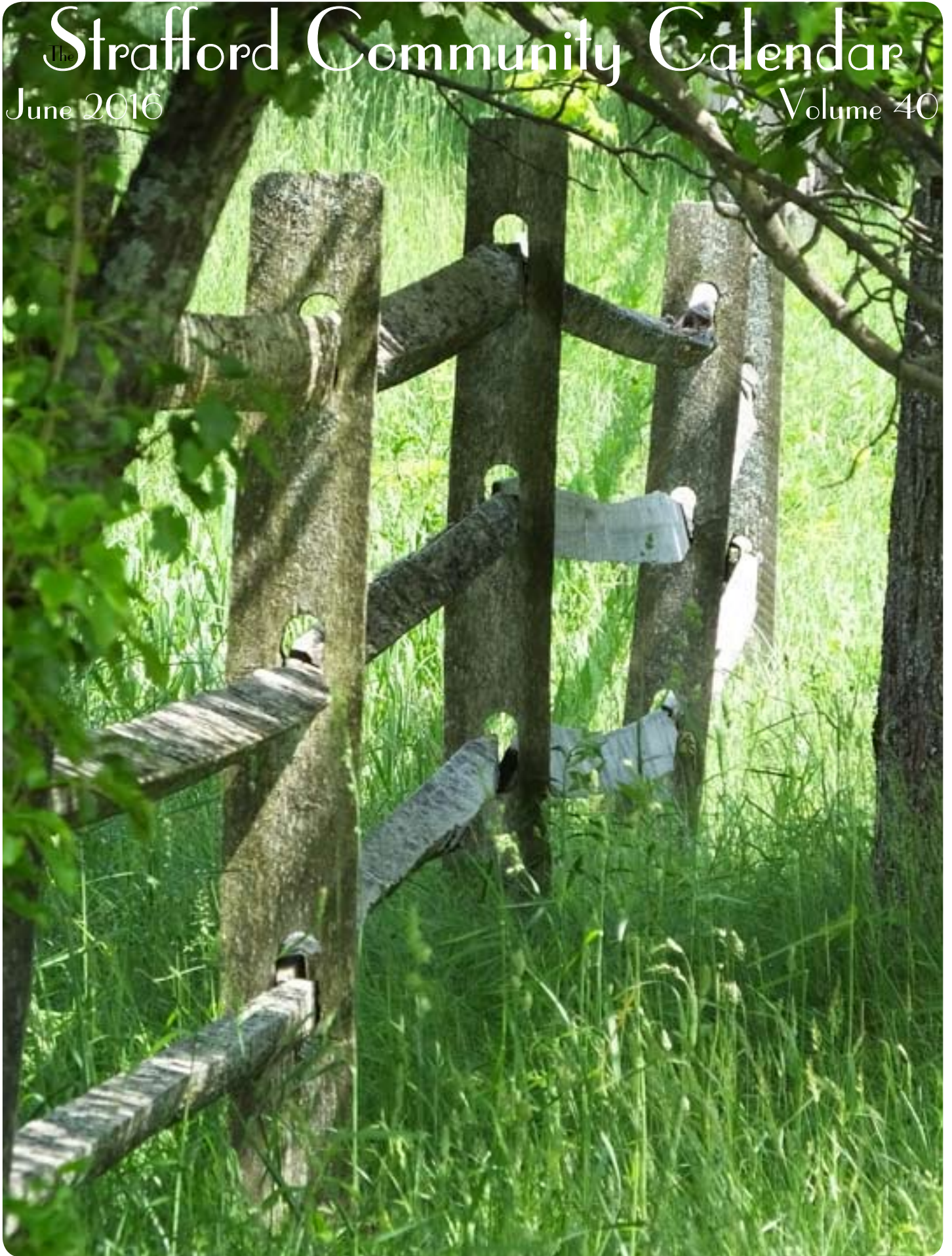


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1. Inserts in the *Strafford Community Calendar* must be approved by the editors on or before the deadline.
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## BOW LAKE BEACH – 2016 SEASON

**June 19 to August 13, 2016**

Lifeguards will be on duty at the beach area, weather permitting, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and on Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Year-round residents and property owners who are seasonal residents may pick up a pass from the beach attendants during normal operating hours. Please present an ID or proof of property ownership (a tax bill) to obtain a beach pass. Visitors may purchase a pass for the day or for the 2016 Summer Season from beach attendants during normal operating hours. Day pass for an individual or family is \$5.00; no charge for children under 12 accompanied by an adult; season pass for an individual is \$25.00; season pass for a family is \$50.00.

