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Christmas Pet Parade

As part of Hillsborough's Olde Fashioned Christmas Celebration, the Greater Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Pet Parade. Bring your Christmas dressed pet to Butler Park at 1pm on December 5th. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative.

Christmas Scarecrows

Use your imagination... Santa, Mrs. Claus, Elves, Rudolph, The Grinch. Bring your creation to Butler Park at 3:30pm on December 5th. Prizes awarded by Hillsborough Pride.



Beblowski is Volunteer of the Year

The Monadnock Conservancy has named Peter Beblowski of Antrim its Volunteer of the Year for his years of service as a land steward. Beblowski has been an active Monadnock Conservancy member and volunteer steward for more than 15 years. He also serves as a Conservation Commissioner in Antrim, and continues working with the Harris Center.



There are always plenty of volunteers for this annual project.

Hopkinton's Sean Powers Wood Bank

"Wood For Warmth" project brings the town together

By *Mary Congoran*

Have you ever dreamed of living in a community where people have the honor of serving their neighbors, in person, and with their own hands? Good people from all over the area chose to come out and work hard all day Saturday at the Sean Powers Wood Bank with just that in mind. Fathers and mothers were teaching their children a great deal more than the art of stacking firewood or of running a splitter. Elders and the experienced simply bent to the task and taught or helped many, just by example. With the same love of community, three ladies have turned a card table of snacks into 5-star dining with several entrees culminating in a whipped cream topped dessert. Even throughout the din of chain saws, trucks and splitters, could be heard the trail of gentle laughter following, usually, Chuck Rose, Jeff Dearborn, Steve Pecora or Pete Powers. Without words, or any sound at all, the joy of caring for each other was everywhere. I tell you, a day like this completely fills you up.

Contributions came from all directions: The Hopkinton Food Pantry gave hot dogs; Gould Hill gave apples; Home Depot

gave bales of hay; Countryside Community Church loaned chairs; the Hopkinton Lions Club provided tables; H.R. Clough filled the propane tanks; the High School loaned a large grill; Neal Cass, Town Administrator, donated boxes of masks; Photographers Susan Lawless and Bob LaPree were everywhere; our chefs, Hillary, Rosie and Laurie provided homemade warmth; Ann Chehade brought her famous container of cookies; Greg Sagris (Dunkin Donuts) donated large urns of coffee and hot chocolate along with boxes of donuts; Best Septic Service donated 2 porta potties; Boy Scouts, Red Hawks and Interact teens worked hard at splitting stations and stacking firewood all day long; the transfer station ladies provided and moved pallets for us (they also plow the area during the winter so that people can get to the stacks of emergency wood); besides all the donations of wood, gasoline, trucks, splitters and manpower, pick up trucks filled with firewood (Lee Wilder and Tasha Dunning) drove right in to donate as well. And just to complete the day, Chief Steve Pecora had loaded his cruiser with boxes of Twizzlers to give to all the working youngsters – of all ages.



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Help the Hillsboro Lions feed our needy neighbors

Messenger Publisher Leigh Bosse is pleased to announce that for the 25th consecutive year, The Messenger, in conjunction with the Hillsboro Lions Club, will be conducting its annual appeal to readers to fund the distribution of Christmas Food Baskets to needy families in the area.

For several years, Hillsboro churches, with donations from area civic groups, had



The Antrim/Bennington Lions Club Operation Santa Giving Tree is up in the entry way at the Bank of NH. Use the doorbell to gain access to the lobby. They will also accept cash donations. Checks to be made out to Antrim-Bennington Lions Club.

distributed approximately 100 holiday food baskets to needy families three times each year; at Thanksgiving, Christmas and again at Easter. In the fall of 1994, it was decided to concentrate on Thanksgiving and Easter, primarily, because of lack of funds.

Realizing the tremendous hardship that would result, the local Lions Club & The Messenger agreed to step forward and provide this service each Christmas season.

