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STEAK TIPS DRIVE-THRU

Saturday, July 1, is the Annual Bow Lake Church Steak Tips to Go Drive-Thru Dinner. We are serving from 4 to 7 pm or until gone. Come early as we have sold out before 7 pm the last few years. Make your plans now for that special meal. Drive through the parking lot and pick up your steak tips, rice pilaf, garden salad and home-made roll; all for only nine dollars (\$9). And the best part of this is that the entire \$9 goes to help send children from our community to summer camp at Camp Sentinel.



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We would like to acknowledge and extend our thanks to the following members of our community.

To Blaise Swanwick for all the time and effort you donated while updating our website, and for a job "well done." The website is easy to navigate and provides access to many services and other available information.

To the members of the Strafford Garden Club for sharing your time and gardening skills with us, both at the Town Hall and at Gwen's Garden located below the beach near the Bow Lake Grange Hall parking area. We appreciate your efforts and the improvements you make within our town, enhancing the landscape to be enjoyed by all.

And last, but not least, you can't help but notice and appreciate the pride and patriotism in our Country evidenced by the display of American flags along sections of Water Street and Province Road. This was the senior project chosen by Kayla Whitcher, a recent graduate of Coe-Brown Academy. Kayla worked with the utilities and the town to gain approval for the project, in addition to collecting donations to fund it. The flags will be flying throughout the summer months for all to enjoy. The Strafford Fire Department was willing to be the custodian of the project with responsibility for placement of the flags and storage. Anyone interested in future participation in this project, please contact Chief Whitehouse at the Strafford Fire Department. Donations may be sent to the BLCOA c/o Becky Whitcher, PO Box 14, Center Strafford, NH 03815, to be placed in the David Whitcher Flag Fund. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and donations for this project!

CONSERVATION NOTES

One of the most beautiful treasures of Strafford and Rochester is the Blue Hills. Each Peak offers its own vista and unique character that changes with each season. A walk up Blue Job is highlighted by lady slippers, bunch berries and trillium. At the summit, one can simply enjoy the view or sample a mountain blueberry. You are more than likely to hear the distinct "Drink your tea!" call of the rufous-sided towhee. The Spencer Smith trail on Parker Mountain provides an uninterrupted view to the coast and, shares with nearby Evans Mountain, different looks over Bow Lake. It is great news that Bear-Paw and NH Department of Environmental Services have approved a proposed trail linking the two on properties owned by the Blue Hills Foundation and the Town of Strafford. A lot of time and effort has gone into this endeavor with primary consideration being avoidance of sensitive habitat areas and utilizing existing corridors wherever possible. Many thanks to all involved in the process.

The annual garlic mustard pull was held on May 27 at the IRCR (Isinglass River Conservation Reserve). Volunteers removed 19 lawn bags of this invasive species in an ongoing effort to contain it and prevent its spread into the forest. Some other projects under consideration are improving parking area at Town Forest, repairing sign and adding a Kiosk at entrance.



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New materials from SILC, the Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative, will arrive on July 12. Stop in and check out our new titles. We will post some of the titles on our website and on our Facebook page. We also have three Kindles that can be checked out for eBooks of your choice. Check our website, 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, July 12, 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 (Summer Reading Program): Two Mousetrap Car STEM programs will be offered July 10 and 17

from 3-4:30. Sign up if you are interested. There will be a Teen Trivia night and cupcake decorating contest on July 13 from 5-8 pm. Come in and sign up for a spot. Check out the Family and Teen movie night on July 20 from 6-8 pm; we will be viewing *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*.

Looking for a new book to read? On Thursday, July 6, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult will be discussed at 6:30. August 3 is next month's book group. Come in and check a book or audio out and join in the discussion. The Artist's Group will meet Tuesdays, July 11 and 25 from 5-7 pm. Need some help with your computer or device? Computer Help with Matt will be Thursdays, July 13 and 27, 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.

