

ON THE ROAD WITH THE HADDAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hidden in Plain Sight

By Elizabeth Hart Malloy, Executive Director, Haddam Historical Society

For years I have been walking by a small concrete marker with “CHD” carved into it at the intersection of Quarry Hill Road and Rock Landing Road in Haddam Neck. What did the marker mean? Who put it there? Were there others?

Research indicates that the markers were put there by the Connecticut Highway Department (CHD), in the late 1920s. In 1923 the Connecticut Highway Department created the Bureau of Highway Boundaries and Rights of Way which was responsible for mapping and marking the boundaries of state highways to be improved, widened or created. The bureau was required to do title searches, acquire property and mark the boundaries of all state roads. By 1925 the Highway Department was required to prepare highway boundary maps and “mark such a boundary by a uniform and distinctive marker.” The small concrete or stone marker measuring about 15 inches in height met this regulation and thousands are found throughout the state dotting state roads.

I have located one on Route



All photos were taken on Rock Landing Road in Haddam Neck by Elizabeth Malloy.

154 (formerly Middlesex Turnpike, Route 9, Route 9A, & Saybrook Road) in Shailerville near 1205 Saybrook Road and I am sure there are others. But why the one in Haddam Neck as we don't have a state or numbered highway?

I soon discovered that there were four more monuments farther down Rock Landing Road near the intersection of Rock Landing Lane all bunched together. It appears that in 1926 the Town of Haddam agreed to a proposal by the State Highway Department to build a State Aid Highway from

the East Hampton Town Line to the steamboat landing at the bottom of the hill on the Connecticut River. According to Lillian Brooks in her history of Haddam Neck, the road wasn't “macadamized” until 1929 and the road was never designated a state highway.

The Haddam Historical Society would like to document the location of the remaining CHD markers throughout town. If you know of one please let us know. Include nearest street address and a photo if possible. Email to contact@haddamhistory.org.

Team wins 5th Grade CT Basketball Conference Championship

By Vanessa Miller

Haddam Killingworth girls travel basketball team are the 5th grade CT Basketball Conference Champions. In the playoffs, HK had victories over Madison, Windham, East Hartford and East Hampton to bring home top honors this season. They beat East Hampton 32-30 in overtime on Sunday, March 17, at Sports on 66 in East Hampton for the championship. The team was coached by Joe Giaccone, Vanessa Miller, Damien Rich, and Mark Degan. Congratulations girls!



Picture left to right standing: Emerson Golden, Norah Ridgeway, Stephanie Coleman, Payton Kaplowitz, Stella Miller, Payton Rich, Grace Natanzon, Delaney Aronson. Kneeling left to right: Ryleigh Degan, Emma Giaccone, Mikayla Ruggiero, Chloe Engler.

Stop the Bleed spring classes set

By Clark Judge

The Killingworth Ambulance Association renews its "Stop the Bleed" classes this spring, with three scheduled within the next two months.

The first was held Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Emergency Operations Center, next to the Killingworth Town Hall. The course will include participants from CPR groups and Community Emergency Response Teams.

A second instruction is scheduled for Tuesday, April, 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the KAA building on Route 81, while a third will occur on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the same address. That will begin at 9:00 a.m.

All classes are open to the public.

"Stop the Bleed" is a nationwide awareness campaign and call to action that was launched in 2015 by the White House and Department of Homeland Security. It is designed to empower bystanders with the

training to deal with traumatic events and emergency bleeding situations before emergency help arrives.

Killingworth two years ago became the first town in Connecticut to have its citizens certified in the program when 19 persons completed a one-hour course. Since then, the KAA has offered "Stop the Bleed" instruction to several hundred local citizens.

For more information, please contact the KAA at (860) 663-2450 or log on to killingworthambulance.org.

Classifieds

Haddam News will print free classified ads for individuals and non-profit organizations. These must be 25 words or less and written in a publish-ready form. Publication is subject to space availability.

Harold Frank Johnson

According to Legacy.com and The Hartford Courant, Harold Frank Johnson, age 86, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2019.

