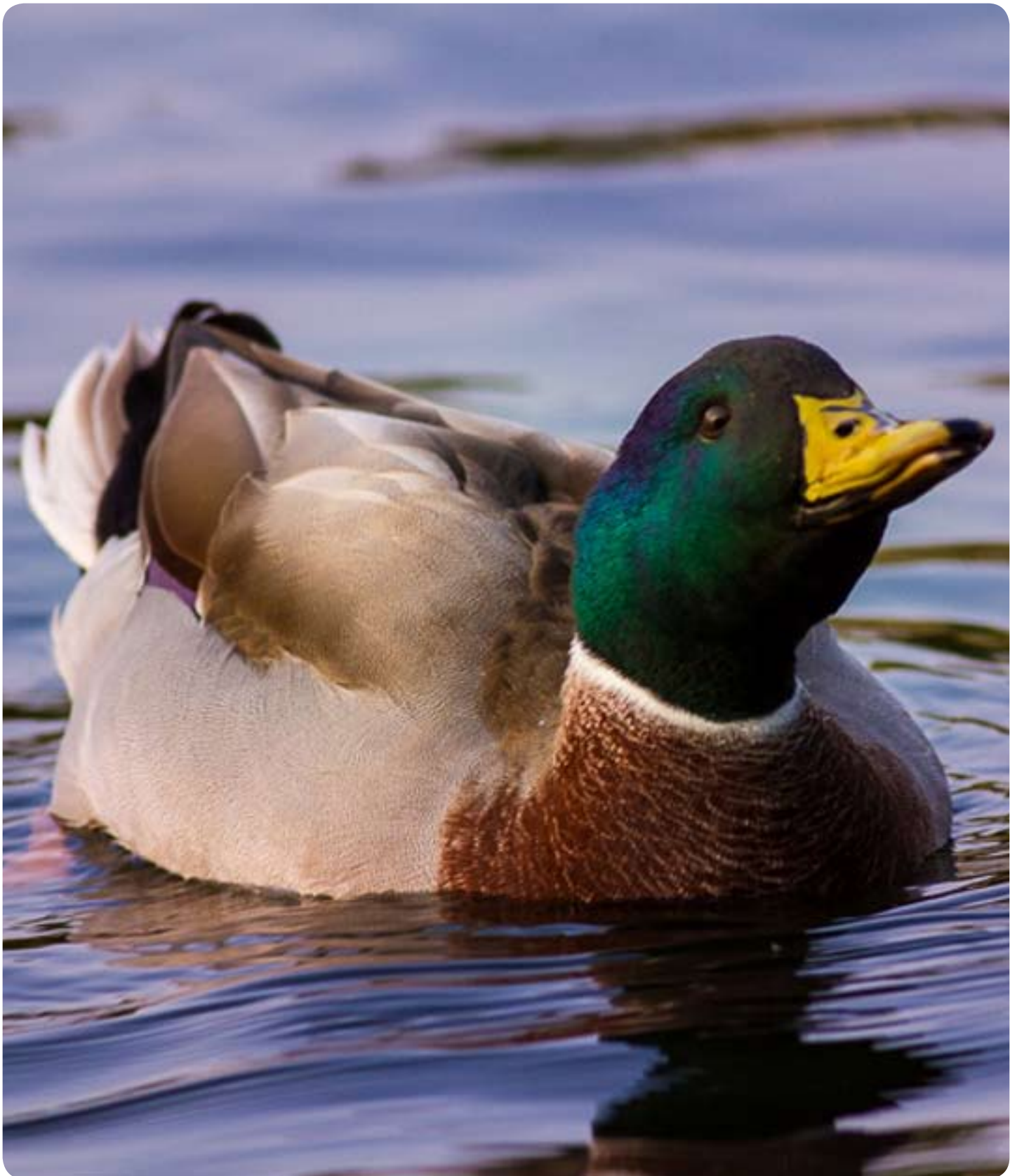


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*This month's cover photo was taken by Jean Ewen. The female Mallard with her family on page 11 comes to us from Bill & Linda Hodgdon. The duck photos in the collage on page 14 were all taken in Strafford by Pat Sims and the Hodgdon's. Thank you, all!*

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**Please remember:**

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2. Inserts and ads are prepaid.

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, from 7 to 7:30 pm 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. No change of party until after the Primary Election on September 13, 2016, according to RSA 654.34. If you are registering as a new voter, a photo ID, proof of citizenship, age, and residency in Strafford needs to be provided.

