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Miss Kitty

To the Editor: On the Passing of Miss Kitty

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On Monday, April 5th our 35 year old bay mare, Miss Kitty, passed away from a pulmonary embolism. Ordinarily we would not publicly share news of a passing pet with our neighbors, but Kit Kat had become somewhat of a fixture in Haddam. Over the past 21 years, so many of you expressed delight in seeing her as you drove by our farm on your way to work, HKHS and the center of town.

Kitty lived a long and wonderfully full life; she showed as a pleasure horse in her younger years and experienced the joys of motherhood before retiring comfortably as our beloved "pasture ornament." We felt blessed to have had the opportunity to be Kitty's life-long stewards these past 33 years. We adored her beyond measure—she will be sorely missed.

We thank you all for sharing with us your stories about how she made you smile over the years. Whether you knew her from our farm on Killingworth Road or recognized her photo from the town website, it warms our hearts to know she was so well appreciated within our community.

Sincerely,

Jenn White, Mike & Drew Santopietro
Lindenbrook Farm

32nd Haddam Neck Congregational Church Quilt Show: May 8 to 9, 2021

By Lisa Malloy.

The 32nd Annual Haddam Neck Congregational Church Quilt Show will be held on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, May 9 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The scenic 19th church overlooking the Connecticut River is located on 408 Quarry Hill Road in Haddam Neck. Beautiful quilts and quilted items will be displayed in the church. Proceeds help to support the maintenance and preservation of the landmark Church and Schoolhouse.

This year we are combining the show with the Ladies Aide Plant Sale.

All Covid-19 Pandemic Protocols will be in place and followed. Masks will be required, and visitors will be asked to stay 6 feet apart. Only the church will exhibit quilts and visitors will be limited to permitted capacity and follow a set one-way flow with a separate entrance and exit.

Quilt Show and Plant Sale
Hours: Saturday, May 8th, 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9th, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There will be no food service this year, but baked goods will be available for purchase to take home.

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Cockaponset State Forest Update April 1, 2021

By Emery Gluck, Forester, DEEP.

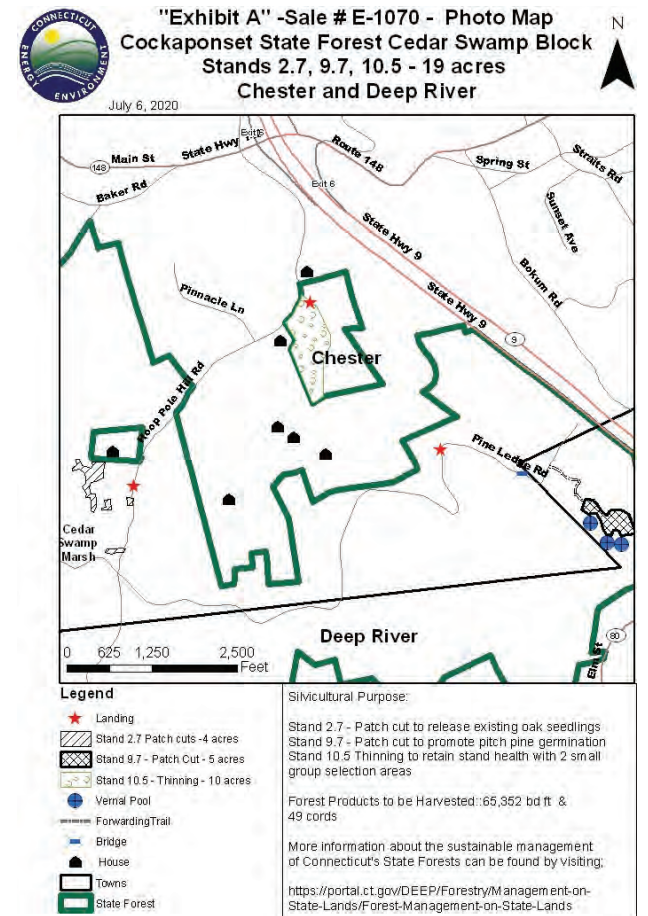
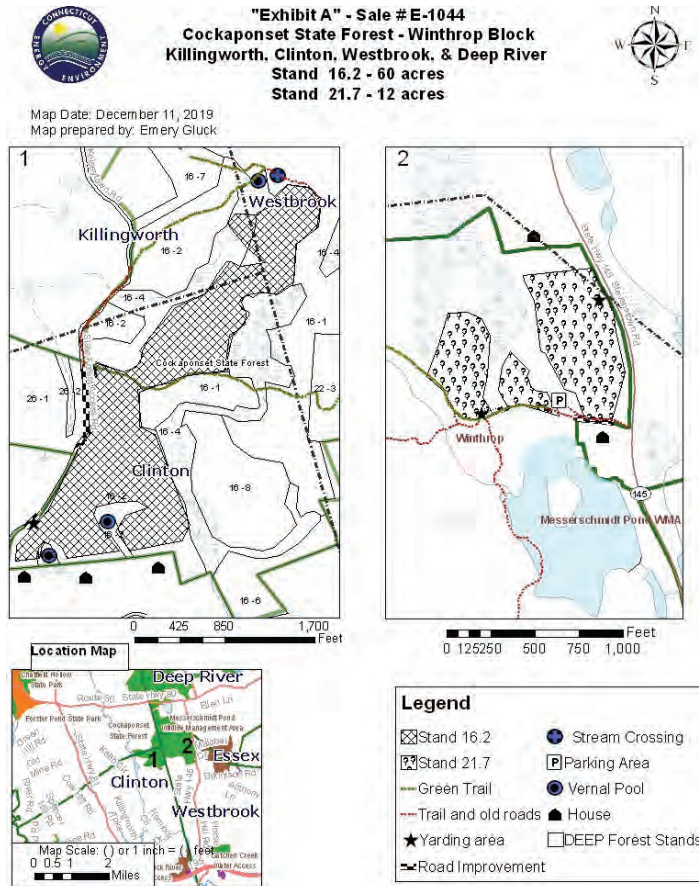
Two timber harvests starting – Sale E-1044 is starting in Clinton (see map image E-1044) but will continue into adjacent Killingworth and nearby Westbrook and Deep River. No harvesting will occur on this sale from May 15 to August 15 because of tree roosting bats of state special concern.