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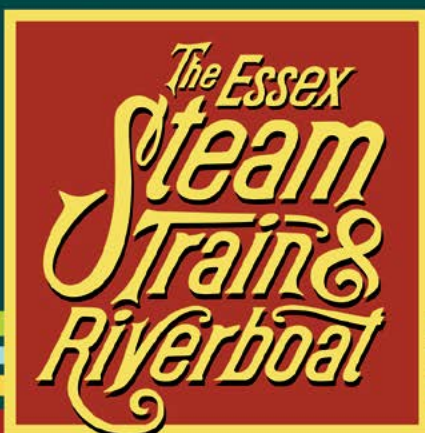
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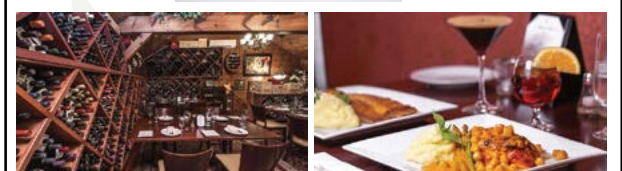
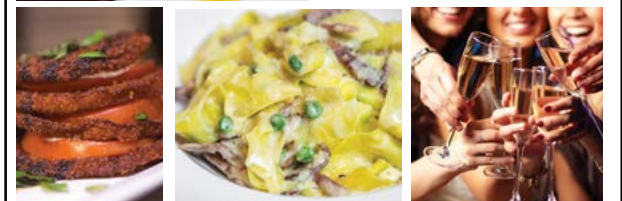
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In and Around the Haddams: March 1919 Local News

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

Higganum, Mar. 1, 1919: At the Grange, last night, the third and fourth degrees were conferred on nine candidates. There was a short birthday program on the lives of McKinley, Edison, Lincoln and Washington and a piano duet by Misses Hazel and Isabel Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Burr joined the Grange. A harvest supper was served.

Moodus, Mar. 4, 1919: The third lecture of the series given to men only by Rev. L.J. Radcliffe, at the Methodist church, will be on Wednesday evening. The subject will be "Capital and Labor."

Haddam Neck, Mar. 5, 1919: Mrs. Bailey, Miss Venter, Gilbert Crocker, Arthur Durr, Chauncey Brooks, Erastus Brainerd, Leonard Selden visited Higganum Grange and witnessed the initiation of a class of nine candidates.

Mrs. S. C. Gillette and Chauncey Brooks were the prize winners at the last meeting of the Whist club.

Washington, Mar. 6, 1919: More than \$300,000,000 that had been hoarded during the war has been returned to banks since the signing of the armistice, according to the Federal Reserve

Killingworth, Mar. 6, 1919: The Center school which has seven scholars had six that were in perfect attendance during the month of February. They were Julius, George, and Charles Schetzel, Lena Bumb, Tilly Laur, and Lillian Marquard.

Moodus, Mar. 11, 1919: T.J. Higgins, our tonsorial artist as indisposed Sunday, and unable to attend to his duties.

Several received cards from Aven Frickson, Monday, from somewhere in France. He reports good health, eating and sleeping, and the scenery is beautiful.

Haddam, Mar. 13, 1919: Phillip Arnold has set up his saw mill near the railroad station, and is cutting up what few chestnut trees there are left about town.

Hartford, Mar. 13, 1919: The members of the education committee have been invited to meet this evening as Chairman E.W. Hazen's dinner guests at the Hartford club when the Morrison [education]

bill will be discussed. This is considered doubtless by the chairman, from Haddam, to be a better place than the Board of Education committee rooms, and more conducive to secrecy. His exclusion of newspaper reporters from the hearing attended by over fifty persons from all parts of the state last Wednesday when the proposed bill was heard, has stirred up a hornet's nest among teachers and the public. Now, all the reporters at the capitol want to know why such an important bill as the Morrison bill should be discussed behind closed doors at a social dinner.

Boston, Mar. 15, 1919: Seventy different automobiles and some 400 different models together with thousands of automobile accessory devices were placed on exhibition at the 17th annual Boston automobile show today.

East Haddam, Mar. 17, 1919: The fee charged the shad fisherman does not seem to dampen the spirit, as a number of new nets will be in this reach this season.

Higganum, Mar. 18, 1919: Joseph Novotney, who has been in the service and overseas, has returned to the United States and is home at Ponsett on a month's furlough.

Middletown, Mar. 20, 1919: Three attendants at the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane were sent to the Haddam jail for 60 days this morning on a charge of assaulting a patient at the hospital. The state introduced evidence to the effect that all three men had been drinking.

Hartford, Mar. 20, 1919: The committee on unemployment reports that between 28,000 and 30,000 men and women are out of employment in Connecticut. This is caused by the discharge of labor made necessary by the termination of the war contracts. The menace of the situation is the mental attitude due to the experiences of the past year and the influences of the International Workers of the World and Bolshevik propaganda. The committee earnestly advises that married women whose husbands earn an adequate living wage be asked to give up their employment. It is also believed that employers will help materially by replacing women with men.

Moodus, Mar. 20, 1919: Fire destroyed the large building on Main street used as a resident and bak-

ery of the estate of Louis Klapper. Myra, aged four, and Julius Klapper, aged six, children of Mrs. Louis Klapper, were burned to death when the house in which they lived in Moodus center, was destroyed by fire this morning. The father, Louis Klapper died from influenza about two months ago and left eight small children. The fire burned so rapidly that Mrs. Klapper was unable to get up the stairway to rescue her two young children. The ring of the red mill and the Methodist church bells helped to sound the alarm but the soon gathered bucket brigade could only turn their attention to nearby buildings.

