

Boys', girls' track teams finish dual meet season undefeated

By Matt Diglio, Coach

On Tuesday, May 7, the Haddam Killingworth High School boys and girls track teams traveled to Westbrook to compete in a tri-meet against Morgan and Westbrook. Both the boys and girls team came away with two victories on the day to finish their dual meet season undefeated 6-0 as the boys defeated Westbrook by a score of 143-7 and beat Morgan by a score of 113-37. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Colton Lavoie javelin (136') and shot put (44'7"), Luke Sodergren 110 hurdles (15.8) and 300 hurdles (42.5), Matt Jennings 800 (2:10), Seth



Top: Fisher Harris, Sean Rutledge and Nate Carlson leading the 3200. Above: Brianna Minervino hands off to Julia Callis in the 4x800 relay. Photos courtesy of John & Yvette Minervino.

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Come celebrate HES May 18!

By Kathy Brown

Haddam Elementary School is holding a celebration on Saturday, May 18, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. There will be three speakers (Brienne Whidden – current principal, Ed Lewis – former principal, and Cathy Brutzman – former student). According to Brienne, after the opening speeches, there will be self-guided tours of the building. Highlights will include a timeline in the main hallway, pictures and artifacts in the library, a time capsule in the art room, a slideshow in the gym and All Purpose Room, student memories on classroom bulletin boards, a photo booth in the music room, and an opportunity to sign and leave messages on classroom doors. Following the tours, visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy cake in the All Purpose Room and ring out on the school bell for one last time.

The staff at HES are currently in the process of gathering photos, videos, and audio messages from community members to include in the slideshow. Anyone interested in submitting items for the slideshow can email them to Brienne Whidden, HES Principal, at bwhidden@rsd17.org.

My own three children rang into and out from HES, which is one of the unique things I think about when looking back at my own experience with HES.

"Haddam Elementary School has a long and cherished place in the lives of many Haddam families," said RSD #17 Superintendent Howard Thiery. "I hope that community members can join us to share their



Above: 6th grade class of Ginnie Greene's in the late '80s. Left: A production of Robin Hood. Photos by Ginnie Greene.

stories and look back on the history of the school. I am looking forward to seeing the present and former members of the HES community who will be in attendance and sharing a day of fun and celebration."

People who have a past with HES see it in different ways. We spoke to some former students and staff at HES. "I will be attending the celebration, but I really don't look at it as a celebration," said Carol Zanelli. "I started school at the Higganum Union School and watched HES being built across the street. [I] start-

ed second grade at the new HES. Since that time there have been two additions to the school. In 1970, [I] started working at HES and stayed there for 47 years. Staff, students and parents were just like one big family. It is really sad to see HES being closed." Jay Granucci, current Art teacher at HES said, "This idea has been talked about right from the beginning by staff members because we didn't want to close the school without letting [the] town's people and former staff come one last time.

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Budget hearing: no mil rate increase anticipated, proposed budget up 1.3%

By Meghan Peterson, PhD

Pending the outcome and impacts that finalization of the State budget will have on municipalities and towns, Haddam Board of Finance (BOF) Chairman Joseph Centofanti stated that the BOF's proposed Town of Haddam budget will not require a mil rate increase for fiscal year (FY) 2019-20.

Centofanti presented the proposed town budget via a PowerPoint overview. Other BOF members in attendance were Harlan Fredericksen, Mark Lundgren, Robert McGarry and Sean Moriarty.

The proposed budget for town operations of \$6,423,256 represents a 1.3% increase over FY 2018-19. The capital budget, which totals, \$585,000 proposes setting aside \$500,000 for the following items: a) two fire engines to be replaced in 2024; b) \$60,000 for the cost of revaluation in 2019; c) \$25,000 for revaluation software upgrades.

In addition, the capital budget calls for a bonding proposal of \$7,007,250 to finance infrastructure projects such as roads, items required by the fire depart-

ments of both Haddam and Haddam Neck and town public works equipment in need of being replaced during years 2021 and 2022. Increased debt service subsequent to this bond is expected to be \$557,800.

Justification for bonding the above-noted expenditures is two-fold: a) these projects have long-term benefits to the townspeople; b) these items represent needs which have been "kicked down the road" for many years and can no longer be ignored on the one hand or remedied with quick fixes on the other. As Centofanti noted, the bonding strategy is to take advantage of significant grants available to improve Haddam's infrastructure. Moreover, the objective is to "level out" capital plan funding needs in the future by being responsive to the town's infrastructure and equipment requirements in a timely manner. In effect, delayed/deferred maintenance both to town infrastructure projects and equipment utilized to conduct those projects has become costly.

On this front, Centofanti explained that replacing old public works vehicles and equipment will help

to reduce future maintenance costs and level out a future replacement schedule to a more affordable level for taxpayers. Finally, Centofanti acknowledged the future capital plan challenges and requirements, estimating that the average funding request would be \$676,000 (excluding road work) for FY 2024-2029 – again to cover ongoing infrastructure projects.

The hearing was then opened to the public for questions and comments. Ed Schwing, Editor of Haddam Bulletin, inquired about the numbers presented on the future capital plan slide of the PowerPoint. Melissa Schlag, member of the Haddam Board of Selectmen and Op-Ed Editor and in charge of Advertisements, Layout, and Design of the Haddam Bulletin, commented about the budget figures and inquired about certain agency/departments items, including the Senior Van driver hours. Mary Jean Conrad, Brainerd Memorial Library Board Chair, expressed concern about future capital needs of the library but was assured that the library could submit requests for future projects in upcoming years. Laurie Ruderfer, Executive Director of Youth and Family Service of Haddam-Killingworth made a request for an increase of \$11,500 to that part of the budget.