Some trails and paths may be signed closed during part of the harvest.

Sale E-1070 is in Chester and Deep River (see map image E-1070).

Peter Marlowe Forest Products of North Guilford was high bidder both sales.

A main goal of the forest management in Cockaponset State Forest is to promote biological diversity. Efforts are concentrated on under-represented upland ecosystems and plant populations that are not adequately sustaining themselves under current natural conditions. Many trees species such as gray birch, white birch, aspen, red cedar and pitch pine that once were relatively abundant are now scarce as they are short-lived and/or being shaded out.



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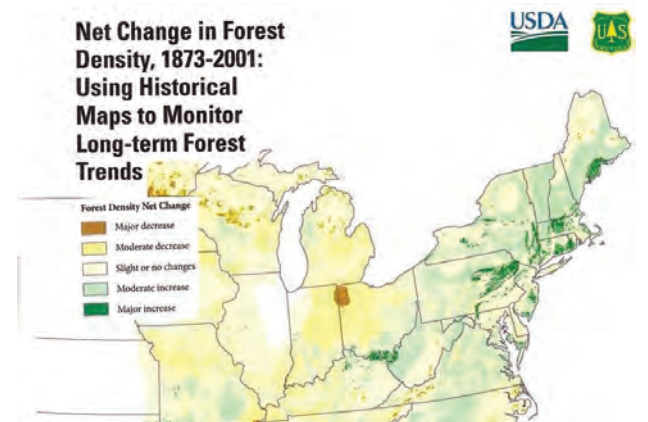
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Much of the management focuses on sustaining oak (keystone species) and pitch pine, which are slowly dying out. The former is unable to develop viable new generations in moderately dense shade while the latter can only tolerate minimal shade.



As the map indicates, forests in our area have become very dense mainly due to the absence of fire.

The more open forest in Sale E-1044 and part of Sale E-1070 will likely improve insect foraging for bats and provide habitat for birds.

The rest of sale E-1070 will promote pitch pine, oak, and likely many species of Greatest Conservation Need that utilize young forest habitat.

Hope everyone can safely enjoy the forest.

Thank you for your interest in Cockaponset State Forest.

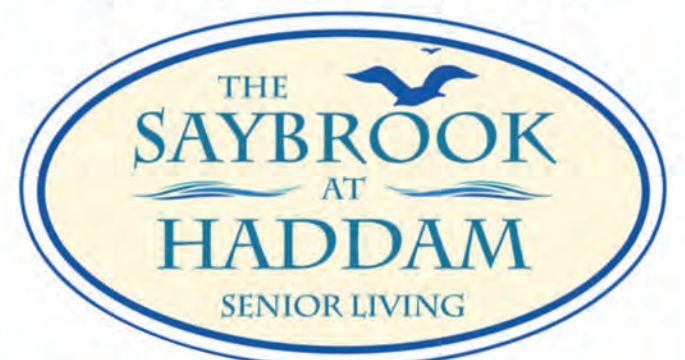
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Killingworth Copes: April 13, 2021

By Cathy Iino, First Selectwoman, Killingworth.

The coronavirus continues to hold sway over the way we lead our lives, the way we conduct private and public business, and the way we come together with friends and family. We have managed to find work-arounds for many vital processes, from on-line meetings and hearings to reorganized office space and new rules for voting. Private citizens have stepped up to help their neighbors, as they always do in Killingworth.

Over half of our town population has received at least one dose of COVID vaccine. Nevertheless, the number of infections is still going up, by more than one per day. We now have almost 350 confirmed cases. Nearby towns have recently seen big spikes, and Middlesex County is considered "very high risk" for transmission. New variants of the virus, the pause in distribution of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and relaxed rules all threaten the gains we have made against the pandemic. Please get vaccinated as soon as you can, and continue to wear masks in public, for the sake of the entire community.

