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*Pat Sims contributed October's cover photo, which she calls, "Peace on Piper Drive." The flamingo photo on page 7 was taken by Shirley Brownell. Cindy Lavigne snapped the photo of the fishing boat on page 12, and Pat Sims took the photo of fall foliage on page 14. Thank you, all!*

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## STRAFFORD SCHOOL'S SPOOKY SPECTACULAR IS BACK

Join us on October 22 for a community tradition... Pumpkin Hollow! *Spooky* surprises, *delicious* food and *ghoulish* good times await Strafford students, friends, family, and community. For even more fun, have a hand in planning and participating in the event. Join a committee, make a donation, or volunteer to be one of our *creepy* cast members. There's enough fun to go around for kids and adults alike. Are you a Coe-Brown student looking for volunteer hours? We've got them for you. Email [straftordpto@straftord.k12.nh.us](mailto:straftordpto@straftord.k12.nh.us) to grab a spot on the committee of your choice.

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Saturday, October 29, 2016, between 11 and 11:30 am for additions and corrections of checklist per RSA 654:27, 28. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session, until Election Day, except as provided in RSA 659:12, RSA 654:8, II. If you are registering as a new voter, a photo ID, proof of citizenship, age, and residency in Strafford need to be provided.

## BOW LAKE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church is happy to announce that it will again be offering a Thanksgiving Dinner to those who may not have a place or family to enjoy the holiday with. Come join our church family on Saturday, November 19, at 1:00 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall to break bread and enjoy some fellowship. The seating capacity at the Grange Hall is limited to 125 people; therefore, reservations are required. Please contact Frank Drociak at 664-9117 or Martha English at 664-9089 by November 12 to book your reservation. Arrangements can be made for meal deliveries for shut-ins.

The members of the Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church would like to take this opportunity to wish our community a very Happy Thanksgiving. We would love to have you join us at a 10:00 am Sunday worship service.

## 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. With the support of others you can reach your goals! Please join us to see what our group can do for you.



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### STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Strafford Town Democratic Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 4, at 7 pm at Hill Library. This meeting is a great chance to get an update on the fall election. This is a monumental year, with America's first woman presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton. Other important races include current Governor Maggie Hassan's run for US Senate, and New Hampshire's first-ever woman Congressperson Carol Shea-Porter making a strong bid to return to Washington to represent working families. Current Executive Councilor Colin Van Ostrern is the Democratic candidate for Governor.

Strafford continues to share two State Representative seats with the Town of New Durham. Strafford's own Bob Perry, former Democratic State Rep, is running to represent the district once again. His running mate is Ellen Phillips of New Durham. The Democratic candidate for State Senate to represent Strafford is Nancy Fraher. Visit our website for more info on all the candidates.

Please join us in October for more updates on this extraordinary election year, and to find out how you can be a part of the action this fall. Stay in touch online at [www.strafforddems.org](http://www.strafforddems.org).



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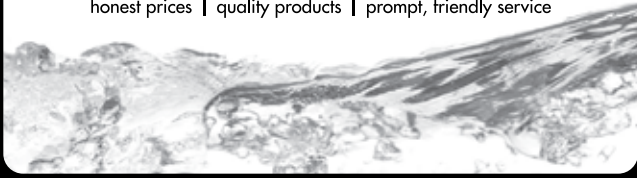
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The Town Hall will be closed on the following days in October, November, and December 2016: Monday, October 10, 2016—Columbus Day; Tuesday, November 8, 2016—General Election—open for voting only; and Thursday, November 24, 2016—Thanksgiving Day.

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

Voter Registration for State General Election / Supervisors of the Checklist Session—You may register to vote with the Town Clerk during regular business hours on or before Thursday, October 27, 2016. You may also register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist session to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 11:00 to 11:30 am at Strafford Town Hall. If you have not registered to vote by October 29 and wish to vote at the State General Election, you may register at the polling place on Election

Day, November 8. Please be sure to bring your picture ID with you when you register to vote and on Election Day.

