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BOW LAKE BEACH – 2017 SEASON

June 18 to August 12, 2017

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

Year-round residents and property owners who are seasonal residents may pick up a pass from the beach attendants during normal operating hours. Please present an ID or proof of property ownership (a tax bill) to obtain a beach pass. Visitors may purchase a pass for the day or for the 2017 Summer Season from beach attendants during normal operating hours. Day pass for an individual or family is \$5.00; no charge for children under 12 accompanied by an adult; season pass for an individual is \$25.00; season pass for a family is \$50.00.

Swimming lessons—Session 1 is June 26 through July 7; no lessons on July 3 or 4. Session 2 is July 31 through August 11. Registration is required. Registration forms will be available at the beach, at Town Hall, and at www.strafford.nh.gov.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

It's that time of year again—Strafford Fire & Rescue Firefighter Association will host its annual Pancake Breakfast on June 3 from 7 to 10:30 am at the Bow Lake Fire Station. Cost is only \$7.00 and includes coffee, juice, pancakes, and sausage, topped off with Strafford maple syrup. Hope to see you there.

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.

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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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

That “berry-sweet” time of year has arrived, and on Saturday, June 24, from 8 am to 2 pm, the Northwood Congregational Church, UCC, will be having their annual Strawberry Festival and Outdoor Yard Sale. Start your day with a hearty breakfast of strawberry (or plain) pancakes and sausage, or stop by for a grilled hot dog or hamburger served with fresh potato salad and other tasty lunch fare between 11 am and 2 pm. Strawberry smoothies, homemade strawberry shortcakes piled with whipped cream and ice cream will be served all day long. There will also be a Bake Sale offering creatively themed strawberry items, including pies (show up early, they sell quickly!), handmade in kitchens of the local chefs of our church. Plenty of quarts of locally picked strawberries will also be on sale for you to take home for your own baking and canning.

You may also find a treasure (or two) at our outdoor Yard Sale under the big tent. For more details regarding the Strawberry Festival, contact Peggy Kofer at (603) 608-8627 or peggykofer@gmail.com

The Northwood Congregational Church is located next to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, 881 First NH Turnpike (Rte. 4).

STRAFFORD SUMMER ARTS CAMP 2017

African drumming. Painting. Acting. World music of all kinds . . . These are just some of the words that help define one

of best summer educational opportunities for students in New Hampshire, and it is right in our backyard. Strafford School is fortunate once again to host Strafford Summer Arts—a week-long day camp run by theatre, music, and art professionals. This year’s camp is on July 31 through August 4, 2017. Camp is for ages 8 to 14 and runs from 9 am to 3 pm (with a Friday evening performance for the community at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$350 (\$275 for residents of Strafford). A \$125 deposit is due at time of registration with balance due July 1, 2017.

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

We also have AMAZING Coe Brown interns who bring great energy and enthusiasm to the program. The emphasis of the camp is on collaboration, gaining self-confidence, and developing an appreciation for world cultures through theatre, art, and music—and, of course, fun!

Please email info@nhtheatreproject.org or call 603-431-6644 x4 with questions or to enrol. Local community coordinator, Angela Smith, is also available to answer questions at straaffordsummerarts@gmail.com.

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GEORGE N. CATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Trustees of the George N. Cate Scholarship Fund are pleased to announce that \$17,250 in scholarships has been awarded for the 2017/2018 academic year. Graduating high school seniors receiving awards were Brody Ashley, Chelsea McCallion, Gareth Owen, Zackery Pine, Kelsey Wallace, LilyGrace York, and Abigail Zollman. Awards for current college undergraduates went to Kerry Baratier, Madison Cassidy, Sarah Curtin, Hannah Eaton, Mary Fowler, Brianna Hanson, and Tyler Schroeder. Congratulations to these students for their fine academic efforts. We are proud to have them join 290 other Strafford residents as recipients.

The George N. Cate Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 by the Trustees of Austin Cate Academy to provide scholarship assistance to students who have resided in Strafford for two or more years and who are attending any accredited, post-secondary institution. Since that time, we have awarded more than \$580,000 in scholarships.

