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Stuff-a-Cruiser ushers in season of giving thanks to troopers, HKYFS

Haddam Resident Troopers and Youth & Family Services of Haddam Killingworth held a Stuff a Cruiser event on Nov. 24 in Higganum Center. These toys and gifts will be distributed to families in need in our community.

If you missed this one and still want to donate, you can drop donations at the offices of Youth & Family Services at 91 Little City Road, in Higganum from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday through Dec. 10.

Haddam welcomes new stores



Three new businesses have recently opened shop in town: Whiskey River Trading Post, The Nook, and Dollar General. All are located in downtown Tylerville, with the first two located in the Tylerville Plaza; Dollar General is located just down a bit at 85 Bridge Road. Haddam welcomes you! Photos by Ed Munster.







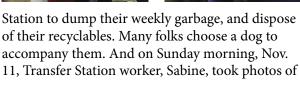
A DOG'S LIFE: TRANSFER STATION EDITION PART III





Apparently, the folks around town like a little company when they head off to the Haddam Transfer









some of those companions. Does your dog enjoy the weekly transfer station run? Haddam News will run photos of some of the canine friends in the weeks to

TOWN & COMMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 6

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Old Town Hall Building, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam

Haddam Junior Women's Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Fire Station #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum Haddam Junior Women's Club Meeting. Open to women in Haddam, Higganum, and Haddam Neck who are over the age of 18.

Friday, December 7

St. James Service of Remembrance, 6:30 p.m. St. James Episcopal Church, 498 Killingworth Road, Higganum

The community is invited to attend this service to be held at St. James Episcopal Church, which recognizes that not everyone shares in the usual joyful celebration of the season. Some grieve the death of a spouse or a precious child. Others grieve the loss of a dear friend or a pet, a broken relationship or the loss or health or youth, while others struggle with unemployment or poverty. The service will include special prayers, candle lighting, scripture, and music. Prayer support for those who wish and a reception will follow the service. For further information contact Cherry Czuba at cherylczuba@comcast.net.

Sunday, December 9

St. Lawrence Christmas Concert, 2:00 p.m. St. Lawrence Church, 7 Hemlock Drive, Killingworth

Saint Lawrence Church in Killingworth hosts its annual Christmas Concert. The event features congregational signing of carols, songs by the adult choir, instrumentals, vocalists, and refreshments. For more information, contact stlawrencec@yahoo.com or visit stlawrencechurch.com.

Monday, December 10

Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Old Town Hall Building, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam

*Please visit www.haddam.org or www.haddam-kill-ingworthnow.com for the most current information.

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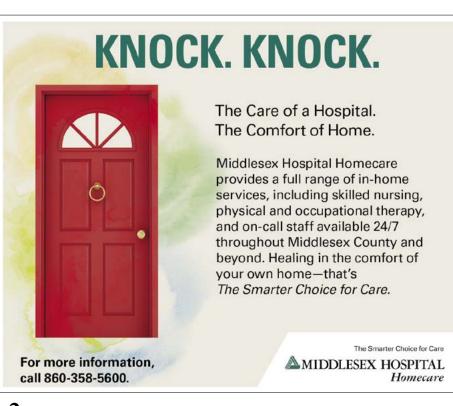
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REMEMBRANCE

Peter Arseneault

January 30, 1948 – November 21, 2018

Peter Arseneault, 70, of Haddam beloved husband of Dale (Manzone) Arseneault passed peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Middlesex Hospital with his family at his side.



Peter was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, son of the late Lacida and Catherine (Lavigne) Arseneault.

Prior to his retirement Peter was employed with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation. He served as Selectman for the Town of Haddam and was on the Planning and Zoning Board. He was a member of the Republican Town Committee. Peter was a longtime Communicant of Saint Peter Church in Higganum. In his younger years, he enjoyed sailing on his Hobie, and water skiing. In the winter he enjoyed skiing, which is where he met Dale. He took great pride in the log cabin home he built along with family and friends. Most importantly, he will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father and family man.