### STATISTICAL REVALUATION UPDATE

Please note the following changes to the Statistical Revaluation schedule. New property values will be released in early to mid-September rather than mid-August, as was previously announced. Informal hearings will be available for schedule through KRT mid to late September. The letter of notification that property owners receive will give more details; and, as always, please call the Town Hall (664-2192 ext. 107) if there are questions about the process.

### 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.**

### WHIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

There's a whiffle ball tournament on Saturday, September 10, at 9:30 am at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy (lacrosse field). Rules/Info: Six players to each team (group of friends or family members of all ages); play barehanded; bats and balls will be provided; non-fast pitching to keep things competitive; double-elimination. Game lengths will be 3 innings to ensure all games get in. Cost is \$30 per team. All proceeds will go towards the Coe-Brown Baseball Program. To register, contact brody.ashley@coebrown.net with team name. The registration deadline is September 7, 2016.



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The Town Hall (including the Town Clerk’s Office) will be closed on the following days in September, October, and November 2016: Monday, September 5, 2016—Labor Day; Tuesday, September 13, 2016—State Primary Election—open for voting only; Monday, October 10, 2016—Columbus Day; Tuesday, November 8, 2016—General Election—open for voting only; and Thursday, November 24, 2016—Thanksgiving 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.

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

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

## EVENING OF SPOKEN WORD

On Thursday, September 29, the Hill Library’s Evening of Spoken Word will feature writer George Jack. Doors open at 5:30pm, feature starts somewhat later, Open Mic, discussion, snacks, and beverages. George has a children’s book on the shelves and appears in the Poetry Society of NH’s Poets Guide to NH. His work is amusing, challenging, and thought provoking.



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## STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The Strafford Women's Club's September 26, 2016, meeting will be held at the Bow Lake Grange Hall at 1:30 pm. New members are always welcome. Hope to see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

## HISTORICAL NOTES

The Strafford Historical Society will be holding our regular September potluck dinner meeting at Austin Hall on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share and come enjoy a traditional New England supper.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters for their wonderful donations for our summer fundraiser Yard Sale held at the Old Waldron Store. Again this year, the sale helped us raise much needed funds for the maintenance of our buildings. Special thanks go to the volunteers who spent several 90 plus degree days working with us to make the sale a success, including Sally Gustafson and Don Bullerwell, Lisa Daudelin, Carol Savitts, and a number of Coe-Brown students. We would also like to say special thanks to SHS members Nancy Hill and Chuck Fellowes, Jane Fall, Ann Burnham, Donna Prokos and Paula Miles. We really could not have done it without you.

## 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. Last year 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.

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## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The School Board would like to welcome all students and staff back to Strafford School and wish you all a very successful year. There have been some changes to the building over the summer which should help with maintenance and heating in the future. Also, with the successful vote on a new one-year collective bargaining agreement this summer, and the hiring of three new educators, the School is fully staffed with a contract in place. Because the contract is only for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board and Strafford Education Association will again begin negotiations this fall on a successor contract. As has been done in the past, the negotiators for the School Board will be holding a public discussion forum to answer any questions and talk about how you, the taxpayer, would like them to proceed. The current contract, as well as pay and benefits, will be presented to allow voters to be better informed. This is not a formal Board meeting, just a town hall-type discussion about a way forward. It would benefit the Board to have anyone with comments, concerns, or questions attend and bring them up during the meeting. The Board is elected by, and represents, all voters in Town. The collective bargaining agreement makes up a large portion of the School budget and is combined with the Town budget to set the tax rate. It has a direct impact on your taxes. Please make an effort to attend the meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the School. If you can only stop by for a portion, we will try to address your concerns before you have to leave. If you can't get there until later, we will catch you up. This is a great

opportunity to let the Board know how you would like to proceed and get informed so that when a contract comes up for a vote you understand the ramifications of the decision.

## CATAMOUNT 5K

Want to be involved in the Catamount 5K, but you are not a runner or walker? Come volunteer! Planning for the second running of the CATAMOUNT 5K at the Deerfield Fairgrounds on Sunday, November 6, is well underway, and volunteers are needed to help Catamount Womenaid with this popular fundraiser. All proceeds of the race benefit Catamount Womenaid which provides financial assistance to men, women, and children in Deerfield, Epsom, Pittsfield, and Strafford. See [catamountwomenaid.org](http://catamountwomenaid.org). Helpers are needed for set-up and clean-up, marking the course, directing parking, helping at water stations and food tables, course marshalling and cheering on the runners. Please email [catamountwomenaid@gmail.com](mailto:catamountwomenaid@gmail.com). Like Catamount 5K at the Deerfield Fairgrounds on Facebook.



