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HVFC visits schools for Fire Prevention Week

By Olivia Drake,
Public Information
Officer, HVFC

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company visited five area schools this month to promote the 2019 Prevention Week campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" On October 10 & 11, members visited children at Young Horizons Day Care Center, Cougar Cubs Day Care, Haddam Cooperative Nursery School, and Burr District Elementary School.



According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—in 2017 U.S. fire

departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries. On average, seven people died in a fire
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Photo by Kathy Brown.

HKHS Volleyball beats Lyme-Old Lyme: 3-0

Stats from Max Preps

On Friday, Oct. 18, Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Girls Volleyball team defeated Lyme-Old Lyme in Higganum, with a final score of HK 3, LOL 0.

In set 1, the H-K Cougars defeated the LOL Wildcats 25-12. In set 2, H-K defeated Lyme Old Lyme 25-20. Set 3 H-K narrowly defeated LOL 27-25.

Cross Country teams sweep Shoreline meet

By Matt Diglio, Coach, HKHS Cross Country

On Friday, Oct. 18, the Haddam Killingworth High School Boys and Girls Cross Country teams competed at the Shoreline Championship meet at Cromwell High School. Coming in as the underdog to the heavily favored Old Saybrook team, the H-K Girls Varsity team ran an unbelievable



Girls and Boys Varsity Shoreline Champions. Photos courtesy of Charles Lynskey.



race to earn the upset victory and win their 4th Shoreline championship in the past five years, as they tallied 42 points to outdistance Old Saybrook with 47 points. The H-K girls, who had lost to Old Saybrook by 100 points at the Ocean State Invitational just several weeks ago, earned their victory by racing as a pack to reclaim the title that they had lost last year.

Leading the way for the Cougars was sophomore Ava DiMatteo, who had the race of her high school career thus far, by placing 6th in a time of 20:07 for the 5,000 meter course. She was quickly followed across the line by her teammates, senior Lauren D'Amico 7th (20:19), senior Julia Callis 8th (20:26), junior Meara Bodak 9th (20:28) — all of whom earned First Team All Conference honors. Freshman Isbael Berardino rounded out the scoring by placing 12th in a time of 20:45 to earn Second Team

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A visionary approach to cataract surgery.

Yale New Haven Health's Shoreline Medical Center in Guilford now has today's most advanced laser for safer, gentler and more precise cataract surgery. A typical procedure is done in less than one hour. And our specialists offer lens implants that improve your vision – often eliminating the need for glasses or contact lenses. Expert and compassionate care, with a focus on the best possible outcome for your vision. And it's all available to you at our newly reimagined outpatient surgical center, located close to home.

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Killingworth Fire Commissioner, Town Treasurer candidates

We reached out to both the Killingworth Republican Town Committee and the Killingworth Democrat Town Committee and asked candidates to respond to a set of questions; if a candidate did not respond, their name is listed, so that you know who is running for each office.

The questions posed to the candidates were:

1. Tell us a little about yourself.
2. Why are you running for the position?
3. What do you see as the important issues facing Killingworth and how would you address them in your role?
4. What are the key things you love about this town and its people?
5. Additional thoughts to leave voters with?

Jennifer Liptak (Democrat)

I am originally from Pennsylvania (PA). I am a Veteran of the United States (US) Navy. I served as a Hospital Corpsman (HM) with duty stations in Bethesda, MD, where I worked as a medic at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). And then, in Camp Lejeune, NC, where I was stationed with the US Marines and did a deployment to Haiti, also working as a medic. I moved to CT in 2000 for a job with Pfizer, Inc., with whom I am still employed. I have experience with overseeing budgets for manufacturing products, supply chain logistics and quality management. I moved to Killingworth in 2012 and have two daughters, who attended the Haddam-Killingworth Middle and High Schools. I volunteered for the HKHS Project Graduation Committee for three years, as the Business Donations Coordinator. And, we love spending time at Chatfield Hollow, which is near our home!!

I am running for the Killingworth Fire Commission because I want to ensure our town's safety always comes first.



Jennifer Liptak.



Don Offner.



Donna Dupuis.

Two important issues that Killingworth is facing is the recruitment and retention of volunteers for our Fire Company and the continuing increase in the needs of our aging community for the Fire Company's services. Through my role as Fire Commissioner, I will work with our Town (Board of Selectman) and the Fire Company to incentivize more volunteers to step forward and stay. Our town's safety should be first and foremost for all of us!

I moved to Killingworth in 2012 and although I wasn't born in Killingworth, my daughters and I still call Killingworth home! We love our neighbors, the overall sense of community no matter where you are in town, and the commitment I've witnessed by our Fire Company and town representatives.

Don Offner (Republican)

I am married with four children, and one grandchild. I have been a Killingworth resident for over 15 years, and in those 15 years, it is my experience that the people are warm hearted and willing to help their neighbors. I am a retired New York City firefighter with 23 years of service. I am committed to ensure that the Killingworth Fire Department is adequately and safely funded. Dedication to the safety of all Killingworth residents is of utmost importance to me.

I believe community building and preserving the beauty of Killingworth.

It would be a honor to serve as Fire Commissioner with my extensive experience with the New York City Fire Department.

Killingworth Town Treasurer

Donna Dupuis (Democrat)

I am a first-time candidate running for Killingworth Town Treasurer. I have had the privilege of living in Killingworth for 32 years with my husband, Joe, and raising our daughter here. While working full time and raising a family, I went back to school evenings and attained a Bachelor of Science degree from Albertus Magnus, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

I retired from AT&T (SNET) after a 36-year career, performing a wide range of functions from customer contact marketing jobs to supervisory roles to technical IT programmer. After leaving AT&T, I worked for a Middletown company processing payroll for their 200 employees across three states. It was critical to accurately verify hours worked, time off, medical coverage, along with any aspect affecting an employee's pay. I currently cover various departments at Killingworth

Town Hall when needed for vacations, illnesses, etc.

