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Free weekly

HKHS boys' swim team places second, breaks seven Nutmeg Conference records

Submitted by Kristin Mazziotti

The Haddam Killingworth High School Boys Swim Team placed second (296 points) with just 11 swimmers at the Nutmeg Conference Championship (NCC), which was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Windsor Locks High School. Five HK swimmers broke individual conference records, and two 2 HK relays broke conference relay records. Seven swimmers earned All Conference awards.

HK highlights:

200 Medley Relay

1st Kyle Mazziotti (SO), Malone Revis (SO), Eli Houlton (JR), Christo Garrelts (SO) 1:41.94 *All Conference,

*Broke NCC Record

200 Freestyle

1st Zach Houlton (JR) 1:50.09 *All Conference, *Broke NCC Record

200 Individual Medley

2nd Malone Revis (SO) 2:03.26 *All Conference

50 Freestyle

1st Christo Garrelts (SO) 23.40 *All Conference, *Broke NCC Record 3rd Jimmy Clemente (JR) 25.09 *All Conference



100 Freestyle

1st Kyle Mazziotti (SO) 49.55 *All Conference, *Broke NCC Record

500 Freestyle

1st Zach Houlton (JR) 4:58.21 *All Conference, *Broke NCC Record

200 Freestyle Relay

2nd Jimmy Clemente (JR), Malone Revis (SO), Colby Kish (FR), Zach Houlton (JR) 1:40.49 *All Conference

100 Backstroke

3rd Kyle Mazziotti (SO) 54.85 *All

Conference

100 Breaststroke

1st Malone Revis (SO) 1:03.57 *All Conference, *Broke NCC Record

400 Freestyle Relay

1st Christo Garrelts (SO), Zach Houlton (JR), Eli Houlton (JR), Kyle Mazziotti (SO) 3:23.36 *All Conference *Broke NCC Record

State Trials are scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Cheshire.

Solo show tackles complex issues for young, old

By Marie and Howie Field, Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation

The Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation, Inc. sponsored actor John Morello's performance D.I.R.T. for 7th and 8th grade students, staff, and parents at H-K Middle School February 26, 2019. John's skits covered a wide range of social issues that impact both young and old, including depression, drug and alcohol use, inclusion, bullying and suicide prevention. He explores the challenges and decisions that students face. John inspired the school assembly to take action by urging them to reflect upon choices they make in their daily lives, from what they put in their bodies, the way they treat each other, and the way they treat themselves.

Marie and Howie Field would like

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Photo by Olivia Drake.

Vehicle flips, driver escapes in one-car crash on Killingworth Road

By Olivia Drake, HVFCo Public Information Officer

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to a motor vehicle accident at 7:40 a.m. March 1, 2019 on Killingworth Road. A driver heading northbound lost control of his vehicle and struck a bumpy area of ground, which caused the vehicle to flip onto its

side. The vehicle slid about 30 feet and struck a tree before stopping.

Prior to fire and EMS arriving, the driver self-extricated by crawling out the back window of his vehicle. The driver was evaluated by Haddam Ambulance personnel and refused additional medical treatment.

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Riley

By Judith Levin, Vice President, CT Animal House

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Mark calendars for April 6: Goods & Services Auction

The Higganum United Methodist Church will be holding their annual Goods & Services Auction on April 6, 2019 at 248 Saybrook Road (next to Haddam Elementary School). The preview will be at 6:00 p.m., and the auction will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Besides the goods & services auction, there will be a silent auction, door prizes, and a snack bar available. Questions? Call 860-345-4622.

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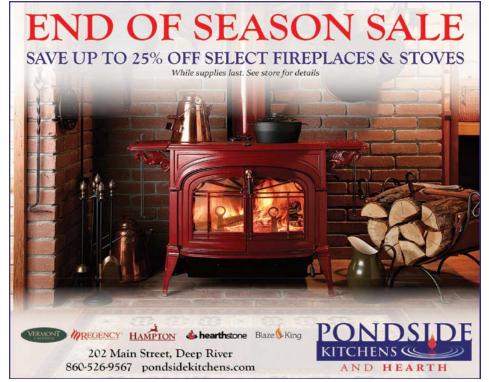
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TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 16

Community Closet

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Monday, March 18

Committee on Aging Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Board of Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wetlands Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

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

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

COMMUNITY

HCNS Open House & Mini Kids Fair: April 6

The Haddam Cooperative Nursery School will be holding its Big Top Open House with Mini Kids' Fair on April 6, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 905 Saybrook Road, Haddam. They are celebrating their 50th anniversary. There will be games, prizes, crafts and snacks. Explore the school and meet the teachers. Admission to the Kids' Fair is free.

