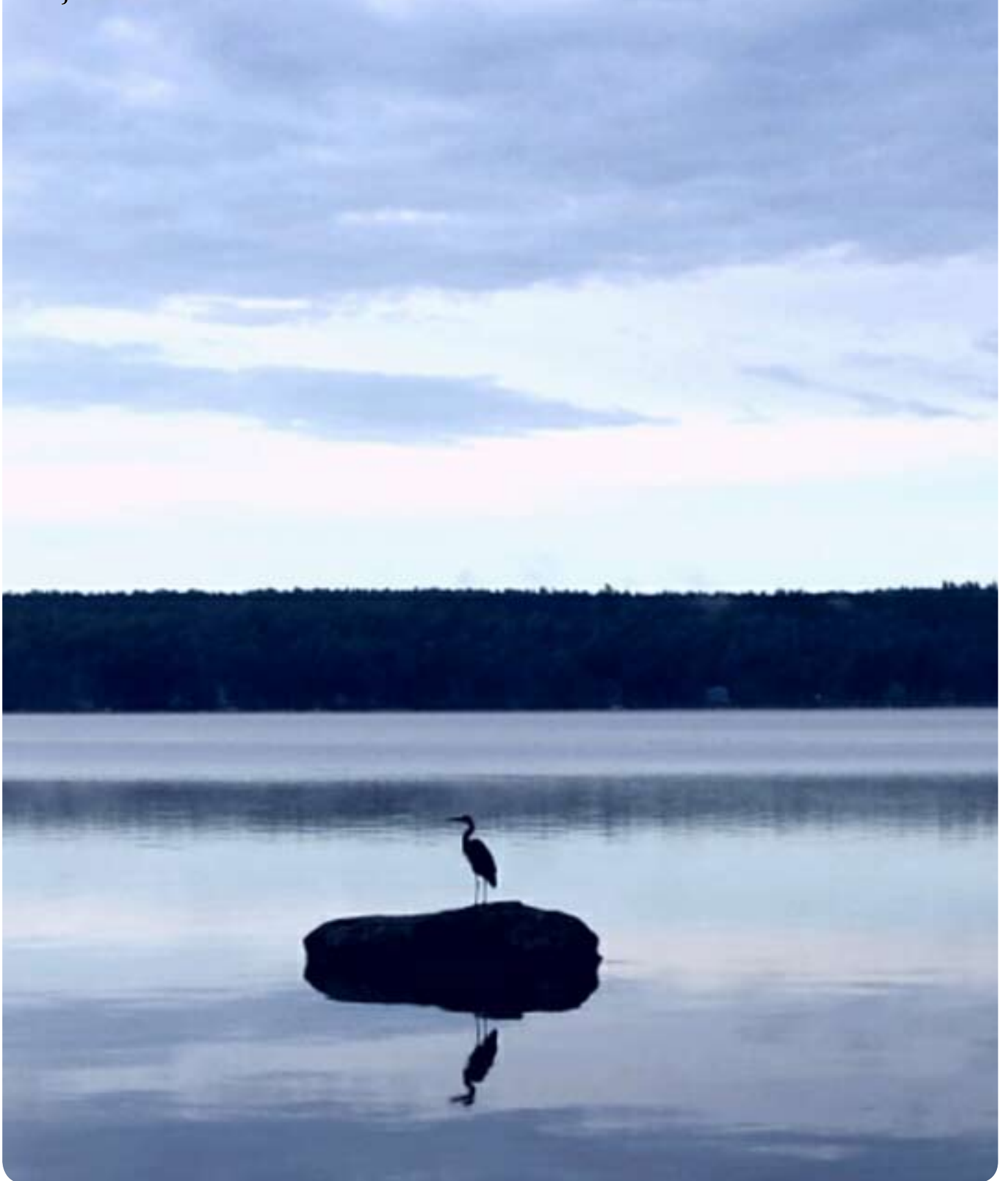


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### AUSTIN CATE REUNION NEWS

The Austin Cate Academy Reunion luncheon will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 12 noon at Johnson's Seafood & Steak Restaurant in Northwood...and Nelson McLean will be in attendance! All are welcome—friends, family, attendees, and a 10.5lumni; no reservations necessary. See you at Johnson's!

