

RSD#17 Budget passes; residents vote to purchase HES

These are official results from the polling stations on the evening of Tuesday, June 4, 2019:

Yes/No Question: Shall we adopt Regional School District #17 Education gross budget of \$42,348,913.52 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019?

Haddam Fire Station #1:	221	Yes	565	No
Haddam Neck:	29	Yes	45	No
Central Office:	293	Yes	373	No
Haddam Absentees:	11	Yes	16	No
Killingworth:	782	Yes	245	No

1336 Yes 1244 No

Haddam residents had a second question on the Referendum Ballot on Tuesday June 4, 2019:

Question #2 Yes/No: Shall the Town of Haddam purchase from the Regional School District No. 17, the Haddam Elementary School building and surrounding 10 acres, more or less, for the purchase price of \$450,000.00 to be paid to the Regional School District No. 17 over a three year period in equal annual installments starting on July 1, 2020?

Haddam Fire Station #1:	666	Yes	121	No
Haddam Neck:	48	Yes	27	No
Central Office:	497	Yes	165	No

Haddam Absentees: 23 Yes 4 No

1234 Yes 317 No

Killingworth residents had a second question on their ballot on Tuesday, June 4, 2019:

2. Shall we adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$5,321,467?

3. Shall we adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of a Capital Budget for the fiscal

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BSA Troops #44 & #44G Spring Court of Honor

By Kathy Brown

At the Haddam Boy Scout Troop #44's spring Court of Honor, held on Tuesday, May 28, at the First Congregational Church of Haddam, there were 16 rank advancements, and 25 merit badges awarded, in a ceremony led by Scouts Ryder Page and Soren Tassmer.

Colin Mitchell, Drew Chadwick, Jaden Frank, Dylan Marshall, and Mason Weems earned Scout rank

Zachary Lloyd, Ian Masterson, Nicholas Boynton, Liam Brown, and Cooper Meehl earned Tenderfoot rank

Soren Tassmer and Liam Emigh earned Second Class rank

Joe Mercier and Nathan Wytas earned Star Scout rank

Trevor Izzo and Joe Dailey earned Life Scout

Evan Mainetti earned his bronze palm



Photos by Kathy Brown and Simon Brown.

The following merit badges were awarded (number of Scouts who earned the merit badge):

- Chemistry (1)
- Citizenship in the Community (1)
- Citizenship in the Nation (5)



- Citizenship in the World (2)
- Family Life (3)
- Hiking (1)
- Journalism (2)
- Law (1)
- Model Design & Building (1)
- Oceanography (1)
- Personal Management (2)
- Public Speaking (1)
- Robotics (1)
- Salesmanship (3)

BSA Troop #44G, the Boy Scouts' sister troop, which was created February 1, 2019, when BSA allowed girls

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Mark your calendars: Higganum Farmer's Market comes to town!

By Editorial Staff

Haddam's Economic Development Commission is sponsoring the Higganum Farmer's Market, which will be held every second and fourth Thursday from

June 27, 2019 until October 10, 2019 on the Higganum Green, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. The Farmer's Market will be predominately produce, but crafters are welcome if space is available. Some of the vendors



Photo by Kathy Brown.

who will be participating are Wellstone Farm, Foxglove Candles, and Dough on Main.

"The tables are free as this is a means to promote local businesses and farms," said Cortney Emshwiller-Swokla, one of the organizers of the Farmer's Market. Any food items will have to be cleared by the Health Department.

The dates will be: June 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22, September 12 & 26, and October 10.

For more information, please contact info Higgfarmersmarket@gmail.com, Cortney Emshwiller-Swokla 860-501-0232 or Prem Aithal (860) 990-1232.



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Higganum's D-Day Veteran Neil Blodgett

By Philip R. Devlin

Neil Blodgett has vivid memories of his three year stint in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Neil served as a gunner's mate on an LST during the war. He received his training in Rhode Island and then shipped out to Bayonne, NJ, where he boarded a naval LST. An LST was basically a large cargo ship over 300 feet in length manned by a crew of about 125 that could carry men and material to battles. Often, Neil's LST would carry large quantities of ammunition and gasoline to battles, thus putting its crew in extreme danger if attacked. Despite often being pursued by German U-Boats and attacked several times by German airplanes, his LST safely made trips to Africa, Sicily, India, and Burma to deliver its cargo before returning through the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean Sea to England to prepare for the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944.