Haddam, Mar. 22, 1919: Abraham Deimstein has sold his place on Turkey Hill and has moved to New Haven. The rains of the first of the week washed the back roads so badly that they were obliged to draw their household goods by team to the auto truck at the center.

Higganum, Mar. 22, 1919: The piano recital given by the pupils of Miss Irene Hubbard was one that merited much credit to Miss Hubbard as an instructor. A success in every way, the students rendering their parts well were: Bertha Jane Caldwell, Helen Olson, Harvey Swanson, Angie Baroni, Emma Modehn, May Doyle, Helen Stanton, Elsa Carlson, Irene Johnson, George Stevens, Gladys Rich, Sybil May, Clementine Carlson, Edith Priest, Ellen Johnson, Emma Viten, and Elmer Swanson.

Haddam, Mar. 25, 1919: Sparks from the engine of the 5:07 train last evening, set the grass and leaves on fire just below the cemetery. The men and boys of the neighborhood had quite a lively time to subdue it.

Ponsett, Mar. 27, 1919: About one hundred acres were burned over when the forest fire swept over land owned by Andrew Parnanen, Carl Werner, Charles Wilcox, and others Tuesday.

East Haddam, Mar. 29, 1919: Owing to wedges being out of commission on the end of the draw on the local East Haddam bridge, it is necessary to chain it in order to hold it in place during the severe gales, as it is not deemed safe to trust entirely on the brake. This necessitates a lot of extra work for the tender when obliged to open the draw.

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

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RSD #17 District Restructuring Plan: March update

By Pamela Hensel, RSD #17

Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School:

The RSD17 Restructuring Plan intended to achieve educational excellence with sustained efficiency has both the HK Intermediate School and the HK Middle School housed in the same building as separately operating schools, maximizing use of our newest facility with state-of-the-art instructional spaces. Each school will have their own Principal, school counseling staff, school nurse, and student support staff and will operate separate programs and school schedules. Unlike a 4-8 middle school, operating with one principal and one schedule with 4-8 students on the same buses, the RSD17 plan is intentionally and substantially different in that 4th and 5th graders are in their own school program, while under the same roof as the middle school, and will not be on the same buses with 6-8 students.

The best way to understand our philosophy in designing the Intermediate School is to think of it as an upper elementary school for 4th and 5th graders, not as a 4-8 middle school. Merging 4th and 5th graders into their own unique school presented an exciting opportunity to design a learning environment which enhances the experience of students at this special age span. The program supports both the curriculum and the developmental needs of students academically, emotionally, socially, and physically. Students will work in small, personalized

structures for learning, within Duets or Trios as described below, which support connections between teachers and students. Keeping kindness and respectful relationships at the core of what we do, our model fosters strong communities in classrooms, grade levels, and the school.

The Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, Mr. Eric Larson, will be hosting Parent Information Sessions for current third and fourth grade parents on March 27, 2019 (at BES), April 1, 2019 (at KES), April 3, 2019 (at HES), and April 10, 2019 (at BES). All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Parents can attend any one of the sessions that suit their calendar. The HKIS Parent Information Sessions are intended to capture the day-in-the-life of an Intermediate School student, including example student schedules. A video of the presentation will be posted to the HKIS website. Mr. Larson will also be hosting guided tours of the Intermediate School throughout the spring. Sign-ups for tours are underway.

Mr. Larson will host a Parent Information Session for K-2 parents interested in learning about HKIS on Thursday, May 2, 2019 in the BES cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Information About HKIS:

School Size: 257 students

Class Size: Using a class size guideline of no more than 22 students per class for grades 4 and 5, for 2019-20 4th grade classes will average 19.5 students per class; 5th grade will average

20 students per class. The historical 10-year (2009-2019) class size average for grade 4 has been 19; 5th grade has been 21.

Bus Transportation: Intermediate School students will not be on school buses with middle school students. Details regarding school start- and end-times as it relates to transportation are in the final stages of completion.

Students will spend most of their core instructional time with one teacher and will switch together as a class for subjects with the other teacher(s) within their "duet" or "trio". Instructional time will be similar to the minutes existing currently in 4th grade, which will increase core academic instructional time for 5th graders from what they currently have. The model is the same as the current 4th grade instructional model, which we believe is beneficial to the developmental and learning needs of students in this special and unique grade span.

The core academic program in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies will be the same as what is in place now, with adjustments for the amount of time per content area. A Program of Studies for HKIS will be shared at the Parent Information Sessions and will be posted on the HKIS website, launching on March 28.

