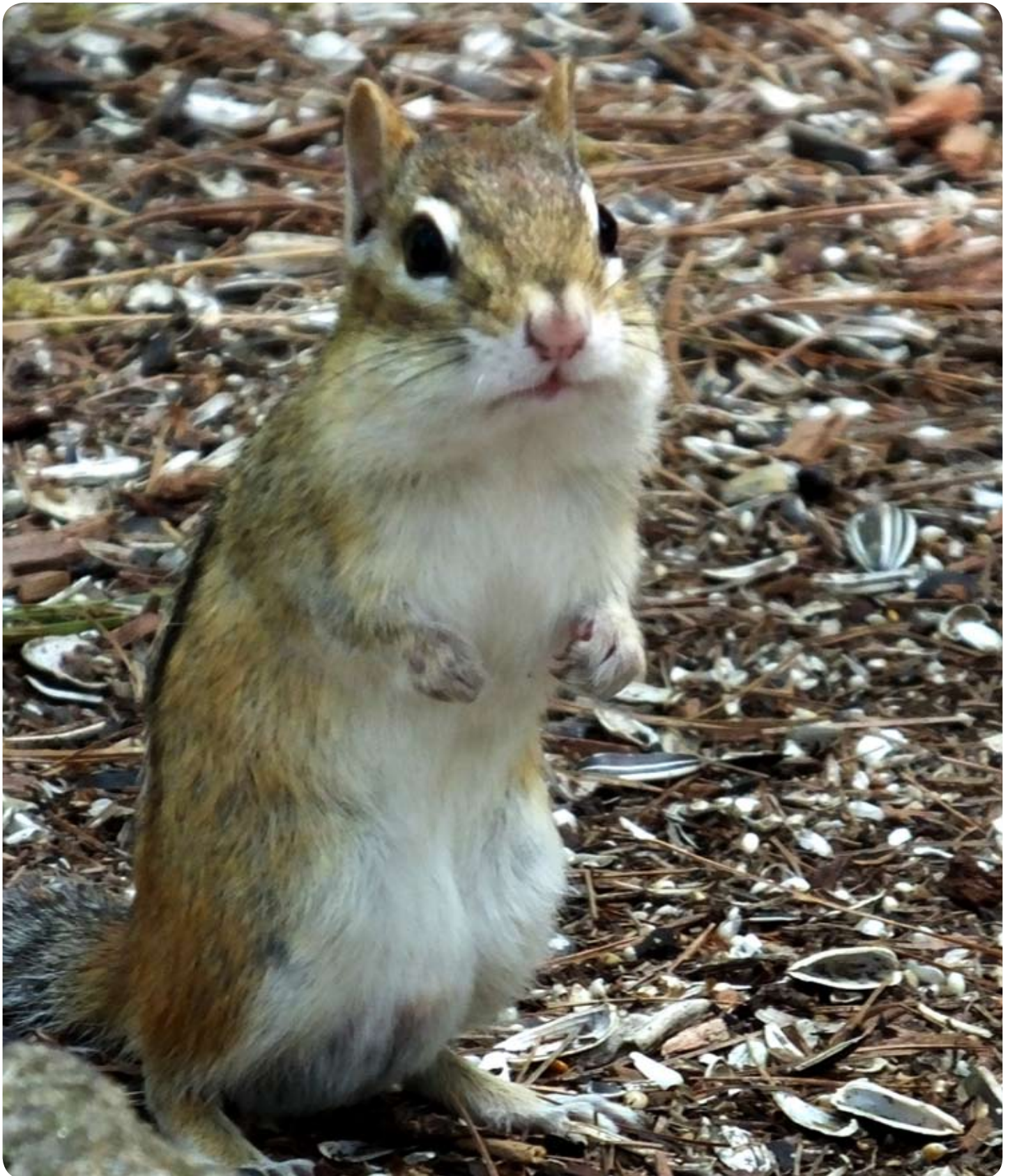


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## CAMP SENTINEL

It is time to start thinking about summer camp. Camp Sentinel is located in the foothills of the Ossipee Mountain range in Tuftonboro, NH. Established in 1949, Camp Sentinel offers a safe, fun, Christian experience for boys and girls ages 7 to 15. For more information, go to [www.campsentinel.org](http://www.campsentinel.org). Limited scholarships are available for Strafford residents. Further scholarship information is available through Lori Shiere from Third Baptist Church (664-6910) or Louise Matteson from Bow Lake Baptist Church (664-9753).



