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PHOTO CREDITS

Loons with twins—and Bears, Oh my! Thank you Pat Sims for your beautiful photos of a loon and her twin chicks that were born in June. One of Pat's loon portraits is on this month's cover, and another is on page 8. On page 9, Barbara Paiton shows us the bear who strolled through her yard recently.

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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.

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.



NH THUNDER CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM

Now accepting registrations for the 2017 season of NH Thunder Cross Country. The program will be held at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. Kids will participate in running games such as scavenger hunts, relay races, and obstacle courses while they learn the fun of running on the trails, being active, and making healthy choices. Participants will also receive a t-shirt to keep. We will have a small x-country race in conjunction with the Div. II JV State meet held at Coe-Brown for the NH Thunder athletes to end their season.

Cost is \$35.00 and is open to grades 1 to 4. The program begins on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, and runs through October 18. Time is 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the CBNA Track/Cross Country Trail. For more information, please contact Karyn Fisher at 5fishers@metrocast.net. You can register online at www.nhthunder.com.

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LIBRARY LINES

The Hill Library would like to thank George Preston and Allison Keough for their service to the library. George will be moving on to another Directorship closer to his home, and Allison will be returning to school to complete her MLS in New York. They both will be greatly missed! We also have some new faces in the library. Stop by to welcome Kat Paiva as our new Youth Services Librarian and Holly Dustin as a new Library aide. They are both eager to meet patrons and stir up some excitement in the library! We will also be hiring a new Director over the next month. We will introduce our new Director next month, so stay tuned.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Help Strafford receive the coveted "Granite State-Library Card Challenge" trophy! Come in and sign up for a Library card for yourself or your children, ages 5 and up. The library with the largest percent increase in new library cards wins.

Youth Programming—New Youth Programming is coming in September. We will be adding a Bouncing Babies lapsit on Thursday mornings at 11:15; this will run September 14 to November 16. This new story time is perfect for any baby under the age of two and his/her grown-up. Our Pre-school Story Time will continue on Monday mornings at 10:30 am from September 11 to November 13. Come in and sign up for a session today. Lego Creation Challenge: September 7 from 3:30-4:30. This program is open to kids of all ages. Choose a challenge card and create a Lego masterpiece. Bookmark Party: September 14 from 5-6 pm. Stop by to make a cool bookmark

and have a snack. Snap Circuit Engineers: September 18 from 3-4 pm. Kids aged 8 and up can work through simpler projects and work towards more advanced projects. Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: September 28 from 3:30-4:30. We are kicking off the school year with an exciting new graphic novel book club. Come discuss the book *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier and have a snack. Kids grades 5 and up are welcome to attend. Sign up and check out a copy of the book, available at the Library starting September 13.

Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, September 13, at 6 pm. Interviews are ongoing for a new Director. We are hopeful to have hired someone by September 13. Additionally, we have some new Trustees. Next meeting will focus on getting to know the Library Trustees. All Trustees meetings are open to the public. Stop by or call for more information, 664-2800.

Programming—Looking for a new book to read? On Thursday, September 7, *Killing Floor* by Lee Child, will be discussed at 6:30. Come in and check a book or audio out and join in the discussion. The next Book Club will meet October 5 and will discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Frederick Backman. The Artists Group will meet Tuesdays, September 12 and 26, from 5-7 pm. Need some help with your computer or device? Computer Help with Matt will be Thursdays, September 14 and 28, 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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New materials from SILC—the Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative—arrived on July 12. Stop in and check out our new titles. New audios: *Blood and Thunder* by Max Collins, *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fannie Flagg, *The Serpent of Venice* by Christopher Moore, *The Tomb* by F. Paul Wilson. New DVDs: *Unfinished Song*, *Jane Got a Gun*, *Magie*, *The Paper Boy and A Promise*. 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.

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The Strafford Women's Club will gather on Monday, September 25, 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.

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.**

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.



