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PHOTO CREDITS

The hummingbird on this month's cover was "captured" by Bill & Linda Hodgdon. They also took the photo of sailboats on the lake on page 11. The photo on page 5 was taken by Rollande Merz at this year's Town Meeting. Pat Sims sent us the beautiful photos of the eagles on page 9 and the loon family on page 13. Be sure to look at these photos online (directions above). They are even more beautiful in color!

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1. Inserts in the *Strafford Community Calendar* must be approved by the editors on or before the deadline.
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ICE CREAM SOCIALS

The July Strafford Women's Club Ice Cream Social made front page news in the July 8 *Foster's Daily Democrat*. A large color photo of a youngster adding toppings to a sundae was taken by *Foster's* reporter John Huff. Several additional color photos were printed on Page 2, including one of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy student volunteer Gwyn Locke scooping ice cream and another of Joel "Mr. Calef's Country Store" Sherburne enjoying his sundae. Photo titles noted that "Proceeds benefit the Club's many charitable programs including two college scholarships."

If you are one of the few who did not attend the July Social, you have a second chance. The next SWC Ice Cream Social will be held at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on August 3 from 4 to 8 pm. You can build a delicious sundae on a base of vanilla, coffee, or chocolate ice cream. Plenty of tasty toppings will be available, including fruits, nuts, sprinkles, other candies, caramel or hot fudge sauce, marshmallow, whipped cream, and a bright red cherry to top it off. Tickets will be sold at the door—small \$2.50; large \$3.50. Add a homemade brownie for fifty cents to eat with your sundae or to enjoy later.

Tickets for \$1.00 each will be sold for the Pick-a-Prize Raffle. Prize drawings will be held beginning at 7:30 pm during the last half hour of the Social. See separate article for a list of the many valuable prizes.

SWC SUMMER RAFFLE 2016

The Strafford Women's Club is offering tickets for sale for its Summer Raffle 2016 Fundraiser for scholarships and select community projects—One Ticket for \$1 or six tickets for \$5. Tickets are available at our Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 3, at the Bow Lake Grange Hall or from Carol Cooper at 942-8164. This is a pick-a-prize raffle where you choose the prize you wish to win by placing your tickets in the appropriate jar at the Social. Prizes include gifts and/or certificates from Ady's One Stop Gift Shop; Blue Oasis Spalon (Monique Cilley); Blue Oasis Spalon (Carol Griffin); Blue Oasis Spalon (Terra Martineau); Bow Lake Community Club; Cooper Hill Pizzeria; Dunkin Donuts Northwood; Halo's Family Hair Salon; Hannaford Northwood; Heritage Hardware; Isinglass Country Store; Johnson's Seafood & Steak Restaurant; K & J's Diner; Kriya Touch Therapies (Suzanne Jenkins); Liu's Garden Chinese Restaurant; Market Basket; Nippo Lake Golf Club; Northwood Diner; Northwood Garage; Piece Time Puzzles; Rochester Country Club; Town Line Tavern; a Deep Fat Fryer; and Turnout Treasures. Winning tickets will be drawn during the Ice Cream Social on August 3 beginning at 7:30 pm. You need not be present to win. Many thanks to our generous donors including AMI for our road signs!

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BOOK SALE AT HILL LIBRARY

The Friends of Hill Library will conduct a book sale and provide light refreshments from 10 am to 2 pm during Hill Library's Summer Reading Program closing event on August 20, 2016. If you have any books in decent condition you would like to donate to this sale, please bring them to Hill Library.

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The Strafford Women's Club's August 22, 2016, meeting will be held in the Idlepines Room of the Bow Lake Church at 1:30 pm. We will be reviewing the Ice Cream Socials/Raffle and planning future events. New members are always welcome. Hope to see you on the 22nd.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Bow Lake Church extends an invitation to all community women to come together for a once-a-month potluck breakfast. This gathering is designed for women of all ages to enjoy the fellowship of one another as well as giving the opportunity, through the easy channel of food, to become better acquainted. There is no charge, no homework, no deadline and no lists, but we do ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. Each breakfast features a new (and brief) speaker. Breakfast begins at 9 am on the first Saturday of every month in the Idlepines Room of the Church. Place settings and beverages are provided. Welcome! Come and enjoy.

