

## Haddam News honors those who gave their lives ... Happy Memorial Day!

### H-K senior gets auto tech award

This year, the Connecticut Street Hot Rod Association presented its annual Automotive Technologies Award of \$1,000 to Ryan Diotaiuto, a Senior at Haddam Killingworth High School.

He will be furthering his education at Gateway Community College and then at Central Connecticut State University. His aim is to become an Automotive Technologies teacher.



Shown are Teacher Jon Todzia, Ryan Diotaiuto, and Don Dybick, representing the Connecticut Street Rod Association of Wallingford, Conn.

## Military service of the Scovil-Porter Family: Part 3

*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.*

Philip Wells Porter, Jr. (whom everyone called "Bud"), born June 19, 1919, finished Haddam Elementary School in June 1932 and then graduated from Middletown High School in 1936, where he was voted the "wittiest" in his class. Bud wrote in his diary "I guess I just look witty." He also noted, "They sure are raising the devil over in Europe. If there isn't a war over this, I'll eat my hat." Following high school, Bud took a Post Graduate year at Worcester Academy. That May, 1937, he noted that the German dirigible "Graf von Hindenburg" flew over the Worcester campus, and then exploded and crashed just several days later."

The next month, June 1937, Bud graduated from Worcester, and proceeded to Brown University, where he graduated with a B.A. in English in June 1941. That following year, Bud worked nights at the Glenn Martin Aircraft factory in Baltimore, Maryland and also studied at Johns Hopkins University, learning math and technical subjects. He then entered the Naval Reserve Officers Training school housed at Columbia University and was commissioned Ensign in the US Navy on October 1, 1942. Bud wrote "College I breezed through with no effort. Here it is all worry and work." Bud went



Bud as Captain of USS Glacier, circa 1960.



US Navy LCI landing craft. Photo courtesy of US Navy.

on to serve in the Mediterranean from November 1942 until December 1943 in Command of Landing Craft-Infantry (LCI) ships. These vessels were introduced to the US and British fleets in late 1942 and were 160 feet in length, diesel powered, with four 20mm cannon and handled 180 to 210 troops. Over 900 were constructed and served in all theatres. They would come in close to shore and even beach themselves to deliver troops and provide protective fire support. They were used also for smoke screen protection, and numerous other tasks. The ships had a crew of 3 officers and 21 crew. Bud participated in numerous landings in the Mediterranean, including having his ship sunk by a bomb during the invasion of Salerno. Bud was later spot promoted to Lieutenant Commander while commanding LCI(L) group 66 in the Southwest Pacific. Bud modestly told me some years ago that he was put in command of these landing craft because he had sailed some at YMCA camps as a counselor and done a little sailing in college! Whatever, Bud was in April 1944 the youngest Lieutenant Commander in the entire US Navy.

His service continued with the Bronze Star with Combat V awarded for successful operations in the Philippines. He rose to command a Flotilla of LCIs in the Pacific, and later to serve as Flag Secretary to four Admirals. Bud taught Naval Science at his alma mater Brown University from 1952-54, and then was Executive Officer on the destroyer USS Mullany. Following a year at the US Naval War College, Bud captained the 16,000-ton USS Cadmus in the Atlantic Fleet. From 1959-61 Commander Bud Porter was Captain of the then largest icebreaker in the world, the USS Glacier. As Captain of the Glacier, on April 1st 1960, Bud almost lost his life in a helicopter crash during a humanitarian mission to aid 10,000 flood victims in coastal Brazil. Bud has "Porter's Pinnacles" a series of hazardous reefs discovered by the Glacier and named for him in Antarctica. Following this,

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## Killingworth Ambulance Association welcomes 4 new EMTs

By Clark Judge, KAA

Eight months ago the Killingworth Ambulance Association posted a sign outside its Route 81 headquarters, urging persons interested in becoming EMTs to join. Today that call has been answered.

There are four new EMTs to emerge from the latest class, which isn't unusual. But this is: They're all female. In fact, it's a first.

Furthermore, of the last five EMTs to join the

KAA, all are female. Two are in their early 20s. One is a retired nurse. Another is a doctor. A third is Clinton's assistant town clerk. One is from Deep River. Another is from Madison. The others are from Killingworth.

Nevertheless, as diverse as the group is, all have something in common: They completed the state-required 150 hours of classes and passed rigorous practical and written tests. Now, as EMTs, they're

eligible to ride on calls as "thirds," or apprentices.

As of early May, all but one had.

"I was a little bit nervous," said Jordan White, 20, of Deep River. "OK, I shouldn't say 'a little bit' because I was real nervous. When I actually got the call and my radio started going off, I was like, 'Oh, my gosh, this is actually happening. I've got to leave the house right now.'"

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### WWII vintage aircraft take to the skies over Middletown's Pratt & Whitney

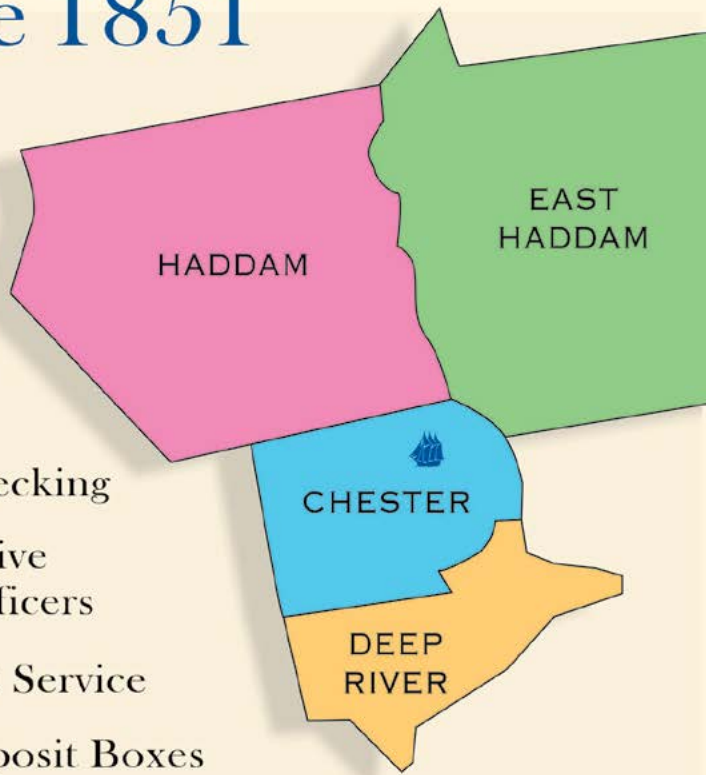
Six WWII vintage aircraft flew over the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft plants in Middletown and East Hartford, CT near midday on May 15th, 2019. These planes had Pratt & Whitney engines and are headed to New Hampshire and then on to France to participate in the ceremonies marking the 75th anniversary

of the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944.