Neil's LST was loaded with small locomotive engines that would fit on French railways as well as numerous troops in preparation for Operation Overlord. He remembers that the journey from England to the Normandy coast was postponed three times due to adverse weather. Finally, his ship became part of an enormous armada of over 6,000 ships of all sizes that set out for the invasion early on the morning of June 6, 1944. Neil said that he had never before seen so many ships in one place in his life; additionally, he saw and heard hundreds of airplanes overhead on their way to the Norman coast. It was an unforgettable experience.



Blodgett then (left) and now (above).

great pride that his grandson, the commanding officer on the destroyer USS Barry, continues the Blodgett family's service in the United States Navy.

Editor's Note: Landing Ship, Tank (LST) is the naval designation for ships first

developed during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying tanks, vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto shore with no need for docks or piers.

rience. LST 209 finally reached Gold Beach on the morning of June 6th and unloaded its cargo successfully. Neil said that his ship was then transformed into a hospital ship that would transport wounded soldiers back to England for further medical attention.

Now in his 98th year, Navy veteran Neil Blodgett understandably takes great pride in his military service during World War II. Neil also takes

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Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary meeting June 24

By Betty Cernan

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Company #1, 439 Say-

brook Road. Pizza will be provided, followed by the business meeting including election of officers for the upcoming year. Members are reminded to bring their own beverage.



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Connecticut connections to D-Day: 75th Anniversary

At least 20 Connecticut men died on June 6, 1944, including Pvt. John R. Bergendahl of Middletown; in 2009 Killingworth man saves 2 French children at Omaha Beach!

By Philip R. Devlin

More than 150,000 armed forces personnel, 5,000 ships, and more than 1,200 aircraft formed the armada that assaulted the shores of Normandy during "Operation Overlord" on June 6, 1944 – otherwise known as D-Day – 75 years ago this week.

The attack was by far the largest amphibious invasion in the history of the world to date, and it is safe to say that there will never be another invasion of that size again. Nationwide, more than 16,000,000 Americans mobilized for the war; of that number, more than 210,000 men and over 3,300 women called Connecticut their home. 161 of those Connecticut natives are memorialized at the famous American cemetery at Colleville sur Mer that overlooks Omaha Beach; 19 of them died on D-Day.

The American amphibious forces assaulted two beaches – Omaha and Utah – and one cliff – Pointe du Hoc – on D-Day. Connecticut men participated in all three assaults. Four Connecticut men buried in Normandy were members of the famous 2nd Ranger Battalion, their mission: to capture a triangular piece of land jutting out into the English Channel known as Pointe du Hoc. It was a formidable challenge.

Pointe du Hoc was of great strategic importance, as it lay between both Omaha to the east and Utah to the west. The Germans had placed large artillery pieces on the top of the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc. These guns could be used to hit either of the two American beaches or both. The Rangers had to get to the top of 100-foot cliffs from the shore. They modified mortars to shoot heavy ropes with grappling hooks up to the top of the sheer cliffs at Pointe du Hoc (see photos). They slung their rifles over their backs and began to climb the ropes as the Germans above, with a huge strategic advantage, shot down at them, tossed grenades at them, and cut their ropes. The Rangers

eventually got up and secured the cliffs but at great cost. Over 60 percent of the 2nd Ranger Battalion were killed or wounded – by far the highest casualty rate of any unit on D-Day. Four soldiers from Connecticut were among the casualties: Pvt. James E. Donovan of New Haven County; Pvt. John S. Gourley; Sgt. Charles E. Rich, and Sgt. Frederick D. Smith of Connecticut, who was awarded the Silver Star for heroic action during the attack.

Six Connecticut servicemen were members of airborne divisions who parachuted in behind the lines to secure roads and bridges. Two were members of the 101st Airborne Division: Pvt. Charles S. Emerson, who was also awarded the Silver Star, and Lt. Harlan E. Rugg.

Four were members of the 82nd Airborne Division. They included Sgt. Harry E. La Chance Jr., Pvt. John N. Bruno, and Pvt. John R. Bergendahl of Middletown, CT, whose actions near St. Mere Eglise before he died earned him the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster; finally, there was Pvt. Andrew Babjak of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne from Fairfield County.

Another likely member of an airborne unit was Cpl. Frank E. Benson whose job in the war is simply described as "counter-intelligence." He probably parachuted in to Normandy.

