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ON THE ROAD WITH HADDAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Some Lost, Some Survive: The Stone Buildings of Haddam

By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director,
Haddam Historical Society

Haddam is well known for its granite-gneiss quarries on both the east and west sides of the Connecticut River. The Allen Vein runs north-south across town from Haddam Neck to Great Hill then along Turkey Hill. The Brainerd and Arnold Families both oper-

ated successful quarries during the 18th and 19th centuries primarily selling curb and gutter stone to large cities along the east coast and New Orleans. The stone was also used as a building material and a few Haddam granite buildings remain.

The Haddam Gaol and Workhouse at 955 Saybrook Road was erected of local stone in three sections. The original section was constructed in 1845

by the Arnold Family with loadbearing walls of solid stone 15 to 24 inches thick. In 1855 the building was enlarged with help from the prisoners which saved \$200 in labor costs. The mansard roof portion of the building was added in 1874 and housed offices, women's quarters and Jailer's apartment.

Just down the street, at 1005 Saybrook Road, is
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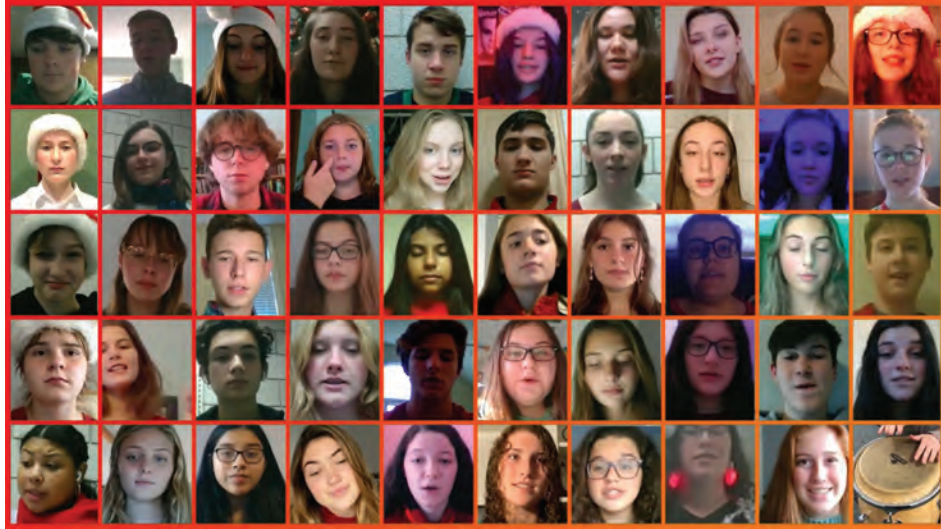
HKHS releases 2020 Virtual Holiday Concert

By Marcy Webster (Choral Director)
and Hillyn Natter (Band Director)

Happy Holidays from the H-K Music Department! We are excited to share our 2020 Winter Concert with you all!

The hybrid model at Haddam Killingworth High School has enabled us to safely and effectively continue to play instruments and sing as a part of our band and choral curriculum. In addition to working outside when the weather allows, we also spread out in the auditorium and music suite of classrooms and single practice rooms.

All choral performances are recorded individually at school as well as at home for those students who are fully remote. To ensure that it all fits together, students listen to the same record-



ing using headphones and record their voice unaccompanied. Those individual recordings are then uploaded and pieced together using the music software program Audacity. It takes hours to align each voice together and adjust volumes while filtering out page turns, background noise, etc. to get a clean recording. These are the same skills we

teach in our music production course. The final step is to add some type of video that makes the performance feel "complete".

Special thanks to H-K TV studio students Katja Berardino, Patrick Boots, and teacher Kasha Topa-Finberg who grabbed videos uploaded

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Wellness While Traveling

By Rachel Schemmerling

Even with Covid restrictions, some of us might be traveling for the holidays. Even if it's just to get away to a new location locally with ones we've been quarantining with all along. Getting away to a new environment safely is good for mental health as well as supporting local businesses to stay afloat.

Starting the new year inspires us to begin good health and self care practices. And getting away means it's time to get back to taking better care of ourselves anyway! And frankly 2020 has been all about staying healthy! And 2021 will be no different in that respect.

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Wellness While Traveling

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These days wellness is on the forefront of everyone's mind. However, taking care of yourself while traveling can prove to be challenging. Top on everyone's list when they leave their every day hectic life to go on vacation is a promise to themselves they will be eating right, finding a time and place to exercise, and slowing down to enjoy the scenery.

