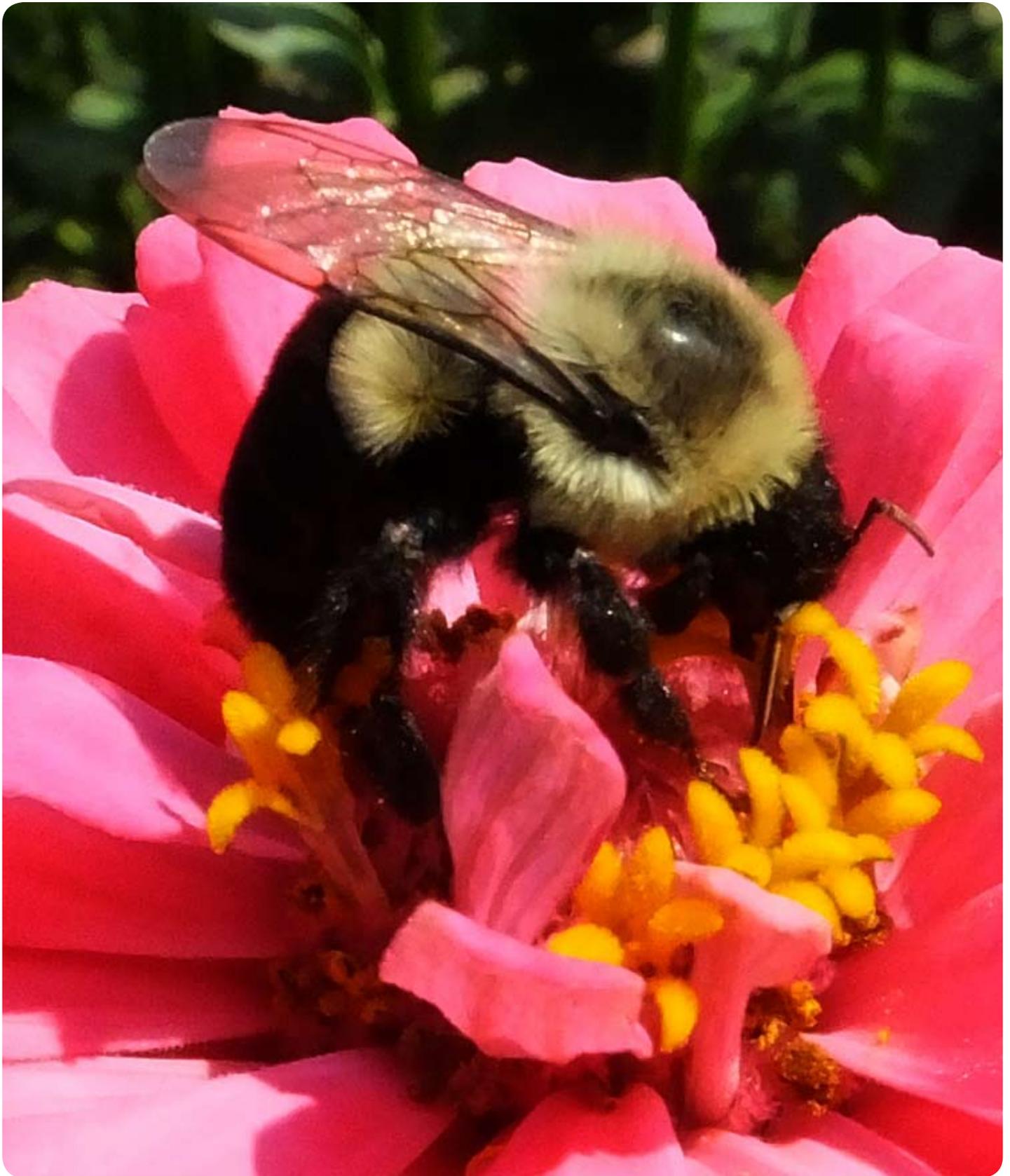


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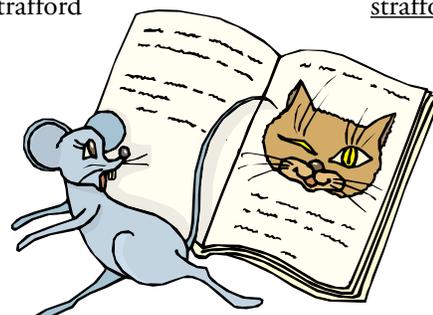
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This month's cover photo and the trillium on page 9 were sent to us by Bill & Linda Hodgdon. The "First Loon of the Year on Bow Lake" on page 14 is by Pat Sims. Thanks all!