AUSTIN CATE REUNION NEWS

The Austin Cate Academy reunion luncheon will be held on August 30, 2016, at 12 noon at Johnson's Seafood & Steak Restaurant in Northwood...and Nelson McLean will be there! Come one, come all; no reservations necessary; see you there.



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The Town Hall (including the Town Clerk’s Office) will be closed on the following days in August, September, and October 2016: Monday, September 5, 2016—Labor Day; Tuesday, September 13, 2016—State Primary Election—open for voting only; and Monday, October 10, 2016—Columbus Day

The State Primary Election will be held at Strafford Town Hall on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. The polls will be open for voting from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Voter Registration for State Primary Election / Supervisors of the Checklist Sessions—You may register to vote with the Town Clerk during regular business hours on or before Thursday, September 1, 2016. You may also register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist session to be held on Tuesday,

September 6, 2016 from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at Strafford Town Hall. If you have not registered to vote by September 6 and wish to vote at the State Primary Election, you may register at the polling place on Election Day, September 13.

For further information or questions, please contact Diane Waldron, Strafford Town Clerk, at 664-2192 ext. 102.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 2 to 2:30 pm for corrections of address and addition of new voters. Stipulations according to RSA 654:2. No change of party accepted until after the State Primary, according to RSA 654:32. If you are registering as a new voter, a photo ID, proof of citizenship, age, and residency in Strafford needs to be provided.



Supervisors of the Checklist, Marilyn Roderick, Carol Cooper, and filling in for Martha English, Judy Dupre.

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Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be mailed to Ready Rides, P.O. Box 272, Northwood, NH 03261. Your gifts are tax deductible. Thank you.

SRS SOCCER PROGRAM SEEKS REFEREES

The Strafford Recreational Sports Soccer program is seeking certified referees for the fall soccer season. This is a great opportunity for local high school-age youth to make some extra money during the soccer season. See the following website for information regarding referee certification: <https://sites.google.com/site/nhreferee/instruction/new-referee-training>. If you are already certified and would like to get on our referee list, contact us. Contact Greg Sawyer or Craig Thomas with any questions: gsawyer@metrocast.net or chomas33@yahoo.com.



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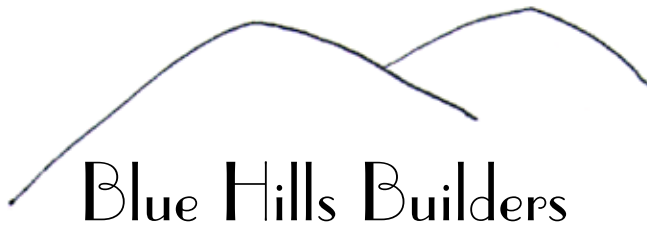
CONSERVATION NOTES

We have good conservation news and bad news this month. Let's see, how shall we start? Let's get the bad news over first.

Have you noticed that the shores of Bow Lake seem to be bristling with even more docks than ever before? It's true—there are new docks out there; and, strangely enough, no new permit applications to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) have come to the Conservation Commission's attention. Anytime a permit is submitted to DES for activity in a wetland, which of course includes the Lake, the application is also submitted to the Conservation Commission for our comment. The Conservation Commission cannot officially approve or disapprove, but DES invites our input and comment. All new docks, seasonal as well

as permanent, need to have a permit from DES! Find the guidelines for size, spacing, and distance from abutting properties at the DES website <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/docks/index.htm>. DES may require any docks without proper permits to be removed. Even if your dock is already in, update with a permit application.

And now for some very good news! The owner of the ten-acre Bennett Island, where the bald eagles and some of our Bow Lake loons are raising young, has agreed to permanently protect the island from development with a Bear-Paw conservation easement. We need to raise money to get the easement done, so once again the flamingos are going to be flying from lawn to lawn to help with this conservation project. For \$50 you can order a flock of 25 pink flamingos to surprise a friend with a 24-hour landing of the flock on their lawn placed by the Bear-Paw flamingo crew. Check the flamingo order form inserted loose in this issue of the *Calendar*, or find additional forms online at Bear-Paw.org. There will also be appeals for significant non-flamingo contributions to protect our Bow Lake's largest island.