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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of the Strafford Garden Club will be held on September 11 at 1:00 pm at the Grange Hall. At 2:15 pm we would love you to join us to learn more about our continuing beautification project, Gwen's Garden, as well as a personal beautification demonstration just for you. Samples of face scrubs, masks, splash and bath salts made using homegrown herbs and produce will be provided as well as recipes for making the products.

Speaking of beautification, our road clean-up crew was at it again in August; removing trash from the sides of the road. Thanks to all club members who did the painstaking work led by Clarinda Donle.

At our August meeting, the following members were elected to office: Beverley Nemetz, President; Pamela Boyer, Vice President; Cynthia Knorr Bennett, Treasurer; and Juliet Perdichizzi, Secretary. Congratulations to all!

During the month of August, we delivered 13 Welcome Baskets to new residents in town. We are fortunate to have such a lovely and desirable community for the people who wish to live here. Thanks goes out to all those who donated and delivered plants and baskets.

September is the month to keep harvesting crops. Tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini top the list. While no one can have too many tomatoes or too many cucumbers, one can surely have too much zucchini. You know when you have too much zucchini if your neighbor finds them every morning in his mailbox; your relatives have locked their trunks; you have a

flute made out of a zucchini; you till under the zucchini plants but still have more today than you had yesterday; your kids are using it for building blocks; you spray your zucchini plants with sugar water to attract insects but they won't bite. Oh well, here's a little bit of help for your abundant zucchini harvest: <https://www.bing.com/search?q=zucchini+recipes&FORM=EDGNDT>. Enjoy September in the garden!

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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The Historical Society in the Shire of Strafford presents the 2017 First Annual Renaissance Faire on the grounds of the Old Waldron Store, 520 Province Road, Bow Lake Village, Strafford, NH, on Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. Lords and Ladies, Lads and Lassies, come see us at our humble abode.

What to do at the Faire you may ask? Many wonderful things await you. Crafts and playful games for children and prizes, too. Get game tokens at the Counting House. Get Knighted by the King and play croquet with the Queen and have cookies and lemonade with her, too. Lend an ear to fanciful music and wonderful storytellers at the Royal Stage or strolling on the grounds. Join the parade; all are encouraged to come dressed in Medieval attire. Bring your flags, noisemakers and step lively. Stop by our extraordinary vendors who have special wares to sell. Admission is \$8.00 each. Children 12 and under are free. Sign our Guestbook before you leave, and remember that all proceeds go to the Strafford Historical Society and 2020 Bicentennial.

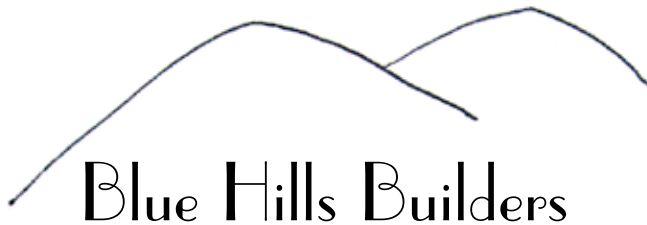


BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Our Annual Ducks O'er the Dam is on Saturday, September 2, 2017. There'll be fun for the whole family—food, games, and water games (for older children) starting at noon (Ducks launch at 1 pm). Do you have your six-quack yet? Ducks will be available to adopt at the Dam the day of the race. To beat the crowds ahead of time (by September 1), go to our website, bowlakecc.org, and find the "Adopt a Duck" link, or you can visit Uncle George's Market, Isinglass Country Store, or Karen & Julio's Diner. If you have any questions, contact David Murdoch at murdochwd@aol.com or 905-9897. It will be a quacking good time.

Calling all chili and chowder chefs! Do you have what it takes? Take the taste challenge on October 7 at our very popular annual Chili & Chowder Challenge. You don't want to miss it! Don't let your neighbor have bragging rights. To sign up for this popular event, call Michelle Benger at 664-5745 and throw your chef's hat into the ring!