Send your photos to staff@straffordcommunitycalendar.com.



2015 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, e.g. household and garden products, garage products, and workshop/painting products. Prepare now to dispose of these items on Saturday May 2, 2015, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Turnkey Landfill, 90 Rochester Neck Road, Rochester, NH. More information is available at the Recycling Center/Transfer Station.

2015 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

The 2015 Strafford Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 25, at 11:30 am. All entrants, including floats, trucks and community groups, are requested to arrive by 11:00 am at the Beaver Dam Estates entrance. The parade will conclude at the Bow Lake Dam area for the customary dedication to pay tribute to those who gave their life for our country. Refreshments will be served following the parade and dedication in the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Please contact Jeannie Garcia at garcia6@tds.net or 269-4143 with any questions.

23rd ANNUAL USPS NATIONAL FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 9, 2015

The need is great – 49 million Americans, 1 in 6, are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. Please join us in one of America's great days of giving – the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Strafford's Postal carriers will be collecting non-perishable food and personal care products which can be left in a bag/box at the customer's mailbox. There will be a receptacle available in the lobby of the Strafford Post Office for those customers who wish to drop off their items. The lobby is open Monday to Friday from 6:45 am to 5 pm. Our Saturday lobby hours are 6:45 am until noon.

All donations will be distributed to the local food pantry here in Strafford located at Third Baptist Church of Center Strafford, Rte 202A, 22 Strafford Road, Strafford, NH. The pantry is open Thursdays from 8 to 10 am for confidential distribution. This year there is a need at the pantry for canned fruits and soups. Canned meats, e.g. chicken, spam, and tuna are useful. Personal care items help the pantry including shampoo, soap, shaving cream, and razors. Paper goods including paper towels and toilet paper are always needed. The Strafford Post Office employees thank the Town of Strafford for their continued support and look forward to a successful food drive once again.



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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. To support the event as a sponsor or a volunteer, email racingtocureCF@gmail.com. Alone we can make gradual progress; together we can make miracles! Come be a part of an awesome event!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—AN INVITATION TO GIVE

Can it really be May already? Spring IS finally here but along with it the pesky annoyance of the dreaded black flies. Have you saved the date to help “give the gift of life” with a blood donation before the flies get it? The Strafford Women’s Club is sponsoring a “Fly-Free Blood Drive” on Thursday, May 14, between 1 and 6 pm in the Community Room of the Bow Lake Grange Hall, 569 Province Road, Strafford.

It is easy to sign up ahead of time at redcrossblood.org OR call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your appointment; although not required, appointments are suggested. Please be sure to drink plenty of fluids that day and wear something comfortable with sleeves that are easily rolled. Remember a donor card or license, or two other forms of ID.

In return, the ladies of the Women’s Club will have some homemade goodies reserved in your name along with a thank you gift provided by the American Red Cross. Best of all, you will leave with a good feeling for what you have just done. See you there. Questions? Call Jane at 664-9202.

CENTER STRAFFORD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Center Strafford Cemetery Association will be held in the Christian Education Building by Third Baptist Church (junction of Rts. 126 and 202A) on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.



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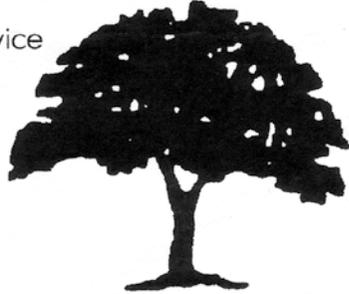
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STRAFFORD'S NEWSLETTER SELECTED!

The *Strafford Community Calendar* has been selected as a finalist in the 2015 Neighborhoods, USA Newsletter Competition. Winners will be announced on May 22.

The *Calendar* has been printed and distributed for 39 consecutive years and is currently also posted on the Web at straffordcommunitycalendar.com.

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.

THE CLOTHES CLOSET AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

The Clothes Closet at St. Joseph's Church would like to give a special thank you to Coe-Brown senior Megan Burgess. For her senior project, Megan spent many hours giving the Clothes Closet a much needed face lift with a fresh coat of paint, as well as installing all new clothing racks. The clothing is much easier to locate as Megan sorted through all our donations and organized areas for men's, women's and children's items. The Clothes Closet is located in the basement of St. Joseph's Church in Northwood and is open Mondays 4-5pm and Thursdays 11-noon. All clothing is free. Thank you, Megan!