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

If you received a scholarship in the past and are now able, please contribute. Here's your chance to give back to your

community and to help a fellow Strafford student meet his or her goals. Together we can make a difference, one scholarship at a time.

NINTH ANNUAL BOW LAKE DAM 15K/5K

Lace up your shoes for another great race. On Saturday, June 3, 2017, we are hosting a 15K race around Bow Lake (starting at 9:30 am) and a 5K race along a portion of Bow Lake (starting at 10 am) to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Join us for the race and stay afterwards for live music, a cookout, free massages, and a toddler dash. Sign up to race or donate at www.bowlakedam15k5k.com. To support the event as a sponsor or a volunteer, email racingtocureCF@gmail.com. Alone we can make gradual progress; together we can make miracles!

FRIENDS OF HILL LIBRARY

The next meeting of the Friends of Hill Library will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 7 pm at Hill Library. Our museum pass program is alive and well and waiting to be used; inquire at circulation desk. We also sponsor NH Humanities programs open to the public twice a year. Our Annual Book Sale this summer is on Saturday, August 12, in conjunction with the closing program for the Summer Reading Program. For updates on activities at the Library, check out Hill Library's website and Facebook page. Please join us on the 15th for the Friends meeting; all are welcome.

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STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The SWC June 26 meeting will be preceded by a very special club-sponsored "wellness program" at 1:30, open to the public, and presented by Professor Michael Magoon and Certified Health and Wellness Coach, Jason Pelland (see article elsewhere in the *Calendar*). The business meeting will begin after the conclusion of the program and light refreshments (between 2:30 and 3:00). Interested women are encouraged to remain and observe and even offer your thoughts! Please join us in the Idlepines Room in the Bow Lake Church. Questions? Need a ride? Call Jane at 664-9202.

SUMMER ROAD WORK ON WATER STREET

Sometime in June of this year, we anticipate that grinding/paving will be done on Water Street and parts of Browns Pasture Road. This will necessarily interrupt traffic in this area. Please watch for signage and more details on the Town website, www.trafford.nh.gov, as exact times and dates become available. Your cooperation in this project is greatly appreciated.

SWC ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Please consider this your "Save the Date" notice. On Wednesday, July 5, from 4 to 8 PM, the Strafford Women's Club will hold their Annual Ice Cream Social at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Be sure to attend with your friends, family, and summer guests. Build your own sundae from a choice of three ice cream flavors—vanilla, chocolate, and coffee. Add toppings from a variety of nuts, jimmies, candies, and fruits. Top with whipped cream and a cherry. Tickets will be sold at the door: \$3 for a small sundae; \$4 for a large. Add a homemade brownie for fifty cents. Pick-a-Prize Raffle tickets will be sold for a number of valuable prizes donated by area businesses. Choose the prize you would like to win. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the second ice cream social on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

By attending the ice cream socials, you will help the Strafford Women's Club to raise money for college scholarships for graduating Strafford high school seniors, an eighth-grade award and for other worthwhile community projects. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend both the July 5 and the August 2 Ice Cream Socials.



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WOMEN'S CLUB WELCOMES JUNE!

Ah!! The lazy hazy days of summer are around the corner offering up days that are good for you, for seasonal change brings changes to our lifestyles; and summer just happens to be the season when we live a bit healthier. We all know that we should eat correctly, exercise, and so on; but most importantly, we should be happy.

The Strafford Women's Club is happy (and pleased) to present a very special program open to the public on June 26 at 1:30 in the Idlepines Room of the Bow Lake Church. All are invited as we welcome Professor Michael Magoon and Certified Health and Wellness Coach, Jason Pelland, as they share information about health, wealth, wellness, safety, and aging gracefully in our high-paced society. Seniors, care givers, and other interested parties, come and listen to interactive, dynamic discussions about how you can live life to the fullest by embracing healthy eating, diet, exercise, and staying safe online and in the community. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a *Question and Answer Session*. Be sure to check out the information table with related materials as you enjoy some light refreshments.