EDUCATION BUDGET

Referendum results: Ed budget does not pass

These are unofficial results from the polling stations on the evening of May 7, 2019:

Yes/No Question: Shall we adopt Regional School District #17 Education gross budget of \$42,565,814.85 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019?

Haddam Fire Station #1:	194	Yes	666	No
Haddam Neck:	26	Yes	47	No
Central Office:	254	Yes	406	No
Haddam Absentees:	11	Yes	28	No
Killingworth:	750	Yes	336	No
	1235	Yes	1483	No

FIRE AUXILIARY

HVF Auxiliary Chowder Sale

By Betty Cernan

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary will hold their annual clam chowder sale on Monday, May 27 immediately following the Memorial Day parade. This event is held across from the town green at the Community Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. A cup of chowder is \$3; a quart will be sold for \$10. Quarts should be ordered in advance by calling 860-345-8245 and they must be picked up by 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen at the Community Center.

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Military service of the Scovil-Porter Family: Part II

In honor of Memorial Day 2019, we are highlighting one of the founding members of Haddam who had a history of military service in this three-part series compiled by Stew Gillmor.



Photos courtesy of Rogene Gillmor.

On October 1st 1917, Hezekiah "Hez" Scovil Porter left Yale, traveled to Niantic, Connecticut and joined the 101st Machine Gun Battalion, 26th Division. And he left immediately for France via Montreal and Southampton, England. Hez wrote to his sister Louise that he saw no submarines on the way other, that German prisoners were working at the English camp, and he greatly missed sugar in his food. He was soon in France.

Brother Phil had joined the fledgling Army Air Corps in 1917 and went to Cornell University in the School of Military Aeronautics, then to Ft. Worth and then San Antonio Texas for actual flying training in a Curtiss JN4 "Jenny." Hez wrote to sister Louise in Spring 1918 that the food was good in the trenches and in June, that he felt that brother Phil would be over there soon as a flyer. He also noted that he saw a number of Choate and Yale students in his area and enjoyed talking with them. Brother Phil did soon graduate as a flying officer in the US Army Air Corps, on August 13, 1918. But he never got out of Texas. The war was over in November and he was discharged on January 11, 1919. Phil's Army Air Corps uniform hangs today in the Haddam Veteran's Museum.

Ironically, young brother Hezekiah Scovil Porter had been killed three weeks before Phil graduated from flying school, by artillery shrapnel and machine gun fire, on July 22, 1918. This occurred during the Second Battle of

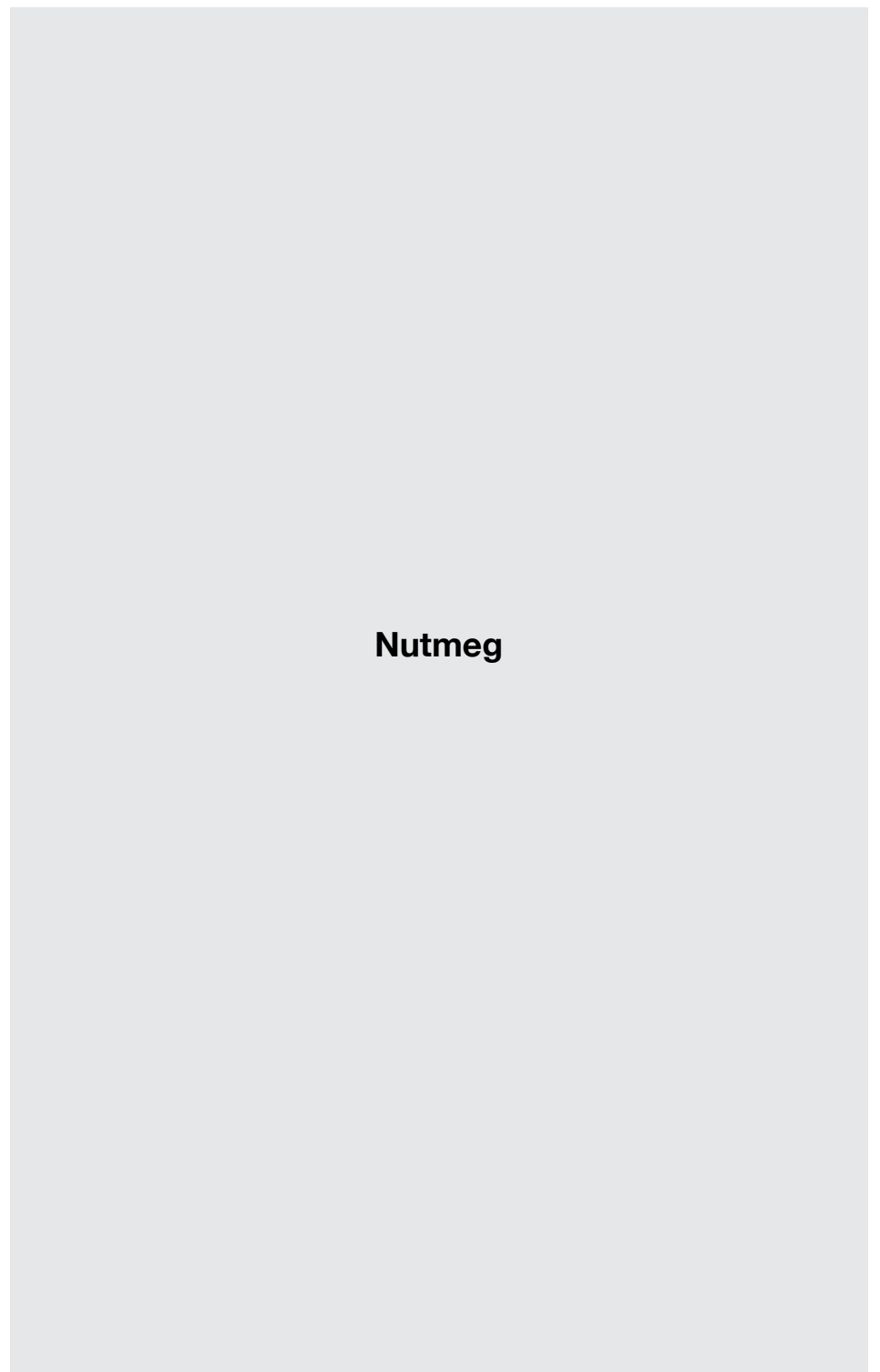
the Marne, July 15-August 6th, 1918, the last major German offensive on the Western Front. In total the battle cost 280,000 men dead or wounded, including 12,000 US troops. Private Hez Porter's unit's machine guns were set up on the edge of a wood in a defensive position. They got orders to support an attack by the 102nd Infantry on the town of Epieds, north of Chateau-Thierry. They were walking across a wheat field and machine gun bullets kicked up "puffs of dust all around us and enemy artillery came down fiercely...one pounders and 105s and Austrian 88s... with the shriek of a thousand devils... It was here that Hez Porter, following his platoon leader, was instantly killed" [notes compiled by a YMCA Chaplain from fellow soldier's statements and diaries]. The firing was too heavy to bury Hez that day, so his buddies returned three days later and made a temporary grave. Hez is buried today at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois (Aisne). The cemetery is located about 70 miles northeast of Paris. Today Hez's name is chiseled in a tribute in marble in the Choate School Memorial Hall, named for the 16 Choate alumni who died in service during the First World War. His name, military unit and Yale Class is also etched in marble in the Memorial Rotunda at Woolsey Hall at Yale, in a sec-



