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Peter holding tomahawk steaks

Haddam Business Spotlight: Sycamore Farm Meats

By Kathy Brown.

Peter "Nick" DiGioia started Sycamore Farm Meats at 116 Christian Hill Road in Higganum in December 2018 at his family's fifth generation farm.

The farm was purchased in 1922 by Nick's great great grandfather, John Watrous. At that time, the farm was an orchard, and Nick's mother's great grandfather was the first farmer to grow peaches in Connecticut, according to Peter. Unfortunately, in 1932, the orchard was lost due to an unusually warm March then an extreme cold snap in April. Nick told us that only three trees survived that year: one pear tree, and two apple trees, and all three trees remain on the farm today.

In 2014, Nick graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with a degree in Environmental Energy Technology, with a focus on water resources. But the real story is that Nick took an elective class on meat processing while at Cobleskill, and he enjoyed it so much, that he then worked at Southington Beef, Price Chopper,

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Killingworth Congregational Church Hosts Sunday Drive-ins

By Clark Judge.

Like everyone else, churches have been forced to adapt during the COVID pandemic. Some conduct services remotely, by Zoom, Facebook or YouTube. Some hold them outside. Some try them inside. And at least one has Sunday drive-ins.

Wait. What? Yes, Sunday drive-ins.

The Congregational Church in Killingworth has been holding drive-in services since mid-March, with the last scheduled for this Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. It's an idea first tried by the church's new minister, the Rev. Dave Hammett, when he practiced last year at his previous ministry in Riverside, R.I. That was when COVID shut down in-person worship, and Hammett was compelled to find alternatives to bring the congregation together. Searching for answers on the internet, he found an idea that intrigued him.

Drive-in worship.

Essentially, it calls for outdoor service, not within a building but within a car. Parishioners were asked to drive to a place of worship where they would park their cars, stay within their vehicles and join the Sunday service by Zoom, Facebook or a designated FM-radio channel while their minister – in this case, Hammett – stood in front of them and preached.

"We didn't have to re-invent the wheel," he said, "because others had done it in different places. The car provided natural separation, which is kind of



ideal, and people can see each other. I thought there was no real good reason why we couldn't do it."

So, he tried it, starting first at a local park before moving to the church grounds. Result: It worked. In fact, it worked so well that he continued drive-in services through Dec. 31, 2020, his last day in Rhode Island before leaving for Killingworth. Then he implemented them here, with similar results.

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Local Woman Recognized as Business Leader

Summary written by A. Giamei.

Susan Martin, a long-time resident of Higganum, is the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for Middlesex Health. Susan is also on the Board of Directors of the Middlesex Community Foundation, Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities, the Chart Risk Retention Group and serves as a corporator of Liberty Bank. She is a CPA and has an MBA degree.



Susan has recently been featured in an article about professional women in HartfordBusiness.com; the full article can be found there or in a link in the story on HK-Now.com.

She states that she is proud to have worked her way up to an executive position at our community hospital. Sue feels a tremendous responsibility to maintain the high-quality hospital and its safe reputation while preserving its fiscal strength.

COVID-19 has presented significant challenges which required fast moving decisions. Susan loves what she does to support the community.

Photo provided by Susan Martin

Business Profile: Sycamore Farm Meats

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and Public Market. While there, he saw that there was a demand for local butchers, “so I decided to open a shop at our farm to process local farmers’ livestock and hunters’ venison,” said Nick.

Sycamore Farm Meats offers steaks, hamburger patties, ground beef, pork chops, Italian sausages (hot and sweet), breakfast sausage, pork country ribs, whole and half chickens, chicken breasts, chicken thighs, chicken sausage (hot and sweet), and also eggs raised on the farm. Their Summer Sizzler package, which will be available soon, has items for summer grilling, such as steaks, chicken, pork, hot dogs, and hamburgers.

They also process beef, pork, sheep, goats, and venison for local farmers and hunters. Nick cuts the meat, and his mother, father, and sister all help him in the butcher shop.

In just a couple of years, they have earned a loyal following.

“I got a porterhouse steak that was the best I’ve ever grilled at home,” said customer Kate Anderson. “The owner and employees are very helpful and kind; I am always asked if I am finding everything I’m looking for and they’ve pulled more selections from the back when needed.”