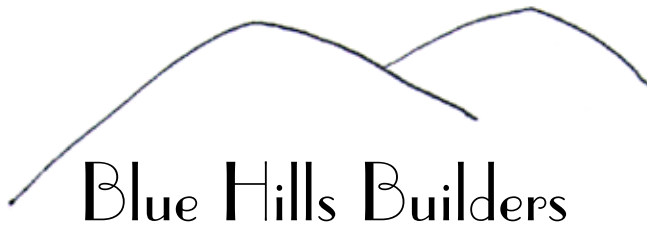
Questions? Need a ride? Call Jane at 664-9202.

STRAFFORD'S BICENTENNIAL

The next Bicentennial Planning meeting will be on Sunday, June 11, at 4:00 pm at Austin Hall. Are you interested in helping out with the Bicentennial or do you have some good ideas to share? If you cannot attend and you would like to get involved, please contact the planning group at staffordbicentennial@gmail.com. We need all the help we can get so please consider adding your voice to this historical event that we are organizing now for 2020. All are welcome.

SWC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The winners of the 2017 Strafford Women's Club Scholarships are Zackary Pine and LilyGrace York, both seniors at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. Zackary will be attending Boston University pursuing a major in physics. LilyGrace will be attending Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston in the interior design program. We congratulate them both and wish them success in their chosen fields. Thanks to all our highly qualified applicants. We wish everyone success in their college studies.



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BEAR-PAW NEWS

There are several ways to have fun outdoors with Bear-Paw in June. Start on Thursday evening, June 8, from 6 to 8 pm over at the TL Storer Boy Scout Reservation with Russ Cohen, author of *Wild Foods I Have Known...and Eaten*. Even if you've trekked with him before, a different trail will yield different wild foods to discover.

On Saturday, June 17, from 7 am to noon, Mark West and Frank Mitchell invite you to join them for a Bear-Paw Biothon species treasure hunt on the Dearborn Forest in Raymond. There will be a hunt in the forest and also on Onway Lake by kayak or canoe.

On Wednesday, June 28, we explore the Freese Town Forest in Deerfield starting at 9:30. This is a good test of our map and compass skills on a 174-acre tract with no trails!

Check the Bear-Paw website and Facebook page for details of each of these trips.

CONSERVATION NOTES

Summer is upon us, and many people will be out enjoying our conservation trails. Remember, they pass through the habitat of our treasured flora and fauna. Please be mindful and respectful of signs and adhere to policy of carrying out anything you carry in. Dogs should be leashed, and trails are for foot

travel only. No fires please and avoid parking in front of gates, which could impede access. Thanks for cooperating with these steps to insure the natural beauty for years to come.

As you travel the roads you will perchance encounter a turtle attempting a crossing. It only takes a minute to stop and render assistance, either by watching for traffic until they safely cross or by picking the turtle up and depositing it on the side in which it is heading. Doing this with snapping turtles is for the bold-hearted. However, if you grasp them firmly by the sides of their shell, the impressive jaws cannot reach you. Other species you may encounter are painted, spotted, Blandings, and wood turtles. If you see a turtle in the sand on the roadside leave it! It is laying eggs. Speaking of other slow-moving animals, opossums are more and more common in the area. It was not that long ago they were rare or nonexistent this far north. These fascinating animals are our only marsupials. Despite their impressive snout and teeth they are actually quite timid. They will eat just about anything and are thought to be highly resistant to rabies infection.

The bald eagles have chosen a different tree for their nest on Bow Lake's Bennett Island this year, and at least one eaglet has hatched. Volunteers are monitoring loon behavior. In Caswell Cove there was a territorial take over last year by a male from the Kooauke territory. Should be interesting to see what develops.

The Conservation Commission welcomes new member Katrina Amaral who will be a valuable addition.

