Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage,
Please give me the strength to save some life, whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a child before it is too late,
Or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor, and protect their property.

And if according to your will I have to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

Have you ever asked yourself what volunteer firemen really do? I didn't pose the question until my grandfather was interested in joining his local fire department. Before he joined he was informed of all the risks involved and all of his responsibilities as a volunteer fireman, but nothing stopped him from wanting to pursue his wish to support his community.

To fulfill your wish to be a volunteer fireman you must take certain courses such as AR, CPR, and Fireman #1.

A responsibility that a fireman has if he wishes to remain in that position is to make an effort to attend practice. The most important activities during practices are on structure fires, water rescue, and car extractions.

Another responsibility is to carry a radio or beeper with them at all times. They always have to be ready to your call.

Place in your mind a cold winters night. A 911 call came in for a structure fire. The firemen don't know whether anyone was in the house or not. They were on the scene in a very short time. The spray from the water wets their suits which quickly turned to ice. The nozzles had to be broken off the scott tanks to refill them. The firemen never faltered. The firemen returned to the fire department and hung up all their wet equipment with a little prayer that they would dry before the next call. They wash their hoses and hung them up. They wash the truck and scott tanks and refill them.

The tired firemen go home to a nice warm bed. Toss and turn but no sleep. An hour later a 911 call comes in for the same structure fire. So much for their dry equipment. The fire was finally defeated...no more worries.

As you can see you can never underestimate a fire or an accident. If you are a firefighter you have to have it in you to take pride in saving someone's life when it comes to that point, but you also have to have courage to carry on when life is lost. this job is one of both triumph and sorrow.

Many people don't think of how foremen are affected by their job, but after an accident their lives could change. Perhaps a long period of time or a short period of time, and maybe for the rest of their lives. The results are questionable.

In conclusion I would like to say that it is really incredible how many people get to see another day because of the work and dedication of a volunteer fireman.