Lt. David P. Fuller of Suffield flew cover during the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. Fuller flew 92 combat missions as a member of the 493rd fighter squadron of the 9th Air Force. Stationed near Pointe du Hoc, he flew numerous missions in his P47 D named "Mrs. Mouse" from his Normandy base through September 5, 1944. He was one of Connecticut's most decorated fighter pilots during the war, receiving numerous medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Private Michael Datzko of Ansonia, of the 4th Infantry division, landed on Utah Beach, where he was awarded a Bronze Star before he died. Datzko was one of only 197 American casualties on Utah Beach. "Bloody Omaha," however, had over 3,000

casualties, so it should come as no surprise that most of Connecticut's casualties – eight – came at Omaha. Naval coxswain Kenneth H. MacAulay of Windsor Locks was only 19 when he died on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He had driven a landing craft carrying troops to the shore when his boat was hit by artillery from a German artillery battery onshore. Private Douglas R. Osborne of Windsor, CT, landed at Omaha with the 1st Infantry Division – nicknamed "the Big Red One." Osborne was killed at the Easy Red sector after his heroic actions had earned him the Bronze Star there. Note in the list below this article that the rest of the casualties were all tied in with the 29th Infantry Division. The 29th was located in the western end of Omaha, near the Vierville Draw. The 5th Ranger Battalion assaulted this area with them. Both units suffered many casualties; in fact, Dog Green was the area where 22 men from Bedford, VA, were killed within minutes of each other. Bedford, VA, is the home of the National D-Day Memorial because the town lost more of its men on a per capita basis than any other town or city in the United States.

Another Connecticut connection can be made to the Dog Green sector on the western side of Omaha Beach. That connection happened in the summer of 2009, when Killingworth native and HKHS grad, Chris DiStefano, was visiting the famous beach as part of a student tour group when he was in college. While walking in the water, Chris heard the cries of two young French children who were being carried out to sea by a riptide. Stripping off his clothes, he swam out and saved their lives, much to the relief of their parents. The "new hero of Omaha" was quoted in the July 5, 2009, edition of the New Haven Register as saying, "It just felt good being an American back on that beach doing something like that. Coming back in, I just thought about how many people died right where I was swimming. I'll remember it for the rest of my life."

A lot of men had indeed died right there in the

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"We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says...¹ Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the Lord of hosts, 'that will leave them neither root nor branch'" (Malachi 4:1). "...It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:27-28). "As I live," says the Lord God, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die...?" (Ezekiel 33:11).

"Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men... ¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us...He died for all...Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new...²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God..." (2 Corinthians 5:11-21). "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin...he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶ None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him..." (Ezekiel 33:14-16). "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." (Acts 3:19). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:31).

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Connecticut connections to D-Day

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Dog Green sector of Omaha where Chris DiStefano saved two lives in 2009. Of the more than 5,300 men and women from Connecticut who died in World War II, 20 died on June 6, 1944, and eight of them died right there near the Vierville Draw.

Connecticut Men Who Died on June 6, 1944, in Normandy

BABJAK ANDREW—PVT (508th PIR; 82nd AB)
 BENSON FRANK E—CPL (Counter-Intelligence)
 BERGENDAHL JOHN R.—PVT (82nd AB ; Bronze Star w/ Oak Leaf Cluster)
 BRUNO JOHN N—PVT* (82nd AB)

CANAVAN MICHAEL J. Jr.—PVT (299th Engineers)
 COWAN WILLIAM J—PVT (29th ID)
 DATZKO MICHAEL—PVT (4th ID; Bronze Star)
 DONAHUE JAMES E—PVT (2nd Ranger Battalion)
 EMERSON CHARLES S.—PVT (101st AB; Silver Star)
 GOURLEY JOHN S—PVT (2nd Ranger Battalion)
 HALL WILLIAM C-1st Lt. (79th ID)
 KRAWFSKY ANTHONY—PVT (29th ID)
 LA CHANCE HARRY E JR—SGT. (82nd AB)

MacAULAY, KENNETH H. (Navy Coxswain)
 OSBORN DOUGLAS R—PVT (1st ID; Bronze Star)
 RICH CHARLES E—SGT. (2nd Ranger Battalion)
 RUGG HARLAN E—2ndLt. (101st AB)
 SMITH FREDERICK D—SSGT (2nd Ranger Battalion; Silver Star)
 WASSIL NICKOLAS—PVT (5th Ranger Battalion)
 ZAWICKI FRANK A—PVT (29th ID)

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Scouts

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into the Scouts, BSA program, held their first Court of Honor at the same time. In this regional troop, where one Scout is from Haddam, one from Bristol, and one from Clinton, there were five rank advancements, and six merit badges awarded.