Project Co-Chairs, Ron and Kathy Audette have announced that applications are available at all H-D Schools and the Food Pantry, which must be returned by December 4th. Baskets will be distributed by curb-side pickup from 10 a.m. to Noon on December 19th at Smith Memorial Church.

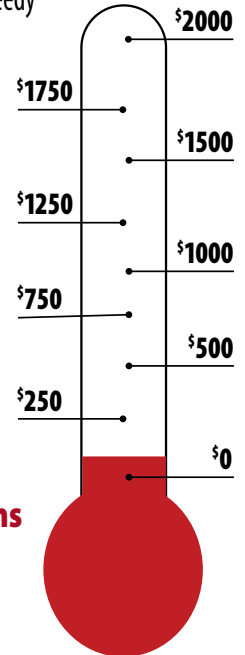
Individuals or organizations who wish to contribute to this neighbor to neighbor project may do so by sending their check, payable to "Lions Food Baskets," to The Messenger, P.O. Box 1190, Hillsborough, NH 03244.

Donations of any size are urgently needed. Those who donate to this worthwhile program will be recognized by having their names published in a future edition of The Messenger.

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November 22, 2019

Tragic deaths in Hillsborough
Bradford couple seeks answers in their daughter's death
Warner receives \$37,850.20 in unanticipated revenue
Groups want to be included in New London's budget
Antrim Board to hear cell tower proposal

November 23, 2018

Goffstown Police host Holiday Lights Tour
Hillsboro-Deering inducts 56 students into DECA Chapter
New England College buys Main Street building
Hopkinton Pair recognized by NH State PTA

November 24, 2017

Newport teen gets 2 years for 7 felonies
Effort to save historic Gale School revived
Christmas season opens in New Boston
LRGHealthcare employees share the season's blessings

November 18, 2016

Tilton man hurls molotov cocktail at girlfriend's car
Cause of New Boston fire remains under investigation
Over 100 birds killed in Newport pole barn fire
Margaret Lougee installed as Bow Police Chief

November 20, 2015

Franklin teen arrested in Concord for pot & alcohol
Authorities believe Antrim woman jumped off bridge
Bow Police address recent increase in criminal activity
Goffstown Police officer is couple's Guardian Angel

November 21, 2014

Goffstown Fire Dept seeks FEMA Grant
New Boston Selectmen approve changes at transfer station
Doctor's return sparks Ebola Virus concerns
Rymes Oil buys bankrupt Fuller Oil

November 22, 2013

Hopkinton celebrates completion of Highway Garage
Bennington burglar captured and released
Mount Sunapee adds 52 new snow guns
Joe Clement & Dave Barry in NHIAA Hall of Fame

November 23, 2012

Newport teenager killed in Claremont
ConVal staffer resigns after sexual assault arrest
Henniker ZBA overturns wedding ban at Forster's Farm
Two Weare men arrested for Craigslist scam

November 25, 2011

Newport principal arrested for assault
Heidi Welch to conduct Boston Pops
New committee says Henniker is "open for business"
ConVal graduate arrested for armed robbery

November 19, 2010

Bennington man injured in one car accident
Hillsborough woman arrested for faking resume
New Police Officer hired in Hancock
Sunapee committee wants Riverway plot

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By: Joyce Bosse

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Publisher's Perspective



The Senior Citizens Dinner crew.

I Love This Town

Hillsborough, like many small towns, has its faults, needs and detractors, but on the whole it is populated by kind, caring, and nurturing people who make it a great place to live, work and raise a family. That spirit was never more evident than

last Saturday. While observing Covid-19 guidelines, the Hillsboro Lions Club was determined to sponsor the 44th Annual Senior Citizens Dinner, even if it had to be modified to a take-out only service. The American Legion donated the use of its

kitchen, the Police Department contributed its digital direction sign, Marie Mogavaro of Greater Hillsborough Senior Services coordinated home delivery of 58 meals and GHSS made chocolate “turkey” treats. Besides Lions members, volunteers Bob Sewell, Bonnie Hadley, Riche Colcombe, and Keith Cobbett, Joyce and Grant Bosse stepped up to make it a true community project.