Swimming lessons—Session 1 is June 27 through July 8; no lessons on July 4. Session 2 is Tuesday, August 2 through August 12. Registration is required. Registration forms will be available at the beach, at Town Hall, and at [www.strafford.nh.gov](http://www.strafford.nh.gov).

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Strafford Firefighters Association is having a pancake breakfast at the Bow Lake Station on Saturday the June 4, 2016, from 7 to 11 am—pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and milk will be served. Donation of \$4.00 a plate. Come and enjoy with family and friends.

## STEAK TIPS TO GO

You've waited all year and now it is here! The Annual "Steak Tips To Go" at the Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church. On Saturday, June 25, from 4:00 pm till they are gone (usually around 6:30 to 7 pm) you will be able to purchase a Steak Tips, Rice Pilaf, Salad, and Homemade Roll dinner for a requested donation of only \$9. These delicious Steak Tips and the rolls are made by Bob Chadbourn from the recipes he always used at his restaurant, and we all know how good those are! Come early and get as many meals as you want. All proceeds go to help send local children to Summer Camp at Camp Sentinel.

### 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](mailto:gsawyer@metrocast.net) or [chomas33@yahoo.com](mailto:chomas33@yahoo.com).



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The Trustees of the George N. Cate Scholarship Fund are pleased to announce that \$18,750 in scholarships has been awarded for the 2016/2017 academic year.

Graduating high school seniors receiving awards were Ryan Bailey, Emily Greene, Callie Patterson, Maria Rainey, Holly Roman, and Meredith Roman. Awards for current college undergraduates went to Madison Cassidy, Sarah Curtin, Mary Fowler, Brianna Hanson, Chelsea Hodges, Kathryn Huckins, Anna Kofer, and Elena Smith. Congratulations to these students for their fine academic efforts. We are proud to have them join 282 other Strafford residents as recipients.

The George N. Cate Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 by the Trustees of Austin-Cate Academy to provide scholarship assistance to students who have resided in Strafford for two or more years and who are attending any accredited, post-secondary institution.

Few towns our size are fortunate enough to have a scholarship fund; and we, as trustees, would like to fortify the fund so we can help continuing generations. We need your help. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to the Cate Scholarship Fund. To donate, please send a check to The Cate Scholarship Fund at The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, 37 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. Donations in memoriam are also appreciated.

If you received a scholarship in the past and are now able, please contribute. Here's your chance to give back to your community and to help a fellow Strafford student meet his or

her goals. Together we can make a difference one scholarship at a time.

## 2,465 POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED

The residents of the Town of Strafford participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual US Postal Service's National Food Drive. This year's total is an increase over last year's collection by 100 pounds. The non-perishable food, paper goods and personal care products donated are contributed to the town's food pantry located at Third Baptist Church. The food pantry is available for confidential distributions every Thursday morning from 8 to 10 am.

Any Strafford resident is invited to a weekly dinner held at Third Baptist Church on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 pm. Come join in good conversation, companionship, and a delicious hot meal.

All employees at the Strafford Post Office, including Stacie, Karen, Maureen, Hanna, Andy and Thom, would like to thank the following people for making this year's food drive such a success: Betty Buckman, Martha English, Peggy Keefe, Ann Marie Rankin, Michelle Benger, Carolyn Clarke, and Melissa Fogg. Thank you also to Strafford School, Hill Library, K & J's Diner, and the Isinglass Country Store for advertising this worthwhile event.