The raffle drawing will be held at 1:00 p.m. Prizes include: stay at Great Wolf Lodge, Golf Foursome, Show Tickets, Museum Tickets, Essex Steam Train Tickets, and more.

For more information about the school, see their website: http://haddamco-op.org.

POLICE NEWS

Troopers make arrest

Editors Note: Trooper reports reflect arrests, not convictions. Visit this website to learn the outcomes of criminal and motor vehicle arrests. All trooper press releases are consistent with state and federal guidelines under the Public Information Act.

February 27, 2019

Margaret Hale, 49, of Plains Road, Haddam, turned herself in on an arrest warrant, stemming from a domestic disturbance investigation. Hale was charged with Criminal mischief 3rd degree and released on a promise to appear at Middlesex Superior Court on February 28, 2019.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF DECISIONS TOWN OF HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AT MEETING ON MARCH 7TH 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

- Approved a proposed zoning text amendment to adopt Section 6A – Conservation Zones. A copy of the approved text is on file in the Town Clerks Office and the Land Use Office. Applicant Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Approved a zoning map amendment to change the zone on a portion of the Haddam Elementary School property to Conservation zone at 272 Saybrook Road / Map 06 Lot 009. A map displaying the re-zoning is on file in the Town Clerks Office and the Land Use Office. Applicant — Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 3. Proposed zoning map amendment to change the zone of various publicly owned properties and Haddam Land Trust properties to Conservation Zone. Properties include:

State of CT / Cockaponset State Forest Ruth Hill Road Map 65 Lot 003 Tinker Road Map 68 Lot 001 17 Ranger Road Map 32 Lot 002 Brainard Hill Road — Map 17 Lot 001 Hubbard Road Map 45 Lot 003 Filley Road Map 52 Lot 001 Tinker Road Map 64 Lot 008 Wig Hill Road Map 64 Lot 033 Haddam Land Trust Saybrook Road Map 50 Lot 024

A map displaying the parcels and the re-zoning 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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Ten things to do at BML that don't involve books

By Kate Branstetter

Now that we are into the New Year, like many, I have begun acting on plans for what I will accomplish in 2019. I will take a trip, dig and tend to a humongous garden and of course, visit Brainerd Memorial Library.

As you may (or may not) know there is so much more to the library than books. Every time I visit Brainerd Memorial Library I am amazed at whom I meet and what I learn. Whether it is chatting with a patron about the boat he is restoring or catching up with my favorite librarians (and what they are reading) there is always something new that sparks my

Here is a taste of what you will find at the library:

Movies: Brainerd Memorial Library's film collection is awesome. There is always something to borrow and I amazed at the DVD collection with many films I am unable to find streaming online. They take requests, too!

Music: Borrowing CDs from the library is a terrific way to hear something new without spending a dime. The catalogue is adding new music regularly and I am always impressed with their mix of old favorites, world music and new artists that I have read about but have no idea what they sound like.

Overdrive: Have you experienced Overdrive? This library app encourages you to browse e-books and audiobooks from the comfort of your home. A totally free service (with no fines, either) with thousands of choices and download to my phone anytime, anywhere! I love using Overdrive when I am in the car and if I don't like the book, I can just wait for it to expire because it will simply vanish!

Museum Passes: Brainerd Library has free or discounted admission to some of the best museums Connecticut has to offer. Perfect for my restless moments when I just have to do something but it is too cold to be outside. Head to the library, present your library card and check out the giant list of places you can visit! SO Neat!

As you may (or may not) know there is so much more to the library than books. Every time I visit **Brainerd Memorial Library** I am amazed at whom I meet and what I learn.

One on One Computer help: Sometimes we all just need some help with our computers. Whether it is deleting masses of email, changing passwords or getting rid of unwanted spam, Kristen at Brainerd Memorial Library has time on Wednesdays and Fridays to help you with all your computer questions.

Printing: I have printed boarding passes, tax documents, articles, shipping labels, and coloring pages at the library for 10 cents a page (black and white). It is a breeze and if you get stuck there is always someone

Healthy Book Club: Okay, okay, maybe this is book-related but if your new year's resolution is to be healthier what better way to stay on track then with an awesome group of people reading and discussing different ways to be healthy? Talk to a Brainerd Librarian to learn more.