Besides his wife, Peter is survived by a daughter, Leah Arseneault of Haddam, a son, Peter Arseneault and his wife Sarah of Haddam, a brother, Paul Arseneault of Haddam, and a newly born grandson, Brady.

Peter's family would like to thank Dr. Mario Amleto of Higganum Family Medical for the special care and attention he provided to Peter.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association 5 Brookside Dr. PO Box 5022 Wallingford, CT 06492 or to St. Peter Church PO Box 707 Higganum, CT 06441.

OBITUARIES

John "Jay" Adams, Jr.

According to Legacy.com and The New Haven Register, John "Jay" Adams, Jr., age 57, of Branford, CT, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 15. He was raised in Killingworth, and attended Haddam Killingworth High School.

Edward Buzzi, Jr.

According to Legacy.com and The Hartford Courant, Edward Anthony Buzzi Jr, age 78, of Haddam, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Joshua David Hydinger

According to Legacy.com and The Middletown Press, Joshua David Hydinger, age 29, of Middletown, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 21. He attended Valley Bible Church in Haddam.

BRAINERD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

December programming

By Marissa Lehmacher and Laurie Gardner, BML

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Preschool Storytime 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.

Saturday Storytime

Can't make preschool storytime during the week? Join us on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome.

Music with Margie

Music with Margie will meet on Thursday, Dec.6 and Thursday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. The theme for December is "Winter Holidays." Margie's multisensory program builds skills on a bi-weekly basis, in order for children to reach the developmental goals they need to enter kindergarten. Margie brings items for children to play with such as beanbags, scarves, puppets, and instruments. Music with Margie is appropriate for children ages 2 to 6.

Toddler Tunes

Toddler Tunes is a music and movement program for toddlers and their caregivers. Join us to sing nursery rhymes, dance, make music, and read a simple story. Ms. Kelly brings musical instruments. In December, Toddler Tunes will take place on the following Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: the 13th and the 27th. Appropriate for children ages 1 to 3, but siblings are always welcome.

LEGO™ Club

Like playing with Legos? Come build with us! Each month will feature one unique theme and one free build. Lego creations will be put on display until the next session. Lego Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Appropriate for children ages 5 and up.

Children's Holiday Party

Join us for our Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here at 11:30 a.m. to read stories, take photos, and spread holiday cheer! Make holiday crafts and enjoy a special performance by the Guilford Carolers at noon. The Guilford Carolers are members of Guilford High School's select vocal group, VOICES, and their mission is to share the

gift of music. Come one, come all and join in the festivities! Refreshments will be served.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board Holiday party!

The TAB will meet on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join us while we enjoy some holiday treats and decorate the Teen Space for the holidays! New members are always welcome! Participation counts toward community services hours and looks great on college and job applications! Contact Kristen at kcarpentier@ brainerdlibrary.org or call us at 860-345-2204. It's your library... make a difference! For tweens and teens grades 6 to 12.

Teen Craft Night

No plans for Holiday break? Stop by the Teen Space on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and do some crafts! Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, there will be paint flying! No registration required, just stop in and have a great time. Appropriate for tweens and teens grades 6 to 12.

Cupcake Lab

Will return in January, stay tuned for information on dates and themes!



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HADDAM HEADSCRATCHER

Where in the world (of Haddam) was this photo taken?



Photo courtesy of the Haddam Historical Society.

Here is this week's Haddam Headscratcher. Identify where this photo was taken. The first person to send us the correct answer at editors@Haddam-KillingworthNow.com or editors@HaddamNews.org will receive \$1 in the mail.

COMMUNITY / ARTS

Playwrights for Tomorrow Scholarship available

By Chris Solimene, Producer, Artful Living

Can you write a play? Win a \$500 scholarship. See your play produced!