Under the direction of Chef Anna Anelly and master carver Ron Audet, preparation of the 10-20lb turkeys, mashed potatoes, squash, stuffing, green beans, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie went smoothly.

With the line of cars starting at the back of the Legion at noon and stretching through the parking lot to West Main Street, we were able to serve a record 220 meals. Unfortunately, for the first time, we ran out of food and were forced to turn away the final 16 cars waiting in line.

To those who received a meal — thank you for allowing us to honor you during this stressful year. To those we turned away — our sincere apologies. We could never have imagined a turnout nearly double of previous years, and promise more food next year.

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Operation Christmas application deadline

Operation Christmas has extended their application due date. Applications are due Wednesday, November 25th. Applications are available at the Food Pantry, Town Welfare Offices and Premier Printing. Mail your application in as soon as possible or you can drop it off at Premier Printing. You can email a request to: hillsborooperationchristmas@yahoo.com and we will email an application to you. (Do not email your completed application back to us. It needs to be mailed or dropped off at Premier Printing.) Operation Christmas is a local organization that helps families with Christmas gifts for their children, newborn to age 16, in the towns of Hillsboro, Deering and Windsor.

21 students, 5 staff excluded from Kearsarge

Over the past weekend, two additional Covid-19 incidents occurred at Kearsarge Schools. The first required quarantining of a student who had contact with a family member who tested positive. The second involved a student and a staff member who received a "Probable Positive." As a result, those two, plus 20 students and 4 staff members at Simonds Elementary School and one crossover Sutton Elementary student have been excluded from school until the probable results can be verified.

Newbury Firefighters are delivering gifts

Because of the Covid-19 situation, Newbury's Firefighter's Association Children's Christmas Party will have a different twist to it this year. It deeply saddens our hearts to not be able to have the party at the fire station this year, so we came up with this solution. Santa and his helper will deliver the gifts to the children of Newbury in a fire truck on Saturday, Dec 19 between the hours of 8 and 4. To simplify the registration for the Christmas event, we have created a form to be filled out by you the parent and submitted to us. Go to: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKYTzzEVmDiexgYvtY1zy5CNdU3rZYn2zJPDgFWZiDKT6IwQ/viewform>. It has been a tough year for our little kids and for us big kids also. The deadline to have the form submitted is Dec 13th by 5PM in order to allow the elves to be prepared and Santa to rest up for his long journey from the North Pole. If you have any problems with the form you may text Vicki Hayward @ 352-457-9543 or email her at vicki@newburyfd.org



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New COVID-19 cases at Hillsboro-Deering Schools

Two students infected, five staff and eighteen students quarantined

H-D officials have identified an additional two (2) confirmed cases of COVID-19, one at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School and one at the High School, both cases are related. Anyone needing to quarantine will receive a phone call from a school administrator or health professional with further guidance. If you do not receive a phone call identifying you as a close contact, then there is no public health risk identified to you at this time.

Contact tracing has been completed at the elementary and high schools at this time. Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School has identified two (2) staff and six (6) students and Hillsboro-Deering High School has identified three (3) staff and twelve (12) students. NH DHHS will contact these individuals or their parent/guardian and will instruct them how to self-quarantine at home.

Those families and staff will be directed to get tested and keep themselves or their children quarantined until 14

days following their last possible exposure.

If you or your child are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as a fever,

chills, respiratory illness, aches or change in taste and smell, please stay home and away from others and get a COVID-19 PCR test.



Northeast Wilderness Trust purchased 130 acres near Campbell Hill Road in Frankestown last week, creating the new Jack & Margaret Hoffman Wilderness Sanctuary. Courtesy photo.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A new study, published in *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica*, finds that medicine that inhibits inflammation, such as arthritis medicine, can also be effective in the treatment of people suffering from depression. In addition to looking into arthritis medicine, the researchers also examined the effect of other forms of medication which have an anti-inflammatory effect, including glucocorticoids and the antibiotic minocycline, adreno-cortical hormone and the statins that are used in the treatment of high cholesterol levels. All of them showed antidepressant effects.