tion remembering all Yale alumni who perished in war. Two other Haddam boys also died in World War I, Hilmer D. Johnson, and William T. Woodruff who died in October 1918 just weeks before the end of the war.

Soon after the end of WWI, brother Phil was married to Orvilla Virginia Benson and was living in a very large house at the intersection of Brainerd and Christian Hill Roads. Phil had two sons, Philip Wells Porter, Jr. (whom everyone called "Bud"), born June 19, 1919, and John Scovil Porter, who died as a newborn infant, and a daughter Winifred Lucile Porter, who was born November 1921. Phil Senior worked at the Russell Co. in Middletown for a while and then at the D & H Scovil

company, where he rose to company President. When Bud was 6, the large home on Christian Hill burned down and the family moved to 8 Landing Road, which Bud called his Higganum home for the rest of his life. Interestingly, Bud at age 6 thought he had set the house on fire because he remembered running out of the house with his mother and little sister Winifred. In fact, the source of the fire was in the topmost part of the house. Bud's mother Orvilla took Bud and his young sister and locked them into an automobile on the property to keep them out of the way of the conflagration. Bud's dad, Phil Senior, was active in local things, including being Chair of Haddam's Board of Education during Bud's high school years. *To be continued...*



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Haddam citizens need to approach HES purchase with eyes open

For 20 years we have been told that sewers were the only answer to the development of Higganum center. New Town Planner Bill Warner found that the HES property can support a large septic system and solve the problem at realistic cost. That opens up a lot of new options presented at the May 1st hearing. However voters should have their eyes open as they consider purchasing HES.

The purchase price is \$450,000 (plus legal fees, etc.). But that money will be paid to RSD-17 and any money RSD gets is used to reduce the assessment the towns pay to RSD-17 with Haddam's share being about 60%. With 60% of the price coming back to Haddam I think it can be argued that the net price is just over \$200,000 (plus fees).

It was stated that it will only cost about \$55,000 per year to 'mothball' the building. That figure is 60% of the current cost of electricity and fuel oil used at HES. But the mechanical systems have to be maintained and repaired, the building has to be kept clean, grass mowed, snow plowed, broken windows replaced and possibly bigger items like roof repairs. I think double the \$55,000 is more realistic.

For just \$450,000 we are getting a building worth over \$4,000,000. I think that is misleading and depends greatly on your definition of 'worth'. Most people think of 'worth' as what you can get for something if you sold it. RSD-17 put HES on the market and got only one proposal and that was to buy it for \$465,000. Anyone thinking that if all else fails we can just sell HES for a large sum is likely to be very disappointed. We would probably be lucky to get our original investment back.

There are a lot of potential uses so almost everyone sees something they like but most of these uses are exclusive and conflict with the others. If you hope to reopen HES as a school, will you be happy if it is sold for apartments or retail and the school option is lost? If mothballed pending its reuse as a school or if repurposed for municipal headquarters, are you OK with paying that considerable new

tax burden for mothballing or the conversion cost? Finally, even with the 'no sewers' excuse gone, that doesn't mean there is a long list of eager buyers waiting to move into the center.