BOW LAKE CHURCH SUMMER HOURS

The Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church will be having morning services at 9:00 am during the months of July and August. With hot days and people on vacation, it seems that friends and members like to go to church services and then get on with their day. This had been a tradition for many years, but was stopped a while ago; and now we are going to try it again. Please join us!

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BOW LAKE WILDLIFE AND BENNETT ISLAND FOREVER CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Common Loon Update—The Bennett Island loons started nesting on approximately June 6th (this past Monday). All other loon territories appear to be in a state of flux. Down at the east end, there appear to be two territorial pairs. One pair has been hanging out down by Water Street and around all of the islands directly surrounding Blueberry Island, including Skiers Cove. The other pair have been hanging out closer to the main lake. This pair have been seen climbing onto Popcorn Island, investigating Loon Island, Beech Island, and the lagoon between Beech Island and Pine Island. The Caswell Cove and Kooaukee/Pointe Trinity territories are a mess right now. The bands on the Kooaukee male loon (i.e. the loon that left his mate last year, so he could go beat up and take over the Caswell Cove territory) have been confirmed. He has been spotted in both the Caswell Cove and Kooaukee/Pointe Trinity territories with an unbanded female loon. The bands on the Kooaukee female have also been confirmed. She has been spotted for the last three or four weekends in Piper Cove. It appears as though this female has taken a beating from another loon this past week. She is extremely nervous, swimming low in the water and appears to have a head injury. Circumstantial evidence of loon band sightings outside Piper Cove appear to point to the Kooaukee male as the aggressor (or possibly his new mate).

Bald Eagle Update—The Bennett Island eaglet is growing quickly and seems to be doing well. The eaglet is getting close to the size of its parents and may start stretching and exercising its wings soon. However, it will be another month or so before it takes its first flight.

Bennett Island Forever campaign update—For those who have not heard about this campaign, we are trying to raise funds to put a conservation easement on Bennett Island, which will keep this loon and eagle nesting habitat undeveloped forever. In addition to supporting habitat for loons and eagles, Bennett Island also provides a place for people to anchor, relax, and socialize with friends near its undeveloped shoreline. If you would like to donate,

host a fundraising party, or have other fundraising ideas, please contact Dan Kern at Bear-Paw Regional Greenways at 603-463-9400.

Bear-Paw thanks everyone who has already donated to the Bennett Island Forever Campaign. You have helped us raise over \$60,000 to purchase a conservation easement on Bennett Island on Bow Lake. However, we still have a way to go, and the Thomas Haas Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has issued Bear-Paw a challenge: Raise another \$20,000 in contributions for the Bennett Island Forever Campaign and the Thomas Haas Fund will match it! Bear-Paw is excited to meet the challenge. We have already raised \$100,000 and are halfway to the purchase price; but we need to raise another \$100,000 to complete the project. This challenge will match the next \$20,000 in private gifts with another \$20,000. That will make a big difference. So if you were waiting for a good opportunity to give to the Bennett Island Forever Campaign, do it now. Mail your check to Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, P. O. Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037 and indicate "The Bennett Island Project" in the memo section, or go to Bear-Paw's website to make an online donation, www.bear-paw.org.

The \$100,000 already raised includes the \$60,000 in private contributions, a \$30,000 pledge from the Strafford Conservation Commission, and a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Conservation Foundation. We have also asked the Northwood Conservation Commission to support the project, and there are other grant applications outstanding but no other commitments yet. We need donations of all sizes from people just like you—people who care deeply about Bow Lake and the wildlife and the people who call it

