In honor of Henniker's 250th celebration the Henniker Historical Society and Museum is proud to present a new history book. It is titled *A Century in the Life of Henniker, New Hampshire, A Birdseye View of 1900-2000*, authored by Martha Taylor and formatted by Bruce Elliott.

This book was created by using newspaper articles from the archives of the Society. There are more than 200 pages of articles from various newspapers in chronological order by year. Nearly 450 of those articles are illustrated with a photo. It is a chance to learn more about life in Henniker and its residents.

**Sales will begin at a book signing event at our Annual Cookie and Gift Sale Saturday December 15, 2018 from 11:00-2:00 at the Grange Building at 21 Western Avenue**

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**This 250th Henniker, NH Banner is being raffled!**

For YOUR chance to **WIN** bring a non perishable food item to the Henniker Town Hall prior to **noon WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th** to receive a Raffle Ticket.

Receive a Raffle Ticket for every item you bring in! **NO Limit!**

**Drawing to be held at noon Wednesday, December 12th!**

GOOD LUCK!!

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**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY HOURS IN DECEMBER.

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**NEWS FROM THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

With the mailing of the December tax bill, filing time has once again started for exemptions and credits, abatements and deferrals. If you are elderly, disabled, blind, a veteran, a veteran's widow/widower, have a solar system or a wood heating system, you are encouraged to file now to have your name included in the file for the assessment year 2019.
A new entrance for Azalea Park

Over the Veteran’s Day weekend, Nate Kimball, a resident of Henniker and owner of Valley Excavating, began the project of creating a new entrance to Azalea Park. For three days he donated his time, talent and equipment to move dirt, stone, and brush to grade a new path down to the park. As soon as the ground thaws in the spring, the kiosk that has been built and donated by Dan Paul, the arch replica given by Ron and Martha Taylor and the final landscaping and stone work will complete the new and safe entrance.

The Azalea Park Committee is extremely grateful for the generosity of these individuals and hope that these changes will enable all residents to appreciate the importance of the park to the community and enjoy it more often.

HENNIKER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOCAL TOYS FOR LOCAL TOTS TOY DRIVE

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce continues a “Local Toys for Local Tots” Toy Drive for Henniker children. Since items put in the nationally known donation boxes at local retailers don’t stay local, the Henniker Chamber of Commerce teamed up with local businesses to collect toys for families in Henniker.

Local Toy for Local Tot boxes are out and are scheduled to be picked up Friday, December 14th. Boxes are set up for drop off locations including the Henniker Farm & Country Store, Henniker Pharmacy, Intervale Pancake House and Edmunds Ace Hardware.

More about the Henniker Chamber of Commerce:

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce’s mission is to promote the area and its businesses, promote Henniker’s growth & prosperity through membership participation and community involvement.
The Henniker Chamber of Commerce is accepting memberships. Membership into the Henniker Chamber provides many networking opportunities. Henniker Chamber Members will receive recognition as a Chamber Professional on the Chamber website, www.hennikerchamber.org, with a direct link to their business, in newsletters along with other publications. The Henniker Chamber will also keep members up to date with ongoing regulations affecting their business.

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Henniker Community Concerts

Don't You Want to Be in the Room where it happens?

Aaron Burr sang these lines in Hamilton - but they sure do apply to the Henniker Community Concert Committee. We are looking for 1-2 new committee members to help us make the magic happen again in 2019. Right now we are reviewing groups for our Second Annual Acoustic Café, which will take place in the NEC Pub once again. Dates are Sunday, January 27, February 24, and March 24, 5:00-7:00 PM. We are also starting to plan our summer series and good news, Nick's Other Band is already booked to close the series on Tuesday, August 20th.

So, if you love the concerts and want to help select the musicians for this summer, go to Town Hall and pick up an application to the Henniker Community PTA!

MUSIC ON MAIN STREET

The Spirit of Henniker Organizational Team (SHOT) will be meeting on Wednesday, December 19th at the Henniker Teen Center from 7pm-8pm to discuss plans for the 2019 Music on Main Street event.

All are welcome!!

Light up Henniker!

Sunday, 12/2 at 4:30pm

Please join in front of the Henniker Community School to light our tree and kick off the holiday season!

Enjoy some hot chocolate, caroling and even a visit from Santa himself!

Let’s join together as neighbors and celebrate our community. Friends across Henniker are encouraged to join in the fun by lighting up their homes and businesses!