Given the alternative of letting RSD-17 control HES, Haddam's purchase of HES may be a good decision. But the citizens of Haddam need to be realistic, patient and willing to bear some extra costs if they vote yes to the purchase.

Harlan Fredericksen

Fredericksen is a member of the Haddam Board of Finance.

Haddam should switch to a town manager

Haddam is again considering changing the charter to allow the town manager form of government. A strong case was made for this in the late 1990s but was defeated. It was a good idea then and should be adopted now.

A good town manager is a highly ethical and professional individual with good people skills, hired, not elected, to run the day to day business of the town. Experienced, perhaps as an assistant in a larger town and working with department heads, he or she makes the day to day decisions involving bonding or purchasing highway maintenance equipment and the hundreds of other matters that regularly come up. He or she does so, overseen on a regular basis by an elected board of selectmen, or a town council but is not particularly subject to the petty wrangling that so often occurs in small-town politics.

The number of electable citizens qualified to run a town such as Haddam who are retired or can take time away from another, more stable job to take on a two year commitment is very small. The number willing to do so is even smaller. With a town manager in place, the elected, overseeing board can meet less regularly and be open to a greater range of citizenry including those with more demanding day jobs. Further those board members can operate in the long-term interest of the town unfettered by the day to day decisions such as what snow plow to buy.

The hiring of any town manager has to be a careful process, done by a blue-ribbon committee able to judge fairly and avoid the hiring pitfalls. Hiring carelessly or cheaply risks hiring incompetence and/or a willingness to be influenced by favors or outright bribery. Hiring well, however, can have huge benefits. For example, years ago the town of Tolland hired a town manager for what seemed like a very high salary to some, but within a year he had rearranged the town's bonding, saving the town the cost of his salary several times over.

With a town manager in place handling the day to day work, Haddam's board of selectmen could be open to a wider range of citizens, meet less frequently, on a volunteer basis, and be better able to address the longer-term interests of Haddam.

*Jim McHutchison
Haddam Neck*

Budget process should change

I am writing to express my frustration with the present system for approving the proposed town budget, which required voters to be present at a town meeting at 6:30 p.m. on a specified date. A referendum on this matter would, in my opinion, be more acceptable as it would afford the opportunity for all taxpayers to vote on the matter. For many years I worked a second shift which prohibited me from attending meetings at that time. Today I still have obligations which do not permit me to attend. How many other taxpayers have obligations such as jobs, child care or other responsibilities which make attendance impossible? In the past it was common for only 50 residents, or less, who were present to vote. Although a referendum would be a cost to the town, it would allow us to exercise our civic right to vote. How many others feel they are disenfranchised by the current system? Do you also care how and where your tax dollars are spent but feel you have no means to meaningfully voice your opinions?

We have a referendum on the school budget, why not the town budget?

*Virginia Marshall
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Thursday, May 16

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Intermediate School Presentation, 6:00 p.m.
In the auditorium located at HKMS, learn about the Day-In-The-Life of an HKIS student, including the academic program, the specials offerings, lunch, recess, clubs and activities. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the HKIS program. This will be the same presentation that was offered to the parents of our third and fourth grade parents over several evening events. If you are unable to attend, the presentation and supporting documents, including our recently published HKIS FAQ page, are available online at the HKIS webpage found at www.rsd17.org.

Saturday, May 18

Haddam Land Trust Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
The Haddam Land Trust Inc holds its native plant sale. Do you want to learn about rain gardens,

butterfly, or pollinator gardens? Perhaps you would like to know plants that thrive in direct sunlight or in deep shade. In addition to plants, you will receive cultural and environmental information about each plant. Land Trust members and UConn Master Gardeners will be on hand to help with your plant selections.

Spring into Hope, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation, Inc. "Spring Into Hope" Celebration. Live music by Rockslide of Durham. Appetizers, two free drink tickets, door prizes, dancing, food trucks, moon bounce, games, raffle prizes, cash bar. Donation \$25. Children under 12 free.

Tuesday, May 20

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
The Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Company #1, 439 Saybrook Road. Members will discuss plans for their annual Memorial Day Clam Chowder Sale.

Thursday, May 22

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



Haddam Historical Society & Shad Museum sponsor Shad Day on May 19

By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director, HHS

On Sunday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Haddam Historical Society invites members and town residents to the wonderful Haddam Shad Museum for demonstrations, shad trivia and a chat with local shad fishermen.

Dr. Joe Zaiantz, Founder of the Shad Museum, will be on hand to answer any and all shad questions. Meet local shad fishermen whose tales will have you laughing, smiling and long for the days when shad was king of the river. Jack Calhoun will demonstrate how to plank shad and test your shad knowledge.

The museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (every Sunday until June 2) and is located at 212 Saybrook Road in Higganum (behind the gas station). Did you know that shad are saltwater fish but spawn in freshwater?

Letters to the Editor

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 decision on any letters

published; frequency of submissions from a single writer or group will be a factor in deciding whether to publish a letter. The editors may also add a short explanation of the writer's position or credentials.

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Come celebrate HES on May 18

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We are trying to keep it as positive as possible. It will be a celebration of HES.”