“We like to support local business so we started buying our meats from Sycamore last year, now it’s the only place we go for our meat!” said Sarah Herbst-Page. “The quantity and flavor is amazing! We bought the beef bundle as our first try, then started going up to the farm and buying weekly meats. We also enjoy the pleasant conversations and



Porchetta Boston Butt sliced then stuffed with spinach, garlic, Provolone cheese and sweet sausage rolled up tied into a roast

relaxing atmosphere.”

Elaine Parmelee said, “The meat and eggs at Sycamore Farm are the best locally grown. We have been getting meat and eggs there for a long time. Keep up the great work, Sycamore Farm!”

Another customer, Earle Decker, said, “[I] have purchased a couple kinds of meat...Nick’s porchetta and a T-bone steak recently. Very good quality.”

They plan to expand their beef herd, pig drift, and poultry flock to meet the demand for locally grown meat. The beef is grass fed but in

the winter, they supplement with leftover hops and barley from “Little House Brewery” in Chester for added nourishment.

“My business future seems promising due to the high demand by consumers seeking locally grown meats, pork, chicken, and eggs,” said Nick. “I would also like to get into agri-tourism by offering a haunted hayride, pick your own pumpkins, and Christmas trees.”

The shop accepts special orders, and they plan to offer more smoked products in the future. You can check out their Facebook page, or order by calling 860-662-0657. Their Facebook page lists specials like their “Sycamore Farms Meat Treat for the Week,” so keep an eye on it! It has listed honey teriyaki beef, meatloaf, beef pinwheels, and Ma’s meatballs in the past.

The best way to order is to visit the retail store at 116 Christian Hill Road, which is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Blue Fire Stage Company Presents '[title of show]' in May

By Kathy Brown.

(Blue Fire Stage Company will be presenting "[Title of Show]" on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights April 23 – May 2, 2021 outdoors at Parmelee Farm pavilion in Killingworth.

The actual title of the show is [title of show]. Music & Lyrics by Jeff Bowen, book by Hunter Bell. According to Rebecca Degnan, "[title of show] is a comedic show with a great heart. Jeff and Hunter set out to write an original musical to submit to a festival. The only catch? The deadline is in three weeks! They gather their two actress friends, Susan and Heidi, and set up a keyboard and four chairs. But what to write about? Jeff and Hunter decide to follow the old age, 'write what you know,' and set off on a unique musical adventure: writing a musical about writing a musical."

This show will be directed by Haddam resident Christa Douyard, and the musical director will be Haddam resident Rebecca Degnan.

Last year, Blue Fire produced the "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," also at Parmelee Farm, and it was a huge hit. People were ecstatic to be able to see a live production in the midst of COVID in a safe manner. "No cases were reported to us as a result of our show last summer," said Rebecca. "And approximately 500 people attended over the course of two weekends, in the height of the pandemic."

"As far as we know, we are one of the only theatres in the state who has produced live theatrical events over the past year, and we are doing it successfully and safely," said Rebecca, who is also the President of the Board for the Stage Company. "We have many processes and contingencies in place, and have learned to roll with the punches. These two productions were our first two mainstage productions as a new theatre company. We figure if we can keep theatre going through this past year, we can do anything."

Last year, they didn't have just COVID to deal with. A huge storm hit last July between the two performance weekends of Spelling Bee. For the opening night of the second weekend, Parmelee Farm had no power! "Thanks in large part to the expertise



Left to right: Kristina, John-Michael, Melissa, Paul

and generosity of Scott Hawkins and other volunteers at Parmelee Farm, we performed that Friday night via generator power," explained Rebecca.

For this production, the audience is allowed to bring food and drink (if you're 21+, you can BYOB). This show is recommended for ages 16+ due to strong language.

The cast includes Paul Lietz as Jeff, and John-Michael Whitney as Hunter. Kristina Pugatch will play Heidi, and Melissa Rostkoski will play Susan. Rebecca Degnan will play the onstage accompanist Mary.

You can purchase an individual seat (set 6 apart) for \$20, or a table for six (\$120) or a table for eight (\$160). The tables are intended for groups who don't need to socially distance from one another, according to Rebecca. Tickets must be purchased in advance, due to health department regulations and can be purchased online at bluefirestage.ticketleap.com/tos. Any questions about the event, ticket purchasing, or safety procedures can be emailed to bluefirestage@gmail.com. They ask that you please do not contact Parmelee Farm.