Killingworth vaccination clinic. There are still slots available to get your vaccine right here in Killingworth on Tuesday, April 20. It's very easy to sign up; just call the **Killingworth COVID phone line: 860-663-1765, x220.**

Virtual hearing on Town Charter revision. As the Charter Revision Commission gets set to begin drafting proposals, it will hold a second virtual hearing to get public input on what should or shouldn't be changed, tomorrow evening, Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m.

About 110 of Connecticut's 169 municipalities operate under town charters, and state law sets forth the process for amending charters. Killingworth's Town Charter was last amended in 2009. The commission is looking at which provisions are out of date, which could be streamlined, and which could be improved or replaced for the good of the town.

Senior Dinner. Pandemic or no, the Killingworth Lions find ways to serve the community. This year, their annual senior dinner is a moveable feast. On Saturday, May 1, the Lions are offering free lasagna dinners for pick-up at the St. Lawrence Church Hall, 7 Hemlock Drive, to Killingworth seniors aged 65 and older. Dinners will be ready for pick-up between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.; if you are transportation challenged, the Lions will deliver your meal on request. Please RSVP by April 20 to Nancy Keyes at 860-227-5145 or nancykeyes47@gmail.com.

Absentee ballots for budget referendum. Because of the continuing pandemic, the town budget for Fis-

cal Year 2021-22 will be put to vote at a referendum instead of a Town Meeting. Actually, there are two budgets, operating and capital.

The referendum, along with a referendum on the RSD17 budget for FY21-22, will take place on May 4, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m., at Killingworth Elementary School. However, under the governor's COVID orders, anyone may cast an absentee ballot for this vote.

You can apply for an absentee ballot now. Download the application, or call 860-663-1765, x502, to request a paper application. Print out the application, fill it in completely, and drop it in the ballot drop box at Town Hall or mail it in. The Town Clerk will mail you a ballot with the three questions, asking whether you approve the RSD17 school budget, the Killingworth Operating Budget, and the Killingworth Capital Budget. Follow the instructions for placing your completed ballot in the envelopes provided and deposit the ballot in the drop box at Town Hall or mail it in.

You must indicate a reason for voting absentee on the application. All voters may check "COVID-19" as the reason. This reason refers to the existence of COVID-19; you do not need to have the disease to check that box.

All of these adjustments to our usual procedures allow us to *stay safe and carry on.*

KAA

KAA to Hold Annual Meeting via Zoom April 28, 2021

By Clark Judge, KAA.

The Killingworth Ambulance Association holds its annual board of directors meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 and it will be the first of its kind.

That's because the board won't meet at the KAA headquarters on Route 81, as it has in past years. Instead, the meeting will be conducted by a Zoom conference call – a procedure the board has followed for all monthly

meetings since February, 2020, because of COVID protocol. The conference, which will include the naming of the association's board of directors, is

scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact the KAA at (860) 663-2450 or log on to killingworthambulance.org.

CAMPUS CORNER

Andrew Donlan of Haddam makes Dean's Commendation List

Merit Pages News.

GETTYSBURG, PA (04/13/2021)– Students with a quality point average in the range of 3.300 to 3.599 for a semester's work are placed on the College's Deans' Commendation List.

Andrew Donlan of Haddam has

been placed on the Deans' Commendation List for outstanding academic achievement in the Fall 2020 semester.

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Herpes Zoster infection (Shingles) is a painful cutaneous (skin) rash that is caused by a reaction of latent varicella virus (VZV). The risk of getting herpes zoster increases with increased age. One of the more significant complications with Shingles is Post-Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN), which is a persistent pain that lasts for up to 90 days after the shingles rash has resolved. Approximately 10-15% of people in which the herpes zoster infection is reactivated will experience Post Herpetic Neuralgia, and that risk increases with age.

The purpose of the shingles vaccine:

- 1) Prevent the reactivating of the latent VZV,
- 2) Decrease the time course of the shingles attack,
- 3) Prevention of Post-Herpetic nerve pain
- 4) Decreased severity of Post-Herpetic nerve pain,
- 5) Decrease the timeline of Post-Herpetic nerve pain.

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Squabble Hollow

By Elizabeth Hart Malloy,
Executive Director, HHS.

The unusual buildings located at 660 Killingworth Road have a somewhat story-book history. Known by many in town as Squabble Hollow, the older of the two buildings was built in the late 19th century by Frederick W. Wilcox as a simple domestic house. It passed through several local families until Maxwell Lee purchased it in the mid-20th century. "Mac" was described as an "art connoisseur, importer and gourmet" and decided to leave the corporate world behind and devote his pursuits to seeking and presenting the unusual. He opened Squabble Hollow in 1953 as a shop to share his love for uncommon objects. He also sold gourmet items such as herbs, spices and other delicacies and visitors could always find something cooking on the old black stove.

He is quoted as saying "I made quaintness my life's project."

