Summer. Concerts. Success.

From the Other Henniker facebook page: The most unbelievable concert ever tonight-Nicks Other Band. OMG Reid Cullen--fricken fabulous fiddler. Anyone have photos?

Why yes, yes we do. And they are attached.

Nick's Other Band (NOB) was indeed fabulous on August 21st, closing out an incredible summer concert series that brought a range of talented musicians to our beloved Angela Robinson Bandstand. 350 residents (at least) turned out on a perfect summer evening to enjoy NOB and the pre-concert picnic of sausage and pepper sandwiches provided by the Henniker Lions Club, hamburgers and hot dogs offered by Henniker Community School and dessert fare prepared by the Henniker Peace Community.

Prior to the concert, chairperson Ruth Zax recognized and thanked Blithe Reed for her contributions to the Summer Concert committee for the past ten years, as she prepares to move to her retirement home in Florida. Blithe is one of the original committee members hand selected by Angela Robinson to take over the planning of the summer series. She will be missed not only by the committee but by all the many friends she has made in Henniker since moving here to attend New England College.

Blithe's departure means there is an empty space on the Concert Committee waiting to be filled by a music-loving individual. If you are interested, please contact us at hennikerconcerts@henniker.org.

The committee is currently reviewing the 2018 evaluations submitted this week to learn more about our audience's preferences and to determine who will be on our "bring them back" list for next summer. If you weren't able to attend the last concert, you can still give us your opinions by filling out an online evaluation of the concerts you did attend (click here).

We value your opinions and use them to seek out new artists such as several we presented this summer: 2120 South Michigan Ave, Groove Alliance, BBNG and Studio Two among them.

The committee is grateful for all the support it receives from the Town Hall employees, people of Henniker, Henniker Transfer Station staff, Henniker Septic System, Peter and Kathy Flynn, the Bike Shop and contributors, including Henniker Family Dentistry and Rotary Club of Henniker.

But most of all, we thank you - all who attended one or more of the concerts this summer. You are the reason we plan these events and you make them very special.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY

Tuesday, September 11, 2018
7:00am-7:00pm
Henniker Community School Gym
The Town Clerk's Office will be closed due to voting.

HENNIKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sadly, with passing of our most recent Boston Post Cane recipient, Janice Walsh, we are once again looking for Henniker's current oldest resident to receive the BPC. The only requirement is that they must be a resident of Henniker for at least 5 years. If you know of someone you think may qualify just email us at society@mctelecom.com or call 428-4267 by September 10th.
NEW TEACHERS AT JOHN STARK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

John Stark Regional High School welcomes three new teachers and a returning teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.

Katherine Dow returns to John Stark as a special education teacher. Ms. Dow was a science teacher at John Stark from 1996 to 2006 and returned to John Stark last year as a special education paraeducator. She is a graduate of New England College and lives in Bow with her husband. She has one son.

Ben Boyington joins John Stark as an English teacher. Mr. Boyington comes to the high school from teaching in Upper Valley schools and at Windsor High School (VT). He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bennington College and a Master of Education from New England College. Mr. Boyington lives in Claremont with his wife and two children.

Joel Kress will teach math at John Stark. Mr. Kress comes to teaching following a career in business. Most recently, he was Director of Special Projects for the Association of Governmental Risk Pools in New York. Mr. Kress holds an undergraduate degree in Applied Mathematics and Mathematical Education from North Carolina State University. He also holds an MBA from Southern New Hampshire University. Mr. Kress resides in Weare. Zhang Guanboa will be teaching Chinese Language and Culture. New at John Stark this year will be a fourth year offering in Mandarin which he will also teach. He comes to John Stark through their affiliation with the UNH Confucious Institute and will be joined by his wife and young son later this year. He holds a bachelor's degree from Beijing International Studies University and has been teaching high school English in China.