Blue Stage Fire Company is also

looking for local businesses and individuals for sponsorship opportunities. Details can be found at bluefirestage.org/sponsorship. Likewise, if anyone is interested in volunteering to help out during performances they can contact Blue Stage Fire Company at bluefirestage@gmail.com

Because we are still in the midst of a pandemic, there are additional requirements. The staff will be disin-

fecting all chairs, tables, and restrooms before each performance. Check-in will be contactless, and even the programs and 50/50 raffle will be contactless. During rehearsals, the cast and crew follow all health department guidelines. Their cast will be fully vaccinated by the time performances are scheduled.

There are also some health department requirements that must be followed for audience members: audience members will be required to wear masks when not in their seats. Social distancing will be enforced and the audience must maintain 6 distance between themselves and others. Do not attend the performance if you have any symptoms of COVID-19. Ticket refunds will be available, or tickets may be transferred to another date, based on availability.

Do you want to find out how this story ends? As the deadline looms, insecurities creep in and jealousies flare. Will the team succeed? Will they make it to Broadway? Rebecca said, "In this intelligent, playful, lovable musical, the audience is treated to an inside look at the tough work of being a creative artist. Frequently hilarious, occasionally heartbreaking, and thoroughly inspiring, [title of show] is a love story celebrating friendship, creativity, and the pursuit of dreams."

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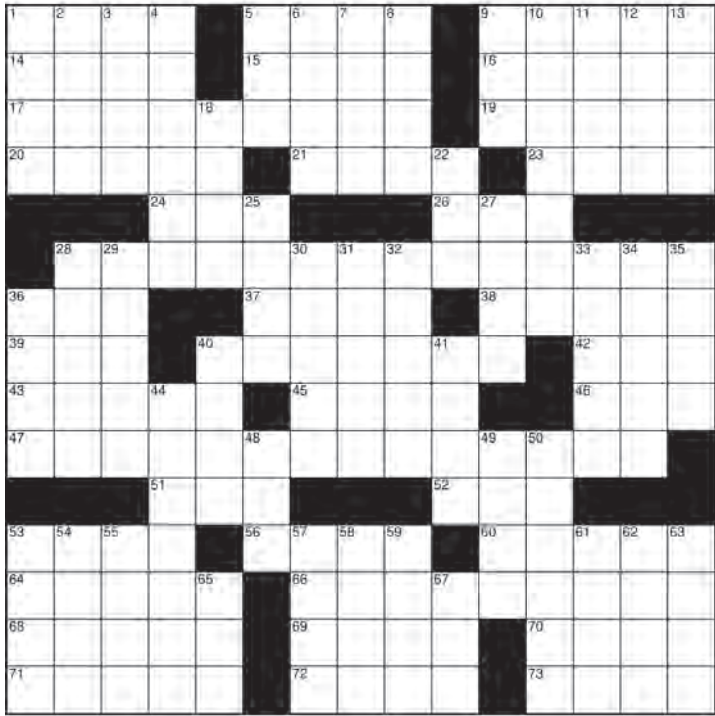
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HK-News Welcomes Kelly Moore, Crossword Puzzle Maker

Editorial Staff

Haddam Killingworth News is always looking for people within our communities who would like to help us in putting together an interesting newspaper.

Recently, Kelly Moore reached out to see if we would be interested in publishing some of her own crossword puzzles.

Kelly is a local puzzle enthusiast and musician who enjoys playing jazz tuba, attending video game tournaments, learning about outer space, and writing crosswords to house increasingly corny puns.

Get your pencils sharpened and enjoy!

Campbell Joins Essex Savings Bank

By Elizabeth A. Kuhns.

March 31, 2021 – Essex, Connecticut. Essex Savings Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Glenn Campbell as Senior Vice President, Chief Lending Officer.



"We are pleased that Mr. Campbell has joined our expanding business. With nearly 40 years of experience in finance and banking in a variety of institutions, his depth of experience will be an asset for our Loan Department," stated Gregory R. Shook, President & CEO of Essex Savings Bank.

Prior to joining Essex Savings Bank, Mr. Campbell worked in numerous roles and institutions including (Fleet) Bank of America as a Vice President, Bank One as a Vice President & National Marketing Manager, Banco Santander and Citibank, N.A. as a Senior Vice President, Citizens Bank as Senior Vice President, Commercial

Banking Division and most recently with ASMG as Group Vice President, Finance and Mergers & Acquisitions.