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Strafford Summer Arts is excited to be holding its "World Tales" one-week summer camp program at Strafford School from August 3 to 7, 2015 from 9 am to 3 pm with a Friday evening performance for the Community at 6:30 pm.

Strafford Summer Arts offers a unique opportunity for children entering grades 3 to 8 from the greater Strafford community to have fun participating with professional artists from the NH Theatre Project while exploring a multicultural theme in a weeklong arts experience. Guided by NHTP Director, Genevieve Aichele, activities will include dramatic theater and movement instruction, storytelling, costume design and set decoration/setup. Instrumentalist and instructor, Randy Armstrong, brings world instruments the students are excited to play; learning to play multi-cultural music, play sound effects, with no prior experience necessary. The emphasis of this camp is placed on collaboration, gaining self-confidence and an appreciation for world cultures through theater, art and music. And, of course, fun!

The cost is \$250 per child for residents of Strafford and \$325 for non-residents. Scholarships may be available for students with demonstrated need or multiple student registrations; please request an application. Space can be reserved for your child by mailing a \$125 deposit with a completed SSA Participant Info Form and Medical Consent Form to NHTP Camps, 959 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. The balance of tuition is due prior to July 1. Early enrollment is encouraged as space is limited, and early enrollment allows us to plan stories and activities plus coordinate volunteers and fund raising activities for this non-profit camp.

The SSA Participant Info Form, Medical Consent Form and Parent Information Form can be downloaded at the Strafford

School web site: www.strafford.k12.nh.us ; under Community Groups. If you have any questions or would like the forms mailed or emailed to you, please contact either NH Theatre Project at info@nhtheatreproject.org, call 603-431-6644 x4, or contact Lisa Donnelly at 603-833-5417 or StraffordSummerArts@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 25, 2015 - Memorial Day.

Avoid late fees...license your dogs by May 31.

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; 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. Note: We continue to offer renewal services by mail or in person at the Town Clerk's office.

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STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

The Strafford Town Republican Committee had a round table discussion and were joined by State Senator John Reagan and State Representative Kurt Wuelper. Topics discussed were New Hampshire's underfunded retirement fund, RGGI charges on electric bills, air quality, gambling, and Iran. Please join us on the second Monday, May 11, at Hill Library, 15 Parker Mountain Road in Strafford from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

STRAFFORD MISSION DAY

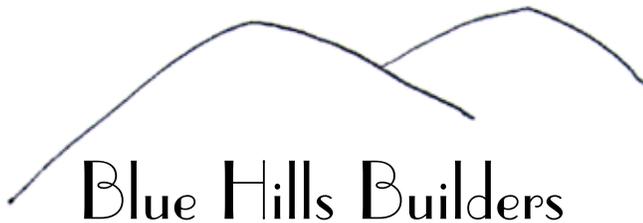
On Saturday, May 9, the Baptist congregations in Strafford are sponsoring a mission/action day. People of all ages and skills are invited to join us for a day of giving to our community. Some folks will be working with the Historical Society at the Waldron Store; others will be painting and cleaning at the homeless shelter in Rochester. We will be raking, repairing, rolling bandages, and making kits for the international mission field. If you are willing to give some time to share some love, meet for breakfast at 7:30 am at Third Baptist Church at the intersection of 126 and 202-A. Wear your work clothes and come ready to work for as long as you can. If you have a project we could help you with or if you want to be a helper, contact any of our Pastors: Rob Dix at 509-224, Harold Muzzey at 664-7750, or Jeff Robie at 702-3068.

STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS

Mark your calendars for a Flag Day Family Picnic with the Town of Strafford Democrats on Sunday, June 14, from 2 to 5 pm at the Kitz Barn at 848 Parker Mountain Road (Route 126) in Strafford. Bring the kids and come enjoy a festive cookout, games, and music. Tickets are just \$10/adult, \$5/student, or take advantage of the special deal of \$25 per family (parents and children under 12). Buy your tickets now at www.strafforddems.org. This is a rain-or-shine event, as the barn offers plenty of indoor space if needed. Come join us for an afternoon of good old-fashioned fun. For more information, call Bob Perry at 269-4651. The Town Democrats' May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, at 7 pm at Hill Library in Strafford.

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.