While some properties like grand hotels and chains offer in-hotel gyms and pools, and some are now offering healthy food options, it doesn't always come easy. After a full day of possible busy sightseeing and then retiring to your guest room, it doesn't always inspire a second trip back out of the room to go exercise in the hotel gym with strangers. And now with Covid restrictions, the gyms very well may be closed or require a mask to work out. It is this reason many people choose to stay in smaller more intimate properties like bed and breakfasts and or now the ever popular airbnb's or vacation rental properties.

However, all properties from bed and breakfasts to hotels have been working hard throughout this pandemic to incorporate cleaning guidelines and wellness focused practices into their guest rooms

and common areas. Many now offer personal wellness amenities in guest rooms like yoga mats, hand weights, extra water bottles and offer healthy food room service options. Some places offer wellness weekends, yoga on the grounds under a shady tree, retreats and mindfulness seminars. Others may offer their guests local maps showing the best places to go for a walk or run, parks and gardens to visit, and information on local beaches and lakes.

Wherever you choose to vacation (if you do) even if it's a stay-cation during this pandemic, do so responsibly, pack extra masks, hand sanitizers, and even disposable gloves if necessary. Bring along your bed sheets, water bottles, your own yoga mat and hand weights. And promise yourself a few moments of self care. It's good for the soul and will inspire you to return home renewed and refreshed, ready to incorporate a little wellness focused inspiration at home.

Rachel Schemmerling is the owner of Timeless Living Designs in Killingworth. She does interior design consulting, slow living coaching, and wellness design consulting.

HKHS Releases 2020 Virtual Holiday Show

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from Flipgrid and formatted and edited to the audio tracks to create the videos seen in African Noel and True Colors. We also use WeVideo to create some of the videos shown that have lyric captioning.

Concert Band students tackled chamber music arrangements that could be performed in small groups, spaced out for safety. Those videos were filmed and edited to create one uninterrupted performance. Jazz Band students recorded their part individually using a click-track to keep the players together and then woven together using adobe premier software to complete the finished product.

It was a labor of love to get to the final results but it was worth it for students and families to have something to enjoy and share out. We hope you enjoy!

The performances can be found by following the link at hk-now.com



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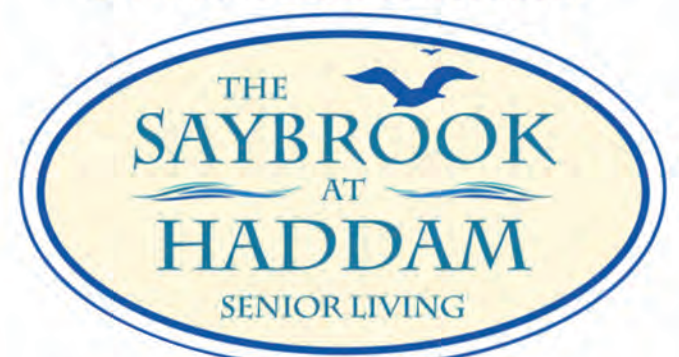
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Single-car accident on Old County Road sends two to hospital

By Olivia Drake,
HVFCo Public
Information Officer

At 7:45 p.m., Dec. 20, Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to a single-car motor vehicle accident on Old County Road in Higganum near the Hidden Lake Road and Killingworth Road intersection.

A section of road between Old County and Parker Hill is permanently closed and is not plowed.

A driver heading east on Old County Road failed to stop prior to the road's ending. The vehicle barreled through a three-foot-tall snowbank, and crashed into a tree.



The operator was evaluated on scene and refused additional medical treatment. Two passengers were transported to Middlesex Hospital via Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service with minor injuries.

Drive Safe & Drive Sober Enforcement

By Haddam Resident Troopers
DeAngelo & Stanger

During this Holiday season as we wrap up a challenging 2020, your Haddam Resident State Troopers want to take a moment to remind motorists to drive safe and drive sober. Troopers will be focusing on enforcement of motor vehicle laws in order to encourage safe travels on our local and state roads this holiday season. This includes, but is not limited to: DUI enforcement, Speeding, Distracted Driving (*Cell Phones), Obeying Stop Signs/Traffic Control Lights, and Following too closely ("Tailgating"); to name a few. Of course, we realize that no one wants to see flashing red/blue lights in their rearview mirrors. Our initia-

tives are intended to ultimately decrease motor vehicle accidents and the property damage and/or injuries that often come with them.

In the Town of Haddam, the following areas will be focused on specifically: Little City Road at Gunger Hill Road (Stop Signs), Saybrook Road, Killingworth Road, and Bridge Road.

Again, we realize that the holiday season can be a hectic time for many. The season paired with overall chaotic 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for all of us. Our goal is to ensure the safety to all whom, at some point, will likely find themselves traveling about the state during the holiday season. Please, never drink and drive, watch your speed, and avoid distractions.