First, I believe it is important to give back whenever and however you can. I have been a Volunteer District Coordinator and Instructor for the past six years with the AARP Driver Safety program, a volunteer usher at Ivoryton Playhouse, and an associate member of the Killingworth Historical Society. I have also worked at local soup kitchens. I enjoy keeping busy and always welcome an opportunity to learn. When the opportunity to run for Killingworth Town Treasurer was presented to me, I first did my due diligence to ensure I had the qualifications needed to perform the duties. I believe my previous experience has prepared me well to serve Killingworth and its residents as Town Treasurer. I will work hard to provide the service all residents have a right to expect from their elected officials.

The issues I believe are important to Killingworth residents are maintaining the character of the town while ensuring the schools continue to be top notch but keeping the costs/expenses/taxes in check. As Treasurer, I will work with and support all elected officials in any way on the issues important to our residents. I am dedicated to jumping in and doing whatever I can to support this town.

Having made our home here for 32 years, we truly love the small-town atmosphere and the people. All of the town services, the folks at the Town Hall, our wonderful fire department and ambulance volunteers, these are the people who make this town what it is. In times of need, we have been the recipients of "people helping people" philosophy so many Killingworth residents live by. We cannot imagine living anywhere else.

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The apostles said so as well. Paul said, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁸nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). The Apostle John said, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

The prophet said, "Your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2). "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:30-31). "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:10).

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Upcoming elections information

Haddam's next voting session is the "Haddam Municipal Election" on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Haddam voters will vote for First Selectman, Selectman, Tax Collector, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals.

To register to vote: The Registrars' Office is open on Wednesdays 9:00am to 1:00pm or register at Haddam Town Hall, Town Clerks office (see Town Hall hours below). You may also request the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk to send you a mail-in voter registration form, or visit our web-site haddam.org/registrar-voters.

The polls are open from 6:00am to 8:00pm. The three polling places are:

District #001: Haddam Firehouse, Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Rd (Rte 154), Higganum

District #002: Regional School District #17 Central Office, 57 Little City Rd., Higganum

District #003: Haddam Neck Firehouse, 50 Rock Landing Rd., Haddam Neck

*Curb side voting is available for "voters with a disability"

Registration Sessions:

November 4, 2019 – 9:00am – 5:00pm – Limited Registration Session to admit those seeking to vote in election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 29, 2019

The above sessions will be held at: Registrar of Voters Office, Haddam Firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441.

Registration Deadlines: Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by October 29, 2019

In-person and on-line cut off is October 29, 2019 by 8:00pm – (To register on-line a DMV license is required).

NOTE: Any unregistered Connecticut resident who is eligible to vote or any resident who

has moved into Haddam, may register and vote in person on Election Day – ONLY at the Haddam Firehouse Complex, 439 Saybrook Road (Rte 154), Higganum, CT 06441

Hours: 6:00am to 8:00pm on Election Day, November 5, 2019

The Registrar of Voters STRONGLY urge Haddam residents who are not registered to vote, to register as early as possible before November 5, 2019. Also, please visit our web-site – haddam.org/registrar-voters – for election information and forms. A copy of the ballot will also be on our web-site.

Absentee ballot applications will be available on October 4, 2019 at: Haddam Town Hall, Town Clerk's office, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438

Hours: Mon. – Wed – 8:30am – 4:00pm

Thursday – 8:30am – 6:30pm

Friday – 8:30am – 12:00 Noon

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HKHS Cross Country teams sweep Shoreline Championships

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All Conference honors. Also key contributors to the team victory by displacing other teams' runners were sophomores Brianna Minervino 16th (21:00) who earned Second Team All Conference honors and Ali Twachtman 26th (21:23).

The Boys Varsity team also came away with the victory and the Shoreline Championship which was their 6th consecutive Shoreline title and 9th out of

the past ten years. The boys were led as they have been the entire season by junior Matt Jennings who was the Shoreline individual champion as he won the in a time of 15:47 for the 3.1 mile course. Senior Chris Uzwiak had a phenomenal race to place 3rd in a time of 16:07, then there was a pack of Cougars who all finished within 1 second of each other: sophomore Caleb Freeman 7th (16:40), junior Fisher Harris 8th (16:40) and junior Sean Rutledge 9th (16:41) to round out the team scoring. All five of the boys earned First Team All Conference honors on their way to leading the team to a score of 28 to outdistance runner up East Hampton with 49 points and the rest of the Shoreline field.


Also contributing to the championship was junior Julian Spector 19th (17:27) who earned Second Team All Shoreline accolades and senior Griffin Robinson who placed 21st (17:33).

Not to be outdone, the H-K Boys and Girls JV teams not only came away with team victories in their races but did so in dominating fashion. In the girls JV race, H-K swept the first three places on their way to scoring a low tally of 22 points to easily

outdistance the rest of the conference. Leading the way was JV race champion sophomore Charlotte Selmer who placed 1st in a time of 22:23. She was followed by senior Jasmine Adelberg who in her last cross country race ever for H-K was runner up in a time of 22:44 and then was followed by third place finisher junior Kathy Melgar in a time of 23:05.

Finally to cap off the successful afternoon, the boys JV squad put on a clinic of pack racing to sweep the race by scoring a perfect score of 15 points. The JV team swept the first 8 places in the race and then had 15 out of the top 16 finishers overall. First to cross the line for H-K was freshman Mason Gorham who was the individual JV champion in a time of 17:10. He was followed by fellow freshman Jack Insalaco who had an outstanding race to be runner up in a time of 17:18. Then there was a pack of H-K runners and a sea of yellow and blue jerseys all within 12 seconds of each other: senior Owen Howes 3rd (17:25), senior Luke Sodergren 4th (17:27), sophomore Tyler Robinson 5th (17:28), junior Max Cozean 6th (17:30), sophomore Lucas Kamoen.

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Fire Prevention Week

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in a home per day from 2012 to 2016.

"It's so crucial that families make an escape plan in the event of a fire," said Firefighter and Fire Prevention Week Chair Franklin Pierce.

Firefighters taught the children the importance of calling 9-1-1, using the back of their hand to feel for a potentially hot doorknob, crawling low to see

under smoke, and stop-drop-and-roll.

They also dressed in gear and offered the kids high-fives.

"If there's a fire and you're trapped, and you see one of us, don't be scared. Don't hide. Come to us. We are there to help you," Pierce said.