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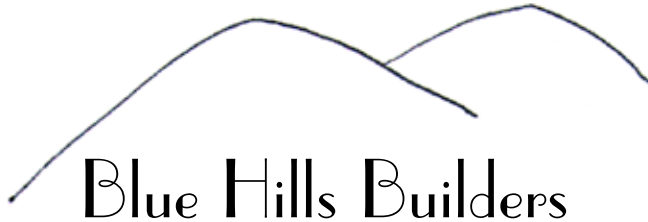
The Bennett Island Forever project got in to full swing in August with those flocks of flamingos making their appearance on lawns in Strafford and Northwood. Carolyn Page has organized teams of “flockers” and keeps us all on schedule with Mimi Jost’s help. The money coming in goes toward the \$200,000 Bear-Paw needs to raise for the bargain sale of a conservation easement on the ten-acre Bennett Island. A “bargain sale” means that the owner, Bruce Montville, is willing to extinguish forever any development rights on the island for far less than what he could have gotten if he sold it for development. And we who enjoy Bow Lake, will know that the island will remain forever as the wildlife habitat it is today. If you want to enjoy the flamingo flocking fun but have lost the order form that appeared in last month’s Calendar, just go to the Bear-Paw website, [www.bear-paw.org](http://www.bear-paw.org) to place your order.

Flamingos aren’t the only fundraising path. Both the Strafford and Northwood Conservation Commissions have had trips to the Island and are planning to make significant contributions from their conservation funds. Bear-Paw has grant applications in the works, and our resident eagle and loon populations are the “celebrities” that make those applications look very promising. Individuals have already stepped up with greater gifts than a flamingo flock, and others have agreed to host house parties to encourage that kind of giving. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the cause may do so at the Bear-Paw website above.



Late breaking news at press time! Musician Mike Hall, whom many know as “Island Mike” from his appearances at the Nippo Lake restaurant, has offered to bring his musician friends together for a Musical Bennett Island Benefit at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Saturday afternoon, October 1, 2016. Greg Bane and the Northwood Crank Pullers Snowmobile Club are also helping and will have their mobile food truck kitchen at the event with food and drink available for sale with proceeds going to the Bennett Island Forever project. There will be no charge to come on in to the Grange Hall and listen to the music, maybe sing along, but a Bennett Island collection bucket will invite whatever contribution you can make. Watch for more information about this event online.

Meanwhile, back at the Conservation Commission, work continues with plotting out a trail that connects the Spencer Smith Trail through the Town and Blue Hills Trust Evans Mountain properties. It has been difficult to find a path that meets the need of avoiding sensitive habitats that we want to protect, but with the help of Charlie Moreno and Phil Auger along with Conservation Commission members, we hope to have an approved route by the end of the summer with the actual trail work done later in the fall.



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**BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS**

The time is now; Ducks O'er the Dam is on Saturday, September 3. There'll be fun for the whole family—food, games, and water relay races (for older children) starting at 12 noon. Ducks launch at 1:00 pm. Do you have your six-quack yet? Ducks will be available to adopt at the dam the day of the race; or to beat the crowds ahead of time (by September 1), go to our website, bowlakecc.org, and find the "Adopt a Duck" link, or you can visit Isinglass Country Store or Karen & Julio's Diner. If you have any questions, contact David Murdoch at murdochwd@aol.com or 905-9897. It will be a quacking good time.

Calling all chili and chowder chefs! Does your chili or chowder recipe get rave reviews from family and friends? Put it to the test on October 8 at our very popular annual Chili & Chowder Challenge. You don't want to miss it. This year, to make it even more interesting, there will be anonymous serving of our delicious entries. Don't let your neighbor have bragging rights; to sign up for this popular event, call Michelle Bengner at 664-5745 and throw your chef's hat into the ring.