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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be held August 8 at 1 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Our speaker will be this year's scholarship winner, Maria Rainey, a student at New Hampshire Technical Institute. Maria, who is studying Landscape Design, will be presenting all she has learned about landscaping in her classes. As always, the public is invited to our programs, which start at 2:30.

At our July meeting, a road clean-up crew was scheduled; future trips and outings were announced; and renovations for the Dam Garden were reviewed. Also, six "Welcome to Strafford Baskets" were readied for delivery to new residents in our Town. Finally, Ellie Daniels, Seacoast Regional Field Biologist, gave a presentation about loons.

On July 19 we ventured to "Garden in the Woods", New England Wild Flower Society's renowned botanical garden, which began in 1931. It is a 45-acre property located in Framingham, MA where winding paths wander through a maze of native plants and habitats. Lunch was enjoyed at the historic Wayside Inn.

August is a busy month in the garden. It is the time to reap the harvest that was so carefully planned and planted. There are plenty of "to dos" this time of year: Seed peas and spinach, keep harvesting squash and zucchini, giving your excess crop to neighbors and friends until they padlock their doors. Admire those tomatoes and pick the cherry ones off the vine for your breakfast on the way to work. Remember to harvest herbs for use and drying; take pictures of your garden at peak for

bragging rights; and prune summer flowering bulbs and plants. Having trouble with deer eating your hosta plants? Try *Liquid Fence*. It will keep deer away but must be re-sprayed after watering and/or rain. Also, try hanging original Irish Spring Soap on a string and place in fruit trees.

Other helpful tips: Water hydrangeas with tea. Kill slugs and snails with salt or use *Slug Go*, which can be purchased at Wentworth Gardens in Rollinsford. Got weeds in the cracks of your walkway? Try making a mixture of 1 cup of salt and 2 cups of water and spray liberally. Want to get rid of red ants? Try making a mixture of 1/2 cup of borax and 1/2 cup of sugar. Last but not least, what kind of hose does a gardener wear? A garden hose! See you in the garden.



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In accordance with New Hampshire State law and with appropriations voted at the 2016 Town Meeting, Strafford has been in the process of undergoing a Statistical Revaluation of all real properties within the Town boundaries. KRT, the firm contracted to complete this work, is nearly finished. In early to mid-August, property owners will receive a letter from KRT notifying them of their property's current assessed value. The letter will also outline the process to follow should owners believe their property value is inaccurate. Informal meetings to discuss property values will be held in mid- to late August at the Town Hall; the letter will direct property owners how to schedule an appointment should that be desired. The Town website, www.strafford.nh.gov, will have updated information concerning the process as it becomes available. As always, should there be any questions about the process, please feel free to call the Town Hall at 664-2192 ext. 107.



YOGA CLASSES

Please join Lanta Bice Totten, a certified Yoga Instructor, twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm through August 24, 2016, to experience the benefits of yoga. This program is hosted by The Bow Lake Community Club. Discover increased flexibility, a greater sense of ease in your life and so much more! Lanta's classes are mindful, interwoven with yogic philosophy and open to all levels. Her unique style and sense of realism invites ease in her students. Find greater connection with yourself and your community this summer at The Bow Lake Grange Hall, 569 Province Road in Strafford. This is a "By Donation" offering. There are no set fees. Pay what you are able. A few mats are available, but consider bringing your own if you have one.



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STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Strafford Town Democratic Committee and other Strafford residents gathered in July at the Bow Lake home of Dan and Joyce Cappiello to hear from Andru Volinsky, a New Hampshire lawyer and education advocate running for the Executive Council in District Two, which spans from Keene to Concord to the Dover/Rochester area. Volinsky's diverse experience includes teaching at the University of Tennessee School of Law, working for the New Hampshire Public Defender Program, then transitioning to private practice. He is perhaps best known for representing communities fighting to protect public funding for schools, including in the Claremont School Funding suit, and he currently represents the City of Dover and the Dover School District in their fight for fair school funding. He represented the New Hampshire Secretary of State in the effort to regulate insurance risk pools, which led to the return of over \$100 million to property tax payers since 2012. He also has worked to protect public workers' pensions while representing the New Hampshire Retirement Security Coalition.