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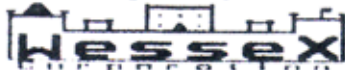
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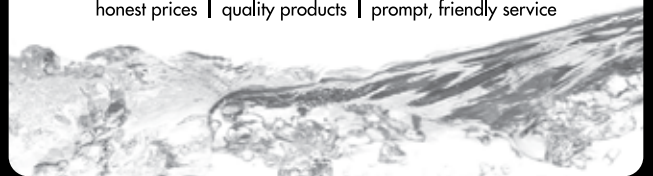
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BENNETT ISLAND FOREVER CAMPAIGN

The Thomas Haas Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) has issued Bear-Paw Regional Greenways a challenge: Raise another \$20,000 in contributions for the Bennett Island Forever Campaign and the Thomas Haas Fund will match it! Daniel Kern, Bear-Paw's Executive Director, recently reported, "We are excited to meet the challenge. We have already raised \$100,000 and are halfway to the purchase price; however, we need to raise a little more than 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. It's huge!"

The \$100,000 already raised includes \$60,000 in private contributions, a \$30,000 pledge from the Strafford Conservation Commission, and a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Conservation Foundation. There are also other grant applications outstanding but no commitments yet. The conservation easement to preserve the island was appraised at \$700,000, but Bear-Paw has the opportunity to purchase it for just \$200,000. "So if you were waiting for a good opportunity to give to the Bennett Island Forever Campaign, do it now. We need donations from everyone who cares deeply about Bow Lake and the wildlife and people who call it home. Everyone who makes a gift of \$250 or more receives a "Bennett Island" Flamingo to display on their lawn to show their support for this important project. If you make a gift of \$1,000 or more, you will get the prized Golden Flamingo of Bow Lake to show your commitment to the campaign."

"Bear-Paw is also looking for more people to lead the Bennett Island Forever campaign, and we are planning a round of fundraising parties on the Lake this spring and summer. If you would like to help host one, please contact Daniel Kern at the Bear-Paw office (603.463.9400 or info@bear-paw.org)."

Undeveloped islands are a rare natural resource in the eleven-town Bear-Paw region and on Bow Lake. Located in Strafford and Northwood, the Lake is part of the coastal watershed and is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including a pair of breeding Bald Eagles that live on Bennett Island and Common Loons that nest on and around it. Few people visit Bow Lake without taking a lap around Bennett Island to see the eagles and loons. The lake is also a popular spot for fishing, swimming, and boating.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is a non-profit land trust with a mission to conserve a network of lands that permanently protects the region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland. Bear-Paw now holds easements or land protecting 65 properties and more than 8,177 acres. Established by resident volunteers, Bear-Paw works to conserve open space in Allentown, Barnstead, Candia, Deerfield, Epsom, Hooksett, Northwood, Nottingham, Pittsfield, Raymond, and Strafford through outreach, education, and the completion of land protection projects. For information about Bear-Paw events, how to become a member, land protection options for landowners or volunteering with the land trust, please contact Daniel Kern at Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, P. O. Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037, 603 463-9400, or info@bear-paw.org. You can also visit their website at www.bear-paw.org.

JUNE IN THE GARDEN

The next meeting of the Strafford Garden Club will be held on June 5, 2017 at the Bow Lake Grange Hall at 1:00 pm. At 2 pm, Wendy Booth, past President of the NH Beekeepers, 2008 Beekeeper of the Year, and featured on NH Chronicle, NPR and in NH Magazine, will share her excitement for keeping bees and talk about the fascinating life of a honey bee. We will laugh and learn and laugh some more. Wendy's award winning bee photos have been printed in national magazines. There will be honey for tasting and honey recipes to share and take home. If you are thinking of keeping bees, enjoy gardening or love to hear about nature, then this will be a great presentation for you to attend. The public is invited.

The Garden Club would like to thank all those who participated in our Annual Plant Sale on May 27 and who helped make the Plant Sale a great success. This includes our sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers and, of course, our customers who came far and wide to purchase plants. HAPPY GARDENING!

June is a great time to plant vegetables needing warm soil (above 60 degrees) such as beans, tomatoes and peppers. You can continue to plant peas, lettuce and onions all summer long. Now is a good time to plant your herbs, especially basil, thyme and oregano. Cut back the stems before they bloom for the best flavor. If your peonies have bloomed, be sure to deadhead them and remember to provide support for tall flowers like delphiniums and Shasta daisies.

