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STRAFFORD SCHOOL PTO

The Strafford PTO has been recharging this summer after a very busy spring. As the newly elected officers began work in January 2014, we set some very aggressive fundraising goals in order to generate additional resources to meet the growing needs of our School. Through the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of our community, in addition to successful community building events, we were able to meet our fundraising goal of \$10,000 to budget for the 2014-2015 school year. The generosity of our members and the community will be directly responsible for creating change at Strafford School in the upcoming year.

We now look forward to carrying this momentum into the coming school year. Please join us at our first meeting on September 2 from 7 to 8 pm in the Strafford School Library to learn how you can become involved in meeting our next set of goals. The new PTO Board is committed to building on the existing foundation to expand the relationship between our community and the parents and teachers in our School. Each year the School needs continue to grow. We want to be able to expand our support to ensure we are a school that has the resources to offer students an amazing educational experience.

In order to meet this objective, we will continue our long-standing social events like the Kindergarten Ice Cream Social, Pumpkin Hollow, Christmas Shopping Spree, and the Christmas Craft Fair, while streamlining and increasing our

fundraising to a few big events. We kicked our fundraising efforts off with our Spring Fling Event which was received with overwhelming support. We now invite you to our next big event, the Strafford Community Wellness Fair!

The PTO will be partnering with Coe-Brown senior, Brianna Hanson, for her Senior Project at Strafford School on September 27 from 4 to 7 pm. The fundraiser will cost \$25 per family, \$15 for an individual, and \$10 for seniors. Childcare will be provided for children ages 2-5. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in events with their parents. Throughout the school there will be different stations including Family and High Intensity Zumba, Hula Hooping, Rock Climbing, Wellness Seminars, Yoga, Boot Camp and many more. The activities will include something for every age group from children to seniors, and we invite all members of the community to come and learn healthy tips and try out different fitness options. We will also have a variety of vendors set up to provide information on healthy eating, essential oil, relaxation, cranial sacral therapy, massage therapy and more! Please plan to attend this exciting, healthy fundraising event to support Strafford School and to kick start you and your family's new healthy lifestyle.



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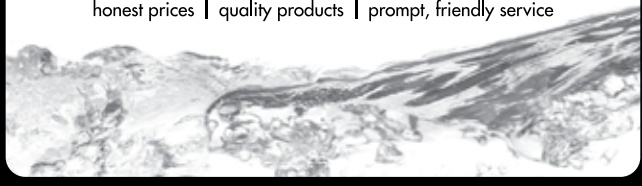
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Thank you to everyone that supported our Summer show, *Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes*. A special thanks goes out to the three local businesses that sponsored the Summer show: Big Eric's Little Deli, Carlson Detective Agency, and Sheilah's Deli & Market.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the production of *Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes*; the audiences loved this heartwarming, funny show.

The days are getting shorter, that means The Halloween Dinner Show is right around the corner! *Auditioning A Ghost* will be a spooky good time! By mid-September you'll be able to make your reservations for October 31, November 1, or the November 2 matinee.

SRS SEEKS BASKETBALL COORDINATOR

Strafford Recreational Sports is seeking a Basketball Coordinator for the 2014-2015 recreational basketball season. If you are interested, please contact SRS President Susie Ashley at 664-9558.

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On Saturday, October 4, at 9:30 am, The Bow Lake Baptist Church will present an Interactive Presentation with Marina Forbes entitled *Russian Iconography: 1,000 Years of Tradition*. The presentation will take place at 9:30 am after a Pot Luck Breakfast which will start at 9 am.

Traditional Russian icon painting has been a living and evolving art form for more than 1,000 years. This illustrated presentation by Marina Forbes deals with the spiritual and secular significance of Russian religious art from the 10th Century to present day. Icon-making involves the painting of stylized religious images on wood using traditional natural materials and techniques which are determined by longstanding conventions. Using a slide show and numerous exhibits, including examples of her own work, Forbes examines the history of icon painting in Russia and the unique nature of the icon as a sacred object and a product of an artistic tradition. Participants may bring personal icons for examination and comments.