Applied Academics teachers have been collaborating to design new and engaging courses for Intermediate School students. Courses will include Physical Education (once/week all year), Music (Roots of American Mu-

sic-Gr.4 and Music of the World-Gr.5, Art (Imaginations in Art-Gr.4 and Early American Art-Gr.5), a Creation Rotation including Tech 101, Coding, and a DesignBuild course as well as a Skill Rotation including Research, Health, and Digital Citizenship. World Language (Spanish or French) become part of the program beginning in Grade 5.

Literacy and Math Support will continue in the same manner it has at the elementary schools where students in need of supplemental instructional intervention will receive supports through a literacy and/or math intervention teacher.

Special Education and Related Services Support will continue in the same manner it has with each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) as the guiding document. Each school is staffed according to student needs as detailed through IEPs. There has been no reduction to the special education program through the restructuring plan.

LEAP enrichment will continue in the Intermediate School. LEAP currently exists through 6th grade and will continue to. There has been no reduction to the LEAP program through the restructuring plan.

Grade level lunch and recess will occur for 50 minutes per day for each grade. This is an increase in recess time for 5th graders, which we believe is quite beneficial. Grade 4 students will eat lunch together for 25 minutes and will then have recess together for

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25 minutes. Grade 5 students will eat lunch together for 25 minutes and will then have recess together for 25 minutes. The approximate lunch/recess time for the Intermediate School is 11:50-12:40; while one grade (i.e., 4th) is in lunch, the other is outside at recess (i.e., 5th).

— Recess Plans: Mr. Larson surveyed all current 3-5 students and met with focus groups at each school to have first-hand student voice in what they would like to do during recess. He also met with parent focus groups on this topic. Equipment procurement is underway and will be in place for the start of school.

The program will also include the addition of a social-emotional curriculum including weekly lessons in both grades 4 and 5 on the topics of empathy, self-regulation, managing emotions, and problem-solving to effectively deal with conflict. This program is in place in our elementary schools, is an important district priority, and will carry forward into the Intermediate School.

The extracurricular program will include a robust offering of clubs per student interests (by way of surveys and focus groups) including but not limited to running, intramural sports, cooking, crafting, robotics, maker-space, drama, student council, science, and book clubs. There will also be opportunities for students to participate in Band and Chorus before school as well as band lessons during the school day.

— Intermediate School students will not ride the late bus. The late bus includes middle and high school students. This decision is in response to parent concerns about 4th and 5th graders on buses with older students. As is the case in our elementary schools, parents will transport students to/from extracurricular activities.

Student Movement to Classes: Fourth and fifth grade students will travel to their academic classrooms within their pods supervised by their academic teachers. Fourth and fifth grade students will travel to and from the cafeteria and their Applied Academic classes escorted by their teachers.

Lockers and Bathrooms: Fourth and fifth grade students will have lockers and bathrooms adjacent to their classroom pod areas that will only be used by HKIS students.

HKIS Parent Information Sessions, Tours, and Orientation Activities for Students

Principal Larson, teachers from BES, HES, and KES, as well as representative parents have planned many exciting transition activities for current 3rd and 4th graders.

Third and Fourth Grade Parent Information Sessions: March 27 (at BES), April 1 (at KES), April 3 (at HES), and April 10 (at BES). All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Third and fourth grade parents can attend any one of these sessions if they cannot attend the session at their home school.

— An additional session for K-2 parents will be on May 2 at BES at 6:30 p.m.

Early April through May: Mr. Larson will conduct parent/family tours of the HKIS space during after-school and evening hours to accommodate parent schedules. Sign-ups for tours were sent to 3rd and 4th grade families on March 15th.

March 28: Principal Larson will launch a web-page for the Intermediate School to house informational updates.

By mid-April: Mr. Larson will visit with all of the 3rd and 4th graders at each school to talk about the Intermediate School program, lunch, recess, clubs and answer any and all student questions.

By the end of April: 3rd graders and 4th graders, on separate dates, will visit HKIS for a tour.

Mr. Larson will plan a "Step Up Day" to occur in late August with various activities to help students become even more familiar with their spaces in the building and to meet their teachers.

Merger Activities for the HES/BES School Communities

The Student and Family Merger Subcommittees crafted this set of activities:

Starting in mid-March through early May: Tours for parents and students to become familiar with the BES building. Ms. Whidden has sent emails to families with tour dates.

March 20th: All K-4 HES and BES students and staff will come together for a cultural arts event, a PTO-sponsored "Rock Out for Reading" assembly. Following the assembly, K-2 students will meet their pen-pals.

March 22nd: a family movie night for both communities to be held at BES.

By mid-April: HES K-2 students will take a tour of BES during the school day in partnership with their BES pen-pals.

May: A spring social (i.e., barbeque) event at BES for students, parents, and staff to come together.

PSA from Troopers: Lock Your Cars!

