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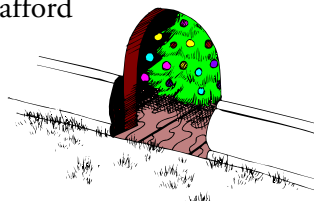
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Deb Liskow took the photo on this month's cover. The photo on page 8 was sent in by Carolyn Page, photo of fall grasses on page 10 is by Jean Ewen, and the photo on page 11 was sent by Kathlene Steinmuller. Bill Hodgdon took the photo on page 13. Thanks all!

Send your photos to staff@straffordcommunitycalendar.com.

STRAFFORD LINKS

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



CBNA WINTER CONCERT

Come one! Come all! You are cordially invited on the night of Monday, December 15, at 7 pm to attend the annual Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Music Department's *Winter Concert* in the sanctuary of the Bow Lake Church. Sponsored by the Strafford Women's Club, at no charge, you will experience a variety of talent by means of ensembles, solos and quartets, with instruments and special chorus under the direction of Mr. Bruce McCormick. Take some time out of your busy day, enjoy the gift of music, and have some light refreshments in the Idlepines Room immediately following the concert. There will be a box at the door for food pantry donations and a basket available for monetary donations to benefit the Strafford food pantry. In case of inclement weather, please call one of the following to check for cancellation: Jane 664-9202 or Alice 664-2690 or Lucinda 664-9200.

APPRECIATION PARTY AT HILL LIBRARY

Strafford Library Association is hosting an appreciation party for Ken Berry upon his retirement as Library Director. Please join us as we honor Ken's many years of dedicated service on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 1:00 pm at Hill Library. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

NEW YEAR'S GAME DAY

How are you planning to spend New Year's Day? How about celebrating the New Year with friends and family in the community? Third Baptist Church will be hosting a New Year's Family Game Day, where we will be playing board games, card games, and video games from 1 to 5 pm. What games, you ask? Well, I'm so glad you brought that up—the board and card games will be your favorites like Monopoly and Uno as well as some new ones like Tetris Link and Star Flux; plus if you have a favorite game, bring it and let's play. For video games we will be offering Minecraft on the XBOX 360, Crash Team Racing or Crash Bash on the PlayStation 1, and lastly Super Smash Bros Wii U! To add to the fun that these various games offer, there will be a Dominion tournament at 1:30 pm and a Super Smash Bros tournament at 2:30 pm, both with grand prizes of a \$20 Amazon gift card and \$20 GameStop gift card, respectively. Super Smash Bros is a fighting party game, and Dominion is a strategy card game—come early for a tutorial. At 5 pm we will enjoy a potluck dinner with tasty home cooking, and feel free to bring a dish along, too. Finally, at 6 pm we will round off the day with the movie *Soul Surfer* on a big screen. So, if you think this sounds like a super fun way to spend your New Year's Day, stop by Third Baptist Church. Come on over when you'd like and leave when you need; we would love to see you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail abascom08@yahoo.com for further details.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

NORTHWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Northwood Congregational Church will be hosting their annual "Christmas By Design" Fair on Saturday, December 6, from 9 am to 1 pm. Popovers (fresh and hot from the oven) will be available all day, and a variety of homemade soups and bread will be available for lunch. The fair will also have a Greens table; Dominican Republic coffee and vanilla; SERRV and Heifer Project tables; second time around jewelry table; raffle baskets; bake sale; and some tables of local craftspeople offering their hand/homemade items including maple syrup, knitted mittens, jelly, pickles, and jam. Enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate while you browse two rooms of table offerings. The Church is located next to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, 881 First NH Turnpike/Route 4. We hope you will join us on December 6 for some fun and unique shopping.



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.

In October we completed our first full year of operation. Starting with our first ride in February, we completed 774 trips this first year. This included 105 rides for Strafford residents and 238 for Northwood residents. The last month of our fiscal year we completed a total of 117 rides.

We continue to see a rapid 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 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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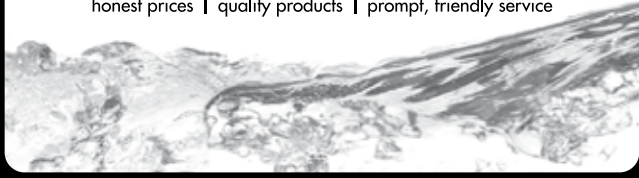
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Winter Town Hall Closed Schedule: Wednesday/Thursday, December 24/25, 2014 – Christmas Holiday; Wednesday, December 31, 2014 – Closed at 12:00 noon; Thursday, January 1, 2015 – New Year's Day; Monday, January 19, 2015 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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 (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; 2015 dog renewals can be processed online beginning January 1, 2015; allow 1 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.