Following the program, participants received fire prevention materials and a plastic firefighter helmet.

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October 1919: News from the Haddams and the nation

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

Wilson Not Good. Washington, Oct. 02, 1919: The condition of President Wilson is "not at all good this morning," Rear Admiral Grayson, the president's physician, declared today. [President Wilson's 27 day train western tour was cut short when he became ill. On September 26th the train headed straight to Washington from Wichita.] Dr. Grayson asserted that there was absolutely no cause for alarm.

New Alien Laws. Washington, Oct. 03, 1919: Passports for all immigrants is the chief provision of a bill soon to come from the house immigration committee. It is expected that the bill will either prohibit all immigration for a period of years or will carry other restrictive features ... so as to make admission most difficult. Witnesses have alleged ... that hordes of Japanese are coming in under passports issued by Japanese officials or are being smuggled in.

Haddam, Oct. 7, 1919: Sheriff Bert G. Thompson was elected first selectman at the town election here yesterday. The republicans made a clean sweep of the other offices also.

Haddam Neck, Oct. 7, 1919: A power boat will be at the Cyprian Brainerd dock to carry free of charge all who wish to attend the Welcome Home Celebration. Many of our people who have never visited Field Park will be delighted with this charming spot.

Newspapers Still Barred. Washington, Oct. 08, 1919: [President Wilson's physician] pointed out that if his patient should gain strength too rapidly there would be a possibility ... [that he] would suffer a relapse. Newspapers are banned and the patient is kept in



Mary Harris "Mother" Jones.

practical ignorance of the progress of world events.

Killingworth, Oct. 8, 1919: The following are the town officers elected at the town meeting on Monday: Selectman, Joseph Adametz, Jr., R; Tracy Perkins, R; Raymond A. Griswold, D; Town Clerk, Charles H. Chittenden, D. Town Treasurer, Lowell D. Parmalee, R. Collector of Taxes, Sidney D. Kelsey, R.

The World Series. Chicago, Oct. 10, 1919: The Cincinnati Reds are world champions at baseball winning the deciding game against the Chicago White Sox by a fierce battle. The series of 1919 was a hair raiser, a spine tickler, a thriller and beyond. There is not the shadow of doubt that the better team won. [Note: In August of 1920, fans would read that eight Sox players had thrown the series. The fix became known as the Black Sox Scandal.]

Haddam, Oct. 10, 1919: Haddam's welcome to her returned service men will be heralded tomorrow at 10:30.



Rear Admiral Grayson.

The of march will be from Main street to the Methodist church to Porter's corner to Candlewood Hill road to D.H. Scovil company bridge, turn to right and continue on by Whitney Porter's Home to Killingworth pike, turn right to Carlson's corner, left on High street to Main street, turn right on through Haddam, Shailerville, Ty-lerville, turn left on East Haddam road, cross R.M. Tyler's field [and back] to the Field Park entrance in Haddam. Cars will be parked along Main street, Haddam. Horses may be hitched

around the court house and in sheds of the church

Denies Wilson Has A Cerebral Lesion. Washington, Oct. 13, 1919: The president's condition remained practically the same as it has for the past several days, according to the official bulletin issued from the White House, [but denies] the president was suffering from a cerebral lesion, Rear Admiral Grayson declared: "If such a thing had occurred, the press would have been informed." [Hmmm. A cover up?]

Haddam, Oct. 13, 1919: Great Welcome to War Heroes! The boys never felt more delighted after capturing a German trench than did they with the warm "Put her there" that came from every citizen as a glad hand was extended to them.

First in line was the 6th Regiment Band followed by the Boys in uniform and the veterans of the Civil and the Spanish American Men. Three floats were followed by citizens in autos tastily decorated. [Speeches, lunch and athletic games followed at Field Park.]

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

Editor's Note: Read the full articles on October 1919 local and national news at www.Haddam-KillingworthNow.com.

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HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Thursday, October 31

Toddler Tunes, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Haddam Brainerd Library

Toddler Tunes is a music and movement program for toddlers and their caregivers. Join us to sing nursery rhymes, dance, make music, and read a simple story. Tuba Kelly brings a different musical instrument each week. Get ready to hear the guitar, saxophone, trombone and, of course, her signature tuba! Appropriate for children ages 1 to 3, but siblings are always welcome.

Saturday, November 2

Higganum Center Planning Workshop, 9:00 a.m., Haddam Elementary School (HES)

Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Haddam Brainerd Library

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

Postpartum Q&A, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Killingworth Library

Join other expecting and new mamas for a real-life Ask Me Anything (AMA) with Mandy Major,

certified postpartum doula PCD (DONA). This is a free event. This intimate session will cover top questions and important basics to help you successfully sail through the fourth trimester, including lactation, emotional health, postpartum resources, and how to care for your postpartum body — and how others can help care for you, too. Babies welcome. This event is lactation friendly.

Killingworth Magic Workshop for All Ages, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Killingworth Library

Join Christina the Magician for an intergenerational Magic Workshop at the library! The only thing cooler than watching a magic show is learning how to perform the magic yourself! Ages 8 to 108 are welcome, but space is limited, so make sure to register early by visiting our online calendar at: <http://killingworthlibrary.org/>

Killingworth Just Ask! – Book Discussion, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Killingworth Library

Just Ask! A Book Discussion for Families (and plant a garden!) at Killingworth Library. Special guest Maureen Massa, personal friend of U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor, brings to life Justice Sotomayor's wonderful children's book, Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You. Told in the context of children coming together to plant a garden, Justice Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges – and looks at the special gifts those kids have as well. Come discuss this book while planting a small garden. This family program is open to all, but space is limited, so make sure to register early by visiting our online calendar at: <http://killingworthlibrary.org/>

Sunday, November 3

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Annual Holiday Vendor Fair, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Save the date and shop close to home! The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary's 9th Annual Holiday Vendor Fundraiser will be held at the firehouse. Vendors include Avon, CT River Candles, Goat Soap, LuLaRoe, Norwex, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-One Gifts, and Tupperware. There will also be a number of individual vendors with tables of craft, sewing, jewelry, notecards, birdhouses, stuffed animals, and silversmith items, along with Gourmet Cupcakes (provided by "Creative Cakes by Donna"). Total proceeds will benefit Haddam Fuel Bank. For info, call 860-345-4744 or 860-554-3049.