Bryan Kerachsky, former principal of HES 2014-2017, said, “What a special place. The Staff. The Parents. The kids... ah, yes, the kids. The kids were just phenomenal. Every. Single. Day. Who knew that this ‘little school, with a big heart’ would change my life forever? Starting at Central Office in 2009, I would have the opportunity to work a few days a week, if not more at HES, until I had the privilege to call HES home in 2014, as the principal. I need to say how amazing the staff was for those years. In education, we always talk about putting students first and at HES, we lived this mantra. There were a lot of innovative changes to the work we were doing at HES to make sure each student could thrive as a whole-child learner. From our makerspace work, our professional learning time block, coding, Project Lead the Way, and all the work with our literacy workshops, teachers did it with energy, passion, and enthusiasm. I felt very lucky to work with this staff and it was a great honor to come to work each day to do the very best we could for each student. Just an amazing group of people! As for the memories... I believe the Veteran’s Day assemblies will always live with me. When you heard Lee Greenwood and then saw all the pictures of our Veterans who were part of our community, there was never a dry eye in the audience. Any time we could have our parents in for our Halloween Parade or a grade level celebrations was special to me because connecting our community was a big part of what we did at HES. Finally, the ringing in and out ceremonies. What else is there to say? One of the best traditions ever! To have our kinders ring in and then to see our fourth graders (and their kindergarten pictures) ring out was always memorable. I learned a lot over my time at

Haddam Elementary School and it will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you to the whole school community! I’m very proud to be a part of HES History!”

Cathy Brutzman, former student, remembers being transferred to the newly built HES in 1949. She said, “We were friends... we were safe.” She will be speaking at the Celebration on May 18th, alongside her childhood friend, and another HES alum Florence, who has been the crossing guard at HES for many years.

Ginnie Greene, former teacher at HES, had many memories. “I was hired in November of 1976. I was 21. I graduated from Hartt College of Music, U of H in June. I found there was a K-6 music position open at HES. They hired me. I couldn’t even believe it. Ed Lewis was my principal. He was like a second father- I worked for him at HES for 18 years. He was my mentor and finally my friend, who I talk to even now. He is 83. He visited everyone’s room every day. He’d leave notes in our mailboxes about something we did well. He was at every lunch wave. We performed at least four shows a year. These were by grade level in 1, 2, and 3. Grades 4-6 performed a major show. These shows were school inclusive. The nurse was in charge of costumes, Laura Porter made props and scenery, the art teacher made props and scenery, the custodian was critical – he worked every show night, climbed ladders, and hung extra stage curtains and then saved everything in case we needed it again. The teaching staff acted as chaperones for shows and concerts.”

“My first 6th grade class of 1986 started the school newspaper, The HES Press with an Apple IIc and two Apple IIs and a program called Newsroom that was published every 2 weeks for 4 years,” continued Ginnie. “They won a state award for that paper. When I was pregnant with my daughter in 1992, I was very morning sick. The cooks in the cafeteria made breakfast for me and fed me around 10:00 a.m. when I could eat something. Who does that? They were awesome. Our faculty was small, but close. We helped each other and worked together. The Copper Beech, the small stage, borrowing risers from the high school, documenting the nature trail, making imprint fossils, and studying acid rain are all amazing memories. I grew up as a teacher in that school. I was the school’s teacher of the year in 1990. It was

my start. I am grateful.”

Nancy Scory and her husband Jim were both employed at HES for over 30 years. “I entered the doors of Haddam Elementary School as a first grader the year in opened in 1947,” said Nancy. “I returned in 1973 as the School Nurse, a job I held for 32 years. HES had not just been a school or a job, it was a family. My husband Jim was the Gym Teacher from 1976-2006. We are still in touch with many of our former students and they have become our extended family.” She went on to say, “It is so sad that a school that was so loved and gave so much love will be gone forever.” She explained that they put a time capsule under the plaque near the front office at the 50th anniversary of the school. “[It was] to be opened at the 100th anniversary in 2047. Now that celebration will never happen. Our HES Family will just be a memory.”

“With all of the work that has been done over the past two years on restructuring, we are now at the most important part of the process, namely the transitioning of our students and staff and merging them into Burr and the Intermediate School,” said Joanne Nesti, Chairman of the Board of Education. “Howard, Holly [Hageman], Eric [Larson] and Brienne have done a wonderful job of creating a timetable for this transition with an attention to detail that addresses not just the practical aspects of the changeover, but the emotional ones as well. This celebration is in keeping with that as we pay tribute to a school that has served our District well for decades. I am looking forward to being part of that celebration as an expression of the Board’s gratitude for all that HES has given us.”

Ed Lewis (HES Principal 1971-1995) reminisced about his time at HES. He said one of the things that made HES unique was its atmosphere of love and caring, that HES was “a nice place to live and work.” He said that with the staff, the children were #1, and that their safety and happiness were always the most important thing. He said he couldn’t wait to go to work every day. He said that HES was a focal part of the town, that the town put on movies every Saturday night at HES. He also said that HES closing “is not a sad thing. We should all accept it. It’s positive because we have all these memories. It is time to put her to rest.” He will be speaking at the HES Celebration on May 18, if you want to hear more of his stories and memories and participate in this celebration of Haddam Elementary School.

