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## Ben Franklin speaks

Hillsborough Historical Society President Mike Reopel (l) invited Benjamin Franklin (r) to speak at the Franklin Pierce Homestead during the Living History Event.



## Show us your Tookys

Tooky Mills Pub owner Sean Burt has begun selling special T-shirts to raise money for breast cancer research. The front is printed with the words "Show Us Your Tooky's," while the back lists several charities supporting cancer research which will receive the profits. Shirts are \$20 and can be purchased at the Pub. So far, sales are over \$1,300.



Marcus McFall, a fifth grader at Henniker Community School played the title role in the Hillcat Theatre production of "Oliver." The large cast of varied ages and multiple talents played to rave reviews last week.

## Conflict brewing

### *Threats and suspensions at Deering Fire Department*

Coming on the heels of the Ray Daniels' decision reported in last week's Messenger, another controversy appears to be brewing in Deering. Lieutenant Steve Brooks of the Deering Fire Department came before the Selectmen to inform them that there was a discrepancy in hours between his time sheets and the pay he received for 2011. Brooks also commented that there was an Officer's Meeting held at the Fire Station where a threat was made against

him and that Town Administrator Craig Ohlson heard the recording last Monday. Brooks said that he has been more than patient, but coming before the Board is his last effort before he turns it over to the State.

Firefighter Bill Bannister also came before the Board to discuss his suspension from the Fire Department.

The Board decided to investigate the situation and discuss it with Town Counsel.

### **SEC hearing on Antrim Wind turbines set for Sept 10**

The continuing saga over the controversial Antrim Wind Energy's 10 turbine project on Tuttle Hill enters a new stage with the scheduling of a hearing by the state's Site Evaluation Committee on September 10th.

Earlier this summer, the Antrim Selectmen, who support the project, signed a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement with the

developers, but five residents have brought suit challenging the legality of the agreement. They claim negotiations were held in violation of the Right-To-Know Law and are thus invalid.

The SEC hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. on September 10th in Concord, at the Public Utilities Commission Office, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10.



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# Henniker Community School set to open on August 29th

Henniker residents, be on the lookout for school buses and students walking and biking to school as the Henniker Community School opens for students in grades kindergarten to grade 8 on Wednesday, August 29, 2012. The school day will remain the same, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. For complete school bus routes and schedules, please check the school website at [www.sau24.org](http://www.sau24.org). "After enjoying this summer's beautiful weather, we hope students are as ready as we are to begin an exciting new school year," said Principal Katherine McBride. "Teachers have been busy planning classes and getting classrooms set, the maintenance staff has the building sparkling, and the Café staff has been busy planning new menus," continued McBride.

New staff members this year at the Henniker Community School include: Nicole Patterson, school nurse; Peter Adamo, 7/8 grade math and technology education teacher; Todd Storro, K-grade 8 art teacher; and Joann Keirstead, para-educator. An as yet to be named teacher from China will also be joining HCS this fall in a shared capacity with John Stark Regional High School.

Early September events you'll want to mark your calendars for include: HCS Open House, Wednesday, September 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Open House will be preceded by the Henniker PTA's Annual Pizza Social from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. School Picture Day for all stu-

dents will also be on Wednesday, September 19 and the Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of September 17-20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily in the school Café. A reminder to families of 7th graders, your

students leave for Environmental Camp at Sargent Camp in Hancock, NH, on Tuesday, September 4.

Enjoy these last few days of summer vacation and see you August 29.



Workmen completing the repairs to Cogswell Memorial School's entrance.

## Limited parking on New London's Main Street

Town Administrator Kim Hallquist informed the New London Selectmen that she has received citizen input regarding the difficulty in coming out onto streets with parked cars blocking views. Janet Kidder said parking is a real problem especially with Hospital Days when they closed Main Street for the parade. People don't know where to park and it needs to be addressed. Richard Lee said they lost four spaces when they re-striped Main Street. Chair Peter Bianchi felt they should address parking on Main Street at some point. There is no

parking from the Playhouse down the street and signs were put up by private homeowners. Fire Chief Jay Lyon said that it would make sense for there to be a sidewalk and designated parking on the Playhouse side of the road, although the homeowners wouldn't like this. Bianchi asked if anyone knew why there was no overnight parking on Main Street. Lee said it started in the winter due to snow removal needs. Later it was so college students who did not get a parking permit through the college couldn't leave their cars on Main Street.



