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Left to right: Christiana Field, Dr. Richard Shulman and Marie Field. Photo by Howie Field.

By Christiana Field

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MOVIE REVIEW

'They Shall Not Grow Old'

By Philip R. Devlin

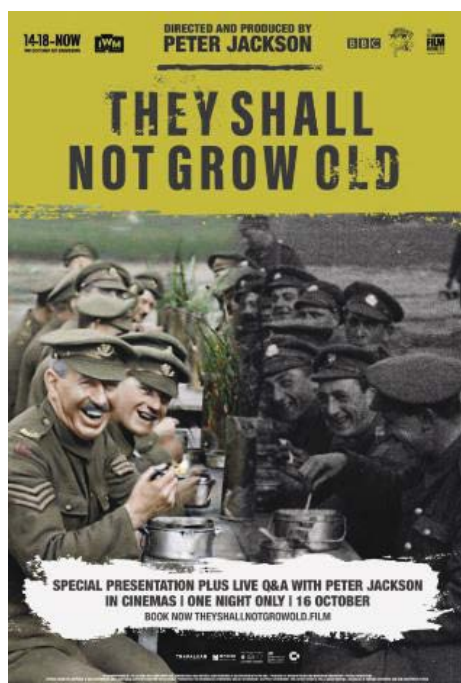
Since 2018 is the centennial anniversary of the end of World War I, there have been many retrospective looks at the war; however, few can match the movie that I saw Monday—"They Shall Not Grow Old." The talented New Zealand filmmaker, Peter Jackson, directed the movie. Jackson appears for several minutes at the beginning of the movie to explain the project; additionally, he appears after the credits roll at the end to demonstrate the truly extraordinary uses of technology that he and his team employed in making the movie. His elucidation of the hows and whys of the movie is truly extraordinary and will revolutionize documentary film making. We also learn that this project had a personal angle for Jackson, as his grandfather had fought in the war and was wounded several times—wounds that eventually would take his life. The level of care and detail that goes into this film reflects his personal interest in the project.

Jackson and his team used hundreds of hours of original films shot by hand-cranked movie cameras in WWI and hundreds of hours of audio interviews of British veterans of WWI. They edited them to combine into a 2-hour-plus tour de force of what it was like to be a soldier in the trenches of World War I. The result is amazing. None of those original films had sound, so Jackson employed forensic lip readers to determine what the soldiers were saying and then cleverly dubbed those words into the original films; furthermore, those films were scrubbed, restored, and the film speed was changed

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More than 20 third and fourth grade students from Burr Elementary School sang holiday songs to the residents of the Saybrook at Haddam on Dec. 20, 2018. Photo by Nicole Panzella.



to the "normal" speed of 24 frames per second. Some archived films that were way too dark or over exposed were also brought back to life and to full clarity.

Imagine the thousands of hours that must have gone into matching audio clips from veterans of the war to the film clips and stills to make the film flow as it does! Talk about a Herculean task! The result is stunning. It is like going into H.G. Wells's time machine and going to the Western Front yourself, an experience enhanced by the fact that the movie is available in some theaters in 3D. If you had a relative who fought in this war (as I did), then this is what you want to see to understand what trench warfare was like.

The film's title is undoubtedly derived from the English poet Laurence Binyon's poem "For the Fallen," written in 1914:

*"They went with songs to the battle;
they were young.
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and
aglow.
They were staunch to the end against
odds uncounted;*

*They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are
left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the
morning,
We will remember them."*

It isn't easy to get a ticket. Current plans call for the movie to be shown only on the 17th and 27th of December. Reserved seating is required in most theaters. The Plainville, CT, AMC theater sold out both showings on the 17th in advance. My wife and I saw it in Southington at 4:00 p.m., and the theater was nearly full. The 7:00 p.m. Southington showing was also sold out. Be aware that there are very gruesome scenes depicted, as WWI was a nasty conflict. "They Shall Not Grow Old" is an extraordinarily moving film well worth watching. If you can see it somewhere on the 27th, do so.