Be sure to look around Town and notice the gardens and barrels full of colorful flowers that have been planted by Garden Club members. Also, be sure to look for our dedicated crew at work in Gwen's Garden (previously known as the Dam Garden). It will be our pride and joy.

Summer is such a happy season both in and out of the garden. I hope you enjoy reading the following poem:

My Wife in the Garden

She dug the plot on Monday—the soil was rich and fine
She forgot to thaw out dinner, so we went out to dine.
She planted roses Tuesday—she says they are a must,
They really are quite lovely, but she quite forgot to dust.
On Wednesday it was daisies—they opened up with sun,
All whites and pinks and yellows—but the laundry wasn't done.
The poppies came on Thursday—a bright and cherry red
I guess she really was engrossed—she never made the bed.
It was violets on Friday—in colors she adores,
It never bothered her at all—the crumbs upon the floors,
I hired a maid on Saturday—my week is now complete.
My wife can garden all she wants—the house will still be neat!
It's nearly lunchtime Sunday—and I cannot find the maid,
OH no! I don't believe it!
She's out there with a spade!

Author Unknown



STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

At the May Round Table of the Strafford Town Republican Committee Senator John Reagan, Representative Kurt Wuelper, and Representative Mike Harrington joined us. We discussed SB 3 that seeks to provide better honesty in voting. Although there has been a hopeful investigation by the City of Dover into same-day registrants turning out valid, there are still local reports that are troubling, including 20 people claiming to live in Bear Brook State Park who all voted just before the closing of polls in Deerfield. The Secretary of State is working on a statewide database that will interface with surrounding states.

A number of energy topics were discussed including how bad an organization FERC is. The Federal Energy Regulation Commission offers no safeguards for cost increases during construction to protect consumers. What should clearly be risk of stockholders and investors is passed on to ratepayers with no effort to keep costs to bid.

We also discussed how Accessory Dwelling Unit requirements are going to be interpreted with regards to existing, non-conforming buildings and lots. The state budget and how receipts are coming in higher than expected were also touched on.

Please join us on second Mondays for the Strafford Town Republican Committee's Round Table discussion at Hill Library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Our next meeting is June 12, 2017.

HIGHER ELECTRIC RATES

You may think there is nothing you can do but there is. Eversource (aka PSNH) is going to raise the rates they charge for the energy supply portion of your electric bill. They are already much higher than the competitive suppliers, and they are going up. So what does one do? Go to <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Consumer/Choosing%20an%20Energy%20Supplier.html>. This is the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission website. (I am a former Commissioner.). It will provide a list of competitive electric suppliers that have registered with them. Not having looked at all the suppliers, I do not know all their rates, but I can assure you there will be many that will provide your energy portion of your bill for less than Eversource. How much? \$20 to \$45 (and maybe more) a month depending on how much electricity you use. Summer is coming; if you have central air conditioning or window units, a pool or a hot tub, your electric usage is going to go up in June, July, and August.

Many people ask me these questions: What about my bill? One bill from Eversource just like you would have if you bought your energy supply from them. What if I have an electric outage? The very well qualified line workers at Eversource (again, I say this as a former PUC Commissioner) are top shelf and do not know who you are buying your electric supply from. Even if they did, they have to provide the same service to all customers.

If you still have concerns and questions, contact me, your NH State Representative Mike Harrington, on this or any other issues at harringt@metrocast.net.



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NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

On-Line Vehicle Renewals & Dog Licensing—Avoid late fees; license your dog by May 31. You can renew your vehicle 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 (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. It’s easy and convenient. Only renewals can be processed online; allow one week for processing; all new vehicles, new boats, vehicle transfers, and new dogs must continue to be processed in person at the Town Clerk’s office.

REAL ID Information—On January 3, 2017, the New Hampshire DMV began offering Driver Licenses and Non-Driver Identification Cards that are compliant with Federal requirements, also referred to as REAL ID compliant identification. You are not required to obtain REAL ID compliant identification since other forms of identification, such as a Passport, will be accepted for domestic air travel and for other Federal purposes, such as entering secure Federal facilities until 10/1/2020. For those of you who wish to obtain a REAL ID, you will be required to provide several forms of identification including a birth certificate (certified or original) or your valid unexpired US Passport or Passport Card. Find the list of requirements here at <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/forms/documents/identification-residency-uscitizen-compliant.pdf>. See REAL ID FAQs here:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/driver-licensing/real-id/faq.htm>

Certified vital records available at the Clerk’s office include the following: Birth records from 1935 to present (except 1949 and 1950); death records from 1965 to present; marriage records from 1960 to present; divorce records from 1979 to present.