The mission of Artful Living's Playwrights for Tomorrow is to give Connecticut youth an opportunity for artistic expression through reading and producing their original short plays and empowering their art through validation and potential scholarship awards. Artful Living is a 501(c)(3) Community Theater organization dedicated to education and community building. Details & contacts for this event can be seen at our website: www.ArtfulLivingCT.com. Original plays should be written in

Standard Script Format (see Helpful Hints page) and submitted electronically NO LATER THAN JAN. 7, 2019 to chris@ArtfulLivingCT.com. Up to three Playwrights will be chosen to win \$500 Scholarships. Three or more plays may be selected for staged readings and presented by rehearsed actors at The Katherine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center on May 4, 2019.

For links to the application as well as helpful hints, see info at www.haddam-killingworthnow.

Details & Submission Guidelines at ArtfulLivingCT.com. Questions? Contact Chris Solimene at 860-389-1363 or chris@ArtfulLivingCT.com.

HADDAM BOY SCOUTS

Troop #44 Fall 2018 **Court of Honor**

At the Haddam Boy Scout Troop #44's fall Court of Honor ceremony, held on Tuesday, Nov. 21, there were five rank advancements, and 48 merit badges awarded. Joe Mercier advanced to the rank of First Class; John Buhl became a Life Scout, Trevor Izzo attained the Star Scout rank, and Liam Emigh and Soren Tassmer became Tenderfoot scouts.

The following merit badges were awarded to scouts in the troop:

Archery (1)

Astronomy (5)

Automotive Maintenance (1)

Aviation (2)

Bird Study (1)

Camping (2)

Chess (3) Climbing (5)

Cooking (1)

Cycling (1)

Digital Technology (1)

Environmental Science (4)

Fishing (1)

Fly fishing (1)

Landscape Architecture (1)

Lifesaving (1)

Metalwork (1)

Personal Management (5)

Photography (1)

Pioneering (1)

Small Boat Sailing (4)

Space Exploration (2)

Swimming (1)

Welding (2)

Evan Mainetti, who already achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, earned his Silver Palm pin. An Eagle Scout can earn an Eagle Palm for each additional five merit badges that is completed beyond those required for Eagle.

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New Dollar General store opens on Bridge Street

By Angela Petkovic, Public Relations, Dollar General

Dollar General's newest store at 85 Bridge Road in Haddam is now open! In its new location, Dollar General will offer area residents a convenient new place to shop for everyday essentials at low prices.

Dollar General will celebrate the store's official grand opening on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. with free prizes and special deals. The first 100 adult shoppers will receive a \$10 Dollar General gift card and the first 200 shoppers will receive a Dollar General goodie bag with complimentary product samples. Customers can also register to win a free year of shopping from Dollar General, a prize valued at \$520. Complimentary lunch of hot dogs, chips and drinks will also be provided.

"Dollar General is committed to delivering a pleasant shopping experience that includes a convenient location, a wide assortment of merchandise and great prices on quality products," said Dan Nieser, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "We hope our area customers will enjoy shopping at Dollar General's new location."

Dollar General stores offer convenience and value to customers by providing a focused selection of national name brands and private brands of food, housewares, seasonal items, cleaning supplies, basic apparel and health/beauty products. The store's fresh layout is designed to make shopping simple for customers. Seasonal products are displayed in the center of the store, departments are easily recognizable with visible signage and coolers are conveniently located at the front of the store.

Traditional Dollar General stores employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the need. Anyone interested in joining the Dollar General team may visit the Career section at www.dollargeneral.com.

Dollar General gives its customers more than everyday low prices on basic merchandise. Dollar General is deeply involved in the communities it serves and is an ardent supporter of literacy and education. At the cash register of every Dollar General store, customers interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for their high school equivalency test can pick up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services.

Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$159 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www. dgliteracy.com.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT / SCAMS

Eversource, others urge customers to be on look-out for scams

By Tricia Modifica, Eversource

While bracing for colder temperatures this winter season, Eversource wants its customers to look out for the seasonal increase in common utility scams. These scammers will show up at front doors or call on the phone posing as Eversource employees to get money, demand personal information for identity theft, or use deceptive marketing tactics to convince customers to switch energy suppliers. This week, as part of Utilities United Against Scams, a consortium of over 100 energy companies, Eversource is urging its customers to beware of scammers and to heed law enforcement's warnings.