Rental Dates in September!
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CONSERVATION NOTES

One of the pleasant things about living in the country is the sounds of summer nights. It is not uncommon to hear coyotes howling or the barred owl hooting “Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you all?” Another intriguing noise you may hear at night if you live in a wooded area is what sounds like a weak bird chirp. The sound is not a bird but rather that of the southern flying squirrel. These nocturnal animals are seldom seen. At best you might catch a glimpse of one in your headlights as they glide from tree to tree.

If you get out on Bow Lake, you will see several loon chicks that are getting big but not as big as the eaglet on Bennett Island. The baby is nearly as big as the adults. Were it not for its brown, juvenile plumage, one could not tell the difference. The Conservation Commission remains a strong supporter of the Bennett Island Conservation Project.

As a follow up to last month’s topic of junkyards, we would like to offer some guidance in the process of getting rid of unwanted vehicles. There are several businesses in New Hampshire that not only buy junk cars but offer free towing as well. Two resources nearby have websites to guide you through the process, www.junkmycar.com (877-808-5997) and www.junkcarcash.org (866-830-6037).



STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Fall greetings from the Strafford Town Democrats. Please join us at our meeting on September 5 at 7 pm at Hill Library to hear political updates and learn about opportunities for action in the year ahead. We will also de-brief on our successful summer blueberry bake-off. A huge thank you goes out to friends at Berrybogg Farm and many others in the community who supported this event. Bake-off contest winners included Sharon Omand for her creamy blueberry-lemon layer cake. Second place went to Nora Pohl for her blueberry-rhubarb crisp. Coming in third was a blueberry cake baked by Gini Mulligan. The award for “most creative” blueberry recipe went to Will Tracy for zesty blueberry salsa and chips. Ole! Keep up with committee events and news at www.strafforddems.org.



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HISTORICAL NOTES

This has been a busy summer for heritage lovers in our community. On July 17, the Strafford Historical Society was delighted to welcome Strafford KinderCampus to Austin Hall for a tour of the Society’s exhibits. It was a great time, and we hope to see them again soon.

On July 18, while Society members were visiting Strafford Ridge for this year’s summer road tour, JoAnn Brown, SHS President, Michael Harrington, State Representative, and Bryant Scott, Selectman, were honored to award the Boston Post Cane to Stephen O’Grady, age 101, at his home on Northwood Road; see separate article. Congratulations, Steve!

Please join us on Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 PM at Austin Hall for our next potluck supper, with a meeting to follow. Please bring a dish to share and a plate and silverware for your own use.

There is a lot of news for our Bicentennial planning effort. First of all, we would like to give a big shout-out to Shelby Almanzan and Bennett Dean who ran a lemonade stand to raise money for Strafford’s Bicentennial Fund. Their donation is the first private donation received! Their hard work is appreciated very much.

On the weekend of August 12 and 13, the Waldron Store/ Strafford Historical Society sponsored the first annual Art Show and Crafts Fair to benefit the Bicentennial Fund. We would like to thank all of the artists and the craftsmen exhibitors who participated. Congratulations to Molly Doe Wensberg, who won first prize, and to Leanne Keefe, runner-up. We would also like to thank Peter Casey and Angus Locke, our two judges. We look forward to seeing you all next year! Did you notice the “life at the lake” face-cut-out boards featuring vintage bathing outfits? Photo boards are great family fun, and we plan to make these available at different events with all donations to benefit the Bicentennial. Thank you to the artists: Marilyn Price, Anne O. Smith, Sally Allen, Rose Theriault, and Jim and Grace Youngren.

Our next Bicentennial fundraiser is the weekend of September 16 and 17, when the Waldron Store will host a Renaissance Fair; see separate article for more details.

Are you wondering how you can help plan for 2020? Please attend the next meeting of the Bicentennial Committee on Sunday, September 24, at Austin Hall at 4:00 PM. To stay connected, please email straffordbicentennial@gmail.com or check out the *Strafford’s 200th Anniversary August 2020* Facebook page.