NEW: 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. We wish you all a happy Holiday Season!

NORTHWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

December services and gatherings include Sunday, December 14, Children's Pageant at 9 am; Wednesday, December 17, *Pot Luck* at 6 pm, *Caroling* at 6:45, and at 7:15 the Rev. Maren Tirabassi will entertain with *Christmas Stories*; Sunday, December 21, at 9 am join us as we prepare for Christ's coming; Christmas Eve Services at 7 pm for family service with music and candles and at 11 pm for a service with candles, music and Holy Communion; and Sunday, December 28, at 9 am come and walk the labyrinth and experience Christ's loving accompaniment. For further details, call Jane at 664-9202.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

In 2015 the Strafford Women's Club will be offering a scholarship to a full-time, college-bound graduating senior who is a resident of Strafford. Scholarship application forms will be available after February 1, 2015, at Coe-Brown's Guidance Department, or may be mailed to you upon request by calling Dr. Pamela Marks at 603-822-2563.

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LIBRARY LINES

Come in and check out our new adult bestsellers: Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly; Edge of Eternity by Ken Follett; Burn by James Patterson; The Bone Clocks by David Mitchell; Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good by Jan Karon; Deadline John Sandford; Gray Mountain by John Grisham; and many more.

New Children's, Youth, and Young Adult books: Percy Jackson series, Ranger's Apprentice, The Contract by Derek Jeter and Paul Mantell; Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper; A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park; and The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate.

We also have many new additions to our book store, located on the book shelves to the right as you enter the Library. Come browse and stock up on children's books, best sellers and non-fiction. Start your Christmas shopping here!

The Hill Library Board of Trustees is excited about the ongoing process of finding a new Library Director. They are narrowing the search and are hoping to announce the hire of a new Director soon.

The next Trustee Meeting is Wednesday, December 3. There is a Trustee Workshop from 5 to 6 pm and a Trustee Meeting from 6 to 7 pm at Hill Library. We look for input on library hours, staffing, and finances. If you need transportation, call 664 2800.

We have enjoyed having Storytime here for the months of October and November. The children have enjoyed songs,

books, and crafts with Marisa McCutchen. We will be taking a break for the month of December. Stay tuned for Storytime postings in January. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun activity, please call 664-2800. Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:30 am.

All Hill Library events are free and open to the public. Come in for these December events: Cartoon and Drawing Club December 2 & 16 from 5-7 pm, Trustee Meeting December 3 from 5-7 pm, Open Mic Night "Bring Your Own Holiday Song" December 4; Book Club Christmas gathering December 18; and Sew & Chat on Sunday, December 28, at 2 pm.

SAVE THE DATE!

When—Friday, February 6, 2015, from 5 to 7 pm, for the annual Strafford Women's Club Ham & Bean Supper at the Bow Lake Grange Hall, to benefit the SWC Scholarship Fund for Strafford high school seniors. On the menu are baked ham, prize-winning baked beans, homemade side dishes, and desserts. Snow date will be Saturday, February 7, 2015.

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BSA TROOP 23 HAPPENINGS

Troop 23 would like to extend a big thank you to the citizens of Strafford for another successful "Scouting for Food" campaign. Through your generosity, over 500 items were collected and added to the food pantry located in the Christian Center at Third Baptist Church. The food pantry serves the citizens of Strafford. This is a great example of neighbors helping neighbors.

By the time this is published, you should have received your popcorn order from your Scout. Again, the Troop extends its thanks for all the support of local Scouting. One thing is for sure, Strafford supports its military with popcorn! One of our Scouts collected \$750 in military donations from his customers, more than any other Scout in the entire Daniel Webster Council.

Please join us for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Grange Hall on Sunday, November 30, starting at 5 pm. Christmas Carols will be sung and refreshments served.