A common utility con involves customers getting phone calls warning that their service is about to be shut off because of unpaid bills. The caller claims to be a billing representative from Eversource who tells a customer that to avoid an immediate shutoff, they need to settle an overdue bill by providing a credit card number or a prepaid debit card. Both businesses and homeowners are targeted and, unfortunately, scammers are meeting with great success. While the median monetary loss for all scam victims is \$274, the median loss for a utility scam victim is \$500, according to the Better Business Bureau. In fact, the BBB has found that people are more susceptible to utility scams than they are to Internal Revenue Service scams.

"We will never demand an on-the-spot payment,

IRS issues tax scam alert

Published at the request of our Resident Troopers

We have heard that scammers are posing as the IRS. BEWARE! For more information on several scams of this type, please visit https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/ tax-scams-consumer-alerts.

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in person or by phone. Don't panic and don't pay," said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. "We're always working to serve you better and are proud to partner with our fellow energy companies, retailers and local law enforcement. We also urge our customers who receive a suspicious phone call or home visit to call us at 1-800-592-2000 to verify ANY request for payment or personal information."

Local law enforcement representatives are also sounding the alarm on scammers.

"Unsolicited phone calls, emails, or door-to-door contacts should be regarded as suspicious," said East Windsor Police Chief DeMarco. "Be polite but firm. Say 'no', hang up, delete the email, or close the door. Never be afraid or embarrassed to call the police for help or to report a scam. These criminals are good at what they do, and they prey on us, so get the help you need to protect yourself."

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Stranded! How snow stranded stagecoaches in the 1860s

By Shannon Spencer Burkle, who found this narrative in her father's grandparents' house, who had moved to Middletown from Higganum.

From the estate of Marion Harvey via Mary Newton, we have this account of early stage travel in and around Durham [and Haddam and Killingworth] and how a snowstorm affected same about 1860.

Edwin Harvey owned the house about half a mile east of the Haddam and Durham town line. It was on the Harvey Road 400 or 500 feet east of the Middletown/Killingworth Turnpike and about a mile north of the Durham/Haddam Turnpike.

At that time, three stages went each way daily between Haddam and Durham and five each way daily between Middletown and Killingworth. People were in the habit of stopping there if anything happened, such as a stormy, rainy night or a sick horse. It was a common occurrence for two or three stages to put up there in bad weather.

The house was built in the socalled saltbox style prior to 1787. It was 35'x40 on the ground. It had two large front rooms 16 square with a fireplace in each. Between these two rooms was the big stone chimney with hall and staircase in front. Back of these was a kitchen 14'x24 in the middle with bedroom at one end and pantry at the other. Upstairs were two bedrooms about 16 square with two bedsteads in each room. There was himself, wife, three children and a hired man in the family.

Early in the winter, a big storm came from the North east starting in the morning and lasting three days. Then the wind shifted into the Northwest drifting everything full faster than they could shovel it out. At the time, Eunice Sanderson was visiting the daughter, Olive. As people were in the habit of stopping so much, the horse barn had been added to until there was room for 70 horses. There was also a sheep barn, a cow barn, and ox barn on the place.

Soon after noon, Henry Francis and wife were coming from Middletown. As they tried to get through a drift near the sheep barn, the pole broke off their sled. Mr. Harvey and hired man worked with Mr. Francis putting on a new pole. At this time a Tin peddler came along. He couldn't get through the drift either so his horses were put in the sheep barn where Mr. Francis' horses were. About 4 o'clock, the hired man went up to feed the oxen at Ed's ox barn which was West of the turnpike about four or five hundred feet; a half mile from the house.

At the top of the hill, near the barn, he found three stages bound from Middletown to Killingworth stuck

in the drift that always formed in a storm. On that account, there was a wood road from opposite the ox barn which went east through pastures to a lane leading to the cow barn. The hired man led these stages through this road and Lane past the cow barn to the horse barn located twenty feet east of the Harvey house. Each stage had four horses and several passengers.