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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Summer is upon us! Here are your BLCC news bites for May. "Your Just Desserts and Auction" is coming to the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Saturday, May 9, just before Mother's Day. Bring your Mom, or plan to pick up something special to make her day. Enjoy toothsome desserts and entertainment starting at 6:30 pm, followed by our fabulous auction at 7:30 featuring dozens of auction items from local merchants, businesses, and artisans. To donate your special dessert, contact Sheila Jenkins-Hamilton at 664-9362 or email her at sjh@metrocast.net. We are still accepting donations for our auction; please contact Sherry Waldron at 664-2487 or bighairethel55@aol.com. You will not want to miss it!

We will be holding a mini open house on Saturday, May 9, from 9 to 10 am for anyone who wants to check out the Bow Lake Grange Hall and amenities. Come join us for coffee and treats and take a look around. There are still prime rental dates in the months ahead. If you want to know more about renting the Hall, contact Paula L. King at 664-5901 or lnpbakerhouse@aol.com.

Looking ahead, our much anticipated annual Ed Gerhard concert will be at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Saturday, June 6, at 8 pm. Ed is a Grammy Award winning acoustic/fingerstyle guitarist and one of our own; bring someone special and enjoy this rare musical gift. Tickets will be available at Sheilah's Deli and Market or contact Martha English at 664-9089 or mre31@metrocast.net.

Attention children K-8 and beyond! Don't miss out on the return of the Little Lakeside Players and their August production, "Gran's Guide to Stop an Ogre". Come learn more or try out in May; see details in separate article about the Little Lakeside Players.

For more information, please contact Sherry Waldron at 664-2487 or bighairethel55@aol.com.

LITTLE LAKESIDE PLAYERS

It's been awhile since Little Lakeside Players put on a performance at the Grange Hall. It's time for the young talent to show their stuff.

Sherry Waldron here. I am heading up the Little Lakeside Players summer show this year. The play I am casting is "Gran's Guide to Stop an Ogre". Performances will be Friday, August 7, at 7 pm; Saturday, August 8, at 2 pm; and Sunday, August 9, at 12 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall.

If you or someone you know in the age range of K through 8th grade likes to act, sing, dance, or plays an instrument, come show us your talent. Even if you have no theater experience but want to give it a try, come see what it's all about. Tryouts will be held on Monday, May 11, from 4 to 5 pm; Wednesday, May 13, from 5 to 6 pm; and Sunday, May 17, from 3 to 4 pm.

We could use the help of parents or older students with costumes, props, lights, refreshments, behind stage, at the front door, making programs, or just assisting the younger kids. Everyone can get in on the fun. If you are too young for lines, we have small parts you can be a star in. If you're selected for a part, we will practice two days a week starting in June all the way to date of performance. You can contact me for further information at 664-2487.

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Ed Gerhard returns to The Bow Lake Grange Hall on June 6 for his 19th Annual Benefit Concert. He's happy to be here for a hometown show before heading off to Asia to debut the new **Ed Gerhard Signature Guitar** built by Breedlove Guitars. He will be performing in China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan. Ed's music is featured in the Ken Burns documentary "Mark Twain" and "The National Parks: America's Best Idea." Performing on 6 string, slide guitar and Hawaiian lap steel, Gerhard looks forward to sharing his music with the community and supporting a great building.

Refreshments and CDs will be available at intermission.
This show usually sells out so get your tickets early.

**FOOD DRIVE AT CONCERT FOR THE
STRAFFORD FOOD PANTRY**

CONSERVATION NOTES

Calling all conservation volunteers! It's time to pull garlic mustard at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve again. Conservation Commission members led by volunteer Mimi Jost will be working at the IRCR beyond the kiosk on Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 9 am to pull the new plants before they go to seed. Garlic mustard is a non-native invasive plant that works in a particularly insidious way to harm our native plants. Not only does it out-compete our native plants for space, it releases chemicals in the soil that prevent others from thriving and keeps plants like lady slippers, wintergreen, and partridgeberry from succeeding. It's a nasty plant, but luckily it's easy to pull. Come help us on May 20.

Those signs indicating that the IRCR trails with the narrow bog bridges over wet places are not for horseback riding are now in place. It is great that the IRCR has trails for a variety of uses including snowmobiling and horseback riding, but those woodland trails with the bog bridges are suitable for foot traffic only. The bridges aren't just to keep our feet dry, but are chiefly to keep traffic out of the wetlands to protect the environment and are much too narrow for a horse. We thank AMI for the gift of the sign.