## NEIGHBORS LOVING NEIGHBORS

On Saturday, May 9, you are invited to team with the three Baptist congregations in Strafford to do work projects for our community. People of all ages will be available to rake, trim, paint, clean, stack fire wood or whatever chores you might need help with. Some folks will be working with the Strafford Historical Society at the Waldron Store. We have jobs for every skill and energy level. Some will roll bandages and make school, baby, and hygiene kits for the mission field.

If you have a project we could help you with, or if you would like to volunteer to be a helper, contact one of our Pastors: Rob Dix at 509-2224, Harold Muzzey at 664-7750, or Jeff Robie at 702-3068.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Hazardous Waste Day occurs annually for the proper disposal of hazardous waste products. "Hazardous" products contain the words *flammable*, *corrosive*, *explosive* or *toxic* on the product label. Prepare now to dispose of these items on Saturday May 2, 2015, at Turnkey Landfill, 90 Rochester Neck Road, Rochester, NH. More information will be made available at the Transfer Station and Town Hall as the date approaches.



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## HISTORICAL NOTES

The Town of Strafford's Bicentennial is coming up in 2020. Would you be interested in joining a committee to help plan our Bicentennial celebrations? Please contact any Society member to volunteer.

Spring is right around the corner and the Historical Society is ready to get working on a number of projects. Please note that this year's annual spring joint Barrington-Strafford Historical Society Meeting will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the Green Hill Chapel, Route 9 in Barrington. Jeremy D'Entremont will present a program on the history of Portsmouth Harbor Light. The Society also has a number of events planned for the coming months. Keep in mind the following dates. We will be hosting a tea at the Old Waldron Store on Sunday, May 17, and this year's theatrical production will take place at the Old Waldron Store with performances on June 19, 20, and 21. This year's annual yard sale benefitting the Society will take place on the weekend of August 8 and 9. We will be pleased to accept donations for the yard sale as soon as the weather settles.

We encourage you to check out the new plaque in front of Austin Hall from LCHIP. Now that structural restoration of the building has been completed thanks to the LCHIP grant, it is time to finish the project with a fresh coat of paint. We have been working to raise funds for painting the exterior of the Hall for several seasons, and it is not too late

to contribute. The Strafford Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible.

## THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH EVENTS

Please join the area churches for the following Easter Services: Maundy Thursday, April 2, at the Crown Point Church 7 pm; Good Friday, April 3, at the Bow Lake Church 7 pm; the Easter Son Rise Service 6:30 am April 5 at Third Baptist Church followed by a breakfast.

On Saturday, April 11 at 8 am please join the men of Third Baptist at the Men's Breakfast. On Sunday April 12, at 6:30 pm Third Baptist will be hosting a Hymn Sing with refreshments to follow. The musical group, The Home Folks, will be at Third Baptist on Saturday, April 25, at 6:30 pm. For more information concerning any of these events, please call Pastor Muzzey at 664-7750.



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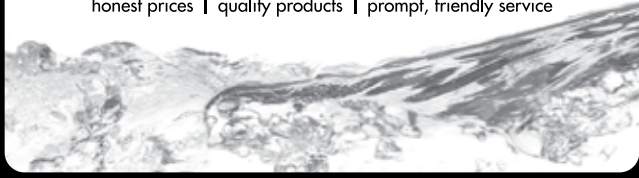
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New Library hours begin March 30. We will be open 11 am to 7 pm Monday through Thursday and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday. Please fill out your Library Questionnaires and return them to Hill Library. This will help us make the Library better suited to Strafford's needs.

Come in and check out some of our new books! *Boom!* by Tom Brokaw; *Euphoria* by Lily King; *As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales From the Making of the Princess Bride* by Cary Elwes; *I Must Say* by Martin Short; *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd; *The Empty Throne* by Bernard Cornwell; and *House Girl* by Tara Conklin.

Do you have a movie you would like to show or see? The Hill Library has a projector, big screen, surround sound, and a license for public viewing.

The next Trustee Meeting is Tuesday, April 14, at 6 pm. If you are interested in being a Hill Library Trustee Alternate, come by and see what the Trustees are all about. We also look for input on Library hours, staffing, and finances. If you need transportation to the meeting, please call 664-2800.

