

## St. Peter's honors recipients of Youth Action Award

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Higganum presented the Youth Action Award to three graduating seniors on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the 9:00am Mass. Amanda Minervino and Sadie Strom from Haddam-Killingworth High School and Leah Nenninger Mercy High School each received the Youth Action award which recognizes graduating seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to their faith and Church community.

In the fall, Amanda is planning to attend Quinnipiac University where she will major in nursing. Sadie plans to study health sciences at the University of Vermont, and Leah will be attending UCONN. The St. Peter's community congratulates Amanda, Sadie, and Leah and wishes them the best.



Photo by Erika Fleig.

### Haddam Historical Society Scholarship Winner: Sadie Strom

By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director, Haddam Historical Society

On Tuesday, May 28, the Haddam Historical Society presented its seventh annual High School Scholarship Award at the Haddam-Killingworth High School Award Ceremony to Sadie Ann Strom, daughter of Heather and Dalton Strom of Higganum. The \$500 scholarship award was based upon scholastic standing, contribution to school, community activities and interest in history. Sadie will be attending the University of Vermont in the fall.



The society is delighted to be able to help support the continued education of one of our community's deserving students and advocate for the importance of history both locally and globally, noted Scholarship chair Susann Costa.

## Field Foundation awards scholarships

By Marie and Howie Field, Nathaniel B. Field Foundation

On May 28, 2019, the Nathaniel B. Field Foundation continued with one of its goals! On behalf of the Foundation, Marie Field, president, presented four \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors from the Haddam-Killingworth Regional School District #17 Class of 2019. The selection process for our scholarship recipients was a very difficult one. All of the candidates were highly qualified individuals who we know will continue to have a positive impact on society. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. This year's award recipients from left to right were Hannah McLeod, James Martino, Amber Edwards, and Morgan



l to r: Hannah McLeod, James Martino, Amber Edwards, and Morgan Bowles. Photo by Howie Field.

Bowles. Congratulations! The mission of the Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation, Inc. is to prevent suicide through

public awareness and education, to reduce the stigma of mental illness, and to provide hope and support.

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# In and About The Haddams: June 1919 local news

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

**Haddam, June 2, 1919:** Arthur Hennisey, a returned soldier, who has been making a nuisance of himself in Haddam for the past two weeks, was arraigned in a Haddam justice court on three charges, and after a hearing bound over to superior court. The most serious charge against Hennisey was one of breaking and entering into the garage of Harvey R. Pierce of Haddam and took a motor cycle owned by William Coggin. Hennisey pleaded guilty to stealing the motor cycle and stripped parts from a motor cycle of Everett Kharman. In addition, Haddam people relate several other tales about Hennisey. It is said that he entered one house while the occupants were away and got into bed with his clothes and shoes on. The owner arrived in the morning and found him there. He told the owner that he was a soldier and that he could do anything. Another time it is said that he walked into the kitchen on a home and attempted to be familiar with a young girl. The mother chased him out with a broomstick so it goes.

**Ponsett, June 3, 1919:** Among those who attended the celebration in Middletown [Decoration Day] from this place were Mrs. Prudence Mann, Mrs. Hanrietta Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. George Frick, Mrs. Clayton Burr and Mrs. and Mrs. W.E.S. Burr with their families.

**Moodus, June 3, 1919:** A welcome home party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Brooks on Memorial Day in honor of their son, Charles B. Brooks, who recently returned from overseas. The house was decorated inside and outside with stars and stripes. The dining room table groaned under the weight of the viands for the inner man.

**Higganum, June 4, 1919:** Many of the men on the state road were unable to work, yesterday afternoon, on account of the heat.

**Higganum, June 5, 1919:** Two aeroplanes passed over this place, yesterday, flying quite low, so they were distinctly seen.

**Middletown, June 6, 1919:** Beginning June 9th,



Beginning to End flag.

the Connecticut Woman's Suffrage Association will start a week's campaign for \$100,000 for the development of true Americanism through training in good citizenship, and to advance the interests of Woman Suffrage in the state. Members of the Citizen's Committee for Middlesex County, who will assist in the campaign [from Haddam], include Mrs. Whitney Porter and Mr. Charles B. Carlson.

**Haddam, June 6, 1919:** Prizes were awarded in the first grade to Julia Johnson and Warren Shailer, in the primary, to Johnny, Charles and Susie Grand and in the intermediate to Ruby Thompson, Julia Russell and Dorothy Hall.

**East Haddam, June 7, 1919:** That flag you see flying from the pole at the East Haddam approach to the bridge, is a Beginning to End flag, given only to towns that went over the top in all five liberty loans. The flag has a white field surrounded by a red border, and in the center 4 blue marks, with the 5th running diagonally across them.

A syndicate from Hartford has bought up a large part of the real estate at the Landing, among which are the Champion House property, and the dock and store of M.H. Watrous. They are negotiation with others.

**Middletown, June 9, 1919:** The Russell Manufacturing Co. will inaugurate a 50-hour-a-week schedule, a cut of five hours. In addition

the company has also voluntarily granted a 10 percent increase over the old rates on all piece work, and an increase of 10 percent per hour for all day work. The reduction is in line with a general policy to adopt modern ideas and methods whenever this will add to the general welfare and insure the continued successful operation of the plant. [Nationally and world-wide, post war labor was engaged in strikes for wages and benefits.]