### CBNA'S 150<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION

CBNA's 150<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated during Homecoming on September 16, 2017. Coe-Brown Northwood Academy would love to have as many alumni, current CBNA families, and future attendees join us on campus for a day of activities. There is something for everyone—athletic competitions in cross country, soccer and volleyball; pancake breakfast; car show; CBNA alumni and student entertainment stage; CBNA alumni hospitality tent; youth sports jamboree; parade of CBNA champions; athletic hall of fame presentation; soup/chili cook-off; alumni co-ed softball game; wildlife encounters exhibit/show; kids' zone w/bouncy house, obstacle course, etc.; and much more. See [www.coebrown.org/homecoming](http://www.coebrown.org/homecoming) for more information. If you'd like to participate in an event, perform on stage, or volunteer to help, email Amy Spainhower at [aspainhower@coebrown.org](mailto:aspainhower@coebrown.org). See you Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Coe-Brown.

### HELP STOP THE VANDALISM AT THE BEACH!

From the Selectmen's Office—Vandalism to the portable toilets located near the beach area for your convenience is escalating. Locks continue to be broken, toilets are stuffed with miscellaneous items and used as trash receptacles. Now a toilet has been dumped over!

We are guests, and we are grateful to the State for allowing us to use the Dam area as our beach.

This is a privilege, not a right. We need your help. If you see any malicious activity, please contact dispatch at 664-5644 for the Strafford Police Department. We can't continue to provide these facilities if the abuse continues.



### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at the Town Hall on Monday, August 7, 2017 from 2:00-2:30 pm for corrections of address and/or party affiliation and for addition of new voters. If you are registering as a new voter, a photo ID, proof of citizenship, age and residency in Strafford needs to be provided.



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## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

I love dogs as much as anyone. Our daughters talked us into buying a Portuguese Water Dog, Pepper. She was black and despite her background on fishing boats in Portugal, she didn't like that "floaty" feeling (when she had to start actually swimming) when she went into the water. So, when we took her on the catamaran, we bought her a life jacket.

The Dog Days of Summer are upon us—those awfully hot days that go on forever and reduce a human to a limp rag of inactivity. But have you ever noticed the actual dogs of Bow Lake?? Both on the land and the water, they are totally entertaining whatever the weather. I love to watch them perched on the prow of a boat, as if they are the captain of the ship. Their ears flop and their tails wag as they balance on the gunnels ever-so-carefully with each wave. Wearing hats, t-shirts, and even life jackets, they always give us a chuckle. Whether they are out in the early morning fishing or joining a pair of children peddle their boat to an island, they are proud and alert occupants of our really big watering hole. One Golden Retriever visiting us would not even let the kids leave shore in the peddle boat because he had to keep retrieving them.

Dogs on land are equally interesting to observe. Our late Pepper, knew when we were within a mile of our driveway—either from the smell, or maybe she can sense the anticipation and happiness the humans in the car are feeling. In fact, she knows when we load the car to come here, that this is not another trip to the dreaded vet. Once she arrives, she likes to check out the neighbor's BBQs for drippings and bones. When

she runs around and gets too hot, she wades into the lake up to mouth height to take a big drink. After that, you can count the seconds until she shakes that water off on everything and everybody nearby.

Dogs just never stop, unless it is their turn to nap. Harry down the road always keeps biscuits in his pockets for his dog friends, and they all certainly remember exactly which pocket. When we are sweating on our power walk, dogs drag us up the hill instead of letting us stop. They may be panting and hot too, but they keep going. They will swim after sticks as long as we keep throwing them. Dogs and summer just seem to go together. In case your dog hasn't signed you up yet, find the BLCOA.org website to see summer events, including the upcoming Lobstahhhhhh Cookout Saturday, August 12, but please leave your dogs at home. Also, there is an annual meeting at the Old Waldron Store on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm. Entertainment will be announced.



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A full week of activities is being planned for the second week of August 2020 to celebrate 200 years of Strafford. Some of the activities being considered are a parade, historical tours around town, demonstrations, a barn dance, BBQ picnic, art show, photography and poster design contests, etc. Stay updated between now and 2020 by visiting [www.Strafford1820-2020.com](http://www.Strafford1820-2020.com), or you can follow the event on Facebook—search for “Strafford’s 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary August 2020.” Volunteers are needed, and you can contact the planning committee at [straftordbicentennial@gmail.com](mailto:straftordbicentennial@gmail.com) or contact us through the website.

**ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?**

Unsecured trash has a tendency to fly out of the back of trucks and land in yards and on roadways on your route to the Recycling Center. PLEASE take the time and make the effort to avoid being guilty of this unintentional littering by closing bags tightly and tying down the load. Let’s all help out and keep litter in its appropriate place.



**SWIM FOR BENNETT ISLAND!**

Could you swim half a mile? Anyone out there who could swim a whole mile? If so, you can help Bear-Paw Regional Greenways raise the funds needed to protect Bennett Island forever with a pledge swim from the Northwood shore to the island and back for the half- mile swim. The whole mile route for swimmers will be from the Northwood shore all the way around the island.