We've heard that there is still interest in a composting site for the Town. This would be a project with many challenges. A committee of those who would use such a site is needed to do the research, and volunteers for the effort are welcome. Let the Conservation Commission know if you'd like to work toward seeing this becoming a reality.



CATAMOUNT WOMENAIID'S PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Help local men, women and children by purchasing locally grown perennials for spring planting on Saturday, May 23, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Christie's Antiques, Route 4 in Epsom (the purple house on the hill across from Cumberland Farms).

Catamount Womenaid provides emergency financial assistance to our neighbors in Deerfield, Epsom, Pittsfield, and Strafford. (See catamountwomenaid.org.)



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STRAFFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Strafford Library Association's next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 7 pm at Hill 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 21st for the SLA meeting; all are welcome.

LIBRARY LINES

Thank you to Carol Cooper for her many hours of service to Hill Library as Treasurer. She will be greatly missed! Thank you also to the Strafford Library Association for your generous gift for the 2015 "Heroes" Summer Reading Program. If you would like to be a part of supporting literacy for youth, contact Hill Library at strafflib@metrocast.net. We are grateful for everyone who took the time to complete Hill Library's Community Ascertainment Survey. Your input about library operations, programming and collections is extremely important to us as we complete work on our Five Year Strategic Plan. Please keep the comments and suggestions coming in to us and be sure to drop by and check out all the new materials coming in.

The Kindle Fire Raffle Winner is JD Clarke— Congratulations! For the rest of us, the Library now has three Kindle E-Readers available to check out, after completing a short primer on how to use it and OverDrive (the New Hampshire downloadable books app). For those of you with a tablet, iPad, or other hand-held device, we are planning on hosting training programs to teach you how to use OverDrive. We look forward to seeing you all at the Library. And thank you to Kristin Woodman for her generous donation of four Kindles to Hill Library; they will be used.

Congratulations to the Hill Library Robotics teams for their success in competing at the State Seacoast SeaPerch Challenge in April. Well done!

New library hours began March 30. We are now open 11 am to 7 pm, Monday to Thursday, and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday.

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Interested in Genealogy? Come to our program, Finding Success with Genetic and Traditional Genealogy Research, on May 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Genetic genealogy has emerged as a means to supplement traditional genealogy research. Martin Hendrix is coming to Hill Library to explain the types of genetic testing and how they can be used in conjunction with traditional methods to find family members. Martin has over 30 years of traditional genealogy experience, with a strong focus in New England. He works with software companies to test their genealogy solutions and is the Administrator of the Hendricks DNA project at FamilyTreeDNA. The talk will include time for Q&A regarding all forms of research and tools.

The next Trustee Meeting is on Tuesday, May 12, 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 have one last session beginning on Wednesday, May 20, at 11:00 am and finish on June 17. Join us on Thursday, May 28, at 6:30 for our Book Club. This month's book is *Doors Open* by Ian Renkin. Bricks4Kidz meets May 9 from 12 to 1:30 pm. Come join in the fun. Our next Minecraft Event is May 30 from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Bring your kids to join in the play and come learn about the new Kindle E-Readers that are available to check out. Kristin Woodman will provide instruction concerning your devices. Cartoon and Drawing Club will now meet the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month, May 5 and May 21. The hours will be from 5 to 7 pm, and all are welcome. Call Anne with any questions at 664-2238. 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. 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, thank you. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public.



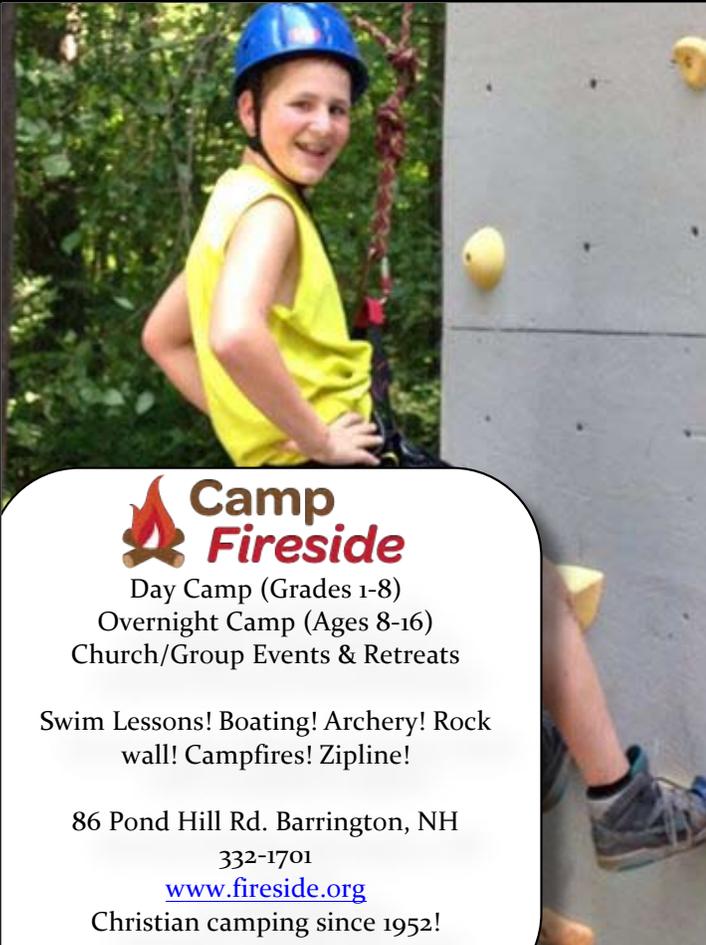
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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