Thursday, September 8, marks the debut of Art Night Out at the Bow Lake Grange Hall from 6 to 7 pm. Materials for a fun and creative art piece will be provided along with refreshments and snacks. Cost is only \$25 (cash or check) payable on arrival. Advance registration is highly encouraged as space is limited. This is the perfect activity to share with friends. To sign up or for more information, call 833-0455 or email heidifjordan@hotmail.com or livetoride70@hotmail.com.

It takes a community (and the right equipment)—many thanks to Leighton Roofing for placing our newly-repaired sign (courtesy of Charlie Matteson) in place with his bucket truck.

Yoga Classes continue in September. Join Lanta Bice Totten Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall for community yoga classes. There are no set fees; donations welcome.

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. Ever wanted to be a famous voice? Come and try out on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 pm or email Paula King Baker at lnpbakerhouse@aol.com.

Our Bow Lake Calendars are in production and will be available in September. Cost will be \$10, and supplies are limited. A sample and pre-orders should be available at Ducks O'er the Dam on September 3, or you can email Sheila at sjhamilton@metrocast.net or Suzanne at smurdoch1005@aol.com to reserve your copies.

Show your community pride—Bow Lake Community Club T-Shirts now available. We have sizes from Medium to X-Large at a cost of \$15. Supplies are limited. To get yours, contact Michelle Bengner at 664-5745.

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Thank you for participating in our Summer Reading Program. We gave out weekly prizes for Wal-Mart, Barnes & Noble, and BAM gift cards, and 42 children signed up for the program. We offered weekly craft projects and twice-weekly movie afternoons. We presented a Sports Jeopardy game as a mid-program activity. Thanks to all who came out for it.

For the month of September, Hill Library has "Qbits" for patrons to explore. Come in and explore and create something new with these manipulatives.

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 the 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. 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

Wednesday, September 14, at 6 pm. All Trustees meetings are open to the public; please join us.

Programming—Feeling artistic? 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. For more experienced artists, join in a time of creative expression with other like-minded individuals on Tuesdays, September 13 and 27, from 5 to 7 pm. Both programs are led by the wonderful Anne Smith. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public.

## 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)).

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### STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

At the July Strafford Town Republican Committee Rep. Kurt Wuelper shared the story of a bill he sponsored to allow Bone Works Practitioners to operate in New Hampshire. Although their practice fell under some exclusions allowed so as to not need licensing by the State of New Hampshire, there was an effort by the Massage Therapy Board to mandate they attain Massage Therapy licenses to be able to practice. Kurt's bill allowing Bone Works Practitioners to not need a license passed both the New Hampshire House and Senate unanimously followed by a signature of the Governor.

A funny bit related was how some states are trying to crack down on lemonade stands. We also heard some of the story of Kurt's participation in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard being in the State of New Hampshire. Despite the wealth of historical documentation of the boundary being on the north shore of the river versus the midpoint, hi jinx ruled the day. We talked of how Thomas Jefferson was concerned with the possibility of court hi jinx and, of course, spent some time talking about the exciting election approaching. Please join us on second Mondays at Hill Library from 6:30 to 8:00 for a round table discussion; September 12, 2016 is the next meeting.

### NH THUNDER CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM

Now accepting registrations for the 2016 Season of NH Thunder Cross Country. The program will be held at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. Kids will participate in running games such as scavenger hunts, relay races, and obstacle courses while they learn the fun of running on the trails, being active, and making healthy choices. Participants will also receive a

t-shirt to keep. We will be having a small cross country race in conjunction with the Div. II JV State meet held at Coe-Brown. For more information, please contact Karyn Fisher at 5fishers@metrocaster.net. You can register on-line at www.nhthunder.com. Cost is \$35.00; Grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>; begins Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, and runs thru mid-October. Time is 5:15 to 6:15 pm at the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Track/Cross Country Trail.



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## 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN STRAFFORD

On Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4, 2016, from 9 am to 4 pm, at more than twenty locations, the *Christmas in Strafford* event takes place in homes, studios, Bow Lake Grange Hall, and Waldron Store. All will be piled high with beautiful hand-crafted products. Please note that the Bow Lake Grange Hall will only be open on Saturday the 3rd with many crafters and the opportunity to enjoy a lunch of homemade soups, stews, and chowders. Every location is a welcoming place filled with beautiful items and good cheer. Be sure to follow the map to each stop, and be ready to spend a fun day (or two) in Strafford. The map is available on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the *Strafford Community Calendar*, downloadable at the CIS website, and available in local businesses.