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Tucker Free Library are accepting applications from regional architectural firms with expertise working with historic buildings to complete an architectural feasibility study for the library located in Henniker, NH. The submital deadline is Friday, September 28, 2018 by 4:00 PM. Complete details, including access to the Request for Qualifications can be seen at www.tuckerfreelibrary.org.

In March 2018, a warrant article was approved at Town Meeting authorizing the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library to seek a firm to engage in an architectural feasibility study with a limited budget. For additional information please contact the library director at tuckerfree@comcast.net.

It is with great sadness that the Tucker Free Library is saying goodbye to our much loved Youth Services Librarian, Erin Longan. So we are on the hunt for a new one! We are looking for a special person who can lead story times, engage with middle school kids, build family-oriented programs, and promote the importance of a quality library in the community.

Join our innovative team and make a difference in the lives of Henniker residents! Click here for details.

The library will announce its Story Time schedule once a new Youth Services Librarian comes on board. Until then, enjoy our books, videos and the great TFL KIDSpace. This innovative space provides families with children a chance to learn to solve problems, work together, and negotiate decisions covertly through play.

Families are welcome to use any of the STEAM oriented toys!

September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!!

A library card is the most important card in our wallets! Libraries empower all people to pursue their interests, discover their passions and achieve their highest potential as learners and citizens. Sign up today! 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 and sign up for our email alerts. We have all the latest books and magazines for you to take home.

Limited Edition of the Tucker Free Library replica by Cat’s Meow is now on sale at the Free Library. Don’t miss the opportunity to own this beautiful likeness of an iconic Henniker building! $20.

September 30 @ 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Puzzle Exchange: If you bring a puzzle to the exchange you can take a new one home!

The 25 digital magazines in the collection can be checked out without impacting how many eBooks or audiobooks you can borrow at once. They can be read on a computer browser or within the Libby app on a mobile device. All you need is a library card. Enjoy!
Chelsea Cutter will teach second grade. Ms. Cutter did her student teaching at HCS and later worked as a long-term substitute teacher at the school. Prior to coming to the Henniker Community School, she worked in the Hillsboro-Deering school system. Ms. Cutter earned her undergraduate degree from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Education in Elementary Education from SNHU. She lives in Hillsboro.

Jennifer Kane joins HCS to teach 6th grade. She joins the school after several years teaching both full time and as a substitute teacher in the Kearsage School District. Earlier in her career, she taught 4th grade at Center Woods Elementary School in Weare for three years and in Massachusetts prior to Center Woods. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Merrimack College and lives in Warner with her husband and 3 children.

Casey Starr will teach 7th & 8th grade science. She comes to HCS from teaching high school science for five years at Tyngsborough (NH) High School. Mrs. Starr has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Education and Teaching and Learning from Unity College (ME) and a Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching from Fitchburg State University. She lives in Weare with her husband, Justin.

Taylor Carroll will teach music in all grades at the Henniker Community School. Ms. Carroll, who grew up in Henniker and attended HCS, holds a BS in Music Education and a Master of Arts in Integrated Arts from Plymouth State University. She has been teaching band and chorus in Nottingham since 2002. She lives in Henniker with her husband and 3 young children.

June Adinah joins HCS as the speech pathologist. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Rochester and a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Communication Disorders from UNH. She has more than twenty years of experience as a speech pathologist in New Hampshire schools and was most recently at Three Rivers Schools in Pembroke. She lives in Contoocook and is married with two grown daughters.

Lindsay Brook joins the Henniker Community School as a special education teacher. Ms. Brook holds a BA from Chowan University (NC) and a Master of Education in Special Education from Plymouth State University. Prior to coming to HCS, she was a special education teacher for the Roanoke Rapids School District in North Carolina. She lives in South Sutton.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept. 3: NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

Henniker Community School

Sept. 5: Henniker School Board Meeting, 6:15pm school library
Sept. 11: VOTING DAY, NH State Primary, 7am-7pm in the gym. Please DO NOT enter the school to vote. Enter the polling place via the front (Western Ave.) gym doors.
Sept. 17-21: Scholastic Book Fair
Sept. 19: PTA Social (in the Café) 5:30pm OPEN HOUSE, 6pm

John Stark Regional High School

Sept. 10: School Picture Day
Sept. 12: John Stark School District Board Meeting, 6:30pm in school library
Sept. 27: OPEN HOUSE, 6pm
and special education in grades K-8. She lives in Contoocook.