A new study published in *JAMA Network Open* has found that 81% of antibiotics prescribed by dentists — who are among the top prescribers in the U.S., accounting for about 10% of all antibiotic prescriptions — to prevent infections prior to dental visits are unnecessary.

A new study published in the *Journals of Gerontology: Series A* found that overweight and obese older women who took more than three times the recommended daily dose of vitamin D showed improvements in memory and learning — but also had slower reaction times. The researchers evaluated three groups of women between 50 and 70 years old in a randomized controlled trial. One group took the recommended daily dose of 600 IU of vitamin D each day for a year. Another group took 2,000 IU per day and the third took 4,000. The researchers found that memory and learning improved in the group that took 2,000 IU per day, but not in the group that took the higher dosage. Meanwhile, the women's reaction time showed a trend to be slower at 2,000 IU daily and was significantly slower at the higher dosage.

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TEETHING CREAMS AND GELS HAVE RISKS



Dr. Esin Narli-Trangaris

Parents and caregivers who are looking to relieve a teething baby's pain might try rubbing numbing medications on the child's gums. But the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns against using any sort of topical medication to treat teething pain in children, including prescription or OTC creams and gels, or homeopathic teething tablets. These medications offer little to no benefit and are associated with serious risk.

Benzocaine—a local anesthetic—is the active ingredient in several OTC oral health care products such as Anbesol, Baby Orajel, Cepacol, Chloraseptic, Hurricaine, Orabase, Orajel, and Topex. These products should not be used for teething because they can be dangerous and are not useful because they wash out of a baby's mouth within minutes.

The use of benzocaine gels, sprays, ointments, solutions, and lozenges for mouth and gum pain can lead to a serious—and sometimes fatal—condition called methemoglobinemia, in which the oxygen-carrying capacity of red blood cells is greatly reduced.

Prescription and OTC benzocaine oral health care drug products are also widely used in adults. Doctors and dentists often use sprays containing benzocaine to numb the mucous membranes of the mouth and throat or to suppress the gag reflex during medical and surgical procedures, such as transesophageal echocardiograms, endoscopy, intubation, and feeding tube replacements. But benzocaine sprays are not FDA-approved for these uses.

Talk to your health care professional about using benzocaine and other local anesthetics, especially if you have heart disease; are elderly; are a smoker; or have breathing problems such as asthma, bronchitis, or emphysema. Those conditions put you at greater risk for complications relating to methemoglobinemia.

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The Emerald Lake Village District Commissioners and their staff.

Red Fox Crossing Bridge reopens in March

The Emerald Lake Village District Commissioners dealt with several issues at Thursday's work session. The District is awaiting word from the state on whether the Eastman Well will be classified as an "Emergency Well" or a permanent installation. The long-delayed Red Fox Crossing Bridge is back on track. The initial design was not useable as the foundation was too small. The culvert is now scheduled to be installed by Christmas, with excavation completed after January 1st and substantial completion by mid to late March.

Goffstown announces Water Parking Ban

The Goffstown Police Department announced that the winter parking ban took effect on November 15, 2020 and will run through the winter months ending on April 15, 2021. The parking ban is in effect between the hours of 2am and 5am and the Goffstown Police Department strictly enforces violations of the overnight parking ban. If weather conditions are favorable, written warnings may be issued during the first week of the ban. During snow removal operations, if a vehicle is parked so as to constitute a hazard, its removal may be requested by the highway department. In these instances, the Goffstown Police Department will investigate and make all reasonable attempts to locate the owner, but if the owner or operator is not located, the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.