Crafter Information—There is still time to join the fair at your own Strafford address. Call Mary Hoyt at 664-5787 for information. The deadline to be included on the map is October 3. Registrations received with payment after the deadline will be listed on the website only—[christmasinstraftord.com](http://christmasinstraftord.com).

## READY RIDES

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.

We continue to see a growth in ride requests month after month. The success of our program depends on our volunteer drivers. We are always looking for new drivers. Our program works around your schedule and availability; you can do as many or as few rides as you want. Drivers select rides from a list of requested trips to match a driver to a rider. We offer training programs for new drivers and mileage reimbursement.

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.

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



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A new season of Family Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 11, for children in grades K-8. This month's theme is "Rooted in Faith" celebrating family members and friends that have encouraged our faith journey. In honor of Grandparents Day, grandparents are invited to share their memories of religious education. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 followed by a family craft.

Confirmation classes for grades 9-10 will kick off Saturday, September 17, with the NH Catholic Youthfest Ascend trail hike at Millers State Park with Bishop Libasci. Classes begin Sunday, September 18, from 11:15 to 1:15. Online class registration is available on our parish website [ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org](http://ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org).

Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Joseph's Parish would like to welcome our new Pastor, Rev. John Mackenzie. If you have been away from the Catholic faith, please come to Sunday mass and meet with Father Mack.

## FALL EVENTS AT THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

Third Baptist Church will begin its fall work on Sunday, September 4, at 9 am with Sunday School classes for all ages. During the 10 am service, Children's Church is available for 3 year olds through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. On Friday nights beginning September 9 at 6:30 pm at the Parsonage will be the study "Not A Fan". This will be a six to eight week study. The next morning, September 10, at 8 am will be the Men's Breakfast. The Ladies Service Circle will have their first meeting for the fall on Saturday, September 17, beginning with a pancake breakfast at 8:15 am, followed by a guest speaker at 9 am, with the meeting starting at 9:30 am. Come out that night, the 17<sup>th</sup>, to the Coffee House starting at 6:30 pm. On Sunday night, September 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 pm, there will be a "Night of Music." Please mark your calendars and call Pastor Muzzey at 664-7750 for more information concerning any of these dates and times. Looking forward to seeing you.

## 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

The Strafford Garden Club is pleased to be offering a program entitled "All About Mushrooms" on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 2:30 pm at the Grange Hall. The general meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Our presenter will be Robin Donovan who will tell us how to identify edible mushrooms and will share pictures and recipes with us. The program is free to all who wish to attend and is expected to be interesting and informative. Please plan to join us on September 12.

At our August 1 meeting we heard from Mark Thompson who has taken a leadership role in developing and implementing a plan to improve the Dam Garden. The plan includes digging out the existing plants, reserving historical and non-invasive plants, eliminating the invasive plants, and replacing them with mulch this year. Next year the plan is to plant a smaller and more manageable garden which will include the reserved plantings. You have probably noticed that work has already begun on renovating and renewing this Town garden. We would appreciate your comments and/or suggestions.

We also received news that our Blueberry Pancake Breakfast, which was held on July 30, was a success. We thank all those who came and enjoyed the meal. Also announced was the fact that we received the approval from the State of NH to continue our efforts to do road clean-up in our Town. As always, we ask you and your family to diligently keep trash in a waste container in your car until you get home so that our Town roads remain beautiful and scenic.

September is the month to keep harvesting crops. Try freezing, drying, pickling and storing your bounty so that you can benefit from it later on. There is nothing like proudly serving your garden goodies at a winter dinner table. Check out these recipes at <http://www.thompson-morgan.com/recipes-for-fruit-and-vegetables> to see what you can make with your home-grown produce.

One of the best things about the Strafford Garden Club is the opportunities it creates for making new friends. A new friend is one of life's real treasures. Not only do we have opportunities to meet people at our monthly meetings, but we also have monthly trips and luncheons and to various places in NH and MA that you might not otherwise plan to attend. Last month we ventured out to Graylag at Wild Goose Pond. So come join us for fun and friendship. Membership is open to men, women, and the young and old alike. Contact Carolyn Page at [carolynenzpage@gmail.com](mailto:carolynenzpage@gmail.com) for more information. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Grange Hall.