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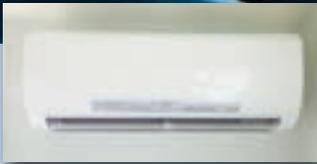
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Mark Primeau, President & CEO; Michele Thomas, Bank Services Representative in the Claremont Office; Rick Taft, Senior Desktop Support Specialist.

**Bank of NH honors two of its employees**

Each year, Bank of New Hampshire employees nominate two of their co-workers for the special distinction of Quality Service Professionals of the Year. This year's winners were Rick Taft, Senior Desktop Support Specialist and Michele Thomas, Bank Services Representative.

Rick began his career with Bank of New Hampshire in 2010. He is always respectful to employees and goes out of his way to provide solutions to meet their needs. Every day, through his actions and professionalism, Rick demonstrates his commitment to providing the highest level of quality service. He is an exceptional employee and is very deserving of this prestigious award.

Michele began her career with Bank of New Hampshire in 1999 and has been nominated for this award 5 times over the past several years. She is dedicated to the bank and is committed to fostering positive peer relationships and steadfast in her focus on building strong customer relationships. Michele is a great asset to Bank of New Hampshire and is also very deserving of this prestigious award.

**Bradford awards East Main Street bids**

The Bradford Selectmen have been advised that the Construction Bids for the East Main Street Bicycle and Pedestrian improvements project have been tabulated and the lowest bidder is J. Parker and Daughters, Construction, Inc. for a total bid of \$485,205.00. A notice is being sent to the NHDOT for its approval. Chair Harry Wright said that the bids are \$40,000 less than the appropriation. A question was asked if the \$485,205.00 bid included the paving of East Main Street to which the answer was yes.

**Antrim to replace its security cameras**

Town Administrator Galen Sterns informed the Antrim Selectmen that the security cameras at the park are inoperable. Additionally the cameras at Town Hall are old analogue versions whose image quality is poor at best. It will cost \$7,000 to replace the park cameras and \$15,000 if the Town Hall is included. The Board asked Sterns to include the \$15,000 in next year's budget.

## New London Selectmen dump Pathways, seek new engineers

The New London Selectmen discussed the most recent meeting with Pathways, as attended by Kim Hallquist, Richard Lee and Peter Bianchi. It was the consensus of those attending that the results were not encouraging as Pathways does not seem to be up to speed on the LPA Manual, or on the unique needs of the Elkins area. Tina Helm wondered if they should just move on to the next firm on the list. Bianchi said that they would need to let them know of their decision. Hallquist said that she would be fine notifying Pathways that they were not comfortable with them moving forward with the project. Lee said that they asked the engineers to do the RFQ and began with a walk around the Elkins property. After they found out they were the number one choice, Pathways asked 12 more questions and went on another walk-around. These were all questions that had already been addressed. There were two specific things he brought up as being necessary for the project: a historical review and a structural engineer to

analyze the bridges and area before putting the new guardrail in. Lee didn't have a good feeling about moving forward with Pathways. Bianchi said that the engineer wasn't able to explain how they would replace the sidewalks on the bridges as it is narrow already. Helm said that they would like to look to an engineer who would initiate questions about the project. They haven't done this. Mr. Lee said that the citizens input meetings did not seem to be valued by the engineer. He doesn't bring the key people (project engineer and

manager) to the negotiation meetings and they should be involved.

Helm liked the notion to working with a small firm rather than a large firm but she didn't feel comfortable about the way Pathways was meeting their needs. She thought they should move on with someone else. Hallquist said they don't have to get approval on this decision by Mr. Rose (State DOT) but that she would copy him on the letter she would send to Pathways indicating that they would not move forward with them.

### Antrim Wind costs to Town

At Monday's Selectmen's meeting Town Administrator Galen Stearns updated the Board on the town's legal costs for the Antrim Wind project thus far:

Antrim Wind Energy (ZBA)	\$16,344.65
Block's (ZBA)	5,011.74
Antrim Wind Energy (PILOT)	10,509.70
Site Evaluation Committee	14,284.34
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U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte stopped to chat with these residents before her Town Hall Meeting in Sunapee.