In & Around The Haddams: December 1918

Selected from the pages of the Evening Press and lightly annotated by Sally Haase

5,000 Soldiers Reach New York. New York, Dec 2, 1918: More than 5,000 American soldiers and marines from "over there" saw the skyline of New York city when they arose today. 4,000 of them were aboard a British liner. The hospital ship, Northern Pacific, brought back 1,100 wounded soldiers who have been in the thick of the fighting. Steaming toward the port today, are three other large vessels loaded with American troops.

House Will Not Embarrass Wilson. Washington, Dec 3, 1918: There will be no concerted move on the part of the republican members of the house to question the constitutionality of Presidents Wilson's trip overseas or his participation in the peace conferences, Rep. James Mann announced.

U.S. Needs New Coast Defenses. Washington, Dec 3, 1918: There is an imperative need for immediate construction of modern coast fortifications to safe guard American harbors from future enemy naval raids. The recent rapid advance in range and power of guns has left many of our fortifications obsolete warns the chief of engineers of the United States army.

U.S. Prisoners Leaving Germany. Paris, Dec 3, 1918: The work of bringing American prisoners out of Germany is being hastened by the American Red Cross with the co-operations of the Swiss government. Arrangements have virtually been completed to send three Swiss hospital trains to the Ratstatt prison camp in Germany. The Swiss is furnishing fully equipped trains, including hospital cars with complete sanitary services. The French are to furnish coal and oil, which are in short supply in Switzerland.

Holland Must Surrender "Guest." London, Dec 3, 1918: Tis absolute agreement among the allied conference regarding the proposed punishment for the Kaiser, but it will not act until President Wilson



Wilson arrives in Paris.

arrives in Europe. Pressure will be brought to bear upon the Dutch government to secure the ex-war lord's extradition.

Wilson Leaves For Peace Conference. Hoboken, N.J., Dec 4, 1918: President and Mrs. Wilson sailed for Europe this morning to attend the peace conference, establishing a precedent in American history. Thousands of persons, in Hoboken and lower New York city joined in a thunderous burst of cheering while all of the crafts in the harbor united in their whistles. The liner is being convoyed by the battleship Pennsylvania and a squadron of warcraft.

Russia In Terrible Condition. London, Dec 9, 1918: Striking revelations of the abysmal depths of misery and starvation which the Russian people have reached as a result of the tactics of the Bolsheviki were made today by the Dutch minister who arrived from Petrograd. "Salvation for Russia can come only when the people have sunk to such debts that they will be forced to throw off the Bolsheviki yoke," he

said. "The Bolsheviki are deliberately starving the people and enforcing them to join the Red Guard which they prefer to do because they are then sure of rations and better treatment."

Exiled Prince Unhappy. London, Dec 9, 1918: Every day for an hour the one-time crown prince, now an exile on a tiny island off the Dutch coast, dons his uniform and paces up and down his room, imitating the movements of Napoleon at St. Helena. "I would much prefer being interned in England," the royal exile was quoted as saying. "I pride myself on being a sportsman of the best English type and it is very lonely interned on this island." The royal fugitive drinks beer with the village farm workers and engages in games of cards and billiards. But, when enduring fits of melancholy, he has novels read to him.