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## CREATOR CAMP

The Strafford PTO and Live Free and Code are offering a unique summer camp. This summer Creator Camp will give students a rare opportunity to create objects with a 3D printer, write programs, and build electronic projects with a mini computer called raspberry pi. 3D printing is all the rage in schools and in technology, but due to the lack of availability of these printers, students at this level do not often have a chance to experience the magic of designing and creating objects with 3D printing. This camp will remove that barrier by having two 3D printers going non-stop during the camp. While the printers are cranking out objects, campers will be building electronic projects on a mini computer or doing some coding to change the way Minecraft works. There will also be time for some gaming and some outdoor time as well.

There are many camps for sports enthusiasts, but what if your child does not like sports and would rather play games on the computer? Well, this camp will give them a vision for what computers can really do in the real world. This camp will develop creative skills as well as allowing students to socialize with like-minded campers. There is a lot of learning and collaborating going on, but the students are having so much fun they do not even know it.

The camp will be held at Strafford School from July 11 to July 15 from 8:30 to 3:30. There will be awards, prizes, and a tee shirt for each camper. \$50 will hold your camper's spot. The total cost for the camp is \$299. To register, contact Live Free and Code at 603-608-3028.

## STRAFFORD SUMMER ARTS CAMP 2016

World Tales Camp (ages 8–14) will take place this year on August 1 through 5 at Strafford School from 9 am to 3 pm (with a Friday evening performance for the community at 6:30 pm).

Is someone in your family in search of a high-quality summer day camp experience? Do you know a young person with an interest in theatre, music, and/or art? Strafford School is fortunate, once again, to host Strafford Summer Arts right here in our town—a week-long camp run by theatre, music, and art professionals.

Guided by New Hampshire Theatre Project (NHTP) Director Genevieve Aichele, Strafford Summer Arts Camp includes dramatic theatre and movement instruction, storytelling, costume design, and set decoration/setup. In addition, instrumentalist and instructor Randy Armstrong brings a wide variety of world instruments the participants are excited to play. Students learn to play multicultural music, as well as sound effects. No prior experience is necessary.

The emphasis of this camp is on collaboration, gaining self-confidence, and developing an appreciation for world cultures through theatre, art, and music. And, of course, fun! Please visit [http://www.strafford.k12.nh.us/community\\_groups/summer\\_arts](http://www.strafford.k12.nh.us/community_groups/summer_arts) for registration information. You may also email [info@nhtheatreproject.org](mailto:info@nhtheatreproject.org) or call 603-431-6644 x4 with questions or to enroll in NHTP 2016 camps.

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The Town Hall (including the Town Clerk’s Office) will be closed on the following days in June, July, and August: Monday, July 4, 2016—Independence Day.

Voter Registration for State Primary Election / Supervisors of the Checklist Session / State Primary Election Day—The State Primary is Tuesday, September 13, 2016. 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 to 7:30 pm at the Strafford Town Hall. Please note: Tuesday, May 31, was the last day to change party affiliation before the Primary Election. 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.

### ASSESSING UPDATE

KRT, the assessing firm handling Strafford’s General Assessing and Statistical Update, will be working in Town for the next several months. They are currently visiting properties sold within the last two years and collecting data to be used in the 2016 Statistical Revaluation. Appointments are being scheduled through KRT’s office, but property owners should feel free to call the Town Hall at (603) 664-2192 ext. 107 if there are any questions about the process. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The Strafford School Board would like to congratulate all the Coe-Brown graduates and wish them well on their future endeavors. Best of luck in all you do, and never stop reaching higher.

CBA Negotiation Update—The Strafford School Board and the Strafford Education Association (SEA) reached an agreement on a one-year contract during the mediation session in May. Because we were able to mediate a contract, which should bring a zero-cost warrant to the Town to vote upon, we do not have to petition the NH Superior Court for approval to hold a Special Town Meeting. This saves us time and money as we move forward. Both the SEA and Board have ratified the agreement, so now it goes to the voters. The Board will be working with the Town and Supervisors of the Checklist to set up a special Town Meeting sometime this summer to discuss and vote on this contract. It will be held on a Saturday morning and will only be for voting on the contract warrant article. Please keep an eye out for information on this very important meeting. Remember, the School District Budget, which includes the CBA contract, is almost 90 percent of the combined Town/School Budget which sets the tax rate. It is very important that voters understand where their tax dollars go, so please attend this meeting if possible. Contact any School Board member if you have any questions.