Please consider bringing a donation of an unwrapped toy or food donation for the Food Pantry to help Henniker residents in need.

sponsored by the Henniker Community School PTA!

John Stark Regional High School

Several students from John Stark Regional High school attended the FIRST Women in Science & Technology (WIST) Forum for high-school students on November 9 in Manchester. The WIST forum, which has been offered every other year since the year 2000, is an event for students interested in STEM. The presenters were all accomplished women in STEM fields. While the event showcased women in science and technology, all students were welcome to attend and several male students participated in the day-long forum. John Stark students at WIST Forum. All photos: Mandy Fraser

i-r, front row: Olivia Sohl (kneeling), Hailey McKillop, Allison L’Heureux
i-r, back row: Spencer Beahm, Brianna Meisser (directly behind Olivia and in front of Spencer), Hailey Turcotte-Halley, Aria Ulmer, Raleigh Bilodeau, Maddie Aucocin, Jordyn Case

Brianna Meisser and Spencer Beahm, who are also members of the JSRHS Robotics Team, demonstrated their robot during lunch at the WIST Forum.

Rotary News

Birdseed Wreaths and Raffle Tickets on Sale Now

Two annual community fund raising activities of Henniker’s Rotary Club are in progress now. Buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win $100 each month during 2019. Each $10 ticket ($5 for $40) has 12 chances to win the monthly drawing. Get your tickets from your favorite Rotarian or at Hollyhock Flowers.

Speaking of Hollyhock Flowers, they are one of three local vendors helping Rotary this year to sell our popular Birdseed Wreaths. Buy yours there or at Henniker Farm & Country Store or Stonefalls Gardens. Beautifully boxed and only $20 they make great holiday gifts.

Holiday Decorations

Rotary is all about Community Service. On December 1st, the club will be hanging holiday wreaths throughout the downtown area to help make our town more festive. Stop and say hello to the crew who will be aided by a number of students from John Stark and Hillsboro/Deering High School.

And, on December 15th club members and friends will be visiting with seniors and homebound families and bringing them glad tidings and other holiday spirits with their annual caroling stroll. If you know someone the Rotary Club Carolers should visit, please contact Dan DaCosta, dan3090@aol.com.

The Henniker Community School Theatre will present The Princess Who Had No Name by Brian D. Taylor on Thursday, December 6 at 7 PM in the HCS Cafe. Admission is by donation.

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American Legion Post 78 member Sukari Statton Bill, NH National Guard Sergeant First Class helps Henniker Community School student Brady Labier put on a standard flax vest and backpack as part of the Veterans Day program at the school conducted by Post 78.

Nineteen students were inducted into the National Honor Society at John Stark Regional High School.

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New members from the senior class include Mercy Brooks, Allison L’Heureux, John Labounty, Christopher Mann, and Autumn Nelson and, from the junior class, new inducées Chole Astholz, Elizabeth Aubin, Victoria Bulcock, Eve Caplan, Olivia Desainde, Cordell Drabble, Samantha Innerfield, Hailey McKillop, Camryn Plaza, Christopher Seaver, Sheby Sizemore, Hailey Turcotte-Halle, Chelsea Woodsum, and Lauren Zervos.

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Photos for the 2018 TOWN REPORT

Please submit all photos for consideration to hennikeradmin@tds.net

John Stark Peer Leaders at the Youth Empowerment Conference "Inspire Change"

There are more than 30 Peer Leaders at John Stark Regional High School and a group of them attended the Youth Empowerment Conference "Inspire Change" in Dover, NH. The Peer Leaders group first began at John Stark in 2002 and has continued to grow and expand. Students in their junior and senior year may apply to be a Peer Leader and, if selected to serve, receive on-going training to assist their peers in a variety of ways. Sometimes, it’s as an extra set of eyes to be on the lookout for other students who might need someone to talk with, and, other times, it’s to share information and offer assistance to fellow students on topics of significance to teens today. Some of the sessions John Stark Peer Leaders attended at the conference included making an E-Cigarette lesson plan and presentation skills and exercises. Additional topics covered by speakers that day included "The Face of Recovery" and "Tobacco 21."

Celebrate the Season with the Congregational Church of Henniker

All are welcome to join in the festivities of the season with the Congregational Church of Henniker.