Monday, November 4

RSD #17 Board of Education-Facilities Subcommittee, 6:30 p.m., Central Office

Tuesday, November 5

Haddam & Killingworth 2019 Municipal Elections, 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., All polling locations in Haddam & Killingworth

Wednesday, November 6

RSD #17 Board of Education-Public Building Committee, 6:30 p.m., Central Office

Thursday, November 7

Haddam Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Parmelee Farm Committee, 7:00 p.m., Pond Room, Parmelee Farm

HADDAM SENIOR CENTER

November activities and events

By Colleen Totman, Activities Coordinator, Haddam Senior Center

Senior Center Closings

November 11 / Veterans Day

November 28 / Thanksgiving Day

November 29 / Day after Thanksgiving

Activity Highlights

November 21 – THANKSGIVING Dinner 12:00 p.m. -Dinner and all the fixings. Please sign up in advance.

Senior Center Craft Fair- Sunday November 10, 12:00-4:00 p.m. held at Senior Center

Leather working for beginners- Wednesday November 6, at 1:00 p.m.

BINGO- Fridays, November 1 & 15, 1:00 p.m.

Setback- Fridays, November 8 & 22, 1:00 p.m.

Club 60 – Monday, November 4 – Business

Monday, November 18 - Dually Noted

November 15, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. call to make your appointment- Mobile Foot Care: Toes on the Go. Clinic rates \$35.00 per person. Appointments are made in half hour increments.

November 1 & 8, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Blood pressure self-management classes – Third & Fourth class

of a four consecutive week series.

Pizza and a Movie, Thursday November 14, 2019 "Pieces of April." Suggested donation: \$5.00 for Pizza and soda.

Crafts-1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 20. Please be sure to sign up ahead of time.

Card Making-1:00 p.m. Monday, November 25

Weekly regular programs

Ukulele Group / Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Tai Chi for seniors / Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. – \$6.00 per class.

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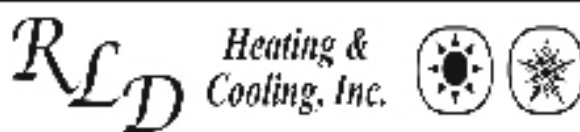
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Thirty Mile Island Cemetery presentation Nov. 2

By Meghan Peterson, PhD

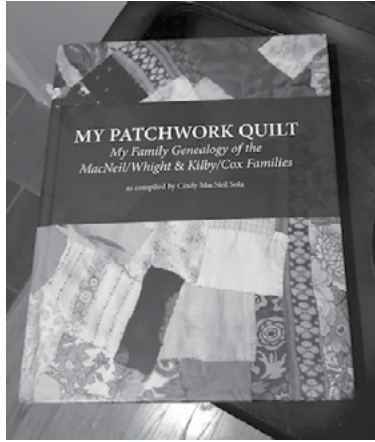
Candy corn, pumpkins all a-fright...yes; it is that time of year. Ghosts, goblins, and ghouls abound. Is that a mucket you hear? Or is it just the eve of Halloween drawing near? What about a bit of centuries-old history right here in Haddam? How about some good, old-fashioned cemetery research? How about some or all the above?

As it turns out, this past July, the Old Burial Yard at Thirty Mile Island Cemetery Association decided to “move forward with a project” on the namesake cemetery, according to Cindy MacNeil-Sola, the association’s President. MacNeil-Sola is a published genealogist (author of *My Patchwork Quilt*) as well as owner of Spirit and Balance, LLC in Higganum, Conn.

Questions swirl around the Thirty Mile Island Cemetery, such as “there is an area that does not have many stones, are there people buried there?” Or “are there burials closer to Route 154 where the stones are moved back?” MacNeil-Sola explains. In a first step to pursue answers, the association hired a company owned by a historical & landscape architect, Tom Elmore, who is founder of Suffield, Conn.-based GeoNav Group, LLC. Elmore’s company will “utilize cutting edge technology to document buildings, landscapes headstones and other features above ground,” MacNeil-Sola says. In addition, the company will “work side by side with Waltham, Mass.-based Radar Solutions International, Inc,” which “will be doing the ground penetrating radar.” This GPR (ground penetrating radar) tool “will show us any soil that has been disturbed below ground. It detects and reflects signals from the subsurface objects and changes in material properties to show voids and cracks, which is where the graves would be.” The companies will “work together to sync GPR & LiDar data to create a single data that includes both above and below ground data and pictures in a single file. This will be shown as if looking at the cemetery from above.”

The Association will present on the project – free and open to the public – on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 2:00 p.m., at the Haddam Brainerd Memorial Library. MacNeil-Sola notes that the presentation is for “sextons of other cemetery’s, archaeologists, historical societies, the Connecticut gravestone network, along with the Association of Gravestone studies and the public to see what we have been working on and what we will be moving forward with.”

MacNeil-Sola outlines future components of the process: “Our next step is to raise money to reproduce the original fence and enclosures on the fami-



MacNeil-Sola’s book on family genealogy. Photo courtesy of Cindy MacNeil-Sola.

lies burial plots.” Looking ahead, MacNeil-Sola says, “in the spring we are bringing a company in to show us how to clean the headstones, and at that point we will raise money to repair and restore so many headstones a year until it’s complete.” Eventually, “the information will go into the GIS system at the Town of Haddam,” and “we will be bringing it over hopefully to the [Haddam] Historical Society; we have to work that out, but it will have public access. I’m a published genealogist, so it’s very important to me to be able to have people find this information.”

We are planning a few future fundraisers, along



Historic postcard of Thirty Mile Island. Photo courtesy of Haddam Historical Society.

with creating friends of the cemetery.” Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director of the Haddam Historical Society, says “I think the project is very exciting, and I look forward to hearing about the team’s findings.”

Mark your calendars for Nov. 2 and hope to see you at the Brainerd Memorial Library for a bit of historical digging...pun intended.