Mr. Campbell received his Bachelor of Science in Financial Management from Clemson University in South Carolina. He and his wife reside in Simsbury, Connecticut.

Mr. Campbell will be working under the leadership of Ms. Diane Arnold, currently Senior Vice President, Chief Lending Officer, who is transitioning to CEO & President at the end of July 2021, upon the retirement of Mr. Shook.

Essex Savings Bank is a FDIC insured, state chartered, mutual savings bank established in 1851. The Bank serves the Connecticut River Valley and shoreline with six offices in Essex (2), Chester, Madison, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook providing a full complement of personal and business banking. Financial, estate, insurance and retirement planning are offered throughout the state by the Bank's Trust Department and wholly-owned subsidiary, Essex Financial Services, Inc., Member FINRA, SIPC.

TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit www.haddam.org, www.townofkillingworth.com or hk-now.com for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes. See hk-now.com for more information on calendar items.

Killingworth Charter Revision Comm. Mtg. (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Haddam Inland Wetlands Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20

Killingworth vaccination clinic. The Killingworth Health Department, in collaboration with the Community Health Center, Inc., will host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Killingworth residents on Tuesday, April 20. You can sign up for the clinic by calling the Killingworth COVID-19 phone line: 860-663-1765, x220. Supply of vaccine is limited, so appointments are first-come/first-served.

Killingworth P&Z Mtg. (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

RSD17 BOE Mtg. (remote access) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21

Killingworth Comm. on Alternative Housing Mtg. (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 22

Haddam Special P&Z Mtg. HES 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 15

Killingworth Library Mystery Book Club 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss W is for Wasted by Sue Grafton. Check back for meeting details.

Killingworth Board of Fire Commissioners Mtg. 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Killingworth Fire HQ

Saturday, April 17

Virtual Super Saturday Storytime 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Killingworth library remains closed. Join our Saturday Storytimes on our YouTube channel! <https://killingworthlibrary.org>

Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Clinton Public Works Garage, 117 Nod Road, Clinton

Monday, April 19

Haddam BOF & BOS GoTo Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



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2021 Hazardous Waste Collection, Paper Shredding Events

By RiverCOG.

Events for the 10 towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook (identification is required; there is no fee to participate)

- May 15, 2021 Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Essex HHW Facility, Route. 9, Exit 4, Dump Road, Essex
- June 26, 2021 Paper Shredding* Essex HHW Facility, Route. 9, Exit 4, Dump Road, Essex
- July 17, 2021 Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Essex HHW Facility, Route. 9, Exit 4, Dump Road, Essex
- September 18, 2021 Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Essex HHW Facility, Route. 9, Exit 4, Dump Road, Essex
- October 23, 2021 Paper Shredding* 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Essex HHW Facility, Route. 9, Exit 4, Dump Road, Essex
- October 30, 2021 Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Essex HHW Facility, Route. 9, Exit 4, Dump Road, Essex

Directions to HHW Facility, 11 Dump Road, Essex: From Route 9 North: Exit 4, Straight off exit ramp, cross over railroad tracks. Drive to the top of the hill. HHW facility is on the left (past CRR/MIRA & Transfer Station. From Route 9 South: Exit 4, go left off exit ramp, turn right at light, cross over railroad tracks... HHW is on the left.

Events for the 16 towns of Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook (identification is required; there is no fee to participate):

- April 17, 2021 Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Clinton Public Works Garage, 117 Nod Road, Clinton
- May 22, 2021 Paper Shredding* 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Colchester-East Hampton Water Pollution Control Facility, 20 Gildersleeve Drive, East Hampton
- June 19, 2021 Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Colchester-East Hampton Water Pollution Control Facility, 20 Gildersleeve Drive, East Hampton
- August 21, 2021 Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Road, Cromwell
- September 11, 2021 Paper Shredding* 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main Street, Middlefield
- October 9, 2021, Household Hazardous Waste 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown

Acceptable Materials for Household Hazardous Waste:

- Household: Cleaners, mothballs, photo chemicals, full/partially full aerosols, arts & crafts supplies, batteries (button or recyclable), mercury thermometers, fluorescent lightbulbs
- Garage: hand-held propane torch cylinders, old chemistry kits, transmission fluid, gasoline, kerosene, waxes and polishes, brake fluid, rust preventatives
- Workshop: wood preservatives, wood strippers, oil-based paint, latex paint, lead-based paint, paint thinner, degreasers, solvents, sealants
- Yard/Garden: weed killer, insect sprays, rodent poison, muriatic acid/pool chemicals

Unacceptable materials for Household Hazardous Waste:

- explosives, fireworks, ammunition – state police, local marinas
- BBQ propane tanks – Blue Rhino participants
- Fire Extinguishers – Shoreline Fire Extinguishers, Old Saybrook
- Drugs – call Police for details

Additional Recycling Information

Consumer Electronics & Mattresses: These items can now be brought to each town's transfer station or landfill, at no cost; materials will be recycled.

Latex & Oil-based Paints: Unwanted leftover latex or oil base paints can be brought to participating retail

stores, participating transfer stations, or household hazardous waste collections. Go to paintcare.org for additional information.

Commercial HHW: Commercial hazardous waste accepted by appointment only (contact RiverCOG)

*Paper Shredding Events above: This is not for businesses; only for personal residential papers. Limit 5 bags or boxes (approximately 9" H x 18" W x 12" D). No junk mail, magazines, books, cards, envelopes, metal ring-binders, etc. will be accepted at paper shredding events.

For more information, www.rivercog.org, info@rivercog.org, 860-581-8554

HEALTH

Drug Take Back Day: April 24, 2021

By Laura Shipman, HKYFS.

April 24, 2021 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Haddam Killingworth Youth & Family Services will be at The Killingworth Pharmacy (183 Route 81) and Nutmeg Pharmacy (23 Killingworth Road in Higganum) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to collect all unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

Accepted Items:

- Expired Solid Prescription Drugs

- Unwanted or Unused Prescription Drugs
- Over the Counter Drugs (pills)
- Controlled and Non-Controlled Substances

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In the overall healthy individual, probiotics may have only minor side effects, while in the person with a weakened immune system, serious complications have occasionally been reported. Certainly, in the healthy individual, ensuring the health of your GI track while taking an antibiotic is a very real reason to consider their use, but for the person with Ulcerative Colitis, you should only have the approval of your physician.

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Sunday	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	

Cougar Celebrations March 2021

By Debra Cumpstone, HKMS.

(April 5, 2021) We recognize students and their achievements and want to share these celebrations with you too. On Thursday, April 1, 2021 Haddam Killingworth Middle School held their Town Meeting where the following students were recognized.

Our Cougar Core Value Awards are given to students who exemplify one or more of our Cougar Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance, Kindness, and Perseverance. These Core Values were developed and accepted by Haddam Killingworth Middle School students, parents, faculty, and staff in 2016, and we recognize students each month. We appreciate these students' commitment to upholding our core values and being role models at HKMS.

Lily Austin: Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance
Michael Bredefeld: Perseverance, Responsibility

Trinity Bystrek: Perseverance, Responsibility
Caleb Cimma: Perseverance
Stephanie Coleman: Responsibility, Perseverance, Respect
Kyle Czarkowski: Responsibility, Respect, Acceptance
Luke DePino: Perseverance, Responsibility
Sawyer DiMatteo: Perseverance, Respect, Kindness
Jake Favolora: Responsibility, Respect, Kindness
Jaden Fazzone: Perseverance
Meghan Freeman: Perseverance, Responsibility
Emmerson Goeden: Perseverance, Responsibility
Zach Goldfarb: Responsibility
Addison Harkin: Perseverance, Responsibility
Dina Kilroy: Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance
Nathan Larkin: Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance, Kindness
Cael Loria: Respect, Responsibility

Colton Merola: Kindness, Respect, Perseverance
Elizabet Meyer: Kindness
Caley Napoletano: Responsibility, Perseverance
Alexander O'Rourke: Kindness, Responsibility, Perseverance
Michael Perry: Respect, Responsibility
Amelia Petersen: Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance, Kindness
Isla Poapst: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Hannah Reilly: Responsibility, Kindness, Respect
Payton Rich: Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness
Lea Rubino: Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility
Cash Smigel: Acceptance, Perseverance
Jackson Smith: Responsibility, Kindness
Noah Soucie: Respect, Kindness, Perseverance
Sarah Thomen: Responsibility, Kindness
Noelle Tousignant: Respect, Perseverance
Alysa Waterbury: Respect, Responsibility

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Killingworth Congregational Church Hosts Sunday Drive-ins

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"I've heard from those who come," he said, "who said they didn't realize it would be as meaningful as it is. It's special because it's something different."