## HISTORICAL NOTES

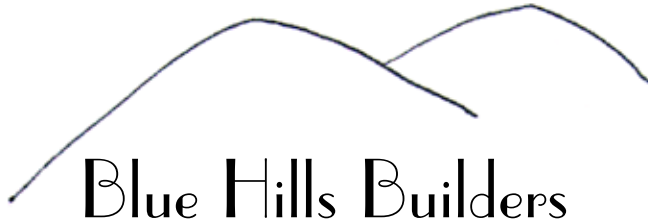


The Strafford Historical Society would like to extend a big thanks for the help given by members of the Strafford Churches on their Mission Day in May. Anybody looking for community service opportunities, young or old, the Society is looking for your help on a variety of projects. This

summer we are also looking for help doing yard work at Austin Hall and the Old Waldron Store. Please contact JoAnn Brown at 664-2225 if you are interested.

As you tackle your spring cleaning, please remember the Strafford Historical Society's annual yard sale fundraiser, coming on the weekend of August 13 and 14. Donations large and small are welcome. If you have items that you would like to donate, you may drop them off on the porch of the Old Waldron Store (no appliances or large furniture please) or contact Liz Evans or JoAnn Brown.

Plan ahead for the Society's summer road tour on Tuesday, July 19. And please think of the Strafford Historical Society and help us plan for Strafford's Bicentennial celebrations, coming in 2020. If you have ideas you would like to share, please contact the Bicentennial planning group at [staffordbicentennial@gmail.com](mailto:staffordbicentennial@gmail.com).



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DEDICATION**

The Northwood Congregational Church is holding a Strawberry Festival on June 25 from 8 am to 1:30 pm. This year the Strawberry Festival is extra special because the Northwood Congregational Church, built in 1840, has been under rehabilitation since September of 2015. The congregation raised over \$250,000 and then received a matching LCHIP grant from the Land and Heritage Conservation Investment Program for \$200,000. With the money raised, the church has hired Preservation Timber Framing to rebuild the front porch, the foundation and sills, and repair and restore the beautiful front porch columns.

During the Strawberry Festival you are welcome to come for a tour of the church and see the beautiful historical building and the rehabilitation work. On Sunday, June 26, following the Strawberry Festival, the church is holding a Sanctuary Dedication during the Worship Service at 9 am. There will be special music and special guests including UCC Conference Minister, Rev. Gary M Schulte, and other founding members of the church. You are welcome to join us on Saturday and Sunday to see the exciting changes on the inside and the outside of the church.



**READY RIDES**

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To request information about registering as a rider or volunteering as a driver, please email us at [info@readyrides.org](mailto:info@readyrides.org) or call 603-244-8719.

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## LIBRARY LINES

Come on in and sign up for our Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" Join in the fun as we kick off with *Lindsay and her Puppet Pals* at 10:30 am on Saturday, June 25. You can pick up your Summer Reading Packet and get excited to log your books. Weekly craft projects will be Monday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm. Tuesday and Thursdays are our weekly Movie times from 2 to 4 pm. Our Story Time sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 11 am to noon. Hill Library will have a "Recon Rover" for patrons to explore.

If you would like to make a donation for summer reading prizes such as gift cards and sports books or related activities, give us a call at 664-2800 or come in and talk to us. We would love to have more volunteers to help with showing movies, playing games, helping with Story Time or art activities.

It's not too late to join our "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. When you finish your first 100 books, you will earn your own book bag.