Due to the low hanging clouds, the planes flew by at low altitude and the roar of the engines were thrilling to the many employees who stepped out for a close view of the fly-by.



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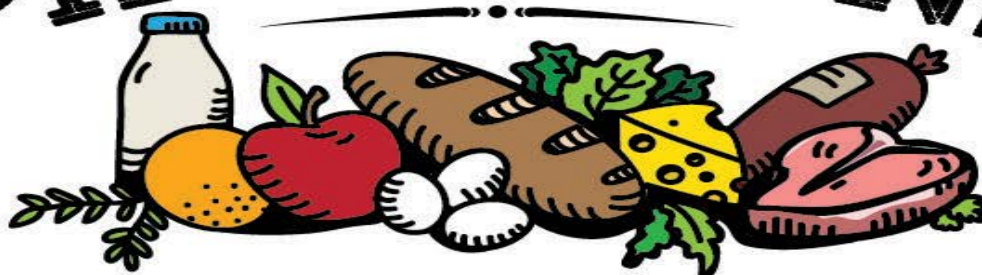
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# The Time When the Great Zeppelins Visited Connecticut

By Philip R. Devlin

Few events inspired more awe and wonder in the state than the zeppelin flyovers from 1923 to 1937. May 6 was the 82nd anniversary of the Hindenburg disaster.

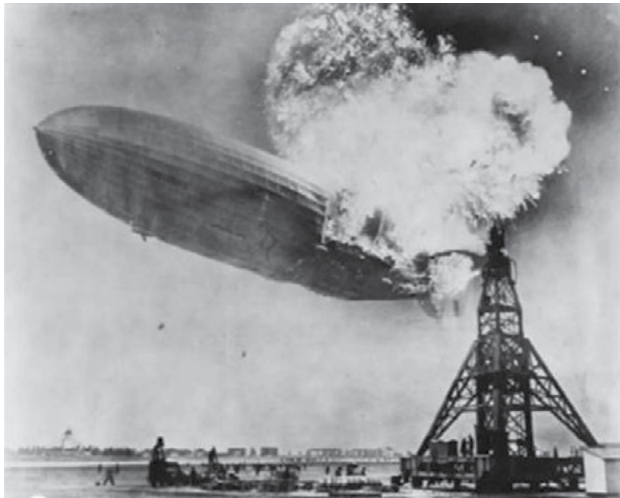
My mother was 9 years old in 1928 when she saw her first zeppelin from the schoolyard at Warehouse Point Elementary School in East Windsor. It was Germany's famous Graf Zeppelin, and it was headed south down the Connecticut River on its way to a mooring point at the Lakehurst, NJ, Naval Station.

Zeppelin pilots used the river as a navigational guidepost en route to Lakehurst via New York City. The airship usually flew at an altitude of 500 to 700 feet over the state, so its graceful presence was easy to see, and schoolchildren all over Connecticut delighted in viewing it. In fact, my mother said that whenever the zeppelin came down the river, classes would stop, and kids would run outside and marvel at it. It was a drill repeated by thousands of schoolchildren and the general public all over the Northeast whenever a zeppelin glided slowly by.

The first dirigible appeared in Connecticut in 1923. It was a U.S. Navy airship named the Shenandoah; however, it was the two German airships — the Graf Zeppelin and, later, the Hindenburg — that created the biggest stir wherever they traveled. Here's what one New York City newscaster had to say about a flyover by the Hindenburg in 1937:

Yes, people, 5,000 men, women, and children are sitting on newspapers in the park. The streets are packed. All available parking places have been taken. Deafening cheers rise up as the zeppelin appears on the horizon. But, when the airship flies over, the thousands standing to watch are silent!

The Graf Zeppelin appeared in Connecticut once in 1928, twice in 1929, and once in both 1930 and 1933. The Hindenburg was only in service for 17 months before its well-publicized destruction at Lakehurst on May 6, 1937, but it passed over Connecticut



21 times on its 10 round trips from Germany to Lakehurst and on its October 1936 "millionaire's flight" on which a few dozen American businessmen and military figures were treated to a 10-hour excursion over various parts of New England.

A short movie of the 800-foot-long Hindenburg flying over Hartford was sold on eBay in 2011. The new owner has posted it on YouTube with the following introduction:

Film of the Hindenburg flying low over Connecticut in October 1936. Seems to be filmed from the roof of one of the Traveler's Insurance co's buildings. Visible is Traveler's tower and the now-gone WTIC radio tower. At the very end of the clip is footage of several people on the roof of the building that is on the corner of Central Row and Main Street in Hartford...I bought this original reel of Kodak film via an online auction a few years ago and didn't know what it was until I brought it to a video conversion place to have it copied to a DVD...You can clearly read "Hindenburg," the ship's numbering, and see the Olympic rings. Spooky. So I'm pretty sure that no one has ever widely seen this footage before.

The Nazi swastika can easily be seen on each of the Hindenburg's four tailfins in the movie. The presence of the five interlocking Olympic rings on the airship reflects the fact that the 1936 Olympics were held in Berlin, Germany; in fact, a low flyover by the Hindenburg — the largest flying machine in history — during the opening day ceremonies at the Berlin Olympics stole the show.

