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2019 HKTV Holiday Show airs Dec. 20

By Anna Biondi

Students at HKHS will be presenting the 31st annual Holiday Show. The live telethon will debut on Dec. 20. They will be raising money for a non-profit organization called A Little Compassion Inc.

The Holiday Show, in its entirety, is a student-run event. Those involved in the video classes at the school are

in charge of making the videos, being the on-air hosts, answering the phones, manning the technical aspects of the show (lighting, camera, and switch board) and even directing the show.

Devin Gallant, senior at HKHS, has been involved with the HKTV program since her freshman year. "The Holiday Show is probably the largest production in our area," she said. "It never stops being exciting and gratifying to run a live telethon for a good cause."

This year the HKTV classes have a new teacher, Kasha Topa-Finberg. In her first year working at HK in 2018, she was the library assistant at the high

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Photo courtesy of HKHS.

HKHS Fall Sports give back for Breast Cancer Awareness

By Diane Phipps

October is widely known for breast cancer awareness month. Many local athletes love to honor this by wearing pink socks, pink cleats and other items pink! I have always felt if the athletes were wearing pink they should also be doing something for breast cancer awareness month. Well our athletes at Haddam Killingworth High School did just that!

HK Girls Volleyball hosted a Dig Pink Game for the Dig Pink Campaign. Their efforts were to raise \$435 for game changing stage IV breast cancer research.

Girls Field Hockey hosted a "Play for a Cure" bake sale fundraiser on October 11, 2019. The girls also wore pink socks and had the field lined in pink. Their proceeds of over \$200 went to the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

HK Girls and Boys soccer along with the Football and Cheer teams also wore pink socks, pink bows, and lined their field with pink. They ran a bake sale and sweatshirt sale. Together their



Volleyball photo by Maura Doxsee. Girls JV Soccer photo by Lara Hajeck. Football photo by Chad Giulini.

efforts raised \$1,176 dollars for the Middlesex Comprehensive Breast Center.

How lucky we are to live in a community where families, athletes, Teachers, and Administrators all support these fundraising efforts.

I hope in the future we can continue to do our part for those in need and especially help our young adults learn the value of giving.

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HKTV names Holiday Show Beneficiary: A Little Compassion

By Anna Biondi

A Little Compassion Inc. (ALC), which was founded in 2018, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports young adults with autism, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. They founded The Nest Coffee House in Deep River, which hires those with autism and also allows for a safe and welcoming community.

Jane Moen, founder of ALC, has plenty of experience working with people with autism. In high school she worked in a special-education classroom as a volunteer. She had also

previously worked in a special-needs classroom at a middle school in Old Lyme.

Moen's biggest motivation for the work that she does for ALC has been her daughter, diagnosed with autism 15 years ago when she was in 6th grade. "Since her diagnosis our family has made it our own mission to support her and ensure that she reached her full potential and lived the life she so deserves utilizing her many strengths," said Moen.

A Little Compassion Inc. will be the beneficiary for the annual HKTV Hol-



Photo by Jane Moen.

iday Show at Haddam Killingworth High School this year.

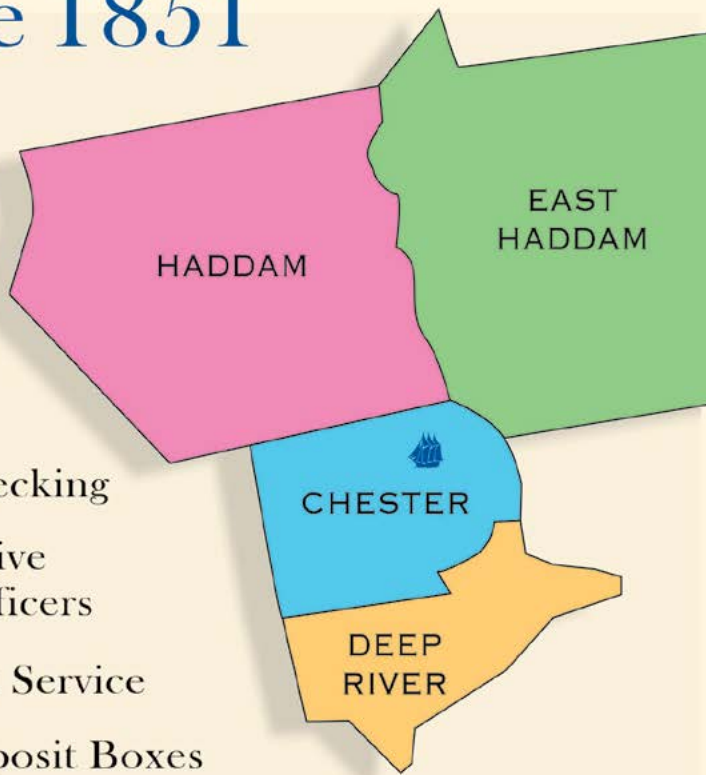
"We are a small organization with a big mission so the financial support we will gain from being a part of the Holiday Show will truly make a huge difference and we are very grateful to have been selected and love the connections we are making with the fabulous students from HK who are running the show," said Moen.