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### HISTORICAL NOTES

The Strafford Historical Society would like to ask you to join us for a free Cemetery Preservation Workshop offered by the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association on Saturday, October 1. Meet at the Center Strafford Cemetery at 10 am and bring a lunch. We expect that the workshop will run for two or three hours. Participants will learn techniques for cleaning old stones and the proper way to straighten and align crooked stones.

The Historical Society is also excited for our upcoming contemporary music event at the Old Waldron Store. We hope you will join us for performances on November 12 and 13.

We are always looking for new members, and guests are always welcome at our events. Please think about our upcoming Bicentennial. Our next planning meeting will be coming up soon, and we want to hear your new ideas and share the excitement.

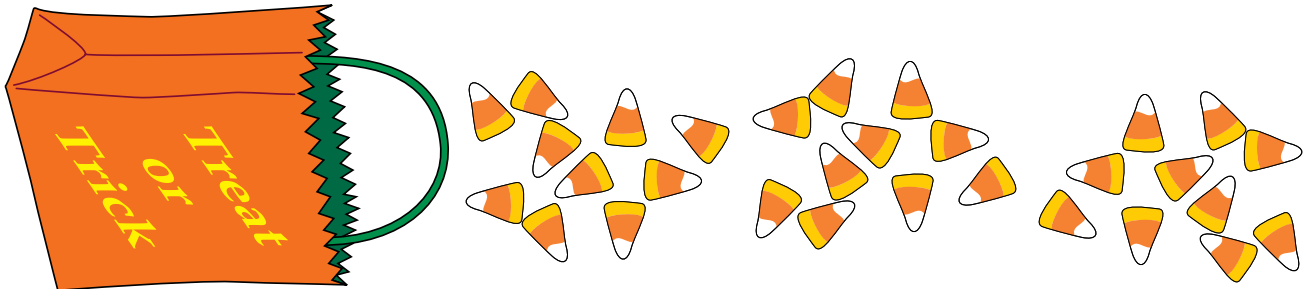
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Ready Rides is a non-profit organization formed to provide rides for seniors and physically challenged neighbors in Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford who need transportation to medical and dental appointments.

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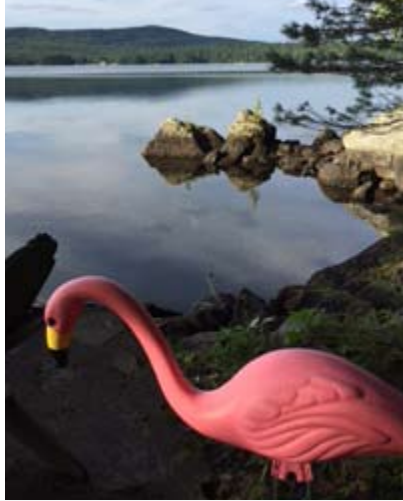
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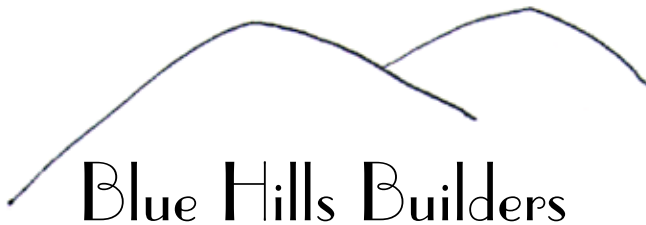
A NO FIRES sign has gone up on the kiosk at the Spencer Smith Trail at the Town Forest, and that prohibition also applies to any of our Town conservation lands. Anyone with a lick of sense can understand that with our drought conditions a small campfire could lead to a real disaster in our Town Forest and possibly spread beyond the forests to homes. In the past, campfires carefully managed by the Cub and Boy Scouts have been permitted at the Town Forest. At this time, however, even the Scouts should not plan to have a campfire if they are having activities in the Town Forest. The other problem with campfire sites at the Town Forest is an increasing amount of trash that has been building up. All of our conservation lands have a "Carry in, Carry out" policy, and throwing a can into a fire or breaking a glass container into the fire circle does NOT meet with that policy! The Conservation Commission is planning a clean-up day and will welcome any volunteers who would like to join us.