The event will be on Saturday morning, August 26, 2017, starting at 9:00 am and running until the last swimmer is safely back on shore. Gain an entry position by registering at Bear-Paw.org. Download the pledge form, and raise funds for the Bennett Island Forever project from friends who sign up to support your efforts with contributions.

There’ll be a lifeguard on duty for the event, and wildlife officials have given the okay to hold it on that last August Saturday when the eaglets and loon chicks will be well grown.

Bear-Paw still needs pontoon boaters to form a patrol perimeter to keep swimmers safe from general lake boat traffic and to keep an eye out for anyone in trouble. Email Bear-Paw at [info@bear-paw.org](mailto:info@bear-paw.org) to volunteer for the safety patrol.

You’re not a long distance swimmer but still want to see Bennett Island protected forever? Support a swimmer with a pledge, or even simpler, send a check in the mail to Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, PO Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037. We still need about \$75,000 to secure Bennett Island’s protection. Register at Bear-Paw, collect donations, train for the event, and SWIM for Bennett Island!



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Calling all local artists and photographers to participate in the Strafford Historical Society's Pre-Bicentennial Benefit Arts & Crafts Show and Contest at the Old Waldron Store (next to the Bow Lake Baptist Church and across from Bow Lake Fire Station) in Strafford on the weekend of August 12-13, 2017. They are looking for FRAMED paintings, drawings, and photographs of Strafford and New Hampshire imagery. The work need not be recent; they will accept historical entries as well. One piece per artist at a fee of \$5. Entries may be offered for sale. If your piece sells, a 25 percent commission will be charged to help defray Bicentennial costs. Prizes will be awarded for the framed work. Vendor spots are available for \$20. Learn more and download entry forms at [www.Strafford1820-2020.com](http://www.Strafford1820-2020.com). You can also phone JoAnn Brown at 664-2225 for more info.

Schedule: On Saturday 8/12—delivery of items from 8 to 9 am; hanging and jury from 9 to 10 am; opening award ceremony at 11 am; sales and viewing hours from 12 noon to 5 pm. On Sunday 8/13—sales and viewing hours from 10 am to 5 pm; and pick up of work at 5 pm.

## 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.

## OLD PHOTO ROADSHOW

On August 20, 2017, the Strafford Bicentennial Committee and Historical Society are hosting the first Strafford "Old Photo" Roadshow (think 'antiques roadshow'), to be held at Austin Hall from 3-6 PM. Bring your photos and stories from the 1800's to the 1950's to share. We are hoping to put together a treasury of old photographs, and the stories they tell, for our upcoming Bicentennial. Take a look at your old photos. Do you know where those photos were taken? Can you identify all the people? Perhaps we can help! Early tin-types, faded, darkened or ripped photos are all useful. Scanners will be available to copy your photos for the SHS Archives and add to Bicentennial projects. If you are not sure if your photo was taken in Strafford, bring it along nonetheless and we will add it to the "Do you know....?" project.

## STRAFFORD CEMETERIES

Did you know that Strafford has three active private cemeteries? That's right, they are funded by long-term investments, which presently make almost no interest. We are not currently supported by the town or any church. We rely on lot sales, donations, and volunteers. Our major expenses are mowing, grounds maintenance, and stone repairs. We are looking for help with these expenses. Have you considered buying a place for yourself and/or your loved ones? Prices are not going down. Do you already own a lot? Please consider a donation; it may be tax deductible. Active cemeteries are Caverly Cemetery, Ricky Nelson Road, Errol Clark, Scott Clark, 603-664-9559; Center Strafford Cemetery Association, Rte. 126, John Hall, President, 603-664-9290, William Lord, Vice President; and Strafford Corner Cemetery Association, Crown Point, Glen Foss, 603-92-0390.

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## STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The Strafford Women's Club will gather on Monday, August 28, 2017, at 1:30 pm in the Idlepines Room at Bow Lake Church for our usual business meeting and refreshments. We welcome guests and new members. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Lucinda at 664-9200.