The Strafford Town Democrats will meet next on Tuesday, August 2, at 7 pm at Hill Library. Please join us for more updates on this exciting election year. Stay in touch online at www.strafforddems.org.

STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

At the July meeting of the Strafford Town Republican Committee, we were joined by both State Representative Kurt Wuelper and the Ayotte for Senate Field Director for Strafford County, Hannah Hazlett. Rick Ashooh, who is running for the United States House 1st District seat, was favorably discussed with his time working at Bae pro-life stance, and that he is active in social justice and charitable work. Hannah comes from a military family, and her Dad has been working through a traumatic brain injury and is just about through college and will be counseling Vets with traumatic injuries. Hannah likes and appreciates the sincerity of US Senator Ayotte and her industriousness. Kelly is very supportive of the 2nd Amendment and won the New Hampshire Coalition of Taxpayers even though she was not in attendance. Kelly was the first female Attorney General and is solidly supportive of law enforcement.

STRAFFORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR DEADLINE

Publishing a sixteen-page newsletter, in print and online, every month is extremely time-consuming. In order to meet the publication schedule, the editors need your cooperation in honoring their deadline as follows: **All articles and ads must be turned in by the 15th of the month. Late submissions will only be accepted from those who have made special arrangements with one of the editors no later than the 15th.** Of course, early submissions are always welcome.



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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Who doesn't like Pulled Pork? After days of rubbing, braising, and pulling over 200 pounds of delicious pork, our parking lot and kitchen were hopping with hungry diners. Thank you to everyone in the community who came out for this annual July 3 event. See you next year!

Ducks O'er the Dam is on Saturday, September 3. There'll be fun for the whole family—food, games, and water activities. Do you have your six-quack yet? Don't wait—to adopt your ducks and be eligible for our cash prizes, go to our website, bowlakecc.org, and find the "Adopt a Duck" link; or you can visit the Isinglass Country Store or K & J's Diner adjacent to the store. If you have any questions, contact David Murdoch at murdochwd@aol.com or 905-9897. It will be a quacking good time.

We are proud to announce local winners of our 2017 Strafford Calendar Photo Contest as follows: Steven Bachmann, Paul Poe, Paula L. King, Robin Pullo, Jean Ewen, Pat Sims, Charlie Matteson, Mike Smith, and Suzanne Murdoch. Thank you to everyone who sent in such gorgeous area photos. Look for details on our 2017 Strafford calendar in the next issue. What better way to share our beautiful corner of the world with family and friends?

Show your community pride--Bow Lake Community Club T-Shirts now available. You may have seen us wearing our classic crew neck shirts at the Pulled Pork event. Neutral heather gray with black printing (duck on the front, "Supporting Our Grange Hall" on the back), we have sizes from medium to

X-large at a cost of \$15. Supplies are limited. To get yours, contact Michelle Benger at 664-5745.

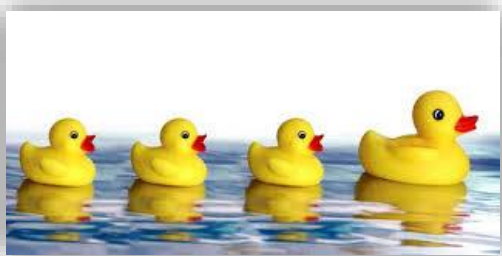
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OK, I'll admit it, being a homeowner in Strafford, I've been fascinated by the help, organization, and neatness of the Transfer Center for 23 years. It seems like the place to "see and be seen" in Strafford. To begin with, I asked the attendants at the "dump" a question about whether to call it officially the Transfer Center or Recycling Center and was told both are appropriate. For this article, I interviewed three attendants: Ben Frankum, the leader, Eugene, and Dan. They told me some funny and touching stories. And they each seem to have very big hearts and a great connection to the community. All the attendants receive mandatory training once a year to learn the latest about disposing of tires, various oils, Freon, etc. Call me "out of it", but I never realized that the big mound in back of the transfer center was the former dump!