With the warm weather getting closer, there has been an increase across the state of vehicle break-ins and stolen vehicles. Many of the towns that have been experiencing a problem with these types of incidents are towns in which limited access highways (including Route 9, I95, I91, I84) run through them. The reason being that thieves have easy access to residential areas via the limited access highways. The trend seems to be that these criminals are not necessarily "breaking into" vehicles; but are rather entering unlocked vehicles and helping themselves to people's belongings.

The Haddam Resident Troopers Office and Troopers from State Police Troop F are reminding Haddam residents to be proactive so they do not fall victim to incidents such as the ones we have been seeing in other communities. It is our hope that by heightening awareness and being proactive, we can circumvent these types of incidents here in town.

Always keep your vehicles locked no matter where you live and try to keep them in well-lit areas.

Do not leave firearms in your vehicle.

Set car alarms.

Do not hide keys or key fobs in your vehicle.

Consider installing or activating your vehicle GPS tracking units, i.e., On-Star.

Do not leave your car running unattended even if it is for a few minutes.

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Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Meeting held

By Edward Munster

Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

This special meeting of the BOS was called to order by First Selectman Lizz Milardo at 6:00 p.m. at the Higganum Firehouse on Thursday, March 14, 2019. The video of this meeting can be viewed online at the website of Valley Shore Community Television.

There were two items on the agenda. The first was the approval of tax rebates in the amount of \$8,017.92 approved unanimously. Milardo explained that the second item on the agenda was requested by Selectman Melissa Schlag to discuss the retirement of the Senior Center bus driver Diane Gondek and the subsequent temporary hiring of Wayne Ruty.

Schlag objected to the fact that there was no public comment at this special meeting. Milardo responded that the regular meeting scheduled for Monday March 11, 2019 at which public comment was on the agenda, was cancelled because of two other meetings that same night. One was a meeting of the Board of Education to which the BOS and other town officials were invited to discuss the disposition of the HES property and the second was a meeting of the Board of Finance which members of the BOS would also be attending. Milardo said that this special meeting had a very short agenda and

there was no time for public comment because there was a Town Meeting in this same room tonight at 6:30 p.m. and she did not want to have these two meetings on different days and cause residents to have to come out twice.

Schlag's second question was why the acceptance of Diane Gondek's letter of retirement was signed by JoAnne Ricciardelli instead of Lizz Milardo. Milardo pointed out that Ricciardelli is in charge of Human Resources for the Town.

Schlag then questioned the authority of Milardo to change the hours and status of a Town employee. Milardo responded that she has the authority to change hours under the union contract and also has this authority under the Charter to hire and fire employees. Schlag contended that the union contract does not trump the Town Charter and wanted to know where specifically in the Town Charter is Milardo given this authority. Milardo responded that she checked with the town's labor attorney to take these actions. Schlag asked Milardo to go back to the Town labor attorney to get his opinion in writing but then went on to say that this was a question about the Charter and the Town Attorney was the proper one to get involved.

Schlag then questioned whether the person temporarily appointed to the position was qualified. Selectman Maggi pointed out that Schlag knew

that the person had the proper license because Schlag asked the Resident State Trooper about it. Milardo said that the insurance company, the Assistant Director of Public Works and the Town labor attorney all approve of the appointment. Schlag then contended that this hiring on a temporary basis should have been handled at a BOS meeting and not carried out by Milardo without a BOS meeting. Milardo contended that this was a decision regarding the day-to-day operations of the town and that a person was needed to drive the senior van and she (Milardo) did what was her job.

Milardo contended that this discussion was really a vendetta against the new van driver who had wanted to run for the position of Selectman on the Democratic ticket last election but that Schlag had boxed him out.

Milardo said that she put this item on the agenda because of Schlag's Facebook postings and attendance at a meeting with seniors scaring them by telling them that the bus driver hours had been cut. Milardo said the fact is that the new van driver is actually driving more hours than the previous person who had other responsibilities in addition to driving.

The Special BOS meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Town Meeting: Easements on Little Meadow Road

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse in Higganum by First Selectman Lizz Milardo. The first order of business was to elect a moderator. On the motion of Bob Duval, seconded by Pablo Arroyo, Jeff Ogilvie was nominated for the position. There being no other nominations Ogilvie was elected moderator. He asked Town Clerk Scott Brookes to

read the call of the meeting which was subsequently approved as the legal call of the meeting.

The question to be discussed was to purchase easements for a water line at 69 Little Meadow Road and at 98 Little Meadow Road, and if necessary, commence legal proceedings for the acquisition of said easements in accordance with Connecticut law. The moderator asked that the motion be considered separately for the two properties in question.