## SWC SUMMER RAFFLE 2017

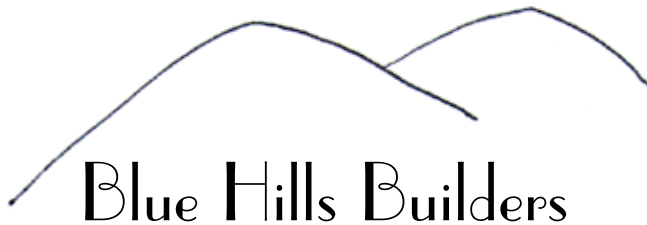
The Strafford Women's Club is offering tickets for sale for its Summer Raffle 2017 Fundraiser for scholarships and select community projects—One Ticket for \$1 or six tickets for \$5. Tickets are available at our Ice Cream Social on August 2 at the Bow Lake Grange Hall or from Carol Cooper at 942-8164. This is a pick-a-prize raffle where you choose the prize you wish to win by placing your tickets in the appropriate jar at the Social. Prizes includes gifts and/or certificates from Blue Oasis (Carol Griffin); Blue Oasis (Terra Martineau); Carrolle Popovitch; Dumb Dog Pottery; Dunkin Donuts; Halo's Family Hair Salon; Hannaford Northwood; Heritage Hardware; Isinglass Country Store; Johnson's Seafood & Steak; K & J's Diner; Market Basket; Nippo Lake Golf Club; Northwood Diner; Northwood Garage; Piece Time Puzzles; Rochester Country Club; and Uncle George's Market. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 2, beginning at 7:30 pm. You need not be present to win. Many thanks to our generous donors including AMI for our road signs!

## SWC ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Strafford Women's Club says thank you to all for the excellent community turnout at their first Ice Cream Social in July. The Club anticipates similar enthusiasm for the second Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, from 4 to 8 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Ask anyone who attended, bought Pick-a-Prize Raffle tickets, sat and enjoyed their self-designed ice cream sundae with friends. They will say they spent an enjoyable social time and had the opportunity to make new friends. Choose from a wide variety of toppings—\$3 for a small sundae; \$4 for a large. Add a homemade brownie for fifty cents.

As you sit with friends and savor your sundae creation, peruse the long list of Pick-a-Prize Raffle items donated by area businesses. (See the related article.) Buy some raffle tickets and place them in the container representing your selection. At 7:30 pm the winning raffle tickets will be drawn. You need not be present to win.

Strafford Women's Club invites you to our meeting on the fourth Monday of the month. (See article for time and place.) To learn more about our activities, ask an SWC member working at the Social. SWC holds two Ice Cream Socials in the summer as our main fundraisers to provide two college scholarships to high school seniors (either homeschooled or attending area schools) who are Strafford residents with a GPA 3.0 or higher. We also award a monetary prize to an eighth grade Strafford School graduate, sponsor the CBNA Band & Chorus Concert in December, and donate to Ready Rides and other community projects during the year. Your participation in our fundraisers is greatly appreciated.



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**BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS**

Thank you to all our Pulled Pork Diners! It was another great year, and we enjoyed seeing so many familiar and new faces in our drive-thru line. We heard that this year's food was the best ever. Mark July 3 next year on your calendar now -- we look forward to topping ourselves in 2018!

Ducks O'er the Dam is on Saturday, September 2. There'll be fun for the whole family--food, games, and water activities. Adopt a single bobbing beauty for \$5, a six-quack for only \$25, or build your own duck fleet. We'll have cash prizes of \$300 for first place, \$150 for second, and \$75 for third. Don't wait—to adopt your ducks, support your Grange Hall, and be eligible for our cash prizes, go to our website, bowlakecc.org, and find the "Adopt a Duck" link, or look for forms in our local businesses. If you have any questions or want to order from a real, live person, contact David Murdoch at murdochwd@aol.com or 905-9897. It will be a quacking good time!

Rent the Bow Lake Grange Hall. We feature a full kitchen, open flexible spaces, and lots of New England charm. We still have a few August dates and some prime fall slots. Call Paula at 664-5901 or email her at lnpbakerhouse@aol.com.

If you've been considering joining the Community Club, it's not too late. Memberships start at just \$25 and come with a free hour of Grange Hall rental. You'll be supporting our community icon and living hub; and, while we don't ask anything more, we welcome volunteers for our fundraising events and love visitors at our monthly meetings. It's a great way to get out, do some good, and connect with your neighbors.

To join, go to bowlakecc.org and the "Membership" link or call Martha English at 664-9089.

Our very popular annual Chili & Chowder Challenge is coming to Bow Lake on Saturday, October 7, 2017. You don't want to miss it. To sign up for this popular event, call Michelle Benger at 664-5745 or email her at benger@metrocast.net and throw your chef's hat into the ring!

**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. This year we will be expanding our ride service to Newfields. 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 or call 603-244-8719.