Over on the



School District Conservation Property is another clean-up opportunity that could provide community service credit for any students who don't already have that requirement accomplished. Just off Johnsonboro Road on the way into the Hill Pond is an old house foundation that in the past some have used as a place to dump trash. Conservation Commission members would be glad to help organize and lead a crew who could clean up the foundation and the area around it that also has old shotgun shells and other waste scattered about. Please call or email Harmony Anderson at [harmony@metrocast.net](mailto:harmony@metrocast.net) or 603-491-2194 if you would like to help there or at the Town Forest.

The Bennett Island Forever flamingos only have about another month to fly before the ground freezes and they can no longer land; so if you have been thinking of flocking a friend, order your flock online at the Bear-Paw website now. As of *Calendar* deadline in mid-September, there have been more than 80 flamingo flights in Strafford and Northwood. Bear-Paw has submitted grant requests to several agencies; and as soon as we know that any have been awarded, we will report it here. Generous donors have also written checks for significant amounts toward the permanent conservation of Bennett Island. And stop by the Bow Lake Grange Hall on October 1 from 3 to 7 pm to hear Island Mike and Friends playing their benefit concert for Bennett Island. Admission is free with donations encouraged. The Northwood Crank Pullers will have their food trailer outside the Grange Hall where you can buy your snack or dinner with all proceeds going to the Bennett Island Forever fund.



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**STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB**

The Strafford Garden Club is pleased to be offering a program entitled "All About Seeds" on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 2:30 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Please plan to join us and get a head start on your 2017 garden. The general meeting will begin at 1:00 pm.

The Strafford Garden Club members met on September 12, 2016 at the Grange Hall. Highlights of the meeting included an update of the Dam Garden. Take a moment and drive by the Bow Lake Dam to take a look at the clearing work that has been accomplished. It looks great. Thanks to Mark Thompson and the crew that have been working diligently during the past several weeks.

We have 12 new residents in our Town since June 2016. Welcome baskets have been delivered to all of them.

You will see the contents of the wooden buckets around Town change as Fall approaches. We will pull out the old and plant anew. Be sure to take the time to appreciate them.

Candidates for Garden Club leadership were solicited during our meeting. Carol Chicarello volunteered to take over the Scholarship duties. Carol Thompson will be keeping our Scrapbook up to date. Juliet Perdichizzi will chair the Ways & Means Committee. Linda Hartmann will be managing our Facebook Page.

Our Program for the day was presented by Robin Donovan, and the topic was "All About Mushrooms". She discussed how to identify mushrooms, spoke about varieties, taste, texture, cooking and preservation.

Members who wish to join a short trip for lunch at UMAMI on Wednesday, October 19, should call Bev at 664-2552 to RSVP; meet at 11:30 am on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Bow Lake Grange Hall.

Gardening in October is entirely dependent on the weather. If there is an Indian Summer, there is no better time to be out in the garden. There are still plenty of garden tasks to keep us busy in October.

We can dress our garden with compost, we can turn our compost pile, use our garden debris and leaves to add to our compost, plant trees and shrubs, bring our houseplants inside, cover mums and asters on nights when a frost is expected, clear away dead foliage, harvest winter squash, and continue harvesting fall crops like beets, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, kale and leeks. Also, be sure to clean and put away empty containers and gardening tools.

Most of all, enjoy the season. Show off your harvest with a beautiful fall display on your dining room table. See you in the garden!

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**BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who came out on a perfect September day for Ducks O'er the Dam. There is nothing like gathering as a community to enjoy fun and fundraising. This year marked the first for children's water games including a lively relay challenge and a sunken canoe race – great for participants and spectators alike. Congratulations to the winners – Steve Meyers' Duckie 411 snagged first place; Angela Smith's Quacker 479 was close behind in second; with Mary Quinn's Pintail 475 pulling in a strong third. Mark Saturday, September 2, 2017 on your calendar, and plan to bring the family next year to help end the summer in quacking good style.