The Hindenburg's 10-hour "millionaire cruise" 83 years ago was designed in part to show wealthy American investors the possibilities of investing in commercial air travel. Among the 84 passengers was the president of Goodyear Tire and Rubber, a company that continues to be known for its helium-filled blimps at sporting events. The cruise began at Lakehurst and went north to Westchester County. It then flew in a northeasterly direction over Danbury and Waterbury to Hartford and up the Connecticut River to Massachusetts. After flying over Springfield, the Hindenburg then headed due east to Boston, southwest to Providence, and then back through Connecticut, hugging the shoreline from New London all the way to Greenwich on its way back to Lakehurst. Undoubtedly, the film of the Hindenburg flying over the Traveler's Tower in Hartford was shot during this cruise.

## HADDAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Society postpones annual meeting program; will still meet on business

The Board of Directors of the Haddam Historical Society has postponed the program part of the annual meeting on May 23, 2019 due to the Town of Haddam's Annual Budget Town Meeting on the same evening.

We will, however, have the Annual Business Meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. at the Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum. Please join us as we re-cap the year, say good bye to Board Members, Jack Calhoun, Marijean Conrad, Sue Costa

and Dianne McHutchison and welcome new Board Members John Edmondson, Lindamae Peck, Belle Seggerman and Reverend Jim Simpson. Light refreshments will be served.

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**To the RSD #17 Board of Education**

*The author wrote this letter to the Board of Education and Superintendent Thiery, and requested that we reprint it.*

Members of RSD 17 BOE, Superintendent Thiery, You have pushed forward with a highly contentious restructuring plan. It does have some merits. It also has many flaws. In addition to concerned residents, several well informed people, including former staff of RSD 17 have spoken out against it. These people have decades of experience in a classroom and school setting. Their points are getting dismissed as inaccurate and are going unacknowledged. This strategy has created a deep divide between the towns in our district and between residents and the BOE. There has not been a sufficient avenue for people to voice their concern. So, the budget has become the opportunity. You are correct that it shouldn't be. However, failing to acknowledge that viewpoint is only deepening the division over this issue. Your actions have created this situation, and, if not addressed, it is one that will take years to heal. Think beyond this budget. Think of how, decades later, the BOE involved with Mr. Sweetman's compensation still comes up. Think of how the sale of the busses still comes up. Each of these issues are collectively eroding the confidence our district has in the BOE, with this recent plan pouring gas on the fire. Failing to address this as the reality it is is damaging the ability any future board will have to get anything done. Those previous actions are hindering your ability now.

So, please take action to unlink these two issues. You can place a second question on the ballot about restructuring. You can pause this long enough to address the concerns of your residents. You need people to support the budget. Support comes when

people see value in the number and the approach used to achieve it. It does not come simply from an arbitrary number itself. It doesn't have to mean cuts. It is impossible not to see that the current path is not working. Instead of telling people what you are going to do, get the input of what they want you to do. Find where your support is with an avenue outside of the budget. Using a passing budget as approval of this is just as wrong as voting it down to show dis-approval. It is counterproductive on all sides. If you claim them as two issues, then allow a vote on them as two issues. You have the ability to make a difference. Please use it, I think you'd be amazed by the results.

Jeff Sturges  
Haddam

**Killingworth voters should vote no to BOE budget**

This is intentionally targeted to Killingworth voters who may not be aware of what is happening in Haddam. The closing of Haddam Elementary School will have a severe negative impact on Higganum Village Center and the cultural and economic vitality of Haddam as a whole. The existence of HES in the Higganum is directly in sync with our town Plan of Conservation and Development, which was revised and adopted in December of 2017. The Board of Education has made the decision to close the school and consolidate the district without consulting the Haddam's POCD – a document which serves to guide and properly manage change in every Connecticut town (by state statute). Though this error has been brought to the attention of the BoE, the majority of the members have remained dead-set against reexamining their plan – many saying “it is too late,” “the restructuring plan has already begun,” or “it is a done deal.” An organization that takes such an approach, refusing constructive critique, may well be operating with alternate agendas in

mind. This is not a healthy situation.

I would ask that you look at this matter as if the Killingworth community were in our position. Imagine your devastation, were Killingworth Elementary School selected as the school to close. How would that affect Killingworth's town center? How might it affect your cultural continuity as a community? How might it immediately affect your property values, children and businesses? We are asking for your support by rejecting the budget until such time that our BoE is willing to rethink their position, examine the facts, and provide a lasting and endorsed resolution. This approach will not hurt our children. State statutes protect schools in that regard. There will be a budget to support education, but we need to make a statement – a united statement – and this is our last opportunity to do so.

Steve Bull  
Vice Chairman of  
Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission

*Editor's Note: According to the CT General Assembly: "Delay of budget adoption. It is not clearly or directly explained in statute what a member town's responsibility is to a regional school board if a regional budget has not been approved before the start of the fiscal year. The statutes only address this problem with regard to municipalities (C.G.S. Section 7-405). If a municipal budget has not been adopted by the beginning of the fiscal year, the budget-making body (e.g., board of finance, town council) may authorize necessary expenditures for the first 90 days. If the budget is not approved after the initial 90-day period, the budget-making body may approve payment of expenses on a monthly basis within the limits of line item appropriations of the previous fiscal year. The department of education has applied this interpretation to regional boards of education and are allowed to expend amounts equal to the monthly share of the previous years appropriation."*

**EDUCATION BUDGET**

**Proposed RSD #17 Budget 2nd Referendum timeline**

*By Joann Nesti, Chair, RSD #17 Board of Education*

District Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
HKHS Auditorium

Referendum: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

**Letters to 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

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# Historic Mile Markers along the Middlesex Turnpike

By Elizabeth Hart Malloy, Executive Director, HHS

As early as 1767 Connecticut law required towns to “install stones at least two feet high near the side of the common traveling road, marked with the distances from the county town of the county where such towns lies.” Haddam was located in Hartford County until Middlesex County was formed in 1785, so early mile markers would have indicated the mileage to Hartford. Some of these markers may have been installed in Haddam during the first decade of the 19th century when the Middlesex Turnpike opened along Route 154 and Walkley Hill Road.