By way of background, Little Meadow Road is a private road 12 feet in width which runs downriver just past Eagle Landing State Park and the water line is part of the project to bring potable water to Tylerville and in this instance to the cottages along the CT River on this road. Milardo stated that an appraisal was done on the two properties to determine the value of the easement. The property at 69 Little Meadow increases in value by \$30,000 and the property at 98 Little Meadow increases in value by \$25,000 with the addition of clean water to these properties. Thus the taking of these utility easements would not decrease the property values but instead increase them. So the price to be offered for the easements was set at \$1 (one dollar) each. Milardo pointed out that she has been told by legal counsel that once voted on the easements generally would be granted by the court within 30 days. Timing is critical because the contractor has been stopped because these easements have not been signed by the owners. The later the digging up of the road happens it will make it difficult for other owners to access their property as the summer approaches because most of the homes are summer cottages.

A motion was made and seconded regarding the property at 69 Little
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2019 voting session updates

By Raymond Skarsten & Saralyn Twomey,
Haddam Certified Registrar of Voters

HADDAM VOTING SESSION UPDATES – 2019

May 7, 2019 – Haddam RSD#17 School Budget Referendum – all 3 polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 10, 2019 – Republican & Democratic

State and Municipal Primary – all 3 polls open from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

November 5, 2019 – State and Municipal Election – all 3 polls open from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Polling Locations:

District #001*—Haddam Firehouse Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441

District #002*—Regional School District #17, Central Office, 57 Little City Road, Higganum, CT 06441

District #003*—Haddam Neck Firehouse, 50 Rock Landing Road, Haddam Neck, CT 06424

*Curb side voting for “voters with a disability” available at all locations.

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Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Meeting held

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Meadow Road. Milardo pointed out that the owner of 69 Little Meadow has just signed the easement agreement but the town is continuing with the action because the agreement signed by the owner has not yet been signed off by the town. Resident Ed Schwing claimed that it is the Board of Finance which has the authority to appropriate money (in this case a total of \$2) and not This town meeting and asked that his objection be entered into the record of the meeting. Milardo responded that the Town Attorney has assured her that she is within her authority as a result of a Resolution passed on November 15, 2017 “to negotiate and enter into any and all access agreements, easements, or purchase easements ... as may be necessary...” to bring clean water to Tylerville. Melissa Schlag pointed out that she warned the Board of Selectman about this resolution when it was passed. Someone from the audience offered to “donate the two bucks.” There was no further discussion on the motion which passed by a voice vote with only a few “no” votes.

A second motion was made and seconded regarding the property at 98 Little Meadow Road. Mary Ann Smith, who along with her husband Donald Smith own the property, stated that she and her husband drove from Florida to be at this meeting because they felt that there was misinformation about their position. They have always wanted clean water but felt that their ability to expand their home would be compromised by where the pipe and the easement were being placed on the east side of the road. She stated that if the easement could be moved 12.5 feet to the west side of the road they would sign the agreement immediately.

Milardo asked if Smith had received a letter from her attorney Bob Ziegler about a letter sent by Haddam’s Town Attorney on Feb 1, 2019 at 12:36 p.m. to Ziegler. The letter states that the Town would move the pipe to the west side of the road and carve out the restrictions on the easement on the east side of the road. The letter asks “will the Smiths agree” to which Atty Ziegler responded at 1:37 p.m. that same day “No.” Don Smith said his attorney never

provided him with that information and that Ziegler severed his relationship with the Smiths on this past Tuesday (two days ago). Milardo pointed out that this should all be easily resolved by Smith signing the agreement. Donald Smith did not want to sign the agreement without being able to understand all this new information. Milardo offered to meet with the Smiths and the Town Attorney on Monday because the Town Attorney was away on personal business right now. The Smiths said they had to return to Florida on Friday for a medical procedure and he was concerned that if the resolution was passed that the town would continue to pursue the eminent domain action. Milardo stated that there would be no need to do that once the easement was signed and that she could not control what their attorney did or did not do.

Resident Ed Schwing made a statement during a loud uproar which could not be heard on the video about Republicans which when asked to repeat it stated something about “conservatives.” All of this took place during a loud interchange in the audience which seemed to be getting out of control at which time Milardo asked Schwing to leave the room, which he did. Marge Debold asked everyone to calm down and get back to completing the business at hand.

A CT Water Company person stated that the water pipe went down the center of the road except in cases where there was a septic system or other reason to put a jog in the line and that they moved the pipe to the west side of the road to accommodate the

Smiths. Smith again stated that he was not aware of this “new information.” A resident, Mr. Duffy, said it is just a misunderstanding so let’s just do that.

Resident Ralph Livieri stated that the document needs to be revised and the Town should not rush into passing this resolution. Milardo stated that the document has been revised, we are all here and we need to vote on the resolution. The work has already been delayed by six weeks. Livieri stated that they (the Smiths) should not sign the agreement without an attorney to review the document. Milardo asked if he was representing the Smiths to which he replied that he is an attorney but had not been asked by the Smiths to be their attorney.

The Water company representative reminded the audience that there was a meeting back in August for the residents (Little Meadow Road) affected to come to hear and discuss the proposals and many did not come. At that time the concerns of all the owners who did show up were taken care of.