The Troop will be gathering on Saturday, December 13, for a "Target First Class" day. They will be working on skill requirements with an eye towards advancing to the rank of First Class Scout. For those who do not know the ranks, they are in order as follows: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. Speaking of advancement, the Troop is always looking for Merit Badge Counselors. If you have a skill, hobby, vocation, or avocation that you'd like to share, please let us know. With over 130 merit badges

available for the Scouts to earn, there is probably a match there!

Congratulations to Troop 23's newest Eagle Scout, Beau Pattenon! Beau completed all his requirements before his 18th birthday. This included a number of challenging merit badges as well as his Eagle project, a complete rehab of the breezeway connecting the Strafford Police Station to the garage. Beau managed this project, which took over 500 man-hours, including the planning, fund-raising, collecting materials, as well as the work itself. Great job!

If you need more information, please contact us at StraffordTroop23@gmail.com, and someone will get back to you right away. Please watch this space each month for updates on Troop activities, and thank you for supporting Scouting in Strafford!



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BIG TREE

Cal Schroeder found a Strafford County champion red maple on his back property line. That's not exactly "in his own backyard" but close enough. Cal noticed that our Town had lots of sugar maples on the list and one striped maple, but no reds. So he took a measuring tape out to an old red maple growing on the stone wall between his property and his neighbor's. Sure enough, it was not only big enough to be the Town champ but turned out to be larger than the former County champ in Barrington.

The Schroeder's red maple trunk is 110 inches (9 feet 2 inches) in circumference at four and a half feet off the ground, 78 feet tall, and has an average crown spread of 35 feet.

Hope this inspires more of you to look for and appreciate big trees. Some very obvious trees that we are missing from our Town list are Common Apple (not grafted), aspen, beech, gray birch, river birch, any of the cherries and American chestnuts. That's just the start of the alphabet. You can see a complete listing of the New Hampshire Big Trees at nhbigtrees.org.

If you want to know more about the Strafford Town list or if you find a big tree in your backyard (or woods), call Carolyn Page at 664-2934 or email at carolynenzpage@gmail.com.



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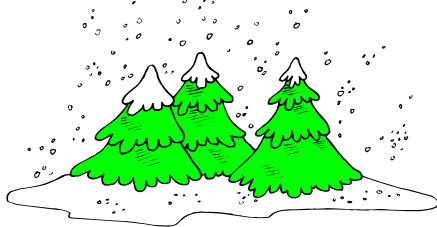
Loon or just plain worded signs with antique crackle finish can still be ordered. Your island or special cottage/home can be immortalized with a sign which is made in Maine. They average either \$28 or \$38 depending on size and can be customized with delivery by Christmas. Mugs also can be ordered if I reach a minimum order of 24 camp mugs. Bow Lake items available always @ Isinglass Store on 202A. Thanks for a great 2014. May you have a wonderful holiday season and a blessed New Year! Sally Knowlton 603-664-5863.

Check out the new art available at the store. Eric's Deli rocks! The food is great, and he has some unusual items—all delicious! Also the beer selection is great. Ice cold beer and something from the deli makes a great combo!!

STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS

The Strafford Town Democratic Committee will gather for a holiday potluck at the home of Jane and Dennis Vachon (1350 Province Road) on Saturday, December 13, at 6 pm. Please plan to join us for a sociable evening if you are interested in working together to ensure that health care and living wages are there for the middle class, that elections are clean and fair, that the environment is protected, and that communities are able to offer quality education for our kids. The Strafford Town Democratic Committee works year-round to educate the community and support candidates who further these and other important goals. The holiday potluck dinner will be a nice opportunity to relax and meet fellow Democrats in Town as we celebrate the re-election of two prominent New Hampshire Democrats—Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Governor Maggie Hassan. Please bring a friend and a dish to share. RSVPs appreciated; call 664-9974.

The holiday gathering will take the place of the Strafford Town Democrats' regular monthly meeting. Stay in touch online at strafforddems.org.



**STRAFFORD SWAMP STOMPERS
SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

It's no secret that winter is almost here. As I write this, we've already received our first dusting of snow. The Swamp Stompers have been busy preparing our trail system for winter travel. Trees have been trimmed and bridges repaired. We've also done upgrades in signage with location trail maps at each of our major intersections. Things are looking good!