Strafford KinderCampus students at Austin Hall: Jacob Lobdell, Zack Lobdell, Bryce Goodnight, Jason Pogorek, Rory Collins, Pogue Collins, Connemara Collins, Bradford Heath, Grace Marston, Andrew Marcoux, Lillian Vick, Harlan Kory, Paige Gosselin, Samantha Chick, Holly Gale, Kaylie Hodgdon



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STATE HOUSE UPDATE

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The Legislature typically meets from January through June each of the two years of the session; meeting after June only in special sessions most commonly to address any Governor's vetoes. This year was the first year of the session, and the biggest issue is as always the budget. For the first time in many years, the House failed to pass a budget onto the Senate. The proposed budget, though backed by Republican leadership, was not supported by some Republicans who thought it spent too much and by almost all Democrats who thought it didn't spend enough. The Senate passed a slightly different budget and sent it to the House. The House passed this budget with most Republicans supporting it and most Democrats opposing it. It was then signed by the Governor. Among other things, the new budget reorganizes multiple departments in State government; the duties are the same but which department does what is different as are the new department names. Many new laws were passed, but here are a few that could directly affect Strafford residents.

All Day Kindergarten Funding: Strafford passed all-day kindergarten at this spring's School District Meeting. This new law will provide a minimum of \$1,100/student, but this could go as high as \$1,800 depending on the amount of revenue generated from Keno, which was legalized as part of this bill. (Be advised that even at the \$1,800/student level the actual cost

will be much higher and the difference paid by local property tax payers.) Keno would still have to be voted in on a town-by-town basis and would only be allowed at establishments that have a license to "pour" liquor.

Marijuana Decriminalization: Possession of small amounts of Marijuana will no longer be a crime but a violation (similar to a speeding ticket). This does NOT make possession of marijuana legal! There is still a fine associated with possession of small amounts, and possession of larger amounts or sale or manufacture are still crimes. Also, possession of any amount is still illegal under Federal law. If you are drug tested by your employer who has Federal contracts, the new law in NH changes nothing.

Concealed Carry of Firearms: You no longer need a permit to carry a pistol concealed in NH provided you meet all other legal requirements to possess a pistol. In short, if it was legal for you to carry a pistol unconcealed under the old law, you can now carry one concealed. Of course, there are still many locations such as all Federal Buildings where no firearms are allowed. Carry permits can still be obtained, however, as these are required for those who wish to carry a pistol in other states that have reciprocity with NH. (Never make any assumptions on this; ALWAYS check with the State Police of the state you plan on visiting before you visit.)

Should you have questions on these or other State issues, please feel free to contact me. There will be a brief period in September where new proposed legislation can be filed. If you



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CBNA'S 150th CELEBRATION

CBNA's 150th will be celebrated during Homecoming Weekend September 15-17, 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 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.

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.

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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We are participating in a Dover Consignment Sale in September and can make some money by selling children's items at the sale. (Donations are needed before Labor Day.) Do you have children's clothing, kids' sports gear, baby furniture, books and toys in good condition that you might donate? Would you be willing to put your name on the volunteer list

and be contacted when we hold a fundraiser? Do you have ideas for fundraisers, or would you be willing to run one for us? We know that no one wants to see our children go hungry, so please consider how you might help. Please contact Sarah at northwood@end68hoursofhunger.org or Linda at lkramas@metrocast.net.

OHRVs, FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES

Purchase your Hunting & Fishing License and register your 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".

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 #).

Snowmobile club membership will save you an extra fee. The snowmobile club MUST be affiliated with the NH Snowmobile Association. Our local Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club is affiliated. It is not mandatory to belong to a club, but it does save you money.

You can purchase licenses and registrations on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 2, and on Tuesday from 1 to 6.

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NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017, Labor Day, and Monday, October 9, 2017, Columbus Day.

Change in the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program— Did you know that starting October 1, 2017 inspection stickers will be affixed to the lower, driver side corner of a vehicle's windshield? This change was prompted by many newer model vehicles being equipped with crash avoidance technology located in the area where inspection stickers are currently affixed. Read more at www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/.