The Thirty Mile Island Association consists of: Cindy MacNeil Sola – President; Amy Roper, Vice President; Melissa Gibson, Treasurer; Maryjean Conrad, Secretary; Dave Costa, Jan Sweet and Jon Kwant.

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Light your porch purple for Epilepsy Awareness Month

By Stacey Hathaway,
Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut located in Middletown is one of nearly 50 affiliates of the National organization throughout the United States. The Foundation connects people to treatment, support and other resources; leads advocacy efforts; promotes research and provides free training and education to the public, first responders and school systems, in how to recognize seizures and administer seizure first aid.

While the Epilepsy Foundation promotes awareness throughout the year, this initiative comes at a time when more education is needed to increase public knowledge about epilepsy and seizure first aid. Executive Director, Linda Wallace said, "it is critical that everyone know what to do if they see someone having a seizure." That's why, this November, we challenge everyone to join our National Epilepsy Awareness Month efforts to help end epilepsy by learning seizure first aid and educating others in their community." Please join us in the following initiatives. Be sure to take a picture and share it with us, we will post it on our Facebook page.

Light your Porch Purple

This Halloween, on the eve of Epilepsy Awareness Month, turn one of your porch lights purple. Grab a purple light bulb and exchange one regular light-bulb with a purple one. Better yet keep it purple for the whole month! Encourage others to do the same. Light your home, school or workplace and help your community get seizure smart.

Dress In Purple Day At School Or Workplace

Host a Dress in Purple Day at your child's school or your place of work. Wear purple and donate \$1.00 to the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut. Take a group pic, send it to EFCT and we will put you on our Facebook page!

The Purple Pumpkin Project

Grab a pumpkin, purple paint, a paint brush and some friends...it's time to paint your pumpkin purple.

This Halloween, on the eve of Epilepsy Awareness Month, turn one of your PUMPKINS PURPLE, and encourage others to do the same. Host a PURPLE PUMPKIN decorating or carving event at your home, school or workplace and help your community get seizure smart.

Q: What is Epilepsy?

Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical

functions. It's also called a seizure disorder. When a person has two or more seizures, they are considered to have epilepsy.

A seizure happens when a brief, strong surge of electrical activity affects part or all of the brain. One in 10 adults will have a seizure sometime during their life.

Seizures can last from a few seconds to a few minutes. They can have many symptoms, from convulsions and loss of consciousness to some that are not always recognized as seizures by the person experiencing them or by health care professionals: blank staring, lip smacking, or jerking movements of arms and legs.

Q: What are Seizures?

A seizure happens when the electrical system of the brain malfunctions. Instead of discharging electrical energy in a controlled manner, the brain cells keep firing. The result may be a surge of energy through the brain, causing unconsciousness and contractions of the muscles.

If only part of the brain is affected, it may cloud awareness, block normal communication, and produce a variety of undirected, uncontrolled, unorganized movements.

Most seizures last only a minute or two, although confusion afterwards may last longer. An epilepsy syndrome is defined by a collection of similar factors, such as type of seizure, when they developed in life, and response to treatment.

There are many different types of seizures. People may experience just one type or more than one. The kind of seizure a person has depends on which part and how much of the brain is affected.

Q: How do doctors treat epilepsy?

Mostly with daily medication to prevent seizures. Some children are helped with a special diet.

Some people may be helped by a brain operation, by a nerve stimulation device or complementary therapy if the medications don't work.

Q: How do you help someone having a seizure?

When providing seizure first aid for generalized tonic-clonic (grand mal) seizures, these are the key things to remember:

DO:

Keep calm and reassure other people who may be nearby.

Time the seizure with your watch.

Clear the area around the person of anything hard or sharp.

Loosen ties or anything around the neck that may make breathing difficult.

Put something flat and soft, like a folded jacket, under the head.

Turn him or her gently onto one side. This will help keep the airway clear.

Stay with the person until the seizure ends naturally.

Be friendly and reassuring as consciousness returns.

Offer to call a taxi, friend or relative to help the person get home if he seems confused or unable to get home by himself.

DON'T:

Don't hold the person down or try to stop his movements.

Do not try to force the mouth open with any hard implement or with fingers. A person having a seizure CANNOT swallow his tongue.

Do not attempt to give anything orally.

Do not keep the person lying on their back.

Don't attempt artificial respiration except in the unlikely event that a person does not start breathing again after the seizure has stopped.

For more information about your local Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut please visit www.epilepsyct.com. Or call 860-346-1924. To learn more about seizure first aid, please visit www.epilepsy.com/FirstAid.

HK COMMUNITIES

Holiday Giving Program: November 8-December 13

By Laura Shipman,
Haddam Killingworth Youth & Family Services

The holiday giving program facilitated by Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc. is available for families in need that reside in Haddam and Killingworth. To register for this confidential program, please call 860-345-7498 or email the HKYFS office at office@hkyfs.org. Deadline for registration is Dec. 9.

New gifts and toys will be collected for children and youth from birth through age 18. Donations are collected from Nov. 8, through Dec. 13. For more information about how you can donate to this confidential program please call 860-345-7498 or email office@hkyfs.org.

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TOWN OF HADDAM BID FOR CHIPPING AND REMOVAL OF BRUSH AND WOOD PILE

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- I. The following items must be included in the bid:
 1. Price for chipping (one grind only) and removal of entire chip pile as it exists on NOVEMBER 5, 2019.
PLEASE STATE ONE PRICE FOR BOTH CHIPPING AND REMOVAL.
 2. Wood chipped must be loaded immediately into trailers. No chips will be allowed to be stockpiled at site.
 3. PROOF OF INSURANCE (LIABILITY, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, ETC.).
 4. List of references we may contact.
 5. All brush and wood must be chipped no matter the size.
 6. Work area to be regraded and cleaned to Town's satisfaction.
 7. Any additional brush received between November 5, 2019 through completion date will be chipped and removed at no additional cost to the Town.
 8. Work can only be done on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. No other days are allowable. Work hours are 7 a.m.-5 p.m. No hours earlier or later than those stated.
 9. All wood chips to be disposed of at an approved site.