"Local Toys For Local Tots" in Henniker

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

Washington Historical Holiday Online Sale

If you've been having trouble finding the history lover on your list that special "something," you are in luck. The Washington Historical Society is having a special online holiday gift sale. Choose from their collection of merchandise celebrating the history and heritage of Washington, including fun stocking stuffers (\$5 for a mug, a suncatcher or a walking tour booklet) and larger items like 100% cotton afghans, books, art prints. You can pick up your purchases at the Washington Town Common on 11/28 or have them shipped. The link takes you to the order form, a full list of items, and more details. Please share with friends and family. <https://forms.gle/M3hCbap8sh8kc17r6>

John Stark performance delayed to Dec. 15

As John Stark Regional High School is now on a remote schedule until December 1, the live-stream performance planned for this Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, will be delayed until December 15 and combined with the John Stark Winter Concert (to be live-streamed). Details will be made available as the new date approaches.



The Warner Public Works Department replaced and leveled the bricks in the sidewalk near the library, starting on Depot Street. (left photo) Meanwhile, two trees were planted at the Upton Chandler House Museum. An anonymous donor paid for the tree and lawn repair.

New London to install bicycle & pedestrian safety signs

Detective Lt. Rowe has secured an inventory of 11 "share the road" signs that were excess inventory from the Newport initiative, which are available for proposed installation on New London roads.

He and Russell Moore asked the New London Select Board to approve

the placement of signs in order to further the public safety of its citizens and reduce the risk of injury or death from vehicular crashes with bicyclists or pedestrians.

The board agreed and approved placement on 1. Little Sunapee Road/ Newport-Main St 2. Little Sunapee

Road/ Springfield town line 3. Pleasant Street/ Bittersweet 4. Lakeshore/ Elkins end 5. Route 103A/ Park and Ride 6. Newport Road/ Transfer Station 7. Main Street/ Crockett Corner end 8. King Hill Road/ east of interstate 9. Andover Road/ Elkins 10. Elkins/ Hall Farm.

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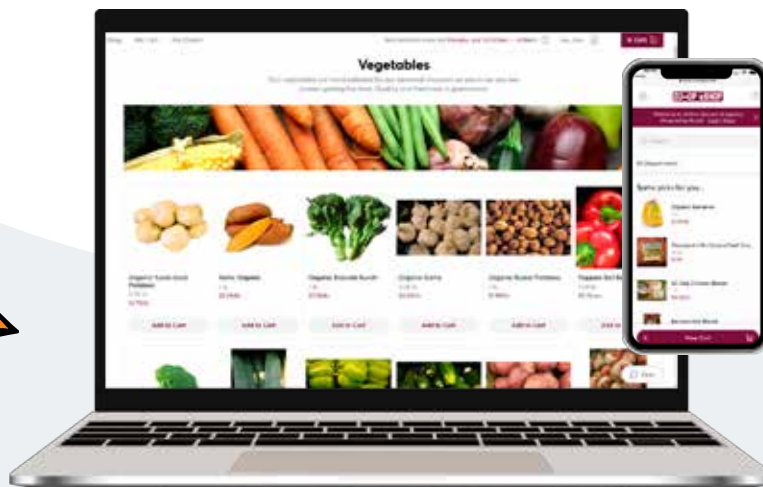
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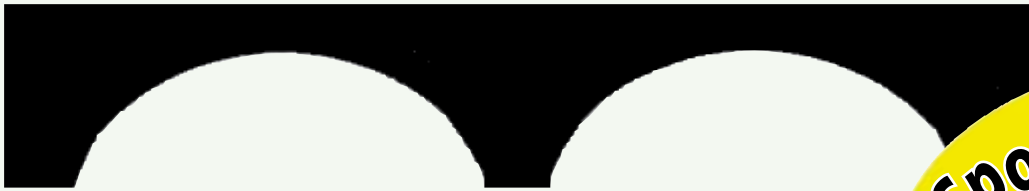
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The Conservation Commission was about to hire a contractor to excavate a site for a driveway and parking area to the trail from West Main Street to the river. With winter approaching and the driveway permit expiring soon, Hillsborough Road Agent Bill Goss offered his services. Those of us who remember the string of less talented Road Agents in the past consider Bill a true Hometown Hero.