Happy holidays and best wishes for a safe and healthy 2021.

Avoid COVID-19 vaccine scams

Submitted by Haddam
Resident Trooper Joseph DeAngelo

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins, here are signs of potential scams:

You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.

You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access.

Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, emails, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.

Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.

Protect yourself. Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources.

For accurate, up-to-date information about COVID-19, visit oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus, fbi.gov/coronavirus, justice.gov/coronavirus

If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to: HHS-OIG Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPS (tips.hhs.gov), FBI Hotline: 1-800-CALL-FBI (ic3.gov), CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-MEDICARE.

This information was from a flyer distributed by HHS, FBI, DOJ: vaccine-scams2020.

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RSD #17 Board of Education: summary of November meetings

By Jennifer Favalora, BOE

2020-2021 School Year:

RSD17 continues to operate K-8 schools in a full in-person model, and the high school in a hybrid model. Superintendent Hageman reported to the Board that she meets weekly with Superintendents from the region as well as local health officials to analyze the data as it relates to keeping students in school, quarantining where we must, and following the DPH's guidelines very strictly. The state did not advocate for proactively closing schools after Thanksgiving, and Dr. Hageman continues to prioritize keeping students in school as much as possible, for as long as possible. The number of families that have chosen to learn remotely remains consistent at 11%.

2020-2021 Continuous Improvement Plans:

Each fall, the District's Principals report their school's Continuous Improvement Plan to the Board of Education. This year, given this Spring's COVID- related remote learning, the Curriculum Coordinators began the presentation with an overview of math and literacy student data from this fall. Relative to years past, there are some positive highlights of on-track learning, but in some grades and subjects areas there has been learning loss, as was expected. The Curriculum Coordinators have highlighted action steps to adjust instruction and focus on the major themes of each grade level in order to systematically close those gaps and additional supports have been put into place for students in all grade levels. Other major themes throughout the presentations included 1) ensuring all Region 17 students feel safe, respected and accepted, and 2)

promoting connectedness and engagement for our students in this very unusual year. These Continuous Improvement Plans have been posted onto the RSD17.org website on each of the school's pages.

Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee:

The Personnel Committee reported the District's plan to increase the part time nurse position at the Middle and Intermediate School Building, to a full time position. This increase would put two full-time nurses in the building, one RN and one LPN. The Committee also reported that they are currently in the middle of contract negotiations with two of the District's bargaining units.

Strategic Planning Subcommittee:

Principals, Teachers, Students, Parents, Community Members and Board of Ed members convened for a "Vision of the Graduate" kickoff meeting. This group is working to gather information from various sectors throughout our communities to identify

the core skills and dispositions that are most important to see in an HK graduate. The group will meet again in December to discuss the findings from the Thought Exchange that was sent out to the community and work on next steps to complete this very important work.

Free School Meals Program:

The USDA Free School breakfast and lunch program has been extended to the end of the school year. This program is available to students who are present in school, students who are remote learning, and children that live in the community but are not enrolled in our school system. If a school, or the district, is operating in full-remote, there will be meals provided at Burr Elementary. If school is cancelled for a snow day, there will not be meals available that day. Order forms are on our RSD17.org website under District – Food Services.

HADDAM COMMUNITY

Haddam Scouts BSA Can & Bottle Drive: January 9, 2021

By Greg Nicholas

Haddam Scouts BSA Troops #44 & #44G will be collecting returnable cans and bottles at the Community Center at 9 Candlewood Hill Road in Higganum

Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021. The money raised supports the troop activities such as trips, campouts, and outings.

Scout Troop #44 is open to all boys from fifth grade to age 18; Scout Troop #44G is open to all girls from fifth grade to age 18 (this is a regional troop, welcoming girls from East Haddam, Haddam, Killingworth, and surrounding towns). For more information about joining either troop, please contact Scoutmaster Mark Pach at markcp571@gmail.com or Scoutmaster Kathy Brown at kjbrown92@aol.com



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

Friday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Saturday, January 2

Super Saturday Storytime – Killingworth Library. While the library remains closed, we will now be holding our Saturday Storytimes on our new YouTube channel! Virtual Storytime will go live at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday! Join us!

The Haddam Lions Club will be hosting a Coat and Shoe Drive at HES from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00. All new or gently used coats and shoes welcome. For information contact: <http://www.haddamlionsclub.com>

Sunday, January 3

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All new or gently used coats and shoes will be welcome. For more information contact: <http://www.haddamlionsclub.com>

Monday, January 4

Killingworth Charter Revision Comm. Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Plan of Conservation and Development regional workshops via Zoom to discuss your thoughts on issues and trends in the region.