"Amapola, My Pretty Little Poppy"—Who remembers the song that became popular in the 1940's? Poppies (called *amapolas* in Spanish) are colorful, tough plants that really show off in your garden. Poppy seeds require exposure to cool or cold temperatures before they will reliably sprout, and can be planted in spring as soon as the ground thaws (which means that May is probably not too late this year). You can also plant before the first frost, so save some seeds from this summer's crop to plant in the fall for next year. Poppies like full sun or partial shade, well-drained soil, and are a good pollen source for bees. (See how to grow poppies, with pictures, at wikihow.com.)

The Strafford Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale is coming up this month on Saturday, May 23, 2015, from 8 to 11 am at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. As always, there will be a wonderful selection of perennials, herbs, heirloom vegetables, all proven varieties for your Strafford garden and potted with love by Garden Club members. If you want to thin your garden a little, the Committee will be setting up at the Grange Hall on Friday, May 22, and are happy to accept plants (and offers of help) from members and the community between 3 and 6 pm. We hope you find just what you need for your garden at the SGC Plant Sale!

Our first work party is Friday, May 1, at 1 pm at the Strafford Town Hall. Come one, come all to help clean up and spread mulch. Our May meeting will be on the following Monday, May 4, to take care of a little business and finalize plans for the plant sale. Hope you can make it. Everyone is welcome at the Strafford Garden Club. The group meets the first Monday of the month, April through December, at 1:00 pm at the Grange Hall. Membership is \$10 per year.

STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to award this year's scholarship to a Coe-Brown Northwood Academy senior. We extend our best wishes to the following winner of this year's Garden Club one thousand dollar scholarship, Nicole Torosian. Nicole, a student from Northwood, will be attending Cornell University in the fall majoring in Chemical Engineering. She says the environment is important to her and hopes to someday be part of the research for sustainable energy systems. She hopes to help reduce human's impact on the earth by finding safer forms of energy production.

For free time activities, Nicole enjoys hiking in the White Mountains and skiing. She says that nature and the beauty it holds has always been an important part of her life. Mountain summits offer her a type of irreplaceable freedom and the opportunity to be at peace. Her volunteering included among many other things work at the Live and Let Live Farm, and helping with the Bow Lake 5K race and Run to Fall 5K race. She has taken part in ski racing and team tennis. Congratulations, Nicole!



The Strafford Garden Club's Plant Sale



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ANYTIME FITNESS NORTHWOOD OFFERS "FREE WORKOUT SATURDAYS" THROUGHOUT MAY

Free outdoor fitness classes, five Saturdays in a row, at the Route 4 Northwood Athletic Fields

Get ready for some outdoor fitness fun! Anytime Fitness Northwood is hosting fun-infused exercises like tug-of-war, relay races, obstacle courses and more at Northwood Athletic Fields Rt. 4 9 am – 10 am every Saturday during the month of May.

The five consecutive "Free Workout Saturdays" will be led by certified personal trainers and are designed for people of every fitness level. They are open to all adults, not just Anytime Fitness members. The concept, inspired by grassroots efforts of a few Anytime Fitness clubs that regularly offer free outdoor "boot camps," has grown into a nationwide campaign to promote physical fitness.

"We want our community to be as healthy and active as possible – and we hope that the Free Workouts Saturdays will show folks that exercise can be fun," said Rebecca Capo, owner of Anytime Fitness. "We hope this is the jumpstart and motivation to continue their own personal healthier lifestyle journeys."