Need further information? Have questions? Please contact Christine Bane, Strafford Town Clerk, by phone at 664-2192 ext. 102 or email townclerk@strafford.nh.gov.

TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Strafford Town Democrats had a “berry” good meeting last month, as plans get underway for a fun summer Blueberry Festival and Bake-Off in Bow Lake Village from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, July 29. This will be a chance to taste and enjoy all things blueberry, from muffins and pie to blueberries and ice cream. Bring out your best blueberry recipes and plan to join the competition! Home-baked pies, jams and pastries will be for sale, as well as high-bush blueberries by the basket and frozen wild blueberries by the pound. Come celebrate Strafford’s own locally grown fruit! Watch for more details in the July *Calendar*.

The Committee will meet next on Tuesday, June 6, at Hill Library at 7 pm. Please join us. Stay in touch online at www.strafforddems.org.

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Trout Ponds—Open season is from the fourth Saturday in April (April 22) thru October 15. Daily limit is five (5) fish or five pounds, whichever limit is reached first.

Black Bass (Smallmouth Bass & Largemouth Bass)—May 15 to June 15, catch and release ONLY; July 1 to December 31, five (5) fish daily, no length limit.

Get your "Hunter Safety Course" early. Info at huntnh.com or call 603-536-1290.

If you didn't register that OHRV last year, do the 14-month registration available now—it will expire 06/30/2018. You can still register OHRV's for 2017, but it will expire 06/30/2017.

Mud Season is still here; get your OHRVs, dirt bikes, three- or four- wheelers and snowmobile registration at the Tax Collector's Office. You must be at least 18 years of age to register any OHRV or snowmobile. All registrants must have a valid driver's license. If you have not registered it in the past two years, you will need to know all the information about it (including the VIN #). Did you know that most of your registration fee goes to "Trail Maintenance"? Approximately 82% of snowmobile registration fee and 59% of OHRV's goes for trail maintenance of the "Trail System."

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.

HEROES OF GOD VBS!

Ever wish you could meet a superhero? Join us July 24 to 28, 2017 from 9 am to 12 pm for a week filled with amazing acts of heroism and faith! Come to Vacation Bible School to meet the ordinary men and women of the Bible who transformed into Heroes for God! We're also expecting visits from some of our very own local heroes—the Strafford Police and Fire Departments. No hero is complete without a superpower so plan on learning all about the power God's given each of us. Stay tuned for more details or email Laura Bascom (bascom.laura@gmail.com) for more info. What's better than meeting a superhero? Becoming a hero yourself!

Contact Laura Bascom (bascom.laura@gmail.com) to join our heroic team of VBS volunteers and make a difference in the lives of our heroes in training. We are especially in need of team leaders. You'll be leading teams of kids around to different stations and enjoying the fun with your team. This is a great opportunity for Coe-Brown students to earn community service hours.



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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB

After the rain of May, everyone (even this rain lover) is ready to embrace June sun and warmer weather. Bow Lake Village is humming this year with the newly re-opened Bow Lake Inn (come for dinner Thursday-Saturday!) and the beautifully renovated Uncle George's (formerly Sheilah's). Your Community Club is busy with our final preparations for our Pulled Pork Drive-Thru on Monday, July 3, 2017 and Ducks O'er the Dam on Saturday, September 2, 2017. In fact, a summer in Strafford is full of fun. Don't miss an issue of the *Community Calendar* to keep up with all our community offers.