About a mile south of the Harvey four-corners was another four corners where John Hickey lived. At this corner there were thirteen stages stuck. Six of them had been traveling on the Haddam/Durham Turnpike and seven on the Middletown/ Killingworth Turnpike. About dusk, John Hickey led these stages through the woods and lots to the Harvey house and horse barns. This made sixteen four-horse stages, two twohorse stages — 68 horses in all. After all had arrived there were 80 people. The women and children took turns occupying the chairs and beds. The men and boys found chunks of wood to sit on or lay on the floor to sleep.

Ed had turnips, potatoes, onions, apples, cider and wine stored in the cellar. He had recently butchered four year-old hogs, dressing off over 300 pounds each and a big Durham bull three or four years old that dressed off at 640 pounds. They had made about twenty gallons of mincemeat. This was their winter's supply of food. For the animals, plenty of hay and grain [was] stored in the barns.

The drivers and passengers made the most of Ed's food and the tin peddlers' pie plates. Everyone went

to work; the women cooking and the men taking care of the animals and cutting wood. The ladies pared apples making about 20 pies; apple and mince every day. Add to that bread, doughnuts, baked beans and Indian pudding. Huge kettles of soups and stews simmered while the pies baked in the ovens. All the fresh pork and half the beef disappeared during the week following the storm. After the guests had all departed, there was no hav left at the horse and cow barn. As soon as the roads were open, Mr. Harvey had to hunt around to buy hay for his cows and horses.

To prepare for another storm, he went to Mr. Henry Francis and bought five barrels of cider and some wine. He went to his sister Cynthia's, bought a steer, fatted and butchered it. After the crowd had been gone about six months, he managed to collect \$50 from the two stage companies. That was all the compensation received for taking care of 80 people and 68 horses for a week.

Another rainstorm came about six months after the snow, making roads impassable and washing out bridges. As of this storm, the stage companies had paid nothing so Ed Harvey told them there was no place at his house and barn for horses or passengers. That is why the stage companies coughed up the \$50 referred to earlier.

Author's Note: The tin ware man referred to in the beginning of this story carried bed pans, steel knives and forks, spoons, tin cups, tin plates. How's that for being prepared?

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HKHS FOOTBALL 2018

HKHS defeats **Bullard Haven in Class S Quarterfinal**

By Barth Keck, Assistant Coach, HKHS Football

The Haddam Killingworth High School varsity football team defeated Bullard Havens in the Class S High School Football Quarterfinal on Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Bridgeport with a final score of H-K 52, Bullard Havens 0. HK (10-1) rolled up 352 yards on offense, all on the ground, to win the first round, Class S playoff game against Bullard-Havens (10-1). The Cougars will face Stafford/East Windsor/Somers in the semi-final game on Sunday. For H-K, Zach Kauffman scored three touchdowns, Tobey Callender scored two, and Dalton Modehn and James Murphy each had one.

Summary:

First Quarter: HK -Zach Kauffman 15 run (Jordan Callahan kick); HK - Dalton Modehn 4 run (Modehn run)

Second Quarter: HK -Kauffman 4 run (Tobey Callender run); HK -Kauffman 13 run (Modehn run)

Third Quarter: HK -Tobey Callender 15 run (Callahan kick); HK -Callender 4 run (Callahan kick)

Fourth Quarter: HK -James Murphy 3 run (Callahan kick)



#41 Dalton Modehn crossing into the endzone for the first Cougars score of the evening. Photos by Chad Giulini.

HK (10-1) 15 16 14 7 BH (10-1) 0



The Cougars executing a punishing ground game - #41 Dalton Modehn runs behind wall of blockers, #10 Tobey Callender, #11 Zach Kauffman, #52 John Bruder, and #75 Chris Moore.