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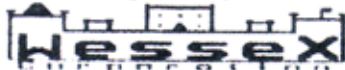


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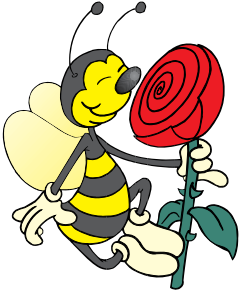
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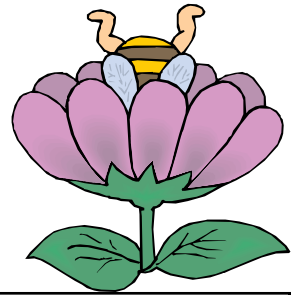


The next meeting of the Strafford Garden Club will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. The regular meeting begins at 1 p.m. At 2:30 our program begins with presenter Francie Von Mertens. At a time when the decline of pollinators is increasingly in the news, the Strafford Garden Club will host a presentation titled "For the Pollinators." Von Mertens will focus on native bees and honey bees, the pollinator pros, and steps being taken in backyards and beyond to reverse their decline. She will pass along pollinator-friendly plant suggestions, spring through fall, and general landscaping concepts that benefit foraging and nesting habitat. Active in land conservation as a long-time volunteer and now honorary trustee of the Harris Center and New Hampshire Audubon, Von Mertens leads field trips with a natural history focus and writes about the natural world. The public is invited to join us for this interesting and informative presentation.

Also, you are invited to join us for our trip to Shin-boku's Japanese Gardens in Wentworth, NH on August 22. Stroll and view the largest and finest Japanese garden nursery in America. Carpooling is provided and will leave from the Grange Hall lot at 10 am that day. Lunch at the Rumney Rocks Bistro will follow the tour.

Quite a lot has been accomplished in Gwen's Garden in the last few weeks. We wrote about the first section plantings in our column last month. The second phase, which consisted of existing perennials, was cleared thinned and mulched. These two areas take up about one-third of the entire garden at the base of the Dam. The remaining area is to be limited to flowering shrubs. Some of the existing forsythia, holly, and azaleas were kept, and the area was cleared and heavily mulched. It is our plan now to introduce some flowering shrubs to gain additional color throughout the summer. This is a long-term project of the Strafford Garden Club and one which will be enjoyed by all who use the area. Donations for planting and maintenance are always appreciated. The Strafford Garden Club is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization; therefore, your donations are 100% deductible.

Tomatoes are the most popular vegetable in the home garden. They begin to ripen during the month of August. Ah, the sweet taste of a freshly picked tomato right off the vine. I like to eat the first one I pick just like an apple. Yup, scarf the whole thing down and let the juice run down your chin. Teach this little trick to your grandchildren when their parents aren't watching. Otherwise, grill them, stuff them, put them in salads, make soup or Bloody Marys with them or can or freeze them. Enjoy August in the Garden.



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### CONSERVATION NOTES

One of the multiple functions of the Commission is to hear concerns from town residents and offer support as possible. For this very reason meetings are open to the public and participation is encouraged. A good example this month focused on the topic of what are commonly known as junkyards. While Strafford does not currently have any licensed auto salvage yards, any accumulation of 2 or more unregistered vehicles on a property constitutes a junk yard. Since 1965, all municipalities in New Hampshire have had the responsibility to license junkyards at the local level. This is in accordance with RSA Chapter 236 sections 111 through 129.


Why the concerns? The primary ones are environmental. The Conservation Commission has an expressed interest in water quality and the people who drink it. Some waste products from accumulating motor vehicles which can potentially contaminate surface and ground water are gasoline, diesel fuel, oil, transmission fluid, power steering and brake fluids, gear oil, lead acid batteries, chlorofluorocarbons, and asbestos from brake shoes. Mishandling of these can negatively impact environmental quality in the form of petroleum hydrocarbons, heavy metals, acids, and suspended solids. Other concerns with the buildup of old vehicles and tires is fire hazard and the fact that they are unsightly, possibly affecting abutting property values.

The Department of Environmental Services is extremely helpful in guiding citizens and municipalities in options for taking corrective action to deal with violations. The town has

the authority to act under NH RSA 236:111-129 and can help educate the people to get in compliance or it can take legal action. The town does have authority, and DES will back them up. Concerns may be brought to the attention of the Zoning Board and Selectmen. For more information, contact <https://www.nhmunicipal.org/shop/index.php/product/how-to-regulate-junk-and-junkyards-a-guide-for-local-officials-digital-download-2007>.


### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

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



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### NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Dog Licensing—Avoid late fees; license your dog by April 30 of each calendar year in accordance with State law. If your dog is not licensed by now, you are subject to a \$25 fine for each dog in addition to cost of license and late fees.