**Haddam, June 10, 1919:** At the Sunday evening service of the Y.P.C.E. there were several songs by the children, a duet by Mrs. F.H. Arnold and Mrs. A.M. Clarke, and a solo by Miss A.M. Bitters. Corporal Charles Church gave an interesting but brief account of his life overseas.

**East Haddam, June 11, 1919:** The shad fishermen are drying out and preparing nets for storage until 1920. This season has been profitable but to a few.

**Higganum, June 13, 1919:** Miss Elizabeth Kelsey is to open a tea room formerly used by E.G. Holbrook as a store. Last year she cleared quite a sum and donated it to the Red Cross.

**Higganum, June 17, 1919:** Alpheus Robinson, sixteen and the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, was drowned on Sunday while bathing at the river near the old dock. He was unable to swim and going out he stepped off the channel and went down. Two boys, Alfred Melin and Carl Chappel, though they could swim, were unable to help the drowning boy.

**Maromas, June 18, 1919:** Work is now underway on the property of the New England Potash Company at Higganum, for the construction of a plant for

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## EDUCATION



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Nolan Serbent.



Hannah McLeod.



Matthew Duval.



Emma Anziano.



Nate Carlson.

# HKHS announces 2019's Top Ten Students

By Donna Hayward, HKHS Principal  
Photos by Steady Photography

**Michaela Flaherty**, daughter of Robert and Cathy Flaherty of Killingworth, is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2019 at Haddam Killingworth High School. During her time at Haddam Killingworth High School, Michaela has earned a 4.26 GPA while taking 28 honors and college level courses. Michaela is the recipient of the Harvard Book Award, Superintendent's Award, Shoreline Outstanding Junior in Mathematics Recognition, and the first place winner of the Shoreline Writing Contest. Michaela is the President of the Current Events Club and the Vice President of Student Council, both of which she has been a member of since 9th grade. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Human Relations Club, and is a class officer. Michaela is extremely involved within the community. She participates in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Foundation and volunteers at Yale New Haven Hospital. Along with volunteering and having high academic achievement, Michaela also currently holds a part time job. Michaela will be attending UCONN in the Fall where she will major in Political Science and minor in Environmental Economics and Policy with a future goal of attending Law School.

**Nolan Serbent**, son of John and Michelle Serbent of Killingworth, is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2019 at Haddam-Killingworth High School. Nolan has taken on a rigorous schedule, including 25 honors and college level classes, culminating in a 4.15 GPA. Nolan has received numerous awards for his academic achievement including the Hugh Obrien Youth Leadership Award, the Frederick Douglas and Susan B Anthony Award from the University of Rochester, and the Shoreline Conference Outstanding Commitment and Achievement in Social Studies Recognition. Lacrosse has always played a prominent role in Nolan's life. He was the first ever junior captain of the boys' lacrosse team at HKHS. Nolan is a member of the National Honor Society as well as a leader of our Cougar Den Spirit Club. He is a member of the Principal's Advisory Team, Student Council, Environmental Club, Human Relationship

Club, and is the Class of 2019 Board of Education Student Representative. In his free time, Nolan expresses himself through the arts. He is an avid writer as well as composer of music. He plays the saxophone among many other instruments. Nolan plans to attend Brown University in the fall of 2019.

**Hannah McLeod**, daughter of Jeremy and Angela McLeod of Killingworth, is ranked third in the class of 2019. While at Haddam-Killingworth High School, Hannah has continuously challenged herself with difficult classes including 10 AP or ECE UConn classes and 14 honors level classes. Hannah is a member of both the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Her academic excellence was recognized when she was awarded the 2018 Princeton Book Award. When Hannah is not studying or at a club meeting you will often find her in the pool. She has been a four-year member of the HKHS girl's swim team and was elected captain during her senior season. Hannah plans to attend Clark University in the Fall where she will study Molecular Biology and continue her swim career.

**Matthew Duval**, son of Matt Duval of Meriden and Jeanette Glazier of Haddam, is ranked fourth in the Class of 2019. Matt plans to study History and Education in college. He has excelled academically in challenging classes including multiple University of Connecticut Early College Experience and Advanced Placement classes. Matt is currently the Vice President of the International Culture Club where he organizes several events throughout the year. Along with academics, Matt has been involved in the community with the Haddam Lions Club for the past four years where he helps with fundraising. Matt also finds time to work a part-time job while exceling in school. Matt plans to attend Eastern Connecticut State University where he was accepted into the Honors program.

**Emma Anziano**, daughter of Richard and Suzanne Anziano of Killingworth, is ranked fifth in the Class of 2019. Although Emma is most interested in the sciences, she has taken many of the most challenging classes in every subject area, including multiple Advanced Placement, University of Connecticut

Early College Experience, and Middlesex Partnership Program courses. Emma balances her academic commitments with many other activities. She is an outstanding runner, culminating in her performance in the State and New England Cross Country Championship meets this year and her eighth place finish in the USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships. Emma is a member of the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, and the Art Honor Society. She is the Outreach and Events Coordinator for the HK Backpack program and a volunteer at Catholic Heart Work Camp, One Big Circle, and the Platt Nature Center. Emma has been recognized for her exceptional efforts as a student, athlete, and community member many times throughout the years, including: The Superintendent's Award and the Yale Book Award. Emma plans to attend Pennsylvania State University where she will study Biology as a member of the Schreyer Honors College.