Our Bow Lake Calendars featuring beautiful contest-winning photos of the Strafford area by local photographers are complete and available now. Cost is \$10 and supplies are limited. Buy yours at Chili & Chowder, or you can email Sheila at sjhamilton@metrocast.net or Suzanne at smurdoch1005@aol.com to order your copy.

We still have some Bow Lake Community Club T-Shirts available in sizes from Medium to X-Large at a cost of \$15. Supplies are limited. To get yours, contact Michelle Bengert at 664-5745.

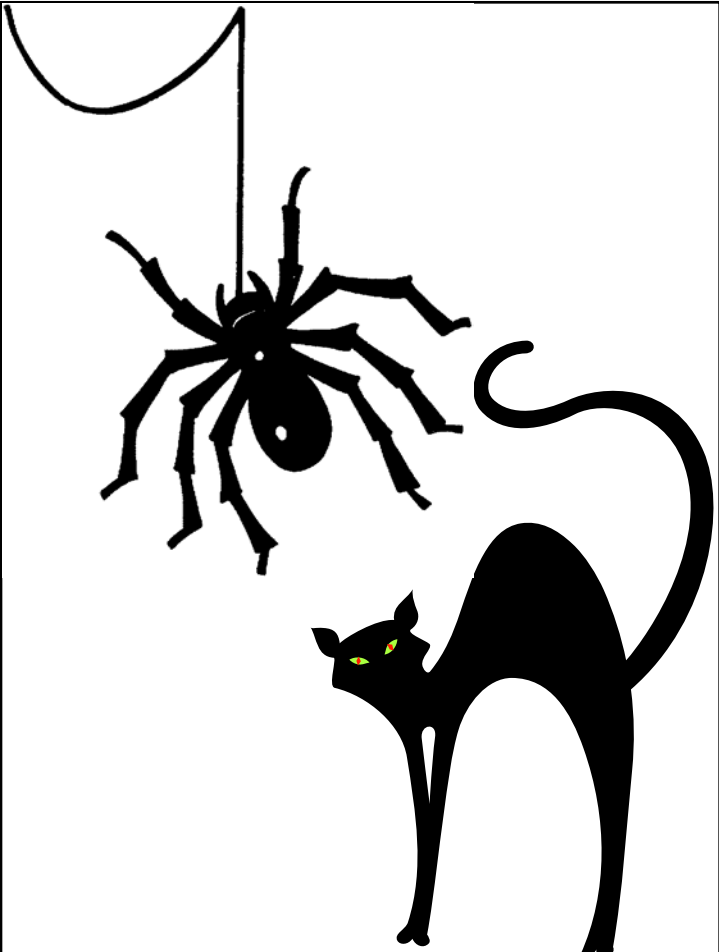

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

The much-anticipated annual Chili & Chowder Challenge is coming on Saturday, October 8, from 5 to 7 pm. Bring the whole family and enjoy a night of good eating and fun competition. To make it more interesting, this year we'll be switching it up and asking our chefs to present each other's offerings. There still may be room for your entry. Don't miss your chance at bragging rights and contact Michelle Bengert right away at benger@metrocast.net or 664-5745 to see if there's a spot left for you. Tickets for the Challenge are only available at the door and are priced at a modest \$9 for adults; \$5/ages 5-11, and children four and under are free. Not only do you get to sample the best chili and chowder anywhere, you'll enjoy salad, cornbread, drinks and dessert (hot dogs will also be available).

Have you ever seen our annual "spook-tacular" Grange Hall Halloween transformation? Bring the children out for Trick or Treat at the Grange Hall on Sunday, October 30, from 5-8 pm for candy, atmosphere, and fun.

Ever pine for the good old days? Tune your radios to The Lakeside Players in November. Mark your calendars for November 4-6 for our first-ever old time radio show mystery at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Evening shows on Friday and Saturday will be at 8 pm; there will be a 2 pm matinee performance on Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15.

Looking ahead, *Christmas in Strafford* is just a short nine weeks away (December 3 and 4). Check out their website [www.christmasinstraftord.com](http://www.christmasinstraftord.com) for the latest information.