On-Line Vehicle Renewals—You can conveniently renew your vehicles and boat registrations and license your dogs with the Strafford Town Clerk online. Just follow the instructions on the renewal letters we send or go to [www.strafford.nh.gov](http://www.strafford.nh.gov) (our Town website) and locate the red “Online Payments” button. The Strafford Town Clerk will process your online renewals and mail your registrations/licenses to you. Only renewals can be processed online; allow one week for processing; all new vehicles, new boats, vehicle transfers, and new dogs must be processed in person at the Town Clerk’s office.

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017, Labor Day.

For further information or questions, please contact Christine Bane, Strafford Town Clerk, at 664-2192 ext. 102 or email [townclerk@strafford.nh.gov](mailto:townclerk@strafford.nh.gov).

### 2,986 POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED !!

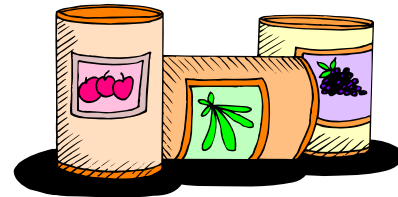
The residents of the Town of Strafford participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual US Postal Service’s National Food Drive. This year’s total is an increase over last year’s collection by 500 pounds! The pantry personnel appreciated the wide-variety of food items donated this year. The non-perishable food, paper goods and personal care products received are dropped off at the town’s food pantry located at Third Baptist Church, 22 Strafford Road. 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 Hanna, Jill, Tahja, Sue, Promise, Maureen and Thom, would like to thank the following people for making this year’s food drive such a success: Betty Buckman, Peggy Keefe, Ida Scribner, Karen Orr, Donna Darnell, Melissa Fogg, and the many other volunteers. Thank you also to Strafford School, Hill Library, Karen & Julio’s Diner, and Isinglass Country Store for advertising this worthwhile event.

### SAVE THE DATE

Strafford Historical Society is organizing a Renaissance Fair to take place on September 15, 16 & 17, 2017; more details to follow.



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### MARK209 IN CONCERT AUGUST 13

Direct from Nashville, award-winning Southern Gospel Quartet MARK209 will delight audiences at Northwood Congregational Church Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 4 pm. The concert is free to the public, and a love offering will be taken. The program is part of MARK209's annual August tour throughout New England where they perform at more than 20 area churches, parks, and campgrounds. Last summer's tour saw them performing an impromptu concert for both presidents Bush and their families at their Compound in Kennebunkport. The blend of four voices—often sung a capella—is a joy to hear and a blessing to all who see them and participate in a worship experience with them. Congregations, wherever they sing, as they travel from Maine to California in a 40 ft. diesel bus, are left wanting more and usually result in an invitation to return the following year. The quartet is committed to spreading the Gospel through four-part harmony, and their concerts often include taking requests for some of the old familiar hymns. The afternoon promises to be an uplifting experience for an audience of all ages.

### STRAFFORD RECREATIONAL SPORTS UPDATES

Even though summer is just beginning, Strafford Recreational Sports is already looking toward the fall soccer season of 2017. To view information on other sports and activities, please visit <http://straffordrecsports.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/straffordrec>.

Soccer Registration for the fall soccer season 2017 begins in June, with a deadline of August 1. To register: (1) Go to <http://straffordrecsports.org>; (2) In the Main Menu, click Online Forms; (3) Click the link for 2017 Fall Soccer Registration; (4) Fill in the required information; (5) Submit the registration fee. Visit the Soccer page (accessible from the Main Menu) to learn more about the Strafford Soccer program. If there are any questions, contact Greg Sawyer at [gsawyer@metrocast.net](mailto:gsawyer@metrocast.net).

SRS Seeks Referees. The Strafford Recreational soccer program is seeking 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 education and certification—<https://sites.google.com/site/nhreferee/instruction/new-referee-training>. You can referee games while you work toward your certification. If you are interested, contact Greg Sawyer at [gsawyer@metrocast.net](mailto:gsawyer@metrocast.net).



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## STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS

A big thanks goes out to all who took part in our Strafford Blueberry Festival and Bake-Off last month. The event was great fun and a delicious way to celebrate summer and connect with a caring community of involved citizens.

Committee Chair Bob Perry reports that with the end of the 2017 deliberative session of the NH Legislature, the roll-call voting records of Strafford's State Representatives, Michael Harrington and Kurt Wuelper, and its State Senator, John Reagan, are now available for public review at [www.gencourt.state.nh.us](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us). Keep in mind that the majority of bills are voted on by voice or division vote; only roll-call votes connect a vote with a specific legislator. The record thus reflects a relatively small percentage of actual votes by each legislator but provides important insights. Perry noted that a veto session will be held this fall, during which lawmakers will consider whether or not to override the governor's rejection of any bills passed by the Legislature.

The Strafford Town Democrats will not meet in August. Enjoy the "dog days" and stay in touch with committee events and other issues at [www.strafforddems.org](http://www.strafforddems.org).

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM NEWS

Plan on joining the fun at Hill Library on Saturday, August 12, from 10 am to 2 pm for the celebration of our 2017 Summer Reading Program. *Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals* will be back again this summer to entertain kids of all ages at 12:00 noon. Then at 1:00 pm we will distribute the Summer Reading Awards and Grand Prizes to our best readers, young and old. And throughout the day, from 10 am to 2:00 pm the Friends of Hill Library will be hosting their annual book sale. We look forward to seeing you all.

## LIBRARY FRIENDS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Please come to the annual Friends of Hill Library Book Sale on August 12, 2017, 10 am to 2 pm, at the Library. If you have recently published, hard bound books in good condition, please consider dropping them off prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> at Hill Library, 1151 Parker Mountain Road (at the intersection of NH 202A and NH 126 (next to National Guard), Strafford, NH. Your donations are appreciated very much. Thank 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. 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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## LIBRARY LINES

Our Summer Reading Program will wrap up with Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals at noon on August 12, 2017. We will also be having a giant book sale to benefit the Library. Summer Reading Prizes will be awarded to readers for amount of books and time read, reaching their reading goals at 1 pm. Come join in the fun and be rewarded for your reading.

Do you need help downloading your e-books or audios? Stop by for Tech help on Mondays from 12-3 pm or Tuesdays from 4-7 pm. Bring in your device, and we will help you download an audio or ebook. The overdrive website is [nh.overdrive.com](http://nh.overdrive.com) and download e-books from NH Downloadable Books Consortium, accessing thousands of titles.

New materials from SILC, the Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative, arrived on July 12. Stop in and check out our new titles. New audios: *A Man Called Ove* by Backman, *Memory Man* by Baldacci, *The Muse* by Burton, *H is for Hawk* by Macdonald, and *On My Own* by Rehm. New DVDs: *Cosmos*, *Jane Got a Gun*, *Macbeth*, *The Paper Boy*, and *See You in Valhalla*. We also have three Kindles that can be checked out for ebooks of your choice. Check our website, [www.HillLibrary.org](http://www.HillLibrary.org), and our Facebook page, Hill Library, for our new titles and program offerings. And remember, you can renew your books online from our OPAC. Visit the website to find out how.

Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, August 9, at 6 pm. All Trustees meetings are open to the public. There is an open seat for Library Trustee Alternate. We are looking for energetic individuals who would

like to serve the town and our library. Stop by or call for more information, 664-2800.

Programming—SRP: Check out the Family and Teen movie night on August 10 from 6-8 pm; we will be viewing *Rogue 1* at 6 pm. Looking for a new book to read? On Thursday, August 3, *Never Caught* by Erica Dubar will be discussed at 6:30. September 7 is next month's book group; we will be discussing *The Killing Floor* by Lee Child. Come in and check a book or audio out and join in the discussion. The Artists Group will meet Tuesdays, August 8 and 22 from 5-7 pm. Need some help with your computer or device? Computer Help with Matt will be Thursdays, August 10 and 24, from 6-7 pm. Remember, you can use our new Meeting Room for your programs or meetings. Call for availability. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified.

## FROM HILL LIBRARY'S DIRECTOR

At the last Hill Library Trustees meeting, I, George Preston, submitted my resignation effective August 14, 2017. I have accepted an offer to become the Director of the Chesterfield Public Library, a full-time position much closer to my home in the Monadnock Region. I must say that it will be hard to leave the Hill Library and Strafford as I have found so many friends and have been blessed with the support of so many talented people. This is a great little library serving a wonderful community, and I will miss you all immensely. I've had a great time here working together with you. I believe we have made some positive changes.

The Hill Library will need your continued support in this period of transition. Allison Keough, our Youth Services Librarian, is going to Syracuse University School of Library and Information Sciences and will be leaving in mid-August at about the same time I plan to depart. The Trustees have accepted my recommendation for two very talented young women to join the Hill Library Team. Katherine "Kat" Paive from Dover will be joining us as the new Youth Services Librarian; and Holly Dustin from Strafford will be joining us as our new Library Aide. They will be starting as Allison and I are leaving and will help hold down the fort as the Trustees hire a new Library Director.

Also, there are currently two vacant positions for Alternate Library Trustee that need to be filled by the Trustees and approved by the Board of Selectmen. Here's your chance to join the leadership team and shape the future of the Library. I am confident that the Trustees and Staff can rely upon all of you to support and strengthen the Hill Library in providing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Services to the residents of the Town of Strafford.