Anytime Fitness Northwood is one of more than 1,000 Anytime Fitness clubs across the United States will host the free outdoor exercise classes in May. Participants should wear comfortable clothing, sneakers and bring a water bottle.

"At Anytime Fitness, we're passionate about helping people 'get to a healthier place,'" said Capo. "That can mean different things to different people. For some, it's losing weight or gaining strength. For others, it's improving balance or flexibility. The important thing is to find physical activities that you enjoy, so being active is

something you look forward to – rather than dread."

Anytime Fitness Northwood is open to it's members 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, Anytime Fitness prides itself on providing its members with convenient fitness options and friendly, personal service in a well-maintained facility which features top-quality exercise equipment. Anytime Fitness Northwood is independently owned and operated. Join one gym and use them all. Members also enjoy free access to AnytimeHealth.com, the most comprehensive wellness website available.

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The month of May brings us together for our Annual Meeting/Luncheon to be held at Noon on Monday, May 18, 2015, at Nippo Lake Golf Club and Restaurant in Barrington. Come early between 11:30 and 12 for socializing and payment of dues. The business portion of our meeting will include election of officers, annual reports, and scholarship announcements. For more details or questions, please contact Lucinda at 664-9200 or kerivan@metrocast.net. The Women's Club welcomes new members. All are welcome to join us. RSVP to Lucinda by May 8 to make your reservation.

We've set the dates for our summer ice cream socials at the Bow Lake Grange Hall; mark your calendars now—July 8 and August 5, 2015—for these annual SWC fundraisers.

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HISTORICAL NOTES

It's official, the countdown to Strafford's Bicentennial has begun! On Wednesday, May 13, the Strafford Historical Society is hosting the first open Bicentennial organizing meeting at 6:30 pm at the Old Waldron Store, 520 Province Road. The meeting will kick off efforts to celebrate our community's upcoming birthday in grand style. Do you have any good ideas? Do you enjoy brainstorming? We hope to see you there. All are welcome.

On Tuesday, May 19, the Strafford Historical Society will be holding our Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper at Austin Hall. Supper begins at 6:30 pm and will be followed by a business meeting and historical program. Join us for an evening of good food and great conversation.

Also, please remember to mark your calendars for this season's historically-themed theatrical production on June 19, 20, and 21. Now that the snow is gone, the Society is also accepting donations for our third Annual Yard Sale at the Old Waldron Store, to be held on August 8 and 9, 2015. Please contact any Society member if you have items to donate.

Finally, the Historical Society is excited to announce our big event for the month of May. The Strafford Historical Society invites you to join us on Sunday, May 17, to explore the remarkable life of Portsmouth's own Celia Thaxter in a presentation by actor Stephanie Voss Nugent.

"The Remarkable Life of Celia Thaxter"

Imagine being four years old and sailing off with your family to live at a lighthouse out in the ocean! The stuff of fiction, yet this is exactly what happens in the unique story of Celia Lighton Thaxter, the wild and free child of the Isles of Shoals who became a famous poet, painter, and folklorist. "The Remarkable Life of Celia Thaxter" is a slide presentation in which Nugent, an actor and researcher, invites participants to join her "backstage," as she transforms historical research into performance, tracing Celia's life from her childhood on White Island Light to her unexpected fame as a writer.

Using archival photography and performing extended passages from Celia's prose and poetry, Nugent explores the forces that shaped Thaxter's work; and we are introduced to some of the writers, musicians, and artists who followed Celia to her beloved island home each summer. This hour-long presentation is perfect for audiences 8 to 108.

Stephanie Voss Nugent is a professional actor, director, producer, and founding Executive Director of ACT ONE, Artists' Collaborative Theatre of New England. Stephanie was fortunate to be a part of the professional company at Theatre By The Sea in Portsmouth, NH, playing such roles as Emilia in *Othello*, Lizzie in *The Rainmaker*, Sonya in *Uncle Vanya*, and Agnes in *Shadowbox*. In 1981 she began studying the Isles of Shoals and Celia Thaxter; and in 1999 she toured an original, multi-media theatre presentation, *Of Pirates & Poets – A Visit to The Isles of Shoals with Celia Thaxter*, to nine theatres and opera houses across New Hampshire.