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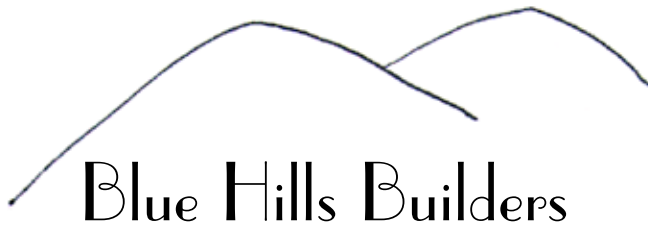
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BOW LAKE CAMP OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Kayla Whitcher, the late David Whitcher's granddaughter, began a project you may be interested in. It is how all those flags got put up along Water Street and Province Road. Apparently, she decided to pursue this for her senior project, and her grandfather thought it was a great thing to do, hence the donations for the David Whitcher Fund, which has now become the Flag Fund. The Strafford Fire & Rescue Department helps put them up and store them, but Kayla had to negotiate all the details with them. She also had to get permitting from the town as well as Eversource and Fairpoint for use of the poles. Donations are gratefully accepted; go to www.BLCOA.org and label your contribution Flag Fund.

The Whitchers have hosted the Chicken BBQ and Lobster Cookouts for 40 Years on their property. This year's Chicken BBQ is Saturday, July 15, at 5 pm (see insert), and the Lobster Cookout is Saturday, August 12. You can get tickets from Becky Whitcher at 603-664-9067 or Marcy Whitcher at 603-664-7567. Chicken tix are \$15 each and Lobster are \$25 each.

Also, for anyone in the Bow Lake Camp Owners Association (BLCOA), the Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 5, at Waldron Store from 7 to 9 pm—no tickets required.



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SWC ICE CREAM SOCIALS

On Wednesday, July 5, from 4 to 8 pm, you are cordially invited to attend the first of the summer Strafford Women's Club Ice Cream Social at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and summer guests. Construct your own sundae on a base of one or a combination of these three ice cream flavors- vanilla, chocolate, or coffee. Select your desired toppings from a variety of chopped nuts, sprinkles, candies, and fruits. Finish with a flourish of whipped cream and top off with a cherry. Making your own ice cream sundae is just the beginning of this enjoyable experience. You will have the opportunity to sit and visit with friends and to make new friends as you savor your ice cream sundae.

Tickets will be sold at the door: \$3 for a small sundae; \$4 for a large. Add a homemade brownie for fifty cents. Buy your Pick-a-Prize Raffle tickets at the social for a number of valuable prizes donated by area businesses. You select the prize you want to win. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the second ice cream social on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

Through your participation in the Ice Cream Socials and Raffle, you aid the Stafford Women's Club in raising money to provide college scholarships to Strafford residents, whether they graduate from Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, another high school, or are home-schooled. All Strafford residents who maintain a 3.0 GPA and apply by April 30 of their senior year of high school are eligible. SWC also awards a monetary prize to an eighth grade graduate who is nominated by the faculty of Strafford School. The Club also helps to support several worthwhile community projects and sponsors the CBNA Band & Chorus Christmas Concert at Bow Lake Baptist Church each year. Strafford Women's Club is a

small but active and dedicated community group that welcomes new members

MUSEUM PROGRAM

Have you been to the Children's Museum in Dover? How about the NH History Museum or the Currier Museum of Art in Concord? When was the last time you went to Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth? Well, you could go to any one of these, bring back a receipt for your fee, and present it to the Friends of Hill Library for a family reimbursement of up to \$35 per year. This program allows you to go to any museum and be subsidized for at least part of your cost to visit. If you are a Hill Library patron,

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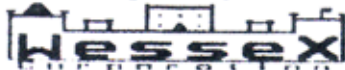


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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

As I write this article, I am sitting in my chair in the sunny outdoors, and I am reminded that less than a week ago the weather was 54 degrees and today it is 92 degrees. It is no wonder that my gardens are a bit confused. Should my peonies bloom, my carrot seeds germinate, and what about those herbs just sitting in the soil? Oh well, someone once said that “whether the weather be cold or whether the weather be hot, whatever the weather, we’ll weather the weather whether we like it or not”!