The Nest Coffee House sells various baked goods, different types of coffee and drinks, as well as ice cream. They also hold "Nest Gatherings" which consists of game nights, trivia nights,

book clubs, acoustic nights, and much more. They bring people from ages of 12-20 together to connect and have fun in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

"My dream of operating a coffee shop merged with the needs of these great young adults in our midst and with the help of many community members the nonprofit organization ALC was formed and has grown in just 18 short months to an organization that is changing lives," said Moen. "One of our tag lines is 'Understanding Starts Here' and I think that sums it all up nicely."

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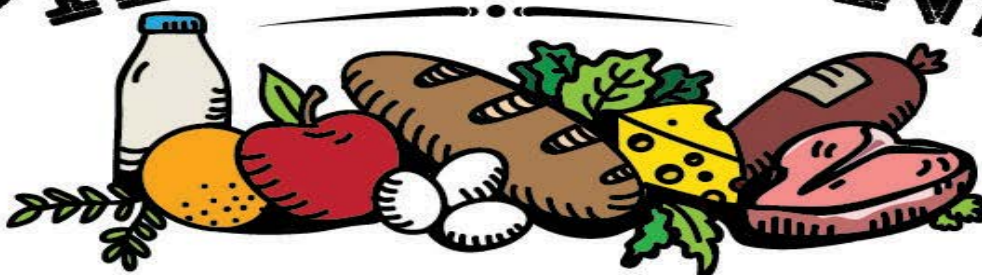
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HADDAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN



New Board holds first regular meeting of term December 9

By Meghan Peterson, PhD

The new Board of Selectmen (BOS) held its first regular meeting together on Monday, Dec. 9 at the old Town Hall building. First Selectman Bob McGarry, along with Selectmen Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty, conducted business. JoAnn Ricciardelli took minutes, the documentation of which will be available for residents to read at the Town website, www.haddam.org. Ed Munster video recorded the meeting, the video of which will be available for viewing on Valley Shore Community Television as well as at their accompanying website, www.vscvtv.com.

Nearly two dozen people gathered on the cold, rainy evening. The Pledge was recited. The meeting's agenda was amended to include additional items. The floor was then opened for the first period of public comment. Ed Munster congratulated the Board and wished them good luck. Neal Perron inquired about the possibility of naming the entrance to the Haddam Transfer Station in Gunner's remembrance as well as the possibility of naming the bridge in Higganum Center in Phil Goff's remembrance. McGarry said they will follow up on it and look into it, that the state legislature heads that as well. The Board approved minutes from a November meeting, to which none of the current members were a party; however, Moriarty said that he was in attendance, and that the minutes were accurate as he recalled. The Board approved six motor vehicle tax refunds, which totaled \$1,163.54.

The Board then made motions to continue the composition of various boards and commissions. First, McGarry said that there were two long-standing vacancies for abandoned vehicle hearing officers. He indicated that a notice will be put out to the two town party committee chairs as well as on the town website for any vacancies, so that a "wide a number of candidates" can be cast as possible. The Board approved among a variety of boards and commissions, the following: Animal Control Office Daun Kowalski to another two-year term; Assistant Director of Public Works Chris Corsa; Economic Development commission; Gateway commission; Merit Service Retirement Board, which oversees pensions for the two fire departments; Street Naming committee to prevent duplication in street names throughout town; Charter Revision commission; Sustainability committee; and the Board of Finance alternate Prem Aithal to fill the vacancy made by the recent election. McGarry noted that an e-mail had been sent to all currently serving members of boards & commissions to see if they were still interested in serving and unless they expressed otherwise, those individuals would be asked to continue serving. As another point of information, McGarry said that committees formed by the BOS expire and cease to exist 30 days after a general town election. Accordingly, McGarry recommended not continuing the building committee or infrastructure committee; if a need arises to re-institute them, then that would

occur, McGarry explained. In terms of the openings on the Economic Development Commission, Anderson urged residents to "please come in first and see how it operates." She indicated that Town Planner Bill Warner "has expressed that EDC will be taking on significant action items" from the Higganum Center charrettes results – and that residents should see what "they could be getting into" being on the EDC. The Board also approved to continue the Town's legal representation with the labor firm and general town business firm. Moriarty indicated that he believes "we could find a better town attorney." McGarry and Anderson voted to continue the town's legal representation with the same firm; Moriarty voted against.