Front Row, l-r: Heather Horn, kindergarten; Chelsea Cutter, 2nd grade; Lindsay Brook, special ed.; Casey Starr, 7 & 8th science. Back Row, l-r: Taylor Carroll, music; Jennie Kane, 6th grade. MISSING from photo: June Adinah, speech pathologist.

UPCOMING ROTARY CLUB PROJECTS

Be on the lookout for Rotarians at work this fall as they complete their 2018 Adopt-A-Highway project along Rt. 114. This is one of many Community Service projects your local Rotary Club completes to improve the community. Also, this fall, we help to fulfill one of Rotary’s International goals by hosting an exchange student for the school year. Finally, the 2019 monthly $100 raffle and Birdseed Wreath sales will begin soon. Be on the lookout for your favorite Rotarian to purchase your tickets or a wreath or two.

WELCOME TO HENNICKER

Stay informed daily!
www.henniker.org

Join Our Mailing List!

2018 El Chile Cocinar apagado evento fue un éxito.

Buenas noticias! (Hear Ye, Hear Ye!) The 16th annual Henniker Rotary Club Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest is officially over and it was a blast! A perfect sunny day at Pats Peak, low humidity, lots of chili and multiple activities to keep the attendees busy all afternoon.

Winners in the Amateur Category were: First Place Judges Award: Uncle Box’s Chili (Cedric Woodbury), 2nd Place Judges Award: A Vicarious Verde (Erika Leveroni) and 3rd Place Judges Award: Swamp Donkey Kreations (Dave Kelly). The Amateur People’s Choice Award went to A Vicarious Verde and the Best Booth Display for Amateurs was awarded to Bob Blackwell and The Three Amigos. Thirty-two Amateur Chili Makers presented their chilis to the voting public.

In the Professional Category: First Place Judges Award: Team Taco Beyondo (Adam Mosher); Second Place Judges Award: Chartwells at New England College (Shawn Jackson) and 3rd Place Judges Award: The Birches of Concord. Team Taco Beyondo for the second year in a row took home both The People’s Choice Award and Judge’s Award. The 900 Chili Crew (Daniel Gove) received the Best Booth Award.

There are lots of people to thank for making this event a success once more. Our sponsors, including Ayer & Goss Fuels, Colby Hill Inn, Davis & Towe Insurance Company, Dunkin’ Donuts of Henniker, Edmunds Ace Hardware, Grappone Automotive, Henniker Crushed Stone, Henniker Family Dentistry, Henniker Pharmacy, Henniker Veterinary Hospital, Merrimack County Savings Bank, Morse Sporting Goods, New England College and TDS Telecom, as well as our media partners, Granite Quill Publications and 92.5 The River. Thanks also to the 40 Chili makers, vendors, volunteers from Hillsborough/Deering and John Stark High School DECA clubs, White Birch Community Center, Henniker Community School and the New England College Sports Teams, as well as friends and family of the Henniker Rotary Club and especially, our hosts Pats Peak, without whom we could never pull off such a major event.

To our judges: Chef Nicole Barreira, Executive Chef, Great American Restaurant Group (Cactus Jacks/Tbones and the Copper Door), Rick Broussard, Editor, NH Magazine and Adam Parker, Corporate Chef, (Fratello’s Italian Grille and the Homestead Restaurants) we say Buen Hecho (job well done!).

Most of all, thank you to all who attended Chili Fest. Funds you helped us raise will go out into the communities we serve and to people in need around the world. We hope you had feliz degustación (happy tasting) at this year’s event.

Atentamente (Sincerely),
Steve Neuhoff, Rotary President
Marc McMurphy, 2018 Chili Fest Chairman