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Online registration is available until 11/5/16 for \$22, and the first 100 registrants will receive free fleece hats. Race day registration for adults is \$30 and starts at 7 am, and the 5K begins at 9 am. Children under 12 will pay \$15 for online pre-registration and \$20 the day of the race. Don't forget to set your clocks back; Daylight Saving Time ends 11/5/16 allowing an extra hour of sleep. Parking is close and easy; turn into the fairgrounds at a main gate at 34 Stage Road, Deerfield.

There will be an emcee with music and announcements to start out the day and to motivate runners during the race. After crossing the finish line, there will be an assortment of baked goods, fruit, and beverages. One More Cup will be offering hot and iced coffee. Medals will be awarded to the top male and female runners and for top racers in different age groups.

All proceeds benefit Catamount Womenaid, providing emergency financial assistance to men, women, and children in Deerfield, Epsom, Pittsfield, and Strafford NH. Visit [www.catamountwomenaid.org](http://www.catamountwomenaid.org) for more information and to register. Generous area businesses sponsor this event: Platinum Sponsor Deerfield Veterinary Clinic; Gold Sponsor Northeast Delta Dental; Silver Sponsors Abbey Run Construction, Debbie Kelley of Verani/Berkshire Hathaway Realty, and Northeast Eye Care; and Bronze Sponsors Candia First Stop, David L Malone, Jr. of Edward Jones, Plumbing-N-Heating Solutions, LLC, and The Robertson Insurance Company. Thanks also to the many individual donors and volunteers who make this event possible.



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## NEWS FROM GIRL SCOUT TROOP 20447

The Cadette/Ambassador Girl Scout Troop is planning to conduct a year-long community service drive. Each month our drive will have a different theme, and the collections will go to help local citizens, charities, or organizations in need. We have a collection box at Hill Library, and we are so thankful for their help with conducting this community service activity.

During October we are conducting a blanket drive. As the days get colder, those who are homeless are in need of shelter and warmth. We are collecting blankets to give to the homeless in our local area. We are looking for new or like-new blankets. They can be store bought or homemade. Feel free to stop in at Hill Library to drop off your blanket donation. Our Scouts will be periodically picking up the donations left there.

Here is a list of the themes we have planned for coming months: November—toiletries drive for military kits to be given to the Pease Greeters Association; December—hats and mittens; January—new socks, all styles accepted; February—books, just in time for Read Across America; March—baby items for mothers in need; April—new cuddly stuffed animals with tags; May—pet care items to benefit the Cocheco Valley Humane Society; June—food for Strafford Food Pantry; August—back to school supplies. We would like to thank the Strafford community for any help with making this a successful year-long community service drive.

Girl Scout Fall Product Sale has started. Yes, the Girl Scouts are well known for their delicious cookies, but did you know they have a fall fundraiser? The Girl Scouts have

a wonderful variety of candy and nuts, as well as discount magazine subscriptions for sale. Keep an eye out for your local Girl Scout. All profits from the fall product sales go to help the Troop and our Council, The Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, with funding programs and field trips. Please contact our troop at Troop20447@gmail.com if you would like to place an order. We will have a Scout contact you. Thank you for all of your support.

## ROAST PORK DINNER

Please help support your local Strafford Firemen's Association. Come join Strafford Fire & Rescue for a delicious Roast Pork Dinner, homemade baked beans, cole slaw and cornbread. Make sure you save room for the best homemade apple crisp with ice cream or whipped cream and rinse it all down with lemonade or a hot coffee. Join us on October 15, 2016 at the Bow Lake Grange Hall in Strafford from 4 to 7 pm; \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be available for purchase at Bow Lake Fire Station and at the door. You don't want to miss out...relax and be waited on for the best dinner for your money and catch up with your neighbors. If last year's dinner is any indication, tickets will sell out fast. Also, there will be some Raffle items up for grabs from Ady's One Stop Gift Shop located right here in Strafford at 410 Rollercoaster Road, inside the Isinglass Country Store. You don't have to be present to win.