**Nate Carlson**, son of Andy and Norene Carlson of Higganum, is ranked sixth in the class of 2019. Throughout his time at Haddam-Killingworth High School, Nate has proven to be a truly talented student. Over the years, he has enrolled in many honors and advanced level courses. In Nate's junior year he was recognized for excellence in math and science when he was awarded the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal. Nate is a member of the National Honor Society, Robotics Club, Current Events Club, Strategic Games Club and the co-president of the Environmental Club. During his time at HKHS Nate has participated on the Boys Cross Country team, Boys Swim team, and Outdoor Track team. He was the captain for both the Swim team and the Cross Country team during his senior year. Nate has a passion for music, and plays the Tenor Saxophone for the HKHS Jazz Band. Outside of school, Nate has been a member of the Boy Scouts since fifth grade, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. In his free time, Nate enjoys lifeguarding for Haddam-Killingworth Park and Recreation. Nate's future plans include attending the University of Connecticut in the fall where he will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

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## HKHS announces 2019's Top Ten Students

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**Gabriella "Gabby" Kulmacz**, daughter of Christopher and Dianna Kulmacz of Higganum, is ranked seventh in the class of 2019. While at Haddam-Killingworth High School, Gabby has continuously challenged herself with difficult classes including seven college level and 15 honors level classes. As a junior Gabby was honored with the George Eastman Young Leaders award presented by the University of Rochester. She is currently an active leader in several HKHS groups including the National Honor Society and the Peer Advocate group. Gabby is an avid dancer who has been studying the art form several hours a week for the past 16 years and for the past two summers was part of a Dance Group that won a national championship. Gabby plans to attend the University of Hartford this fall where she will study early childhood education.



Gabriella "Gabby" Kulmacz.

**Catherine Celano**, daughter of Joseph Celano and Leslie Curry Celano of Killingworth, is ranked eighth in the Class of 2019. While Catherine is particularly interested in the humanities, she has excelled academically in a range of challenging classes, including multiple Advanced Placement and University of Connecticut Early College Experience classes. Catherine played Volleyball for both Haddam Killingworth High School and a club team during her high school career. She is Vice President of the Span-



Catherine Celano.

ish Honor Society, President of Youth in Action, and a member of the Human Relations Club. Last year, Catherine received the Smith College Book Award as recognition for her contributions as a student and community leader. Last summer, Catherine volunteered at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for children with cancer and has regularly tutored a family from Honduras in English. She works part-time and loves to ride horses, write songs, and create artwork. Catherine will attend Tufts University next year, and plans to study Community Health.

**Katherine McGoe**y, daughter of James and Dawn McGoe of Killingworth, is ranked 9th in the Class of 2019. While at Haddam Killingworth High School Katie has shown herself to be an all-around gifted student taking nine college level classes along with 10 honors level classes. At HKHS Katie is a member of the National Honor Society, a representative on the Student Council, and a member of the Human Relations Club. Outside the halls of High School, Katie finds her passion at the dance studio where she has been a competitive dancer for 12 years, spend-



Katherine McGoe.



Kyle Criscuolo.

ing an average of over 10 hours a week getting ready for competitions. This fall, Katie is planning to attend the State University of New York at Geneseo, where she will pursue a degree in Elementary and Special Education.

**Kyle Criscuolo**, son of James and Jessica Criscuolo of Haddam, is ranked tenth in the Class of 2019. Kyle plans to study Computer Science in college, and has prepared himself well by taking Project Lead the Way Engineering classes along with challenging math courses. While Kyle has a specific academic area of focus, he has excelled across disciplines, taking multiple Advanced Placement and University of Connecticut Early College Experience courses in a variety of academic subject areas. Kyle is a dedicated runner and is a leader of the Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track teams. Kyle has served as President of the HK Environmental Club for two years and is the Treasurer of the HK Running Club. Kyle has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award from the University of Rochester and he was selected to participate in the Connecticut High School Coaches Award Essay Contest. Kyle will attend the University of Connecticut where he plans to study Computer Science and Engineering with a possible minor in Film and Video Production.

## COMMUNITY / HISTORY

### Calling local shutterbugs for Nutmeg Pharmacy Photo Contest

By Greg McKenna, R. Ph., Nutmeg Pharmacy

Grab your camera! Nutmeg Pharmacy is inviting local photographers to submit their best photos of Higganum/Haddam for the 5th Annual Nutmeg Pharmacy Photo Contest. Winning photos will be used in the 2019 Nutmeg Pharmacy Calendar and/or displayed in the Nutmeg Pharmacy's of Higganum TV. Photos may be submitted until Au-

gust 30th, 2019. A printed copy of the photo must be submitted with the Entry Form to Nutmeg Pharmacy, for judging. ALSO, a copy of the photo in JPG format must be emailed to higganum@NutmegPharmacy.com (please be sure to include your name in your email, and reference the Nutmeg Pharmacy Photo Contest). All photos will be on display in the Nutmeg Pharmacy in Higganum store. Winners will be announced on or about September 9, 2019. A monetary prize of \$100 will be awarded for winning photos selected by our Photojournalist Judges. Entry forms are available at Nutmeg Pharmacy, 23 Killingworth Road, Higganum. Any questions can be directed to Greg McKenna, R.Ph. At Nutmeg Pharmacy 860-345-3607.