That it is. Hammett stands under a blue canopy on a deck roughly five feet above ground level off the back of the Congregational Church. As he looks out on cars parked below and in front of him, he reads from a computer screen protected from the sun by a cardboard box. The service lasts 45-50 minutes, with parishioners following on car radios (via a local FM-channel with a reach of 1,000 feet) or via Zoom or Facebook.

Collecting offerings

As you might expect, there is the customary Sunday offering, though there is nothing ordinary about it here. A masked volunteer walks to each car with a fish net, then extends it through an open window to one of the occupants. A week ago, one parishioner dropped in an envelope before adding an unusual donation.

A large plastic crab.

"That was worth remembering," said Hammett, laughing.

The whole idea is worth remembering because, as Hammett pointed out, "every week there's some challenge." There have been technical hiccups. Wind gusts. Rain. Sirens. A car's dead battery. Cold. One of last year's services in Rhode Island, for instance, was held in 20-degree weather, as Hammett and the church's instrumentalist – a guitar player – braved the frigid air.

"You know how your mouse pad is somewhat heat sensitive?" Hammett said. "Well, it doesn't work so well in 20-degree weather. It would move all around the screen or get stuck. It was like Whac-a-Mole. But it was one way at least to be in each other's presence."

With warm weather coming, drive-in worship is scheduled to end after Sunday's confirmation service. The schedule has the church first moving outdoors to its Garden Chapel, site of Easter Sunday's sunrise service. Then, if COVID restrictions permit, it will resume indoor activity on Sunday, May 23.

But the drive-ins won't go quietly into the ...

well, afternoon. When Hammett held them in Rhode Island the normally passive congregation often responded by honking car horns. If there was something people wanted to say, they'd honk. After musicians played, they'd honk. If there was reason for applause, they'd honk.

"It ended up being our two-way conversation," Hammett said. "It was like an 'amen' chorus."

He didn't expect that. But he liked it. And he liked it so much he's calling on all those attending Sunday's final drive-in to join that chorus, honking horns and waving hands for those who are confirmed ... and for the simplest of reasons.

"So, they can audibly hear the support," Hammett said.

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HK RECREATION

HK Rec. Department April & May 2021

By Josselyn Salafia, HK Rec. Dept.

For any of the programs below, please visit www.hkrec.com or call (860) 345-8334 to register.

Basic First Aid

In this class participants will learn how to administer basic first aid care. The basics of performing first aid include scene safety, activation of EMS, hand washing, and personal protective gear. This program will meet Wednesday, April 21 at Haddam Elementary School from 5:15 – 7:15 p.m. The fee is \$26 (non-res. add \$5).

Skyhawks Sports Tots Program (Soccer, Basketball, Baseball)

This is an introductory sports program for children that meets Tuesdays, May 4 – May 25 at Sheldon Park, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. (ages 2 – 3) or 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. (ages 4-5). The fee is \$79 (non-res. add \$10). Introduce your little superstar to sports in Skyhawks most popular program! This multi-sport class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills, and child development. Parent participation required for ages 2 – 3.5.

HK RecCreation Stations

Come join us! There will be seven stations to engage your child's fine and gross motor skills (i.e., fitness, tactile, music, nature, arts & craft & more). Stations and items will be sanitized. One family per station at a time. Program meets Tuesdays, May 4 – May 18, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Fee is \$30 (non-residents add \$10).

Creative Art

Kids – get creative making lots of fun crafts with Tracey Distasio! Children will create a variety of different projects as well as cookie decorating on the last day! Class will meet on Tues-

days, 4/20 – 5/4 from 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. at Parmelee Farm under the pavilion. The fee is \$42 (non-residents add \$10). Kids should bring a smock or shirt that can get messy.

Karate Kids

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering Karate for boys and girls ages 5 – 12. The class will be held at Parmelee Farm on Mondays & Wednesdays from April 5 – April 28. A second session will take place May 3 – May 19. The classes meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The fee is \$42 (all 6) / \$21 (for 3). Non-residents can sign up for an additional \$10.