New to the collection—Check out our new Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative (SILC) materials. The 40 new audio CDs and DVDs have been added to our collection for the next three months. All of the new items are on the back side of the white shelf on your right as you enter the library. In early July we will be receiving 40 new audio CDs and DVDs for you to take out. Check our website, [www.HillLibrary.org](http://www.HillLibrary.org), and our Facebook page, Hill Library, for titles. If you like audio and ebooks, go to [nh.lib.overdrive.com](http://nh.lib.overdrive.com). You can check out three titles at a time.

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Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustee Meeting is Wednesday, June 8, at 6 pm; and the Friends of the Library meeting is at 7 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup>. All Trustee and Friends meetings are open to the public; please join us.

Programming—Feeling artistic? Try the Cartoon and Drawing Club on June 7 and 21 from 5-7 pm. For older artists, join in a time of creative expression with other like-minded individuals on June 14 and 28 from 5-7 pm. Both programs are led by our wonderful volunteer, Anne Smith.

MineCraft—Anyone know any kids who love MineCraft? Who doesn't? We are interested in starting a MineCraft Makers & Players Club, and are looking for volunteers to help out. Please get in touch with George Preston, Hill Library Director, at [Director@Metrocast.net](mailto:Director@Metrocast.net). We are planning to install MineCraft on all of our computers and would like to hear from patrons (young and old) about what features we should install.

All Hill Library events are free and open to the public.

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### ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Is there a better way to end the day than enjoying an ice cream sundae with family and friends at the Bow Lake Grange Hall? On Wednesday, July 6, from 4 to 8 pm, the Strafford Women's Club will hold their Annual Ice Cream Social. Build your own sundae from a choice of three ice cream flavors—vanilla, chocolate, and coffee. Add toppings from a variety of nuts, jimmies, candies, and fruits; top with whipped cream and a cherry. Tickets will be sold at the door—small \$2.50; large \$3.50. Add a homemade brownie for fifty cents. Pick-a-Prize Raffle tickets will be sold for a number of valuable prizes donated by area businesses. You choose the prize you would like to win. Prizes will be awarded at the close of the second ice cream social on August 3, 2016.

By attending the ice cream socials, you will help the Strafford Women's Club raise money for college scholarships for graduating Strafford high school seniors and for other worthwhile community projects. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend both the July 6 and the August 3 Ice Cream Socials.

### 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 Socials on July 6 and 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. A partial list of prizes includes gifts and/or certificates from Ady's One Stop Shop (in Isinglass Store); Blue Oasis Spalon; Dunkin Donuts Northwood; Halo's Family Hair Salon; Hannaford Northwood; Heritage Hardware / Heritage Corner Market; Isinglass Country Store; Johnson's Seafood & Steak; K&J's Diner; Market Basket; Nippo Lake Golf Club; Northwood Garage; Piece Time Puzzles; Rochester Country Club; Town Line Tavern; and Turnout Treasures (in Isinglass Store). Winning tickets will be drawn at the second ice cream social on Wednesday, August 3. You need not be present to win. Many thanks to our generous donors!

### SWC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The winners of the 2016 Strafford Women's Club Scholarships are Jordan Lippmeier and Emily Greene, both seniors at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. Jordan will be attending Plymouth State University, studying Athletic Training. Emily will be attending the University of North Carolina Wilmington, majoring in Marine Biology. We congratulate them both and wish them success in their chosen fields. Thanks to all of our highly qualified applicants. We wish everyone success in their college studies.

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### STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

Please join the Strafford Women's Club on Monday, June 27, 2016, at 1:30 pm in the Idlepines Room of the Bow Lake Church. Our regular business meeting will be followed by light refreshments and the Club's traditional, but always entertaining, Pint, Pound & Yard Sale. Members bring a wrapped item that has something to do with either a pint, pound, or a yard; e.g. a yard of fabric, a pint of syrup or cream, etc., or a pound of butter or dirt—could be anything as long as it is a pint or a pound or a yard. Include a brief obscure written verse or poem or clue as to what the item might be. Items will then be auctioned off. All women are welcome!