Our next Garden Club meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, at the Grange Hall at 1:00 pm (regardless of the weather). Also, mark your calendars for Saturday, July 29, so that you do not miss the Strafford Garden Club’s Annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast. The event runs from 7:30 to 10:30 am at the Grange Hall. We will be serving our delicious pancakes with homemade blueberry sauce, sausage, fruit, coffee and tea. Come one, come all and join us for the best breakfast ever!

At our last meeting in June, our program speaker was Wendy Booth, Seasoned Beekeeper, NH Beekeeper of the Year 2008, and featured person in NH Chronicle and NH Magazine. Wendy presented us with information about bee biology, equipment, hiving, etc. She was vibrant, entertaining and fun. If you missed this program, you can tap into her work and knowledge at <http://www.MyBeeBuddy.com>.

Also in June, seventeen hearty members of the Garden Club planted more than 70 plants; Karl Foresters Grass, Asters, Lupines, Black-Eyed Susans and Milkweed in Gwen’s Garden. Never did I see more shovels at work at once. It was a remarkable morning filled with hard work and great camaraderie. Phase II of this project is currently being planned. Be sure to stop by and take a look—

Gwen’s Garden is going to be a beautiful addition to our town.

July is the month to deadhead peonies and other finished flowers, tie up and support tall flowers, and weed and water vegetables. If the weather is hot and dry, set your mower blades higher to reduce stress on your lawn. And don’t forget to keep your bird baths filled with water. Enjoy July in the garden and see you at the Blueberry Breakfast on July 29.

STRAFFORD WOMEN’S CLUB

The Strafford Women’s Club will gather on July 24, 2017, on Bow Lake at noon, weather permitting; back-up plan is Beverly’s porch. Let’s celebrate Summer! Bring your own brown bag lunch and enjoy the outdoors. Drinks and desserts will be provided. Questions, call Lucinda at 664-9200.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TRASH IS?

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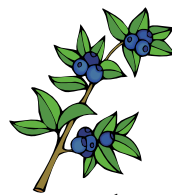
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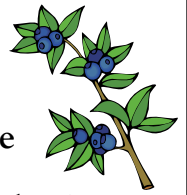
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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

It's summer! The lake is again buzzing with activity, and your long wait is finally over! Our famous Pulled Pork Drive-Thru is coming to the Grange Hall parking lot Monday, July 3, from 5-7 pm, conveniently timed before the fireworks. Come stake out your prime viewing spot and chow down on a generous plate of delicious, hand-rubbed and slow-cooked pulled pork with all the trimmings (and a brownie)—just drive up and let us serve you, Bow Lake style!

Return to the Grange Hall Wednesday, July 5, from 4-8 pm for the Strafford Women's Club Ice Cream Social and Raffle, benefiting their scholarship fund. Rounding out the month is the Strafford Garden Club's Blueberry Breakfast on Saturday, July 29, from 7:30 to 10:30 am.

Our annual membership drive is in full swing. Extending a special "thank you" to everyone who has renewed their membership or joined us this year. You are making a difference in our community. If you've been thinking about it and would like to support our community center, the Bow Lake Grange Hall, we'd still love to hear from you. Use our insert from last month's *Calendar* or visit us at bowlakecc.org.

Looking forward, Ducks O'er the Dam is on Saturday, September 2. Do you have your six-quack yet? Use the form from last month's *Calendar* or go to our website, bowlakecc.org, and find the Adopt-a-Duck link on the "Links" page. Also, look for entries in our local businesses. If you have any questions, contact David Murdoch at murdochwd@aol.com or 905-9897. It will be a quacking good time!

Do you have the cooking chops? Our annual Chili &

Chowder Challenge is coming to the Grange Hall on October 7. Will this be your year to win this annual smack down? Sign up with Michelle Benger at 664-5745 to throw your chef's hat into the ring.