Presenter Marina Forbes is a lecturer, historian and award-winning artist who has written extensively on

Russian traditional arts, history and the rich tapestry of Russian culture. She is licensed with the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and is featured on the NH Council on the Arts Rosters for Arts in Education and Traditional Arts. Each year, Marina leads cultural tours to Russia where she regularly updates her scholarship, gathering photos and documents, visiting craft factories, GULAG sites and monasteries, and interviewing journalists, political figures and scholars on the current state of affairs in Russia. Marina has a distinctive ability to generate energy and enthusiasm in the audience and to bring the rich fabric of traditional Russian art and folklore to life for children of all ages through memorable and thought-provoking programs.

This program is free and open to the public, and it was made possible through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council www.nhhc.org. The Program will start at 9:30 am. We hope you will join us for breakfast at 9:00 am. Please bring a dish to share. For more info please call (603) 332-2255 for Marina Forbes or 332-6265 for coordinator Joan Nelson.



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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.

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The Faith Formation program at St. Joseph's Church in Northwood seeks to provide youth and children in grades K-10 with the knowledge, experiences, and skills necessary to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. We help to promote the knowledge of faith, the meaning of the liturgy, and prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Our theme for the fall is "Follow the Son!" Join us for Orientation Day, Sunday morning, September 14, from 8:30 to 9:30 at St. Joseph's Church on Route 4 in Northwood. For more information, please contact Jeannie Garcia at 269-4143, 942-8716, or the Rectory at 435-6242.

What is RCIA? RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. If you are interested in the Catholic faith or are Catholic but have not received a sacrament, adult classes are offered at Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Joseph's Parish. Please contact the Rectory at 435-6242.



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TOWN OF STRAFFORD DEMOCRATS

At their August meeting, the Strafford Town Democrats met the Democratic team for the New Hampshire House of Representatives—current Representative Bob Perry of Strafford and Democratic candidate Ellen Phillips of New Durham. The Towns of Strafford and New Durham are a combined district that elects two State Representatives to represent them in Concord.

Strafford County Register of Deeds Dennis Vachon, another Strafford Democrat running for re-election, was also at the meeting. For more information, visit democracy.com/vachon4deeds.

The primary election takes place on Tuesday, September 9. Strafford voters cast their ballots at Town Hall on that day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

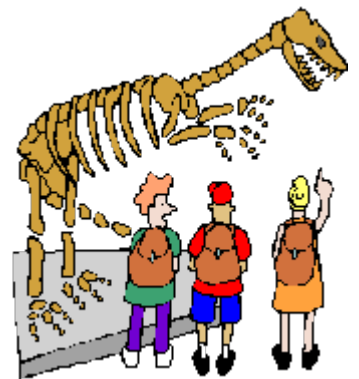
On a somber note, the Strafford Town Democrats remembered with sadness, and a moment of silence, the loss of Robert Brownell of Northwood Road in Strafford. Bob was a valued member of the committee whose insight, enthusiasm and tenacious passion and commitment to Democratic issues will always be an inspiration.

The next meeting of the Strafford Town Democrats will be Tuesday, September 2, at 7 pm at Hill Library. For more committee news and events, and additional information on Democrats running for offices representing Strafford residents, visit strafforddems.org.

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.

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Bear-Paw is again offering one of its most popular family friendly field trips, the footprint casting workshop on the Suncook River in Epsom on Saturday, September 13, from 2 to 4:30 pm. Bear-Paw Board member Lisa Clark, who has collected footprints from many places around the world, will bring kits with materials necessary for making footprint casts to keep for each participant. On two previous versions of the workshop, Lisa has found an excellent section of the Suncook shoreline where numbers of animals have come to the river and left tracks in the riverside sediments. Kids and adults will enjoy learning the techniques and almost certainly take home a well-cast souvenir or two from the excursion. Pre-registration is a must so Lisa can assemble kits for everyone; for directions to the site; and so that Bear-Paw can send out notification if the weather causes a change in plans. Pre-register at info@bear-paw.org or call 603 463-9400.