### Welcome to the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual "Christmas in Strafford" 2016 Craft Fair

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A number of our craftspersons are juried "League of New Hampshire Craftsmen" and all of our craftspersons offer high quality hand-crafted products.

~Official maps with stop descriptions available at: Hill Library, Isinglass Country Store, Strafford Post Office & Strafford Town Hall. Or download one from [www.christmasinstraftord.com](http://www.christmasinstraftord.com)~

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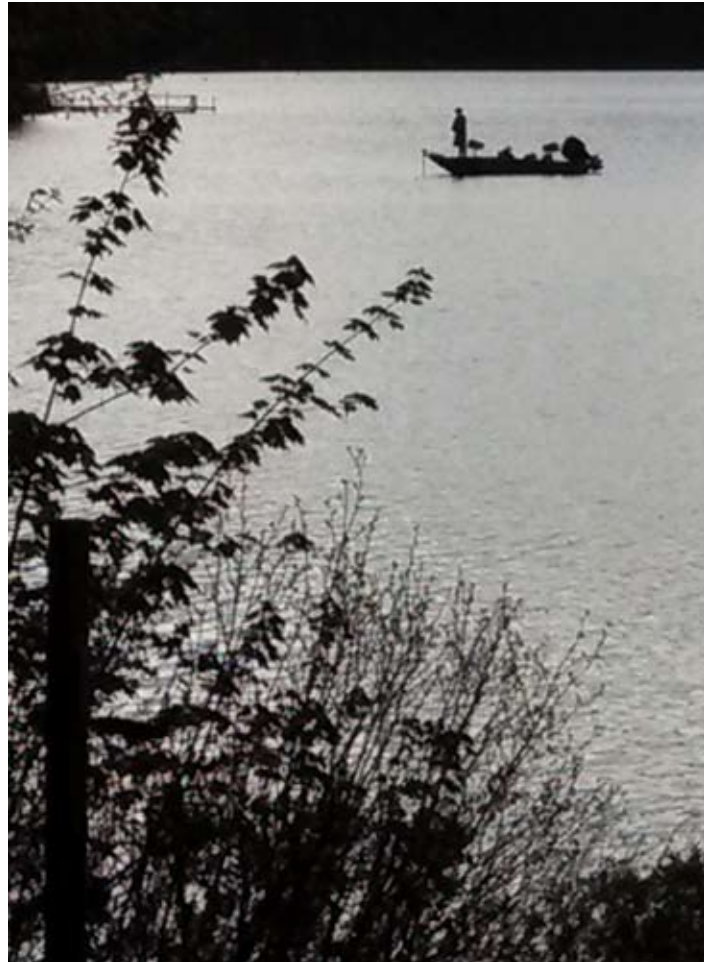
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### STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

October is the time for our annual family pasta supper, an event of fellowship, a gathering before the busy holiday season arrives. All members and their families are invited to attend on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 6 pm in the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Don't forget to bring the food you signed up for; your own plates, cups and utensils; and your items to sell on the Country Store Table, our fun Club mini-fundraiser.

### 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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### STARK DECENCY AT HILL LIBRARY

The Friends of Hill Library has received a grant from New Hampshire Humanities to present *Stark Decency* on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7 pm at Hill Library. During World War II, 300 German prisoners of war were held at Camp Stark near the small village of Stark in northern New Hampshire. Learn about the unusual positive side of this experience on both the prisoners and the local people. This program is free and open to the public. New Hampshire Humanities nurtures the job of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at [www.nhhumanities.org](http://www.nhhumanities.org).

### 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

#### STRAFFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Strafford Library Association's Annual Meeting will be held at Hill Library on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 7:00 pm. We are a "friends" group so everyone is welcome to attend. A public library can never have enough friends! Please join us.