The one new business item before the Board was a request from Chris Corsa to transfer \$50,000 into the tree removal fund to allow Haddam to continue removing hazardous trees. According to McGarry, the town "has been hit hard, as has the whole state, with drought, gypsy moths, the emerald ash borer, two line chestnut borer." In addition, this is work that the town can typically not do and so is contracted out "to a number of tree services." The proposal at this point is to take money from a couple of lines, Outside Contractor and Materials (\$25K from each) and put it toward tree removal. This request, if approved by the BOS, would then go to the Board of Finance (BOF) for approval and possibly a town meeting. Moriarty said that while he believes the work does need to get done, budgeting can be more concise and accurate on this front. Anderson asked if there was additional information on what work can be expected from this transfer. McGarry said that Corsa has a list of the trees and their locations.

Finally, The Board set the 2020 meeting schedule. McGarry proposed sticking to one meeting per month, explaining that based on his examination of the meeting durations in the past year, he believes that one regular meeting per month is sufficient. He added that he is open to the idea of holding them more frequently should the need arise. Moriarty thanked McGarry for considering holding more than one meeting per month, commenting that more frequency would reduce a need for special meetings. A second meeting could be time for representatives from different committees to give information to the public. McGarry found this to be a favorable suggestion.

During the second public comment period, Mark Lundgren suggested that some meetings be held in Haddam Neck, noting that the last meeting in the spring was well attended. Stu Gilmore asked about the process of street naming. McGarry said that those meetings should and would be open to the public.

The meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for the second Monday of January: Monday, Jan. 12, 2020.



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By Michael Fallon,
Middlesex Chamber of Commerce

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HVFC responds to five emergency calls in one day

By Olivia Drake,
Public Information Officer, HVFC

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to five calls for emergency services on Friday, Dec. 6, including two structure fires and one motor vehicle accident.

At 5:10 p.m., HVFC was requested as part of a mutual aid task force to the town of Old Saybrook for a multi-home structure fire. Crews responded with Rescue 5-13 and staged at Old Saybrook High School with other departments.

At 6:15 p.m., crews were dispatched to the intersection of Little City Road and Killingworth Road for a two-car motor vehicle accident. Firefighters used hydraulic tools to help extricate one of the patients, who was later transported to Middlesex Hospital via Haddam Ambulance Service. Firefighters blocked one lane of traffic during the incident.

At 7:40 p.m., HVFC, along with multiple mutual aid companies, re-

sponded to a reported structure fire on Wiese Albert Road. The two-story home was unoccupied when neighbors from across the street noticed a fire burning inside a plastic garbage container. The neighbors called the homeowners and 9-1-1, and attempted to extinguish the fire themselves using water and snow.

Upon arrival, no flames were showing, and Haddam command canceled all mutual aid companies. Firefighters used a water can to extinguish what was left of the melted trash container and smoldering debris. They also examined a section of the home where the fire had begun melting the siding and used a thermal imaging camera to check for any hot areas under the siding. The cause of the fire is under investigation with the Haddam Fire Marshal.

Crews also responded to two medical calls, one at 9:10 a.m. on Little City Road, and at 7:00 p.m. on Saint Peters Lane.

Letters to the Editor

We encourage Letters to the Editor which foster understanding and awareness through discourse. They should be: civil, knowledgeable, factual, and constructive. The letter must include the writer's name, town, and date, and should not exceed 400 words. The editors reserve the final

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I want to start by wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season. I hope you have time to spend with family and friends and reflect on what's truly important.

I've had a busy month since assuming my duties as First Selectman. I'm sure most of you have experienced starting a new job and feeling that trying to take it all in was like drinking from a fire hose. It's exciting and daunting at the same time! As I said during the campaign, one of my first priorities is meeting the important people I'd be dealing with during my term. To that end I've met with town employees, first selectmen from other towns, business owners, and engineers working on the Tylerville water project, Dublin Hill Bridge, roads and other infrastructure improvements.

As of writing this letter:

- Tylerville water – The water main is in and has been tested. Hook ups of businesses and residences are on-going. Final paving and finish work will be completed in the spring.
- Dublin Hill Bridge – The bridge should be open to traffic by the end of December. The road surface may not be paved but it will be passable. Pav-



Haddam First Selectman Bob McGarry.

ing may have to wait until the spring.

- Route 9 signs – DOT will be replacing all of the signs along route 9. The signs are being replaced because many are in poor repair. The exits will be renumbered to meet federal standards. Instead of being sequential, the exit numbers will be the mileage from the exit to the beginning of route 9 in Saybrook. For example, exit 7 becomes exit 10. There will be destination signs on the highway

for Higganum. The project will take two years to complete. While it's expected to start in the fall/winter of 2020, we probably won't see any changes before the spring/summer of 2021.

I attended a Committee on Aging meeting and I'm impressed with the dedication of its members. They want to increase services to our seniors and I'm happy to work with them to that end.

A couple of exciting things happened this month. Brainerd Library held a ground breaking for their renovations. A new parking lot, first floor entry and community use space are coming! The Higganum Center Study, documenting the results of the public charrettes on the future of the center, was released. Over 250 residents worked together to develop strategies, goals and action plans for the center's future. Exciting changes are coming!