Smith asked about being able to put a sewer line across the easement and was told that this is permissible if the sewer line is put within another pipe. The debate continued for some time before the vote was taken and the resolution was passed by voice vote at which time Selectman Maggi stated that the Town would work with the Smiths to resolve their concern.

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ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God [made in right standing] (2 Corinthians 5:11, 14, 18, 20). Jesus said, “...Repent and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:15). “...Unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again’ (John 3:7). “...Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).

“Wait for God’s Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come” (1 Thessalonians 1:10). “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36). “Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...”
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April programming

By Laurie Gardner and Marissa Lehmacher, BML

ADULT PROGRAM

Saturday, April 6, 2019: Oops, I Wrote in a Library Book: 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Did you know that April is National Poetry Month? Join us as we recycle old library books to make blackout poetry. Blackout Poetry is created when you mark out many of the words in a text, leaving visible only carefully selected words that work together to create a poem. This program is a drop in class and for 16 year olds and up. Hang out afterwards to share, read and admire the poetry. All supplies are provided - even the books. Shh, don't tell the librarians!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Preschool Storytime takes place every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Join us for themed stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome.

Saturday Storytime

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

Music with Margie

In April, Music with Margie will take

place on April 4 and 25, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. and the theme is "April Showers and Earth Day." Margie's multi-sensory program builds skills on a bi-weekly basis, in order for children to reach the developmental goals they need to enter kindergarten. Margie brings items for children to play with such as beanbags, scarves, puppets, and instruments. Music with Margie is appropriate for children ages 2 to 6.

Toddler Tunes

Toddler Tunes is a music and movement program for toddlers and their caregivers. Join us to sing nursery rhymes, dance, make music, and read a simple story. Ms. Kelly brings musical instruments. In April, Toddler Tunes will meet on the 11th and 18th at 10:30 a.m. Appropriate for children ages 1 to 3, but siblings are always welcome.

LEGO™ Club

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

Easter/Spring Crafternoon

On Saturday, April 13, 2019 the Children's Department will have a drop-in craft event. Come in anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to make a

series of fun crafts to celebrate Easter and welcome Spring. Crafts for all ages will be available. Light refreshments will be served.

Brainerd Library's Little Sprouts

Spring is here! Visit our greenhouse in the Children's Department where you can plant seeds and watch them grow. In the summer, we will transplant them together into our Brainerd Children's Veggie Patch. This is an ongoing drop-in event appropriate for all ages.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Navigating the College Process: Jodie Small, founder of College Coordinators, will present "Navigating the College Process" to parents and teens Thursday, April 11th at 6 p.m. Applying to colleges has become increasingly daunting. Ms. Small will attempt to reduce the stress associated with the process by addressing financial aid, creating the right college list, standard-

izing testing, and explaining how students can best distinguish themselves. Bring your questions! Registration is encouraged. Please call the library at 860-345-2204 or visit www.brainerdlibrary.org to register.

Teen Advisory Board

Is back for the school year! What can your library do for you? Join BML's Teen Advisory Board to find out! The TAB will meet on Thursday April 25th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Voice your ideas for improved young adult (YA) services, help plan YA events and activities, help develop the YA collection, and assist with Children's programming. Participation counts toward community services hours and looks great on college and job applications! Contact Kristen at kcarpentier@brainerdlibrary.org or call us at 860-345-2204. It's your library... make a difference! For tweens and teens grades 6 to 12.

COMMUNITY

Easter Flower Sale: April 18-19

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Higganum Branch of the Liberty Bank at the Village Plaza, 26 Killingworth Road, Higganum. Easter lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and other spring plants will be available. This sale supports the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

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We encourage Letters to the Editor which foster understanding and awareness through discourse. They should be: civil, knowledgeable, factual, and constructive. The letter must include the writer's name, town, and date, and should not exceed 400 words. The editors reserve the final

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March Madness

By Meghan Peterson, PhD

Editors Note: The views contained herein do not necessarily reflect those held by the other staff.

"But I don't want to go among mad people," Alice remarked.

"Oh, you can't help that," said the Cat: "we're all mad here. I'm mad. You're mad."

"How do you know I'm mad?" said Alice.

"You must be," said the Cat, "or you wouldn't have come here."

– Lewis Carroll
Alice in Wonderland

Why is it seemingly difficult to distinguish between a truth and a lie? Why has conversation around fact versus fiction become so politicized (by politicized, I mean the process by which concepts, ideas, processes become a site of ideological contention)? Why is the pursuit of veracity (derived from the Latin word for truth, "veritas") met with resentment and anger?

