Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony

Henniker American Legion Post 78 will be hosting a Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony on Flag Day Thursday, June 14th at the Henniker Community Park, Main Street, (Angelia Robinson Bandstand) at 7:00pm.

Residents may bring their faded and worn flags to the ceremony for proper public disposal or drop them off at the Henniker Town Hall until June 13th. This ceremony is a dignified tribute to the U. S. flag and its’ symbolism. The Post through this public display enhances respect to the flag in our community and provides a much-needed service to those who have flags needing to be properly retired. The flags that have graced the graves of Henniker veterans buried in town cemeteries for the past year will also be retired during this ceremony.

For Further Information Contact:
David Currier, Post 78, Adjutant ALHennikerPost78@gmail.com

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
Summer Reading Program Readers Today, Leaders tomorrow

Encourage your child to read for pleasure this summer with Tucker Free Library’s Summer Reading Program: Tuesday, June 26nd - Tuesday, July 31st. (Studies show that reading over the summer helps children retain their reading skills.)

Children can also participate in the All-Around Henniker 250th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt. By reading books and finding the answers to the Scavenger Hunt clues around town children earn tokens which are redeemable for treats at local businesses. Bring your child in today to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. More details at www.tuckerfree.org.

Looking for a place to spend some quality time with your child this summer? Visit the new TFL Kidspace: A Playground for the Mind where your child (and you too!) can interact with STEAM engagers and manipulatives which are both fun and educational!

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.

Like us on Facebook to see what’s happening at your local library!

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

COMMUNITY CONCERT NEWS
OLD TIME MUSIC IS BETTER THAN YOU THINK
Local group launches summer series

Opening Henniker’s Summer Concert season this year on Tuesday, June 12th are The Bradford Bog Boys, a local group of Hillsborough residents presenting historic music from the Appalachian region. Lively banjo and fiddle tunes, unusual tunings, beautiful harmonies and some clogging too are what...
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Additionally, there will be several new groups starting

with The Bradford Bog People as well as 2120 S. Michigan Avenue

offering authentic Chicago-style blues and a two-fer evening

sponsored by Alliance Entertainment, presenting The

Introduction: A Tribute to the band Chicago and Groove

Alliance featuring Motown and R&B classics. Highlights of the

season also include two incredible Tribute Bands: Studio Two

Beatles Tribute Band and BBNG - Blues Brothers Next

Generation.

Because it was so successful last year, this summer we will

include food vending at three of the concerts: July 5th (39th

Army Band), July 31 (Club Soda) and August 21 (Nick’s Other

Band). Non profit groups are encouraged to apply to be a

vendor at one or more of these concerts. Contact Milli Knudsen

milkknudsen@gmail.com

The Henniker Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the town

of Henniker. All concerts are free (although donations to the Town

of Henniker are welcome) and take place at the Angela Robinson

Bandstand on the grounds of the Community Center on Main

Street (in case of rain, moving indoors to the Community Center)

beginning at 7:00 PM. Bring a chair, spread a blanket, visit a local

restaurant or have a picnic supper on the lawn and join your

neighbors and friends in this community-building event at our

bandstand. The complete summer schedule is available on the

Town of Henniker website: www.henniker.org. For more

information, contact hennikerconcerts@henniker.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Congregational Church of Henniker is seeking a part-time (12 hours/week), self-starting, creative and resourceful Church Administrator.

If you have a minimum of five years administrative experience and if you are efficient, organized and good with technology, consider serving as the communications and administrative hub for our operations in a flexible work environment.

Visit churchofhenniker.org for more information, then, send your cover letter and resume to sitaroll@gmail.com. We’ll be accepting applications until the position is filled.

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY RADIO CLUB

The Contoocook Valley Radio Club, an area amateur radio club dedicated to public service and emergency communication will begin a 24 hour emergency communication event across the entire United States at 2pm on June 23rd.

The CVRC will be hosting a site at 3 Hemlock Corner Loop in Henniker where the public is most welcome to tour, ask questions and even operate! Contact Jen at kbbravone@gmail.com with any questions!