### 2019 Historic Gardens Day: Visit Thankful Arnold's Garden in Haddam

By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director, Haddam Historical Society

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A man asked the apostles, "What must I do to be saved?"<sup>31</sup> So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:30-31). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." (Acts 3:19).

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# Summer Specialty Camps

By Josselyn Salafia,  
Recreation Supervisor, HK Rec Dept.

Please call the HK Recreation Department at 860-345-8334 for more information on any of these programs or go to [hkrec.com](http://hkrec.com) to register on-line.

## Curious Campers Pre-School Camp

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Dept. is offering a pre-school camp for children ages 4 – entering K (children must turn 4 by 12/31/19). Arts and crafts, games, story time, special projects and outside play will be featured in the mini-camp designed for pre-schoolers. Please bring a bathing suit for sprinkler use, towel, and sunscreen. A snack will be provided. The program meets Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 12:00 pm HK Central Office Room A-127. The fee is \$75 each session. Non-residents may register for an additional \$10. The sessions are as follows:

- Session 1: “Rainforest Adventure” July 8 – 12, 2019
- Session 2: “Creative Campers” July 15 – 19, 2019
- Session 3: “All Holidays” July 22 – 26, 2019
- Session 4: “Hawaiian Luau” July 29 – Aug. 2, 2019

## Aspiring Young Engineers

Explore the fascinating world of “S.T.E.A.M.” through the hands-on, minds-on, unique summer camps offered by Engineering Imagination! Camp is for boys and girls entering grades K-6 and meets Monday – Friday, June 24 – June 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the HKHS Lower Media Center. The fee is \$160 (non-res. add \$10). In these exciting, educational summer camps, participants will use a variety of mediums such as such as LEGO, ESTES, KEVA, and recycled materials to learn about, plan, and build such as water wheels, model rockets, bridges and roller coasters! With activities and topics including mechanical engineering, chemical reactions, reverse engineering, and environmental science, participants are sure to have a blast while learning along the way. In addition, participants will take home some of the projects they complete such as model rockets, reverse-engineered devices, and 3-D architectural models. Kids will be separated by age.

## Young Chefs Cooking Camp

Young Chefs is a unique culinary experience, which offers cooking classes to children in a safe environment that will encourage discovery and creativity. Students sharpen their skills by employing the mantra “Mise en Place” which translates into “Everything in its Place.” Young chefs will learn the basics in kitchen safety, proper food handling, food preparation, cooking, baking techniques, presentation and so much more! This camp will capture children’s imagination, entertain their senses, stretch their learning, and be tons of FUN! Each day will feature hands-on cooking, skills practice and tasting. Some of the featured recipes include yogurt bagels, s’more pops, truffles, sticky buns/pizza dough. This camp promises to provide unbeatable, hands-on activities to entertain your kids. This camp is for boys and girls entering grades 1 – 5 and meets on Monday – Thursday, July 8 – 11 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at HK HS Room B-112. The fee is \$128 (includes food) (non-res. add \$10).

## Casablanca’s Modeling/Fashion camp

John Casablanca’s Modeling and Fashion Camp provides children with knowledge of looking like a model, developing their etiquette skills for any setting, feeling good about themselves, perfecting who they are inside and out and tapping into their fashion talents. Design your own t-shirt and show it off at the end of the week. Each day will consist of fun-filled activities such as Makeover Monday, T-shirt Tuesday, Wanna Be Famous Wednesday, Time to Say Cheese Thursday and Fashion Show Friday. Camp is for boys and girls ages 5 and up and meets Monday – Friday from July 8 – 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the HKHS Lower Media. The fee is \$110 (non-res. add \$10).

## Play-Well STEM & Harry Potter LEGO™ Camp

This camp meets Monday – Friday, July 15 – July 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the HKHS Lower Media Center. The fee is \$222. (non-residents add \$10). Please bring a PB free lunch.

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## Rockets & Other Flying Apparatuses

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# RSD #17's 2019 Staff & Teachers of the Year

By Donna Hayward, HKHS Principal  
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Each year, each school in Regional School District #17 chooses a Teacher of the Year and a Staff Member of the Year. 2019's stellar staff members are listed below, with a write up from each building's principal.