Georgia Brown and Eileen Whittel earned Scout and Tenderfoot rank

Adelle Colucia earned Scout rank

The following merit badges were awarded:

Citizenship in the Nation (3)

Citizenship in the World (3)

If anyone ages 11-17 is interested in joining either troop, please come to any regular meeting, which is normally held during the school year at the First Congregational Church of Haddam, Tuesday nights 7:00-8:30 p.m. or send an email to kjbrown92@aol.com, Scoutmaster Troop #44G.

OBITUARIES

Laura Rose Curry

According to Legacy.com and The Hartford Courant, Laura Rose Curry passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2019.

Cora M. (Nichols) Rich

According to Legacy.com and The Middletown Press, Cora M. (Nichols) Rich, age 97, passed away on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Marguerite Sullivan Drexler

According to Legacy.com and The Hartford Courant, Marguerite Sullivan Drexler, age 92, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2019.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, June 17

Haddam Seniors' Picnic, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Haddam Neck Fairgrounds

Board of Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wetlands Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

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

Thursday, June 20

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

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Melatonin supplementation may be helpful to people whose circadian rhythm has been disrupted. Clinical studies have wide ranging results, in one study when used for short periods of time(days to weeks), melatonin reduced the time it took to fall asleep, and increased the number of sleeping hours, all which boosted daytime alertness. Melatonin should be taken 30-60 minutes prior to sleep time.

Melatonin may also be helpful with assisting elderly people with insomnia who are tapering off benzodiazepines such as diazepam, alprazolam, or lorazepam, used for sleep, utilizing the controlled-release formulation of melatonin providing a greater benefit to improve the quality of sleep.

Precaution: too much is not good, and may cause morning drowsiness, as well as disrupting the circadian rhythm you are trying to correct. Stomach cramps, dizziness, headache, irritability, and decreased libido comes with too large of a dose, or with extended periods of use.

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Summer Sports Camps

By Josselyn Salafia,
Recreation Supervisor, HK Rec Dept.

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Everson Soccer Clinic

Younger players will learn the fundamentals and develop skills in a safe, nurturing and non-competitive environment. This program is for boys and girls ages 3-11 and meets on Tuesdays, July 9 through August 6, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (ages 3&4), 6:00-7:00 p.m. (ages 8 -11) or Thursdays July 11 through August 8, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (ages 3&4), 6:00-7:00 p.m. (ages 5-7) at Killingworth Recreation Park. The fee is \$65 each session. Non-residents please add \$10.

Chris Corkum's Baseball Camp

This camp is for boys and girls ages 7 - 12 and meets Monday through Friday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at HKHS Softball Field. The dates are June 24 - 28. The

fee is \$120 (\$5 discount for 2nd child). Non-residents please add \$10. Chris Corkum brings out the best in young athletes of all levels. Daily features include individual and small group instruction in fielding, throwing, hitting, pitching, base running, and game strategy. Players should bring a bat, glove, water and snack or lunch. Fee includes a T-shirt.

Summer Basketball Clinic

New to basketball or just want to improve your skills? Then sign up for this summer basketball clinic and learn the fundamentals of basketball through various drills, small sided games and scrimmages. This is a great clinic to prepare for the next season of basketball! This camp is for boys and girls entering grades K -6 and will be held Monday & Wednesday, June 24 & June 26 at the HK Central Office Gym. Children in grades K - 2 will meet from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Girls in grades 3-6 will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 each session (non-residents add \$10). *There is a minimum of 8 to run this program.

Skyhawks Volleyball

This camp is for boys and girls ages 10 - 14 and will be held Monday - Friday, June 24 - 28 at the HK High School Field House or HK Middle School Gym (TBD) from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. The fee is \$129. Non-residents please add \$10. Skyhawks Volleyball takes the energy and excitement of this great team sport and puts it together into one fun-filled camp. All aspects of the game are taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player. Our volleyball staff will assist each athlete in developing fundamental skills through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages aimed at developing the whole player. The participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 12:1. Please bring 2 snacks, water bottle, and knee pads. Fee includes a T-shirt, ball & player evaluation.