Work must be completed within two (2) weeks of bid award. The Town of Haddam reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Corsa, Assistant Director of Public Works, 860-345-2110.

Christopher Corsa
Assistant Director of Public Works

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HADDAM TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and/or taxpayers of the Town of Haddam that a Town Meeting will be held at the Haddam Fire Station #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum CT on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the following purpose:

1. To select a Moderator to preside over such meeting and
2. To consider, discuss and vote to approve the Budget Transfers in the amount of 1,122,000.00 to the Capital Improvement Budget.
3. To consider, discuss and vote to approve the transfer request to fund (2) off road utility vehicles for Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department and Haddam Volunteer Fire Department from HVFD replacement truck. Budget transfer request form 2020-3
4. To consider, discuss and vote to approve transfer request to fund HES operating costs in the amount of \$127,853 form 2020-4

A copy of the above referenced transfer request forms is available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated in Haddam, CT this 31st day of October, 2019
Board of Selectmen:
Lizz Milardo
Larry Maggi
Melissa Schlag

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November programs and events

By Laurie Pritchard
Director, Killingworth Library Association

Family programs

For Saturday, Nov. 2 Family programs, see Calendar on page H6

Come Meet the Author (and Her Dog!) Tuesday, Nov. 12, 4:00 p.m. at Killingworth Library Join us as author Connie Bombaci and her four-legged family member Judea introduce her new children's book, Hogan's Hope, Finding a Forever Home of Love and Acceptance. Connie will demonstrate how she uses AMERICAN sign language to communicate with animals. This family program is open to all, but space is limited, so make sure to register early by visiting our online calendar at: <http://killingworthlibrary.org/>

Adult Programs

Preparing for Postpartum Saturday, Nov. 2, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Killingworth library. Postpartum questions? We've got answers. Join other expecting and new mamas for a real-life Ask Me Anything (AMA) with Mandy Major, certified postpartum doula PCD(DONA), Healthline.com postpartum columnist, and the founder of Motherbaby Network, LLC. This intimate, 1.5-hour session will cover top questions and important basics to help you successfully sail through the fourth trimester, including lactation, emotional health, postpartum resources, and how to care for your postpartum body—and how others can help care for you, too. Babies welcome. This event is lactation friendly. The event is free, but advance sign up is required, please register online using our calendar, or call the library at 860663-2000.

A Tour of the Universe from Your Backyard Friday, Nov. 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Pond House, Parmelee Farm. Starting at Earth and exploring into space, learn about interesting astronomical phenomena and objects to see in the late fall sky right from your backyard with and without binoculars and telescopes. Get a sense of the vastly different sizes of and distances starting with what is within Earth's atmosphere to millions of light years away including Earth's shadow, Sun dogs, rainbows, Moon halos, satellites, meteors, Moon, Sun, nebulae, star clusters, galaxies. Weather permitting the talk will be followed by viewing some of the phenomena in the night sky through telescopes. Presenters Professor Jim Mazur and Laurie Averill are members of the Astronomical Society of New Haven.

The event is free, but advance sign up is required, please register online using our calendar, or call the library at 860-663-2000.

POLICE NEWS

Trooper Report: Oct. 2019 Burglary

Troop F is investigating a burglary that occurred between Oct. 8-22, 2019 at 374 Plains Road in Haddam, Conn. Entry was gained by popping the hinge pins on the back door. Items stolen include:

Mosin-Nagant 7.62 SN B150839

Winchester model 94 30/30 Rifle SN 3560068

A Marlin .22 Caliber Rifle

Three bayonets

Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact Haddam Resident Trooper Stanger #379 at Troop F in Westbrook 860-399-2100.

OBITUARIES

Philip Cleve Goff

According to Legacy.com and The Middletown Press, Philip Cleve Goff, 65, of Higganum, passed away on Monday, Oct. 14.

HK COMMUNITIES

Stuff a Cruiser November 23

By Laura Shipman, HKYFS

Please join Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc. (HKYFS) and the Haddam Resident Trooper Joseph DeAngelo on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Higganum Green and stuff a cruiser with donations of new gifts, toys, gift cards (or financial contributions) for local families with young children and teens who need a little help this holiday season.

Call or email our office – HKYFS – at 860-345-7498 or office@hkyfs.org for more information, need ideas, or if you would like to donate but cannot be there that day.

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Iino exhibits Killingworth's spirit & loyalty

Killingworth is a small town with a huge heart. Our community's spirit and loyalty is exhibited by and led by our current Selectwoman Cathy Iino. She has set an example of calmness and leadership so necessary in our world today. I am pleased to write a letter to commend her for all she has accomplished for Killingworth during her time as First Selectwoman. She has worked long hard hours, gone to meetings, met with and spoken to countless committees and organizations on our behalf, traveled our roads to see continuing improvement and maintenance to keep us safe.

During Cathy's term in office she has fought to keep taxes low, and sought out ways to bring affordable housing to the town for seniors and others. She has worked tirelessly to bring businesses into the community that exemplify what makes our town special, including Lavender Pond Farm, SoConn Winery, and LaForesta, to name a few. She has supported Parmelee Farm and the development and improvement of many recreational facilities including Sheldon and Auer Park.

I invite you to come out on November 5th and vote for Cathy Iino and continue to keep Killingworth an example of what a well-run town should be.

*Sandy Allard
Killingworth*

In support of Francesco Lulaj for Killingworth First Selectman

A true level of commitment comes when we devote our time and energy to something that we truly want. Devoting time to show a community how deeply you want to serve the beautiful town of Killingworth is exactly what Francesco Lulaj has done. He has worked harder than any candidate this town has ever seen to show this community his desire to be the next First Selectman. Francesco has not taken one day for granted and has been steadfast in his effort to connect with each of us. Francesco spent days walking the long roads of Killingworth knocking on over 2000 doors, talking, laughing and uniting with many new faces. I walked with Francesco and was in awe at his level of devotion. This grass roots effort was celebrated by many. Residents appreciated and valued his need to meet his neighbors. Talking with members of the community, he heard their concerns and pledged to serve them well. I have lived in this town for 22 years and understand the importance of connecting with this town through our families and this is the sincere advantage that Francesco can and will provide. Francesco has invested in this community and with that is committed and connected in all that happens here.