Remarkably, Haddam has at least four of these mile markers remaining along the once busy toll road. Two are original and two are from a Department of Transportation program in the 1970s to replace lost milestones.

Mile marker 23 is original and is located along the east side of Walkley Hill Road where it is cared for by area residents. Mile Marker 24 is also found along Walkley Hill, near the intersection of Meetinghouse Road, and is also original and made of brownstone.

Mile marker 25 is located in front of Town and Country Nurseries and is a modern replacement. Mile Marker 26 is found along Route 154 at 1266 Saybrook Road near the southern end of Old Turnpike Road and is also a later replacement stone.

Where are the others?

According to a Hartford Courant article from 1970 Haddam residents were “perplexed” when mile marker 21 suddenly appeared along Route 9A just south of Larry’s Garage. The original marker had been missing for years and presumably stolen. The new marker was part of a program of CT DOT to replace the missing or demolished markers along Connecticut’s 13 historic “Pikes.” The new



Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Hart Malloy.

mile marker 21 was not without controversy. According to residents the original marker would have been located on Boulder Dell Road which was the original turnpike road but conceded that it would be visible along the main road. After walking Route 154 and talking with area businesses, we have not been able to locate mile marker 21.

Marker 22 was located directly on the highway in front of 373 Saybrook Road and just in the last few months was taken by Connecticut DOT hopefully with the intent to reinstall it.

Haddam would have had another marker at mile 27 near the intersection of Camp Bethel Road and another at mile 28 near the RT. 82 Connector. Mile 29 is located just on the Chester Town Line.

The mile markers are a unique tangible link to a time when foot and horses were the main means of ground transportation and remind us just how far we have come in the last 250 years. If anyone has information about missing mile marker 21 give us a call at 860-345-2400.

*Editors Note: The author of this piece would like to add the following – “It appears that I have been driving by Mile Marker #27 for over 5 decades and never noticed it. It is somewhat difficult to see as it near a rock outcropping and is partially buried. This original marker is located along Route 154 just south of 1426 Saybrook Road is the fifth mile marker currently in place in Haddam. Thank you to Jeremy DeCarli for the information.”*

## TOWN / INFRASTRUCTURE

### Dublin Hill Road Bridge replacement project: detour begins June 3

Dear Haddam Residents:

This is a formal notice to inform the residents that will be affected by the proposed detour for the Dublin Hill Road Bridge over Ponset Brook. The detour for construction is scheduled to be implemented June

3, 2019. The closure date has been slightly moved up to accommodate the substantial completion of the project which is currently scheduled for mid-October 2019.

The on-site Chief Inspector overseeing the

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**ANNUAL BUDGET TOWN MEETING-TODAY!! THURSDAY, MAY 23 7:00 P.M., HADDAM VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION #1**

**Saturday, May 25**

Site Walk, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Join Haddam Land Trust for a walk to the top of Hig-

ganum and down to the river (Higganum Cove, Swan Hill, and Shopboard Rock). Meet us at HES parking lot. Be prepared for a strenuous walk to the top, down to Higganum Cove, and return. About 1 1/2 hours.

Open Mic Night, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Higganum United Methodist Church

**Monday, May 27 — Happy Memorial Day!**

Clam Chowder Sale, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
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.

**Wednesday, May 29**

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

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**Killingworth Ambulance Association**

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Which she did ... a little too quickly.

"I ended up slamming my foot in the door because I was trying so hard to get in the car and go," she said. "I was definitely nervous until I got in the ambulance. And then I was pretty good."

Her story is repeated by others on first rides. They're excited. They're nervous. And they're as eager to succeed as they are to learn.

"And that," said Mary Robbenhaar-Fretz, "is the last hurdle."

The first, of course, is deciding to volunteer, then sticking with a demanding course that last year ran twice a week from September through December. While heavy in instruction, there's enough hands-on experience to give students an idea what's in store once they're certified.

"I felt like I went back to nursing school," said Robbenhaar-Fretz, a member of the KAA board of directors. "I couldn't believe how much knowledge they require of EMTs. I was astounded. I have a whole new appreciation for this."

Mike Haaga, the KAA's Chief of Service, and wife Marguerite, the association's vice president, teach the course ... as they have the past 15 years. When they



(front row L-R) Stephanie Nixon and Lis Barbour and (back row L-R) Jordan White and Mary Robbenhaar-Fretz. Photo by Clark Judge.

started last September they had 11 students. When they finished in mid-December, four had passed, one hadn't yet completed the course and another was waiting to take the written final.

Again, that is normal. Attrition is part of the process. Every year interested persons drop out as the EMT course continues, with one

of this year's additions — Lisa Barbour, who has grown children — conceding that she considered quitting more than once.

"Every week when I got out of here on Mondays," she said, "I'd tell my kids, 'What the heck did I get myself into?' I also hadn't been in school for lots of years. So coming back to school ... and not having the medical knowledge ... was difficult."

Yet she always returned. Haaga understands, mostly because he's heard it ... seen it ... and experienced it for years as an instructor.

"You have a bad test, a bad day, a bad practical," he said, "and you wonder: Why am I doing that? Espe-

cially at the volunteer level where it's not their careers.

"But we just point out the fact that it's not something to get excited about. We tell them that no matter what happens, we're going to work with them as long as they want to be EMTs."

And these women did. In fact, when all were asked how they reacted when told they passed their finals, their answers were identical.

They cried. It doesn't matter whether their tears were of joy or of relief. They knew what it meant: They had crossed the finish line.

"It was absolute elation," said Killingworth's Stephanie Nixon, 23, who became an EMT in September.

Including Nixon, the Killingworth Ambulance Association has grown from 15 to 20 EMTs. Haaga said the latest Killingworth class marks the first time he's had a graduating group of women only, and he's uncertain why. EMS tends to be a male-dominated field, so having an all-female class of EMTs — four of them to be exact — isn't ordinary.