I want to thank the Economic Development Committee and all the volunteers who decorated the town for the season. As I've said many times, our town couldn't run without all of our volunteers. Again, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Haddam First Selectman
Bob McGarry

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school last year. She has had previous experience in the communications field working at ESPN for 10 years.

"I absolutely love it," said Topa about her new role in the HKTV program. "I get to work with students who are interested in the media world. I get to share my knowledge with them and it's rewarding to see students communicate their voice to the world through video production."

There is a process to choosing a beneficiary, which involves candidates coming in during a class period and

give presentations to the students about their foundation. "HKTV students made the final decision on this year's holiday show beneficiary. It was clear to the students that A Little Compassion needed us in the moment and their mission was a perfect fit this year," said Topa.

Every year, the Holiday Show gets publicity from the local news stations and even has received some special guest appearances. That includes Channel 3 meteorologist Scott Haney in 2016 and HK alumni and current model Camille Kostek in 2017.

The show has built a name for itself through the years and has become a holiday tradition throughout the community.

The Holiday Show will broadcast

live to the HK community and other surrounding towns on the Shoreline on Friday, Dec 20, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information or to donate, go to holidayshow.rsd17.org.



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"So the people asked him, saying, 'What shall we do then?' 11 He answered and said to them, 'He who has two coats, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.'

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By Attorney Makana A. Ellis

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News & Thank You from H-K Relay for Life

By Elaine Jackson

This past June, the 13th edition of The Relay for Life of Haddam-Killingworth was held at the HK High School track and field facility. With Mother Nature's cooperation, a day to Celebrate, Remember & Fight Back against cancer continued to be attended by many participants as well as dozens of "inspiring" survivors.

As we start organizing for next year's event, we take a minute to reflect back on the stories shared, the friendships created, and the smiles on all of the faces. Young and old turn out each year to fight this terrible disease, as well as to just take a break from life and enjoy the comradery of friendships made over the years. Who would have thought that a cancer diagnosis could have such a positive impact on ones' life.

While there are many individuals and organizations to thank, it is the Haddam-Killingworth community, as a whole, which makes this event special. Thank you for your past support, and, thank you in advance for your continued support of our event.

Please consider joining our fight by attending next years' event on June 27, 2020 at the HK High School from 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to help out, or, just find out more about The Relay for Life, feel free to attend one of our meetings.

More information can be found on our event website: www.relayforlife.org/hkct

Meetings are held monthly and are open to all. (See below)

January 22, 2020

February 19, 2020

March 18, 2020

April 22, 2020

May 20, 2020

June 24, 2020

All meetings held at Haddam-Killingworth High School, Little City Road, Room C112, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Classifieds

Haddam News will print free classified ads for individuals and non-profit organizations. These must be 25 words or less and written in a publish-ready form. Publication is subject to space availability.



(from L to R): Maribeth Simmons, of Simmons Construction; Anthony Lafata, of Lafata Excavation; Mike Simmons, of Simmons Construction; Whitney Huber, architect, Huber Associates; Bob McGarry, Haddam 1st Selectman; Donna Brinkerhoff, Brainerd Library Trustee; Carl Conrad, Brainerd Library Building and Grounds Committee chair; Tom Piezzo, Brainerd Library director; Lorraine Riess, Brainerd Library trustee; Marijean Conrad, President of Brainerd Library Board of Trustees; Myra Aronow, Brainerd Library Trustee; Cheryl Czuba, President of Brainerd Library Friends committee; Lynne Cooper, Brainerd Library trustee. Photo by John Nork.

BML breaks ground for renovation

On Dec. 9, there was a groundbreaking ceremony held at Haddam's Brainerd Memorial Library. "The construction will entail the creation of an additional 17 space parking lot with two disabled-accessible spots, a new lower level entry plaza and public entrance, refurbishment and repositioning of the public rest rooms, a lower level lobby, new exterior lights, relocation of the shed, relocation of power lines under ground and the removal of the utility

pole," said Tom Piezzo, Library Director.

"I'm excited the library renovations are moving forward," said Haddam First Selectman, Bob McGarry. "Brainerd Library is an important part of our community. These renovations/improvements will allow them to offer even more services to us. I look forward to their completion."

Work is scheduled to be complete by the end of June 2020.

KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY

Killingworth Library hosts Native Reptiles and Amphibians of Connecticut: January 14

By Genie Dethloff,
Chair of Publicity, Killingworth Library

Please join us at the Killingworth Firehouse on Tuesday, January 14 at 7pm for "Native Reptiles and Amphibians of Connecticut," presented by Ranger Russ Miller, the Director of Meigs Point Nature Center at Hammonasset State Park. Meet the reptiles and

amphibians of Connecticut. Learn what is special about each of our 14 species of snakes, including how and what they eat, their habitats and natural history, and dispel myths about them. Also learn about the nearly 20 different amphibians living in Connecticut - what makes them an amphibian and what makes them unique. There will be a variety of live animals for comparison.