A Hartford Courant article from 1960 interviewed Mac and toured the property stating that his private quarters were resplendent of antiques, art and extraordinary curiosities including hundreds of candelabras and candlesticks. His rooms were full of strange knickknacks and furnishings that produced a "home of non-conformist decoration."

Mac's business sold antiques and curios in his Christmas room and



the highly decorative chapel which he added in 1960. Lee was fascinated by churches and in particular Connecticut churches which had "dignity, beauty and practicality." He studied and admired them, although not religious, and built his chapel from pieces of dismantled or demolished houses of worship.

The end result was a highly embellished, some may say over the top, architectural wonder of quaintness and fantasy.

Squabble Hollow catered to tourists, as well as, locals and called movie-stars Gloria Swanson, Joan Crawford, Joan Fontaine and Ethel Waters as repeat customers. The story of how Squabble Hollow got its name has never been substantiated but supposedly there was a Swedish shoemaker who lived on the property and argued with his wife all the time and when neighbors needed shoes repaired, they said it was time to bring them to "Squabble Hollow."

Maxwell Lee was a native of New Brunswick, Canada and settled in Haddam to open Squabble Hollow after working at Bunce's Department Store in Middletown. He was well known in the area and relished in his "unending project of expanding Squabble Hollow to glorify the off-beat." He died in 1974 and the premises continued as an antiques shop for many years. Today it is a private home.

CAMPUS CORNER

Taylor Esposito Placed on Fall 2020 President's List at SUNY Cortland

Cortland, NY (April 2021) – Taylor Esposito of Haddam has been placed

on the President's List for the Fall 2020 semester at the State University of New York College at Cortland. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be full-time and have earned at least an A- in all courses.

OUR REGION

CT River Artisans: Shop & Stroll April 28

By Linda Cave.

Connecticut River Artisans Co-op will be joining the Essex Village merchants in a Shop and Stroll. This is a fundraiser for the Essex Elementary School PTO and promises to be a fun day. After being quarantined as well as indoors all winter, it should be great to get out, walk the village and enjoy our

unique restaurants and shops.

The Shop and Stroll will take place April 28, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Beginning with registration on the Village Green. Attendees will receive a card which will be turned in for drawing prizes. The drawing will take place at 6:15 p.m.

We at Connecticut River Artisans look forward to seeing our old friends, as well as making new friends. Mark your calendars and join us for, what promises to be a fun afternoon. As always more information can be found on our Facebook and Web page as well as the various Essex Board of Trade Sites.

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BOS Meeting April 12, 2021 - What's Happening in Haddam!

By Edward Munster.

This regular meeting of Haddam's Board of Selectmen, via GoToMeeting.com, was called to order by First Selectman Bob McGarry at 6:30 p.m. Also in attendance were Selectmen Sean Moriarty and Kate Anderson and Administrative Assistant Joanne Ricciardelli.

Under Public Comments, Neil Perron pointed out that Injun Hollow Road in Haddam Neck was showing signs of deterioration to which First Selectman Bob McGarry responded that he would bring that to the attention of Chris Corsa, Asst Dir of Public Works.

In the Selectman's Update, FS McGarry reported on a number of projects: The Phase 2 environmental analysis on the Rossi property is completed and the BOS are awaiting the report. The Town has applied for a Municipal Brownfield grant of \$1,800,000 for the cleanup of the Scovil Hoe property.

In Tylerville according to the State the construction of the roundabouts will take place from Spring 2023 through Fall 2024. This work will be done at night to minimize the impact on traffic. The sidewalks along Bridge Road need a DEEP easement. This work will start in the Spring of 2022. Sidewalks in Haddam center may start this year. DOT has signed off on the design.

Road improvements: Drainage work is underway in the area of High Street and Lake Avenue. There are 20 roads scheduled for various improvements in this year's road plan.

Town Budget: Haddam's newly appointed Finance Director Ann Harter started her position April

5. The Board of Finance is currently working on the town's proposed budget. The BOS approved the cost of the Valley Shore dispatch service but is still waiting for estimates for the cost of health benefits and pension costs. The Capital budget is being developed and will be discussed at a joint meeting of the BOS and BOF on March 19. From the American Rescue Plan the Town is expecting to receive \$808,000. The plan also includes money for counties and Haddam will get additional monies as a share of that.

Covid-19: Haddam experienced 74 cases in March 2021 which was the largest monthly total yet. To date in April the number of cases is 31 and the total for the year has been 380 cases. The new cases are affecting more younger people on average. The rate of positive test cases, hospitalizations and new cases are trending up for the state of CT as a whole. Vaccines are now available for those age 16 and higher.

Union negotiations are scheduled with both the Clerical union on March 25 and the Teamsters union on March 30.

RSD17 report from Jennifer Favolora: HKMS 7th grade student Lily Austin placed 1st in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in our region and went on to place 2nd for the state. Lily is the first HKMS student to place at the state level. Many of our staff and educators have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19 as a result of coordination between CRAHD and Nutmeg Pharmacy as of early April.