Library Programs: Brainerd is always hosting interesting programs. In 2018 there was "Card Angels" who met regularly to create unique greeting cards for the ill, a program series about the history and use of the Connecticut River, Agricultural Day (I mean, horses and llamas at the library?!) and many, many, MANY more!

Kids Programs: Parents! Grandparents! Sitters! Caregivers of all kinds! If you are looking for something to do with children look no further than the library. There are many beautiful toys available for play at the library and ongoing craft projects set up. And don't miss story time. There are also plenty of activities for teens! From creative projects to book groups, your teen will have an awesome home in this safe, non-judgmental environment.

The Friends! The Brainerd Memorial Library Friends group take library fandom to the next level. They maintain the Book Nook, where I can purchase books, DVDs and CDs for a fraction of what it would cost in a store AND all proceeds support the library! Or better yet, join the Friends to meet a "friend-ly" and dedicated group who advocate for the library, help at events, raise funds, and have fun! I volunteered at the Friends Book Sale last summer and had a blast! Like all the rest that happens at the library, everyone is welcome.

As I said, this is just a taste of all there is at BML. If you are overwhelmed, you can always ask a librarian. The staff at Brainerd Memorial Library is terrific and they are happy to help. Have fun!



Seeing Red-

We are getting to that time of year when the red eyes are out! When associated with sneezing or discharges, it usually something that is a momentary attack of allergies or a dip in the not fully chlorinated swimming pool, a quick trip to the doctor is in order. But, because this symptom can be severe it takes a doctor to make that differential diagnosis. Many of the most serious occurrences of red eye do not have a discharge, and typically the presence of a discharge is more an indication of conjunctivitis, which is not life threatening.

Some serious Red Eye Conditions-

- 1) Corneal Ulcers- most commonly occurs in patients who sleep overnight with their contact lenses, but not necessarily. Patients present with blurred vision, pain, and sensitivity to light.
- 2) Herpetic Eye- This occurs mainly in patients with a history of cold sores, lid vesicles, or in patients on immunosuppressant therapy. The doctor will inquire as to presence of symptoms prior to red eye forming, such as pain, numbness or tingling of the eye.
- 3) Acute Angle Closure- This is a very severe condition that results in very high intra-ocular pressure, which has potential to threaten vision. You might notice that eye feels hard when pressing against it with lid closed.

So by now, you should have made the mental note. If you get red eye-good opportunity to see the doctor, but remember the symptoms.

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January and February report

By Olivia Drake, Public Information Officer, HVFCo.

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to a total of 90 calls for emergency services in January and February 2019.

Of those: 42 occurred in January and 48 occurred in February.

Fires, alarms: 19

Motor vehicle accidents: 8

Medicals: 52

Other: 11

On Jan. 8, 2019 crews responded to an appliance/ structure fire on Old Ponsett Road. Upon arrival, firefighters helped an elderly man exit his home and EMS personnel evaluated him on the scene. Inside, firefighters used compressed foam and minimal water from Engine 6-13 to extinguish a small kitchen fire that had spread from the range to a wall, upper wooden cabinets, and a vent fan unit. Firefighters pulled the range away from the wall and opened the wall and ceiling to check for extension. They also removed the burning vent fan unit from the home.

On Jan. 18, Haddam Fire was dispatched to a MVA on Little City Road. The vehicle was found on its side, but Good Samaritans helped the occupant out of his vehicle prior to fire and EMS arriving. The occupant was evaluated by Haddam EMS and refused any further treatment. Haddam Fire stabilized the vehicle until it was removed by a wrecker.

On Jan. 30, in icy conditions, crews were dispatched to Route 9 south for a one-car MVA. The driver had lost control of his vehicle, veered off the highway, and struck two trees. The vehicle launched into the air and rolled over, landing on its wheels. The driver was transported Hartford Hospital.

Five patients were transported to local hospitals following a motor vehicle accident Feb. 2 on Saybrook Road near the Jail Hill Road intersection. At 9:05 p.m., Haddam Volunteer Fire Company and Chester Hose Company were dispatched to the scene where two vehicles collided. One vehicle was found on its roof with two occupants still inside. Fire Police immediately shut down a section of Saybrook Road and rerouted traffic.

Crews stabilized the vehicles and used hydraulic tools to force open the vehicle's doors and extricate the occupants. While the patients were being evaluated and transported, firefighters worked to contain fluid leaks from both vehicles.