Dr. Laurel Richie Dumont
NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR JSRS

SAU 24 Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore announced the appointment of Dr. Laurel Richie Dumont as Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning at John Stark Regional High School in Weare, NH. Dr. Richie Dumont will begin on July 1, 2018.

“We are excited to have Dr. Richie Dumont join the SAU 24 community,” said Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore. I was most impressed with her background that includes National Board Certification in Social Studies and History and her high school and middle school teaching experience.

“The retirement at the end of this year of our Dean of Counseling, Donna Nelson, presented us with the opportunity to look at the scope of our administrative team and make changes that will allow each administrator to concentrate their attention on an area of their strength,” said Superintendent Tacconi-Moore.

Mr. Brian Emery will continue in his role as Assistant Principal, concentrating his efforts on student life at John Stark. Aprylle Desrosiers, with her strong counseling background, will take the position of Director of Student Services which will encompass oversight of the School Counseling office, interventions for struggling students, coordination of the management of 504 plans, and coordination of extended learning opportunities for all students.

HENNIKER COMMUNITY MARKET

Outdoor farmers market with weekly live music. 100% handmade and homegrown.

- organic vegetables & fruit
- raw dairy
- fresh, wild-caught fish & seafood
- grass fed meats
- eggs
- poultry
- honey
- maple
- breads and baked goods
- jams and jellies
- handmade home decor
- jewelry

www.hennikermarket.com
hennikercommunitymarket@gmail.com
IN KEEPING WITH THE TRADITIONAL STRUCTURE OF HAVING TWO ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS AT JOHN STARK, THE SECOND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ROLES WERE DESIGNED TO FOCUS ON CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT,” SAID SUPERINTENDENT TACCONI-MOORE. AS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, DR. RICHIE DUMONT WILL FOCUS ON COORDINATION OF CURRICULUM, CURRICULUM BASED DECISION MAKING, AND CREATING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT FACULTY AND STAFF.

DR. RICHIE DUMONT COMES TO JOHN STARK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HAVING TAUGHT STUDENTS IN ALL YEARS OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL, AS WELL AS UNDERGRADUATES FOR 26 YEARS IN CONNECTICUT AND DELAWARE. IN ADDITION TO NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION, SHE ALSO HOLDS A PH.D. FROM NORTHCENTRAL UNIVERSITY IN EDUCATION WITH SPECIALIZATION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION. HER DOCTORAL RESEARCH WAS IN THE AREA OF ACHIEVEMENT MOTIVATION AND ATTRIBUTIONAL THINKING. HER UNDERGRADUATE AND MASTER’S DEGREES ARE IN HISTORY. BOTH DR. RICHIE DUMONT AND HER WIFE, AARON DUMONT, GRObled IN VERMONT AND LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING TO NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND AS A FAMILY. THEIR DAUGHTER, LILY, WILL ENTER THE SEVENTH GRADE IN THE FALL. “THE WELCOME I HAVE RECEIVED HAS REINFORCED MY IMPRESSION THAT JOHN STARK IS A SPECIAL PLACE, AND DR. RICHDUMONT. IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO SERVE THE FAMILIES OF SAU 24 AND SHARE IN THE COMMUNITY EFFORT TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE ACADEMIC FOUNDATION REQUIRED FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS.”

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HENNIKER HELD ITS 3RD ANNUAL RUSH SQUARE PLANTING DAY ON SUNDAY MAY 20TH WITH HELP FROM THE JOHN STARK SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY, STAFF MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CALEB GROUP (OWNERS OF RUSH SQUARE) AND MASTER GARDENERS TAMICHIO HOWARD AND LIBBY HOWELL. HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS LUCY McGRADE, JILLIAN DOUZANIS, SYDNEY STORY AND BRENNA HOPKINS WORKED WITH THE RESIDENTS HELPING THEM PLANT IN THE RAISED BEDS CONSTRUCTED BY ROTARIANS OR IN THEIR GARDEN PLOTS OUTSIDE THEIR APARTMENTS. TWENTY-NINE RESIDENTS PLANTED ANNUALS, PERENNIALS AND A LARGE COMMUNITY GARDEN WITH PLANTS SUPPLIED BY HENNIKER FARM AND COUNTRY AND STONEFALLS GARDENS AND PURCHASED BY THE ROTARY CLUB.