Online Vehicle Renewals & Estimates—It's easy and convenient to renew your vehicle registrations or obtain an estimate on a new car or renewal by going to the Town website, www.trafford.nh.gov. Just click on the red Pay Online button found on QUICK LINKS on the home page and follow the E-Reg instructions. Estimates are free; additional fees apply when paying by e-check or credit card. Keep in mind that only renewals can be processed online; allow one week for processing and receipt of registration and decal(s); and all new vehicles and vehicle transfers must be processed in person at the Town Clerk's office.

For further information or questions, please contact Christine Bane, Strafford Town Clerk, at 664-2192 ext. 102 or email townclerk@trafford.nh.gov.

Strafford Trivia: The first road in town was laid out on

December 10, 1762. Over the years it has been known as Range, Fore, Felker and Babb Road. What is the name of the road today? I'll post the answer in the October *Calendar*.

28th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN STRAFFORD

On Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 9 am to 4 pm, at more than twenty locations, the *Christmas in Strafford* event takes place in homes, studios, Bow Lake Grange Hall, Waldron Store, and Bow Lake Church. All will be piled high with beautiful handcrafted products. (Please note that the Bow Lake Grange Hall and the Bow Lake Church will only be open on Saturday). On Saturday at the Grange Hall, enjoy a lunch of homemade soups, stews and chowders. Every location during the *Christmas in Strafford* event is a welcoming place filled with beautiful items and good cheer. Be sure to follow the map to each stop, and be ready to spend a fun day (or two) in Strafford. The map is available on November 1 in the *Strafford Community Calendar*, downloadable at the CIS website www.christmasintrafford.com and at local businesses.

Crafter Information—There is still time to join the fair at your own Strafford address. Call Mary Hoyt at 664-5787 for information. The deadline to be included on the map is October 2. Registrations received with payment after the deadline will be listed on the website only. Please remember all crafts need to be handmade or homemade by you the vendor.



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STEPHEN O'GRADY RECEIVES BOSTON POST CANE

On Tuesday, July 18, 2017, Stephen O'Grady became the proud recipient of Strafford's Boston Post Cane as the oldest resident of Strafford, NH at 101 years of age. The Cane was presented by JoAnn Brown, President of the Strafford Historical Society. Michael Harrington, Strafford's NH State Representative, presented a framed Citation from NH Governor Sununu. Also in attendance were Strafford Selectman Bryant Scott, and family, friends, and neighbors.

The Board of Selectmen are the trustees of the Cane. Strafford was one of 700 towns in New England to receive a gold-headed ebony cane from the publisher of the old *Boston Post* newspaper in order to honor the oldest living citizen of that town.

Mr. O'Grady is a healthy 101 year old and continues to mow the lawn and make repairs to the tractor. Steve was born on November 13, 1915 and raised in the "Whaling Capital of the World", New Bedford, MA. As a boy, three-masted ships were still combing the seas for the great whale. At the time, New Bedford was bustling with tool and dye manufacturers, cotton mills, and commercial fishing. It was one of the richest per capita cities in the World.

Steve served in the Army in World War II. At first, he was sent by President Roosevelt to help fight the American Union workers. He was one of 400 Military Policemen sent to Springfield, MA, to fend off strikes at the Springfield Arms Company. After the threat of strikes passed, Steve and his fellow soldiers were sent up to Aroostook County, Maine to help with the potato harvest. He was later trained as a Medic and sent to the Philippines in preparation for the invasion of Japan. However, the A-bomb made the invasion unnecessary.

After the War, Steve worked for the New Bedford School Department as a custodian in the same school his father had worked. Steve was a licensed steam boiler operator in charge of the school's large coal-fired boiler. Steve retired in 1978 and moved to the Kerivan farm in Strafford in 1980 with his brother, Francis O'Grady (1917-2002). Their sister, Rita M. Kerivan (1919-2017) joined them at the farm in 1996.