To Deport Mexican War Laborers Soon. London, Dec 10, 1918: All Mexicans admitted to this country for emergency labor, due to the war, will be deported at an early date, if they do not possess the necessary qualifications to pass the immigration laws. The "qualifications" referred to is the application of the "illiteracy test," section three of the immigration

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HKMS Honor Roll 2018-19 Quarter 1

Submitted by HKMS

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EIGHTH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Badami, Pooja Vaishali
Bailey, Brooklyn Reese
Berardino, Isabel Maya
Berardino, Sasha Grace
Bodak, Kaleigh Pearl
Brown, Georgia Grace
Cancroft, Georgia Elisabeth
Coleman, Caroline Marie
Conte, Caroline Laraine
Corcoran, Paige Katherine
Doyle, Serena Rose
Engler, Alexander
Favalora, Julia Carolyn
Fraser, Madison Jane
Freeman, Ellery Lauren
Frith, Ellie Marie
Gagliardi, Juliana Elizabeth
Geissler, Ella Anne
Goodison, Aleia Nicole
Gordon, Madeline
Gyorog, Anastasia Faith
Haas, Catherine Frances
Hansted, Emmalena Gracie
Hoddinott, Liam Ryan
Hodgkinson, Aurelie Claire
Houska, Johanna Lillian
Iacobellis, Paige Marie
Jones, Abigail Grace

Kasperzyk, Payton Charlotte
Kent, Caleb Paul
Kohs, Avery Jane
Lara, Alexander Alberto
Lelko, Owen Michael
LeMontagne, Jenna Aleece
Lloyd, Brooke Taylor
Lonergan, Brenna Grace
Matoshi, Enea
McKenzie, Grace Rose
Miller, Gillian Alexander
Murray, Sage Ann
O'Brien, Kira Elisabeth
Overchuk, Katherine Amelia
Packtor, Adeline Frances
Perry, Tyler Scott
Petrie, Sarah Elizabeth
Piela, Kelsie Elizabeth
Powers, Callen Michael
Quilliam, Grace Elizabeth
Rosa, Carly Michelle
Ruocco, Ashlen Ann
Salamone, Vincent Paul
Scileppi, Vincent Louis
Singer, Margaret Elizabeth
Strick, Laura Leigh
Thebeau, Kristen Marie
Tucker, Olivia Grace
Whitmer, Jenna Michelle
Wiknik, Amy Jane
Wrinn, Audrey Arline
Yazmer, Audra Lucy
Yazmer, Payton Ella

SEVENTH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Adelberg, Sydney Alexis
Baker, Makaia Grace
Cawley, Elizabeth Maria
Celentano, Luke Patrick
Churyk, Dylan Stefan
Commerford, Ella Nicole
Cook, Morgan Theo
DiNapoli, Jaimey Elizabeth
Emigh, Shylee
Fong, Zachary
Gagliardi, Tyler Robert
Goodison, Laina Katherine
Green, Emma Rose
Harriman, Ava Lyn
Hickman, Brooke Sarah

Houlton, Natalie Rose
Ignatuk, Caroline Jones
Kamoen, Blake Maarten
Kehlenbach, Emerson Lynn
Keithan-Resnick, Jonah Benjamin
Kukta, Caitlin Jean
LaRosa, Jillian Marie
LaTorre, Anabelle Helen
Macy, Lauren Quin
Marciniec, Abigail Beth
Maxwell, Charles Aidan
McNiel, Ivy Rose
Menard, Megan Elizabeth
Minickene, Samantha Alessandra
Mitchell, Julia Curtiss
Morales, Alejandra
Moriarty, Madison Leigh
Munster, Victoria Rose
Murphy, Elizabeth Margaret
Nelligan, Kaleigh Grace
Nguyen, Brian
Pach, Samantha Valerie
Palmieri, Christopher Joseph
Parri, Rory Christine
Pollack, Quinn Sheldon
Richwine, Bella Rose
Rosenblum-Jones, Rebecca Grace
Sargent, David
Scileppi, Jenna Nicole
Staskelunas, Owen Michael
Therrien, Catharine Elizabeth
Timothy, Reese Anna
Walton, Leah Elizabeth
Werner, Benjamin Matthew
Wessinger-Neumann, Anna E
Yalamanchi, Vaishnavi Kalpana