Burr District Elementary School – Announced by Eric Larson, Principal:

*"I am pleased to announce Dorie Donvito as Burr District Elementary's Outstanding Staff Member of the Year. Dorie has been a paraprofessional at BES since 2011. In her time here, her dedication to the students has been superb. She has a wonderful work ethic – often giving of her own time to make sure she is well-prepared to meet the needs of the children. She works hard to develop a great relationship with the students. It is clear to me through our discussions and my observations that Dorie takes pride in being the best assistant that she can be to the children with whom she works.*

*An advocate for the deaf both in and out of school, Dorie works to educate the staff and students on sign language, often teaching whole classes how to sign and even works with our music teacher to help add sign to some of the children's performances. This year, Dorie also volunteered to come in before school a couple of days a week to meet with a student and his mother who are learning how to deal with the slow loss of his hearing.*

*Dorie exhibits a kind and positive attitude that infects those around her. She greets me daily with a "Hi boss" and a big smile that bring a little sunshine to my morning.*

*BES is proud to name Katie Burt as our Outstanding Teacher of the Year! Katie has been a teacher at BES since 2014. For the last couple of years she has been one of our kindergarten teachers. Katie is the type of teacher that we would want all of our five year olds to have. She is kind, creative, loving, and a master of the kindergarten curriculum.*

*I asked some of her students why she was such a great teacher. One said, "She does crafts with us!" Now some of you are thinking, sure, she teaches them how to cut out shapes and paste them. Of course she does, but this year, it was to recreate works of Monet and Matisse as they learned about the techniques and subjects of the great master artists.*

*Another said, "We like to play with her." Mrs. Burt has been exploring purposeful play the last couple of years. During the afternoon, the students daily*

*choose an area to play with others in the classroom. Through their exploration of building materials and a classroom store, they are learning valuable conversational skills. By mixing up their groupings regularly, the children form friendships with so many of their classmates. Through the chance to try new things and struggle and sometimes fail, they learn to persevere.*

*A third student said, "She helps us learn." Katie Burt is a master practitioner of our workshop model. She also worked with the entire kindergarten team to personalize phonemic awareness lessons for every child.*

*Another student said, "I like to hug Mrs. Burt." Above all, Katie is caring. She strives to meet the emotional needs of each of her children. Through all the ups and downs of a kindergartener's day and year, Mrs. Burt provides a stable and predictable environment. Her children feel safe and loved."*

Haddam Elementary School – announced by Brienne Whidden, Principal:

*"Leo Lomuntad serves as a special education paraprofessional at Haddam Elementary and is well-deserving of the recognition of staff member of the year. He has a natural talent for working with children of all ages and he possesses a deep sense of respect for children. Leo works hard to build rapport with students and his calm and caring presence allow students to feel safe to take risks and make mistakes. He is a master at offering just the right amount of scaffolding to allow students to be successful while simultaneously pushing the student to become more independent. In addition, Leo is a team player in every sense of the word. He goes above and beyond his responsibilities on a daily basis and is one of the first people to step in and offer help or assistance to colleagues."*

*"Kelly Smedley is not one to seek the spotlight but she needs to know that she is deeply valued by our district as an exemplary teacher. Kelly embodies what we look for in our educators on a daily basis-flexibility and positivity. She is flexible in her teaching and her thinking. Kelly can differentiate lessons to meet students' needs on the spot and is capable of adapting at a moment's notice to a change in plans or schedule. Kelly does this with ease as a result of the careful planning she does on a daily basis. Similarly, when asked to change grade levels on several occasions, Kelly's dedication to planning and flexible thinking allowed her to seamlessly transition to new curriculum and content.*

*Kelly's classroom is always humming with productivity. Her students love her because she knows that she respects and cares deeply for them. Kelly has high expectations for all of her students and she puts in any supports necessary to make sure that everyone can achieve success. If you walk into her classroom at any given time, you will see Kelly working with small groups of students providing instruction right at their level. Simultaneously, she is complimenting and encouraging those working independently. Kelly takes the time to get to know her students on a personal level, listens to them when problems arise, and lets them know that her classroom is a safe place to learn and grow.*

*As a colleague, Kelly is the epitome of positivity. She takes the time to listen to her colleagues, offer support and suggestions, and help them to see situations in a positive light. Kelly brings a growth mindset to any grade level team she works on and is a collaborative colleague and a consummate professional. She is truly deserving of this recognition!"*

Killingworth Elementary School

Dennis Reed, Principal, announces Lori Lloyd as the Killingworth Elementary School Staff member of the year: *"When I stop and reflect upon what we do every day, and what I think is most important when working with children, I always land on one thing...relationships. Developing positive rapport or relationships with students is critical and that is what I admire most about Lori. She does whatever it takes to connect with the students she works with and it shows in the way they trust her, work hard for her, and count on her each day.*

*"A colleague who nominated Lori wrote, 'Simply put, she is MAGICAL with kids. She connects to all students, not just the students she services. She knows their interests, their needs and whether someone might just need an extra smile.'*

*"Lori has been in the midst of many challenging situations in her role as a Paraeducator, and each and every time she has been able to maintain a calm presence and put the children first. She provides a*

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safe environment, both physically and emotionally for her students. Another colleague of Lori's wrote in her nomination form that 'what sets her apart from most is the amount of effort she puts into bonding with the students she works with. She learns their passions, strengths, and weaknesses and builds off of them.'

Dennis Reed announces Georganna Munz as the Killingworth Elementary School teacher of the year:

"From the moment I first met Georganna, I knew she was a special educator and truly worthy of this honor. In fact, this isn't her first time being recognized as the teacher of the year as she has received this honor in the previous district that she worked for as well. Georganna's enthusiastic, energetic, yet confident and professional presence has had a huge impact on the culture and climate of our school. Whether she is wearing a frog costume on Dr. Seuss' birthday or leading students down the red carpet for a writing celebration, she consistently sets a positive tone for our school that others feed off of.