Skyhawks Golf

This camp is for boys and girls ages 5 - 10 will be held Monday - Wednesday, July 1 - July 3 at the HK High School Multi-use Field from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The fee is \$105. Non-residents please add \$10. Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning. Using the Short Golf system (an official license of the PGA tour), equipment is designed for beginning golfers to help build confidence and to have fun. It simplifies instruction so that young players can make an easy and effective transition onto the golf course. No

need to bring your own clubs, all equipment is provided. For safety reasons, the instructor to camper ratio is low. Please bring 2 snacks, bathing suit, towel and water. Includes a t-shirt & player evaluation. Includes pool time from 11:30-12:15pm.

Skyhawks Basketball Camp

A camp for boys and girls entering grades K -5 will be held Monday through Friday, July 8 - 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the HK HS Field House or HK MS Gym TBD. The fee is \$129 (non-residents add \$10). This fun, skill-intensive program is designed with the beginning to intermediate player in mind. Using our progressional curriculum, our basketball staff focus on the whole player, teaching your child the skills needed both on and off the court to be a better athlete. Each day will start with a "skill of the day" and progress into drills and games. After a week of passing, shooting, dribbling, and rebounding, your child will show you why this is one of our most popular programs. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 8:1 (gr. K - 2) and 10:1 (gr. 3 - 5). Please bring 2 snacks, water bottle, & sneakers. Fee includes a T-shirt, ball, and player evaluation. Campers will be divided by age groups.

Running Rams

This camp is for boys and girls ages 5 - 15 and will be held Monday through Friday, July 15 - 19 at the HK High School Track from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Fee is \$135 (non-residents add \$10). The camp will feature instruction in many track and field disciplines from some of the area's best coaches. Each day will also include a fun activity, such as ice cream sundae night and pizza night. Participants will receive a t-shirt and awards at the conclusion of the program. *All participants must be 5 years old at the start of the program.

Skyhawks Flag Football

The HK Recreation Department is offering Flag Football for boys and girls ages 7 - 12 and will be held Monday - Friday, July 22 - July 26 at the HK HS Multi-Use Field from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The fee is \$129. Non-residents please add \$10. Skyhawks Flag Football is the perfect program for your young athletes who want a complete introduction to America's Game or for those who simply want to brush up on their skills in preparation for league play. Through our 'skill of the day' campers will learn skills on both sides of the ball including the core components of passing, catching, and de-flagging or defensive positioning - all presented in a fun & positive environment. Recommended for beginner to intermediate athletes. The week ends with the Skyhawks Sports Bowl. Participant-to-coach ratio

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LEGAL NOTICES

PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the Haddam Town Hall, 21 Field Park Dr., Haddam, CT on June 20th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following item(s):

- 1.) Proposed Zoning Code text amendment to expand Section 5.6 Prohibited Uses. Applicant Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 2.) Proposed Zoning Code text amendment to establish Section 15A - Reasonable Consideration for the Protection of Historic Factors. Applicant Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 3.) Proposed Zoning Code text amendment to establish Section 15B - Special Permit for Adaptive Historic Re-use. Applicant Planning and Zoning Commission

The text of the proposed amendments is on file in the Town Clerks Office and the Land Use Office. Applicant - Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Haddam CT

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Kindness Carnival held at HKMS

By Kathy Brown

Some members of the Allies in Diversity, a group of eighth grade students who work on improving the school climate, wanted to hold a Kindness Carnival at Haddam Killingworth Middle School. Eighth graders Callen Powers, Johanna Houska, Aleia Goodison, Kelsie Piela, Nick Frasco, and Juliana Gagliardi came up with the idea of the Kindness Carnival, according to Rebecca Degnan, their advisor and a School Counselor at HKMS. "Their idea was to create a day focused on the importance of showing kindness to each other through fun activities and reflective conversations," said Ms. Degnan. The six students used their flex period once a week since the Fall to organize and plan the event. "We overcame many challenges during the planning stage," said Nick. Ms. Degnan commented, "I am really impressed by their dedication and perseverance throughout the planning process. And it definitely paid off in the end."

The Allies in Diversity is a leadership group created and advised by Ms. Degnan which focuses on increasing acceptance and decreasing mean-spirited behaviors in our school and community. "In addition to the Kindness Carnival, Allies members have acted as mentors for younger students throughout the year and run other programs, including a Stand Up Raffle in which students are entered into the raffle if someone sees them stand up for another student if they are being teased or treated poorly," explained Ms. Degnan. "Each month, there is a drawing where the students can win a bag of Jolly Ranchers."