THE ROTARY CLUB FOLLOWED UP THE MORNING OF PLANTING WITH A COOK OUT, ONCE AGAIN MAKING THE DAY A FESTIVE OUTING FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ALIKE. CALEB GROUP RESIDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR SUSAN MCBRIDE AND ROTARIANS RUTH ZAX AND HEATHER SHAW ONCE AGAIN ORGANIZED THE APARTMENT GARDENING WORKSHOP. FOR MORE PHOTOS OF THE PLANTING DAY GO TO THE HENNIKER ROTARY CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE.

Residents Pam and Sue are flanked by John Stark Spanish Honor Society students Lucy McCabe, Jillian Douzanis, Sydney Story and Brenna Hopkins who all participated in the 3rd annual Henniker Rotary Club Rush Square Planting Day.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS FOR THE LOW AND MEDIUM INCOME HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM ARE DUE JUNE 30; WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22 AND JUNE 21 TO ASSIST APPLICANTS WITH PROCESS.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION (NHDRA) ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH OF THE STATE’S ANNUAL LOW AND MEDIUM INCOME HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM AND IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018. THIS YEAR, NHDRA IS OFFERING TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERESTED TAXPAYERS TO RECEIVE HANDS-ON ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING APPLICATIONS DURING WORKSHOPS ON MAY 22 AND JUNE 21 AT NHDRA OFFICES IN CONCORD.

APPLICATION FORMS (FORM DP-8) FOR 2018 ARE AVAILABLE ON NHDRA’S WEBSITE AT WWW.REVENUE.NH.GOV. OLDER VERSIONS OF THE FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. LAST YEAR, $1.4 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF WAS DISTRIBUTED, RESULTING IN AN AVERAGE OF APPROXIMATELY $175 OF STATE EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PER HOUSEHOLD.

“SINCE THE LOW AND MEDIUM INCOME HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED IN 2002, MORE THAN $40 MILLION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO LESSEN THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF THE STATE EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX FOR AT- RISK TAXPAYERS,” SAID LINDSEY STEPP, NHDRA COMMISSIONER. “THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE TO TAXPAYERS, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT BY PROVIDING IN-PERSON GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE DURING THESE WORKSHOPS, MORE NEW HAMPSHIRE TAXPAYERS WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM.”

AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT FOR LOW AND MEDIUM INCOME HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IS A PERSON WHO IS:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal or less than $20,000; or
- Married or head of New Hampshire household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to $40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead as of April 1, 2017.

NHDRA WILL BE OFFERING TWO LOW AND MEDIUM INCOME HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF WORKSHOPS WHERE TAXPAYERS CAN HAVE THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND RECEIVE ASSISTANCE COMPLETING THEIR APPLICATION FORMS. WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 22, FROM 9AM UNTIL NOON, AND THURSDAY, JUNE 21, FROM 1PM UNTIL 3:30PM. BOTH WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT NHDRA’S OFFICE LOCATED IN GOVERNOR HUGH GALLEN STATE OFFICE PARK, 109 PLEASANT STREET (MEDICAL & SURGICAL BUILDING), CONCORD, NH 03301. ATTENDEES SHOULD RSVP BY SENDING AN E-MAIL TO FORMS@DRA.NH.GOV OR CALLING TAXPAYER SERVICES AT (603) 230-5920.

STILL HAVEN’T FILED YOUR TAX BILL? YOU still have time to benefit from this program. NHDRA provided the following tips to homeowners considering applying for the program:

- One of the most common reasons an applicant may see a delay in the response to their application is due to lack of proper attachments. Completed claim forms must be accompanied by a copy of the final tax bill from the municipality where the applicant resides along with a copy of the applicant’s federal income tax return (1040-EZ, 1040A, etc.).
- Applicants are reminded that NHDRA is a state taxing agency and cannot determine an individual’s federal tax liability. If applicants are unsure whether they are required to file federally, they may contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.
- If an applicant is not required to file with the IRS, they should check the box on the Form DP-8 indicating this.
- Homesteads held in trust must also be verified by submission of the trust document, but may still qualify for relief.