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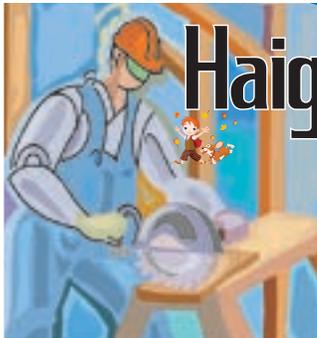
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Congressman Charlie Bass recently joined local Republicans for breakfast at Intervale Pancake House in Henniker.

**Warner to start capital reserve fund**

Warner Fire Chief Ed Raymond asked the Selectmen to start a repair/maintenance capital reserve fund because the Fire Department found out Engine 1 needs repairs that cost about \$12K; Ed feels the repair will add another 5 years to the 20 year span to this vehicle and the current budget can cover this repair. Administrator Laura Buono explained the repair/maintenance fund would have a \$45K cap. Selectman Davis Hartman suggested establishing a fund that could be used by all departments with the same cap, but Raymond felt the cap would need to be higher because there will be a larger pool drawing from it. Selectman Clyde Carson is also in favor of this suggestion and asked if it would be wise to look for contributions out of the operating budget to help fund it for the first year.

Raymond also recommended purchasing a Suburban rather than a forestry vehicle, as gas and maintenance would be cheaper, and it will be able to cross the covered bridges, it can get to places the current rescue vehicle can't. Carson thinks the Suburban is a good idea and can save on operating costs, and if Raymond changes the CIP to include the Suburban then it becomes part of the program. Buono agreed the Suburban is not in the CIP but the purchase is still financially covered under the current reserve fund. The cost for the Suburban is less than the scheduled forestry truck and it will be utilized more.

**Glass found in sand at Chase Park Beach**

Town Administrator Naomi Bolton informed the Board that the public works department had put some sand down on the beach at Chase Park a week ago and now there seems to be glass surfacing all over the beach. The staff has been picking up the glass and putting it in sandwich bags each day. Bolton went out and visually saw the glass. Grade stakes and yellow caution tape was put up around the areas right away. Public Works Director Tim Redmond was notified and he was going to have a crew there first thing in the morning before the park opened to review the sand.

**ConVal gives Superintendent a 3% raise**

During a non-public session on August 14th, the ConVal School Board voted to give Superintendent Richard Bergeron a raise of \$4,730, bringing his salary to \$162,338 in the last year of his contract.

## Mark Twain, Ben Franklin and Betsy Ross visited Hillsborough

Once each year colonial history comes to life and springs from the pages of text books to various locations in Hillsborough. This past weekend featured four venues, each filled with informative and entertaining presentations of years gone by.

On Shedd-Jones Road, visitors could walk through a civil war encampment, listen to Mark Twain and view a reenactment of the French and Indian war.

19th Century Governor John Smith and his wife greeted visitors to the downtown site, filled with crafters and music in the park. Tours of the Historical Museum and a stroll through downtown and a river walk were also available.

At the Franklin Pierce Homestead, Benjamin Franklin stopped by to the delight of many visitors.

In Hillsborough Center, Betsy Ross gave a demonstration of flag making and an 18th century magician displayed his crafts. If you missed coming this year, be sure to watch for next summer's schedule.



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The Open House at Morse Sporting Goods attracted its typical huge crowd Saturday.

## Sunapee Selectmen look at road repairs

Sunapee Town Administrator Donna Nashawaty received a petition from some people who live on Burkehaven Hill who asked about repaving Burkehaven Hill. The section they requested was the 800 feet on the hill. There were forty-three names on the petition, of which sixteen were registered voters. Road Agent Tony Bergeron updated the Board on the current road maintenance plan. The plan started in 1998 as a ten year plan, funded with \$100,000 per year. However, because of economics it turned into a sixteen year plan. If it had been a ten year plan and Burkehaven Hill was done in 2003, it would have been on the schedule for 2013. Bergeron asked for direction from the Board on how to maintain the town's road surfaces. He suggested; increase the annual road maintenance amount, which can be done two ways, add more money to the operating budget or with a special article with money to accelerate the program. Having looked at Burkehaven Hill, there are some rocks protruding though that should be removed prior to repaving it and just to do that hill would be between \$15,000 and \$17,000. The Board directed Nashawaty to write a letter explaining there was no money in budget this year, but the Board is trying to figure out the best way to add more funding to the road maintenance program.

## Warner Board approves compactor repair

The compactor at Warner's Transfer Station is in need of repair. The money is in the budget for this repair and the foreman contacted three sources but only one responded. Selectman Carson recommends contacting the two vendors that did not respond and asking them if they intend on submitting a bid. The Board voted, after the foreman contacted the other two vendors, to move forward with the repair with the lowest possible cost.

## Preserve a precious Hillsborough asset

The Trustees of Fuller Public Library in Hillsborough are seeking community members to form a committee to look at the long term needs of the Governor John Butler Smith House which currently houses the library. A good committee member would be interested in preserving the integrity of the building, and planning for the building's future needs. Additionally, the committee member might have knowledge of historic preservation, masonry, carpentry, paint, or architectural design. The committee member should be committed to serve on the committee for two years and meet once every three months. All interested may apply in person at the library or by email at [fpl@tds.net](mailto:fpl@tds.net) or by phone 464-3595.

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# Deering has a new generator it can not use

The Deering Selectmen reviewed the monthly report of the Police Department submitted by Police Chief James Pushee. Selectman J.P. Marzullo asked why the Police Department thought it was necessary to pick up a diesel generator through the grant program.

Although the generator was free, it cost the Town to send two employees down to Fort Devans in MA. It is also a 3 phase which means it needs to be rewired, and it is not known if it works. Marzullo believes the Town should have had someone look over the specs prior to getting it; it was a wasted effort, and it can't be used as far as he knows. Selectman Marzullo stated that going forward there needs to be a process in place.

Chairman Michelle Johnson commented that no one has been as ambitious at applying for grants as the Chief of Police has, and in the last ten years there has only been one grant which the Police Chief wanted to apply for that was refused by the Selectmen. She suggested that a policy be written with criteria for applying for grants. Town

Administrator Craig Ohlson reported that the Town Mechanic researched the generator and feels that the Town can't use it, but the Chief said there is no requirement that the Town has to return it if it cannot use it.

Peter Beard stated that he has dealt with federal surplus and after two years someone might come out and verify that the Town is in fact using the item, then after two years the Town can dispose of it.



NH DOT has installed new granite curbing along School Street in Hillsborough ending just short of Bob Woolner's and John Penny's frequently flooded lawns.



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Guy Kimball (c) celebrated his 100th Birthday at Hillsborough House on Saturday with son Bill and daughter-in-law Kathy.

### Antrim & Bennington bridge repairs

Representatives of Quantum Construction Consultants recently met with the Antrim and Bennington Selectmen to present the options for repairing or replacing the three bridges on Depot Street. Two of the bridges are entirely in Antrim, while the third is shared by the two towns. Bids for the \$2.7 million contract are expected to go out early in September with the contract awarded in October.

### Supreme Court to decide Newbury suit

The suit between the Town of Newbury and Steven and Philomena Landrigan is now in the NH Supreme Court. The town brought suit in 2010, alleging the Landrigans had illegally subdivided their property on Route 103 into two lots. The Landrigans claim that their property has historically been considered as two separate lots. In February, a Merrimack County Superior Court judge ruled in favor of the town and ordered the Landrigans to pay a \$2,000 fine and reimburse the town its court costs. The Landrigans then appealed.

### Several towns battle Warner camper fire

Fire crews from Bradford, Hopkinton and Webster assisted Warner firefighters in battling a fire that destroyed a camper trailer parked on Schoodac Road last Friday. A neighbor called in the alarm but the camper was fully engulfed in flames when the first responders arrived. No one was in the camper and no injuries were reported.

### Warner's Safe Routes To School short \$\$

Peter Holden and Bill Rosenthal of Holden Engineering presented the Warner Selectmen with a plan that involves adding sidewalks on sections of Geneva St, Roslyn Ave, and at the bottom of Mill Street going across to Riverside Park. It is a program administered by the State's Department of Transportation with federal grant money. Rosenthal said the original Safe Routes to School grant total was \$88,600 of that \$5,000 was for the design; \$6,800 was for non-infrastructure such as safety programs. In December 2011 the grant amount was increased for engineering services so now the total grant amount is \$180K. Holden said the engineering money was not enough for the project and the cost for construction is believed to be about \$42K short.

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## Weare man arrested on multiple charges with \$25,000 cash bail

On Sunday August 19th, officers Kimberley McSweeney and Kenneth Cox of the Weare Police Department responded to a motor vehicle complaint on South Stark Highway (Route 114) in the area of Gould Road. Five minutes later the officers received a complaint from a citizen that he had been struck by a vehicle operated by Jeffery Prenoveau, 24, of Goffstown.

Investigation into this matter revealed that it was a dispute between Prenoveau and his estranged wife who was a passenger in the vehicle being driven by the victim. Prenoveau followed the vehicle she was riding in in an unsafe manner then pulled alongside the vehicle yelling obscenities to the occupants.

The vehicle pulled into a driveway on Irving Drive where both operators exited the vehicle and an altercation ensued. Both parties were separated by others at the residence and Prenoveau returned to his vehicle and while leaving, struck three people with the vehicle causing one of the victims to go up over the hood of the vehicle he was driving. This person sustained a broken

finger and was treated and released at the hospital. Prenoveau was arrested on the following charges: felony complaints of First Degree Assault, Reckless Conduct,

Conduct After An Accident and misdemeanor Criminal Threatening, and Driving After Suspension. Prenoveau is being held on \$25,000 cash bail.



Annie Kuster (D), candidate for Congress from the 2nd District, and Debora Pignatelli, candidate for Executive Council attended a meeting of the Deering/Weare Democrats.



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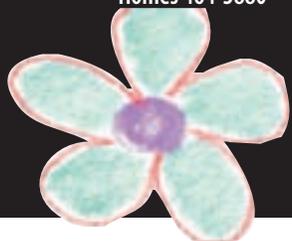
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## Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

### SPECIAL ASSETS

Hillsborough has been getting a lot of negative publicity lately, with The Bridge to Nowhere, The Stetser controversy and the recent "nurse-in." Despite the occasional negative flareups, Hillsborough residents know, and outsiders need to know that Hillsborough is a wonderful, caring community with special assets few other communities share.

Two of those special assets were on display last weekend. The Hillcat Theatre, supported by the Dunkin-Jenkins Trust (another special asset) staged a fantastic production of "Oliver" to large audiences and rave reviews. Not only does The Hillcat Theatre provide the community with great entertainment, it is a nurturing

ground for the untapped talents of area young people. Education is not limited to the classroom and this theatre is both an entertaining and instructional outlet.

There was no better combination of entertainment with education than this weekend's Living History Event. Young and old alike were drawn back to revolutionary times, witnessing first hand how our forefathers worked, ate, fought and entertained each other. No book, no classroom could impart the sense of history gained with a walk through an encampment or visit to the Franklin Pierce Homestead.

Yes, like all towns, we have our problems, but these benefits outweigh them all.

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## OPINION Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor:

On August 11, 2012, the Town of Washington celebrated the 225th birthday of its most venerable and respected pillar of the community—its Meetinghouse/Town Hall which was erected on July 4, 1787. Friends, family members and old neighbors came from all parts of New Hampshire, as far away as Texas, and 15 other states to join in the festivities.

They watched displays of the skills required to assemble the building and stood in wonder at the carpentry skills required to hew just one beam, to say nothing of the effort to frame the 45' x 60' building. They enjoyed displays of the delicate work of carving and fitting the parts that became window frames, the tedious effort required to mix and apply paint, the art of glassblowing that provided over 1600 panes of glass, along with a blacksmith demonstrating the forge skills that produced the nails, hinges, and door latches.

They were reminded of the agricultural community of the late 18th century when they observed the ladies who spun the wool and then wove and quilted the fabrics, hooked rugs and created other floor coverings. The Farmers' Markets provided fresh

produce, locally canned items, and baked goods.

Once inside the Meetinghouse, there were displays of original Town documents and tours of the building along with a 21st century version of the history of the building created by the Washington Elementary 5th grade computer class.