Why is it a favorite place of mine? (Other than the BLCOA's upcoming Lobster BBQ on Saturday, August 13, from 5-7pm--Call Becky Whitcher for tickets: 603-664-9067). Because I look forward to going there every Wednesday or every weekend to deposit my hard-earned garbage, jars, plastics, and paper. I really look forward to the shed with its fascinating collections. For hours see www.trafford.nd.gov/index/php/recycling-center. When I asked about the worst weather they have experienced, Eugene said that the attendants are like the postmen—they deliver in rain and snow and sleet and hail. Ben told of a time during a bad snow storm when the electricity

went out and the trash compactors didn't work. Sometimes they will close if the weather is really bad so that people aren't tempted to come out.

Ben told me about a minister that repairs violins to give to kids that want to play. He also told me about seeing generations of families take bicycles with training wheels, then bring those back and upgrade to true two-wheelers. He said he usually gives things in the shed one week for "adoption," although I have seen some exercise equipment there for longer. Dan said he considers the people who throw out their exercise equipment, some of it brand new, "members of the Liar's Club"—hilarious, I thought to myself. As for the shed, my husband researches it thoroughly every time we go. His two pride and joys were a series of encyclopedia-like books written after WWI, and a set of red and gold cigar boxes he found early this summer. He always finds a new/old book to read. We found a transfer chair on wheels for my 95-year old mother which we passed on to another person in need. I have found numerous mugs, large and small—my favorite one is a ceramic cow at the bottom of the mug, which must inspire children to drink all their milk so they can get to the cow! And I just lately found a blow-up penguin that I am going to send to my grown daughter in San Francisco who loves penguins. Ben took home a 12-point deer head himself. So if you recycle things in the shed, you never know what or where they will end up in the world. Another funny story was how some people, while backing up to dispense metal, old suitcases, not garbage, actually drive over the cement wall;

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others fall into the lower level pit!

Ben told me that Strafford people do a good job recycling. The more we recycle, the less the Town has to pay. He said the aluminum pop cans (below) are good money-makers for the Town. They also make money on metal. I learned there is a lot to learn at the Recycling Center.

TOPS

It's always a great time to refocus on your personal goals. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 pm at the Strafford Police Station. 2015 was a great year for our chapter. Our members lost a combined total of over 112 pounds! With the support of others, you too can reach your goals! Please join us to see what our group can do for you.



HISTORICAL NOTES

The Strafford Historical Society's annual fundraising yard sale will be Saturday, August 13, and Sunday, August 14, from 8 am to 2 pm at the Old Waldron Store, 520 Province Road. This event is rain or shine—we will have the big tent again this year. We already have received some wonderful donations, so expect an excellent shopping experience, all for a good cause. Yard sale proceeds help the Historical Society maintain our two buildings—the Old Waldron Store and Austin Hall. Your support makes all the difference.

If you would rather join us under the tent, tables are available for \$15. We welcome donations large and small. Items for the yard sale may be dropped off on the front porch of the Old Waldron Store, or contact JoAnn Brown at 664-2225 or Liz Evans at 664-7736 (eevans.strafford.nh@gmail.com). Please, we cannot accept large appliances or electronics that would be costly for our organization to dispose of should they not sell. Thank you.

The next Bicentennial Planning meeting will be on Monday, August 15, at 6:30 pm at the Old Waldron Store. Are you interested in helping out with the Bicentennial or do you have some good ideas to share? All are welcome. If you cannot attend and you would like to get involved, please contact the planning group at straffordbicentennial@gmail.com.

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LIBRARY LINES

Come log your books for our Summer Reading Program and earn a ticket for our weekly prizes. We have three more weekly craft projects on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm. If you feel like cooling off in air conditioning with a movie, Tuesday and Thursdays are our weekly Movie Time from 2 to 4 pm. If you want to hear some stories and have a craft, Story Time sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 11 am to noon. And, for the month of August, Hill Library has "Simple Machines" for patrons to explore. These are on loan from the State Library. Come in and create something. And try our Wii Challenge on August 27 from 11 am to 1 pm. Bring a friend and play some games.