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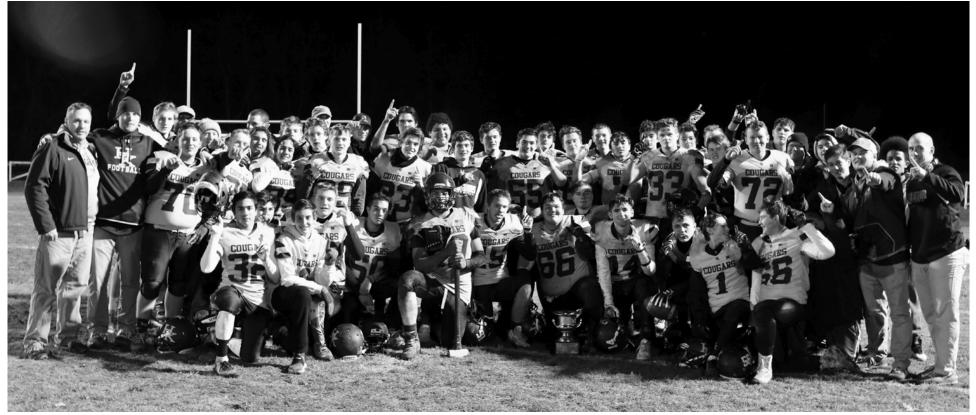
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Post-game team photo. Photos by Chad Giulini.

HKHS defeats Valley/LOL for Principal's Cup

By Barth Keck, Assistant Coach, HKHS Football

The Haddam Killingworth High School varsity football team defeated Valley/Lyme-Old Lyme on Tuesday, Nov. 20, in Deep River with a final score of H-K 27, Valley/LOL 21. HK's Dalton Modehn rushed for 117 yards on 17 carries with two touchdowns and two interceptions, and HK's Tobey Callender rushed for 76 yards on 12 carries with two touchdowns and two interceptions as the Cougars beat the Warriors to win the Principal's Cup and qualify for the Class S playoffs. Jason O'Brien had 139 yards on 10 receptions with two touchdown catches for Valley.

Summary:

First Quarter: HK – Tobey Callender 1 run (run failed); V/LOL – Jason O'Brien 47 pass from Ryan Santos (Brian Funk kick)

Second Quarter: V/LOL – O'Brien 34 pass from Santos (Funk kick); HK – Jordan Callahan 33 field goal



Above: The Cougars offense, ready for the snap. Right: Quarterback #14 James Murphy on a QB-keeper for a first down.

Fourth Quarter: HK – Dalton Modehn 8 run (run failed); HK – Callender 3 run (run failed); HK – Modehn 44 run (kick failed); V/LOL – Nicholas Braga 70 pass from Santos (Funk kick)



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TO THE EDITOR

LTE-HES Closing: permanent solution to a temporary problem

Editors Note: For the full version of this letter, please visit www.haddam-killingworthnow.com.

HES is scheduled to close as part of the RSD17 restructuring plan. However, the BOE has not provided reliable data and long-term costs that should have been considered in this determination.

Enrollment Analysis: A Qualified Study is Needed

The Strategic Capitol Planning committee named these resources for predictions:

- Weslyan project, Predicting Future Enrollment in the Haddam-Killingworth School District
- BOE SCP derived 'Internal Projections,' based on birth rates, historical data, and state/regional data

The student project is not peer-reviewed/published, regional data offers nothing town specific, and projections prepared by a BOE subcommittee are insufficient for directing our district's future. Though the committee "felt that it would not be a sensible investment to pay to complete an analysis," it's clear that a qualified study should be performed.

Cutting Costs: What are we Saving?

The BOE's website states, "...our current estimate is \$1,000,000 in annually reduced operating expenses.

However, this is an estimate and more will be known once we begin to plan implementation..." That's a hefty disclaimer!

What is that real cost and is it worth it?

Should this plan proceed, Haddamites will be paying more – in direct costs and reverberating economic strain. Our property values are bolstered by our schools, so closing one will negatively affect those values. Further, when population recovers, taxpayers will be asked to accommodate the influx of students. New construction will be required as a second phase for the plan that the Board is rushing into now (ask SCP about 'Scenario D').