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HKHS students toured Notre Dame hours before fire

By Philip R. Devlin

Three Haddam Killingworth High School students and two of their teacher chaperones met with me Wednesday, May 1 to reflect upon their recent trip to France during the April school break. The group departed for Paris on April 14th and returned on April 22nd. All three students, Jordan O'Linn, Greg Lynskey, and Fisher Harris, are from Killingworth. Foreign language teachers Corey Borzain and Christine Kehrley were chaperones. A total of eighteen HK students and three chaperones made the trip. The HK contingent was paired with a high school group from Chicago in their tour group.

Most notably, the HK group happened to tour the cathedral of Notre Dame, one of Europe's most popular tourist attractions, on the very day that it caught fire—April 15th; in fact, the group visited Notre Dame less than two hours before the fire was discovered! The students said that since it was Holy Week the site was especially crowded. They had to wait in a line outside the cathedral for about twenty minutes before entering and then spent about forty minutes inside. Fisher Harris described the visit as “a powerful experience.” All agreed that they were awestruck by the beauty of Notre Dame, particularly the stained glass windows.



Photos by Christine Kehrley and Fisher Harris.

Interestingly, the group noted that while they were inside Notre Dame, the lights in the interior of the cathedral flickered all of the time. Jordan mentioned that while she was lighting a candle, the lights went off briefly. It is interesting to speculate whether the flickering lights may have been indicative of an electrical problem that could have led to the fire, as investigators



seem to think that the most likely cause of the conflagration was a problem with the cathedral's electrical system.

Besides visiting Notre Dame, the

HK students also spent time in Normandy, visiting the World War II museum at Caen, Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach, and the American cemetery at Colleville sur Mer. Both Greg and Fisher noted that visiting the American cemetery was among their most memorable experiences. Greg remembers overhearing another visitor at the cemetery say, “Where's Grandpa buried?” 9,386 American soldiers are buried at Colleville sur Mer. All of the graves face to the West toward America. The beauty of the cemetery mixed with the sadness of the reality of so much sacrifice made visiting that site an unforgettable experience.

The group also visited the Chartres Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, Napoleon's grave, the palace at Versailles, Mont Saint Michel, and the Eiffel Tower, which Jordan indicated was most memorable to her. Among Greg's most memorable experiences on the trip was the group's visit to Amboise Castle and the site of Leonardo da Vinci's grave. All agreed that their week in France was unforgettable.

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Teams stay undefeated

By Matt Diglio, Coach

On Tuesday, April 30, the Haddam Killingworth High School boys and girls track teams traveled to Cromwell to compete in a tri-meet against Caginchaug and Cromwell. Both the boys and girls team came away with two victories on the day as the boys defeated Caginchaug by a score of 99-51 and beat Cromwell by a score of 120-25 to stay undefeated and improve to 4-0 on the season. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Luke Sodergren 110 hurdles (15.8) and 300 hurdles (42.5), Matt Jennings 800 (2:14) and 3200 (10:10), Seth Regan 100 (11.2), Tyler Knapp long jump (19'1"), Christian Uzwiak 1600 (4:49), and Colton Lavoie shot put (42'9"). The boys 4x800 and 4x400 relays were also victorious on the day helping the team score valuable points.

The HKHS girls went 2-0 on the day as they beat Caginchaug by a score of 123-27 and defeated Cromwell by a score of 117-32. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Autumn Coady won the 100 hurdles (16.4) and 300 hurdles (49.7), Emma Anziano 1600 (5:39) and 800 (2:31), Elena Boyington 200 (28.5), Meara Bodak 3200 (12:54), Julia Callis long jump (14'4"), Jess Timothy high jump (4'6"), Gabby Lester shotput (25'3"), Gabby Wyzykowski discus (74'8"), Amanda Minervino javelin (93'0") and Morgan Schultz pole vault (6'6"). The 4x800 and 4x400 relays were also victorious on the afternoon.

**TOWN OF HADDAM
DECISIONS OF THE WETLAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

On April 29, 2019 the Wetlands Enforcement Officer approved a permit to:

Install a 12'X 20' garden shed and fill in low area of yard in an upland review area for property located at 86 Little Meadow Road and shown on Assessors Map 65 Lot 30.

Said Applications are on file and may be seen in the Land Use Office, of the Town Office Building.

James Puska, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Town of Haddam

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HADDAM
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #17
BUDGET REFERENDUM**

The Electors of the Town of Haddam and all those qualified to vote at Town Meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday June 4, 2019 for the following purpose:

To cast their votes on the Regional School District Number 17 budget.

A copy of the proposed budget recommended for adoption by the district Board of Education is on file at the Haddam Town Clerk's Office.

Locations of Polling Place

- District #1 –**
Haddam Fire Company #1
Community Hall
439 Saybrook Road
Higganum, CT
- District #2 –**
Regional School District #17 Central Office
57 Little City Road
Higganum, CT
- District #3**
Haddam Neck Firehouse
50 Rock Landing Road
Haddam Neck, CT

The vote on the budget will be a yes/no vote. Voting tabulators will be used.

The Regional School District Board of Education set the hours of voting at the District Meeting held on May 13, 2019.

Per C.G.S. 7-7, the polls must be open from 12 noon to 8:00pm. The District Meeting will vote to open the polls at 6:00AM TO 8:00PM.