S'More Love Advent Campfire

In a classic fairy tale setting, there was a Princess (Sam Vesleux) who wakes to find herself in the middle of the forest with no memory. She cannot recall her name, where she is from, or how she got there. Her only clue is a quilt square picturing a ring and a star. On her journey to recall her past, the Princess stumbles upon many fairy tale characters along the way including Rumpelstiltskin (Helen Connor), Cinderella (Zoey Tadlock) and the Miller's Daughter (Sophia McGinty). Of course, there is a prince (Griffin Spring) who is seeking a princess that matches her description. In the end, the Princess learns her journey that the power of love is the solution to her predicament.

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S'More Love Advent Campfire
Front lawn of the church
Friday, December 14
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Come gather around the campfire, as we anticipate the Light and Love of Christmas with neighbors, carols, and s'mores.

Pop-Up Christmas Pageant
Church Sanctuary
Sunday, December 23
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Everyone has a role who wants one! No rehearsals, no lines to learn, just a narrated, carol-filled tableau of the Christmas story, which will involve everyone who selects a brown bag (with a mystery "costume" inside) as they enter the sanctuary. Tap into memories of pageants gone by or make new memories with new generations. It's the Sunday of Joy. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve with Candlelight and Carols
Church Sanctuary
Monday, December 24
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Enjoy a sacred pause in the sanctuary, lit by candlelight, adorned with the symbols of the season, and resonating with the carols and story of Christmas.

Teacher Workshop Day for SAU 24 Schools Held
Creating Trauma Responsive Schools
Guest Speaker: Cassie Yackley, Psy.D
Teachers, paraeducators, and administrators from SAU 24 schools in Henniker, Weare, and Stoddard shared a Common Workshop Day on November 6, at John Stark Regional High School. In the morning, everyone participated in a four-hour workshop session with Dr. Cassie Yackley, a psychologist who specializes in training staff in trauma-informed practices.

"As a school community, we have found ourselves trying to support an increasing number of students who are dealing with significant trauma. It became clear that we needed to carve out some time to build our collective understanding of the impact of trauma and to develop strategies for moving forward," said SAU 24 Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Coe.

"Cassie Yackley has spent more than 25 years studying the impact of traumatic and adverse experiences on children and their families as well as the strain it places on support systems like public schools and other community resources. Dr. Yackley's projects have included: Partners for Change, working with NH Child Protective Services and Juvenile Justice; Safe Schools, Healthy Students, providing training in trauma-informed practices for five major NH school systems; Growing Healthy Families; Trauma-Informed Early Childhood Services, Pre-school Technical Assistance Network, & State Systemic Improvement Plan, where she is developing a sustainable network of training and support for early-childhood care providers and pre-school teachers and staff.

Dr. Yackley has developed training and provided consultation with organizations and systems making the shift to a reflective, trauma-informed stance including NH DCYF, NH Hospital, Crotched Mountain Rehabilitative Center, and several schools and school districts. Dr. Yackley also served as Director and Chief Psychologist for an APA-accredited doctoral intern program for ten years.

The afternoon segment of SAU 24's Common Workshop Day included specialized training in smaller groups for paraeducators in master paraeducator coursework and common performance assessments for teachers. School counselors, interventionists, related services staff, and preschool teachers met in job-alike groups to continue their work.

"It was a full day dedicated to learning together to make our schools better and our students more successful," concluded SAU 24 Superintendent Tacconi-Moore about the day-long workshop.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT THE TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
Story Time with Miss Laura! Join us for stories, songs & crafts. A new theme each week! Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
December 5 - Family
December 12 - Holidays

The Tucker Free Library will be closed:
Tuesday, December 25th
Tuesday, January 1st

Coming in January - a local author and a talented musician! Don't miss these great upcoming events! Like us on Facebook to see what's happening at your local library!
Remember - we have all the newest books and movies for free as well as computers, Wi-Fi, copy machine, scanner and fax! Check out our website and catalog.

Being a member of the library gives you free access to NH Downloadable Audio and eBooks. Find that [here](#).

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Transfer Station/Recycling Center Superintendent Kristen Bergeron, Officer Cole LeTourneau, and Assistant Highway Superintendent Justin Johnson worked the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, which is held the last Saturday of the month each October. This year 48 Henniker residents, 50 Hopkinton residents and 12 Webster residents brought in items such as fluorescent bulbs, oil paint, pesticides, and mixed aerosols.