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Arbona, Kaley Grace
Benson, Kaylee Colleen
Catalano, Madalynn Jeanne
Dixon, Trevor John
Duncanson, Jordan James
Eighmy, Claire Rose
House, Jamie Lynn
Jenkins, Morgan Tate
Kelsey, Mitchell Benjamin
Kirby, Maren Alice
LaConte, Grace Ann
Leiberman, Bryce Daniel

Lelko, Julia Rose
Link, Clare Elizabeth
Lomuntad, Catherine Elizabeth
Loughlin, Ava Rose
Loughlin, Ciara Jeneane
Macaluso, Olivia Sage
Maier, Brielle Snow
Mazzotta, Ava Grace
Merola, Colton Edward
Mitchell, Colin
Napoletano, Caley McGill
Perry, Michael Gordon
Pierce, Sarah Joan
Pranulis, Hannah
Rigg, Cora Mae
Robinson, Margaret
Schweitzer, Mathias Joseph
Sehl, Keira
Seward, Madalyn Rose
Smalley, Chase Matthew
Thebeau, Jeffrey Emile
Willey, Hailey Lynne

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Belanger, Amanda Louise
Bellamo, Brittany Lynn
Birkmeyer, Sarah Elizabeth
Bitgood, Rodney Joseph
Bolduc, Anna Jane
Botteon, Ryan Christopher
Braren, Nolan Thomas
Brawley, Aleysha Rayne
Burns, Charles Ronald
Campo, Alejandro Joseph
Carter, Samuel Frederick
Cassidy, Amanda Riley
Chagnon, Lola Angeliqne
Chester, Leah Paige
Colandrea, Joshua Kai
Cooke, Jamison Vaughan
Cruz, Emma Julia
Danaher, Lorin Margaret
DeCrosta, Benjamin Paul
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tificate and proof of residency with you at the time of registration.

A parent information night and an incoming student visitation day will be held in the spring. More information will follow. Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before Jan. 1, 2020.

For additional details, please contact:

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 Schemmerling, Tristan Thomas
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 Smigel, Duane Scott
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 Young, Thomas Michael
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 Zarra, Matthew Logan

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 Blade, Lindsay Marie
 Bradley, Sarah Yvonne
 Bragdon, Lilly
 Brown, Liam Hayden
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December 18 Board of Education meeting notes

By Ed Munster

This regular meeting of the BOE was held in the library at the HKMS in Killingworth. Members of the RSD #17 Board in attendance were Joanne Nesti, Brenda Buzzi, Suzanne Sack, Peter Sonski, Eileen Blewett and Kathy Zandi. Absent were Maura Wallin, Joel D'Angelo, Gerry Mathews, Eric Couture and Sue Twachtman.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Joanne Nesti who immediately opened the meeting to public comment. There were about 40-50 people who were supporters of the "Save HES" effort. The first to speak was Teri Everett, owner of Teri's Package Store in Higganum. She voiced concern over mixing children of disparate ages on busses, the increased length of time some children would be riding on their bus and the impact that closing HES would have on the business activity in Higganum center. Ms. Everett went on to say that she was not aware that HES was being closed until someone came into her store to speak with her about it; she hoped that this was not a "done deal" and that the Board could keep an open mind on the issue and that she as a taxpayer would be willing to pay more taxes if needed to keep HES open.

Andrea Bizzaro who is a new resident of Haddam stated that she was only here four months when she heard that the school was closing and it stressed her to think she might have made a mistake by buying her home here as the school was a big part of her decision to come to Haddam.

Next to speak was Ken Gronbach, a longtime resident of Haddam and author of numerous books on demographics who stated that he hoped that what we are getting here is not a 'permanent solution to a temporary problem.' Gronbach acknowledged that, as a demographer, he lives in a world of numbers and logic but he said his gut just tells him that it is wrong to close this school. His concern was that HES is the biggest sign of life in our town and that the reason to keep this school open is the psychological impact that closing the school might have on the town.