### THE U.S. SUPREME COURT: HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the U.S. Supreme Court came to be a powerful force in modern society. Richard Hesse, Esq., Professor Emeritus, UNH School of Law, will discuss how its members are chosen and how it operates. He will explore familiar examples of historical and contemporary debates over social policy and take a more careful look at this peculiarly "anti-democratic" institution. And, given the current controversy surrounding President Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland to the Court and Congress's refusal to provide "advice and consent," there is sure to be lively discussion on this important matter. Please join us for this conversation with Richard Hesse on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

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## LIBRARY LINES

For the month of October, Hill Library has “Magformers” for patrons to explore. On October 17, from 3-7 pm, we will have a special time to create with these manipulatives. Storytime will continue on Wednesday mornings at 11 am. Bring your preschooler in for some stories and a project. Wear your costume on Halloween and pick out a free book.

New to the Collection—Check out our new Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative (SILC) materials. We will be receiving 40 new audio CDs and DVDs in October. 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](http://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](http://nh.lib.overdrive.com). You can check out three titles at a time.

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Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees meeting is Wednesday, October 12, at 6 pm. All Trustee meetings are open to the public—please join us. We are always looking for energetic and individuals that would like to serve the Town and our Library. Stop by or call for more information, 664-2800.

Programming—Feeling artistic? For our adult artists, join in a time of creative expression with other like-minded individuals on Tuesdays, October 11 and 25, from 5-7 pm, led by the wonderful Anne Smith. Cartoon and Drawing Club will be taking a hiatus for the fall. Stay tuned for any changes, and let us know if you are interested in joining a group. Looking for a new book to read? Pick up a copy of the *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah and join in our Book Club on October 6 at 6:30 pm. November's Book Club book will be *Long Summer Day* by R.F. Delderfield. Want to learn more about astronomy and the night sky? We will be hosting a Skywatch program on October 11 from 7-10 pm; rain date October 19. On October 18 at 6:30 pm Richard Hesse, Esq. will present a lecture entitled, “The U.S. Supreme Court: How Does It Operate?” In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the U.S. Supreme Court came to be a powerful force in modern society. Mr. Hesse will discuss how its members are chosen and how it operates. Explore familiar examples of historical and contemporary debates over social policy and take a more careful look at this peculiarly “anti-democratic” institution.

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

## EVENING OF SPOKEN WORD

On Monday, October 31, 2016, Lakes region author Eric Marsh will be at Hill Library for an Evening of Spoken Word. Door opens at 5:30; open mic at 6:30; snacks, beverages and a surprise. All are welcome to join us.

## SKYWATCH PROGRAM

The Hill Library, in partnership with the New Hampshire Astronomical Society, is proud to present SKYWATCH on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 from 7 to 9 pm (uncooperative weather date will be Wednesday, October 19). Join us at Hill Library at 1151 Parker Mountain Road for a unique and informative astronomical program. We will begin at 7 pm with an indoor educational slideshow that will cover “What's Up In Tonight's Sky” and provide hints and tips for favorable viewing later in the evening. We will also introduce the Orion StarBlast 4.5” Telescope that patrons of the Hill Library can reserve and take home with them. Then we'll proceed to the starry night outside on the Parade Grounds of the NH National Guard Training Center just up the hill from the Library for a hands-on Skywatch. All local astronomers are welcome, and encouraged, to bring their telescopes.

A “Skywatch” is a gathering of amateur astronomers hosted by the NH Astronomical Society with a focus on outreach and education for members of the public. A Skywatch is by definition “beginner-friendly”, and its focus is on providing the most enjoyable and educational experience possible. NHAS members will arrive before sunset, set up their equipment, and choose their celestial targets with public education and outreach in mind. We hope to find deep sky objects like distant galaxies in our dark sky conditions here in Strafford. Please join us with your telescopes and dress warm.



# 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

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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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### Monday–Friday:

Retail Service.....	8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Lobby & Post Office Box Access .....	6:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday:

Retail Service.....	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lobby & Post Office Box Access .....	6:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

530 Province Road, Strafford, NH [www.blfwbc.org](http://www.blfwbc.org)

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 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](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.