People have questioned how Francesco could provide the necessary amount of time to do this job, given that he has a young family and is the owner of a very successful business. My response is that is exactly why Francesco is the perfect candidate. Francesco knows no other way but to work hard and put an unwavering effort into everything he does. His drive and focus on quality made him successful in business and will make him successful as First Selectman. The success of Killingworth and maintaining the values we all cherish ensures the success of his young family and all families in Killingworth.

Killingworth is extremely fortunate to have Francesco Lulaj running for First Selectman on November 5th I am proud to endorse Francesco and have every confidence in his effective leadership and loyalty to this beautiful town.

*Eileen Blewett
Killingworth, Conn.*

**Blewett is running on Killingworth Board of Selectmen (Republican candidate).*

Joe Rizzo for Haddam Board of Selectmen

My name is Joe Rizzo, as a candidate for Haddam selectman I am writing to ask for your vote on November 5th. One of the most important issues I will face head on is the economic development of Higganum

Center and the continued careful development of Tylerville. These are key aspects to the health of Haddam. I will look to use the resources our town already has available to help us continue to build a strong foundation and demand for small businesses in our centers. We have the unique distinction of two endcap villages, Tylerville and Higganum. Our villages have open spaces surrounding them and in between, including Haddam Meadows State Park which draws in folks from far and wide. I believe we can bring people to Haddam with minimal improvements and some enthusiastic advocating, which I have the energy to lead.

As your selectman, I will encourage ecotourism activities to areas like the Higganum Cove, the waterfall on Depot road, the swing bridge and Eagle Landing in Tylerville, and the Higganum Reservoir. I have already started working with a mountain bike trail designer to generate ideas for increasing the use of Swan Hill. Such simple improvements will bring active, outdoor-oriented people directly to our town center and to our businesses for shopping and mingling. A group of community members and I, with the help of local businesses and resources can be ready to break ground on this project in the spring. This is an immediate project that will pique interest in our town this summer. I believe we can leverage our rich natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities to define Haddam as a destination in the short term, and a place to settle and raise families in the long term.

We are a tight-knit, well-rounded community that continues to build and demonstrate a dedication to our town in a way that I have not seen anywhere else. I love our town. Whether in agreement or disagreement with all of each other's ideas, the improvement of our community for future generations is what binds us together. I will take all of your views into consideration. I will listen to each and every one of you as well as bring your concerns to the fore. I will be steadfast in my pursuit to use the wonderful resources we have right in front of us to bolster our potential as a town.

Please come out and vote for the future of Haddam on November 5th.

*Joe Rizzo
Haddam*

In support of Joe Rizzo

I met Joe Rizzo in 2017 when our elementary school was chosen to close. Over the last 2 years we've spent countless hours at BOE, BOS and P&Z meetings, learning and listening to the inner happenings of our little town. When Joe decided to run for Selectman, it just clicked. He is exactly what we need. His levelheadedness and patience to think things through fully will only assist us in moving our town forward, and achieving results.

He is not a longtime resident, but appreciates the history of our town as well as understands what is bringing new families and residents to our town, what makes it attractive, so he can build off of that. Brings a fresh perspective to issues and fresh ideas of community enrichment. He feels the natural beauty of our town is one of our best assets, and one that can be better utilized to attract outdoor enthusiasts and drive traffic to local businesses.

For family activities they love the outdoors, came for the CT river and couldn't wait to live just a few miles from the launch. They hike, fish, boat, water ski, alpine ski, snowboard, ATV, and mountain bike. They fully utilize the beautiful outdoors that's just outside our doorstep.

Joe (obviously) didn't support closing HES, felt it was a long term solution to a short term problem. Feels the town made a good decision to purchase the property to retain control over a critical town center property, and is excited to hear possibilities at the charettes on Oct 30th. Although closing that school has saved nothing for taxpayers and arguably for the BoE either, it will save our town 10s of millions down the road if a school needs to be built and we can sell the building back rather than invest millions into a new property.

Joe supports the POCD plan, and continuing the long term thinking to help grow and strengthen what we have. He will make thoughtful, researched, long term decisions to support this plan.

Joe is a pragmatist and a great listener. He is a thoughtful decision maker and all around great guy. He loves this town and is passionate about keeping us strong and addressing areas of need to make us even stronger. He's excited about the opportunity to be part of the decision making process to make a stronger positive impact to our community.

I am going to vote for Joe Rizzo in November, and I hope you will follow my lead.

*Jennifer Petrillo
Haddam*

In support of Niralee Patel-Lye & Graig Judge

Niralee Patel-Lye is a Board of Education candidate who has over 12 years of experience in public education in Connecticut. Her research focuses on transforming educational programs that meet student needs and on strategies to develop educational leadership in schools. Her research centers on providing students with equitable access to educational programs in order to prepare them for their post-secondary choices. In addition to her dissertation, she has presented research at multiple regional and national conferences and continues to work on new research. In addition to her many years as an educator in Connecticut public schools, she has firsthand knowledge of working and leading in a regional high school. As department chair, and de facto curriculum director for the district, she led a team of teachers from not only her regional high school but also the various feeder schools in revising the curriculum to align both vertically (from grade to grade) and also horizontally (across the grades) in each school. This was done to ensure that all students had access to equitably consistent curricula, regardless of which school they attended before coming to the high school. Clearly, she had firsthand knowledge of what it means to bring together students from different towns and different schools in one building and to create a unified community of learners.

Graig has similar knowledge but with adults. Through his years of volunteering in town, he has worked collaboratively to meet the needs of the community and to teach students about fire safety. He is particularly passionate about the safety in our schools and making certain that our educators and students are safe in our schools. With his knowledge about safety drills and his many connections in both towns in our district, Graig clearly understands what it means to work together to make sure our students are safe.

As parents, both Graig and Niralee want high quality schools for all students in the district, not just their own children. They both believe that all students should have equitable access to college level coursework and instruction. They both believe in working together to meet the needs of the community: Graig through his work with Killingworth Volunteer Fire Department and Niralee through her work with the board at HKYFS.