The Firehouse is at 333 CT-81. The program is free but advance sign-up is required by calling the Killingworth Library at 860.663.2000 or online www.killingworthlibrary.org.

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Winter 2020 Programs and Activities, Part 1

By Josselyn Salafia,
Recreation Supervisor, HK Rec. Dept.

For more information on any of these programs, please call the HK Recreation Department at 860-345-8334 or visit us on-line at www.hkrec.com.

Pee Wee Soccer

Indoor Soccer for boys and girls ages 3 – 4 is being held on Wednesdays, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. at Burr Elementary School Gym from January 15 – February 12, March 4 – April 1 or April 29 – May 27. The fee is \$70 each session. Non-residents may register for an additional \$10. Pre-schoolers will learn the basic fundamentals of soccer with some fun drills, skills, and small-sided game. Please wear sneakers and shin guards. Conducted by UK International Soccer Camps.

Nature Class Experience

Nature Class Experience will take your children through fun educational experiences with animals. January 14, 2020 will feature Foxes, February 4, 2020 will feature Groundhogs and March 10, 2020 will feature Millipedes. The presentation is hands-on, interactive, educational and entertaining. The program is for boys and girls ages 1- 4 years old and meets from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the HK Central Office A-117. The fee is \$22 each / \$17 2nd child (non-residents add \$5).

Messy Mondays

This program for children ages 18 mos– 4 years old offers the opportunity to meet other parents and toddlers in a playgroup atmosphere. Your child will have fun getting messy. Experiment with different textural materials such as shaving cream, goop, finger paints, play-dough, and more! Parents – leave the mess to us. This is a great social experience for both you and your toddler. The program meets Mondays at the HK Central Office Room A-117 from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. from January 27– March 2, 2020 (No 2/17). A second session will run from March 23 – April 27, 2020 (No 4/6). The fee is \$50 / \$35 siblings each session. (non-residents add \$10).

Young Chefs of HK

Young Chefs is for boys and girls in grades 1 – 5 and meets from 4:15 – 5:45 p.m. at the HKHS B-112. The fee is \$28 each class (non-residents add \$5). It is a unique culinary experience which will offer cooking classes to children in a safe environment that will

encourage discovery and creativity. Each visit will be a new experience with fresh monthly themes and exciting new programs. Students sharpen their skills by employing the mantra, “Mise en Place” which, in the cooking world, translates into “Everything in its place.” Young chefs will learn basics in kitchen safety, proper food handling, food preparation, cooking and baking techniques, presentation, and so much more! At the end of each workshop the young chef will leave with a packet of info on how to recreate what we made in class and tasty treats for their family to try. Workshops include: (Must register by the Friday before each session)

February 5, 2020: Make chocolate covered apples and tortilla snowflakes!

April 1, 2020: Make Blueberry Muffins!

May 6, 2020: Make homemade granola bars and yummy fruit smoothies.

Creative Art

Children in grades K – 4 will explore a world of creativity through a variety of different projects from wood crafts to paper art projects. Each session will also have a day of cookie decorating! Class will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. at Killingworth Elementary School from January 7 – February 4 (No 1/21) as well as March 3 – March 31 (No 3/10) and April 28 – May 19. The class will meet on Thursdays at Burr Elementary from January 9 – January 30 as well as February 20 – March 12, April 2 – April 30 (No 4/9) and May 14 – June 4. The fee is \$50 per each four-week session (non-residents add \$10). Kids should bring a smock or shirt that can get messy.

Engineering Workshops (Gr. K-3)

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department welcomes Engineering Imagination. These programs are a mix of Engineering and hands-on activities for students in grades K – 3. The fee is \$22 each session (\$19 if you sign up for 2 or more) (non-residents add \$10). The topics include:

Conveyor Belt Contraptions! From placing an order on Amazon to checking out at the grocery store, conveyor belts are all around us. Students will learn about, plan, and build their own customized LEGO® TECHNIC® conveyor belts as well as work in small groups to build structures such as factories, airports and recycling centers! This workshop will be held on Tuesdays, January 14 at Killingworth Elementa-

ry School, and Friday, January 10 Burr Elementary School. Sessions will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Motorized Vehicles! Young engineers will use LEGO® TECHNIC® to create and customize their own motorized vehicle! The class will discuss different methods of transportation and vehicles such as planes, trains, and automobiles, but will focus on building wheeled & tracked vehicles such as race cars, monster trucks, excavators and bulldozers. Students are sure to have fun while exploring and applying engineering concepts and terms! This workshop will be held on Friday, February 28 at Burr Elementary School, and Tuesday, April 28 at Killingworth Elementary School. Sessions will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Rocket Science! Blast off in this thrilling class full of young “aerospace engineers.” Students in this class will use a wide variety of mediums including, but not limited to, cardboard, newspaper, string, tape and PVC tubing. Using the different materials, young engineers will plan, design and build model rockets while exploring different methods of propulsion and thrust! This workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at Killingworth Elementary School and Friday, May 29 at Burr Elementary School. Sessions will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Engineering Workshops (Gr. 4 & 5)