Nevertheless, he cautioned listeners not to make too much of it.

"It's usually a 50-50 ratio, male-to-female," he said, "so I don't know why it's like this. We opened it up to doctors and nurses and got one of each, and both happened to be female. I don't know why it was that way. I don't want to make a big deal out of it because it's not. But I do know this: They're working out great."

**Military service of the Scovil-Porter family**

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he served in Vietnam as Deputy Chief of the US Naval Advisory Group, in charge of Naval Operations off Vietnam, until succeeded by Captain (later Admiral) Elmo Zumwalt after the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1964. Bud was next transferred back to New York, then to Taiwan as Chief of the Navy Section of the Military Assistance Advisory Group. Captain Bud Porter retired from The Navy in July 1973 and joined the faculty of the College of Chinese Culture in Taiwan. He made dear and lasting friendships with those he worked with in Taiwan.

Bud remained in the Far East until 1987, where he again took up residence in Higganum at 8 Landing Road until his death in August 2011. He was an extremely accomplished and terribly modest patriot and native of Higganum. I knew Bud for over 30

years. The only time he ever talked about his Naval career was to tell a couple of light jokes, about shelling an iceberg to see what would happen or about his "initial seagoing profession" sailing little boats as a camp counselor. As with other Haddam families who have ancestors who served in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and later, the Porter family, with its direct links to the Scovil family, has a long and distinguished career of military service.

*Author's note: I am grateful to several persons for information and photographs for this article. Especially I am in debt to Charles Rounds, Jr, and members of the larger Porter family, to the Choate Rosemary Hall School archives, to Elizabeth Malloy and the Haddam Historical Society, to the Haddam Veteran's Museum, and to Bud's life-long friend and neighbor Jack Calhoun.*

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## HKHS BASEBALL



Photo by Sharon DiMauro.

### HKHS defeats Ellington, 10-8

The Haddam Killingworth High School varsity baseball team defeated Ellington in Higganum on Tuesday, May 14, with a final score of HK 10, Ellington 8. Alec Erskine (3 hits), Griffin Izzo (2 hits, 3 RBI) and Darren Hiller (2 hits) led HK's 13 hit attack. Jon Civiello hit a two run homer in the second inning for HK. Alex Maningas had three hits for Ellington.

Ellington	1	0	0	0	3	2	2	8	11	1
HK	0	5	0	0	2	3	x	10	13	2

Batteries: HK- Jon Civiello, Alden Halfinger (5), Alec Erskine (7) and Sam Erskine. Ellington – Colin Holmes, Gavin Laughlan (5) and Matt Mayne. WP Civiello LP Holmes

\*Records: HK 14-4, Ellington 8-8

\*at time of publication.

### HKHS defeats Windsor Locks, 7-1

The Haddam Killingworth High School varsity baseball team defeated Windsor Locks at Veterans



Jon Civiello on the mound. Photo by Mandy Miranda.

Memorial Park on Friday, May 10, with a final score of HK 7, Windsor Locks 1. Alec Erskine pitched five strong innings striking out five to get his third win. Sam Erskine had two hits and two RBI for HK. Miguel Gonzalez and Mike Deluco had three hits each for Windsor Locks.

HK	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	7	8	0
WL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2



Seniors (1 to r): Ian Danaher, Griffin Izzo, Jon Civiello, Darren Hiller, and Noah Snyder. Photo by Rita Civiello.

Batteries: HK- Alec Erskine, Alden Halfinger(6) and Sam Erskine. WL – Miguel Gonzalez, Austin Tomalonis(5) and Colin Hinckley. WP A. Erskine LP Gonzalez.

\*Records: HK 13-4, WL 11-4

\*at time of publication.

## HKHS SOFTBALL

### HKHS defeats Rockville, 4-0

By Jeff Talbott, Coach

The Haddam Killingworth High School softball team defeated Rockville on Thursday, May 16, with a final score of HK 4, Rockville 0. Faith Torello pitched a shutout today for the Cougars. She allowed just 4 hits while striking out 6. The Cougars got on the board in the first inning with a Shannon Nelson RBI single scoring Audrey Snyder who had a bunt single and stolen second base. The Cougars added 2 more

runs in the 5 when Kat McQueeney knocked home a pair of runs with a hard hit single to left field. The final run scored in the 6th when Faith Mauri walked, stole second and score on a two base error. HK is now 11-6 and plays at home Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in a makeup game against Bolton.

### HKHS defeats Lyme–Old Lyme, 6–5

By Jeff Talbott, Coach

The Haddam Killingworth High School Softball team defeated Lyme-Old Lyme on Wednesday, May 15,

with a final score of HK 6, LOL 5. Shannon Nelson had a two run single in the first inning to give HK an early 2-1 lead. Old Lyme tied the game in the second at 2-2. Then HK rallied for 4 runs in the 4th inning. The big hit, a two run double by Audrey Snyder. Kat McQueeney and Adelle Biondi contributed one run singles to complete the rally. Old Lyme came back with 3 runs in the 6th, but Brooke LaTouche came in relief of Faith Torello in the 7th to save the game. Faith picked up her 5th win of the season. HK is now 10-6 while Old Lyme slips to 10-6.



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# Fragrant Plants; Caesar Salad

By Cindy Tillson

I am just amazed that nature can take a magnificent flower and make it even more appealing with scent. The combinations can be breathtaking. If you can, plant some of these fragrant beauties near your pathways, open windows, porch, in a container...where you can be sure to inhale their beauty as well as see it.

My favorite early season scented plants are Hyacinth, Lily of the Valley, Wallflowers, Sweet Peas and Lilacs. 'Korean Spice' Viburnum is beautifully scented in spring too (and into summer). Sweet Peas are annuals that need to be planted in April, and not all are scented.

Summer has many scented wonders too. Some irises are scented. My purple ones smell like grapes and my white ones have a vanilla aroma. Then there are the peonies. They are my absolute favorite flower. They are purely gorgeous to have in the garden, but the fragrant ones are incredible. I will only grow the perfumed ones. Call me old fashioned, but when I think of roses, the signature scent comes to mind even before the beauty. What a smell!