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## 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

[straffordcommunitycalendar.com](http://straffordcommunitycalendar.com)

Strafford Police                      [straffordpolice.org](http://straffordpolice.org)

Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc.                      [straffordrecsports.org](http://straffordrecsports.org)

Strafford School                      [strafford.k12.nh.us](http://strafford.k12.nh.us)

Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club

[straffordswampstompers.org](http://straffordswampstompers.org)

Strafford Town Democratic Committee

[strafforddems.org](http://strafforddems.org)

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[strafford.nh.gov](http://strafford.nh.gov)

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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



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|----|------|-------------|--|
| 1  | Sat  | 9:00 am     | Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.                                      |
|    |      | 10:00 am    | Cemetery Preservation Workshop at Center Strafford Cemetery; see <i>Historical Notes</i> . |
|    |      | 3-7 pm      | Bennett Island Forever Benefit Concert at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.               |
| 2  | Sun  |             | See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.                                     |
| 3  | Mon  | 1:00 pm     | Strafford Garden Club meets at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.                          |
|    |      | 5-6 pm      | Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday).      |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Friends of Hill Library meeting at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Fire Department Business Meeting.  |
| 4  | Tues | 6:15 pm     | TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).                         |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Strafford Town Democrats meet at Hill Library.   |
| 5  | Wed  | 11:00 am    | Story Hour at Hill Library (every Wednesday).  |
|    |      | 5-6:30 pm   | Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.).     |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Fire Department EMS training.  |
| 6  | Thur | 8-10 am     | Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).  |
|    |      | 6:30 pm     | Book Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .                                |
|    |      | 7:30 pm     | Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.   |
| 7  | Fri  | 7:30 pm     | AA meeting in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).                              |
| 8  | Sat  | 5-7 pm      | Chili & Chowder Challenge at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see BLCC article for details.           |
| 10 | Mon  |             | <b>Columbus Day</b> ; No School; Town Hall closed.   |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Fire Department training.  |
| 11 | Tues | 5-7 pm      | Artists Group meets at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 5:30 pm     | Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.  |
|    |      | 6:30 pm     | Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.                                   |
|    |      | 7-9 pm      | Skywatch at Hill Library; rain date 10/19/16; see article.                                 |
| 12 | Wed  | 6:00 pm     | Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.  |
|    |      | 6:00 pm     | School Board meeting in Strafford School library.  |
| 13 | Thur | 6-7 pm      | Computer Help at Hill Library with Matt Olenski.   |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club; see article.     |
| 15 | Sat  |             | <b>DEADLINE for November Strafford Community Calendar.</b>                                 |
|    |      | 4-7 pm      | Roast Pork Dinner at Bow Lake Grange Hall by Strafford Fire Fighters; see article.         |
| 17 | Mon  | 3-7 pm      | Magformers at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .                                     |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.                                       |
|    |      | 7:30 pm     | Fire Department Officers Meeting.  |
| 18 | Tues | 6:30 pm     | <i>Supreme Court</i> program at Hill Library; see article.                                 |
| 22 | Sat  | 4-7 pm      | PTO <i>Pumpkin Hollow</i> at Strafford School.   |
| 23 | Sun  | 2:00 pm     | Sew & Chat at Hill Library.  |
| 24 | Mon  | 6:00 pm     | Strafford Women's Club members' family pasta supper and country store table; see article.  |
|    |      | 6:15 pm     | SAU 44 Joint Board meeting.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.                                       |
| 25 | Tues | 5-7 pm      | Artists Group meets at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 5:30 pm     | Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.  |
| 26 | Wed  | 6:00 pm     | School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.  |
| 27 | Thur | 6-7 pm      | Computer Help at Hill Library with Matt Olenski.   |
| 29 | Sat  | 11-11:30 am | Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall.   |
| 30 | Sun  | 5-8 pm      | <b>Trick or Treat Night</b> in Strafford; be sure to visit the Bow Lake Grange Hall, too.  |
| 31 | Mon  |             | <b>Happy Halloween</b> ; see Sunday, October 30.   |
|    |      |             | Halloween Costume Day at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .                          |
|    |      | 5:30 pm     | Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .                         |
|    |      | 7:00 pm     | Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.                                       |