Our Preschool Story Time will be Wednesdays from March 18 to April 29 at 11:00 am. Join us on Thursday, April 23, at 6:30 pm for Book Club. This month's book is *Sunshine on Scotland Street* by Alexander McCall Smith.

Coming in April, new days for Cartoon and Drawing Club. The Club will now meet on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month—April 7 and April 16. The hours will be 5-7, and all are welcome. Call Anne with any questions at 664-2238.

Want to find out what is happening at Hill Library? Friend our Hill Library Facebook page. Wanted: Legos in the Library! Got bricks in your home that are no longer in use? We would love for you to donate them to the Library. Also, our Young Adult collection is growing but can use your help. If you have books or audios you would like to donate, please bring them to the circulation desk, thanks! All Hill Library events are free and open to the public.



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**YOUR BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS**

Watch for our membership mailing coming out soon! Membership levels start at just \$25, and each membership comes with a free hour of Grange Hall rental. If you or someone you know wants to join, please check out our new website, [www.bowlakecc.org](http://www.bowlakecc.org), or contact any one of our officers for more information. Every new membership takes us a step closer to meeting our \$10,000 goal.

It is just weeks before our much-anticipated event, *Your Just Desserts and Auction*, to be held at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Saturday, May 9, from 5 to 7 pm. Calling our talented local bakers for toothsome treats; contact Sheilah (of Sheilah's Deli & Market) at 664-2588 or email her at [sheilahc105@gmail.com](mailto:sheilahc105@gmail.com) to contribute your dessert creation. Come join us for delicious treats, foot-tapping music, and the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind treasures and valuable services donated by local craftsmen, artists, and businesses.

It is not too late to make your reservation for *Impersonators of Romance IV* at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, at 7 pm, and Sunday, April 19, at 2 pm. Celebrate the end of a long winter by dining on gourmet food by Randy Brisson of *Dining by Design* and enjoying first-class entertainment. For reservations and preferred seating, call or email Shelia Jenkins-Hamilton, BLCC President, at 664-9362 or [sjh@metrocast.net](mailto:sjh@metrocast.net). For more information on the production,

check out the Lakeside Players' website at [thelakesideplayers.org](http://thelakesideplayers.org).

The next meeting of the Bow Lake Community Club will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at the Bow Lake Grange Hall.

**SIXTH ANNUAL BOW LAKE DAM 15K/5K**

The excitement is heightening again this year as we grow nearer to race day! On Saturday, June 6, 2015, we are hosting a 15K run around Bow Lake and a 5K fun run to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The races start at 10 am with a 9 am start for 15K walkers. We are also debuting a toddler dash at the church following the main races at about 11 am. Join us for a healthy run and stay afterwards for live music, a cookout, and fun for the whole family! Sign up to run at [www.bowlakedam15k5k.com](http://www.bowlakedam15k5k.com). To support the event as a sponsor or a volunteer, email [racingtocureCF@gmail.com](mailto:racingtocureCF@gmail.com).

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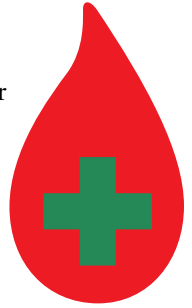

**SAVE THE DATE! CATAMOUNT WOMENAID EVENT**

Catamount Womenaid is having a Bowling Night on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 6:30-9 pm at Strikers East in Raymond. For the cost of \$125, teams of 4-5 players will enjoy 2 hours of bowling with shoe rental included. This popular event is in its third year and has been lots of fun for all who attended and raises money to help our neighbors in need. There are great prizes for bowling, and this year we are planning to have a Silent Auction that will tempt everyone to get in on the bidding fun! Catamount Womenaid provides emergency financial assistance to men, women, and children in Deerfield, Epsom, Pittsfield, and Strafford. To register, send a check to Catamount Womenaid, PO Box 81, Deerfield NH 03037 or pay online at [www.catamountwomenaid.org](http://www.catamountwomenaid.org). This year's event is dedicated to the memory of our favorite bowler, Mary Mahoney, a revered DCS staff member and friend to many in the community, including Catamount Womenaid.