It seems as though each month it is necessary to write about an invasive species that is making things difficult for our native plants. In May volunteers worked at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve pulling garlic mustard, which sends chemicals through the soil inhibiting the growth of native understory. Last month we sent out a call for help in pulling the hundreds of foot-high Norway maple seedlings in the Town Forest, which in one area carpet the forest floor and out-compete our native maples. As summer wanes we can see that Strafford is beginning to have stands of purple

loosestrife. Why is such a pretty plant such a bad thing? You can read much about it on the Internet and will see that again, like other invasives, it out-competes and displaces native vegetation. Each plant in that little clump along the roadside can produce more than 2 million seeds a year, and before long displace the varied native plants in our wetlands that our own wildlife depend upon. A loosestrife monoculture habitat is of little use to our own critters. If you have a clump of it on your property, you can slow dispersal by breaking off the flower stalks into a black plastic bag before the seeds form, sealing the bag and then letting it rot in the sun before taking it to the dump. If you decide to dig up the plant, try to get all the roots because it can sprout from even a bit left and then do the same black bag routine. If it comes back, just continue to take off and dispose of the flower heads before they seed!

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

Please join the Strafford Women's Club on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 1:30 pm in the Idlepines Room of the Bow Lake Church. Our regular business meeting will be followed by the always entertaining Pint, Pound & Yard Sale and light refreshments. All women are welcome!

We would like to extend our thanks to all who attended our ice cream socials this summer and participated in our summer raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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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!!

Happy Fall!

LIBRARY LINES

The Library staff and Trustees are launching their new website on September 1. Please visit us at strafflib.org to check it out.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful Summer Reading Program and for the Strafford Library Association's celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Dedication of Hill Library!

Ken Berry announced at the August 13 Trustee meeting that he will be changing his title to Reference Librarian effective in 2015. Ken Berry has been in library service for 48 years and is a founding member of the Strafford Library Association and Historical Society. He will continue to be invaluable in helping Strafford residents to discover the right book, locate historical information, find sources for a research paper, or connect patrons to community services.

Open Mic Night starts September 26 at 7 pm for family friendly comedy, poetry, acoustic music, and strum-along songs.

Bob and Barbara are back! If you would like a part in the next radio show featuring Strafford's Dynamite Corner event, please contact strafflib@metrocast.net and writing "Bob & Barbara" in the subject line.

All Hill Library events are free and open to the public. Come in for these September events: Cartoon and Drawing Club September 2 & 16 from 5-7 pm; Movie Night September 13 at 6:30 pm; Open Mic Night Friday

September 26 at 7 pm; Book Club Thursday September 25 at 6:30 pm; and Sew and Chat Sunday September 28 at 2 pm.

Thank you to our Summer Reading sponsors: Berrybogg Farm, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar, Clemento's Pizzeria, Hannaford, Northwood Garage, Market Basket, Sheilah's Deli and Market, Portland Sea Dogs, Strafford Library Association, and Strafford PTO.

Next Trustee Meeting is Wednesday, September 3, at 6 pm at Hill Library. We look for input on Library hours, staffing, and finances. If you need transportation, please call 664-2800.

TOWN OF STRAFFORD REPUBLICANS

On August 11, 2014, State Senator Jim Rubens, a candidate for the United States Senate, visited the Town of Strafford Republican Committee meeting. Visit our website for a detailed recap of the meeting—<http://straffordtownrepublicans.wordpress.com/>.

Please join us at Hill Library at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 8, 2014 as we hear from the four Republican candidates for the New Hampshire House representing Strafford and New Durham. Kurt Wuelper, David Bickford, Mike Harrington, and Ted White are running for these two seats.

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STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD

The Strafford School Board would like to officially welcome and introduce our new administrative team, Dr. Scott Young, Principal, and Ms. Alison Roberts, Assistant Principal; and our new 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Susan Spezeski. Some background information for each is provided below.

Mrs. Susan Spezeski comes to Strafford School with a wealth of teaching experience spanning over a decade in the classroom with students ranging from preschool to 5th grade. Mrs. Spezeski holds a Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education from Plymouth State University. In addition, Mrs. Spezeski has credentials and experience as a K-4 literacy teacher. Most recently, Mrs. Spezeski taught at Bow Memorial School as a 5th grade teacher in Science, Math, and Reading. The interview committee was impressed with Mrs. Spezeski's passion for teaching and her obvious love of working with children. Mrs. Spezeski will be joining Mrs. Roy teaching 2nd grade this year, and we are pleased to have her join our School community.