At this point no one else came forward to speak so Chairman Nesti went on to the agenda which included a presentation by Dr. Kris Lindsay, Director of Student Services. The purpose was to provide the members of the BOE with information on the role that social and emotional wellness plays in education



RSD #17 Board of Education Chair Joanne Nesti (l), Superintendent Howard Thiery (r). Photo by Ed Munster.

in RSD #17. She discussed the systems that are in place to address the issue. The in-depth presentation and the subsequent discussion and questions from the BOE members lasted the better part of an hour.

Next the BOE discussed the curriculum council report from Kathy Zandi which centered on advanced calculus. The AB program involves a semester of college calculus taught over a period of a year in high school. The other option is the BC program involves a year of college calculus taught over a period of a high school year. Superintendent Howard Thiery pointed out that this advanced calculus program has been evolving over a period of years and that the AB calculus has become quite popular.

The next item was an invoice from the building committee submitted for payment. Discussion centered on the boiler project in which there were changes to boiler locations. Also discussed was the solar project. This invoice for \$158,041.05 was approved by a roll call vote.

Suzanne Sack from the Finance Committee discussed the short term and long term options for bonding the construction projects. One of the decision points on bonding falls on Sunday January 6. There is no scheduled BOE meeting before this date and some of the information needed is not yet available so Brenda Buzzi made a motion to give the finance committee the authority to act on behalf of the full board to make the needed decision. This was approved by a roll call vote.

Nesti then asked if anyone would like to speak during the second public comment period. Jeff Sturges stepped forward to point out how many of the people in the room, most of whom had stayed during the entire meeting, were there because of HES.

Sturges asked the Board to consider, as a result of closing HES, whether the savings over the years would outweigh the cost of having to expand a school or buy land and build an entire new school at the point when the population grows to the point when this will be needed. He asked that this question be answered before we make an irreversible decision and close this school.

David Law stated that he purchased his home in Higganum within the past year and that his decision to buy in Haddam was based on the location of this school. His wife Jennie Law said they moved here from California where her children had been in classes

of 30 students and when they got here her children were behind. They moved here to be in this district because of the small class sizes where she knew her children would get a more in-depth education. Jennie also felt that closing the school will kill the village.

Dan Luisi of Haddam pointed out that the BOE has a record of not listening to the people and told the Board that the people are here for a reason and they should listen.

Jennifer Petrillo was the last person to speak. She focused on the psychological impact that closing the school is having on her and her family and the damage closing the school would have on the future of Higganum because businesses will be impacted.

At this point this part of the meeting was closed as the BOE went into executive session to discuss a student matter.

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Looking back, looking ahead

Happy 2019!

I would like to recap some of the events and improvements that have occurred this year and make note of the items we are pursuing in the New Year!

Tylerville Water

This project has gone from funding, engineering, permitting and now to construction! Coastline Construction has been hired to install the water main and hookups for the properties covered under the consent order. We anticipate starting on Little Meadow Road and Eagle Landing and once we have DOT approval this spring we will start on Route 154 and 82 simultaneously. Hopefully this construction season will be dryer than what we experienced in 2018.

Road Improvements

The town crew did a tremendous job on the road work needed last season

despite the wettest fall on record. Injun Hollow, Cove and Landing, McTigh and Christian Hill will be completed in 2019, and I will ask the Board of Selectmen to fund the amount needed to work on Quarry Hill, along with other roads that were identified by the VHB survey as there are still funds available under the bond.

Dublin Hill Bridge will be done this spring and there will be a very long detour in place, the engineers are aware of the inconvenience of this project and we are working to accommodate bus schedules and local residents. In advance I am going to ask for patience on this project, as when it is complete, the job will be well worth it!

I am going to request funds for repairs on Beaver Meadow as part of the Town capital projects for this year as we can quality for the state local bridge program. We have had to place weight limits on vehicles and this is a heavily traveled road and needs immediate attention due to significant amount of

rain we have had this past year.