Zumba Kids

The Zumba Kids program is the ultimate dance-fitness party for young Zumba fans where they can play it loud and rock with friends to their own riffs! This program features age appropriate music and moves that will get kids movin' to the beat. The program will run April 8 – May 6 at Sheldon Park. A second session will run from May 13 – June 4. The fee is \$52 (non-residents add \$10) and meets from 4:15– 5:15 p.m.

Horseback Riding

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering Horseback Riding Lessons. Classes run for 4 weeks. The fee is \$175 (non-residents add \$10). Program will meet on Tuesdays, May 11 – June 1, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. or 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. for ages 6 – 13. There is a max of 4 participants per time slot.

This class will cover grooming, saddling, riding, safety skills, as well as fun games. Lessons are geared for the novice rider. All equipment will be provided including Western and English saddle and helmet. More advanced students are welcome. Facility is lighted. Participants should wear pants. A heeled shoe (boots) is preferred. Classes are held at Whitney Ridge Stables, 227 Little City Road, Higganum.

COMICS

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CAMPUS CORNER

Grace Michalowski of Haddam Neck Sings in Competition

Merit Pages News.

WILLIMANTIC, CT (04/01/2021)– Seven students from the Music Program at Eastern Connecticut State University recently competed in the Connecticut chapter competition of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS).

Among the students was freshman Grace Michalowski of Haddam Neck, who majors in Music. Michalowski sings soprano and performed the songs “She Used to Be Mine” (from Waitress); “Cock-Eyed Optimist” (from

South Pacific) by Richard Rodgers; and “Summer in Ohio” (from The Last Five Years) by Jason Robert Brown.

Founded in 1944, NATS is the largest association of teachers of singing in the world. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the competition was carried out virtually with performers sending in prerecorded videos. The judges panel was composed of voice professionals from across the state, including representatives from universities and private studios.

Eastern's Music program provides a supportive environment, individualized mentoring and outstanding facilities where aspiring performers, composers and scholars can develop their talents.

DEATHS

Priscilla Marie (Daigle) Viens

Priscilla Marie (Daigle) Viens, peacefully passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Friday April, 2, 2021 at the age of 93.

LEGAL NOTICES

SPECIAL PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the former Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Road, Higganum CT on April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item(s):

- Request for Special Permit to allow conversion of a two car garage to an in-law apartment.
130 Pokorny Rd, Map43 lot26-6 Applicant: Jeff Shackett
- Request for approval for satellite med-spa in home office.
29 Devonshire Ln, Map16 lot 12-3 Applicant: Lauren Hebert
- Request for a special permit to allow for demolition of residential structure listed on Haddam Survey of Historical and Architectural Resources. 140 Dublin Hill Rd. Map 06/ Lot 042 Applicant: Tim Brewer
- Request to replace signs at Dunkin Donuts for rebranding, section 17.5.
82 Bridge Rd, Map 49 lot 34-1 Applicant: Poyant Signs
- Request for Special Permit to create 5 acre interior lot for single family residence, section 4.1 B.1
133 Injun Hollow Rd, Map 12 lot 13 Applicant: Carl Erlacher

Said application is on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam and on the web site at www.haddam.org.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Haddam CT

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Covid-19 Vaccine Update & Renters Relief Program

By Norm Needleman, State Senator.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

As of April 5, Connecticut has administered 2,081,751 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with 809,663 of them representing second doses and 1,329,149 first doses administered. Those figures include 57,061 doses of the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine administered to the public. The state expects those figures to continue to climb, as 288,000 first doses of the vaccine were delivered statewide and vaccine adoption remains strong, with 45 percent of all adults over 16 receiving at least one dose and those numbers increasing to 67 percent of residents over the age of 45, 75 percent of residents over the age of 55 and 82 percent of residents over the age of 65.