Catamount Womenaid is looking for community-minded people to join our board of directors. We are a volunteer board that meets once a month to share ideas and plans. If you are interested in learning more, please email [catamountwomenaid@gmail.com](mailto:catamountwomenaid@gmail.com) and visit our website to learn more [www.catamountwomenaid.org](http://www.catamountwomenaid.org).

**SAVE THE DATE  
MAY 14, 2015**

The Strafford Women's Club will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, May 14, 2015, between the hours of 1 and 6 pm in the Community Room of the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Look for further details in the *May Calendar*; but in the meantime, please plan to give the gift of life and save the date.



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## CONSERVATION NOTES

Be on the lookout! We are about to have the Big Night! (if it hasn't happened already, which, given this winter and the snowpack remaining at *Calendar* deadline time, is unlikely). What is the Big Night? Several Conservation Commission members and others attended the presentation at Hill Library by Brett Amy Thelen of the Harris Center for Conservation Education in early March to learn about the one night that brings out the spotted salamanders, wood frogs, and others to make their way to vernal pools to mate and lay eggs. They will be moving in huge numbers from underground and under leaf litter often across our roads to find the pools almost always where they were born. Brett let us know that when three things are in place it is the amphibian signal—the snow needs to be mostly gone, the night temperature needs to be above 40 degrees, and it needs to be raining. When in early April we recognize that such a night is here, drive carefully! There will be places in town where they will need to cross roads to find their home vernal pool. A vernal pool is one that will dry up later in summer so that it can't support fish. If you know of one near your home, take a good flashlight out, and you may be able to see the spotted salamanders twining together in this amazing Big Night ritual.

At the March Conservation Commission meeting we discussed the idea of creating a composting area for Town residents. Russ Hunter of Bow Lake Estates had brought the

idea to the agenda and recognizes the challenges we would face in trying to do this. Such an area could be especially useful for residents who have smaller properties and not a great deal of space for leaf and grass clipping composting. Conservation Commission members invite all who are interested in this to help form an *ad hoc* committee to research the possibilities. If you would like to help investigate the ways this could be accomplished, let the Conservation Commission know by attending the April 6 meeting at Town Hall at 7:00 pm or just leave your name with Liz Evans at Town Hall, 664-2192.



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**STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS**

At their March caucus, the Town of Strafford Democrats elected a new slate of officers to guide committee activities over the next two years. Former State Representative Bob Perry will continue to serve as Chair, with Sharon Omand as his Vice-Chair. Jane Vachon was re-elected as secretary, and Roger Mumper will continue to serve as Treasurer. Josephine Mumper was voted in to serve as the committee's Delegate-at-Large to the New Hampshire Democratic Party State convention in September. Special guests included representatives from the NH Democratic Party and Democratic Executive Councilor Colin Van Ostern. The meeting included a lively discussion about messaging in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The Strafford Town Democrats will meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 7 pm at Hill Library in Strafford. Stay in touch online at [strafforddems.org](http://strafforddems.org).

**STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS**

At the March meeting of the Town of Strafford Republican Committee, we heard from Kurt Wuelper about doings in Concord and from many interested Republicans in the Strafford Town and School District Meetings. Please join us at Hill Library on Monday, April 13, at 6:30 pm. So much fun!

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

This year the Strafford Women's Club is offering two \$1000 scholarships to full-time, college-bound graduating seniors who are residents of Strafford. Scholarship application forms are available at Coe-Brown's Guidance Department or may be mailed to you upon request by calling Dr. Pamela Marks at 603-822-2563. Applications must be in our hands by 5 PM on April 30, 2015.



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## NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Please license all dogs by April 30—A reminder that all dogs 4 months and older must be licensed each year between January 1 and April 30. Avoid late fees. See below for details on licensing your dogs online!

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

NOTE: The State of NH now requires that the Town Clerk enter Drivers License numbers when processing titles/ title applications. Please have your license available for the Town Clerk.

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

## 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 appointments.

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

To request information about registering as a rider or volunteering as a driver, please email us at [info@readyrides.org](mailto:info@readyrides.org) or call 603-244-8719. Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be mailed to Ready Rides, P.O. Box 272, Northwood, NH 03261. Your gifts are tax deductible. Thank you.





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## SATURDAY MORNING FUN

The sun is up, breakfast and chores are done ... and what's next? On the second Saturday of each month, the answer to that is as close as Hill Library, Center Strafford. Bricks 4 Kidz® Rochester Portsmouth, a children's education and enrichment program, that offers unique educational LEGO® model building, has joined with Hill Library in Center Strafford to participate a no-cost build-for-fun Saturday program. The event will occur the second Saturday of each month from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. The next event will be held on April 11, 2015.