Come see the Swamp Stompers on December 6 at the annual *Christmas in Strafford* event. We'll have our usual spot at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Look for our great raffle prizes donated by local (and some not so local) businesses. We'll also have our Swamp Stomper gear including our new T-shirts in several new colors. You can also sign up for membership in the Club the day of the event if you haven't already done so. Also on display outside will be the 2015

NHSA Super Raffle snowmobile which we are selling tickets for again this year. Tickets for the raffle sled are \$20 each and only 1000 tickets will be sold so the odds are excellent.

Our next meeting will be held December 11 at Nippo Lake Golf Club from 7 to 9 pm. Hope to see you there. Think snow!

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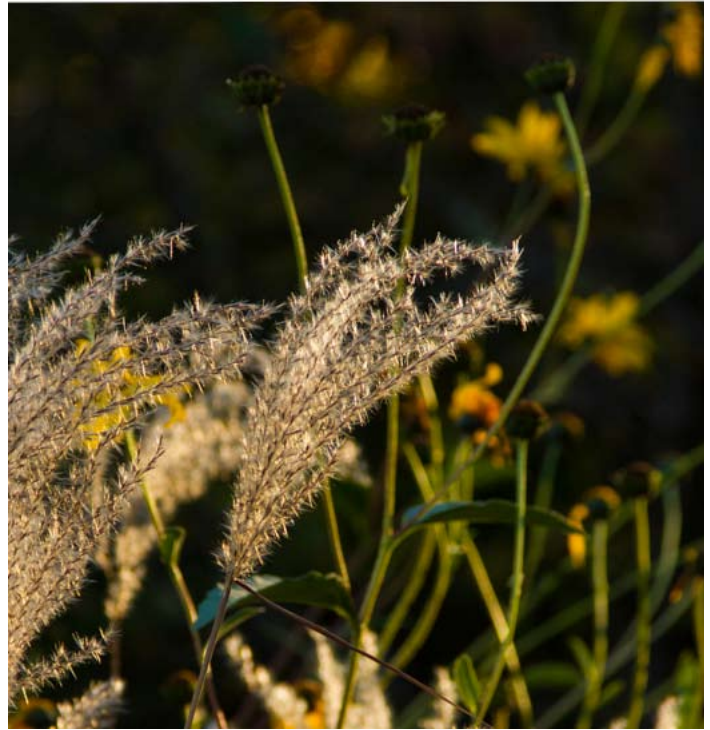
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Hosted by Nine Lions Tavern, 4 North Road, Deerfield (www.ninelionstavern.com/), please join us for Pancakes with Santa on Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 9 am to noon. For \$10 per child this includes a pancake breakfast, a professional photograph by Christine Driscoll Photography (christinedriscollphotography.com/) and a craft to take home. Breakfast buffet will be available for purchase. Email us if you need additional info—catamountwomenaid@gmail.com.

We are offering cards for sale by local artist Mike Driscoll, \$2 each or 6 for \$10. These beautiful blank cards featuring a snowy cottage will make wonderful holiday cards. Buy a package of them to give as a gift. Visit the website (www.catamountwomenaid.org/buycards/) for information on how to purchase cards.

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Welcome to the 25th Annual "Christmas in Strafford" 2014 Craft Fair

A Wonderful way to spend The Day

Place: Strafford, NH
Dates: Saturday and Sunday December 6 & 7
Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

If "Christmas in Strafford" is new to you, it's a time when the local artisans and crafts people of Strafford, NH (and friends) open their homes and studios to the public. 20+ locations are open where refreshments are served and all manner of handcrafted items are available for sale. Also, included are the Bow Lake Grange Hall where you can stop for lunch on Saturday and Historical Waldron Store where you can stop for refreshments on Saturday and Sunday, provided by the Strafford Fire Department.

Beautiful, handcrafted items are at every location!

A number of our craftsmen are juried "League of New Hampshire Craftsmen" and all of our craftspeople offer high quality handcrafted products.

A Basket full of offerings from the participating artists will be raffled. Proceeds to benefit local charities. You can purchase tickets at each stop.

~Official maps with stop descriptions available at: Hill Library, Isinglass Country Store, Sheilah's Deli, & Strafford Town Hall. Or download one from www.christmasinstraftordnh.com~

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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB NEWS



This is the season we put our gardens to bed for the winter. Our responsibilities include the Dam Garden, as well as the many little garden beds and planters we take care of around town. This year we are adding the Town Hall landscape for thinning, mulching, and general beautification, so be on the lookout for signs of this in the spring. And, of course, we always welcome helpers on our workdays, a great way to get a little exercise, make friends, and give back to your community.