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department welcomes Engineering Imagination. These programs are a mix of Engineering and hands-on activities for students in grades 4 & 5. The fee is \$22 each session (\$19 if you sign up for 2 or more) (non-residents add \$10). The topics include:

Roller Coasters! Design, Build, and Test customized model roller coasters! Participants will use a variety of materials to fabricate customized, functioning model roller coasters. Students will not only enjoy building and testing the roller coasters, but they will also learn about the pertinent engineering, planning and mechanics! This workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the HK IS/MS from 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Battle Bots! Build, Battle, Innovate, Repeat! In this modern, motorized, LEGO® version of jousting, participants will battle each other using customized monorail vehicles! Participants will need to design, customize and modify their monorail vehicle to make it progressively more efficient and effective! ! This workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the HK IS/MS from 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

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HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit www.haddam.org, www.townofkillingworth.com or haddam-killingworthnow.com for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes.

Thursday, December 19

Haddam P&Z meeting 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Love 2 Sign with Jaye – Sign Language for Children 6 mos. to 6 yrs. Killingworth Library

10:00 am - 10:30 am Space is limited, and Killingworth residents are given priority. Register by visiting our online calendar at: killingworthlibrary.org/

ABC Amigos - Bilingual Storytime for Preschool Children Thursdays 10 - 10:30 am

December 5 - February 6 at Killingworth Library Online sign up begins December 2. Space is limited and Killingworth residents are given priority. Register by visiting our online calendar at: <http://killingworthlibrary.org/>

Music with Margie 10:30am Brainerd Memorial Library

A multi-sensory music program that builds skills in order for children to reach the developmental goals they need to enter kindergarten. Margie brings items such as beanbags, scarves, puppets, and instruments. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 6. Registration is not necessary. The theme for December is "Winter Holidays".

Friday, December 20, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

A Little Compassion Inc. will be the beneficiary for the annual HKTU Holiday Show at Haddam Killingworth High School this year. They founded The Nest Coffee House in Deep River, which hires those with autism and also allows for a safe and welcoming community.

A Little Compassion Inc. (ALC), which was founded in 2018, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports young adults with autism, intellectual, and developmental disabilities.

Saturday, December 21

Coffee House/Open Mic Night - The Higganum United Methodist Church's outreach, intergenerational, audience-participation hot spot invites musicians, singers, poets and comedians to the stage on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Make It & Take It – Seasonal Crafts for Families

Saturday Mornings in December from 10-12 at Killingworth Library. Drop in format; no registration required but space is limited

Monday, December 23

Haddam ZBA (changed meeting due to Christmas) - 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Tuesday, December 24

Brainerd Memorial Library Preschool Storytime

with Miss Marissa takes place every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Join us for themed stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome. Registration is not necessary.

Wednesday, December 25 – Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26

Love 2 Sign with Jaye – Sign Language for Children 6 mos. to 6 yrs. Killingworth Library

10:00 am - 10:30 am Space is limited, and Killingworth residents are given priority. Register by visiting our online calendar at: <http://killingworthlibrary.org/>

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Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Mem. Library 10:30 am - 11:00 am

A music and movement program for toddlers and their caregivers. Sing, dance, make music, and read a simple story. Miss Kelly brings musical instruments. Appropriate for children ages 1 to 3, but siblings are always welcome. Registration is not necessary.

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HK Recreation Winter 2020 Programs and Activities, Part I

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Science Outreach

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department has the Children's Museum of SE CT coming to HK. These programs are a mix of science demonstration and hands-on activities for boys and girls ages 3- 5 and boys and girls in grades K-3. The fee is \$22 each session. There is also a fee of \$19 if you sign up for 2 or more classes. The topics include: Rigamajig – Explore the museum's new Rigamajig building sets! Students will work together to solve fun challenges. Teams will collaborate on projects such as creating a structure that would allow them to ride a whale or make a machine that could take them to the center of the earth.

This workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at the HK Central Office room A-117 from 1:15 – 2:00 p.m. for boys and girls ages 3 – 5. There will also be a workshop for Boys and Girls in grades K-4, Wednesday, January 29 at Burr Elementary School and on Thursday, January 30 at Killingworth Elementary School from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Karate Kids (age 5-12)

A session will be held at Burr Elementary School Gym on Mondays from January 13 – May 18 (No 1/20, 2/17, 4/6) and on Wednesdays at Killingworth Elementary School Gym from January 15 – May 6 (No 4/8). The classes meet from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. The fee is \$96. Non-residents can sign up for an additional \$10. Demo classes will be offered on January 6 at BES

and January 8 at KES. Please email Josselyn at josselyn@hkrec.com to reserve a spot in the Demo Class.