"One of her nominating colleagues has recently said that 'Georganna has brought a sense of community to 4th grade. Any staff member who comes in contact with her is welcomed with a smile, a laugh, and her undivided attention.'

"Her impact upon our school is highlighted by another nominating colleague who wrote that 'Georganna is one of the biggest reasons I look forward to coming to school each day.'

"Her impact on staff has been huge, but her impact on students is even greater. She has created a positive learning environment for all students while also recognizing and responding to the various needs of each individual. She sets high expectations for learning and holds students accountable to the expectations.

"Georganna also recognizes the value in celebrating student learning as she often goes out of her way to create exciting opportunities for students to showcase their work and celebrate their successes."

Haddam Killingworth Middle School

Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Principal, is pleased to announce that Monica Hansen is the Staff Member of the School from Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Monica has served as a paraprofessional at HKMS for the past two years and has also worked at several other schools in the district. Monica has the tremendous capability to support and challenge a child at the same time. She promotes independence in the students she works with, and she has a talent to know just the right level of support for a student. Her students have grown tremendously this year and this is due to Monica's patience and kind heart.

Dr. Olsen is honored to introduce Lisa Castlevetro as the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School teacher

of the year: "Lisa is a special education teacher in grades 6 and 7 this year. I had the pleasure of co-teaching with Lisa back in the late 90s, and she was an incredibly talented teacher then and recognized as the HKMS teacher of the year. Her skills and talents have continue to grow since then, and her colleagues recognized her again this year. One of Lisa's colleagues wrote, "Lisa is the voice to advocate for all students and what will work best for each and every one of them. Her dedication and professionalism shines through in all she does." Another colleague said of Lisa, "She is completely aware of her students' needs and learning strategies and challenges. Furthermore, she is empathetic and shows an intuition for the feelings of her students. Lisa is truly a professional educator."

Haddam Killingworth High School – announced by Donna Hayward, Principal

"Tyler Wilcox, HKHS Staff Member of the Year, is known for his skillful interactions with students, his knowledge across several subject areas and his creativity in developing strategies to deliver individualized remediation to diverse learners. Colleagues describe Tyler's active collaboration with them in developing and implementing behavior strategies in our school. He is an outstanding para educator in all respects. He has proven through his conscientious work ethic, consistent follow-through and open and collaborative nature that he can accomplish complex tasks and overcome obstacles with seeming ease. He has an unfailing positive attitude and an innate understanding of students with diverse needs. He is reflective and seeks advice as to how to improve his craft. Students sense his dedication to them and their learning and his colleagues do as well. Furthermore, Tyler has been a long-time assistant football coach at our school and is a role model for all students. He is beloved and an integral member of our team.

Jon Todzia, HKHS Teacher of the Year, is an unsung hero at HK. He does not draw attention to himself but quietly leads by example. Jon is a mentor to students who learn not only how to work in the technology fields, but also how to be good human beings. He took the challenge to teach in areas outside of carpentry when the tech department was revamped several years

ago and he demonstrates great enthusiasm for this new adventure. The special education department says about Jon, "We feel truly blessed to have such a kind and patient teacher in a department that many of our students naturally gravitate to. He has welcomed some of our neediest students into his classroom and consistently reaches out to us to find out how he can better meet their needs and develop relationships." Jon has mentored students in many fields of study by assisting them in career development, offering in-school internship options and supporting them with employment contacts and recommendations. Our students know that he holds high standards for behavior and performance and they try to hit the bar he sets because they know that he respects them and is routing for their success. Jon always has a smile and a kind word for students and staff and he is our Teacher of the Year."

## RECREATION

### Karate Kids offered this summer!

By Josselyn Salafia,  
Recreation Supervisor, H-K Rec Dept.

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering Karate for boys and girls ages 5 – 12 Mondays & Wednesdays. Session 1 will meet from June 24 – July 15, 2019 and from July 17 – August 7, 2019. The classes meet from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. at the HK Central Office gym. The fee is \$44 each session (2x weeks) or \$22 each session (1x week). Non-residents can sign up for an additional \$10.

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By Josselyn Salafia,  
Recreation Supervisor, HK Rec Dept.

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## SWIM LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department has openings in children's swim lessons. Each session has a limited number of spots available for all levels of swimmers. Classes are conducted at the HK High School Pool and are for kids ages 4 and up (must be able to participate in a group instructional setting). Levels offered are Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, and Swimmer. Daytime lessons meet Monday through Friday. Dates and times are:

Session 1: 6/17 – 6/21	A) 9:50 – 10:30 am C) 10:40 – 11:20 am
Session 2: 6/24 – 6/28	A) 9:50 – 10:30 am C) 10:40 – 11:20 am
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Session 9: 6/17 – 7/15 (No7/3)	A) 6:00 – 6:40 pm B) 6:50 – 7:30 pm

Sessions 1, 2, 4 – 8 are \$47 / \$38 each with new pool membership and \$57 for non-residents. 2nd child discount is \$5. Session 3 is \$28 / \$23 each with a new pool membership, \$38 for non-residents. 2nd child discount is \$5. Evening lessons are on Monday and Wednesdays from 6:00 – 6:40 p.m. and 6:50 – 7:30 p.m., Session 9. The fee is \$75/ \$60 with new pool membership, and \$85 for non-residents. 2nd child discount is \$5.