Ms. Alison Roberts has been serving as Assistant Principal at Belmont Elementary School for the last four years. Prior to that Ms. Roberts taught for nine years in physical education and health for middle and high school students. In addition, Ms. Roberts has served as an athletic director. Ms. Roberts holds a CAGS and a Masters degree in Educational Leadership from Plymouth State University

and is certified both as a principal and superintendent. Ms. Roberts is also beginning studies in Plymouth State University's Doctor of Education program. Ms. Roberts is a dynamic educator with a proven track record of working effectively with students, teachers, and families. Please join us in welcoming her to our School community.

Dr. Scott Young is entering his 16th year as a professional educator. In that time, he has taught high school and middle school language arts, coached athletic teams, helped produce and co-direct theatrical productions, and served as a high school Dean of Students. Dr. Young has served as an Assistant Principal for several years, most recently at the Barnstead Elementary School. This summer Dr. Young completed his doctorate in Educational Psychology, focusing on gender differences in the improvement of self-regulation. Dr. Young brings a strong track record of effective leadership with a broad range of experience spanning grades K-12. Dr. Young married his junior-high sweetheart, and they have two children, ages eleven and seven. We are fortunate to have Dr. Young as our new Principal.

We are looking forward to the thoughtful and energetic leadership of our new Strafford School administrators. We also wish our Strafford School students and our CBNA students well as they enter a new school year. It is our desire for each student to be excited about learning and aspire to achieve greatness.

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The Strafford School Board Negotiating Committee held two public forums this summer to elicit input regarding the upcoming teacher contract negotiations. If you were unable to attend one of the forums, you may email feedback to committee members, Brian Monahan at bjmonahan@metrocast.net and Debbi Hinrichsen at circa1820@metrocast.net. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement, current health insurance plans and premium costs are on the school website. Just click on School Board, then Meeting Minutes, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the desired file.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST IN STRAFFORD

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, between 7 and 7:30 pm for additions and corrections of checklist per RSA 654:27, 28. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12, RSA 654:8 II. No change of party until after the primary election September 9, 2014, according to RSA 654.34. If you are registering as a new voter, proof of citizenship, age, and residency in Strafford needs to be provided.

25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN STRAFFORD

On Saturday, December 6, and Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 9 am to 4 pm, at more than twenty locations, the *Christmas in Strafford* event takes place in homes, studios, The Bow Lake Grange Hall, and Waldron Store. All will be piled high with beautiful hand-crafted products. NOTE: The Bow Lake Grange Hall will only be open on Saturday the 6th with many crafters and the opportunity to enjoy a lunch of homemade soups, stews, and chowders. Every location is welcoming and filled with beautiful items and good cheer! Be sure to follow the map to each stop, and spend a fun day (or two!) in Strafford! The map is available on November 1 in the *Strafford Community Calendar*, downloadable at the CIS website, and available in local businesses.

While you're shopping and enjoying the hospitality, be sure to buy raffle tickets. The 2014 raffle will feature "Sampler Gift Baskets" filled with our crafters' handcrafted items! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Raffle tickets can be purchased on Saturday and Sunday at each stop. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit local families.

Crafter Information: There is still time to join the fair at the Waldron Store, The Bow Lake Grange Hall, or your own Strafford address. Call Diane Waldron at 664-9396 for information. The deadline to be included on the map is October 4. Registrations received with payment after the deadline will be listed on the website only—christmasinstraftford.com.



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"KinderPlus" is a Kindergarten Enrichment Program offering "half-day" Kindergarten students additional socialization and academic opportunities beyond their time spent in the Kindergarten classroom.

We also offer Kindergarten Care, Full and Part-time Summer Care and Summer Socialization Programs.

****NEW****

This year is our **After School Enrichment Program at Strafford School** providing after school care until 6:00!