Later in the summer, Sweet Autumn Clematis saturates the air with its heavenly scent. It has fluffy white flowers too. Late summer brings lavender as well. Ahhhhh.....lavender.

A number of annuals are fragrant as well. Heliotrope aborescens 'Fragrant Delight' has a vanilla odor and comes in a gorgeous deep purple. Stock is fragrant and comes in a variety of colors. Evening Stock opens in the evening for a pleasantly surprising boon to the senses. Four O'Clocks have the same habit and an exquisite fragrance. Dianthus has a clove scent and comes in lots of colors and textures. Sweet alyssum has a nice honey scent. Nicotiana has a lovely fragrance but it isn't released until dusk. It is worth waiting for. The old-fashioned varieties are most scented. Brugmansia has an intoxicating evening fragrance and a beautiful large trumpet flower. It is poisonous though as are Four O'Clocks. Jasmine, Stephanotis and Gardenia are a few fragrant tropical plants you can have outside in the summer but they will not survive the winter outdoors here in CT.

Not all varieties of the plants I have mentioned here are fragrant. Sweet Peas, Peonies, irises, roses, viburnums and heliotrope also have unscented relatives. I'm also sure there are fragrant ones that I have not mentioned!

So, inhale deeply and enjoy!

The May meeting of the Haddam Garden Club will be held all over town as the Garden Club fairies put their magic on the gardens at the Town Hall, the Haddam Green, Brainerd Library (butterfly garden, too), the Transfer

Station, the Higganum Green and the Entering Haddam signs. Give a wave or even stop to offer your encouragement and praise. Who doesn't like to have their hard work appreciated?

Perhaps your romaine lettuce is ready ...

Recipe of the month from DIGGING IN, the Haddam Garden Club cookbook available for purchase at the library.

## CAESAR SALAD WITH HARD-COOKED EGGS

Submitted by Diane Clowes

Yield 4 servings

Total time 20 minutes

½ baguette, sliced ¼" thick

4 TBSP olive oil, divided

Coarse salt and ground pepper

¼ cup fresh lemon juice (from 2 lemons)

2 TBSP grated Parmesan, plus more shaved with a vegetable peeler

2 TBSP mayonnaise

2 anchovy fillets

1 garlic clove

8 hard-cooked eggs, peeled, 4 yolks reserved), remaining eggs and whites cut into bite size pieces

Romaine lettuce, broken into bite sized pieces

Preheat the oven to 350. Lay baguette slices on large rimmed baking sheet. Brush bread on both sides with 2 TBSP oil; season with salt and pepper. Cut into ½" squares. Bake until golden, 10-15 minutes, turning over halfway through. Let cool on baking sheet.

In blender, combine lemon juice, Parmesan, mayonnaise anchovies, garlic, 4 reserved hard cooked egg yolks, and remaining 2 TBSP oil. Season with salt and pepper and blend until smooth.

In large bowl, gently toss together the lettuce, croutons, dressing, shaved Parmesan and remaining whites and eggs.

## FAITH / COMMUNITY



### St. James church sponsors tag, craft, bake sale

By Elaine Jackson

St. James Episcopal Church in Higganum will sponsor a tag sale, craft and bake sale on Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the

church's parish hall at the corner of Route 81 and Little City Road.

The sale will feature furniture, collectibles and other items. We welcome people from all over looking for an opportunity to sell their wares. If you are interested in a space to sell your wares, cost is \$20. Please contact Elaine Jackson 860-424-6178 or elainejack835@gmail.com or call Alice Bartolotta 860-347-6719 to reserve your space.

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### Memory Loss

We have all at some point walked into a room and then wondered, "Why am I here?" Some memory loss is a natural part of aging, but it is one of the big worries we have as we age.

There are numerous medical conditions and medications that sensitize us to memory loss: head trauma, alcohol and drug abuse, sleep apnea, dementia, and thyroid related illnesses just to name a few. The statins, i.e., rosuvastatin, atorvastatin, may have a link to memory loss, because they reduce the brain's cholesterol which is responsible for forming connections to nerve cells, and while it only affects very few, it is reversed when stopping the medication.

Calorie reduction diets (those that are 30% less than recommended calorie intake) along with lifestyle changes such as increased exercise have shown to address some of the metabolic deficiencies and have produced positive results in slowing Alzheimer's onset. A recent German study showed as little as a 3-month calorie reduction resulted in an increase in verbal memory scores, decrease in fasting blood glucose, and decrease in C-reactive protein, implicated in heart issues. Memory loss in Alzheimer's affects women and men equally.

Migraines are associated with an increased risk in transient global amnesia (TGA), which is a transient loss of memory, but symptoms typically last less than 24 hours.

Patients with depression, and those with anxiety, can also experience higher incidence of memory issues, which can become significant as they age.

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## April report

By Olivia Drake, Public Information Officer, HVFCo.

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to 38 calls for emergency services in April 2019 including a structure fire in Killingworth and several motor vehicle accidents.

Fire/Alarms: 5  
Motor Vehicle Accidents: 9  
Medical: 21  
Other: 3

A home on Route 148 in Killingworth is declared uninhabitable following a structure fire at 3:15 a.m. April 15. Haddam Volunteer Fire Company provided mutual aid at the scene.

Upon arrival, firefighters encountered a working fire in a 2.5-story home with exposure to a detached garage. Crews immediately made an initial attack on the exterior fire before entering the home. All occupants of the home were able to escape safely upon discovering the fire, thanks in part to working smoke alarms in the home.

Tankers from Haddam, along with Killingworth, Durham, Madison, North Madison, Haddam, Clinton, and Deep River, shuttled water from pond on Route 148 to a fill site near the end of the home's driveway. HVFC also assisted with fire suppression, ventilation, and overhaul.