## PRE-SCHOOL SWIM CLASSES

There will be lessons for 3 year olds held the weeks of June 24 – 28, July 8 – 12 or July 22 – 26 from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. The fee is \$47/ \$38 with new pool membership (non-residents add \$10). There will be an evening session on Monday & Wednesdays July 22 – August 7. The fee is \$52 / \$40 with new pool membership (non-residents add \$10). This class is a perfect opportunity for your toddler to start swim lessons. They must be able to partake in a group instructional setting without the parent.

## PARENT / TOT SWIM CLASSES

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering Parent & Tot swim classes for toddlers 9 months to 36 months (with Parent) on Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., June 20 – August 1 (no 7/4) or on Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., July 22 – August 7 at the HK High School Pool. The fee is \$52 or \$40 with new pool membership for residents and \$62 for non-residents. The parent and tot class is an excellent opportunity for parents to acquaint their children with the water and begin development of swimming techniques. A parent or guardian must accompany the child in the water at all times.

## SUMMER SWIM TEAM

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department and the Cougar Aquatic Swim Team is offering a summer swim team for boys and girls ages 6 – 17 from June 17 – July 11 (No 7/4). The program meets Monday – Thursdays at the HK High School Pool from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. The fee is \$115 (non-resident add \$10). Children must be able to swim one lap of front crawl and back stroke to qualify. Teams will compete against other teams in the area.

## LIFEGUARD TRAINING (Limited Spots)

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department will be offering a Lifeguard Training Course that will be held June 10 (pre-course) June 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 July 2, 3, at the HK High School pool & the HK Rec office from 1:15 – 3:30 p.m. After successful completion of this course, students will be certified in Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and Standard First Aid. The class is for participants ages 15 and up. Students must be able to swim 300 yards continuously of crawl, sidestroke & breaststroke. The fee is \$215 for residents and \$225 for non-residents. Fee includes books, pocket mask, and Certifications.

## MASTERS SWIMMING FOR ADULTS

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering Masters Swimming for Adults this Summer. This program will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays May – June from 6:00 – 7:15 a.m. at the HKHS Pool. The fee is \$75 each 2 month session. HK Masters provides individualized workouts and instruction to meet each person's fitness goals. Open to adult swimmers of all levels (fitness, triathlete, competitive, non-competitive) who are dedicated to improving their fitness through swimming.

## CALENDAR

Please visit [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org) or [www.haddam-killingworthnow.com](http://www.haddam-killingworthnow.com) for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes.

### Thursday, June 20

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

### Monday, June 24

Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary - regular monthly meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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

### Wednesday, June 26

Registrar of Voters Office Hours, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Conservation Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, June 27

HHS Talk, "Furniture Finishes, Past to Present" 7:00 p.m.  
Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum  
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, June 28

Tax Office Closed

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## Notice from the Tax Office: When and how to pay

By Kristin Battistoni,  
Haddam Tax Collector

On May 23, 2019, the Board of Finance set the mil rate at 31.69 for the 2018 Grand List. This will make it the third consecutive year that the mil rate did not increase. This means that for most of us, our taxes will stay the same from last year!

Tax bills will be mailed on June 28th. We do not take payments before July 1st. If you are going to be away in July, or put your bills in a "safe place", you can get a copy of them on our website Haddam.org. If you need help with the website please give us a call. We can usually walk you through what you are trying to do.

If you receive a bill for a vehicle or a business you do not own any longer, or if you do not get a bill and you think you should have, please give us a call immediately. These bills will not go away if they are not addressed and could cause trouble down the road. We get pretty busy at the end of the month, so let us know earlier is always helpful for everyone.

Did you pay off your mortgage and not get a bill? Normally if you are escrowed, they receive and pay the taxes, you don't see the bill. If you paid off your mortgage and your escrow company is no longer going to be paying the taxes you should be receiving the bill. If you receive a bill for a house

you sold, please let us know so we can get it to the correct owner before fees start accruing. When properties sell close to the end of the year, we may not always be aware of that change by the time the bills go out.

We include an envelope in the bills for easy payment. These payments go to a lockbox in Hartford and are processed through our bank. This makes the processing of payments much faster. Payments can also be dropped off or mailed to the office at Town Office Building, Tax Office C/O Kristin Battistoni, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438. Please make checks payable to the Town of Haddam.

A credit card or a debit card can be used on our website and online. We do not take payments over the phone. A service fee of 2.95% will be added to all payments made with a card. An Electronic Funds Transfer can be done on the website for \$1.50. The website does not update in real time. Online payment may not reflect for a few days, however, you will receive an email confirmation after the payment is made. If you have any questions about using the online system give us a call.

We always accept partial payments on accounts. This is the best way to help keep the interest down.

The Tax Office will be closed Friday, June 28th so we can close the fiscal year and get ready for July.