OHRV's FISHING & HUNTING LICENSE

Purchase your Hunting & Fishing License and register you OHRV at the Tax Collector's Office. To purchase your Hunting License, you need your expired Hunting License OR a copy of your "Hunter Safety Course Certificate". Hunter Safety Course class information is available at huntnh.com OR call 603-536-1290. If you got your license somewhere else and not from us (shame on you, ha!) and you need or want "The Official New Hampshire Digest of Regulations," they are available at the Tax Collector's window.

Get your OHRVs, dirt bikes, three- or four- wheelers and snowmobile registration at the Tax Collector's Office. If you have not registered it in the past two years, you will need to know all the information about it (including the VIN #).

You can purchase licenses and registrations on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 2, and on Tuesday from 1 to 6, or any time the Tax Collector is at the office.

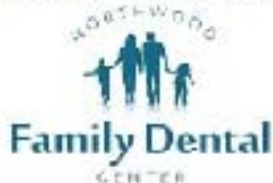


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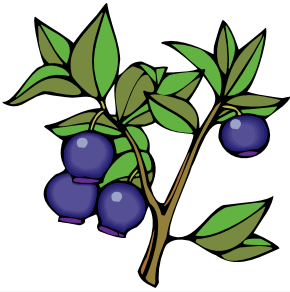
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BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL AND BAKE-OFF

Got a great blueberry recipe? Come show off your talent! Blueberry goodies galore, from home-baked pies and muffins to blueberry crisp and more, will be showcased at the Strafford Blueberry Festival and Bake-off on Saturday, July 29, from 2 to 4 pm at the historic Waldron Store in Bow Lake Village. An \$8 donation is requested to be a judge, to enter the bake-off competition, or both. The event is sponsored by the Strafford Town Democrats and open to the entire community. Tickets and contest rules are available at www.strafforddems.org.

The Blueberry Festival will be a true celebration of summer in Strafford. You be the judge—sample the wares and help decide the winning cooks. First, second and third prizes will be awarded. Have a dish of blueberries and cream. Shop for blueberry crafts. Take home a freshly baked pie or some blueberry jam. Enter the raffle to win one of our specialty gift baskets. High-bush blueberries by the basket and frozen wild blueberries by the pound will be for sale. This is a rain-or-shine event. For more information, contact Carol Perry at 269-4651.

The Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 11, at Hill Library. Note that this is a change from the regular meeting schedule. Stay in touch online at www.strafforddems.org.



STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

The Budget path and passion was the primary topic of conversation at the June Strafford Town Republican Round Table. Please join us at Hill Library on second Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm. We'll see you on July 10, 2017.

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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HISTORICAL NOTES

We hope that you enjoyed our late spring theatrical production at the Waldron Store. We would like to thank our hardworking theatrical troupe for the fine show. If you missed the play, the Historical Society has planned a busy schedule of other events for the rest of the summer. Our first event in July is the ever popular Summer Road Trek. Please join us on Tuesday, July 18, starting from Austin Hall at 6:30 pm.

In August, plan ahead for a special Art Show featuring local artists and crafters the weekend of August 12 and 13, to benefit the Strafford Bicentennial Committee and the Historical Society. Coming in September, our first Strafford Renaissance Fair. Also in August, 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 to 6 pm. Bring your photos and stories from the 1800s to the 1950s 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.

"Thank you" to Bob and Helen Manseau for helping to keep the yard trimmed at the Waldron Store, to Carol Stiles for her help with mowing at Austin Hall, and to Cal and Penny Schroeder for the flowers at Austin Hall. Our volunteers make it all possible, and we appreciate all you do for our community. Thank you!



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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 Socials on July 5 and 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. A partial list of 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; Uncle George's; and more to come. Winning tickets will be drawn at the second ice cream social on Wednesday, August 2. You need not be present to win. Many thanks to our generous donors including AMI for our road signs!

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://straffordrecreationsports.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://straffordrecreationsports.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.