"The Remarkable Life of Celia Thaxter" will be presented on Sunday, May 17, 2015, from 1 to 4 pm at the Old Waldron Store, 520 Province Road, Strafford, NH. Refreshments served at 1 pm, presentation at 2 pm. Tickets are \$12 and \$6 students. For tickets and information, call 603-664-2225 (cash or check only please).

NORTHWOOD CHURCH RECEIVES LCHIP GRANT

By 2010, members of the Northwood Congregational Church UCC were becoming concerned about the deterioration of the church's front porch and columns. A Sanctuary Preservation Committee was formed to study the situation, and a building preservation firm was hired. Their structural assessment team found extensive deterioration in several other areas, including the sills and framing of the east and west walls, and the central column supports. The four hollow wooden Doric columns supporting the roof of the portico and the bell tower showed decay, along with the porch decking, causing the upper attic structure to begin sagging. Past decay on the porch headers, joists, and sills has caused the deck to separate and pull away from the main building. Since the columns rest on the porch surface, replacing the deck would not be possible without removing the columns.

It quickly became apparent that the project called for more than a volunteer committee. A professional capital campaign consultant was contracted in 2013 to help with fundraising and finding the right construction firms. Because the church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is critical to find contractors who will rehabilitate within the Secretary of the Interior Standards. The capital campaign for the historic rehabilitation of the sanctuary, under the guidance of Peggy and Chris Kofers, ran from January 2014 to the first of May 2014 and raised over \$270,000. It focused only on church members and attendees, not the community at large. With that amount as a match, the Church applied for an LCHIP grant and was awarded \$200,000.

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 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.

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 Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

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 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

May 2015

1	Fri	1:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club work party at Town Hall; see SGC article.
		6-8 pm	Family Movie Night at Strafford School.
		7:30 pm	AA at Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
2	Sat	8:30-12:30	Hazardous Waste Day; see article.
		9:00 am	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.
3	Sun		See Church Directory on <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
4	Mon	1:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		5-6:00 pm	Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen; St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Monday).
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department business meeting.
5	Tues	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
		7:00 pm	Town of Strafford 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).
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
9	Sat		USPS National Food Drive; see article.
		7:30 am	Strafford Mission Day; see article.
		9-10 am	Open House at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
		10:00 am	Center Strafford Cemetery Association Annual Meeting at Christian Center; see article.
		12-1:30 pm	Bricks4Kidz at Hill Library.
		6:30 pm	<i>Your Just Desserts & Auction</i> at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see Bow Lake Community Club article.
10	Sun		Happy Mother's Day
11	Mon	4-5 pm	Little Lakeside Players Tryouts at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		6:30 pm	Town of Strafford Republicans meet at Hill Library
		7:00 pm	Fire Department training.
12	Tues	6:00 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
		6:00 pm	Library Trustees meet at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:30-8:30pm	Genealogy Talk at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
13	Wed	5-6 pm	Little Lakeside Players Tryouts at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
		6:30 pm	SHS Bicentennial planning meeting at Old Waldron Store; see <i>Historical Notes</i> .
14	Thu	1-6 pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive at BL Grange Hall sponsored by Strafford Women's Club; see article.
15	Fri		Deadline for June <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> .
16	Sat		Armed Forces Day
17	Sun	1-4 pm	Strafford Historical Society's Celia Thaxter program at Old Waldron Store; see <i>Historical Notes</i> .
		3-4 pm	Little Lakeside Players Tryouts at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
18	Mon	12:00 pm	Strafford Women's Club Annual Meeting & Luncheon at Nippo; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session at respective stations.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers meeting.
19	Tues	6:30 pm	Strafford Historical Society Potluck Supper & Annual Meeting at Austin Hall; see <i>Historical Notes</i> .
20	Wed	9:00 am	Conservation Commission members to Isinglass River Conservation Reserve; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
		11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
21	Thu	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Strafford Library Association meeting at Hill Library.
22	Fri		No School; student placement.
23	Sat	8-11 am	Plant Sale at Bow Lake Grange Hall by Strafford Garden Club; see article.
		8am-4pm	Camp Fireside Yard Sale; see article.
		9am-2pm	Catamount Womanaid Perennial Plant Sale; see article.
24	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
25	Mon		MEMORIAL DAY (observed); No School; Town Hall and Library closed.
		11:00 am	Parade staging; see article.
		11:30 am	Memorial Day Parade; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session at respective stations.
26	Tue	6:00 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
27	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
28	Thu	6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library.
30	Sat	11-1:30 pm	Minecraft Event and Kindle E-Reader Class at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .

