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RIP Bob Pragoff

Deering Fire and Rescue would like to thank everyone for the support we have received as we said goodbye to Asst. Chief Bob Pragoff. Many of our brothers in the fire service stepped up in various capacities to make the last couple of days possible and allow us to mourn. We will heal from this loss as we have gotten through other hard times, together as a family. See story on page 3.



Franklin woman indicted

Amber Cowan, 28, of Franklin, who neighbors said they saw carrying a gas can before a fire that burned down a School Street apartment building in September, has been indicted for arson. Cowan was charged with starting a blaze that swept through an apartment house at 36 School St. on the night of September 16th. Franklin Deputy Fire Chief Robert F. Goodearl II said the investigation into the fire is still ongoing.



Young Henniker woman dies in head-on collision.

Henniker woman killed

Speed and use of hand-held device contributed

Amanda Ouellette, 32, of Henniker, was killed in a crash Wednesday morning on Bridge Street in Henniker. Police responded to the two car crash near Union Street just after 8 a.m. Investigators said that Ouellette's car crossed the center line and struck a tree-trimming truck head-on, at the intersection of Bridge and Union Streets.

Ouellette was ejected from her vehicle. Rescue crews transported her to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Investigators believe speed and the use of an electronic device may have played a role in the crash. Bridge Street was closed for about three hours during the investigation. See her obituary on page 34.

Croydon nixes Newport for New London ambulance

New London Hospital will now be the ambulance service for Croydon. Selectman Steve Cunningham said the vote to switch to New London was unanimous. Cunningham said New London would keep one ambulance at the Sunapee Safety Services building since it will be serving all of Sunapee and Croydon. Although the ambulance may take longer to get to some parts of Croydon, it will be shorter for Croydon

residents on the Sunapee side of town.

In addition, New London has four ambulances to Newport's two. Another issue was the 216 percent rise in costs for the upcoming year for Newport ambulance service. Croydon contract jumped from \$13,748 to \$43,454. Cunningham said New London offered better service for a lower cost. The new contract goes in effect on January.



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NH First responders gather to honor Deering's Bob Pragoff

First responders gathered Tuesday at the New Hampshire Fire Academy to say goodbye to one of their own. Deering Fire Capt. Robert Pragoff died last week from a heart attack.

He was remembered as a man who loved his family, his friends and his job. He was also known as someone who loved to make people laugh.

"Once he met you, you were a part of him, and he always wanted to leave you with a smile," said his wife, Margie Pragoff. Many said that Robert Pragoff's legacy is his humor. "Bob was an instigator for fun," Deering Deputy Fire Chief Andy Anderson said. "He was the Butch to my Sundance. He would do the thinking, and he would put me in motion, and then he would stand back and laugh. He could get you to do anything."

Married for 41 years, Robert and Margie Pragoff met when they were 14. His wife said he was devoted to his family and his friends. "He was my first love," his wife said. "He never failed to be there for me. He was always there with an ear to listen and always said the right thing to me at the right time. And he had the ability to make me laugh like no other." Robert Pragoff was known for his keen sense of humor

and for his extensive library of jokes. "Everything they said was correct -- practical joker, a smile on his face every day," Exeter Assistant Fire Chief Eric Wilking said. "Just a fun guy to have around." "He was just a very warm, a very kind-hearted person, and there was nobody that would

interact with him that wouldn't leave a smile on their face," fire academy director Deborah Pendergast said. Before he retired in 2008, Robert Pragoff served in the Deering Fire Department for 25 years and the New Hampshire Fire Academy for 10 years.



Deering Fire Capt. Robert Pragoff.

Bill combining Newport town and school financial services

State Representative Virginia O'Brien Irwin spoke to the Newport Selectmen about legislation submitted by Senator Little on behalf of the Town that allows for shared financial services with the School District. She informed the Board the proposed bill was considered an LSR (legislative service request). They are not public documents until the bill is signed.

Historical Society wants Stone Building defects fixed

Weare Historic Society Member Sherry Burdick addressed concerns about the Stone Memorial Building which was red flagged on Dec. 11, 2015 for gas leaks. Ms. Burdick will provide the Board with the long list of problems that include: large gaps in the duct work, wrong insulation, duct work not taped, incorrect tape used, and furnace not installed properly, design work incorrect, duct work incorrect and the long runs of flexible duct work. The Historic Society requested the Town Attorney address the problem of the sub-quality of contractor's work and that the contrac-

tor be held accountable.

The Historic Society also requested the Selectmen address the doors at Town Hall which in her opinion, "Were not right from day one."

Historic Society Treasurer Heleen Kurk discussed the historic importance of the Stone Building and the need to maintain it. It was one of the first public buildings, first library, the Selectmen meet there and it houses the Veteran's Memorial from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. "It is the history of the town and we have the responsibility to the town and the future."



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January 2, 2015

Three men arrested for Washington burglaries
Goffstown woman arrested in Dunbarton
Police arrest Franklin woman for fraud
New Boston seeks improved communications site

January 10, 2014

Antrim Police station dedicated
Revolt at Emerald Lake - Commission Chair resigns
No injuries in Newport five-car pileup
Weare felon arrested receiving stolen flatware

January 11, 2013

Tom Yennerell named Henniker Town Administrator
Union OK's merit pay for Kearsarge teachers
Newport to remove 52 dead or dying trees on Corbin Road
91-year-old woman charged with vehicular assault

January 13, 2012

Hillsborough Police Captain arrested for assault
No one injured in Newbury barn fire
Sunapee Police Chief and Officers honored
New London board upset but will pay ambulance increase

January 14, 2011

H-D voters facing a \$20 million budget
New London returns three bonds for rebidding \$450,000
EPA cleanup in Hillsborough
Bradford Selectmen OK trailer purchase

January 8, 2010

Antrim bus driver suspended
Hillsborough Food Pantry dedication January 23rd
Hopkinton Independent School closes suddenly
Henniker wants a Chamber of Commerce

January 9, 2009

Fire leaves Weare family homeless
Alabama fugitive arrested in Bennington
New London nurse indicted on drug charges
Maharishi Academy opening postponed

January 11, 2008

Henniker Police seize 90 marijuana plants
ConVal petition would allow elementary school closings
Ski injuries at Sunapee and Ragged Mountain
Town may take over maintenance at North Branch Cemetery

January 12, 2007

Hopkinton says Regenesis must reapply to burn
Thief escapes barefoot and pantless
ConVal Superintendent Keith Burke retiring
Hancock man loses two fingertips

January 13, 2006

Ruffs convicted on 10 counts of child endangerment
Bradford may purchase Valley Transportation facility
Warner woman arrested for assault on husband
The moose is ok - the car not so much

Goffstown Selectmen working on major web site improvements

Brian Rae and Assistant Town Administrator Derek Horne gave a design presentation of a new website Goffstown is looking to implement. Horne said a few months ago the selectmen talked about the need to clean up the website, with a year-long goal of economic development and also of improving communication with the public.

The current website was installed and implemented in 2010, and the management system is no longer updated. Horne reported that they could break it down into those 4 areas. The picture in the middle could be used for important events. It would catch people's eyes and be updated periodically. It would get information out about community meetings and community events. Horne thought the deliberative session information and town meeting information would go there, as well as the

New London sewer users to pay

Selectman Peter Bianchi said there had been an issue at the sewer plant within the last year that got the attention of state and local authorities. Sunapee received a letter from the EPA that threatened over \$180,000 in fines. The EPA agreed to settle for \$15,000. This settlement was a result of the joint boards' agreement. Selectman Kidder said the lawyer Sunapee used charged them \$6,000, so the total cost of this instance is \$21,000. She said she believed the fee would be paid by the sewer users. Selectman Bianchi said the fees to the lawyer were worthwhile because engaging the lawyer very well could have been the reason the EPA agreed to settle. New London pays 55% of the costs at the wastewater facility so will be paying a little more than half of the \$15,000 fee.

Pumpkin Regatta, dog licensing and Old Home Day. Chairman Georgantas asked if there was a way to pay for dog licensing on the website, to which Horn answered that there may be extensions or a third-party vendor that could do that.

Neil Funcke said they can do motor vehicle registration through Clerk Works with a credit card. Potentially down the road they can do utility billing, sewer billing, and such, through a MUNIS application. They would be linked to the website.

Home said they were trying to incorporate things such as Vimeo and Facebook. Brian Rae has found quite a few extension modules. He showed the calendar and said it is designed in such a way that it has a lot of content and is updated automatically in multiple spots. The center of the page has featured articles. Selectman Adams asked about drop downs and Horne said with the drop downs you can print or email. The Board unanimously approved a motion to go forward with the website design presented.



State Senator Jerry Little recently joined Chief David Cahill for Coffee With The Chief in Sunapee.

Weare Board looking to add five new police officers

The Weare Selectmen discussed with Chief Kelly the warrant article requesting five additional officers and in particular how many officers would be needed for sufficient 24-hour police coverage. Three officers would make 24-hour coverage possible which would be 42 ten-hour shifts per week. The two additional officers

would be the detective and SRO.

Police vehicles will go on the warrant but the language and figures need to be updated. The Fire Department is requesting Warrants for: An Ambulance: \$83,163 for three years; \$51,300 for five years; \$63,250 for four year or purchase for \$237,000, and a Jaws of Life for \$35,000.

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Few details of police investigation of John Stark staff member

A staff member at John Stark Regional High School is under investigation by local police. School officials and local law enforcement are releasing very few details about the case, which is ongoing.

"In cooperation with the John Stark Regional School District, the Weare Police Department is investigating allegations of an incident alleged to involve a staff member of the John Stark Regional High School," Weare Police Chief Sean Kelly said in a statement after an inquiry from the New Hampshire Union Leader.

"An investigation is actively underway to determine whether the allegation has any validity, and if so, whether criminal conduct is involved," said Kelly. "Despite reports, no arrests have been made in the case. No students are in danger."

Police would not comment on whether the case involves any students, nor would they state whether the alleged incident may have occurred on school grounds.

Officer Brandon Montplaisir said last Thursday that he could not elaborate on the situation, nor could he state whether the staff member under investigation is a teacher at the high school. "It is an open case. I can't go into particulars," said

Montplaisir, stressing that no students are in any danger.

Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore, superintendent, provided a brief statement about the situation. "The John Stark School District is cooperating with the Weare Police Department on an investigation. As the investigation has just commenced, all

inquiries should be directed to the Weare Police Department," said Tacconi-Moore, declining to elaborate.

"We are in agreement with the Weare Police Department regarding the safety of our students. And know we always put the safety of our students first," said Tacconi-Moore.



People have fun on the Aerial Challenge Course at Mount Sunapee Resort on December 26. With continued unusually warm weather in December Mount Sunapee had to suspend ski operation for a second time December 25. The resort remained open for zip line tours, the Aerial Challenge Course airbag jump and free mini golf. The Mountain plans to reopen for skiing on December 29. Paul Howe photo.

Goffstown Roads Scholars

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George Maloney has achieved the status of Senior Roads Scholar.

Mike Hillhouse has achieved the status of Master Roads Scholar II.

Bennington couple charged with growing marijuana

A Bennington couple was arrested after police uncovered a marijuana growing operation and confiscating a large quantity of marijuana.

Tavia Byam, 37, and Jason Byam, 37, have been charged with possession of a controlled drug with intent to distribute and manufacturing a controlled drug.

Police Chief Bret Sullivan said he was called to the residence for another matter and while there, uncovered some information, which he followed up on.

The pair was released on \$50,000 personal recognizance each, and given Jan. 21 court dates at the 6th Circuit Court, Hillsboro.

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Forest Society needs \$110,000 to purchase trailhead to Lake Solitude

When the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests posted on Facebook a plan to buy a property in Newbury that hosts the trailhead of a hiking route to Lake Solitude on Mt. Sunapee, hikers who know the Andrew Brook Trail responded quickly, posting phrases like "Love this hike," "One of my favorite spots" and "Best way to hike Sunapee." "Those posts told us we were working on a project that would make a lot of people very happy," said Jane Difley, the Forest Society's president/forester.

There are three major hiking trails on Mt. Sunapee, but only one, the Summit Trail, is entirely within Mt. Sunapee State Park. The Andrew Brook Trail is one of two others that cross private land before entering permanently protected land in the state park. Access to the trailhead has been at the generosity of the landowner and could be denied by any future landowner.

The Forest Society offered to buy the land, 33 acres off of Mountain Road in Newbury, when it came up for sale recently, and has a purchase-and-sales agree-

ment with the landowner. First, however, the organization must raise \$110,000 to cover the purchase, legal fees and future stewardship costs.

"We are reaching out to the hiking community and friends and neighbors for

their support of our plan to protect the trailhead." The organization is seeking to raise the money necessary to complete the project by Jan. 20. More information about the project and how to donate is at www.forestsociety.org.



For hikers, a picnic overlooking Lake Solitude is the reward of a two-mile ascent up the Andrew Brook Trail. Photo courtesy Forest Society.

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Series of guest speakers at John Stark highlight science career paths

The Science Department at John Stark Regional High School has crafted an extensive series of speakers for students who are interested in a science-related career path. The group of people working in the field of science that faculty tapped to come to the school include alumni, parents, and community members. The fields represented by the various speakers range from Chemical Engineer to Professor of Pharmacy to Mechanical Engineer. The series, which began in November, will continue into the new year.

“A parent of a current chemistry student offered to come in to speak to students about her career in a medical lab, and it got me thinking,” said John Stark Chemistry Teacher Lorraine Connell. “There are so many students who have graduated from John Stark and pursued science professions and studied in the science field, I thought we could connect them and create a series. The response when I reached out was tremendous,” continued Ms. Connell. The series is being presented during Flex Block at John Stark which allows any student from any grade level to attend a talk if they have an



interest.

Speakers who have already visited the school include parents Stephanie Payeur, a medical lab director, and Jill Smith. Ms. Smith worked as a chemist in New Jersey prior to moving to New Hampshire. Former students who have come to speak include current Dartmouth Ph.D. candidate Molly Croteau '06, and Chemical Engineer Lauren (Motta) Allen '10. Former students sched-

uled to speak in January include alumnus Patrick Luk '09, currently a graduate genetics student, and alumnae and Registered Nurses Megan (Sawyer) Godfrey '07 and Ashley French '10.

“I live in Concord and also reached out to community members there in the science community,” said Ms. Connell. Assistant Professor of Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacist Jennifer Towle and her husband, Mechanical Engineer Erick Towle, have both come to speak.

“This has been an incredible opportunity to gain insight into real world applications of the science that we learn in the classroom. I can't wait to see what comes next,” said JSRHS Senior Gretchen Wagner about the series.

Ms. Wagner's sentiments were mirrored in the Counseling Center. “There is nothing more powerful than hearing about a job or career in person from someone who actively works in the field,” said School Counselor Karen Merrill-Antle. “It's another tool we can offer our students as they are thinking about what they might like to do after high school,” concluded Ms. Merrill-Antle.

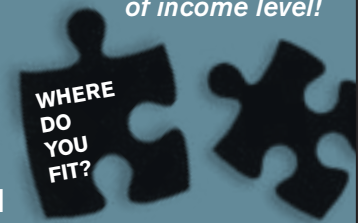
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It had to come sometime. A snowblower clears the walkway of snow and sleet in Sunapee Harbor after the first snowstorm of the season December 29. Paul How photo.

Antrim man facing multiple charges

An Antrim man is expected to face several charges, following a chase that ended in a car crash on Route 9 Saturday afternoon. Charles E. Sims, 52, of Antrim faces one count of disobeying an officer, and has since been bailed on personal recognizance on that charge. However, according to Antrim Officer Nathan Vaillancourt, more charges are forthcoming including automobile theft, reckless driving, conduct after an accident, reckless conduct and criminal mischief. Antrim Police received a call Saturday that Sims, a registered sex offender in town, was being suicidal, had stolen someone's car and was traveling to Peterborough. Peterborough Police found Sims driving the car, a gray Chevrolet Cruze, and pursued him along Route 202 back through Antrim and into Hillsborough, continuing west on Route 9 before ending in Sullivan, Vaillancourt said. The pursuit lasted about 30 minutes, and ended with Sims driving over some spike strips, losing control of the car, going off the road and crashing into a couple of trees. In addition to facing charges from Antrim Police, Vaillancourt said N.H. State Police and the Peterborough Police Department are expected to bring charges against Sims.



Proctor Academy's boys' varsity basketball team was granted the amazing opportunity to take part in the Haris Tournament in Manchester, England from December 27-29. Nine players joined one manager and coaches Gregor Makechnie '90 and Junior De La Hoz Christmas day to fly to London and kick off an adventure of a lifetime.



Conrad Wirch along with his brother, Henry and dad, Eric played miniature golf at Mount Sunapee Resort on December 26. Pau Howe photo.

Police seize guns, drugs, burglary tools

On Sunday, December 27, 2015, at approximately 5:15pm, Bow Police stopped a vehicle on Hall Street for being unregistered. The three male occupants were making furtive movements in the vehicle and a rear seat passenger was found trying to hide items under his legs. For the safety of the officers, all three were ordered out of the vehicle. Officers located a black painted flare gun, high-powered stun gun, burglary tools, black gloves, and camouflage bandanas. Underneath the passenger seat, there was a BB gun, identical to a 1911 type handgun. Drugs and drug paraphernalia were also located inside the vehicle. The driver was 21-year-old Garrett Beck of Franklin. The passengers were 20-year-old Steven Maxfield of Loudon, and 20-year-old Dylan Butler of Concord. Beck was arrested for Felony Possession of a Controlled Drug, Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle, Transportation of Alcohol, and Unregistered Vehicle. He was arraigned on Monday, December 28, 2015; his bail was set at \$1,000.00 cash only. Maxfield was arrested for Possession of Burglary Tools and False Report to Law Enforcement. He was arraigned on Monday, December 28, 2015. His bail was set at \$1,000.00 cash only; in addition, there is a 72-hour probation hold. Butler was arrested for Felony Possession of a Controlled Drug and Unlawful Possession of Alcohol. He was arraigned on Monday, December 28, 2015. His bail was set at \$1,000.00 cash only; in addition, there is a 72-hour probation hold. All three are currently being held at the Merrimack County House of Corrections. The Bow Police were assisted at the scene by the New Hampshire State Police.

Fundraiser started for Peterborough man

One year after a Peterborough man was nearly killed when a 7-pound rock crashed through the windshield of the car he was in, he's speaking out about the challenges he's still facing. The rock crushed Adam Lecomte's skull, and he nearly died. He remains in a wheelchair, but he's back at work and said he's thankful to be alive. Lecomte said he doesn't remember the accident. After emergency surgery, Lecomte spent more than a week in a coma. A French-trained chef, Lecomte then started to complain about the food. Lecomte said police still have the rock that struck him in an evidence room. Investigators think it flew off the back of a truck. Lecomte said he would like it back, to put on his mantle. Fundraising efforts are underway to support Lecomte. Donations can be made on his GoFundMe page.

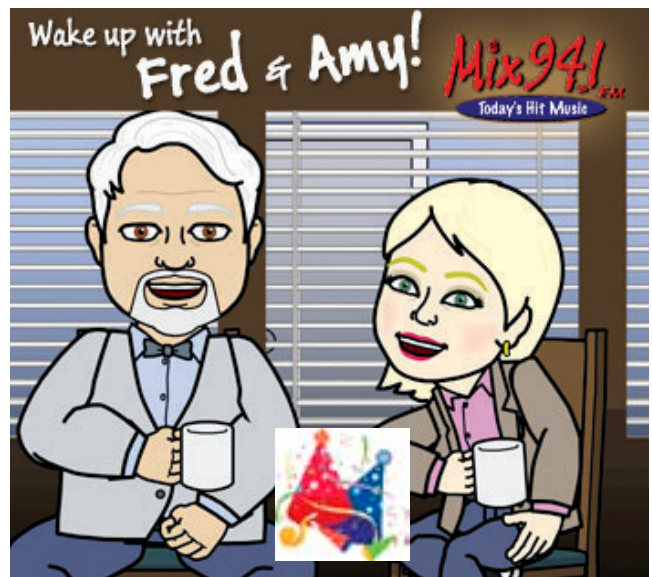
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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Public officials don't like criticism

It appears that my December 11th Publisher's Perspective, "Calling a liar a liar", struck a nerve with the Hillsboro-Deering School Board. While attending their December 21st meeting, member Ginks Leiby told me she didn't appreciate being called a liar, Nancy Denu objected to being told what to do, Steve Hahn accused me of "name calling" and Superintendent Robert Hassett said I was "bullying the board."

In the first place, I didn't say anyone lied. I said the Board was about to lie if they placed the \$7,000 football appropriation in the operating budget instead of offering it as a warrant article as clearly represented to voters last year. At that meeting Principal Jim O'Rourke clearly stated that if taxpayer funds were needed, "it would go to the taxpayers so you would have to vote on it in a warrant article."

Steve Hahn protested that he didn't say that, which is totally immaterial. Neither Hahn nor any other member of

the board spoke up to qualify or contradict that statement, thereby adopting it as their own.

Only Chair Rich Pelletier had the courage to admit that, in hindsight, the board should have stated that if football was successful that year, the board would permanently adopt it.

Taking it a step further, Superintendent Hassett and Denu repeatedly stated that they did not want to start a precedent by allowing taxpayers to vote school sports. The complete opposite is actually true. This board has already set a precedent, three times, by asking for voter support for a new sports program. Once a few years ago for Middle School sports and both last year and in 2011 asking voters to support football.

I acknowledge that my words were harsh and my criticism sharp, but I stand by them.

In light of those facts, should the board bypass voters and fund the football program, what else is it but a lie?

Oh no. Now I've offended the Selectmen too

I must be a terrible person to have not only offended the School Board, but the Town's Selectmen too. I won't get into a debate with Ms. Brien-Baker, other than to say that her recollection of past events differs from mine. Again, I stand by my statements and anyone who has dealt with the Park Board before and after

Peter Brigham's appointment will know what I mean.

Regardless of my opinion, I again urge the Board to read Peter's evaluation by the Town Administrator and Park Board member Doris Bean's report and tell us that Peter Brigham is not the right man for the job.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Wendy Brien-Baker's carefully worded comments defending her friends in the Dec 24, 2015 Villager needs some correcting. I am David Fullerton, park board member for many years before serving 3 years on the board of selectman. It is easy to say things are untrue but where is the proof? Wendy thinks there is no proof because of lack of minutes and town documents about the summer camp from 2008 to 2014 were claimed to be destroyed by camp director Cathy Bennett a good friend of Wendy.

When there were questions about the

claim of 450 kids at the camp Wendy did not ask for proof. I went up to the camp with my wife and walked the beach and counted only 115. Another time I sat up on top of the hill and counted 110. It was claimed this only cost \$10,000 which I knew was a lie and the Villager found out it was more like \$75,000. Maybe the camp documents were destroyed but the payroll is subject to right to know requests so there is the proof for anyone who wants to look.

Maybe Wendy wants the Messenger to publish a list of who made what including the Vice Chairman of the Park Board's wife. Jim

Bailey had no problem in requesting Cathy Bennett, a paid staff of the Park Board, to be a member of the park board and yes I have documentation of that.

YOU WONDER WHY YOUR TAXES ARE SO HIGH. There is a powerful group of people in town that just lets their friends do whatever they want with your money and the Park Board is just one example. In the mean time we have a football team supported by parents that has to practice in Hopkinton and Henniker. We have a girls' soccer team that has to practice in Henniker. We have some of our seniors playing pickleball in Antrim. When I came back to Hillsboro from college there was adult softball, basketball, and other activities after graduation from high school. When my youngest boy graduated from HDHS he played sports in Bow and Hookset because there were no programs in Hillsboro for his age group. Our kids are moving out of town, involved in drugs, painting the school, and other negative behavior and I believe this is part of the reason.

We can do better. Jim Bailey won the last election by only 31 votes. You can stay home and not vote in the March election or vote to support their candidate and have things continue the way they have for years or support candidates that really want to have a better town not just talk about it.

David Fullerton, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to you to voice my support for Dr Ben Carson. I support Dr Carson for many reasons, he is clearly the most accomplished of all the candidates, rising out of poverty in the inner city of Detroit, he rose to become the chief of neurosurgery at John Hopkins in Baltimore while still in his early thirties.

Dr Carson is a man of calm demeanor, not given to hyperbole and personal attacks on other candidates. His lack of inside the "beltway" experience is only a positive. He would bring a new outlook to multidimensional

aspects of the presidency. His calm demeanor does not mean he is soft on the issues. He has a firm resolve to tackle head on the issues such as GWOT, ISIS, immigration reform, the economy, balancing the budget et al.

Dr Carson possesses a firm faith that was instilled into him by his mother, he has never lost that faith. He has established Carson scholarships for those lacking financial resources to pursue higher education. He believes in a helping hand up and not a hand out.

We need a person who can inspire us and our country, to get us out of our malaise and back on the right track. Dr Carson, in my opinion, is such a man. I respectfully ask you to consider supporting him in the upcoming primary.

Robert Karsten, Antrim

Dear Editor:

I thought the comparison of Donald Trump to Hitler was a bit much. The man wants to make America great again, is that such a bad thing? The current administration won't even name the obvious security problem we have in this country let alone do anything about it. He also uses the justice department as a tool to push his own political and racial agenda. I think Trump is a refreshing change from the usual batch of liars, thieves, and bought politicians that the parties drag out every 4 years to try to get elected. Why would you want to support another one of those? Look who we have now, and, look who the Democrats are trying to get elected. Bernie? A socialist with no financial strategy unless you count fiscal irresponsibility and ruin. Hillary? A joke whose ethics have not landed her in jail only by Obama's refusal to have the justice department do it's job. Anyone else would've landed in jail by now, like Gen. Patreus (sp?)