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading on August 20 with Hill Library. Come by for the huge Book Sale from 10 to 2 pm. Take some books home. Join us for Ilze Luneau, the Basketball Queen from 10 to 10:45 am. Ilze will amaze audiences with never before seen basketball handling tricks. She dribbles, juggles, and spins on a balance board. Come join the fun.

New to the Collection—Check out our new Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative (SILC) materials. We have received 40 new audio CDs and DVDs. Come in and check them out! All of the new items are on the back side of the white shelf on your right as you enter the Library. Check our website: www.HillLibrary.org and our Facebook page (Hill Library) for new titles to our collection. If you like audio and ebooks, go to nh.lib.overdrive.com. You can check out three titles at a time. Choose Strafford Hill Library; and when prompted for your Library card number, enter 4692 and your six digit card number.

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Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees Meeting is on Wednesday, August 10, at 6 pm. All Trustees meetings are open to the public—please join us.

Programming—Feeling artistic? Try the Cartoon and Drawing Club on August 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 pm. For older artists, join in a time of creative expression with other like-minded individuals on August 9 and 23 from 5 to 7 pm. Both programs are led by the wonderful Anne Smith. Anne will also have a stick bound book craft workshop on August 9 from 11 am to 2 pm. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public.

YO-YO SHOW & THROW

Show your Yo-Yo stuff; learn new tricks; and develop new skills at Hill Library in Strafford on August 3 and 17 from 6 to 7 pm. All levels welcome—ages 6 to 600. Please join us.

AN EVENING OF SPOKEN WORD AT HILL LIBRARY

What do you say to you and me checking out the Hill Library? I've been told it's mostly free and joining goes quite easily. I go there about every week, to check out books and then to speak to crew and boss, and then I seek out something to take home that's new. But here I guess I must digress and then confess to you, about the reason I'm writing this and what else it is I do. You see the last week of the month, a clan or bevy or maybe a bunch of poets get ourselves together—we do it in almost any weather. The first to read is called the feature. They are a kind of special creature. They sing or read, they entertain—an hour to read, talk and explain. They're full of knowledge and full of wit and sometimes go on about themselves a bit. Then drinks and snacks and maybe some brownies, and chips and dips and Calef's cheese. We each then stand—woman and man—one at a time to read or rhyme. And when at last the hour is passed and each has had his say, the moderator wraps it up and declares an end of the day. Sometimes a song erupts in fun and later when the night is done, and after sweeping up and picking up, each goes home and every cup is filled with something you can't see. Yes everyone is blessed to be, filled with song and poetry. To clarify any mystery—it's free, it's your library, for all, big and small, Email me! Skip Manning 07072016 skip.manning@aol.com.

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Dog Officer.....	664-5644
Poison Control.....	1-800-562-8236
All Emergencies.....	911
Fire Department Business Line	664-6863

Town Hall.....664-2192

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Tuesday.....	1:00–7:00

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Tuesday.....	1:00–6:00

Town Office/Selectmen's Hours (Ext. 110 or 101):

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	9:00–noon
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Building Inspector's Hours (Ext. 104 or by appointment):

Tuesday.....	4:00–7:00
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Planning & Zoning (Ext. 105)

Assessor (Ext. 107)

Hill Library.....664-2800

Monday through Thursday	11:00–7:00
Saturday	10:00–2:00

Recycling Center Year-Round Hours:

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3rd Baptist Church of Ctr. Strafford.....664-7750

30 Strafford Rd. www.tbcstrafford.weebly.com.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Crown Point Baptist Church.....509-2224

274 First Crown Point Rd. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church.....435-6242

Rte. 4, Northwood..... Saturday 6:00p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Northwood Congregational Church U.C.C.942-7116

881 First NH Turnpike (Rte. 4), Northwood, NH 03261
 Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.....435-7908

50 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263 www.ststephenspittsfieldnh.org
 Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