The Washington Seniors served a dinner that was reminiscent of the foods typical of the time—pork, potatoes, beans, greens and bread. It was followed by an old time ice cream social before the party turned to the evening program.

A standing-room only crowd filled the Elementary School for the program which included Guy Eaton's "poem", greetings from Senator Bob Odell and Governor John Lynch, a choral presentation by the Washington Congregational Church choir, and finally the premiere presentation of the new documentary—"Meetinghouse: the Heart of Washington, New Hampshire".

How did this all happen? The spirit of Washington expressed by countless volunteers, many of whom blended into the crowds that day, made it happen. To all those who served in any way and to all those who simply celebrated with us, we

thank you!

**Annie Bissonnette and Carolyn Russell, Co-chairs The Washington Meetinghouse 225th Birthday Celebration Committee**

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**To The Editor:**

Constitutional amendment, not so fast.

While most of the recent news surrounding elections and voting issues has been focused at the national level, the good citizens of New Hampshire are facing a state-level decision that may dramatically shift the paradigm of our daily lives just as much. The debate over an amendment to permanently ban the state income tax has drawn a good deal of media attention; unfortunately, most of the opinion's are left-leaning and may not reflect all views of the issue-at-hand. I would like to offer a perspective of a fiscally conservative citizen.

I am a proud native of New Hampshire, and along with my wife, have been a local business owner for over 30 years. We have recently retired to enjoy time with our family and friends. Over the decades I have become very familiar with the plethora of taxes required by our state, and know that the lion share of the tax burden is yoked upon property owners and small businesses. Along with the other retirees of this state, we are hit especially hard with tax bills.

Now I completely understand the people's fiscal responsibilities to fund the states infrastructure and other necessary programs, but even for those of you who are not Conservatives, you have to admit these costs continue to climb faster than our ability to fund them. That's the nature of a Democratic system. But, with these increasing costs must come a corresponding increase in income. (Although the current recession has many folks wondering if that will happen any time soon.)

If a constitutional amendment passes, we have to ask, "Where are the funds coming from when the costs increase?" Today,

we have two major sources of revenue - business profit tax, which is already one of the highest in the country, and property tax. With a new amendment passing, both of these taxes are obviously going to increase disproportionately.

Many fear that if a new tax is enacted the state will automatically spend more money. In a recent article by Bill Cohen, he wrote "The cost of services the state of New Hampshire purchases will not suddenly jump if the method of revenue delivery to the state changes." Think about that. If our legislators act responsible it shouldn't matter where the money comes from.

If for no other reason, we need to consider the financial burden we are laying at the feet of our children and grandchildren. Tying the hands of future generations is a bad idea today, just as it has been a bad idea in the past. If you visit the Jefferson Memorial, you can read the words of Thomas Jefferson, you can read the words of Samuel Kercheval (1810), which make my point with much greater eloquence and effect:

"I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions, but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors."

Speaking for the Conservative audience, I ask that you not vote for the amendment out of fear that costs will go up. Instead, like Jefferson, understand that we must evolve our thinking to keep pace with the changing times around us, and to hold our legislators accountable for maintaining fiscal guard-rails on behalf of their citizens.

**David Maine, Deering**

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Mac Beans (left photo) won the People's Choice Award in the Amateur Division of the Henniker Rotary ChiliFest while Dragon Lady's Creations (right photo) won the Best Booth Presentation Award.

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In the Professional Division, Harvester Market won both the 1st Place Judge's Award and Best Booth Presentation, while Country Spirit Restaurant won both the 2nd Place Judge's Award and the 1st Place People's Choice Award.