Using specially developed technic kits and model plans created by architects and engineers, children from 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will build motorized Lego® models of machines, vehicles, and other structures. Examples of models include a lunar rover and shuttle model from the "Space Adventures" theme and a carousel swing and swing-o-rama from the "Amusement Park" theme.

One of the primary goals of this education and enrichment program is the reinforcement of the math and science the children learn in school. The company's owner, Gordon Lubbers, of Farmington, NH, has a degree in Chemistry and years of teaching experience in both an academic and corporate setting. Other Bricks 4 Kidz® library build-for-fun programs are being offered in Farmington, Dover, Wakefield, Ossipee, and Rollinsford. Bricks 4 Kidz models have been consistently rated as "AWESOME!!!" by elementary school children in the Seacoast area.

Join Gordon Lubbers, Bricks 4 Kidz®, at Hill Library for some exciting motorized model building with new kits and plans that are sure to delight on April 11 starting at 12:00 pm. If you want to be an astronaut or enjoy the thrill of a fun ride, it's what's next for you! Come join the fun!



## STRAFFORD SWAMP STOMPERS

Well, we really can't complain about this winter from a snowmobiling standpoint. It was pretty darn good. Shoveling and snow removal, that's a different story. I'd like to thank all Club volunteers who helped keep our trails groomed and our equipment running to get us through this great season. I'd also like to thank our generous landowners for without each and everyone one of them our trail system would not exist. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 9, at Nippo Lake Golf Club. Start time is 7 pm. On tap are officer elections and summer plans.



## LAKESIDE PLAYERS



Join us for this year's first big production, a dinner show! Carol MacDonald's Impersonators of Romance IV will premiere here on the Bow Lake Grange Hall's stage on Friday, April 17, at 7 pm and continue to run Saturday, April 18, at 7 pm and Sunday, April 19, at 2 pm.

A great line up of "celebrities" presented by a talented cast—singing, dancing, comedy! There is something for everyone in this show!

This dinner show is being catered by Randy Brisson of *Dining by Design*. The menu entrees are Chicken Piccata and Eggplant Parmesan. Dinner will include appetizer, salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$27 per person. Reservations are required. To make reservations, email Sheila Hamilton at [sjh@metrocast.net](mailto:sjh@metrocast.net) or call her at 603-664-9362. You can also make reservations and pay with a credit card by visiting us on line at [www.bowlakecc.org](http://www.bowlakecc.org) or [www.thelakesideplayers.org](http://www.thelakesideplayers.org).

If you know any youngsters interested in the theater, the Little Lakeside Players will be returning to the Bow Lake Grange Hall stage with a production planned for August 7, 8 & 9. They will be looking for cast and crew starting May 11, 13 & 17.

## WHERE TO FIND THE

### STRAFFORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Here are the locations where you can find a copy of the *Strafford Community Calendar*: Elf's; Hill Library; Post Office; Strafford Town Hall; Strafford School; Isinglass Store; K & J's Diner; Sheilah's Deli & Market; Nippo Lake Golf Club; Northwood Garage; Northwood Physical Therapy; and online. The online version is posted in PDF format, complete with ads and working links on our website. Go to [straffordcommunitycalendar.com](http://straffordcommunitycalendar.com); click on Download Current Issue or Download Previous Issue; save to your computer.

## STRAFFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Strafford Library Association's Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 7 pm at Hill Library. We are not scheduled to elect officers until 2016 but will discuss how the Strafford Library Association, as the Library's friends group, helps support the Library. Our museum pass program (see separate article) is alive and well and waiting to be used. For updates on activities at the Library, check out Hill Library's website and Facebook page. Please join us on the 6<sup>th</sup> for the SLA meeting; all are welcome.



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**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Bow Lake Church continues to extend 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.

**STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB**

The Strafford Women's Club will meet on Monday, April 27, at 1:30 pm in the Idlepines Room at Bow Lake Church. Refreshments will be served. We welcome guests and new members. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Lucinda at 664-9200.


**MUSEUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

The Strafford Library Association (Hill Library's "friends group") offers a \$500.00 per calendar year fund for reimbursement on admission fees to any museum in New England. A family can request up to \$25.00 per visit per year (amount not to exceed the actual admission fees). All you need to do following a visit to a museum is fill out a reimbursement request form (which will include the patron's library card number) and submit it at the circulation desk in the Library, together with the receipt from your visit which shows the full cost, number of attendees, and the date. Requests made after the \$500 fund is depleted will not be processed. The required form will be available at Hill Library or can be downloaded from the Library's website—www.strafflib.org. There are hundreds of museums throughout New England. Visit the following websites for more information: <http://www.museumlink.com>; <http://visitnewengland.com>; or [HistoricNewEngland.org](http://HistoricNewEngland.org).




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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

After the long harsh winter, we are really ready for the gentler seasons in Strafford. As the snowpack recedes we should start to see the early spring bulbs peeking up—crocuses, daffodils, irises. But the bright yellow flowers of the forsythia are the real harbingers of spring. This early spring flowering shrub is prized for being a tough, reliable garden plant. It is fast and easy to grow, requiring little or no care once established. Plant in full sun to partial shade, in well-drained soil, and fertilize once a year in early spring. Use a high phosphorous fertilizer to promote bright blooms. It's a happy time as the garden wakes up.

The Garden Club has big plans this year, starting with our May Plant Sale. Norma Bishop is heading it up, and she is asking for help from members. Look for her sign-up sheets at the April and May meetings, and let Norma know how you can help.

Our first meeting of the 2015 season will be on April 20 at 12 noon (please note the date change). It is our Spring Pot Luck Luncheon, and this year Marilyn Carriere will host it at her home. President Carol Thompson hopes that everyone will attend for a nice reunion, bring a favorite dish to share, and be ready to

start planning our busy schedule. We have taken on a new project this year—flower beds at Town Hall—and our first workday will be Friday, May 1, to clean up and spread mulch.

There are some great trips coming up too—April 21, tour of the Frizz Home Gardens in Bedford, with lunch at the Copper Door; May 20, visit to Uncanoonic Mountain Perennials, lunch at the Putnam Lakeside Restaurant. Watch for information on more trips in this space.

Everyone is welcome at the Strafford Garden Club. If you're not already a member, consider joining this year. We meet on the first Monday of the month, at 1:00 pm downstairs at the Grange Hall, usually. See you at the meeting.



# Contacts

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical Emergency.....911  
 Police Non-Emergency..... 664-5644  
 Police Business Line ..... 664-7462  
 Dog Officer..... 664-5644  
 Poison Control..... 1-800-562-8236  
 All Emergencies.....911  
 Fire Department Business Line ..... 664-2915

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  
 Monday through Thursday.....11:00–7:00  
 Saturday.....10:00–2:00

### Recycling Center Year-Round Hours:

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

**Strafford Post Office..... 664-2118**  
 1079 Parker Mountain Road (Rt. 126), Strafford, NH 03884

### Monday–Friday:

Retail Service .....8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
 Lobby & Post Office Box Access .....6:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday:

Retail Service .....8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Lobby & Post Office Box Access .....6:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Bow Lake Baptist Church .....664-7401**  
 530 Province Road, Strafford, NH [www.blfwbc.org](http://www.blfwbc.org)  
 Worship Service (Sunday School & Child Care Available)..... 10:00 a.m.

**3rd Baptist Church of Ctr. Strafford.....664-7750**  
 Sunday Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.

**Crown Point Baptist Church..... 509-2224**  
 274 First Crown Point Rd.  
 Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church..... 942-8716**  
 Rte. 4, Northwood  
 Sunday Mass..... 10:00 a.m.

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

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church .....435-7908**  
 50 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263 [www.ststephenspittsfieldnh.org](http://www.ststephenspittsfieldnh.org)  
 Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

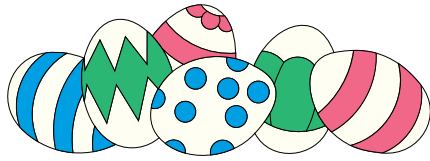
**New Hope Church.....285-3533**  
 34 Raymond Rd. (Rte. 156), Nottingham, NH 03290  
[www.new-hopechurch.com](http://www.new-hopechurch.com)  
 Sunday Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**Nottingham Community Universalist Church .....679-8400**  
 106 Church St. (Rt. 156 & Church St.), Nottingham, NH 03290  
[www.nc\\_uc@yahoo.com](http://www.nc_uc@yahoo.com)  
 Sunday Service..... 10:00 a.m.