HVFC also provided mutual aid to Honey Hill Road in East Haddam on April 10 as part of a Tanker Task Force. Firefighters helped shuttle water to the scene using Tanker 2-13.

On April 12, HVFC was dispatched to Skunk Misery Road for a chimney fire with no reported extension. The homeowner had used an extinguisher to suppress the fire in the firebox. Firefighters examined the chimney from inside the home and saw a visible and active fire in the flue approximately half way up the chimney.

Crews used a thermal imaging camera inside the home and confirmed the fire had not spread outside of the flue.

Exterior crews accessed the roof and lowered chains into the chimney to push burning creosote down into the firebox. The homeowner was advised not to use the chimney until it is professionally cleaned.

HVFC responded to three motor vehicle accidents on April 5.

At 11:30 a.m., crews were dispatched to the intersection of Saybrook Road and the Route 82 connector for a two-car accident involving four patients. All four were evaluated on scene by Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service (HVAS) personnel and refused additional medical treatment. Firefighters directed traffic until one vehicle was towed and the other was driven away.

At 2:20 p.m., firefighters responded to an accident with entrapment on Route 9 South between exits 8 and 9. A driver had lost control of his vehicle and

slid down an embankment, stopping at a tree. Crews used Hurst tools to lift the dash and extricate the patient. HVAS personnel carried the patient up the embankment on a backboard and transported him to Hartford Hospital with injuries.

At 8:30 p.m., HVFC was called to Higganum Center where a driver had swerved and struck a parked, unoccupied vehicle in front of Hi-Way Package Store. The patient suffered minor injuries and was evaluated on scene by Haddam Ambulance. She refused additional medical care. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

At 7:20 April 10, HVFC was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Little City Road between Valley Ridge Drive and Jackson Road. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered one vehicle, off the road, and on its roof. The driver had self-extricated and left the scene. Firefighters closed one lane of traffic during the incident and blocked the entire road while the vehicle was removed.

On April 20, crews responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a dirt bike. The driver of the dirt bike was not wearing a helmet when he crashed his bike on Gulf Quarry Road. The driver was transported to Middlesex Hospital via Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service.

On April 24, crews responded to a motor vehicle accident at 3:40 p.m. in front of Haddam Elementary School. A crossing guard, who was monitoring traffic on Saybrook Road, asked traffic to stop at the crosswalk. A driver, who had yielded at the crosswalk per her direction, was struck from behind by another vehicle.

The crossing guard was evaluated on scene by firefighters and EMS personnel but was uninjured. The driver of the vehicle that had stopped was transported to Middlesex Hospital via Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service.

A driver, who had failed to stop at the crosswalk was evaluated on scene but refused additional medical treatment.

On April 28, HVFC was called to the scene of a motor vehicle accident in front of East Coast Salvage on Killingworth Road. All occupants had self-extricated and were evaluated on scene by firefighters and EMS per-

sonnel. None required additional medical treatment. Firefighters closed one lane of traffic during the incident.

This month, HVFC also responded to a call for a 10-month-old child with a possible allergic reaction, a fall victim, and a fainting spell at Haddam-Killingworth High School.

### DRILLS

Drills this month included extinguishing brush fires and pump operations, search-and-rescue, ATV driving, swim qualifications, apparatus and equipment checks, and a brush fire drill for the Junior Division. On April 8 and 9, Haddam Volunteer Fire Company members, along with personnel from New Jersey-based company Fail Safe, tested more than 13,000 feet of hose at Station One.

Haddam's three engines carry approximately 1.6 miles of hose, or about 2,800 feet each. An additional 5,000 feet of spare hose is kept at the station. All hose is tested annually to ensure that it's functional, safe, and compliant with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company hosted its 2nd annual Emergency Services Spring Fair & Open House on April 20. Participants met with members of HVFC and the Junior Division, the HVFC Auxiliary, Haddam Volunteer Ambulance, Inc., Connecticut State Police, HK Youth and Family Services, Relay for Life, and Homes for Heroes.

In addition, several children participated in the company's inaugural Easter egg hunt. For more information on becoming a member email membership@haddamfire.org.

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# Local Girl Scouts bring attention to Haddam Food Bank

By Kathy Brown

Two Haddam Girl Scouts wanted to bring awareness to the Haddam Food Bank. “[It] is in need of food year round, especially during the warmer months,” said Lori Lloyd, Girl Scout Leader of Troop #63451. “People are usually more giving during the holidays,” she said, but people are in need of food all year round.

The Food Journey, which includes a Take-Action Project, must be completed before the scouts can earn their Gold Award, which is the highest achievement in Girl Scouts. Lexi Lloyd and Anna Mercier took to

the small screen to deliver their message on YouTube. They sought help from the High School, in the form of a videographer. Chuck Lewis, part of the Technology Education Faculty at Haddam-Killingworth High School, recommended Damaris Williams, who shot the video for the scouts.

“When we made this video,” said Mrs. Lloyd, “the shelves looked bare!” The Food Bank keeps a box outside for donations in case you want to drop off when the Food Bank isn’t open. When your garden is overflowing with zucchini and tomatoes this summer, keep the Haddam Food Bank in mind!

The Haddam Food Bank is located at 11 Jail Hill Road in Haddam, in the Town Annex building. Their regular hours are Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 – 6:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. They are also open by appointment on Mondays.

“The Girl Scouts did a great job. I really appreciate all their hard work and efforts to bring awareness to our community and their needs,” said Jessica Condil, Haddam Social Services Coordinator. “It is a team effort to help our neighbors in need and they are a fine example of young ladies making a difference in their community.”

## KILLINGWORTH MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

# Killingworth Parade information

By Cathy Iino, First Selectman, Killingworth

The annual parade will take a new route this year, because of roadwork planned for Route 80. The parade will step off from Killingworth Elementary School at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27, 2019, and will head south to the Killingworth Congregational Church. A short service will be held on the front lawn, weather permitting. If your group would like to participate, be at KES by 8:30 a.m. Also this year, the Killingworth Lions Club will be serving refresh-

ments to parade participants after the service.