Please see our special insert in this month's *Calendar* (thank you SCC staff!). If you're not already a member or sponsor of the Bow Lake Community Club, we hope you will join us. As your community connection, we offer the Grange Hall to the public and host groups such as the Lakeside Players, Boy Scouts, the Garden Club, and the Women's Club. Annual memberships start at just \$25. As our "thank you" you'll receive a complimentary hour of Grange Hall rental while helping us maintain this iconic landmark and community hub. To join us in serving the community, simply fill out the membership portion of the return envelope, visit us at bowlakecc.org, or call Martha English at 664-9089. Also, don't miss your Duck O'er the Dam entry in this month's insert. It will never be easier to reserve your bobbing beauties and help us celebrate the end of summer with your Bow Lake community on September 2.

Speaking of events, we want to express a special "thank you" to our very own Ed Gerhard for his beautiful concert at the Grange Hall on May 20. We are so fortunate he and Kelli

take the time each year from their busy touring schedule to play for the hometown crowd. Listening to his music is a treat, but experiencing him in person is a true gift. If you missed him this year, watch his concert dates for next year at www.virtuerecords.com and join us for this annual benefit and Food Pantry drive.

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's basket of items; Dumb Dog Pottery; Halo's Family Hair Salon; Heritage True Value 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; 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!

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It's Summer Reading time! Registration for our Summer Reading Program Registration will begin Monday, June 19. Summer Reading Prizes will be awarded to readers for amount of books and time read, reaching their reading goals and weekly logging in. We will kick the program off on June 24 at 12:30 pm with "Reptiles on the Move". Some of the weekly activities for the SRP will be Story Time on Mondays, twice weekly movies on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Craft/STEM projects on Monday afternoons, a Teen Trivia night and cupcake decorating contest, and Yo-yo Show and Throws. Join in the fun this summer!

Do you need help downloading your ebooks 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 and download ebooks from NH Downloadable Books Consortium, accessing thousands of titles.

New to Collection—New materials from SILC—the Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative—on April 13. Some of the new DVD titles are *Abduction*, *Ben-Hur*, *Farmageddon*, *Legend*, *Perfect Game*, *Sisters*, and *Wanderlust*. Audio titles are *Dream Lover* by Elizabeth Berg, *Guest Room* by Chris Bohjalian, *Dark Places* by Gillian Flynn, *Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler, *All Fall Down* by Jennifer Weiner. There are 40 other new titles as well. 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, June 14, 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—Looking for a new book to read? On June 1, *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron will be discussed at 6:30. July 6 is next month's book group date and *Small, Great Things* by Jodi Picoult will be the featured book. Come in and check a book or audio out and join in the discussion.

The Artists Group will meet on June 13 and 27 from 5-7 pm. Need some help with your computer or device? Computer Help with Matt will be June 8 and 22 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



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| Tuesday..... | 1:00–7:00 |

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Hill Library.....664-2800

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

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

50 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263 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 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Nottingham Community Universalist Church679-8400

106 Church St. (Rt. 156 & Church St.), Nottingham, NH 03290
www.nc_uc@yahoo.com Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

St. George's Episcopal Church868-2785

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

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 thelakesideplayers.org

Strafford Community Calendar
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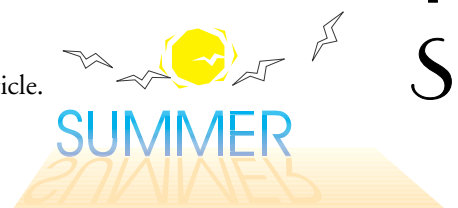
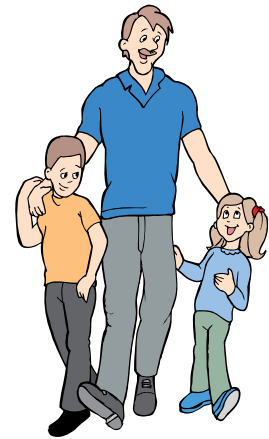
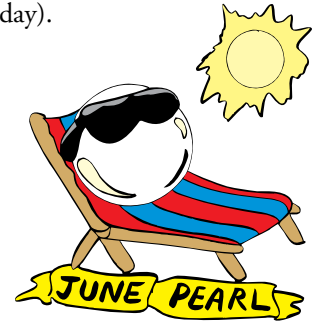
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The Christian Cupboard and USDA emergency food distribution site at the Christian Center continues to serve the Town of Strafford. Persons needing food are invited to come to the Center on Thursdays between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. for confidential emergency food distribution.