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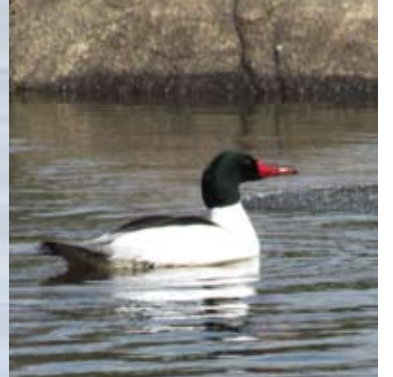
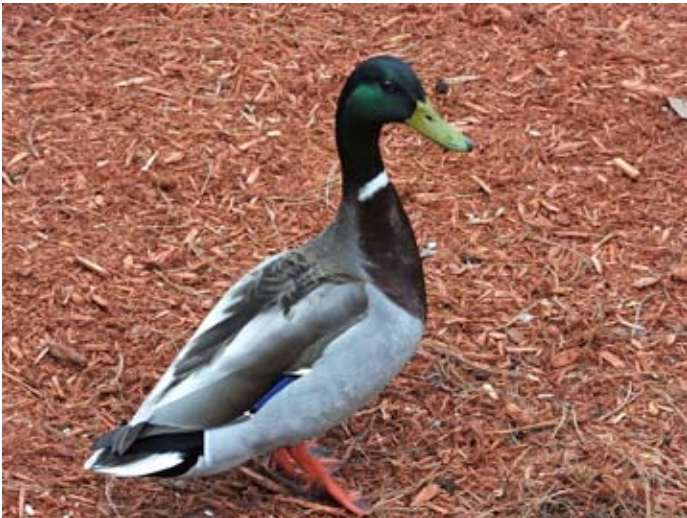
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**Town Hall.....664-2192**

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Tuesday.....	1:00–7:00

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

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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

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

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**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

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Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

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

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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

[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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# Calendar of Events

September

1	Thur	8-10 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday). Book Club meets at Hill Library. Planning Board meets at Town Hall.
2	Fri	7:30 pm	No School. AA meets in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
3	Sat	9:00 am 12 noon 1:00 pm	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church. Ducks O'er the Dam activities at the Dam by the Bow Lake Community Club; see article. Ducks Swim O'er the Dam.
4	Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
5	Mon	5-6 pm 6-7 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Labor Day</b> ; No School, Town Hall, and Post Office closed. Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday). Yoga at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see Bow Lake Community Club article (every Monday). Fire Department Business Meeting.
6	Tues	6:15 pm 7-7:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday). Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall; see article.
7	Wed	11:00 am 5-6:30 pm 6-7 pm 7:00 pm	Story Time at Hill Library. Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday). Yoga at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see Bow Lake Community Club article (every Wednesday). Fire Department EMS Training.
8	Thur	6-7 pm 6-7 pm 7:00 pm	Art Night Out at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see Bow Lake Community Club article. Computer Help at Hill Library with Matt Olenski. Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo.
10	Sat	9:30 am	Whiffle Ball Tournament at Coe-Brown; see article.
12	Mon	1:00 pm 6:30-8 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article. Strafford Town Republicans meet at Hill Library; see article. Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall. Fire Department Training.
13	Tues	8am-7pm Noon 5-7 pm 6:30 pm	<b>VOTE</b> ; State Primary Election; vote at Town Hall; Town Hall open for voting only. Austin Cate Academy Reunion at Johnson's Restaurant. Artists Group meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
14	Wed	11:00 am 6:00 pm 6-8 pm	Story Time at Hill Library. School Board meets in Strafford School Library. Hill Library Trustees meet at Hill Library.
15	Thur		<b>Deadline for October Strafford Community Calendar.</b>
19	Mon	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Fire Department work session. Fire Department officers meeting.
20	Tues	6:30 pm	Strafford Historical Society Potluck Supper & business meeting at Austin Hall; see article.
21	Wed	11:00 am 5:30-7:30 pm	Story Time at Hill Library. Public School Board meeting at Strafford School; see School Board article.
22	Thur	6-7 pm	Autumn begins. Computer Help at Hill Library with Matt Olenski.
24	Sat	11am-1 pm	Wii Challenge at Hill Library.
25	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
26	Mon	1:30 pm 7:00 pm 6:15 pm	Strafford Women's Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article. Fire Department work session. SAU 44 Joint Board meeting at SAU office.
27	Tues	5-7 pm 5:30 pm	Artists Group meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
28	Wed	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Story Time at Hill Library. School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
29	Thu	5:30 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see article.