Holiday activities are happening this month, as you would expect. The group will make Kissing Balls on Monday, December 1, from 10 am to 12 noon, at the Grange Hall, coordinated by Carol Thompson this year. Please bring evergreens (except hemlock) and decorations. Our Holiday party will be at Mary Lee's home, 55 Pointe Trinity, at 12 noon on December 8. It's potluck so bring your favorite dish to share. For the Yankee Swap, "as seen on TV" gifts (\$5-20 range) are encouraged.

Flower of the Month—If you want fall flowers in your garden, the *Montauk Daisy* is the way to go! It is lovely in

a rock garden, can serve as a specimen plant and makes for a good cut flower. It attracts butterflies and bees, but is rabbit and deer-resistant (yay!). For care, grow this perennial in full sun; soil can be just average in fertility, as long as it is very well-drained; trim in the spring or early summer to encourage it to be more compact. (Source: Landscaping.about.com)

So, that's the news. We take a much-deserved break during the winter, when many of our members go south to work in gardens there. We will pick up where we left off in the spring; see you then. Happy Holidays!



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HISTORICAL NOTES

Holiday Greetings from the Strafford Historical Society! The Society is delighted to be hosting two holiday events at the Old Waldron Store, 520 Province Road. On December 6 and 7 we are looking forward to again opening the Old Waldron Store for this year's *Christmas in Strafford* event. There will be five great local crafters, and the Historical Society will also have a booth. We are pleased that we will be joined by the Strafford Fire & Rescue Department, who will be serving lunch and refreshments for eat-in or take-out. Warm up, rest, and relax before heading out to the next stop!

On Saturday, December 13, please join us for a holiday Christmas Carol Sing. We will gather at 3:00 pm at the Old Waldron Store for musical entertainment and refreshments. We are looking forward to offering this old-fashioned afternoon of holiday entertainment and hope that you will join us and take a break from the hectic pace of the Christmas season.

The Society would like to take this opportunity to extend a big "thank you" to the many people who have helped us during 2014, including all those who have supported our work through their donations and purchases. The Historical Society is still fundraising to complete our Austin Hall restoration work by painting the exterior of the building. And we are getting ready to kick off the countdown to Strafford's Bicentennial. Would you like to know more? See you at the Old Waldron Store!

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; click on Download Current Issue or Download Previous Issue; save to your computer.



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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB FOR THE BOW LAKE GRANGE HALL

Last month was the annual meeting to vote in new Board members. As we begin to say good bye to 2014 and welcome 2015, the BLCC greets four new members. Donna Fletcher is the new Treasurer; Suzanne Murdoch will be the Corresponding Secretary and Events Calendar; and new Members-at-Large are Mary Quinn and David Murdoch. Sadly we say adieu to Becky Whitcher, our efficient and honorable Treasurer; Sherry Waldron, the Building Administrator extraordinaire; Nancy Hill, the Lakeside Players Diva Representative; and Missi Kerivan, gal Friday. They may think they aren't on the Board any more, but we are sure to see them back with their skills at the Grange Hall. We graciously thank Randy Brisson of Dining by Design for a scrumptious luncheon.

We hope you had a chance last month to visit with Santa at the Christmas Tree Lighting. Adults and children alike start the holiday warmth with carols, cookies, and candy canes. The Boy Scouts do a great job organizing this annual family event in the village. If you missed it this year, mark your calendar for next year. It is always the last Sunday in November.


Don't forget to visit the Bow Lake Grange Hall during *Christmas in Strafford* on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Come in from the cold for lunch where soups, sandwiches, cider and goodies will be available. Have a warm lunch and then shop the Hall. Many crafters will be available upstairs and down.