New London Outing Club seeks \$95,000

Pete Smith of The Outing Club presented the Select Board and Budget Committee with a proposal to coordinate the efforts of the New London Recreation Department and The Outing Club. A few goals included in the proposal are:

1. Provide subsidized program offerings to New London residents.
2. Hire a full time director with a \$60,000 salary with 30% fringe: \$78,000. 50% of allocation would be dedicated to this salary and additional staffing.
3. Provide additional Youth and Adult Programming such as a Youth Summer Camps Naturalist Camp

Both Boards felt the goals were laudable put premature, and urged the town's recreation commission and Outing Club to get together to finalize plans.

Bradford Fish & Game Club Grandfathered

The Bradford Planning Board held a "non-meeting meeting" with Attorney Christine Philmore to discuss activities at The Bradford Fish and Game Club. Shooting has occurred in the Fall and in the Spring for the Hunter Education Classes, and Dick Wright believes that the land should be considered grandfathered and if not, it would impact the Hunter Education Classes that the Club offers. He explained how the club will only use 22 long riffles and high-powered rifles will be banned. After a long discussion the Board grandfathered the prior use of the land of Bradford Fish and Game hunter safety courses 2-3 times a year, with the use of 22 long rifles and archery at the hunter education courses. If any other use is expanded a site plan will be needed.

Hillsborough Fire Dept Turkey Raffle cancelled

The members of Hillsborough Fire and EMS regret that due to the inability to properly social distance, the Hillsborough Fire and EMS Department will be unable to have their annual Turkey Raffle this year. We look forward to resuming normal activities next year and hope that everyone stays safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

John Stark performance delayed to Dec 1st

As John Stark Regional High School is now on a remote schedule until December 1, the live-stream performance planned for this Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, will be delayed until December 15 and combined with the John Stark Winter Concert (to be live-streamed). Details will be made available as the new date approaches.



Being an NEC Alumni, Weare Police Lt. Frank Hebert did not hesitate to show his support for the New England College Athletic Department's recent partnering with Operation Hat Trick. When his hats were delivered to the police station, Officer Thomas Ouellette assisted as they provided guests with a tour of the agency. Thank you for your sacrifices Officer Ouellette... and... to all the service members out there...past and present.

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Division I Semifinals - Hopkinton 27, Winnacunnet 15: Quarterback Jarrett Henault tossed a 14-yard touchdown pass to his twin brother Jeremy early in the third quarter Saturday to give the Grizzlies some breathing room in what turned out to be a 27-15 triumph over Winnacunnet in the Division I semifinals. The TD pass handed Goffstown a 20-7 lead in a game that had been a fistfight up until that point. Goffstown took its first lead in last weekend's quarterfinal-round victory over Bedford by scoring on its first drive after the halftime break. Zach Picard helped extend the lead to 27-7 when he found the end zone from 13 yards away on the first play of the fourth quarter. Picard had a game-high 107 yards on 19 carries in the victory, which earned Goffstown (8-0) a date with Nashua North (6-0) in Saturday's Division I championship game.

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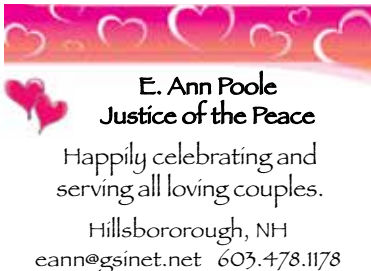
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Raymond A. Dias