Children will be introduced to Washin-Ryu Karate-Do, a unique form of traditional Japanese Karate; and will learn the meaning of self-respect, respect for others, self-discipline, and concentration. Mr. Moan will also talk to the kids about safety awareness and how to avoid abductions. The instructors are Mike Moan, an 8th Degree Black Belt and Mr. Pila, black belt apprentice.

Babysitter's Training Course

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering the American Red Cross Babysitting Course. Class will meet Wednesdays, February 5, 12 & 19 and Mondays, April 13, 20 and 27 from 5:45 – 7:45 p.m. Both will be held in the HKHS Lower Media Center. The fee is \$75 each session and includes a Red Cross Babysitting Manual and Certificate. Non-residents please add \$10.

There will be a CPR for Babysitters session on Monday and Wednesday, March 9 & 11 from 5:45 – 7:45 p.m. at the HKHS Lower Media Center. The fee is \$55 (non-residents add \$10). Must have taken the Babysitter's Training class in order to take the CPR section. The course is for students ages 10 – 15, and is designed to prepare them for babysitting.

This American Red Cross Program has been updated to include Basic Child Care, First Aid for breathing and bleeding emergencies, and injury prevention as well as covering other important topics to prepare young adults for babysitting. Students will

not become certified in CPR or 1st Aid, but will gain knowledge. This class is an excellent opportunity to help students build self-confidence as well as job leadership, and decision-making skills.

Zumba Kids

The Zumba Kids program is the ultimate dance-fitness party for young Zumba fans where they can play it loud and rock with friends to their own rules! This program features age appropriate music and moves that will get kids movin' to the beat. Session 1 will run January 9 – February 13 at Killingworth Elementary School. A second session will be offered at Burr Elementary School February 28 – April 3. The fee is \$60 each session (non-residents add \$10) and meets from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



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Christmas/Hanukkah 2019 Worship Schedule

Schedules for the following churches/synagogues have been provided:

- Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek (CBSRZ), 55 East Kings Highway, Chester
- First Congregational Church of Haddam, 905 Saybrook Road, Haddam
- Haddam Neck Congregational Church, 408 Quarry Hill Road, Haddam Neck
- Haddam Neck Covenant Church, 17 Haddam Neck Road, East Hampton
- Higganum Congregational Church, 23 Parsonage Road, Higganum
- Higganum United Methodist Church, 248 Saybrook Road, Higganum
- Killingworth Congregational Church, 273 Route 81, Killingworth
- St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, 30 St. Peter Lane, Higganum
- St. James Episcopal Church, 498 Killingworth Road, Higganum
- St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 7 Hemlock Drive, Killingworth
- Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church, 220 Turkey Hill Road, Haddam

Sunday, December 15

- 9:00 a.m. Lessons, Carols, & Bells (A beautiful weaving of scripture and music by our Bell Choir telling the wonderful story of God's tender and relentless love for the world revealed in Jesus Christ) – Haddam Neck Covenant Church
- 11:00 a.m. Hanukkah Celebration (for kids of all ages: food, games, crafts, music, and fun. Open to all) – CBSRZ
- 11:00 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent Service – Haddam Neck Congregational Church

4:00 p.m. Christmas Songs in the Sanctuary (Filosi Trio, Connecticut Yankees Quartet, and the HKMS Chorus, plus the church organ and hand bells). Donations are \$20; free for children. All proceeds will support the Preservation 2020 fundraising campaign – Killingworth Congregational Church

Sunday, December 22

- 9:00 a.m. Celebrate the Grace of Giving Love – Haddam Neck Covenant Church
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Sunday Service – Higganum United Methodist Church
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Worship – Killingworth Congregational Church
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church
- 11:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent Service – Haddam Neck Congregational Church

Tuesday, December 24

- 3:30 p.m. Carol Sing – St. James Episcopal Church
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service – St. James Episcopal Church
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil/Mass – St. Peter Catholic Church
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service – Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church
- 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service – Haddam Neck Covenant Church
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Haddam Neck Congregational Church
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service – Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church

- 7:00 p.m. Mass – St. Lawrence Catholic Church
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship – Killingworth Congregational Church
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve (7:30-8:00 musical interlude; 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service) – First Congregational Church of Haddam
- 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service – Higganum United Methodist Church
- 12:00 p.m. Midnight Mass – St. Peter Catholic Church

Wednesday, December 25

- 8:00 a.m. Mass – St. Lawrence Catholic Church
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (come early to enjoy the Christmas music) – St. Peter Roman Catholic Church
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service – St. James Episcopal Church

Friday, December 27

6:00 p.m. Hanukkah Service and Celebration (Starting with potluck dinner – please bring a non-dairy dish to share – enjoy freshly made hot latkes (potato pancakes); following dinner there will be a Hanukkah service, with music and dancing and traditional desserts for all. All are welcome to attend) – CBSRZ

Wednesday, January 1

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation Mass – St. Peter Catholic Church

If you belong to a church or other place of worship in town and you would like your services included on this list, please email us at editors@haddamnews.org.