The Facilities Committee proposed and the BOE agreed to request proposals for an Educational Facility Assessment, a Demographic Study and a Board of Education Master Plan to assess the condition of the district's buildings to guide maintenance and im-

provements over the next decade.

RSD17 Budget: The BOE approved a 2021-22 RSD gross budget of \$42,749,049 which will be brought to referendum in both towns on May 4. This year the Killingworth share of the budget is increasing because Haddam's enrollment is down by 81 students and Killingworth is down by only 28 students. Other budget highlights include that salaries will have only a slight increase of .23% due to a reduction of 5.5 staff and four retirements. The 3.5% increase in cost of health benefits though the CT State Partnership II Plan will be offset by using \$208,000 from the District's Medical Self Insurance fund from when the district was self-insured. There is a significant increase in Special Education of \$902,000 (17%) as a result of tuition, transportation and professional services. The RSD Board in making investments in Covid learning recovery. Additional Federal Coronavirus Grant Funding is expected which will be used to invest in reading and math support staff, expand access to summer school programs, add social-emotional programs for grades 4-12 and upgrade technology and connectivity in the schools. Check the RSD website for the Adopted BOE Budget on RSD17.org under "District" - "Budget Information".

Economic Development Commission: Selectman Kate Anderson reported that the EDC will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 14. Topics she discussed involved a project proposed by Elm Tree Partners to place 80 one and two bedroom apartments in Tylerville in two phases of 40 each. This has been reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee but has not yet been approved by Planning and Zoning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



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COVID-19 Vaccine Update April 12, 2021

By Norm Needleman, State Senator.

The Majority of CT Adults Have Had At Least One COVID-19 Dose

As of April 12, 2021 52% of Connecticut residents had received at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, with 2,414,373 total doses administered statewide. That includes 977,061 individuals who have received both shots and are considered fully vaccinated and an additional 1,533,933 people who have received their first dose. Those categories include 96,621 people who have received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, which only requires one dose.

Most recently, 83 percent of individuals over the age of 65, 71 percent of residents between the ages of 55-64, 54 percent of residents between the ages of 45-54 and 30 percent of residents between the ages of 16-44 have received at least one vaccine dose. The state expects at least one COVID-19 vaccine will be approved for residents between the ages of 12 and 15 in coming weeks as recent test results indicated high effectiveness in preventing infections in that age group.

CDC and FDA Putting a Pause on the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

The CDC and the US FDA are recommending that the U.S. pause the use of Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine over six reported US cases of a "rare and severe" type of blood clot out of an abundance of caution. The pause is only expected to last a matter of days, according to the Food and Drug Administration, to prepare the health care system for the rare type of blood clot. The six reported cases were among more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine administered in the United States, indicating an extremely rare incident rate of less than one-in-one-million, significantly lower than the risks of an individual catching COVID-19. All six cases occurred among women

between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. The FDA will be reviewing the cases. For people who have received the Johnson & Johnson shot, those who have developed severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider. Anyone who has received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should rest assured that the threat to their health is minimal.

FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Applications Now Live

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one to COVID-19 and needs assistance with the cost of a funeral, or who is struggling after the significant costs of holding a funeral, FEMA is now accepting applications for funeral assistance. To be eligible, a death must have occurred in the United States due to COVID-19 after January 20, 2020. The program is intended to ease some of the financial stress and burden faced by those already grappling with loss. Applicants will need official death certificates attributing death directly or indirectly to COVID-19; funeral expense documents including names of the applicant and the deceased as well as amounts of funeral expenses and dates of funerals; and proof of funds from other sources used for funeral costs.

If eligible, applicants will receive checks by mail or funds by direct deposit. Maximum awards are \$9,000 per funeral with a max of \$35,500 per registration, if there were multiple COVID-19 related deaths in one family. To apply, call 844-684-6333 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Once an applicant's registration is accepted, they will be provided access to a portal to share documents.

April Brings Start of Tick Season

As temperatures rise and spring leaps into action, tick season is set to begin. With ticks increasingly carrying illnesses like Lyme disease, it's more important than ever to be careful in finding and removing ticks from the body. The state Department of Public Health recommends checking for ticks after outdoor recreation in areas with wildlife and plant life, which involves looking at one's body for any insects that may have latched on. If bitten by a tick, it is highly recommended to remove it with tweezers, grasping it close to its mouth near the skin surface and using gentle, steady pressure to pull it upward from skin until it releases. The Department of Public Health has more information at <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Epidemiology-and-Emerging-Infections/Ticks>.

Black Maternal Health Week

This week is Black Maternal Health Week, observed during National Minority Health Month to raise awareness of gaps in maternal health experienced by Black women in the United States. This week is dedicated to Black maternal health as Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes and 1.5 times more likely to experience severe complications as white women; Black mothers face higher risks at each stage of the labor, delivery and postpartum process as well. Bias and structural racism regarding health, chronic stress and quality of care have all been cited as contributors to those high rates. The Office of Minority Health has introduced materials to improve education on this topic including a free e-learning curriculum and a virtual health conference.