CONCORD - Raymond A. Dias, 86, of Concord, NH passed away peacefully on November 8, 2020 at the Concord Regional VNA Hospice House after a period of declining health. Ray was born on August 19, 1934 in Rehoboth, MA where he raised his family and lived until moving to Henniker in 1976. He is survived by his wife, Rosyln, whom he was married to for 68 years. Survivors also include his three children, Wanda Albernaz and her husband, Mike of Rehoboth, MA, Karleen Gouveia and her husband, Albert of Rehoboth, MA, and Scott Dias and his wife, Cathy of Henniker. He had four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Ray was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Beatrice (Gray) Dias; two brothers, Bob and Joe and by two sisters, Eleanor and Vivian. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 21st in Henniker at the New Cemetery (North side extension), on Old Concord Road at 1:00pm. Masks are

required at the graveside service. Due to COVID 19, there will not be a gathering after the service. In lieu of flowers, donations to Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301 in his name are welcomed by the family.

Christopher Barnes

HANCOCK - Christopher Barnes, former Resident Director of the MacDowell Colony, passed away peacefully at his home in Hancock on October 6, 2020. He was 83. In addition to Katy, his loving wife of 61 years, Christopher is survived by his son, Gregg and wife, Hayley of Sudbury, MA, and their children, Tyler, Scott and Jenna; by his daughter, Lisa and husband, Andy Sugg of Natick, MA, and their children, Ben and Sam; and by siblings, Duane, Candace, Stephanie, Eric, and Geoff. Services will be private for the family. Memorial



gifts may be made in Christopher's name to: www.jdrf.org/memorial. Similar to getting polio at age 12, grandson, Sam was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 12, forging their special bond.

Thank You

Much appreciation to all who sent a card, called and/or attended the funeral and luncheon offering comfort and love to the Crane/Aucoin family on the death of their beloved mother and sister Bernadette Aucoin Crane.

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Henniker considering major Personal Policy and Build Code changes

Town Administrator Joe Devine presented the Henniker Select Board with a draft of a new personal policy designed to increase recruitment and retention of town employees. Provisions include:

1. Increased vacation days.
 2. Instituting personal days.
 3. Instituting longevity pay
 4. Improve insurance buy-out option.
 5. Institute tuition reimbursement.
- Special provisions would be made for the Police Department:
1. Establish a shift differential.
 2. Promote a Field Training Officer.
 3. Establish a \$5,000 hiring bonus.

Devine estimated that the full cost of these changes would be \$57,000. Vice Chair Tia Hooper suggested making vacation, sick and personal days into a single "Paid Time Off" (PTO) account that employees could elect for whatever reason. The Board was generally supportive of the proposal but wanted more time to consider the full impact.

Devine also presented drafts of three ordinances to be presented to voters at Town Meeting: A Building Code, A Housing Standards Ordinance, and A

Citation Ordinance. After a brief discussion they were referred to the Planning Board for development and Public Hearings.



The New Boston ice skating rink is assembled and scheduled to open sometime in December if we get consistently cold temperatures.

Hillsborough Chamber postpones its Annual Meeting

In the best interest of our members and the Citizens of the Year we regretfully inform everyone that we have voted to POSTPONE the annual meeting until after the New Year. As we progress and move forward we will be communicating

the new dates for the event. We also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Goulds on their award. We appreciate their dedication and the hard work that they have given to our community over the past 30 years.

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It's a great opportunity to help bring our community together in a safe, fun and COVID friendly event. We plan to produce a list of addresses who have entered the contest. Beginning Wednesday December 16th you'll be able to drive by all the properties and view the displays.

Go to Henniker.org and follow the directions to register and for more details!

Deadline for entries is Monday, December 14th

Houses must be decorated and lit between Tuesday December 15th-Sunday December 20th from 4:30pm to 10:00pm

If you enter the contest your address will be published so the community can view your display.

Awards to be given to winners in the following categories:

- **Clark Griswold** - Homes that have a spectacular lighting display or incorporate motion lights and music
- **Norman Rockwell** - Homes with truly classic, elegant displays that accentuate and coordinate with the beauty and elegance of the house
- **Simple holiday** - Homes that are simply decorated but are full of the Holiday Spirit

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Thursday, December 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 960 3609 6787 Passcode: 967692

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