Cell Phone Towers

I have been notified that there is a carrier interested in pursuing a tower in Tylerville on private property and one of the town sites that was approved at Town meeting. As of this writing I do not have any more information however I was told by the developer we are very close! This has been a project that so many have supported and I want to thank all that signed the petition to get attention on this matter.

Higganum Center and Haddam Elementary

I have received numerous calls and emails from residents along with meeting and talking to many of you on this topic. I represent everyone on this issue. Some want to save money on the school budget and agree with closing a school. Others want to pay additional taxes to keep HES open. The one

thing that most of you agree on is the economics of our center, and I recognized this issue immediately when the Board of Education announced the closing of the school. This is why the infrastructure committee was formed; an economic development coordinator was hired; and a market study of the center was done in conjunction with the Scovil Hoe Project. Numerous businesses call the Town to look into relocation to Haddam - especially engineering firms to work with Pratt and Whitney, and as soon as they hear "well and septic" they move on. I have been approached by business owners that want to expand, but they cannot due to the limitations of the septic infrastructure. This is a problem for Higganum Center and has been for over 25 years. The Town needs to make a decision once and for all on this, and I plan for that vote to be in 2019.

Looking Forward to 2019!

Lizz Milardo

Haddam First Selectwoman

POLITICS / COMMUNITY

Rep. Siegrist, Salvation Army greet local holiday shoppers

By Alicia Mucha, Press Secretary, House Republican Office

State Representative Robert Siegrist (R-36) joined the Salvation Army's annual "Red Kettle Campaign" on Dec. 10, 2018 outside of Walgreens in Deep River.

Over the course of an hour, Rep. Siegrist participated in the time honored tradition of "Ringing the Bell" as he greeted holiday shoppers.

"It was an honor to volunteer some time to benefit a worthy cause like The Salvation Army," said Rep. Siegrist. "I am grateful to everyone who donated and thankful for everyone's efforts to help those in need throughout this holiday season."

The Red Kettle Campaign collects donations from Thanksgiving through

Christmas Eve. Funds raised go to local Salvation Army centers and help provide holiday dinners, clothing and toys for families in need. Funding sometimes stretches beyond the holiday season and donations can provide aid for families, seniors and the homeless throughout the year.

The Salvation Army operates thousands of centers in communities across the United States. These include food distribution, disaster relief, rehabilitation centers, anti-human trafficking efforts, and a wealth of children's programs. The Red Kettle Campaign began in 1891 and raises millions of dollars each year during the holiday season.

For more information on the program visit: www.salvationarmyusa.org.



New London Corps' Senior Soldier Yanira Rosario (l) and State Representative Robert Siegrist (r) joined the Salvation Army's annual "Red Kettle Campaign" on December 10th outside of Walgreens in Deep River.

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December 17 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting notes

By Ed Munster

Editors Note: When official minutes become available, they can be viewed at www.haddam.org.

This special meeting of the BOS meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall by First Selectman Lizz Milardo. Both Selectmen Maggi and Schlag as well as the First Selectwoman Assistant JoAnn Ricciardelli, along with about 15 residents, were in attendance.

Under the appointments agenda item the BOS unanimously appointed Frances Kosalski of High Meadow to the Committee on Aging. Next was the appointment of the Town Planner. FS Milardo explained that she had appointed a hiring committee consisting of Jamin Laurenza, Chairman of P&Z, Sam Gold Director of the River COG, Jim Ventras, Town Planner in East Haddam, Chris Corso, Public Works Assistant Director, Lizz Milardo, Haddam First Selectman, Robin Munster who serves on ZBA and EDC, and JoAnn Ricciardelli from HR. The candidate Bill Warner had previously served as Town Planner for 20 years in Middletown and presently is serving as Town Planner in Farmington.