HISTORICAL NOTES

The Strafford Historical Society benefit yard and bake sale was a big success again this year. The Society would like to extend great thanks to those who donated items for the sale and also offer a big round of applause to those who helped us set up and work the event. We couldn't have done it without you! If you missed our sale, please join us next summer. Donations are always welcome.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Tuesday, September 16, for our regular September potluck supper meeting. The supper will begin at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

We are pleased to announce that beginning this month the Society will be opening Austin Hall for several hours each week. Watch for signs for open hours; and if you see a car parked at the Hall, please stop by and visit. We love to share our history!

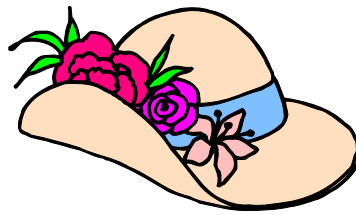
STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

No one likes to see summer end, least of all gardeners. But we've all been reaping the benefits of our hard work this past spring and summer (zucchini anyone?), and are starting to think about finishing up in the garden for another season. At our September 8 meeting, we are delighted to have the talented Glenna Nutter demonstrate how to use the end of summer's flowers in arrangements.

We are also planning a very interesting trip for September 24—an excursion to the Squam Lake Natural Science Center in Holderness, NH. This includes a 90-minute Trail Tour of Animals, a 90-minute Tour of Gardens, and a 90-minute Cruise on Squam Lake! Lunch will be at Walters Basin Restaurant. The cost is \$24 (lunch is extra), and reservations are required; so be sure to sign up at the meeting or contact Carol Ann Fallon at 603-973-7738.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting—it's the second Monday this time—September 8 at 1 pm, downstairs at the Grange Hall. Guests are always welcome.

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**THE BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB
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September! Yep, it's that time of year again when we kiss summer goodbye. It certainly had its highs and lows, but now we look forward to the colors of fall and the *you know what* of winter.

The Grange Hall is the venue of choice for a wide range of activities and is especially suited for community use for private functions. Our rentals have been very successful for things like weddings, birthdays, organization meetings and many more activities. In addition, there are fund raising events put on by the BLCC and the Lakeside Players. Please think about the Grange Hall for your next social or business need. Call Sherry at 664-2487 for information and reservations.

In August the Lakeside Players, directed by David Raynes, put on the production of *Little Old Ladies In Tennis Shoes*. It was popular and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Proceeds contribute to the care and maintenance of the Grange Hall.

By now our fifth annual Ducks Over The Dam fundraiser is probably history when you read this. Winners will be announced next month. We are on course to have record setting adoptions this year, and we thank everyone who contributed and will be in the race. Our August and final email and phone winners are Frank Mayo and Paul Kerivan respectively. Good luck.

As fall approaches, we are starting to plan the ever-popular Chili & Chowder Challenge to occur on October 11 from 5 to 7 pm. This is the fourteenth year for this great event, and we want to make it as spectacular as possible. We have begun recruiting chefs. If you have a great recipe you want to show off, please let Sheilah know, and we will reserve a place for you. Sheilah's contact information is 664-5551 or sheilahc105@gmail.com. Space is limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. If you don't compete, be sure to put it on your calendar because it is fun and the food is magnificent for the whole family to enjoy.

**WHERE TO FIND THE
STRAFFORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Here are the locations where you can find a copy of the *Strafford Community Calendar*: Elf's; Crown Point Camp Ground (summer only); Hill Library; Post Office; Strafford School; Strafford Town Hall; Isinglass Store; K & J's Diner; Nippo Lake Golf Club; Sheilah's Deli & Market; Northwood Garage; Northwood Physical Therapy; and online at www.straffordcommunitycalendar.com.

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NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

ON-LINE VEHICLE RENEWALS & DOG

LICENSING—You can renew your vehicle registrations and license your dogs with the Strafford Town Clerk on-line. Just follow the instructions on the renewal letters we send OR go to www.trafford.nh.gov (our Town website) and locate the red “on-line payments” button on the home page. The Strafford Town Clerk will process your on-line renewals and mail your registrations/licenses to you. It’s easy and convenient! ONLY renewals can be processed on-line; 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.

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.

THE TOWN HALL (including the Town Clerk’s office) WILL BE CLOSED on the following days in September & October: Monday, September 1, 2014 - Labor Day; Tuesday, September 9, 2014 – Primary Election Day; and Monday, October 13, 2014 - Columbus Day.