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| 1 | Thu | 8-10 am | Food Pantry at Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Thursday). |
| | | 6:30 pm | Book Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . |
| | | 7:30 pm | Planning Board meets at Town Hall. |
| 2 | Fri | 7:30 pm | AA at Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday). |
| 3 | Sat | 7-10:30 am | Pancake Breakfast at Bow Lake Fire Station; see article. |
| | | 9:00 am | Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church. |
| | | 9:30 am | Bow Lake Dam 15K/5K; see article. |
| 4 | Sun | | See Church Directory on <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services. |
| 5 | Mon | 10:30 am | Story Time at Hill Library (every Monday). |
| | | 1:00 pm | Strafford Garden Club meeting at Grange Hall; see article. |
| | | 4:30-5 pm | Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen; St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Monday). |
| | | 7:00 pm | Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department business meeting. |
| 6 | Tue | 5:30 pm | Selectmen meet at Town Hall. |
| | | 6:15 pm | TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday). |
| | | 7:00 pm | Strafford Town Democrats meeting at Hill Library; see article. |
| 7 | Wed | 5-6:30 pm | Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday). |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department EMS Training. |
| 8 | Thu | 6-7 pm | Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library. |
| | | 6-8 pm | Bear-Paw Trek at TL Storer Boy Scout Reservation; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> . |
| 11 | Sun | 4:00 pm | Bicentennial Planning meeting at Austin Hall; all are welcome. |
| 12 | Mon | 6:30 pm | Strafford Town Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department Training. |
| 13 | Tue | 5-7 pm | Artists Group meets at Hill Library. |
| | | 6:30 pm | Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome. |
| 14 | Wed | | FLAG DAY |
| | | 6:00 pm | Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library. |
| | | 6:00 pm | School Board meets in Strafford School Library. |
| 15 | Thu | | Deadline for July <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> . |
| | | 7:00 pm | Friends of Hill Library meeting at Hill Library; see article. |
| 17 | Sat | 7am-noon | Bear-Paw Biothon; see article. |
| 18 | Sun | | Happy Fathers' Day |
| 19 | Mon | | Summer Reading Program registration begins at Hill Library. |
| | | 6:15 pm | SAU 44 Joint Board Meeting at SAU office, Northwood. |
| | | 6:30 pm | 8 th Grade Graduation at Strafford School. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department work session. |
| | | 7:30 pm | Fire Department Officers meeting. |
| 20 | Tue | 5:30 pm | Selectmen meet at Town Hall. |
| 21 | Wed | | First Day of Summer |
| | | 12:30 pm | Last day Strafford School; early release. |
| 22 | Thu | 6-7 pm | Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library. |
| 23 | Fri | 7:00 pm | Historical Society Presents a Play at Old Waldron Store. |
| 24 | Sat | 8a-2p | Strawberry Festival at Northwood Congregational Church; see article. |
| | | 12:30 pm | Summer Reading Kickoff with Reptiles at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . |
| | | 7:00 pm | Historical Society Presents a Play at Old Waldron Store. |
| 25 | Sun | 2:00 pm | Sew & Chat at Hill Library. |
| | | 2:00 pm | Historical Society Presents a Play at Old Waldron Store. |
| 26 | Mon | 1:30 pm | Wellness Program hosted by Strafford Women's Club at Bow Lake Church; see article. |
| | | 2:30 pm | Strafford Women's Club meeting at Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church; see article. |
| | | 3-4 pm | Brush Bot Lab 1 at Hill Library. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department work session. |
| 27 | Tue | 2-4 | <i>Finding Nemo</i> at Hill Library. |
| | | 5-7 pm | Artists Group meets at Hill Library. |
| 28 | Wed | 9:30 am | Bear-Paw exploration of Freese Town Forest in Deerfield; see article. |
| | | 6:00 pm | School Board meets in Strafford School Library. |
| 29 | Thu | 2-4 pm | <i>Finding Dory</i> at Hill Library. |



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