Selectman Maggi asked about the Town Planner's salary to which Milardo said he would be paid in the range that we had been paying Liz Glidden. Selectman Schlag asked for the actual dollar amount to which Milardo explained that he would be working 30 hours per week at \$50 per hour. Schlag then questioned whether he would work 30 hours per week 'in the town hall' to which Milardo responded that he would attend meetings that she would want him to attend as well as spend time in the town hall for a total of 30 hours per week. Schlag then asked whether he would be there in the town hall Monday through Friday to which Milardo responded that



The Board of Selectmen. Photo by Ed Munster.

his exact schedule is still being determined. Schlag then responded that then the 30 hours would include time he spends attending meetings. Right said Milardo and he will be a salaried employee and there is an agreement that he will not charge the town for more than 30 hours per week. Schlag then asked if he would retain any work outside of the Town of Haddam, Milardo answered that he would not.

Once that line of questioning was exhausted, Schlag then made a statement that she was disappointed that her request to be on the hiring committee was ignored by Milardo. Milardo responded that Schlag had not been ignored and that this had been discussed before and that per the Town Charter two members of the BOS cannot be present at a meeting (Example: this hiring Committee) without it being considered a BOS meeting and this had been the concern of the town's labor attorney. Schlag then asked about the Town Planner's time off and Milardo said he would follow the same rules as other town employees. Schlag then said that she agreed that Bill Warner was an accomplished town planner but Schlag abstained on the vote which appointed him as Town Planner.

Next item on the agenda was the acceptance of a grant to Youth and Family Services for a juvenile review board. The grant of \$5,232 involves federal

money given to the State of CT which is making the grant to YFS. There is no match required so there is no cost to the town. Once approved by the BOS it will go to the Board of Finance. Schlag noted that the information on the grant was only one page but it states that the grantee will comply with all grant conditions but there is no attachment. Milardo stated that it was standard language passed the attachment to Schlag for her review. Schlag said there was no time in this meeting to read 20 pages of what is likely boilerplate. On the

vote to accept the grant Maggi and Milardo vote yes while Schlag abstained.

Next item was the matter of the dump truck that the town wants to sell. Chris Corso provided prices of trucks that had recently sold at auction that could be considered comparable which ranged from \$2,300 to \$12,000. Corso has identified a buyer from town interested in purchasing the truck for \$9,000. Schlag asked if the truck was advertised for sale and the answer was that relative to the comparables the \$9,000 offer to purchase the 2001 dump truck was considered a fair price. The BOS voted unanimously to approve the sale of the truck.

The final item was to set the schedule of BOS meetings for 2019. Milardo's proposal was to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Schlag said that she was disappointed that there would only be one meeting per month and went on to ask that there be an opportunity for public comment at special BOS meetings. Milardo explained that for tonight's meeting she did not include public comment on the agenda because there was a joint meeting of the BOS with the BOF at 7:00 p.m. and did not feel there would be time. Milardo went on to say that she has included public comments at special meetings in the past even though this is not required at special BOS meetings. On the vote to approve the schedule of meeting for 2019 Schlag voted nay while Maggi and Milardo voted yes. The meeting was then adjourned.

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 5

Boy Scout Troop #44 Can & Bottle Drive, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Haddam Boy Scouts will be holding a Can & Bottle Drive at the Youth Center, in Higganum Center.

Wednesday, January 9

Registrar of Voters Office Hours, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

RSD #17 Kindergarten Registration (Jan. 9 & 10); see article for more information

*Please visit www.haddam.org or www.haddam-killingworthnow.com for the most current and complete information.

SPORTS

HKHS basketball bows to Portland, 48-65

By Jim Abbott, Coach, HKHS Basketball

The Haddam Killingworth High School Boys Basketball team lost to Portland on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2018 with a final score of HKHS 48, Portland 65. The boys got behind 22 points before rallying and cutting the lead to 10 with 5 minutes left in the game. They ran out of gas and could not complete the comeback. Matt Wills led HK with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Jimmy McGoey had 11 points and 15 rebounds.