Negative Effect on Higganum & Haddam

HES is an integral player in our town center. The building was built in 1948 with additions/renovations in 1958, 1962 and 1989. Parking is well-sited, with two separate playgrounds. A 154-acre haven of trails offers respite/exercise and the ultimate outdoor classroom. HES provides a central location for activities, shared resources, adjacencies to community spaces, and access to emergency services. It is visible from the main thoroughfare and within walking distance to residences/shops/restaurants. Why shutter this school with such strong roots in the center of Higganum Village?

Conclusion

I urge you to consider this matter as a pivotal point

in the history of our district and Higganum Village. Ask questions – you deserve answers. You may feel this is a "done deal," or that you don't have a say in the matter. Might I remind you that we elected the BOE, and it is our job give our opinions, desires, and expertise. Further research is desperately needed before such a critical decision can be reached with confidence. This resolution affects the very essence of our town and the future of our school district. For further information, Email: saveHES@yahoo.com Facebook: Save HES

Kathryn Packtor Haddam

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 decision on any letters published; frequency of submissions from a single writer or group will be a factor in deciding whether to publish a letter. The editors may also add a short explanation of the writer's position or credentials.

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HADDAM CLUB 60

Meeting schedule for December 2018-June 2019

By Marge DeBold, Haddam Committee on Aging

Mon., Dec. 3 at 11:30 a.m., St. Peter Church hall – Senior Holiday party. Open to all Town seniors. Must make reservations (refundable reservation fee of \$5).

Mon., Dec. 17 – Business meeting. Middle School Band will perform, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., Jan. 7 – Business meeting. Scholarship awardee will be introduced, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., Jan. 28 – Diane Andrews. Information on tax

changes, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., Feb. 4 – Business meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., Feb. 28 – Jon Condi – guest musician, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., March 4 – Business meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., March 18 – Superintendent of Schools, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., Apr. 1 – Business meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., Apr. 15 – HK Youth and Family Services, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., May 6 – Business meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., May 20 – Jeannie Lewis, Judge of Probate and ice cream social, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., June 3 – Election of officers and strawberry shortcake, 1:00 p.m. at the Haddam Senior Center

Mon., June 17 – Senior Picnic – time and location to be determined



HADDAM COMMITTEE ON AGING

Meeting schedule for December 2018-June 2019

By Marge DeBold, Haddam Committee on Aging

Monday, December 7 at the Annex at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 28 (fourth Mon.) at the Annex at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, February 25 (fourth Mon.) at the Annex at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 18 at the Annex at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 15 at the Annex at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 20 at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 10 (second Mon.) at the Annex at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 17 Haddam Senior Picnic (site and time to be determined)





H-K YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Above: Lee Harwood (54) and Aiden Griswold (62) team up to tackle an East Hartford player. Harwood, Griswold and Kevin Harrison led the team with 2.5 tackles each. Right: Orion Inkel (18) protects the ball against an East Hartford defender. Photos courtesy of Eric Anderson.



A Squad falls to East Hartford in Championship Game

After starting the season with a 1-2 record including a 12-7 loss to East Hartford in the first game, the A squad rebounded with 5 straight wins to end the

By Eric Anderson, Public Relations Director, HKYFA

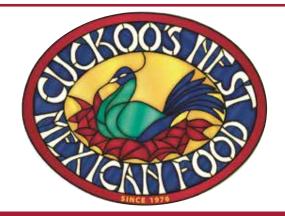
regular season with a 6-2 record and the #2 playoff seed. The team then posted victories over North Branford and Cromwell to make it to the title game against the undefeated and #1 seeded Hornets.

The Hornets seized an early 16-0 lead with a 65 yard touchdown run on their first play of the game and another score after a fumble recovery deep in HK territory. The HK defense settled and forced a punt and then a turnover on downs but a 12 play Cougar drive deep into Hornet territory came up short. The Cougars bounced back on their next drive when Tate Callender powered into the end zone from the 5 yard line and with a Cavin Napoletano kick the Cougars narrowed the East Hartford advantage to 16-8. Another outstanding defensive effort returned the ball to HK with under 2 minutes to go in the half but the drive stalled and HK fumbled the punt. The Hornets recovered and scored to take a 22-8 lead at the break. In the second half

the Hornets capitalized on HK turnovers and pulled away for the 42-8 victory.