Dr. Jennifer Olsen, HKMS Principal, said of the group, "The Allies in Diversity have had a significant impact on the culture of HKMS through their mentoring programs for fifth and sixth grade students. Our eighth grade Allies model kindness and respect throughout the school as they work with fifth grade students during recess, tutor students in their academic classes, and stand up for others when needed."

The group came up with six stations for the Kindness Carnival, which was held on May 22, 2019, during a scheduled half day:

Alphabet Game – groups had to race to form letters with their bodies on the ground

Arts & Crafts – each student made individual art-

work, which will be put together to form a grade-wide mural

Trivia – questions were asked, many of them with the theme of kindness

Name that Tune – students had to identify songs, which had the theme of kindness

Classroom Games – students were encouraged to include each other in games

Carnival Games – students were encouraged to cheer each other on during carnival-type games

At each station, the student leaders discussed how the students could show kindness and acceptance during the activity. At the conclusion of each station, the student leaders recapped how the activity related to the Kindness theme, and asked students to give a shout out to any other students who showed kindness during the activity. Throughout the day, Allies students gave out a "Kindness Coin" to any student or adult they observed demonstrating kindness or acceptance. "The carnival really was great in the aspect of how we got to help all the younger students," said Callen.

Juliana observed, "I think the carnival was a success. Everyone had fun and we expressed and taught a lot about kindness."

On of the fifth grade teachers, Eileen Mills, observed, "The Kindness Carnival was a beautiful day organized by our eighth grade Allies for our fifth grade students. It was great watching the students use the kindness tools we learned and discussed all year while playing games at the carnival. Students were encouraging each other and sharing strategies on how to improve their technique while playing a game. At the end of each activity, the eighth grade Ally celebrated the kindness skills demonstrated by the group. It was a true morning of teamwork and mentorship. Thank you, Allies."

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By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director, Haddam Historical Society

Haddam Historical Society presents "Furniture Finishes, Past To Present" with expert Peter Gedrys Thursday, June 27, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Haddam Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum, CT 06441. The event is free and open to the public.

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year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$1,773,655?

Killingworth residents had a second question on their ballot on Tuesday, June 4, 2019:

2. Shall we adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$5,321,467?

811 Yes 209 No

3. Shall we adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of a Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$1,773,655?

815 Yes 201 No

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Summer sports camps

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is approximately 12:1. Please bring 2 snacks, water, cleats, sneakers, & sunscreen. Fee includes a T-Shirt & player evaluation.

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp (Soccer, Basketball, Baseball)

This is an introductory multi-sport program for children ages 4 – 7 and meets Monday through Friday at the HK HS Back Field week of July 15 – 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and August 12 – 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The fee is \$129 each session. Non-residents please add \$10. This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. Baseball, basketball and soccer are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a big focus on fun. Our Mini-Hawk games and activities were designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination, and skill development at their own pace. Skyhawks staff are trained to handle the specific needs of young athletes. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 8:1. Please bring 2 snacks, water bottle, glove, shin guards & sunscreen. Fee includes a T-shirt, ball, and player evaluation.

Skyhawks Lacrosse Camp

This camp is for children in ages 7 – 10 and meets Monday through Friday, July 15 – 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the HK HS Multi-Use Field. The fee is \$129. Non-residents may register for an additional \$10. Lacrosse combines the basic skills used in soccer, basketball and hockey into one fast-paced, high-scoring game. Learn all the fundamentals of stick handling, cradling, passing, and shooting in a fun, non-checking environment. Our staff helps campers learn not only the sport of lacrosse, but also important life skills such as respect, teamwork, and discipline. This camp ensures that every athlete will come away with a deep understanding of the game and its traditions. This is an introductory skills camp, so helmets and protective gear are not necessary. Please bring 2 snacks, stick & water bottle. Fee includes a T-shirt & player evaluation.

Skyhawks Beginner Tennis

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering a Beginner Tennis program for boys and girls ages 3 – 6 and will be held Mondays from June 24 – July 22 at Sheldon Park. Children ages 3-4 will meet from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. and children ages 5 – 6 will meet from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. To create a successful learning environment, we have made modifications to our traditional tennis program. The court is smaller and has shorter nets, and the racquets are smaller, and the balls are foam. With these modifications, any young child can immediately begin playing tennis, even if he or she has never picked up a racquet before. In addition to developing a love

for tennis, athletes will learn the rules and etiquette that make tennis such an exciting game to play. The participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 6:1. Due to limited court space, these programs fill up quickly. Please bring water, sneakers, a 19"-21" racquet & wear sunscreen. Includes a t-shirt & player evaluation.