Hitler was an evil man who tried to take over the world and destroy anyone who didn't fit his ideal, I think comparing him to Trump is a bit of a stretch, no? My .02 cents

Don Veitch

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Henniker "Artist In Residency" performance January 11th

Students in the 6th grade at the Henniker Community School will experience an expanded study of India through the school's Artist-in-Residence program in January. Aligning with the social studies curriculum for the State of NH, the program brings artists to the school to work with students to enrich their understanding of geography and culture of ancient and modern indigenous people from around the world.

The public is invited to the final performance with students and artists on THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Gym. Admission is free.

The rich colors and tradition of mosaics in Indian culture were explored by the students with Hopkinton, NH, artist Lizz VanSaun. During her visit to the school in November, students learned about the history of both ancient and contemporary mosaics and how to handle the materials and tools they used to create their own mosaic panels. In December, Van Saun returned to work with students as they used recycled stained glass and a variety of glass and mirror tiles to complete their panel.

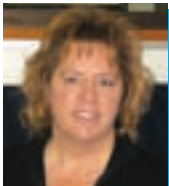
The full 4-day residency with two visiting artists, dancer Jasmine Shah of the Aangikam Dance Academy of Nashua and storyteller Simon Brooks of New London will work with the 6th grade students January 11-14, 2016.

The Artist in Residence Program at the Henniker Community School is made possible by support from the taxpayers of Henniker and the Henniker PTA.



HCS 6th Grade Students Grace Caplan, Arden Ulmer, Presley Gaberseck and Samantha Bernard study their design and tile options for their mosaic project.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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Use of cholesterol lowering drugs (statins or fibrates) is associated with a one third lower risk of stroke in older adults without previous disease, finds a study published in *The BMJ*. In high-income countries, a growing proportion of heart disease and stroke occur in the oldest people. In France, for instance, people aged 85 years and over accounted for 43% of deaths from coronary heart disease and 49% of deaths from stroke in 2010.

Vinpocetine, a drug long used to treat neurological disorders such as stroke, is an effective treatment for middle-ear infections, showing the ability to suppress mucus overproduction, improve bacterial clearance and reduce hearing loss, according to a study in the *Journal of Immunology*. The findings could result in a novel, non-antibiotic treatment for otitis media, or middle-ear infection, possibly through topical drug delivery.

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TOWN of HENNIKER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Henniker Planning Board will hold a public hearing on January 13, 2016 at 7 pm at Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd, Henniker NH to discuss the following proposed Chapter 133 Zoning Regulation amendments:

1. Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, Article V RV Village Proper District and Article VIII 133-32 CV Village Commerce District by allowing Housing for Older Persons projects for households occupied by those 55 years or older living in the housing unit, up to 11 units per acre will be allowed, the minimum lot area will be 1 acre, 30% minimum open space will be required, a minimum of 75 feet of frontage required, units may be single family, two family or multi-family buildings with a maximum of two bedrooms in each unit and the project must be developed in a manner that is in keeping with community character.
2. Are in in favor of the adoption of the following proposed amendment to Chapter 133-3, Zoning Regulations proposed by **petition** of the voters of this town: Amend Article II Definitions by adding a definition for Agriculture, a definition of Agritourism and "Add Agriculture as defined, which includes Agritourism as defined, and amend the title Agriculture to read "Farm, Agriculture, Farming, Agritourism", Home Farming is allowed in all zones.

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Selectmen want to lower speed limit in Contoocook Village

Hopkinton Town Administrator Neil Cass informed the Selectmen that the State has replied to the town's request to lower the speed limit in Contoocook Village. Cass further stated that State will require an engineering study and that cost will be approximately \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

The Board decided not to move forward on this until an engineering study for another project is required. Cass also informed the selectmen that the Rowell Bridge is now open. He also informed the Board that he will be meeting with EDC and they are working on updating the website. Cass stated the that Hazardous

Mitigation Plan is moving forward, and the new server is in at the Bates Building; as well as construction for the new safety doors being performed for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. Cass reported that Greg Roberts, Building and Grounds has updated the fire alarm at the Bates Building.

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