VA Connecticut Expands Vaccine Eligibility

VA Connecticut Healthcare System has expanded COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to include anyone who served in the military, regardless of VA enrollment status, as well as veteran spouses and caregivers. Vaccine clinics are first come first served and while supplies last. Attendees are asked [not to bring] anyone with them to the clinic due to social distancing requirements. Masks are also required. Appointments are not needed but are available during clinic operating hours by calling 203-932-5711 ext. 5627, 7784 or 7754. Below is a list of the clinics:

- April 5 and 8 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.: West Haven Annex, 200 Edison Road/Pez Blvd. in Orange
- April 6-7 and 9 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: West Haven campus, 950 Campbell Avenue, Donaldson Center, Bldg. 2, 2nd floor
- April 11 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: Connecticut Veterans Home, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill
- April 12 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: West Haven campus, 950 Campbell Avenue, Donaldson Center, Bldg. 2, 2nd floor
- April 14-16 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: West Haven campus, 950 Campbell Avenue, Donaldson Center, Bldg. 2, 2nd floor
- April 17 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.: Harding High School, 379 Bond Street, Bridgeport
- April 19-21 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: West Haven

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35 Mobile Vans Distributing Vaccines as of April

The state has added 35 mobile vans that will travel across the state administering COVID-19 vaccinations in April, just the latest of many steps Connecticut is taking to boost vaccine adoption and usage. Additionally, 300 more pharmacies and three primary care practices are now administering the vaccine as well; by late April, the state expects extensive walk-up options, mobile access and high school and college-based clinics to further bolster adoption of the vaccines and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

What to Do if You Lose Your Vaccine Card

After you receive a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, you receive a vaccination card that records the type of vaccine and the date of the shot. But what happens if you lose the card? The CDC recommends taking a photo of both sides of the card, in case you lose it. But if you forgot to do so, here's what the CDC says you can do:

- Contact your vaccination provider directly to access your vaccination record.
- If you can't reach the vaccination provider, contact your state health department's immunization information system.
- If you enrolled in v-safe or VaxText, you can access your vaccination information through those tools.
- If you have made every effort to receive a copy of your vaccination card and still need a second shot, talk to a vaccination provider.

Renters' Rebate Program for Elderly and Disabled Renters Tax Relief Opens

The Renters' Rebate for Elderly/Disabled Renters Tax Relief Program opens today, with an application period running from April 1 to October 1. The reimbursement program assists renters who are elderly or totally disabled and whose incomes are below certain levels; persons renting apartments, rooms, or living in cooperative housing or mobile homes may be eligible for the program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons, based on a graduated income scale and the

amount of rent and utility payments made in 2020. Applications can be made at town social service agencies or assessor's offices beginning today. For more information, please call the program's hotline, 860-418-6377.

For the first time in more than a decade, Connecticut received upgraded ratings for two bonds from Moody's Investors Services, a shift that could lead to reduced borrowing costs from the state in years to come. Connecticut's bond rating went from A1 to Aa3, its fifth-highest to its fourth-highest, placing Connecticut firmly in its "high quality" bond category. With this upgraded ranking, the state could be able to access reduced rates in future funding for projects including school construction, infrastructure upgrades and economic development programs, among others. This is the result of more than a decade of hard work by legislators to manage the state's budget and debt payments.

HEALTH

9 Town Transit: Free Covid Vaccine Transportation

By Joe Comerford.

The Estuary Transit District's Complimentary COVID Vaccination Transportation provides FREE accessible transportation to COVID test sites in the district seven days per week. Trips must begin in Clinton, Chester, Essex, East Haddam, Deep River, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Madison, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook and may be to the closest available vaccination site. This includes drive through vaccination sites. Any resident regardless of age or ability is eligible, and up to four people may travel together.

Trips must be booked at least one day in advance by calling Curtin Transportation at 860-443-1655 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Face coverings are required when riding. Wait and return service will be provided. Full program details are available at www.estuarytransit.org.

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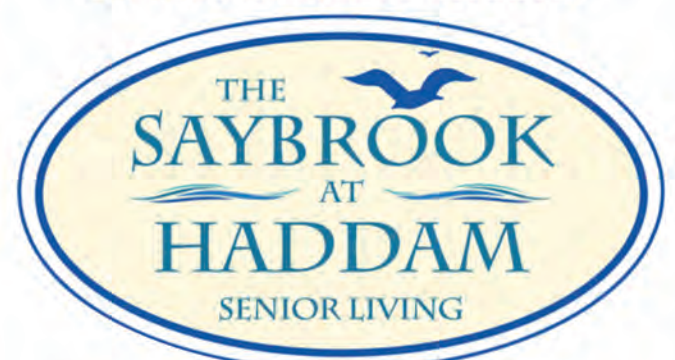
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