Steve shared what his very strict father told him—"If God had wanted me to smoke, he would have made me into a chimney." Steve never smoked and does not divulge his secret for longevity. One theory for his great health is attributed to diet—bacon and eggs for breakfast, fried bologna sandwiches for lunch, and meat and potatoes for supper, finished off with a Ring Ding or Twinkie. However, one must take into consideration his vice-free life, his "everything in moderation" attitude, work ethic, and a solid religious faith.



Left to right: Strafford's NH State Representative Michael Harrington, President of Strafford Historical Society JoAnn Brown, Boston Post Cane recipient Stephen T. O'Grady, Strafford Selectman Bryant Scott

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, you can take advantage of this offer. Just ask at Hill Library's circulation desk or go online for the forms (www.hilllibrary.org). Check out <http://museumsnewengland.org/> to find a wide variety of museums to select from for your next family trip.

Contacts

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Police Non-Emergency.....664-5644
Police Business Line664-7462
Dog Officer.....664-5644
Poison Control.....1-800-562-8236
All Emergencies.....911
Fire Department Business Line664-6863

Town Hall.....664-2192

Town Clerk's Hours (Ext. 102):

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday.....8:30–2:00
Tuesday.....1:00–7:00

Tax Collector's Hours (Ext. 103):

Monday & Wednesday.....8:30–2:00
Tuesday.....1:00–6:00

Town Office/Selectmen's Hours (Ext. 110 or 101):

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.....9:00–noon

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

Tuesday.....4:00–7:00

Planning & Zoning (Ext. 105)

Assessor (Ext. 107)

Hill Library.....664-2800

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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

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 Yacht Club

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

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

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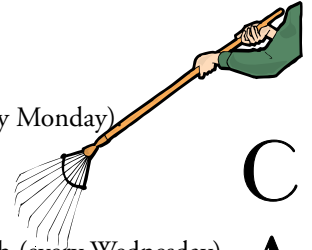
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September

1	Fri		No School.
		7:30 pm	AA meets in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
2	Sat	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.
		12 noon	Ducks O'er the Dam activities at the Dam by the Bow Lake Community Club; see article.
		1:00 pm	Ducks Swim O'er the Dam.
3	Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
4	Mon		Labor Day ; No School, Town Hall, and Post Office closed.
		4:30-5 pm	Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday)
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
5	Tues	6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
		7:00 pm	Strafford Town Democrats meet at Hill Library
6	Wed	5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday).
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS Training.
7	Thu	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		3:30-4:30 pm	Lego Creation Challenge at Hill Library.
		6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library.
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meets at Town Hall.
11	Mon	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time at Hill Library.
		1:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
12	Tues	5-7 pm	Artists Group meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
		6:30 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome.
13	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
		6-8 pm	Hill Library Trustees meet at Hill Library.
14	Thu	11:00 am	Bouncing Babies Lapsit at Hill Library.
		5-6 pm	Bookmark Party at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6-7 pm	Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo.
15	Fri		Deadline for October Strafford Community Calendar.
			CBNA's 150 th Celebration; see article.
16	Sat		CBNA's 150 th Celebration; see article.
		10:30a-4:30p	Renaissance Faire at Old Waldron Store; see article.
17	Sun		CBNA's 150 th Celebration; see article.
		10:30a-4:30p	Renaissance Faire at Old Waldron Store; see article.
18	Mon	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time at Hill Library.
		3-4 pm	Snap Circuit Engineers at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department officers meeting.
19	Tues	6:30 pm	Strafford Historical Society Potluck Supper & business meeting at Austin Hall; see article.
21	Thu	11:00 am	Bouncing Babies Lapsit at Hill Library.
22	Fri		Autumn begins.
24	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
		4:00 pm	Bicentennial Committee meeting at Austin Hall.
25	Mon	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time at Hill Library.
		1:30 pm	Strafford Women's Club meeting at Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church; see article.
		6:15 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board meeting at SAU office.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
26	Tues	5-7 pm	Artists Group meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
27	Wed	5-7 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
28	Thu	11:00 am	Bouncing Babies Lapsit at Hill Library.
		3:30-4:30 pm	Tween Book Club at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6-7 pm	Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library.



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