Despite the loss, the team should be proud of their season in which hours of hard work and a dedicated coaching staff helped elevate the team to the title game. It was also the first time in HKYFA history that an A squad team was represented in the championship game.

HKYFA would like to thank the 8th grade players and cheerleaders, most of whom have been members of the league for many years, success in high school and in their future endeavors. A special thank you to the fans who lined the HK sidelines for the championship game and throughout the season and to the many volunteers who contribute to the success of the league.



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14 year old boy (family #2): Men's size Large sweatshirts, Men's size Medium sweatpants, wireless

11 year old boy (family #22): lacrosse or football items, sports balls, science kits to make crystals or slime, chapter books for kids (science/how things work/magic tricks, card tricks)

7 year old girl (family #22): chapter books, small table and chair for crafts, play equipment so she can pretend she is teaching (journal, pens, note pads, crafts to make necklace/bracelet), makeup kit, outside toys like big balls to roll on or a small trampo-

Mom (family #22): bath and body gels

If you can help out, please contact Laurie Ruderfer, Executive Director of YFSHK by email LRuderfer@hkyfs.org or phone 860-345-7498. Gifts can be brought to Youth Services at 91 Little City Road, Higganum by Wednesday, Dec. 12 at noon. They should be unwrapped but have the family number attached to the gifts.

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From new state rep Palm to residents of Haddam

The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the staff of this newspaper.

On the morning after Election Day, amid the happiness I felt over being elected as the new State Rep. for the 36th District, I also thought of all the people of Haddam who are bitterly disappointed by the election results. Although I won my race overall by 338 votes – considered decisive in General Assembly

races but far from a landslide – I lost the town of Haddam.

Why dwell on this? Because I want the people of Haddam to know that I'm aware I do not have a "mandate" with you. I know I'll have to work hard to prove myself -- to listen to your concerns as intently as I will listen to the concerns of the people in the three towns that did vote for me (Chester, Deep River and Essex). And I want to acknowledge the public service of my opponent, Rep. Bob Siegrist.

Please know I intend to work hard to represent you at the Capitol. Now is the time to build coali-

tions that work for the good of all, to work together for Haddam's economic revival, for a tax system that doesn't burden the middle class, for school safety and excellence, for environmental protections and green jobs; in other words, to work as one for the enhancement of the quality of life for all our residents.

I'm ready to get started. I invite all our Town officials -- regardless of party affiliation -- Board of Ed members, department heads and especially the town's residents, to join me. I hope I can count on you, just as you can count on me.

> Christine Palm Representative-Elect, 36th General Assembly District



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Last Rose of Summer



Photo by Victoria Harlow.

COMMUNITY

HKTV announces beneficiary of Holiday Show support

By Chuck Lewis

2018 marks the 30th year anniversary of Haddam-Killingworth High School's annual Holiday Show. The TV studio is excited to announce that this year's beneficiary is "After the Storm." The H-K TV students vetted numerous organizations this year. While the choice was difficult, this year's organization was chosen to show support for the numerous women battling breast cancer in our community.

"After the Storm" is a nonprofit organization founded by HK graduate Christine Willett, a breast cancer survivor whose mission is to help heal cancer survivors emotionally, physically, and spiritually. They believe anyone living with cancer is a survivor and their goal is to help them cope with the treatment so they can focus on life and living. (More information about their organization can be found at https://www.afterthestorminc.org). Students are passionate about this year's cause because there are women within the RSD17 community dealing with breast cancer and students want to show their support. One survivor from H-K said that "After the Storm" was an important part of her recovery, furthering the importance of this cause.

Community connections are a tradition of the Holiday Show. Last year the proceeds were used to create a scholarship in honor of Patsy Kamercia. The Holiday Show is a highly anticipated event as it is almost entirely student-run. The show consists of but is not limited to student films, performances, interviews, and hosts (which student auditions are held for). If your group or organization would like to get involved by fund raising for this year's telethon contact the show's producer Chuck Lewis via email at clewis@rsd17.org.

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