On Feb. 1, HVFC was requested to assist with a flooded basement pump-out on Third Ave. Crews used Utility Vehicle 8-13 to remove 3-feet of water.

On Feb. 19, Haddam Fire was dispatched to Grapevine Road for a possible chimney fire. neighbor called 9-1-1 to report visible flames from the chimney. Firefighters removed and extinguished all burning debris from the firebox and checked the home with thermal imaging cameras for signs of extension. Crews dropped chains into the chimney from the rooftop to ensure that the chimney passage was clear of burning debris.

On Feb. 20, a driver lost control of his vehicle and slid down an embankment on Foot Hills Road. The driver self-extricated and was not injured during the incident.

TRAINING

HVFC began the 2019 year with an ice rescue drill, a blindfolded room sweep, a CPR refresher, bloodborne and airborne pathogen training, and a SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) drill.

MEMBERSHIP

During Haddam Volunteer Fire Company's meeting on Jan. 7, Firefighter Robert "Bob" Kadrle was honored for 50 years of service to the company. Bob is the first member of the company's 89 years of history to serve for this length of time. In addition to receiving a 50-years-of-service pin, Bob was honored with a proclamation by Haddam First Selectwoman Lizz Milardo. She declared Jan. 8, 2019 as "Robert Kadrle Day" for the Town of Haddam.

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POLICE NEWS

Higganum arrest

On December 17, 2018, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations, with assistance from the Connecticut State Police - Haddam Resident Troopers Office, executed a federal search & seizure warrant at a residence on Woods Road, Higganum.

Subsequently, Haddam Resident Trooper Enrico Milardo initiated a separate, parallel investigation stemming from the search and seizure execution on December 17, which identified Connecticut criminal violations. The State Police investigation resulted in an arrest warrant application that was submitted to Middlesex Superior Court who then issued an arrest warrant for the accused, Brian Beschel, 39, of Woods Road, Higganum.

On March 7, 2019, Brian Beschel, was arrested and charged with, Voyeurism, Disseminating Voyeuristic Material, Risk of Injury/Impairing morals of a child, Sale or Delivery of Tobacco to a minor and Sale or Delivery of Electronic Cigarette device to a minor. Beschel was released after posting a \$150,000 court set cash/surety bond and is to appear at Middlesex Superior Court on March 19, 2019.

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l to r: Howie Field, Luke Haase, Megan Haase, John Morello, Marie Field, and Robin Duffield. Photo by Cecile Haase.

One-man show

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to thank science teacher Robin Duffield, and principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen for coordinating John's appearance at the middle school.

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. For more information, visit nathanielfield.org.







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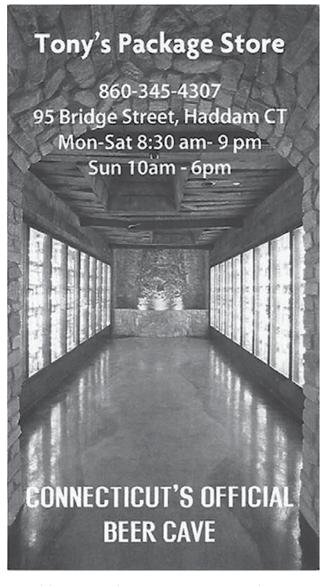
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Middlesex Health opens new orthopedic operating rooms

By Amanda Falcone, Public Relations Director, Middlesex Health

On Feb 18, 2019, Middlesex Health opened a new, state-of-the-art orthopedic operating suite. The suite, which is located at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, features two 600-square-foot operating rooms and is part of a larger surgical services expansion project.

"We are delighted to have a space within Middlesex Hospital dedicated to orthopedic surgeries," says Dr. Thomas Larson, chief of orthopedics at Middlesex Health. "The equipment and technology needed to help patients will be readily accessible in a room specifically designed to accommodate orthopedic surgeries. This will ensure that surgeries run smoothly and efficiently. We are always looking to improve the patient's experience, and this is one way we can do so."

The suite complements Middlesex Health's joint and spine program, which incudes a dedicated inpatient unit and rehabilitation and homecare services. Middlesex's capable team of orthopedic surgeons helped to design the suite to ensure that it meets the needs of their patients and accommodates new technology.