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION will be held at the Strafford Town Hall on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. The polls will be open for voting from 8 am to 7 pm. THE (STATE) GENERAL ELECTION will be held at the Strafford Town Hall on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The polls will be open for voting from 8 am to 7 pm.

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR STATE PRIMARY ELECTION and SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSIONS—You may register to vote with the Town Clerk

during regular business hours on or before Thursday, August 28, 2014. You may also register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist session to be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 from 7 to 7:30 pm at the Strafford Town Hall. If you have not registered to vote by September 2 and wish to vote at the State Primary Election, you may register at the polling place on Election Day, September 9.

For further information or questions, please contact Diane Waldron, Strafford Town Clerk, at 664-2192 ext. 102. Town clerk business hours are listed on the *Contacts* page of the *Calendar*.

NORTHWOOD MEMORY CAFÉ

The Northwood Memory Café meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Ma’s & Mine Restaurant, 188 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood (just west of Hannaford supermarket). Memory Cafés are grass roots gatherings where people with questions about memory issues can share information or just laugh about their own observations. Fall gatherings will be September 17 and October 15. For more information, call Lucy Silva at 603-942-9848. Contact person: Lucy Silva P.O. Box 170, Northwood, NH 03261.

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 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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Monday–Friday:

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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 Church 664-7401

530 Province Road, Strafford, NH www.blfbwc.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.

Saturday Mass..... 6:00 p.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

at Nottingham Congregational Church www.newhopenorthwood.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

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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.

Bible Class9:00 a.m.

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Calendar of Events

September 2014

- 1 Mon **Labor Day**; No School, Town Hall, and Library closed.
New Library website launched; see *Library Lines*.
5-6:30 pm Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday).
7:00 pm Fire Department Business Meeting.
- 2 Tues 5-7 pm Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library; see *Library Lines*.
6:00 pm Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
6:15 pm TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
7:00 pm Town of Strafford Democrats meeting at Hill Library; see article.
7-7:30 pm Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall.
7-8 pm Strafford School PTO meeting in School Library.
- 3 Wed 5-6:30 pm Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday).
6:00 pm Library Trustees meet 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 meets at Town Hall.
- 5 Fri 7:30 pm AA meets in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
- 6 Sat 9:00 am Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.
4-6 pm Free Town-Wide Barbecue at Third Baptist Church, Center Strafford; see insert.
- 7 Sun See *Contacts* page for local religious services.
- 8 Mon 1:00 pm Strafford Garden Club meets at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
6:30 pm Town of Strafford Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article.
7:00 pm Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
7:00 pm Fire Department Training.
- 9 Tues 8am-7pm **VOTE** State Primary Election; Town Hall open for voting only.
7:00 pm Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
- 10 Wed 6:00 pm School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
- 13 Sat 2-4:30 pm Bear-Paw Footprint Casting on the Suncook in Epsom; see *Conservation Notes*.
6:30 pm Free movie night at Hill Library; see *Library Lines*.
- 15 Mon **Deadline for October Strafford Community Calendar**.
7:00 pm Fire Department work session.
7:30 pm Fire Department officers meeting.
- 16 Tues 5-7 pm Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library; see *Library Lines*.
6:00 pm Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
6:30 pm Strafford Historical Society Potluck Supper & business meeting at Austin Hall; see article.
- 22 Mon 1:30 pm Strafford Women's Club meets in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church; see article.
7:00 pm Fire Department work session.
7:00 pm SAU 44 meeting in Northwood office.
- 23 Tues Autumn begins.
- 24 Wed Strafford Garden Club field trip.
6:00 pm School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
- 25 Thur 6:30 pm Book Club meets at Hill Library; see *Library Lines*.
- 26 Fri 7:00 pm Open Mic night at Hill Library; see *Library Lines*.
- 27 Sat 4-7 pm PTO fundraiser at Strafford School; see PTO article.
- 28 Sun 2:00 pm Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
- 29 Mon 7:00 pm Fire Department work session.
- 30 Tues 6:00 pm Selectmen meet at Town Hall.