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Tuesday.....	1:00–7:00

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

Monday & Wednesday.....	8:30–2:00
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### Town Office/Selectmen's Hours (Ext. 110 or 101):

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### Building Inspector's Hours (Ext. 104 or by appointment):

Tuesday.....	4:00–7:00
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### Assessor (Ext. 107)

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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.

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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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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

July & August Worship Service 9:00 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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[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 Yacht Club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BowLakeYachtClub/>

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 [www.the-lakeside-players.com/](http://www.the-lakeside-players.com/)

Strafford Bicentennial [www.Strafford1820-2020](http://www.Strafford1820-2020)

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

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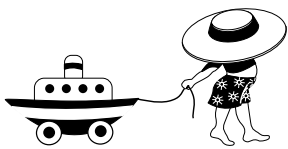
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# Calendar of Events



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|----|------|-----------|--|
| 1  | Tue  | 2-4 pm    | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>Moana</i> .  |
|    |      | 5:30 pm   | Selectmen meet at Town Hall.   |
|    |      | 6:00 pm   | Yo-Yo Throw with Oliver at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 6:15 pm   | TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).   |
| 2  | Wed  | 4-8 pm    | Ice Cream Social Fundraiser by Strafford Women's Club at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.                                |
|    |      | 5-6:30 pm | Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday).                                |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department EMS training.  |
| 3  | Thur | 8-10 am   | Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).  |
|    |      | 2-4 pm    | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>Pete's Dragon 2</i> .  |
|    |      | 6:30 pm   | Book Club meets at Hill Library.   |
| 4  | Fri  | 7:30 pm   | AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).  |
| 5  | Sat  | 9:00 am   | Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Bow Lake Camp Owners Association Annual Meeting at Waldron Store.  |
| 6  | Sun  |           | See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.   |
| 7  | Mon  | 10:30 am  | Story Time at Hill Library.  |
|    |      | 1:00 pm   | Strafford Garden Club meets at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.  |
|    |      | 2-2:30 pm | Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall; see article.  |
|    |      | 3-4 pm    | Craft at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 4:30-5 pm | Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Monday).                           |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department Business Meeting.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall.  |
| 8  | Tue  | 2-4 pm    | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>Big Hero 6</i> .   |
|    |      | 5-7 pm    | Artists Group meets at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 6:30 pm   | Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome.   |
| 9  | Wed  | 6:00 pm   | School Board meets in Strafford School Library.  |
|    |      | 6:00 pm   | Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.  |
| 10 | Thur | 6-7 pm    | Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 6-8 pm    | Family & Teen Movie at Hill Library, <i>Rogue One</i> .  |
|    |      | 7:30 pm   | Planning Board meets at Town Hall.   |
| 12 | Sat  | 8am-5pm   | Arts & Crafts Show & Contest at Old Waldron Store by Strafford Historical Society; see article.                            |
|    |      | 10am-2pm  | Book Sale at Hill Library; see article.  |
|    |      | 12 Noon   | Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 1:00 pm   | Summer Reading Program Prizes Awarded at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 5-7 pm    | Annual Lobster Cookout at Whitcher's Point by BLCOA; tix at <a href="http://www.blcoa.org">www.blcoa.org</a> ; see insert. |
| 13 | Sun  | 10am-5pm  | Arts & Crafts Show & Contest at Old Waldron Store by Strafford Historical Society; see article.                            |
| 14 | Mon  | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department Training.  |
| 15 | Tue  |           | <b>DEADLINE for September Strafford Community Calendar.</b>  |
|    |      | 5:30 pm   | Selectmen meet at Town Hall.   |
| 20 | Sun  | 3-6 pm    | Old Photo Roadshow at Austin Hall; see article.  |
| 21 | Mon  | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department work session.  |
|    |      | 7:30 pm   | Fire Department officers meeting.  |
| 22 | Tue  | 5-7 pm    | Artists Group meets at Hill Library.   |
| 23 | Wed  | 6:00 pm   | School Board meets in Strafford School Library.  |
| 24 | Thur | 6-7 pm    | Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library.   |
| 26 | Sat  | 9:00 am   | Swim for Bennett Island; see article.  |
| 27 | Sun  | 2:00 pm   | Sew & Chat at Hill Library.  |
| 28 | Mon  |           | First day for all students at Strafford School.  |
|    |      | 1:30 pm   | Strafford Women's Club meeting in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church; see article.  |
|    |      | 6:15 pm   | SAU 44 Joint Board meeting.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department work session.  |
| 29 | Tues | Noon      | Austin Cate Academy reunion luncheon at Johnson's.   |
|    |      | 5-7 pm    | Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library.  |
|    |      | 5:30 pm   | Selectmen meet at Town Hall.   |