Conn. Gets C- for Infrastructure; Federal Support May Come

The White House gave Connecticut's infrastructure a C- in a recent report indicating the quality of each state's transportation resources including bridges, roads and the power grid. The report comes as federal leaders emphasize the importance of infrastructure investment, specifically seeking to support and improve infrastructure through the proposed American Jobs Plan.

According to the federal report, commute times have increased by nearly 11 percent in the last decade due to issues on roads and bridges and residents using public transportation spend an extra 130 percent of their time commuting. Other infrastructure priorities mentioned by the White House for improvement include:

- Improving the resilience of Connecticut's infrastructure as 15 extreme weather events cost the state up to \$5 billion in damages
- Assisting the 237,000 renters in Connecticut facing rent burden, meaning they spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent, with more affordable housing
- Improving access and product quality for the 18 percent of residents with only one internet provider in their area and the 12 percent without internet subscriptions
- The American Jobs Plan will invest \$300 million for the manufacturing industry, which will benefit Connecticut's 161,000 manufacturing workers
- Connecticut's 184,000 veterans would receive support through efforts to improve VA health care facilities nationwide, with focus on ensuring appropriate care for women and older veterans



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HVFC Responds to Brush Fire at Haddam Meadows

By Olivia Drake, HVFC.

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company was dispatched to a brush fire at 9:30 p.m. April 7 in a wooded area near the north end of Haddam Meadows State Park. Crews accessed the fire from a dirt road off Saybrook Road. Firefighters used brush rakes and hose lines from three vehicles to extinguish an approximately 50-foot-wide fire. Crews also felled and saturated a 30-foot tall tree that was burning. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office.



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.

Thursday, April 22

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

Estuary Transit District Special Service Study Committee Meeting

Zoom Conference Call 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 24

Drug Take-Back Day – Nutmeg & Killingworth Pharmacies 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Killingworth Library Spring Stroll & Plant a Seed 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, April 26

Haddam BOF Budget Review Mtg. – if needed. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Killingworth BOS Mtg. (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Killingworth ZBA Mtg. (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28

RiverCog Meeting (remote access) 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 860 581-8554 www.rivercog.org

Haddam Conservation Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

CT River Artisans Shop & Stroll – Essex 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Connecticut River Artisans Co-op will be joining the Essex Village merchants in a Shop and Stroll. Beginning with registration on the Village Green.

Attendees will receive a card which will be turned in for drawing prizes. The drawing will take place at 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 29

Haddam ZBA Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



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Earth Day: Lose the Litter Contest

By Kathy Brown.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans protested “environmental ignorance” and went out in the streets and on college campuses in cities across the country to fight for our planet. It started the modern environmental movement, bringing attention to smog, oil spills, polluted rivers, and more. The first Earth Day pressured the government to act, which led to the creation of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) as well as passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

How can you celebrate Earth Day in Haddam and Killingworth?

LOSE THE LITTER Contest: We are teaming up with the Town of Haddam and the Town of Killingworth to Lose the Litter on our roads. Take a walk in either of our towns, and bring a garbage bag or two. There is no shortage of trash on our major arteries, unfortunately. We are offering a \$25 gift card to a local nursery to three people/groups in each town for most trash picked up (we have a total of six gift cards to give as prizes). Send us your pictures! It's a great thing to do with the whole family and show kids how easy it is to pitch in and help (make sure that you are safe on roads please!). Spring is a great time to pick up trash on the sides of the roads and make Haddam and Killingworth even more beautiful.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Killingworth Library – Come plant a seed with us on April 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.! 2021 marks the 51st year of celebrating Earth Day! Start by following our family-friendly riddle walk (with a whole new batch of riddles for you solve) in the library's backyard, ending at our Plant a Seed Station – we will provide the materials. Please register in advance at our library's website.

If you don't already compost, start. It's easy! Put a jar,

or old coffee can on your counter. Put in your veggie/fruit scraps (no meat). When it's full, dump it in a pile in a designated spot in your yard. It will turn into beautiful soil for your garden. Or you can start slowly. Egg shells are great under tomato, pepper, and squash plants to deter slugs and cutworms. Coffee grounds are great under jade plants, blueberry bushes or philodendrons.

Sign up to be part of the Earth Day volunteer corps on earthday.org.

Take the “Pesticide Pledge” (found on earthday.org) to stop using pesticides, which kill flying insects like bees, which are needed to pollinate flowers, plants, and fruit trees.

Watch Earth Day Live on earthday.org.

Calculate your carbon footprint on carbonfootprint.com.

On May 8, 2021, there is an invasive plant/litter cleanup at Haddam Meadows State Park. Contact Cherry Czuba at cherylczuba@comcast.net for more information.

Switch to energy saving lightbulbs like compact LEDs.

Commit to eating more food from local sources. If you eat what is in season, the food travels less.

Switch to earth-friendly cleaning products.

Use a thermos/reusable water bottle instead of disposable plastic water bottles. Use glass containers instead of plastic for leftovers.