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.

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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DOUBLE FEATURE ART SHOW/BOOK SALE

Come one, come all to the Hill Library Book Sale sponsored by Friends of Hill Library! That book you haven't read? Maybe it's for sale on August 12.

Our main attraction is the Strafford Historical Society's two-day Art Show on August 12 and 13, 2017, being held inside Waldron Store. All artists and photographers are welcome to display their Strafford images. Prizes will be awarded. Artists are also welcome to show their work in our large tent for a nominal fee. Just bring your table and set up your work. It's going to be fun! More details on both events will be in future *Calendars*.

Please keep watch for a possible play in June and more activities over the summer. Questions? Call JoAnn Brown at 603-664-2225 for more information.

DEADLY DANGER

There exists a newly-recognized health hazard! It occurs when electric power is allowed to enter a body of water. Swimmers become paralyzed and drown, as are any potential rescuers. Children are especially vulnerable. Please go to the following site for more information: electricshockdrowning.org.

HILL LIBRARY ACCEPTING BOOKS FOR ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Hill Library is accepting donations of books for the annual Friends of Hill Library Book Sale to be held on August 12, 2017 at the Library. If you have recently published, hard bound books in good condition that are collecting dust, please consider dropping them off at Hill Library at 1151 Parker Mountain Road (at the intersection of NH 202A and NH 126), Strafford, NH. While you are in, you can sign your children up for our Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "Build a Better World," and your donations of gently used books will help us do just that! Thank you!



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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):

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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)

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Hill Library.....	664-2800
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Saturday.....	10:00–2:00

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

Crown Point Baptist Church.....509-2224
274 First Crown Point Rd. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church.....435-6242
Rte. 4, Northwood..... Saturday 6:00p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Northwood Congregational Church U.C.C.....942-7116
881 First NH Turnpike (Rte. 4), Northwood, NH 03261
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.....435-7908
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Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

New Hope Church.....285-3533
34 Raymond Rd. (Rte. 156), Nottingham, NH 03290
www.new-hopechurch.com Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Nottingham Community Universalist Church.....679-8400
106 Church St. (Rt. 156 & Church St.), Nottingham, NH 03290
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St. George's Episcopal Church.....868-2785
One Park Court at 14 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824
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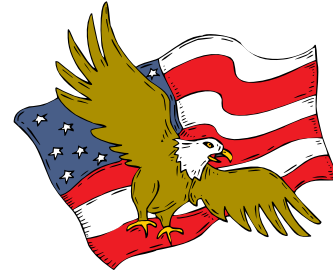
Northwood Advent Christian Church.....834-0863
113 School St, Northwood, NH Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

STRAFFORD LINKS

Bow Lake Camp Owners Association	blcoa.org
Bow Lake Community Club	www.bowlakecc.org
Bow Lake Sailing	wessexusa.com/bls_main1.html
BSA Troop 23	straffordtroop23.webs.com
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	www.coebrown.org
Hill Library	hilllibrary.org
Lakeside Players	www.the-lakeside-players.com/
Strafford Bicentennial	www.Strafford1820-2020
Strafford Community Calendar	straffordcommunitycalendar.com
Strafford Police	straffordpolice.org
Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc.	straffordrecsports.org
Strafford School	strafford.k12.nh.us
Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club	straffordswampstompers.org
Strafford Town Democratic Committee	strafforddems.org
Town of Strafford	strafford.nh.gov

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.