Many NH libraries allow residents to utilize their internet services to complete and print Form DP-8 for submission by mail. Residents who do not have internet access may request Form DP-8 by calling NHDRA’s Forms Line at (603) 230-5001. Granite State residents can find more information about the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program and check the status of their application on DRA’s website.

ABOUT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

THE NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION (NHDRA) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FAIR AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTERING THE TAX LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. NHDRA COLLECTS APPROXIMATELY 80% OF NEW HAMPSHIRE’S GENERAL TAXES. DURING FISCAL YEAR 2017, DRA COLLECTED $1.5 BILLION IN REVENUE FOR THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL FUND AND EDUCATION TRUST FUND. DRA ALSO PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES IN BUDGETING, FINANCE AND REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NHDRA, PLEASE VISIT WWW.REVENUE.NH.GOV.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

HENNIKER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

June 6: School Board Meeting, 6:15pm in the school library.
Henniker Chamber of Commerce was a success

Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting the area and its businesses, providing educational opportunities to its members and welcoming visitors and newcomers.

A barbeque at the Community Center followed the clean up efforts with food donated by the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber thanks all participants for their hard work in helping clean up the town of Henniker.

The ATV Club had the largest number of people to check-in and check-out as a team/group with 14 volunteers. The ATV Club won the $100 prize for the largest group.

The annual EXPO featuring the Capstone Projects completed by seniors at JSRHS was held on the evening of May 17. The Capstone Project demonstrates a student's ability to learn independently with a mentor and show they are college and career ready. The learning project components include a project proposal, learning log, reflective paper, and a presentation to evaluators. Projects can be academic, hands on, or a combination of the two. Here are some of the projects from EXPO 2018 at John Stark.

Twins Kathryn and Spencer Janelle both focused on technology. Kathryn's project was 3D animation where she "sculpted" characters much like you would sculpt clay using Mudbox, digital painting and sculpting software that enables a user to create production-ready 3D digital artwork. Kathryn plans to study animation at Savannah College of Art and Design. Her brother, Spencer, did a DIY project and built a computer. When asked why build a computer, Spencer's response was, "I've just always wanted to see if I could do it." He did, the computer is going to UNH with him when he leaves to study Computer Science.

Tim McComish restored a 1937 Caterpillar 22 Crawler Tractor. Tim said the project honed his problem solving skills and enhanced his mechanical ability. He plans to study diesel mechanics and engine repair at Vermont Technical College.

The Weare Police Department also provided some programming about safe driving.

On the final day, juniors and seniors heard a presentation by Grace Wight, a young NH teen who in her senior year killed a pedestrian when she fell asleep driving home one night. She also played the 911 tape from the accident for the absolutely silent audience. Ms. Wight's visit was planned by the Peer Leaders with assistance from Chelsie Hubicsak-Muldowney from the Injury Prevention Center at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.
Kentucky Derby Party Combines Fun and Fundraising!

On May 5th guests enjoyed some Louisville excitement at the White Birch Center Kentucky Derby Party held at Pats Peak. Derby-goers dressed in style, enjoyed classic cocktails, southern inspired food, and dancing on the deck to live music from Nick’s Other Band. Exquisite raffle items, a fun hat contest and themed games were enjoyed by a crowd of more than 150 attendees. Gathering for a rendition of My Old Kentucky Home, followed by watching the Run for the Roses on the big screen, added to the tradition of this sold-out event. The Derby Party raised over $10,000 in proceeds towards the mission of White Birch Center - to be a community leader in providing exceptional programs and services that support learning and active living for children, adults, and families. Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser such a wonderful success!

SCHOLAR LEADERS AWARD

Henniker Community School students Sunnie Steinback and Devin Patterson were honored at the Nineteenth Annual Scholar Leader Awards Banquet, held at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester, New Hampshire, on May 17, 2018. The students were presented with an award whose criteria included demonstrating positive attitudes and exemplified leadership in the classroom and school activities.