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### In and around the Haddams

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the production of potash and super-phosphate from feldspar. The company purchased a tract of 800 acres which extends about two miles along the Connecticut river between Maromas and Higganum, the main part of the tract being the old Scoville farm.

**Shailerville, June 19, 1919:** A welcome home party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dittmore in honor of the boys who have been in the service. Among the boys were: Charles Clark, Frank Kelsey, Walter Schutte, and Clifton Butler for the army, and Julius Schutte, and Paul Christanson for the navy.

**Haddam, June 19, 1919:** The trustees of Field Park have recently placed a railing around the top of the big rock on Isinglass Hill as a safeguard against accidents. This rock has always been a favorite rendezvous for young people. The railing on the outlook is embedded in the rock so firmly that it will remain for future generations.

**East Haddam, June 23, 1919:** The scarcity of Woodchucks around gardens this spring is due to the record of A.E. Eldridge and his dog "Tige" in their war of extermination. In 1918 Tige's record was 75 and thus far in 1919 he has mounted 35 more to that record. Show Tige where a ground hog is located and he is in his element and incidentally that hog's doom is sealed.

**Higganum, June 30, 1919:** It is reported that the Russell co. is talking of starting their mill in this town once more and would employ at least about 300 hands if satisfactory arrangements can be made. It would be the means of building up the place and giving work to many who would be glad of employment.

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



### Tai Chi for Caregivers

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**11:00am Caregiver Dementia Support Group & Lunch**

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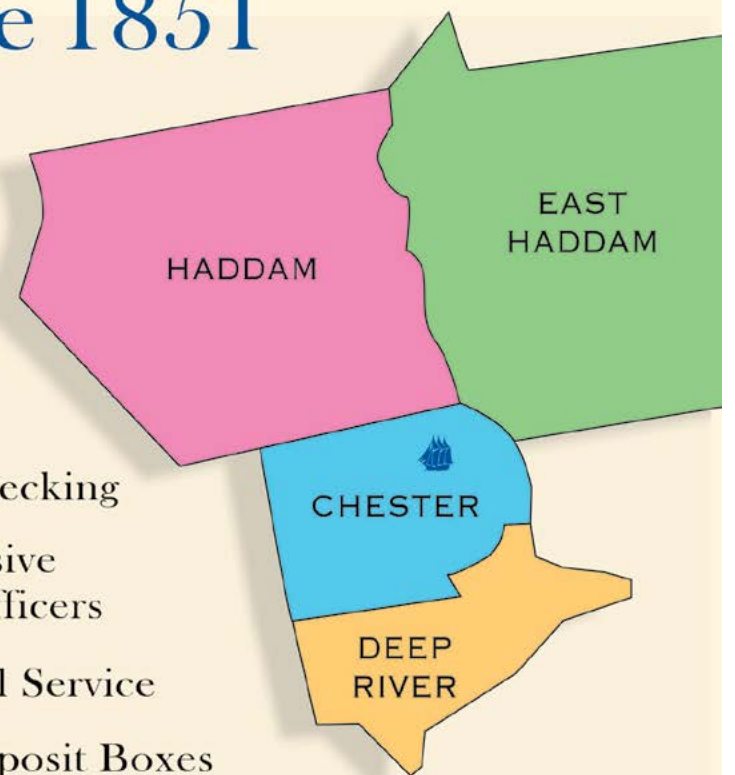
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**Project Graduation 2019: a job very well done!**

I volunteered for a few hours at Project Graduation and was completely impressed. The hours of planning, thought and work put in by this group of volunteers were evident. The decorations were amazing, the prizes abundant, and the games varied and

fun. The seniors were engaged, laughing, smiling and clearly having a great time. What a wonderful way to end their time at HK.  
But, for me, perhaps the nicest part of the evening were Project Graduation volunteers I encoun-

tered. I met moms, dads, grandparents, police officers and HK teachers. They all had the same mission – to enthusiastically offer a fun and safe environment for our kids. And they succeeded. Project Graduation is part of the fabric that binds our community together. It serves as an example why Haddam and Killingworth are such great places to raise and educate our children. This is a good way to live.

Thank you to everyone involved in Project Graduation for a job very well done.

*Ray Miller  
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**FAITH / COMMUNITY**

**St. James Episcopal Church:  
summer activities & events**

*By Cheryl Czuba*

July 13, 2019 – First Saturday Service, 5:30 p.m. – Twice a month St. James Episcopal Church will be offering a Saturday Eucharist service, in place of its Sunday morning service. Future services will be held on Saturdays: July 13, 27, August 10, 24, September 14, 28 and throughout the Fall. Fall services may include a potluck supper, program, etc. Sunday morning services will continue on the first and third Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

July 15-19, 2019 – HUMC and St. James Episcopal Church's Hero Central Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Higganum United Methodist Church for children, pre-school-6th grade. To register call 860-345-4622 or email: [vbsofhigganumc@gmail.com](mailto:vbsofhigganumc@gmail.com)

July 27, 2019 – Tag, craft and bake sale, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. James.

September 7, 2019 – Golf Scramble, Beginning 1:00 p.m. at Indian Springs Golf Course, Middlefield. Details to follow.

**SUMMER SAFETY**

**Don't let Mylar balloons ruin party**

*By Mitch Gross, Eversource*

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