Use stainless steel straws or paper straws instead of plastic straws.

Plant a garden. HK-now's recent article titled, “Let Halfinger Farms, Town & Country Nurseries, and Running Brook Farms Reduce Your Stress” explains the many benefits of gardening.

Pre-Election Testing of Voting Equipment

The Town of Haddam will hold a Pre-Election Testing of the voting equipment for the upcoming RSD#17 School Budget Referendum to be held on May 4, 2021.

The Registrar of Voters will conduct the Pre-Election Testing of sample ballots in the optical scanners. The pre-test will take place at the Haddam Firehouse Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Road in Higganum at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

The tabulators' counters will be set back to zero, working properly and ready for the voting session.

All Haddam voters are welcome to observe. Any questions, please call 860-345-0979 or e-mail registrar@haddam.org.

Absentee Ballots Available

Absentee applications and ballots for the Haddam RSD #17 School Budget Referendum to be held May 4, 2021 are available in the Haddam Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office.

Town of Haddam Regional #17 School Budget Referendum

The annual referendum for the Regional District #17 School Budget will be held on May 4, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Yes/No Question: Shall we adopt Regional School District #17 Education gross budget of \$42,749,049.19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021?

All Polling Locations will be open for this referendum. Remember, all property owners (who own Haddam taxable property of \$1,000 or more) are encouraged to vote, “Your Vote Matters”.

Polling Locations:

*District #001 – Haddam Firehouse Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum

*District #002 – Regional School District #17, Central Office, 57 Little City Road, Higganum

*District #003 – Haddam Neck Firehouse, 50 Rock Landing Road, Haddam Neck

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

To register to vote: your registration application must be received by mail or in-person by your Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2021.

Call the Registrars of Voters at 860-345-0979 or the Town Clerk at 860-345-8531 for absentee ballot applications or more information. registrar@haddam.org 860-345-0979

HOME AND GARDEN

Got Mulch? HHSC Annual Mulch Sale

By KC Alexander.

The Higganum-Haddam Sportsman's Club will once again be holding its annual Mulch Sale fundraiser. COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL WILL STILL BE OBSERVED!

As we did last year, we will be offering Scott's bagged brown mulch for \$3 per bag.

The sale will be ONE DAY ONLY – RAIN OR SHINE on May 1, 2021 (while supply lasts).

The product will be loaded into customer vehicles, or we will provide delivery for an additional donation. Find us in front of the red barn next to Hall's Power Equipment at 817 Saybrook Rd (Rt. 154) from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or until we sell-out!



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Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame Announces its 2020 Inductees

By Elaine Jackson.

The Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame is pleased to announce its Class of 2020 inductees, who will be honored at the 11th Induction Ceremony to be held on May 6, 2021. They are as follows:

Elizabeth "Betty" Cernan

Betty Cernan's service to her hometown of Higganum includes involvement in the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary since 1966, delivery of Meals on Wheels in Haddam, and serving on many committees as a lifetime member of United Methodist Church.

Robert Kadrlle

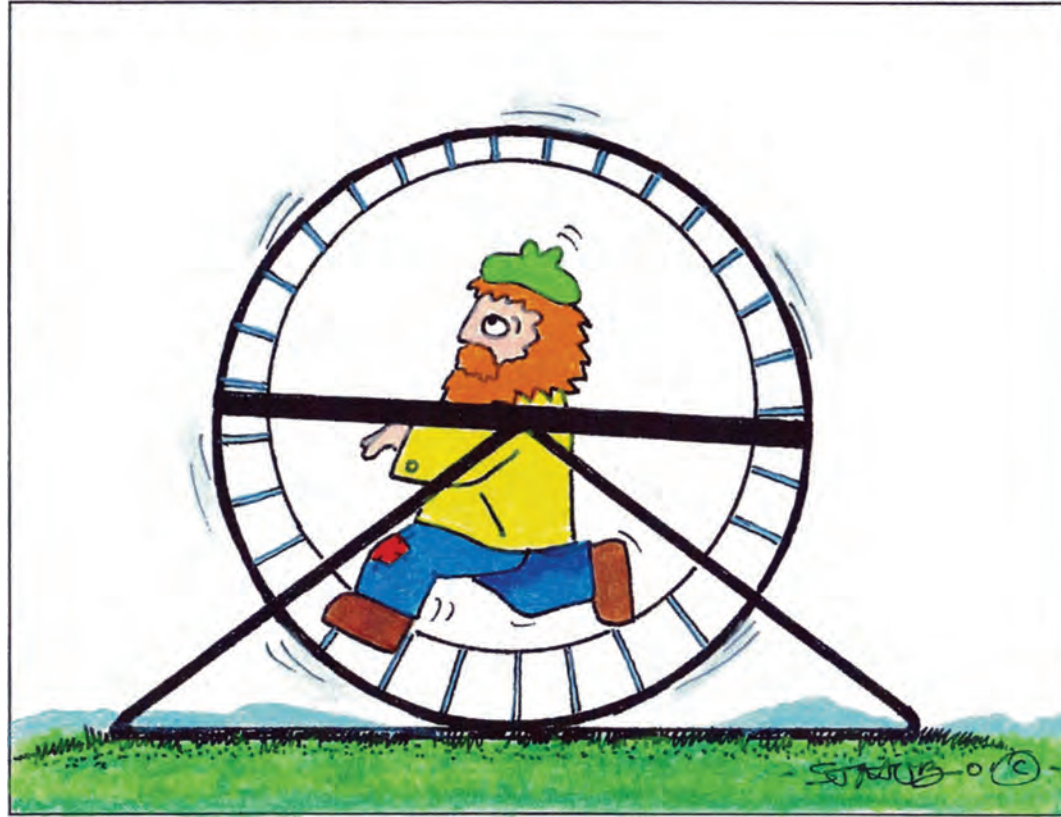
Robert "Bob" Kadrlle has been a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Haddam for 51 years. He has volunteered on the Town of Haddam Parade Committee and Veterans Museum Committee since 2001. He has been on the Rifle Squad for the Memorial Day Parade for more than 30 years.