**St. George's Episcopal Church .....868-2785**  
 One Park Court at 14 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824  
[www.stgeorgesdurham.org](http://www.stgeorgesdurham.org)  
 Sunday Services..... 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

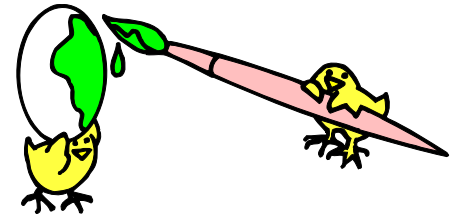
**Northwood Advent Christian Church.....834-0863**  
 113 School St, Northwood, NH  
 Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.

**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.**



# Calendar of Events

## April 2015



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|----|------|-----------|---|
| 1  | Wed  | 11:00 am  | Story Time at Hill Library (every Wednesday).   |
|    |      | 5-6:30 pm | Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.).            |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department EMS training.   |
| 2  | Thur | 8-10 am   | Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).   |
|    |      | 7:30 pm   | Planning Board meets at Town Hall.  |
| 3  | Fri  | 7:30 pm   | AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).   |
| 4  | Sat  | 9:00 am   | Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.   |
| 5  | Sun  |           | <i>Happy Easter</i><br>See Church Directory on <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services. |
| 6  | Mon  | 5-6:00 pm | Free Dinner, Interfaith Community Kitchen; St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Mon.)       |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Strafford Library Association meeting at Hill Library; see article.                               |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department Business Meeting.   |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall.   |
| 7  | Tues | 5-7 pm    | Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 6:15 pm   | TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).                                |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Strafford Historical Society's Joint Meeting with Barrington; see article.                        |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Town of Strafford Democrats meet at Hill Library.   |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | PTO meeting.  |
| 8  | Wed  | 6:00 pm   | Strafford School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.                                       |
| 9  | Thur | 7:00 pm   | Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo; see article.                           |
| 11 | Sat  | 8:00 am   | Third Baptist Church Men's Breakfast.   |
|    |      | 12 noon   | Bricks 4 Kidz; see article.   |
| 12 | Sun  | 8:00 am   | Annual SRS Bow Lake 5K; see article.  |
|    |      | 6:30 pm   | Hymn Sing at Third Baptist Church; see article.   |
| 13 | Mon  | 6:30 pm   | Town of Strafford Republicans meet at Hill Library; see article.                                  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department training.   |
| 14 | Tue  | 6:00 pm   | Selectmen meet at Town Hall.  |
|    |      | 6:00 pm   | Library Trustees meet at Hill Library.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.  |
| 15 | Wed  |           | <b>Deadline</b> for May <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> .                                     |
| 16 | Thur | 5-7 pm    | Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.   |
| 17 | Fri  | 7:00 pm   | Lakeside Players Present <i>Impersonators of Romance IV</i> ; see article.                        |
| 18 | Sat  | 6:30-9pm  | Catamount Womenaid Bowling; see article.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Lakeside Players Present <i>Impersonators of Romance IV</i> ; see article.                        |
| 19 | Sun  | 2:00 pm   | Lakeside Players Present <i>Impersonators of Romance IV</i> ; see article.                        |
| 20 | Mon  |           | Strafford School spring vacation; 4/20 through 4/24.  |
|    |      | 12 noon   | Strafford Garden Club annual potluck lunch; see article.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.  |
|    |      | 7:30 pm   | Fire Department Officers Meeting.   |
| 22 | Wed  | 6:00 pm   | Strafford School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.                                       |
| 23 | Thur | 6:30 pm   | Book Club meets at Hill Library.  |
| 25 | Sat  | 6:30 pm   | "The Home Folks" Concert at Third Baptist Church; see church article.                             |
| 26 | Sun  | 2:00 pm   | Sew & Chat at Hill Library.   |
| 27 | Mon  | 1:30 pm   | Strafford Women's Club meeting in Idlepines Room of Bow Lake Church; see article.                 |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.  |
|    |      | 7:00 pm   | SAU 44 Joint Board meeting in Strafford.  |
| 28 | Tue  | 6:00 pm   | Selectmen meet at Town Hall.  |