Skyhawks Tennis Academy

Skyhawks Tennis camps are for children ages 6 – 12 and meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Camps are held from June 24 – 28 at the HKHS Tennis Courts, July 22 – 26 at Sheldon Park, and August 5 – August 9 at the HKHS Tennis Courts. The fee is \$129 each session. Non-residents please add \$10. Grab your tennis racquet and get ready to play! Whether you're a beginner, an intermediate or an advanced player, this program will improve your game and help you get more enjoyment from tennis. Skill levels and ages will be divided accordingly. Our tennis programs focus on skill refinement as well as practice and match play to develop consistent, well-rounded tennis players. Each player is given personal attention and taught through repetition in an enjoyable, lively atmosphere. Skyhawks tennis breaks down the fundamental skills of tennis through easily understood games and exercises to help improve the athlete's overall coordination and technique. Players learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves during a series of drills designed to teach skills in a fun and dynamic way. In addition to developing a love for tennis, athletes will learn the rules and etiquette that make tennis such an exciting game to play. Due to limited court space, these programs fill quickly. Please bring: tennis racquet, appropriate clothing, water bottle, sneakers, sunscreen, two snacks, and water. Includes T-shirt and player evaluation.

UK International Soccer Camp

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering Soccer Camp run by UK International this summer from July 29 – August 2 at HKHS Multi-Use field. The camp will be held from 9:00-12:00 pm for boys and girls entering ages 6 – 12 and will be from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. for kids ages 4 – 6. The fee is \$125 for the 3-hr camp and \$87 for the 1.5 hour camp (includes shirt and ball). There is a \$5 discount for the 2nd child. Non-residents please add \$10. Younger players will learn the fundamentals through fun games, small-sided games, as well as be introduced to attacking, defending, and rules of the game. Older players will develop themselves through challenging game related situations. The focus will be on technical development, functional and positional practices, tactical decision making, and advanced concepts and fitness. Participant to player ratio is 12:1. Staff are certified coaches from

Europe, and USA and have played professional or semi-professional soccer. Visit www.uksocca.com. Fee includes shirt and ball. Please bring water bottle, shin guards, sunscreen, & snack.

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp (Soccer, Basketball, Baseball)

This is an introductory sports program for children ages 7 – 12 and meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the HK High School the week of August 12 – 16. The fee is \$129. Non-residents please add \$10. This multi-sport camp is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. For this program, 3 sports are combined into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games and scrimmages. By the end of the week, your child will walk away with knowledge of three sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork, and self-discipline. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 10:1. Please bring 2 snacks, water bottle, shinguards, & sunscreen. Fee includes a T-shirt, ball, and player evaluation.

Academy International Field Hockey Camp

The HK Recreation Department is offering a Field Hockey camp for students entering grades 7 – 12 this summer from August 19 – 23. It will meet Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the HKHS School Field Hockey Field. The fee is \$275. Beginning players will be introduced to the fundamentals and rules of the game as well as develop stronger stick handling skills. Advanced players will sharpen their skills and focus on strategies for attack, defense and midfield as well as improve their overall performance. Coaches all possess either national team, collegiate or premier club playing experience. Visit www.academyinternational.net. Includes a T-shirt and player evaluation. Please bring stick, shin guards, ball, mouth guard, and water bottle.

CT Elite Basketball Camp

CT Elite Basketball Academy focuses on training and preparing campers for the next level of their basketball journey. This Camp is for Boys and Girls entering grades 5 – 8. The camp will meet Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Session 1 (boys) will be held July 29 – August 2 at the HK Middle School Gym and Session 2 (girls) will be August 5 – 9 at the HK Middle School gym. Through drills, lectures, and structured games, campers improve their basic skills and knowledge of fundamentals. Campers learn how to not only play the game but also think the game. CT Elite Camps pride themselves on creating a unique basketball camp experience. Players participate in plyometric training to increase endurance, speed and explosiveness. If the campers bring Dedication, Determination, and Drive, we can teach them the rest. For more information, visit www.CTEliteBasketball.com. Please wear sneakers and bring a lunch, water and snacks. Includes a jersey.



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