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100 Years Ago: National news from December 1918

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law, which makes it necessary for immigrants to be able to read and write either English or his own language. The Mexicans imported were sent for construction work, railroad work, mining and farming. Immigration officers have been in constant touch with them from the time of their admission.

French Go Wild Over "Democracy Leader." Paris, Dec 14, 1918: The booming of six inch guns from the outskirts of Paris announced that President Wilson's train was traversing the fortifications marking the limits of the city. A vast crowd had gathered in the

streets leading to the railway station long before the train arrived and as it steamed to its stopping place, billows of cheers rang out and echoed up and down these thoroughfares. A flock of airplanes hovered in the sky adding thrills to the greeting.

Women Vote In England. London, Dec 14, 1918: A new parliament is being elected today with women voting for the first time. It is likely that at least two women will be elected to the House of Commons.

Army Fliers for Mail Carriers. Washington, Dec 1, 1918: The transfer of the postal mail service to the army and the carrying of mails by army aviators in planes no longer needed for war purposes was

advocated in the house yesterday by Rep. LaGuardia of New York.

Christmas With the Troops. With Expeditionary forces, Chaumont, France, Dec 25, 1918: A memorable Christmas passed into history, after President Wilson reviewed 10,000 American veterans. He expressed his own pride and that of the United States in the victorious campaigns and promised he would make a "good peace" for them, just as they had conducted a "good war."

100 years ago, much has changed and, then again, nothing has changed.

LEGAL NOTICES

PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing and Meeting at the Haddam Town Hall, 21 Field Park Dr., Haddam, CT on January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item (s):

Public Hearing and Meeting:

A modification to an existing half story one bedroom with bathroom, of an additional kitchenette located at 15 Hidden Lake Road, Haddam CT.

Said application is on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Haddam CT

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Addressing illegal immigration

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

An open letter to Congressman Courtney:

This 'government shutdown' is much ado about nothing. Americans overwhelmingly want the border closed to illegals. An illegal alien getting into the United States needs to become a rare event. Whether the 'wall' is a physical wall and/or includes electronic surveillance does not matter. Stop the political games. Vote the money needed and let's get on with doing your job as a Congressman.

What is important is that we stop the flow of illegal immigrants. The only people who should be illegible for asylum are those who apply at a border checkpoint or a U.S. Embassy. Certainly we need an effective guest worker program but it is not possible to manage such a program if we are not in control of our borders. Manual laborers, skilled workers up through scientists and researchers are all needed at different times and industries in our country. But the determination of who gets a work visa should not be a function of illegally getting a foot on U. S. soil.

Most people would agree that criminals, potential terrorists and gang members should be deported post haste. Children who through no fault of their

own are here illegally need to be dealt with compassionately but what should this look like in practice? For those illegals who may have integrated into our society and are somehow earning their own way, what sort of accommodation should be made? Do illegals who are allowed to stay ever get a path to citizenship? All of these are difficult questions. We cannot resolve the issues around immigrants already in our country illegally until we close the border.

*Edward W. Munster, Haddam
Former State Senator, 33rd District*

HEALTH

Talk on common causes of hand numbness, tingling

On Jan. 9, 2019, Dr. Sean O'Donnell, of Middlesex Orthopedic Surgeons, PC, will speak about carpal tunnel syndrome, cubital tunnel syndrome and cervical nerve compression.

This event is open to the public and will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Middlesex Health Shoreline Medical Center, 250 Flat Rock Place in Westbrook. Light refreshments will be served. To register, call 860-358-8856.

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Santa's 2018 visit to Haddam Volunteer Fire Co. a hit!

By Olivia Drake, Public Information Officer, HVFCo

More than 130 children attended Haddam Volunteer Fire Company's annual Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 15, 2018. Thank you to everyone who came out and visited with Santa! And thank you to the HVFCo Christmas committee under fire police Malcolm Meyer.



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