Please join us for our Ice Cream Socials on July 6 and August 3 at the Bow Lake Grange Hall and have fun participating in our Summer Pick-a-Prize Raffle 2016. See separate articles for more information.

### 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.

### MUSEUM PROGRAM

Have you been to the Children's Museum in Dover? How about the NH History Museum in Concord? When was the last time you went to Strawberry Banke? Well, you could go to any one of these, bring back a receipt for your fee, and present it to the Friends of the Hill Library for a reimbursement of up to \$25. This program allows you to go to any museum and be subsidized for at least part of your cost to visit. Any Hill Library patron can do this once a year. Just ask at Hill Library's circulation desk or go online for the forms ([www.hilllibrary.org](http://www.hilllibrary.org)).

### FRIENDS OF HILL LIBRARY

The Friends of Hill Library will meet on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 7:00 pm at Hill Library. All are welcome to attend.



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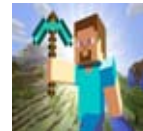
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## BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB



The Lake is full and the leaves are almost open, the promise of another beautiful summer in Strafford. We are busy with our final preparations for our Pulled Pork Drive-Thru on July 3 and

Ducks O'er the Dam on September 3. If you want to experience the thrill of watching your "quack" team race for the finish line over the Dam, don't miss this month's insert. It will never be easier to reserve your bobbing beauties.

If you're not already a member or sponsor of the Bow Lake Community Club, we hope you will consider joining us. Did you know that, as your community connection, we host groups such as the Lakeside Players, Boy Scouts, the Garden Club, and the Women's Club? With annual memberships starting at just \$25, you'll get a free hour of Grange Hall rental while helping us maintain this iconic landmark and community hub. It's simple; just fill out the membership portion of the return envelope in this edition of the Calendar; visit us at [bowlakecc.org](http://bowlakecc.org); or call Martha English at 664-9089. Wishing all our neighbors a great start to the summer.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Third Baptist Church will host the VBS 2016 program entitled "Cave Quest". VBS will be held from 9 am to 12 noon on July 18 to 22, with a closing program on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm, followed by an ice cream social. Children age 4 through eighth grade may register. Students who have completed eighth grade and older may volunteer to assist. To register or for more information, please contact Pastor Muzzey at 664-7750 or email [pastorhm@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhm@gmail.com).

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Bow Lake Church extends an invitation to all community women to come together for a once-a-month pot luck 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.

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## STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Strafford Garden Club held its monthly meeting in May at the Grange Hall. Discussion issues included our new non-profit status, budget expenditures, upcoming trips, our Welcome to Strafford Program, and our Annual Plant Sale scheduled for May 28 at the Grange Hall.

Scott Young, a professional naturalist, was the guest speaker at our meeting. He provided expert advice in ways that we can continue our efforts to beautify the Dam Garden.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, at 1 pm at the Grange Hall. Our program is entitled "A Garden for Wildlife", a presentation that shows how anyone with a backyard, garden, or landscaped area can help wildlife by altering their landscaping and gardening practices. This program includes a discussion of wildlife and habitats, plant choice, use of native plants, nest boxes and feeders, and issues such as invasive plants. Please join us.

A road clean-up crew went out on May 9 and picked up trash along the side of the town roads. Members also planted and tended small gardens and planters throughout town. Take a look around and you will notice them at the Town Hall, Post Office, the area in front of the Grange, the garden across from Sheila's Deli, and the Dam Garden.

Since it is June, you have probably finished the planting of your flower and vegetable gardens. If you have planted containers and hanging baskets, be sure to water them well in hot weather. Feed them with a balanced liquid fertilizer every 1-2 weeks. You might also want to lift and divide clumps of bulbs and hostas as well as staking tall or floppy perennial plants to prevent wind damage. Pinch out any side shoots from your tomato plants and feed once the first truss is setting fruit. Keep an eye out for white powdery mildew, aphids, beetles, slugs, and tomato worms. Happy Gardening.