The ceremony includes a reading of the winning poem on the subject of Memorial Day by an HKMS seventh-grade student and a military flyover, among other traditions.

Since we sadly lost Rick Albrecht, who was impresario of the parade for so many years, the Killingworth Lions Club has taken over management of the parade. If you would like to be in the parade this year, please contact Charlie Smith by May 20th at csmith0701@comcast.net or 860-663-1583.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the Haddam Town Hall, 21 Field Park Dr., Haddam, CT on June 6th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following item(s):

1. Proposed zoning map amendment to change the zone of various publicly owned properties and Haddam Land Trust and Audubon Society properties to Conservation Zone. Properties include:

#### State of CT DEEP

Clarkhurst Road Map/Lot 07 004  
Riverfront Map 13 Lot 004,007,010,013,016  
Map 26 Lot 001 & 002  
Map 48 001, 008 – 012  
Moodus road Map 10 Lot 004, 010

#### Haddam Land Trust

Rocklanding Road Map 13 Lot 019,020,021  
Riverfront Map 12 Lot 008  
Pine Brook Road Map 09 Lot 00

#### Audubon Society of CT

Clarkhurst Road Map 07 Lot 001B, Map 8 002 1A

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Moodus Road Map 10 Lot 005  
215 Salmon Brook Road Map 11 Lot 15  
Pine Brook Road Map 09 Lot 005  
117 Pine Brook Road Map 11, Lot 015A  
Salmon River Map 10 Lot 023  
235 salmon River Road Map 11 Lot 016

A map displaying the parcels and the existing and proposed zoning is on file in the Town Clerks Office and the Land Use Office. Applicant - Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Haddam CT

## HADDAM REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

# Absentee ballots available for referendum

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

Absentee applications & ballots for June 4, 2019 referendum now available -

Absentee applications and ballots for the June 4, 2019 referendum: Haddam School District #17 Budget and Purchase of Haddam Elementary School are available in Haddam Town Hal, Town Clerk’s Office (as of May 16, 2019).

### Haddam voting session updates for 2019:

- June 4, 2019 – Haddam Referendum for Regional School District #17 Budget and Purchase of HES from RSD#17 - all 3 polls open from 6:00am – 8:00pm
- September 10, 2019 – Republican & Democratic State and Municipal Primary – all 3 polls open from 6:00am – 8:00pm

- November 5, 2019 – State and Municipal Election – all 3 polls open from 6:00am – 8:00pm

### 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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Oddly enough, God’s wrath is displayed in Christ as well. “...It is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord...” (2 Thessalonians 1:6-10). Even still, “The Lord is...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). “As I live,” says the Lord God, “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live...” (Ezekiel 33:11). “Now, therefore,” says the Lord, “Turn to Me with all your heart...” (Joel 2:12). “For the time is come that judgment must begin...” (1 Peter 4:17).

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# HKHS team takes First at Regional Cupcake Competition

By Kathy Brown

At the beginning of April, we told you about the results of the Haddam Killingworth High School cupcake competition, and how one team from HKHS moved to the Regional Cupcake Competition which took place on April 26, 2019 at Morgan High School. We followed up with teacher Joanna Siciliano to find out the results of the competition.



Photos by Rob Lloyd.

At the regional competition, Lexi Lloyd, Jenna Griffith, and Erin Lepard, from HKHS, made lemon cupcakes, filled with lemon curd, and topped with a rose lemon frosting. Katie Schrempp, Karen Reinoso, and Heather Zimmerman, from Morgan High School, made a carrot cake cupcake with cream cheese-citrus icing. Myah Martinez and Taylor Harpin, from Valley Regional High School, made vanilla tie dye cupcakes with butter cream frosting. Riley Hart, Aubrey Standish, and Marlie Gill, from Bacon Academy, made lemon lavender cupcakes with lavender frosting. The HKHS team was the only team to make a filling in this final round.

Jenna said, "I was really nervous until I got there and when we started putting our cupcakes and display



together it was a blast, and I enjoyed the experience and the people." Ms. Siciliano, the HKHS teacher who accompanied the students said, "The trio worked super hard. It was a tough competition. All the cupcakes were amazing!"

At the end of the day, HKHS's team won first place, and Bacon Academy took second place. Ms. Siciliano



said of the team of sophomores, "they are the youngest group to take the win for HK."

The winner of the regional competition took home a cupcake trophy that will be kept at HKHS until next year's competition. The students who won will have their names put on the trophy's nameplate that will stay forever on the trophy.

Congratulations!

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# Eversource launches new mobile app for managing account

By Mitch Gross, Eversource

Just as Eversource works to improve and modernize the electric system to strengthen reliability, the company also continues to make enhancements to its communications tools to better serve customers. Now, the energy company is launching a mobile app for Apple and Android users to give customers the ability to easily manage their accounts from their smart phones.

“We routinely engage with our customers to see how we can improve the way they connect with us, and this new app is in direct response to their requests to make their experience with us even better,” said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. “This app gives our customers

the flexibility to make payments, report an outage, view the outage map and more, while on the go.”

The Eversource app allows customers to:

- View and pay bill (by bank account)
- View up to 12 months of past bills and payments
- View up to two months of scheduled payments
- Link and manage multiple billing accounts
- Enroll or un-enroll in paperless billing
- Report or check the status of an outage
- View the outage map
- Contact customer service

The mobile app is the latest tool providing customers with additional options to connect with Eversource, following the energy company’s upgraded outage map and the enhanced customer notification system that provides customers with information and updates in their preferred method – text message, email, or phone. Customers can download the Eversource app for their iPhone or Android.

The company also points out that this mobile app is not connected to a recent scam involving phone calls from a company claiming to be Eversource asking customers to download an app and use it to wire money in order to avoid their power being disconnected. If a customer receives a call like that they should immediately call their police department. Eversource also urges anyone who has doubts about the legitimacy of a call to contact the energy company directly at 1-800-286-2000.





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### St. James Episcopal Church Barn & Yard Sale: June 8, 2019

By Cheryl Czuba

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