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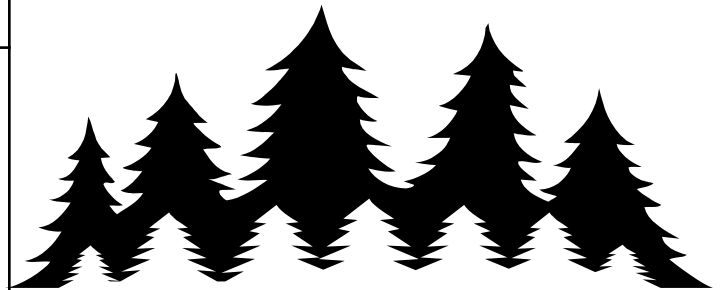


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Police Business Line 664-7462
Dog Officer..... 664-5644
Poison Control..... 1-800-562-8236
All Emergencies.....911
Fire Department Business Line 664-2915

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, Wednesday9:00–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..... 2:00–6:00
Tuesday..... Noon–8:00
Wednesday..... 10:00–Noon & 2:00–8:00
Thursday..... 2:00–8:00
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

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Saturday:

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bow Lake Baptist Church664-7401
530 Province Road, Strafford, NH www.blfwbc.org
Worship Service (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
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

New Hope Church..... 285-3533
34 Raymond Rd. (Rte. 152), Nottingham, NH 03290
www.new-hopechurch.com
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Nottingham Community Universalist Church 679-8400
106 Church St. (Rt. 156 & Church St.), Nottingham, NH 03290
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
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.

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Calendar of Events

December 2014



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| 30 | Sun | 5:00 pm | Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Bow Lake Grange Hall by Scouts. |
| 1 | Mon | 10a-12p | Strafford Garden Club; see article. |
| | | 5-6:30p | Free Dinner Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Hall, Northwood (every Mon.). |
| | | 7:00 pm | Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department business meeting. |
| 2 | Tue | 5-7 pm | Cartoon and Drawing Club meeting at Hill Library. |
| | | 6:15 pm | TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday). |
| | | 7:00 pm | PTO meeting at School. |
| 3 | Wed | 5-6:30p | Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.). |
| | | 5-7 pm | Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department EMS training. |
| 4 | Thur | 8-10 am | Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday). |
| | | 7:30 pm | Planning Board meeting at Town Hall. |
| | | | Open Mic Night at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . |
| 5 | Fri | 7:30 pm | AA at Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday). |
| 6 | Sat | 9a-3p | PTO Craft Fair at Strafford School. |
| | | 9a-4p | <i>Christmas in Strafford.</i> |
| | | 9a-1p | <i>Christmas By Design</i> Fair at Northwood Congregational Church; see article. |
| 7 | Sun | | See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services. |
| | | 9a-4p | <i>Christmas in Strafford.</i> |
| 8 | Mon | | Strafford School report cards issued. |
| | | Noon | Strafford Garden Club Christmas party; see article. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department training. |
| 9 | Tues | 6:00 pm | Selectmen meeting at Town Hall. |
| 10 | Wed | 6:00 pm | School Board meeting in Strafford School Library. |
| 11 | Thur | 7:00 pm | Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club; see article. |
| 13 | Sat | 1:00 pm | Appreciation Party at Hill Library for Ken Berry; see SLA article. |
| | | 3:00 pm | Christmas Carol Sing at Old Waldron Store by Historical Society; see article. |
| | | 6:00 pm | Town of Strafford Democrats holiday potluck; see article. |
| 15 | Mon | | Deadline for January 2015 <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i>. |
| | | 7:00 pm | CBNA Music Department Winter Concert at Bow Lake Church; see article. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department Work Session at respective stations. |
| | | 7:30 pm | Fire Department Officers meeting. |
| 16 | Tues | 5-7 pm | Cartoon and Drawing Club meeting at Hill Library. |
| 18 | Thur | | Book Club Christmas Party Dinner. |
| 21 | Sun | | WINTER BEGINS |
| 22 | Mon | 7:00 pm | Fire Department work session. |
| | | 7:00 pm | SAU 44 meeting in Northwood. |
| 23 | Tues | 6:00 pm | Selectmen meeting at Town Hall. |
| 24 | Wed | | Town Hall closed. |
| | | | No School; Christmas vacation December 24 through January 2. |
| | | 7:00 pm | St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Pittsfield, candlelight service (Carols from 6:40 to 7). |
| | | 7&11pm | Northwood Congregational Church; two services. |
| 25 | Thur | | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| 28 | Sun | 2:00 pm | Sew & Chat at Hill Library. |
| 29 | Mon | 7:00 pm | Fire Department work session. |
| 31 | Wed | | NEW YEAR'S EVE |
| | | | Town Hall closes at noon. |
| 1 | Thur | 1-5pm | Game Day at Third Baptist Church; see article for more info. |