Betty Meyer

Betty Meyer has been a dedicated lifelong member of Higganum United Methodist Church. She served on many committees and outreach programs. She delivered Meals on Wheels for Haddam for many years, and has coordinated with Haddam Public Health/Social Services to donate bas-

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Worrying must work because 95% of the things we worry about never happen.

By Emelie Munster

kets for Thanksgiving and Christmas for those in need.

Susan Rutty

Susan Rutty has been a dedicated member of Haddam Garden Club, Haddam Committee on Aging for several years. She is an active volunteer member of the Haddam Neck Fair committee. Susan has been a member of Haddam Club 60 for several years and is currently its recording secretary.

Carol Sheridan

Carol Sheridan has served the Killingworth school children through an intergenerational pen pal program that she has spearheaded for more than 20 years. She has been involved with the Killingworth Library since it was located in the old school house at the

circle. Carol is an active member of both the Killingworth Congregational Church and the Killingworth Senior Club.

Edward Yantosh

Edward "Ed" Yantosh of Higganum has spent many years serving and caring for his community. Ed was involved with Haddam Little League for many years. He is a lifelong member of St. Peter's Church and assisted on many committees. He has been involved with Haddam Killingworth Relay for Life since the beginning in 2007. He has been chairman since 2014.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7 p.m. at Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Auditorium,

Rte. 81, Killingworth. Due to the pandemic, the ceremony will be limited to family and friends of the inductees. The ceremony will be live streamed. We will be having an online auction, more information to follow, proceeds to the Eric Auer/Patsy Kamercia Civic Achievement Award.

In addition, congratulatory ads for the program booklet may be purchased by contacting Elaine Jackson at hkhalloffame09@gmail.com or 860-424-6178. Ads must be purchased no later than April 25, 2021.

The Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame was established in 2009 to honor individuals who exhibit an exemplary commitment to the service of children and/or an outstanding record of service to the community.



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Baseball 2021: HKHS Defeats Valley 8-0



Matt Miranda, Senior

By Mark Brookes, Coach.

The Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Baseball team defeated Valley Regional on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at home.

Matt Miranda had three hits and 2 RBI. Luke Dimauro had two hits 2 runs scored and an RBI for HK. Alex Sheehan tossed a three-hit shutout for HK. Ben Alexander had a double for Valley Regional.

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Batteries: HK- Alex Sheehan, Lucas Kamoen (7), and Nick Glynn. Valley Regional- Ben Marchese, Henry Breckenfield (5), and Mason Erwin. WP Sheehan LP Marchese

Records: Valley 1-2, HK 3-0

Photo by Sharon DiMauro.

HKHS Defeats North Branford 4-2

By Mark Brookes, Coach.

On Monday, April 12, 2021, Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Baseball defeated North Branford at home by a score of four to two. Alden Halfinger had three hits and 3 RBI. Matt Miranda and Luke DiMauro each had two hits for HK. Callen Powers struck out 10 for HK. Ryan Nuzzo had two hits for North Branford.

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HK 2 2 0 0 0 0 x 4 10 1

Batteries: HK- Callen Powers, Alec Erskine(5), and Nick Glynn. North Branford- Mike Virginelli , Jeremy Bunnell(2), Nico Desisto and Ryan Michon-sky. WP Powers LP Virginelli Save - Erskine

Records: NB 1-1, HK 2-0

Photo by Sharon DiMauro.



Callen Powers

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HADDAM TOWN GOVERNMENT

Shred It!

By Kristin Battistoni.

Time for spring cleaning! Do you have boxes of old papers you want to shred? Here is your chance. The Sustainability Committee will be hosting a shredding event on May 8th from 9-12 by the Community Center. A \$5/box donation is suggested. All proceeds will benefit Haddam Social Services. If you have an idea for a sustainable community project or are interested in joining the Sustainability Committee, contact Kristin Battistoni in the Tax Office at 860-345-8531 X 207 or at Taxcollect@haddam.org.

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