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## CONSERVATION NOTES

Conservation Commission members are still curious about who was responsible for the rogue trail up on Evans Mountain. It had been flagged and trimmed out without any approval from either the Town or Blue Hills Foundation, the owners of the two halves of the 1000 acres; or from Bear-Paw, holder of the easements on the properties. Any trail making needs approval through all of those groups to avoid injuring sensitive habitats. That trail's markings have been removed.

In the month since then, Forester Charlie Moreno, Conservation Commission member Scott Young, and George Lovejoy of Blue Hills have worked to plan a trail from Evans Mountain over to the ledges that meets the stewardship guidelines of protecting fragile soils, vernal pools, and important plant communities. In the coming months, work can proceed as the planned route gets approval from all concerned. Much of the proposed trail is on the Blue Hills portion of the tracts, and work there will be done by George Lovejoy's team. For work on the Town's portion, the Conservation Commission will be looking for volunteers.

There are four Bear-Paw sponsored events in June— Saturday, June 4, noon to 3 pm, a family friendly Nature Scavenger Hunt on the School District Conservation Property; Wednesday, June 8, 9:30 to noon, a walk on the Kimball Forest Preserve in Nottingham; Saturday, June 11, 10 am to noon, a Suncook River Paddle with members of the Friends of the Suncook River; and Saturday, June 25, 9:30 to noon, a walk to Demon Pond on the Coe-Brown Conservation Property that abuts Northwood Meadows State Park. Check the Bear-Paw website for more details about each of these events.

## STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

At the May round table discussion of the Strafford Town Republican Committee, State Representative Kurt Wuelper shared that he has been able to keep campaign expenses modest, in the 250 dollar range, for his recent campaign. We reviewed the differences in the recent history of Republican and Democrat controlled state legislative bodies. And, of course, we had fun opining on VP picks. Visit Strafford Town Republican Committee on Facebook. Please join us on the second Monday of the month at Hill Library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

## STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Strafford Town Democratic Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 7, at 7 pm at Hill Library. "I encourage everyone to join us for an update on local, state and national Democratic politics in an exciting election year," said Committee Chairman Bob Perry, a longtime Democratic Representative of the Town of Strafford in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

At its May meeting, the committee heard about former Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter's re-election campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives. Learn more about her campaign at [www.sheaporter.com](http://www.sheaporter.com).

Members of the Strafford Democratic Committee will be attending the New Hampshire Democratic State Party Convention on June 18 in Bedford, NH.

Stay in touch with the Strafford Town Democrats online at [www.strafforddems.org](http://www.strafforddems.org).



# Contacts

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical Emergency.....	911
Police Non-Emergency.....	664-5644
Police Business Line .....	664-7462
Dog Officer.....	664-5644
Poison Control.....	1-800-562-8236
All Emergencies.....	911
Fire Department Business Line .....	664-6863

**Town Hall.....664-2192**

### Town Clerk's Hours (Ext. 102):

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday.....	8:30–2:00
Tuesday.....	1:00–7:00

### Tax Collector's Hours (Ext. 103):

Monday & Wednesday.....	8:30–2:00
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:

Wednesday.....	4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Strafford Post Office.....664-2118**

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Lobby & Post Office Box Access .....	6:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Lobby & Post Office Box Access .....	6:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Bow Lake Baptist Church.....664-7401**

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

30 Strafford Rd. [www.tbcstrafford.weebly.com](http://www.tbcstrafford.weebly.com).

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

274 First Crown Point Rd.

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

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

Rte. 4, Northwood..... Saturday 6:00p.m. & Sunday 10:00a.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](http://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](http://www.new-hopechurch.com)

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

**Nottingham Community Universalist Church.....679-8400**

106 Church St. (Rt. 156 & Church St.), Nottingham, NH 03290

[www.nc\\_uc@yahoo.com](http://www.nc_uc@yahoo.com)

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

**St. George's Episcopal Church.....868-2785**

One Park Court at 14 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824

[www.stgeorgesdurham.org](http://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](http://blcoa.org)

Bow Lake Community Club [www.bowlakecc.org](http://www.bowlakecc.org)