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| 1 | Sat | 9:00 am | Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church. |
| | | 4:00 pm | Steak Tips To Go Drive-Thru at Bow Lake Baptist Church; see article. |
| 2 | Sun | | See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services. |
| 3 | Mon | 10:30 am | Story Time at Hill Library (every Monday). |
| | | 3-4 pm | Craft project at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . |
| | | 4:30-5 pm | Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen; St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Monday). |
| | | 5-7 pm | Pulled Pork Drive-Thru Dinner at Bow Lake Grange Hall sponsored by BLCC; see article. |
| | | 9:15± pm | Fireworks at the Dam; time approximate (rain date July 4). |
| 4 | Tues | | INDEPENDENCE DAY ; Town Hall and Library closed. |
| | | 9:30 am | Activities Day at Dam by BLCOA; swim races, tube races, & other fun (rain date 7/5). |
| 5 | Wed | 4-8 pm | Ice Cream Social by Strafford Women's Club at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article. |
| | | 5-6:30pm | Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday). |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department EMS training. |
| 6 | Thu | 8-10 am | Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday). |
| | | 2-4 pm | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>Despicable Me</i> . |
| | | 6:30 pm | Book Club meets at Hill Library. |
| 7 | Fri | 7:30 pm | AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday). |
| 8 | Sat | 8:00 pm | Christmas-in-July Boat Parade on Bow Lake; see article. |
| 10 | Mon | 1:00 pm | Strafford Garden Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article. |
| | | 3-4:30 pm | STEM Project, Mousetrap Car I, at Hill Library. |
| | | 6:30 pm | Strafford Town Republicans meeting at Hill Library. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department training. |
| 11 | Tues | 2-4 pm | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>Sing</i> . |
| | | 5-7 pm | Artists Group meets at Hill Library. |
| | | 6:15 pm | TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday). |
| | | 6:30 pm | Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Strafford Town Democrats meeting at Hill Library. |
| 12 | Wed | 6-7 pm | Yo-Yo Show & Throw at Hill Library. |
| | | 6:00 pm | Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library. |
| 13 | Thu | 2-4 pm | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>Zootopia</i> . |
| | | 5-8 pm | Teen Trivia & Cupcake Contest at Hill Library. |
| | | 6-7 pm | Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library. |
| 15 | Sat | | Deadline for August Strafford Community Calendar. |
| | | 5-7 pm | BLCOA's Annual Chicken Barbecue at Whitcher's; see insert. |
| 17 | Mon | 3-4:30 pm | STEM Project, Mousetrap Car II, at Hill Library. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department work session. |
| | | 7:30 pm | Fire Department officers meeting. |
| 18 | Tue | 2-4 pm | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>BFG</i> . |
| | | 5:30 pm | Selectmen meet at Town Hall. |
| | | 6:30 pm | Strafford Historical Society's Summer Road Trek; meet at Austin Hall; see <i>Historical Notes</i> . |
| 19 | Wed | 1:00 pm | Cardboard Robot craft at Hill Library. |
| 20 | Thu | 6-8 pm | Family & Teen Movie Night at Hill Library, <i>Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them</i> . |
| 23 | Sun | 2:00 pm | Sew & Chat at Hill Library. |
| 24 | Mon | 12 noon | Strafford Women's Club brown bag lunch at the Lake; see article. |
| | | 3-4 pm | Craft project at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . |
| | | 6:15 pm | SAU #44 Joint Board Meeting. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department work session. |
| | | 7:30 pm | Planning Board meeting at Town Hall. |
| 25 | Tue | 2-4 pm | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>Inside Out</i> . |
| | | 5-7 pm | Artists Group meets at Hill Library. |
| 26 | Wed | 6:00 pm | School Board meeting in Strafford School Library. |
| | | 6-7 pm | Yo-Yo Show & Throw at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . |
| 27 | Thu | 2-4 pm | Afternoon movie at Hill Library, <i>Secret Life of Pets</i> . |
| | | 5-7 pm | Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library. |
| | | 6-7 pm | Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library. |
| 29 | Sat | 7:30-10:30 | Blueberry Pancake Breakfast by Strafford Garden Club at Bow Lake Grange Hall. |
| | | 2-4 pm | Blueberry Festival & Bake-Off at Waldron Store by Town Democrats. |
| 31 | Mon | 3-4 pm | Brush Bot Lab II at Hill Library. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department work session. |



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