Topic: Regional Workshop: Future Land Use Map part 2

6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) For More information contact: RiverCOG, 145 Dennison Road, Essex, Conn. 06426 860 581-8554 info@rivercog.org

RSD#17 BOE Meeting Central Office 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6

Regional School District 17 will be holding kindergarten registration from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at both elementary schools.

Thursday, January 7

Regional School District 17 will be holding kindergarten registration from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at both elementary schools.

Parmelee Farm Comm. Meeting, Pond Room, Parmelee Farm 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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the David B. Ventres House commonly known as the “stonehouse.” Mr. Ventres built this house in 1825 at the time of his marriage and was involved in the quarrying business. The building once featured an ornate full façade front porch.

The final remaining stone building in Haddam is known as Brainerd Academy or Town Hall at 21 Field Park Drive. Built in 1839, this imposing building was built by brothers John and Nehemiah Brainerd as a private college preparatory school. It was originally three stories in height with massive central bell tower. The school closed in the 1890s and later became the Town Hall/Masonic Lodge in 1929 after the Courthouse/Town Hall burned (see below). The

third floor was removed and an ornate fully pedimented projecting portico was added to the façade featuring 2-story Doric columns.

We know of three stone buildings that no longer exist. The first is the Middlesex County Courthouse which stood at the intersection of Walkley Hill, Hayden Hill and Saybrook Roads. Middlesex County was formed in 1785 and Middletown and Haddam were both appointed county seats and each needed a courthouse. The stone building was erected in 1829 of Haddam gneiss and replaced an early wood structure. It remained an active courthouse until 1897 and then became the town hall and masonic lodge. A devastating fire in 1929 gutted the building and it was dismantled. The small stone wall surrounding

“Courthouse Green” was constructed of the buildings stone.

The Old Stone Store stood at the foot of Field Park Drive and was a two-story stone building with ornate fan light in the gable end. At one time George Dickinson operated a store and post office out of the building in the 1880s. It was taken down by the early 20th century.

The Charles Smith House once stood along Pokorny Road in the Higganum section of town and was built in 1802 of granite slab veneer over a rubble masonry to make 15-inch load-bearing walls. He left the house to his wife and grandson, Charles S. Wilcox, whose family remained there until the early 20th century. In the mid-20th century it was a weekend/summer home to the Briggs Family of New York, but was abandoned and fell into disrepair by the 1980s and was torn down.



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Covid-19 Vaccine

Hi, Greg McKenna here from the Nutmeg Pharmacy Group.

As we wait for the FDA to make their decision on the Covid-19 vaccines and when they will start rolling out, I wanted to reach out to all of you, our valued customers.

Thank you to those of you who have taken the opportunity to register with your local Nutmeg Pharmacy for Covid-19 vaccination for when it becomes available to the general public.

As your local healthcare provider, we're asking for your help.

The Covid-19 vaccine is essential if we are to beat the virus.

This is a community effort, and we know how great a community all of you are out there.

Please reach out to your family and friends and let them know they can register in advance with their local Nutmeg Pharmacy to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

We know not everyone uses social media but are likely to have access to the Internet and who better to get that message from, than a trusted friend or neighbor.

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Tips to Avoid a Winter Collision

By Attorney Sylvia K. Rutkowska

More than 1,300 people are killed and 116,000 suffer injuries in winter vehicle collisions due to snowy, icy or slushy roads every year according to the US Department of Transportation.

The early snow this year calls for a reminder as to safe driving tips to avoid a winter collision:

1. Prepare your vehicle – including winter tires, checking tire air pressure, inspecting windshield wipers and brake lights.
2. Clear your vehicle – CT law requires you to remove ice and snow from your vehicle including the hood, trunk, and roof.
3. Stay informed – pay attention to weather conditions and forecasts, and plan accordingly.
4. Slow down – speed limits only apply to optimal weather conditions.
5. Increase following distance – to allow plenty of space and time to stop.
6. Avoid abrupt movements – make turns and stops slowly to avoid skidding.
7. Use your turn signal well before your turn – and to allow drivers behind you to react.
8. Avoid distractions – including cellphones, but also talking and the radio.
9. Know how to recover from a skid – if you have antilock brakes, press firmly on the brakes and turn into any spin; if not, pump gently on the brakes.

Unfortunately, no matter how careful you are you may still end up in a winter collision due to the negligence or carelessness of someone else. If you are involved in a winter collision, the attorneys at **Dzialo, Pickett & Allen, P.C.** are available for a free consultation regarding your rights and options to protect your interests.