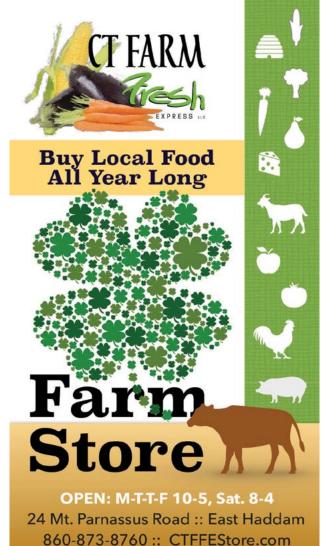
Over the past year, Middlesex began using the NAVIO Surgical System, a robotic tool that allows orthopedic surgeons to place the components of your knee during partial or full replacement surgeries with greater precision. It also began using ExcelsiusGPS, a robotic 3D navigation system used to perform minimally invasive spine surgery, especially spine fusions.

"Our orthopedic surgeons at Middlesex Health

are excited to work in these new, state-of-the-art operating rooms, which are dedicated to providing the highest technology available for joint replacement surgery and spine surgery," says Dr. Mark Lorenze, chair of Middlesex's Department of Surgery. "At Middlesex Health, we are dedicated to providing advanced orthopedic care while maintaining a high level of compassion for our patients."

In addition to the orthopedic suite, Middlesex is improving other aspects of its surgical area. This includes the space dedicated to Central Sterile Services, the department responsible for sterilizing and delivering operating instruments and equipment. This will allow the department, which employs many, to work more efficiently.









RSD #17 2019-20 Budget Released

Editorial Staff

On Tuesday, March 5, 2019, RSD #17 Superintendent Howard Thiery presented his preliminary budget for 2019-20. Some of the goals of this budget:

- increase opportunities for students in strategic areas that are high priority such as literacy, STEM, personalized learning, and world languages
- maintain desired class sizes
- adjust and reallocate resources to reflect 11 years of declining and shifting student enrollment.

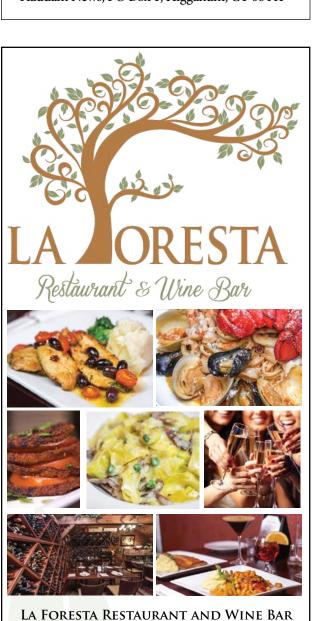
Some highlights from the superintendent's presenta-

- state calculated per pupil expenditure is \$17,805 (76/167)
- state calculated district performance is 89.5 (16/167)
- Gross budget is going up 1.6%, but because of revenue increases, the net budget is only going up 1.1%. And with the audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018, the town assessments will only be

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a 0.1% increase.

 The breakdown between Haddam and Killingworth is Haddam will decrease 0.73% and Killingworth will increase 1.25%

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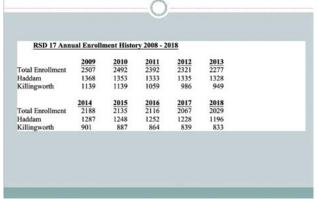
The planned and very contentious district restructuring will eliminate 10 full-time certified positions, as well as 4 full-time non-certified positions, and

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Lukashevich

According to Legacy.com and The Record-Journal, Phyllis Lukashevich, age 94, passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

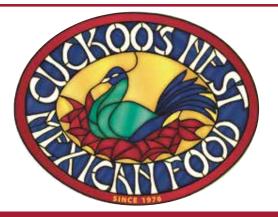
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add one full-time certified position, for a net decrease (salaries & benefits) of \$970,849.88. The total 2019/20 budget impact of the district restructuring is a decrease of \$1,179,837.24 between personnel and infrastructure.

On March 7, 2019 was the joint meeting between the Killingworth Boards of Selectmen and Finance, and the Haddam Boards of Selectmen and Finance, along with the Regional School District #17 Board of Education.

There will be several budget workshops where the Board of Education typically whittles down the budget, along with a Community Input Session for the budget on March 19, 2019. The Annual Hearing is scheduled for April 2, the Annual Meeting for May 6, and the Budget Referendum in both towns is scheduled for May 7, 2019. The full budget timeline can be found on the rsd17.org website.



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