SAU 24 Schools Receive $88,000 in State of NH Grants to Improve Security

The Henniker Community School, Weare Middle School, and John Stark Regional High School have been awarded $88,000 in grants from the State of New Hampshire Department of Education to improve school security. The grant applications were reviewed and approved for recommendation to the Governor by the Public School Infrastructure Commission. The Henniker Community School received a total of $44,000 to improve safety and security. One grant awarded the school $12,000 to replace and reinforce windows on the ground level. The school was awarded another $12,000 for Phase II camera installation for additional cameras inside and outside of the building.

The Weare Middle School received $16,800 for additional cameras on the perimeter of the building and in hallways. John Stark Regional High School received $27,200 for school safety and security support including additional cameras.

All work at the three schools is expected to take place during the summer so there will be no impact to student learning. These grants fund the projects at 80 percent. Each district is required to fund the remaining 20 percent. The projects are all slated to be completed by the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

BE CHILL

First Lady Melania Trump may tout “Be Best” but the Henniker Rotary Club has “Be Chill” and invites you to submit your best chili recipe for judging (and cash awards) at the 16th Annual Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest, August 19, 2018, Pats Peak, Henniker.

This year there are cash awards of $500, $300 and $200 for the top three Amateur Chilis selected by our panel of Celebrity Judges: Chef Nicole Barreira, Great NH Restaurants, Allen Zick, Executive Chef, Common Man Family of Restaurants and Rick Broussard, Editor, NH Magazine. In the Professional Division, the top three winners will receive colorful banners, plaques and, of course, bragging rights. There will also be awards for People’s Choice and Best Booth Displays. Applications and judging criteria are available on the Chili Fest website: www.chilinewhampshire.org

This year’s event will be bigger and more exciting than ever, starting with a 5K Fire on the Mountain Trail Run up Pats Peak in the morning. To register for the race go to: www.runreg.com/fire-on-the-mountain-trail-5k.

Gates open at 11:00am for Chili Fest providing access to the Car Cruise-In, KidZone, Vendor Fair, Food Court, Beer Tent, NH Liquor Commission “Fun in the Sun” trailer and Music Stage. Chili tasting begins at noon and ends at 3:30pm. An awards ceremony follows completion of the ballot counting. Our media host once again is The River, with Steve Friedman serving as on-site Master of Ceremonies.

Proceeds from Chili Fest benefit Henniker Rotary projects including: scholarship assistance for students heading off to post-secondary education, community service projects like Amey Brook Park maintenance and Rush Square Gardening program, support of Hillsborough and Henniker Food Banks, school programs and other local non-profits, as well as international Rotary health, humanitarian and peace programs.

The Henniker Rotary Club Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest is made possible this year by the following sponsors including: Habanero Sponsors: Ayer and Goss Fuels, Davis & Towle Insurance, Dunkin Donuts, Edmunds ACE Hardware, Henniker Veterinary Hospital and New England College as well as Jalapeno sponsors: Henniker Pharmacy, Horse Sport Goods, TDS Telecom, Colby Hill Inn, Grappone Auto, Henniker Family Dentistry, Henniker Crushed Stone and Merrimack County Savings Bank.

Join us for the hottest event in the Contoocook Valley Region on Sunday, August 19th and “Be Chill!!”
The Middle Level Scholar Leaders Award is organized annually by the New Hampshire Association for Middle Level Education (NHAME) and the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS).

MONADNOCK ROLLER DERBY

New England College
June 9th and July 21st

Mad Misfits - Junior Team
starts at 3:30

Mad Knockers - Women’s Team
starts at 6:00

Admission is $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Half off for seniors and students with ID. Kids under 10 are free.

www.madadnockrollerderby.com

Answer to the poem in the April 2018 ENewsletter

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Students in Mrs. Morono’s 4th grade at the Henniker Community School created posters in observance of Memorial Day for the Memorial Day Exhibit in the Community Center following the annual Henniker Memorial Day Parade. Here are some images from their visit to the exhibit.

4th grade students looking at the posters they created for the exhibit

Answer to the poem in the April 2018 ENewsletter