Both candidates have been consistently involved in advocating for our students. They will represent the community, not their own agenda. As a BOE member, they would strive to ensure transparency and integrity. Please consider supporting Niralee Patel-Lye and Graig Judge.

*Rebecca Drew
Killingworth*

Annino for Killingworth Selectman

One of the clear strengths about the town of Killingworth, my adopted town, is that the corp of volunteers who support it are a bipartisan mix on all levels. They are the children of parents whose parents were born here. They are newcomers who seek to raise their children here. They are retirees seeking the peace of a rural town. They are party affiliated and non. And they all come together in one way or another to help this community run well and to support its various organizations.

Lou Annino, Jr., running for his fifth term as Selectman, bridges the old farming families and those who later came to marry here and live on old farmsteads or in carefully planned subdivisions. He, too,
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chose to raise his family here and to serve the town as a volunteer and an elected official. Lou learned from his parents that serving your community is just what you do. He proudly carries their banner of service forward.

The value of Lou's dedication is enhanced by his almost 30 years as a Registered Professional Engineer in facilities management at large installations such as Yale, the Bayer Corporation, and the University of New Haven. The budget and staff management, strategic planning, infrastructure planning and maintenance, and emergency management for these large facilities have all served as vital hands-on experience for the position of Selectman.

I invite you to join me in voting for Lou Annino, Jr. on November 5th. He will continue to serve this community with the same dedication he has always shown, with the accumulated knowledge of his professional career and with the love of this community passed down over four generations.

*Kathleen Amoia
Killingworth*

In support of Katie Packtor for the Board of Education

For almost two years, Katie Packtor has consistently presented her very logical viewpoints to our Board of Education regarding the restructuring of our school system. Her thoughtful processes and common sense thinking are something our BoE certainly needs. I have witnessed this board entrench itself in a deep disconnect to the community in which it serves, and I am excited to say that Katie represents exactly the opposite of that.

Katie is very well connected to our town and she is listening to the concerned members of the Haddam community. I'm sure anyone who has noticed her on her early morning runs in rain, snow, sleet, and hail would agree; she is tough, she is consistent, and she has the energy to implement logical ideas for improvement. I have witnessed her listen to the people around her and express their concerns to the board for them, even when those people were hesitant to do so themselves. During this time of change in our district the BoE needs to be especially in tune to the members of the communities they serve, we are relying on them to make decisions that affect our children and the value of our community. Katie is a natural fit because every decision she has made

during her many years of volunteering have been made through those lenses.

Our school district ratings have a direct correlation to our property values and the best way to lower mill rates is to increase those values. There is a discrepancy in the number of students per elementary school this year and honestly, Haddam children got the short end of the stick. This discrepancy needs to be addressed or it will very soon affect the rating of RSD 17. It needs to be addressed most importantly for our children, but also to uphold the value of our properties and Katie understands this. She often optimistically points out that there are many big decisions still to come which will impact our children, decisions which can also increase or decrease the rating of our district. We will be trusting her and all of our new board members to make the right choic-

es. Whether you have children in our school district or you do not, a vote for confidence, consistency, and communication is a vote for Katie Packtor.

Joe Rizzo

Haddam Selectman Candidate

**Rizzo is running for the Haddam Board of Selectmen (D).*

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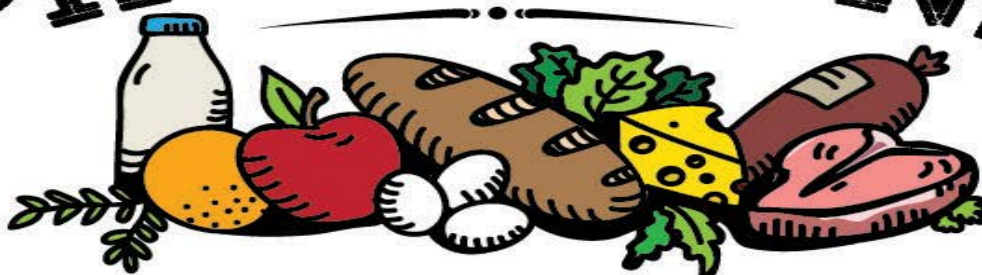
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HKHS GIRLS SWIM 2019



Kristen Thebeau getting ready for backstroke. *Photos by Kathy Brown.*



Johanna Houska – Butterfly.

HKHS defeated by Old Lyme/Valley/Old Saybrook

By Alison Karam, Coach, HKHS Girls Swim

The Haddam-Killingworth High School Girls Swim team was defeated by Lyme-Old Lyme/Valley Regional/Old Saybrook on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 in Higganum, with a final score of LOL/VR/OS 82, H-K 65. Senior Night was celebrated, which honored H-K senior swimmers and team captains, Tara Lamb and Grace Purcell.

Top 3 finishes for H-K:

200 Medley Relay

3rd: A Relay (Addy Hawkins, Nina Lamb, Johanna Houska, Tara Lamb)

200 I.M.

3rd: Jo Houska 2:46.84

50 Freestyle

2nd: Nina Lamb 27.10 (time qualifies for State Championships)

3rd: Kotah Maikowski 34.82

100 Butterfly

2nd: Jo Houska 1:23.53

100 Freestyle

3rd: Erin Marica 1:04.75

500 Freestyle

3rd: Tara Lamb 6:36.28

200 Freestyle Relay

1st: A Relay (Grace Purcell, Julia Dattilo, Erin Marica, Nina Lamb)

100 Backstroke

3rd: Kristen Thebeau 1:15.28

100 Breaststroke

1st: Nina Lamb 1:13.60 (time qualifies for State Championships)

400 Freestyle Relay

3rd: A Relay (Addy Hawkins, Erin Marica, Jo Houska, Tara Lamb)



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Visit with characters the likes of Dracula, the Wolfman, the Mummy, the Bride of Frankenstein and Frankenstein's Monster during our Boo-tifully prepared brunch!

Kids can have their faces painted with fun fall designs and enjoy some trick-or-treat delights, while everyone aboard has a chance to enjoy the fall foliage surrounding the vessel! There will be no shortage of fun on this spooktacular adventure on the river!

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