Bow Lake Sailing [wessexusa.com/bls\\_main1.html](http://wessexusa.com/bls_main1.html)

BSA Troop 23 [straffordtroop23.webs.com](http://straffordtroop23.webs.com)

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy [www.coebrown.org](http://www.coebrown.org)

Hill Library [hilllibrary.org](http://hilllibrary.org)

Lakeside Players [thelakesideplayers.org](http://thelakesideplayers.org)

Strafford Community Calendar

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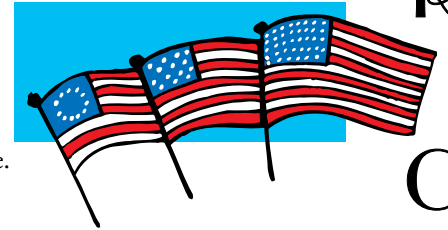
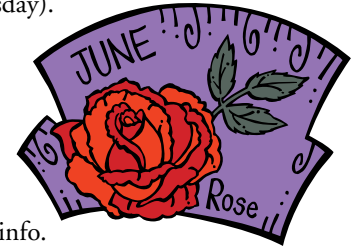
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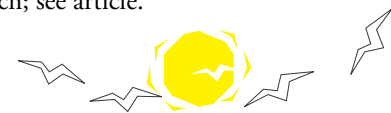
**site at the Christian Center continues to serve the Town of Strafford.**

**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.**

1	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday).
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS Training.
2	Thu	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Thursday).
		6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meets at Town Hall.
3	Fri	7:30 pm	AA at Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
4	Sat	7-11 am	Pancake Breakfast at Bow Lake Fire Station; see article.
		9:00 am	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.
		Noon-3	Nature Scavenger Hunt; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> for details.
		8:00 pm	Ed Gerhard in Concert at Bow Lake Grange Hall; 664-7200 for tix/info.
5	Sun		See Church Directory on <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
6	Mon	1:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meeting at Grange Hall; see article.
		5-6:00 pm	Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen; St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Monday).
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department business meeting.
7	Tue	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	Town of Strafford Democrats meeting at Hill Library.
8	Wed	9:30-noon	Bear-Paw Walk on Kimball Preserve; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
		11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
		6:00 pm	Library Trustees meet at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Friends of Hill Library meeting at Hill Library; see article.
9	Thu	6-8 pm	Computer Help at Hill Library.
11	Sat	10-noon	Bear-Paw's Suncook River Paddle; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
13	Mon	6:30 pm	Town of Strafford Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
14	Tue		<b>FLAG DAY</b>
		5-7 pm	Artist Group meets at Hill Library.
		6:30 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome.
		6:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at Strafford School.
		7:00 pm	PTO Board meeting.
15	Wed		<b>Deadline</b> for July <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> .
			Last day Kindergarten.
		11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
16	Thu	12:30 pm	Last day Strafford School; early release.
19	Sun		<b>Happy Fathers' Day</b>
20	Mon		<b>First Day of Summer</b>
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers meeting.
21	Tue	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Office.
22	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
23	Thu	6-8 pm	Computer Help at Hill Library.
25	Sat	8a-1:30p	Strawberry Festival at Northwood Congregational Church; see article.
		9:30-noon	Bear-Paw Walk to Demon Pond; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
		10:30 am	Summer Reading Kickoff at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		4:00 pm	Steak Tips To Go Drive-Thru at Bow Lake Baptist Church; see article.
26	Sun	9:00 am	Sanctuary Dedication at Northwood Congregational Church; see article.
		2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
27	Mon	1:30 pm	Strafford Women's Club meeting; see article.
		6:15 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board Meeting at SAU office, Northwood.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
28	Tue	2-4	<i>Despicable Me</i> at Hill Library.
		5-8 pm	Artist Group meets at Hill Library.
30	Thu	2-4 pm	<i>Despicable Me 2</i> at Hill Library.
		6-8 pm	Evening of Poetry with Skip Manning at Hill Library.



# Fathers Day



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