New Hope Church.....285-3533

34 Raymond Rd. (Rte. 156), Nottingham, NH 03290
www.new-hopechurch.com Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Nottingham Community Universalist Church679-8400

106 Church St. (Rt. 156 & Church St.), Nottingham, NH 03290
www.nc_uc@yahoo.com Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

St. George's Episcopal Church868-2785

One Park Court at 14 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824
www.stgeorgesdurham.org Sunday Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Northwood Advent Christian Church.....834-0863

113 School St, Northwood, NH Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

STRAFFORD LINKS

Bow Lake Camp Owners Association blcoa.org

Bow Lake Community Club www.bowlakecc.org

Bow Lake Sailing wessexusa.com/bls_main1.html

BSA Troop 23 straffordtroop23.webs.com

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy www.coebrown.org

Hill Library hilllibrary.org

Lakeside Players thelakesideplayers.org

Strafford Community Calendar
straffordcommunitycalendar.com

Strafford Police straffordpolice.org

Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc. straffordrecsports.org

Strafford School strafford.k12.nh.us

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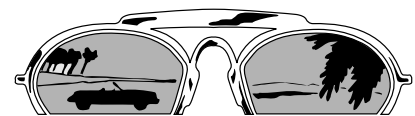
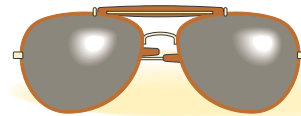
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The Christian Cupboard and USDA emergency food distribution site at the Christian Center continues to serve the Town of Strafford. Persons needing food are invited to come to the Center on Thursdays between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. for confidential emergency food distribution.

Calendar of Events

1	Mon	5-6 pm	Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Monday).
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall.
2	Tue	2-4 pm	Movie at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
		7:00 pm	Strafford Town Democrats meet at Hill Library.
3	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library (every Wednesday).
		4-8 pm	Ice Cream Social Fundraiser by Strafford Women's Club at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday).
		6-7 pm	Yo-Yo Show & Throw at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS training.
4	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		2-4 pm	Movie at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library.
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meets at Town Hall.
5	Fri	7:30 pm	AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
6	Sat	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.
		7:00 pm	Bow Lake Camp Owners Association Annual Meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
7	Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for religious services.
		12 Noon	Wildflower Identification Walk; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
8	Mon	1:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meets at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		6:30 pm	Town of Strafford Republicans meeting at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
9	Tue	11a-2p	Make & Take Craft at Hill Library.
		2-4 pm	Movie at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5-7 pm	Artists Group meets at Hill Library.
		6:30 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome.
10	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
		6:00 pm	Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.
11	Thur	2-4 pm	Movie at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6-8 pm	Computer Help at Hill Library with Matt Olenski.
13	Sat	8am-2pm	Yard Sale at Old Waldron Store by Strafford Historical Society; see article.
		5-7 pm	Annual Lobster Cookout at Whitcher's Point by BLCOA; tix at www.blcoa.org ; see insert.
14	Sun	8am-2pm	Yard Sale at Old Waldron Store by Strafford Historical Society; see article.
15	Mon		DEADLINE for September Strafford Community Calendar.
		6:30 pm	Bicentennial Planning meeting at Old Waldron Store.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department officers meeting.
16	Tue	5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
		2-4 pm	Movie at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5-7 pm	Cartoon and Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
17	Wed	6-7 pm	Yo-Yo Show & Throw at Hill Library; see article.
18	Thur	2-4 pm	Movie at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
19	Fri	2-2:30 pm	Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall; see article.
20	Sat	10:00 am	Summer Reading Finale at Hill Library with Basketball Queen; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		10am-2pm	Book Sale Blow Out at Hill Library.
22	Mon	1:30 pm	Strafford Women's Club meeting in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
		6:15 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board meeting.
23	Tue	5-7 pm	Artists Group meets at Hill Library.
24	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
25	Thur		First day for all students at Strafford School.
27	Sat	11a-1p	Wii Challenge at Hill Library.
28	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
29	Mon	7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
30	Tues	Noon	Austin Cate Academy reunion luncheon at Johnson's.
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.



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