Absentee ballots are available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Please contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 860-345-8531 X211 or X212 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Dated at Haddam, Connecticut this 14th day of May 2019.
Scott R. Brookes, Town Clerk

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HADDAM
REFERENDUM FOR THE PURCHASE
OF HADDAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The Electors of the Town of Haddam and all those qualified to vote at Town Meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday June 4, 2019 for the following purpose:

To cast their votes on the Purchase of the Haddam Elementary School from the Regional School District Number 17.

A copy of the proposed purchase recommended by the Board of Selectmen is on file at the Haddam Town Clerk's Office.

Locations of Polling Place

- District #1 –**
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Haddam Neck Firehouse
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The vote on the purchase will be a yes/no vote. Voting tabulators will be used.

Per C.G.S. 7-7, the polls must be open from 12 noon to 8:00pm. The Board of Selectman voted to open the polls at 6:00AM to 8:00PM.

Absentee ballots will be available at the Office of the Town Clerk on May 16, 2019.

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Dated at Haddam, Connecticut this 9th day of May 2019.
Scott R. Brookes, CCTC Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HADDAM TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and/or taxpayers of the Town of Haddam that the Annual Budget Town Meeting will be held at the Haddam Fire Station #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum CT on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the following purpose:

- To vote on the Capital Improvement budget as detailed by each project totaling \$10,861,350 (project authorization)

Town of Haddam, CT 2019 -2020 Proposed Capital Budget				
Item	Project Authorization	Grant Funded	Bond Funded	Tax Funded
Revaluation	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000
Revaluation software upgrade	25,000	-	-	25,000
Tylerville Sidewalk 20% match TAP Grant	1,570,000	* 1,250,000	290,000	-
Dublin Hill Bridge Renovation	2,322,400	* 1,857,920	114,500	-
LOT/CIP Candlewood Hill Reconstruction	3,138,600	2,938,600	200,000	-
Beaver Meadow Road - Culvert	670,000	335,000	335,000	-
Sidewalks - 154 Connectivity Grant	470,750	400,000	70,750	-
Road Reconstruction	3,675,000	-	3,675,000	-
Station 2 Parking Lot replacement	80,000	-	80,000	-
Rescue Tool Replacement	90,000	-	90,000	-
Radio System Replacement	800,000	-	800,000	-
SCBA Replacement	180,000	-	180,000	-
Engine 1-13 Replacement	250,000	-	-	250,000
Engine 3-13 Replacement	250,000	-	-	250,000
HNVF Parking Lot Replacement	50,000	-	50,000	-
Freightliner 1145D Single Axel	196,000	-	196,000	-
Freightliner 1145D Single Axel	195,000	-	195,000	-
Ford F550 ALL SEASON DUMP	109,000	-	109,000	-
FREIGHTLINER 1145D	195,000	-	195,000	-
BACKHOE	123,000	-	123,000	-
FREIGHTLINER 1145D	195,000	-	195,000	-
FORD F550 ALL SEASON DUMP	109,000	-	109,000	-
	\$ 14,753,750	\$ 6,781,520	\$ 7,007,250	\$ 585,000
Less projects approved in 2019 budget	(3,892,400)			
Net amount to be approved for 2020 budget	\$ 10,861,350			
* Project approved in 2019 budget				

- To approve the issuance of bonds totaling \$7,007,250 to fund the projects noted as "bond funded" in the capital improvement budget as described in the detail resolution. (a copy can be found at the Town Clerk's Office)
- In the Capital Nonrecurring Fund, to transfer \$300,000 from the previously funded radio system replacement project to the Haddam Volunteer Fire Department Rescue truck replacement project
- To vote on the annual budget recommended by the Board of Finance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 as detailed below:

Town of Haddam, CT 2019-2020 Proposed Budget				
Expenditures By Function				
	2017-2018 Actual	2018-2019 Adopted Budget	Projected 2018-2019	2019-2020 Proposed
Expenditures:				
General Government	\$ 2,279,924	\$ 2,585,132	\$ 2,550,132	\$ 2,463,559
Public Safety	685,135	799,843	799,843	922,567
Public Works	1,752,387	2,051,255	2,051,255	2,165,813
Health & Human Services	458,997	393,045	393,045	385,386
Culture and Recreation	517,526	512,731	512,731	485,931
Capital Outlay	1,287,780	390,000	390,000	585,000
Debt Service	700,165	705,315	705,315	1,263,115
Total Town Budget	7,681,914	7,437,321	7,402,321	8,271,371
Education RSD#17 (if approved by referendum)	23,682,299	24,531,502	24,531,502	24,153,437
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,364,213	\$ 31,968,823	\$ 31,933,823	\$ 32,424,808

The estimates above of the proposed fiscal year 2019-2020 budget represents a summary of the proposed budget. A complete detailed presentation is on file at the Town Office Building, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438. It can also be viewed at www.haddam.org

- To do any and all things legal and necessary to accomplish the above named purpose and take any other action that may legally and properly come before the meeting.

Dated in Haddam, CT this 23rd day of May, 2019
Board of Selectmen:
Lizz Milardo
Larry Maggi
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HKHS GOLF

HKHS falls to Coginchaug

On Tuesday, May 7, the Haddam Killingworth High School golf team was defeated by Coginchaug at Lyman Orchards (course rating 35.1) with a final score of Coginchaug 158, HK 198.

Here's the latest from the Haddam-Killingworth boys golf team.