That the modern-day quest to uncover facts and truths encounters an increasingly intense degree of hostility indicates something pernicious is at work. The marketplace of ideas, which helps form the basis for a free, open, democratic society, is jeopardized when hostility rises to the level of violence or threats of violence against those wishing both to consume and share truths. The millennial generation has adopted a particularly virulent practice of brandishing lies in one breath and sheltering under the mantra of political correctness in the next.

19th century English political philosopher John Stuart Mill advocated for "diversity of opinion" in the context of citizens freely exchanging ideas as "advantageous" to society in which individuals can evaluate "conflicting doctrines" in order that truths may emerge. That is challenging to do, however, when "diversity of opinion" is suppressed in the wake of hyper-curated millennial social norms, such as political correctness and ideological uniformity.

By any other standard, it would be madness to say that lies are preferential to truths – as a mat-

ter either of personal or public policy. It would be madness to say that it is warm outside when it is below freezing. It would be madness to say that it is Thursday when the actual day is Saturday. It would be madness to say that it is nighttime when it is morning.

But such corkscrew-like contortions are on the rise. I offer three current instances in which the search for truth faces obstacles – especially as seen in American millennial dialogue.

One, we are expected to believe that socialism is the pathway to greater freedom and improved quality of life. The historical record shows the opposite. In fact, Karl Marx, the father of communism (although, in fairness, Marx's newspaper partner Friedrich Engels provided much of the brainpower behind his thinking) noted explicitly that socialism was an inferior, intermediate step to communism. At its core, communism is anti-religion, anti-family and anti-individualism; the state (government) is everything and subsumes everything in its vast reach. Communism does not exactly have the best economic, religious, educational or human rights portfolio.

Two, we are urged to consider the possibility that girls can be boys and vice versa. It is one thing to instruct girls and boys to treat each other with ut-

most respect and dignity. It is another to indulge the false – and falsifiable – concept that a girl is a boy and a boy is a girl. It is akin to claiming that 1+1 = 4. The latter statement is false and falsifiable. So is the former.

Three, we risk the label of "anti-woman" or "anti-reproductive care" if we oppose state legislation (for examples, New York and Virginia) permitting acts that, by any other understanding, constitute infanticide. As if reproductive care entails killing a viable baby after it is born. There is nothing reproductive or caring contained within that specific action. To argue otherwise is madness.

Yet, such scenarios of social madness are trendy. They are all the rage. Individuals immersed in these states of madness, I mean, social goals, will claim that those who do not agree with them are the mad ones.

If pursuing the truth makes me mad, then I choose madness – truth – in March (my apologies to readers who thought this piece was going to cover basketball March madness)...and for that matter, all year 'round. I would rather be mad than sane by the standard of robber-barons of truths in the free, democratic marketplace of ideas.

Peterson is Composition Editor of Haddam News.

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Breaking the Silence on Sexual Abuse: A Community Forum

By Melissa Ferrara

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7, you are invited to participate in "Breaking the Silence on Sexual Abuse: A Community Forum" being held at 2:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room at

Killingworth Elementary School on Rt. 81 in Killingworth. This critically relevant and important program is sponsored by the St. Lawrence Church Healing Ministry Group. Cathy Iino, Killingworth First Selectman, will provide an introduction followed by short presentations from three professionals who serve children and/or adults whose lives have been tragically affected by sexual abuse. These presenters are Karole Kreutter PhD, a psychologist with over 35 years of experience treating sexual abuse victims at the Child Guidance Clinic and in her private practice, Sean Macauley, LMFT who is the Clinical Director at Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth with over 10 years of experience in serving survivors of trauma, abuse, grief and loss, and Karen Lemieux LCSW, herself a survivor of child sexual abuse and a spiritual practitioner, trauma specialist, hospice social worker and licensed wholistic psychotherapist who has facilitated the healing of thousands with the mantra that Healing Is Possible.

The keynote speaker of the forum will be Jennifer Wenderoth-Holster,

the owner of Let It Be Heard, who has passionately worked for over 8 years to give a voice to ending sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking. She has developed and coordinated outreach and educational programs in communities and local schools, worked alongside law enforcement, court officials and agencies to train professionals on best practices, created and updated policies and protocols to prevent and respond to violence at schools, and has provided advocacy to victims at hospitals. She has also given testimony on six bills that are currently laws and holds specialized crisis counseling certifications in the area of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

The forum will provide ample time for Q&A before concluding. The forum is open to adults and parents are welcome to bring children in grades 7 and up (or younger at their own discretion). There is no charge and no prior registration is needed. Please attend, become informed, and join the conversation. For further information, please contact Carole Pleines at 475-331-5105 or email at carole@lifechallengect.com.

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Thursday, March 28

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Blood Drive, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Church, 30 St. Peter's Lane, Higganum

St Peter's Knights of Columbus in cooperation with the Ladies Guild is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive. The need is constant. Please donate! Walk-ins are welcome but to schedule an appointment, use redcrossblood.org/give or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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



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