## 10th Annual Henniker Rotary Chili Fest winners

Clear skies and beautiful weather greeted the large crowd which visited the 10th Annual Henniker Rotary Club ChiliFest, held Sunday at Pats Peak in Henniker. The event is the Club's major fundraiser and allows it to contribute generously to local, national and international projects. The winners of the chili contests and car show are announced below:

### AMATEUR DIVISION

**Peoples' Choice Award:** MacBeans \$300  
**First Place Judges' Award:** Uncle Box's Chili, Cedric Woodbury \$350  
**Second Place Judges' Award:** Sweet Kick, John Roller \$200  
**Third Place Judges' Award:** Chili of the Blue Agave, Johnny Ploch \$100  
**Best Booth Presentation:** Dragon Lady's Creations

### PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

**Peoples' Choice Award:** The Country Spirit Restaurant  
**First Place Judges' Award:** The New Harvester Market  
**Second Place Judges' Award:** The Country Spirit Restaurant  
**Third Place Judges' Award:** Hellings Slopeside Restaurant & Pub  
**Best Booth Presentation:** The New Harvester

### CAR SHOW:

**Class 1:** '54 and Under  
**First Place:** Richard Gilbert, 1941 Plymouth

**Second Place:** Gary Dennis, 1946, Mercury  
**Class 2:** '55- '59

**First Place:** Robert Flanders, 1955, Ford Thunderbird

**Second Place:** George Wood, 1956 Chevy  
**Class 3:** '60's & '70's

**First Place:** Bob Grondin, 1965 Chevy  
**Second Place:** Micheal George, 1968, Chevy Camaro

**Class 4:** '80's and Up  
**First Place:** Greg and Brenda Wood, 2011 Dodge

**Second Place:** Scott Bailey, 2011 Mazda  
**Class 5:** Muscle Cars

**First Place:** Danny Aucoin, 1965 Pontiac  
**Second Place:** Nick Palangas, 1970 Chevy

**Class 6:** Street Rods  
**First Place:** Danny Hill, 1934 Ford  
**Second Place:** Milt & Judy Beem, 1936 Ford

**Class 7:** Corvettes  
**First Place:** Bob Galster, 1967 Chevy Corvette  
**Second Place:** Joe Inferrans, 1964 Corvette

**Class 8:** Trucks  
**First Place:** Andrew Dickinson, 1969 Ford  
**Second Place:** Marshall Connor, 1956 Ford

**Class 9:** Special Interest  
**First Place:** Fred and Carol Brunhoelzl, 1935 Ford  
**Second Place:** Sandord Fibish, 1972 Pontiac

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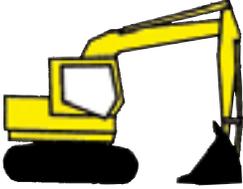
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Try as he might, Steve Hamilton (front) of the NH Department of Revenue Administration could not satisfy these Henniker campers.

## Henniker campers still unhappy with tax

A group of about a dozen campers at Mile-A-Way Campground attended the Henniker Selectmen's meeting Tuesday evening to again protest subjecting their trailers to the real estate tax. Campground owner and Selectman Robert French recused himself from the board as the group aired its grievances. Lola Dole and Renee Soucey submitted a long letter outlining their complaints. Chair Kris Blomback and Steve Hamilton from the NH Department of Revenue Administration repeatedly and politely explained why their units were taxed and outlined the appeals procedure, but it apparently fell on deaf ears as the group left still unhappy. French secured the Board's permission to have the town's assessor meet with the campers to further discuss the matter.

## School Rep briefs Warner Selectmen

School Board Representative Ken Bartholomew informed the Warner Selectmen that the School Board has done very little budget work so far. Principals have been asked to put together a flat operating budget. The surplus amount this year was \$1.9 million and of that, \$500K was encumbered so \$1.4 million will be credited to the District Towns. The school experienced a 3% increase in health insurance last year, the percentage is not known for the next budget but there is a guaranteed cap. The teacher and teacher aide's contracts are also being negotiated for this upcoming budget season; the contract will be for one year. Some staff changes resulted in a \$305K savings in the current budget. Projects that are coming up are paving at the Middle School to prevent erosion and converting the hot water over to be heated by the wood chip furnace.

## New Guidance Counselor in Hopkinton

The Hopkinton School Board has hired Mitch Taranow of Hopkinton to replace Gene Fox as the school's guidance counselor. Taranow was chosen from a field of 26 applicants. Taranow had served as guidance counselor at Merrimack Valley High School since 2006.

## Henniker Selectmen accept several bids

The Henniker Selectmen have accepted several bids, including: \$34,100 to paint the Historical Society; \$2,400 for a preliminary study to repair or replacement of the Western Avenue Bridge and \$31,018.30 to complete the energy work at the Highway Dept.