EDUCATION / COMMUNITY

Killingworth Student named to High Honors at Pomfret School

Robert Croce of Killingworth, Conn., from the Class of 2020 was named to the Fall 2019 High Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Robert earned a grade point average of at least 3.670 and received no grade lower than a B+.

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TOWN OF HADDAM PLANNING & ZONING PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPROVAL

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut held a Public Hearing at the Haddam Town Hall, 21 Field Park Dr., Haddam, CT on December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and approved the following item (s):

1. A special permit for a Home Business Use as an Art Gallery/Studio at 350 Saybrook Road / Map 14 Lot 51.
2. A special permit to allow a day care facility at 6 Brooks Court - Map 49 Lot 68-3 with conditions.
3. A zoning text amendment to amend Section 3 Definitions of the Zoning Regulations: add "Therapeutic and Rehabilitative Wellness Center" and amend Section 7.3 to add "Therapeutic and Rehabilitative Wellness Center" as a special permit use in the Commercial C-1 Zone as amended to restrict use to existing buildings. Approved language is on file in the Town Clerks Office. Effective Date June 15th, 2019.
4. A zoning map amendment to amend the zoning designation at 7 Island Dock Road/Map 26 Lot 7A from R-2A Single Family Residential to C-1 Commercial. Approved map amendment is on file in the Town Clerks Office. Effective Date June 15th, 2019.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Haddam CT

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Season's Greetings

Thank you to all the people of Killingworth for their strong vote of support in November. We have a lot of work to do, and it helps that so many people got engaged in the election this year. Killingworth had the highest turnout in the state on November 5: 60 percent! The state average was 34 percent. That is something for all of us to be proud of.

The most common remark I heard from newcomers and longtime residents alike during the campaign was, "I love this town." That was gratifying. Sometimes the speaker followed up with worry about preserving what they love, or being able to afford to stay here, or how Connecticut's economy and governance is affecting us. These are the hard issues that will be on the front burner for the new Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Planning & Zoning Commission.



Killingworth First Selectman Cathy Iino.

On the Board of Selectmen, Eileen Blewett takes Nancy Gorski's place for the new term. As you probably know, Eileen is also a member of the RSD17 Board of Education, and I hope that her service in those two roles will help us work even more closely with the school district than in the past. I want to say what a pleasure it has been serving with Nancy for the last two years. I know she will remain engaged in public service.

I look forward to working with all committee members new and old and to hearing everyone's concerns and ideas in the months ahead. Starting in January, I plan to write a mid-monthly column for Haddam-Killingworth News, and I welcome questions about any topics or concerns.

May your holidays be full of peace and good will.

Cathy Iino

First Selectman, Killingworth

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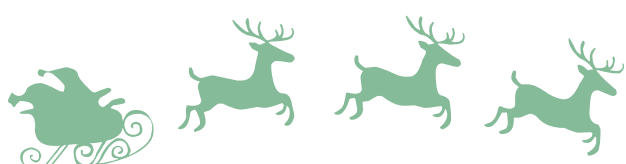
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James Larkin Coach's Award recipients: Kaitlyn Parri, Ashley Duncanson, and Rebecca Fisher. Photo by Ann Diebert.

HKHS Team Wrap-up & James Larkin Coach's Award Winners

By Mike Shea, Coach, HKHS Girls Soccer

We recently held our End of Year Celebration! We reflected on the season and the positive atmosphere we created at the beginning and maintained throughout the year. Here are some team and individual recognitions we noted:

- Overall Record: 15-5-1
- 2019 Shoreline Conference Champions
- 2019 Shoreline Conference Sportsmanship Award
- 2019 1st Team All-State: Kedarjah Lewis
- 2019 New Haven Register All-Area Team: Kedarjah Lewis
- 2019 Shoreline Conference 1st Team: Kedarjah Lewis
- 2019 Shoreline Conference 1st Team: Kaitlyn Parri
- 2019 Shoreline Conference 2nd Team: Morgan Madore
- 2019 Shoreline Conference Honorable Mention: Ashley Duncanson
- 2019 Shoreline Conference Honorable Mention: Yumi Imai
- 2019 Shoreline Conference Honorable Mention: Autumn Walton
- 2019 New Haven Register All-Area Coach: Mike Shea

2019 James Larkin Coach's Award was given to three members of the HKHS soccer team. HKHS lost James a year and a half ago. He was a teacher, coach, friend to many at HKHS. James was a friend to everyone he met. He had a great sense of humor and was fiercely loyal. He was a champion of the underdog and looked for the best in people. He was always looking for a way to make people smile. James was a leader among the faculty and coaching staff. The recipients of this award embody so many of the great qualities James brought to HKHS. This year's recipients of the 2019 James Larkin Coach's Award went to Rebecca Fisher, Ashley Duncanson, and Kaitlyn Parri.