Haddam-Killingworth:

- Colby Pendleton, 48
- Andrew Kuehn, 49
- Carter Chase, 49
- Greg Lynskey, 52

Coginchaug:

- Tyler Woodward, 38
- EJ Dzialo, 39
- Kyle Roberts, 40
- Justin Penney, 41

HK Record: 6-6 (3-5 Conference)
(at time of publication).

HKHS defeats East Hampton

By Josh Hagewood, Coach

On May 2, the Haddam Killingworth High School golf team defeated East Hampton at the Black Birch Golf Club (course rating 34.2) with a final score of HK 169, East Hampton 194.

Haddam-Killingworth:

- Andrew Kuehn, 38 (Medalist)
- Colby Pendleton, 42
- Greg Lynskey, 43
- Jackson Houde, 46

East Hampton:

- Liam Curtin, 43
- A.J. Ninesling, 48
- Mitch Hurne, 51
- Cam Chrin, 52

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Come celebrate HES on May 18

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Freeman 1600 (4:49), Seth Regan 100 (10.7), Chase Mack discus (117'), Sean Rutledge 3200 (10:34), Tyler Knapp pole vault (11'6"), Eamon Sweeney high jump (5'6"). All three boys relays, 4x800, 4x100 and 4x400 relays were also victorious on the day helping the team to their win.

The H-K girls team also finished their season undefeated as they went 2-0 on the day beating Westbrook by a score of 115-35 and defeated Morgan

by a score of 112-38. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Autumn Coady won the 100 hurdles (16.5) and 300 hurdles (48.9), Meara Bodak 1600 (5:56) and 3200 (12:55), Julia Callis long jump (15'5.5"), Kayla Danaher triple jump (29'10"), Amanda Minervino javelin (93'9") and Morgan Schultz pole vault (7'6"). The three girls relay 4x800, 4x100 and 4x400 relays were also victorious on the afternoon to propel the girls to their victories.



"One shall say to him, What are these wounds in your hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends" (Zechariah 13:6).

"...They pierced My hands and My feet" (Psalm 22:16). "I lay down My life...¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself" (John 10:17-18). Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends...I have called you friends" (John 15:13-15). "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

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HKHS SOFTBALL

HKHS defeats Morgan, 8-4

By Jeffrey Talbott, Coach

On Wednesday, May 8, the Haddam Killingworth High School softball team defeated Morgan High School with a final score of HK 8, Morgan 4. Haddam-Killingworth gained its 8th win of the season and qualified for the Shoreline and State Tournaments with the win. HK's big inning was the 4th when they scored 4 runs to take a 6-3 lead. The big hit was a 2-run double with the bases loaded for Faith Mauri. Brooke LaTouche picked up the win with help from Faith Torello in the 7th inning. Faith got the final 3 outs on a fly out, pop up and strikeout for the save. Morgan's Maggie Mohory had a two-run triple for the Huskies. *HK improves to 8-6.

*at time of publication.

HKHS defeats Cromwell, 6-5

The Haddam Killingworth High School Softball team defeated Cromwell on Monday, May 6, with a final score of HK 6, Cromwell 5. HK rallied for 2 runs in the bottom of the 7th inning for the victory. Shannon Nelson tied the game with a booming double to center to score Faith Mauri. Later, pinch-hitter Crystal Lentz hit a line-drive at Cromwell's second baseman with the bases loaded which she could not handle and the winning run scored.

HKHS BASEBALL

HKHS defeated by Morgan

The Haddam Killingworth High School baseball team was defeated by Morgan in Higganum on Wednesday, May 8, with a final score of Morgan 4, HK 0. Rob Zirlis pitched a four hit shutout while AJ Fritz, Mike Zingerella, and Gabe Garbinski each had two hits to lead Morgan. Sam Erskine had a hit in two at bats for HK.

Morgan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	10	0
HK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1

Batteries: HK- Alex Sheehan, Alden Halfinger(7) and Sam Erskine. Morgan – Rob Zirlis and Ryan Egan. WP Zirlis LP Sheehan

Records: HK 12-4, Morgan 7-9 (at time of publication)

HKHS defeated by Cromwell

The Haddam Killingworth High School varsity baseball team was defeated by Cromwell in Higganum on Monday, May 6, 2019 with a final score of Cromwell 13, HK 4. Nick Polizonis pitched five strong innings while Malcolm Mention and Elias Deleon each had three hits to lead Cromwell. Jon Civiello tripled in the first and homered in the fifth for HK.

Cromwell	2	3	2	4	0	1	1	13	12	0
HK	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	6	5

Batteries: HK- Jon Civiello, Noah Snyder (2), Carm Rosa (3), Matt Miranda (4), Alden Halfinger (6) and

Sam Erskine, Peyton Frohlich(7). Cromwell – Nick Polizonis, Mason Fox (6) and Zach Zajac. WP Polizonis LP Snyder

HKHS defeats Valley Regional

The Haddam Killingworth High School varsity baseball team defeated Valley Regional in Higganum on Saturday, May 4, 2019 with a final score of HK 4, Valley 0. Alec Erskine pitched a two hit shutout, striking out ten to record his second victory. Mike O'Toole hit a three run double in the first and a sacrifice fly in the third to drive in all the HK runs. Nate Robida and Jake Robertson had hits for Valley Regional.

Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
HK	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0

Batteries: HK- Alec Erskine and Sam Erskine. V – Chris Sparaco and Josh Ross. WP A. Erskine LP Sparaco



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