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HKMS Honor Roll: 2020-21 1st Trimester

By Debra Cumpstone, HKMS

Principal, Dolores Bates, is pleased to announce the following honor roll listing for the first term of the 2020-2021 school year at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

8th Grade High Honors

Arbona, Kaley
Bradley, Sarah
Catalano, Madalynn
Criscuolo, Liem
Eighmy, Claire
Greenwood, Samuel
Heath, Lauren
Jenkins, Morgan
LaConte, Grace
Leiberman, Bryce
Lelko, Julia
Link, Clare
Lomuntad, Catherine
Loughlin, Ava
Loughlin, Ciara
Macaluso, Olivia
Maier, Brielle
Mazzotta, Ava
Mitchell, Colin
Napoletano, Caley
Perry, Michael
Richwine, Alexander
Rigg, Cora
Robinson, Margaret
Ruimerman, Seanna
Schweitzer, Mathias
Sehl-Albert, Keira
Seward, Madalyn

Thebeau, Jeffrey
Thomen, Koen
Willey, Hailey
Willey, Magnolia
Zajac, Maxwell
8th Grade Honors
Bennett, Jayani
Benson, Kaylee
Bessoni, Ella
Blade, Lindsay
Dixon, Trevor
Duncanson, Jordan
Goeden, Emmerson
Hale, Skylar
Joyner, Emily
Lamarre, Jacob
Lara, Matthew
Lenart, Chase
Lirot, William
Luneau, Sonya
Mallon, Natalya
Masterson, Ian
McKenzie, Jake
Merola, Colton
Mitchill, Brody
Nieliwocki, Justin
Peterson, Amelia
Reilly, Hannah
Robinson, Cody
Sirignano, Abby

Snow, Jackson
Wessinger-Neumann, Joseph
7th Grade High Honors
Bailey, Jack
Battista, Julia
Bruno, Chase
Burr, Addison
Coleman, Stephanie
Conte, Jameson
Czarkowski, Kyle
Douyard, Elliott
Downing, Julia
Engler, Chloe
Felder, Chloe
Frank, Jaden
Freeman, Meghan
Goodison, Pearce
Green, Collin
Harkin, Addison
Imai, Tetsuya
Kilroy, Dina
Larkin, Nathan
Maxwell, Avery
McCourt, Daniel
McNamara, Caden
Miller, Magdalen
Minickene, Nola
Miranda, Alison
Mitchell, Grace
Nguyen, Catherine
O'Hanlon, Finnegan
Ortega, Briella
Parri, Keely
Riggs, Amelia
Ruggiero, Mikayla
Salamone, Nicholas
Santamaria, Faith
Savoy, Spencer

7th Grade Honors
Aronson, Delaney
Aronson, Reagan
Austin, Lily
Baucom, Rowan
Blair, Gabriel
Bredefeld, Michael
Carone, Sophia
Castelli, Joseph
Ciociola, Francesca
Coyle, Jack
Crawford, Ellie
Cretella, Alayna
Czaja, McKenzie
Degnan, Ryleigh
DiNapoli, Margret
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Thank You to Regional School District #17

We wanted to express our sincere gratitude to all the staff at Regional District 17. It is truly an accomplishment to have maintained such a high consistency of in person learning with the ongoing pandemic. We are so appreciative of all of you including administration, teachers, school nurses, and all support staff: office, custodial, and transportation. Once this pandemic is behind us, we hope that you all can look back and feel a sense of

pride that you stepped forward to provide some stability and comfort for the children and families in this district. They say that one's character is truly tested during times of adversity and you all have shown true character this year. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful holiday break with your families.

Sincerely,
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Haddam BSA Troops hold Fall Court of Honor

By Kathy Brown, Scoutmaster, Troop #44G

COVID-19 has changed many things this year; Scouts is no different. We canceled one can & bottle drive, then changed the way we did things for the next one. Our spring trip was canceled, our summer camp was canceled, and we couldn't meet all spring. And yet, the Scouts still worked. Summer Camp staff created Camp Kind-a-like-a and hosted Scouts from all over the country on Zoom, holding flag ceremonies, and teaching merit badges. We held meetings on line, as well as merit badge classes, and Scouts kept earning merit badges and moving up the ranks. One Scout earned twelve merit badges during this time. This fall we got in two overnight camping trips before the governor instituted a curfew, which effectively canceled those

for the foreseeable future. On December 22, 2020, we held our fall Court of Honor on Zoom led by Scouts Marissa Masterson, Dylan Marshall, and Liam Brown.

For Haddam Boy Scout Troop #44, there were 10 rank advancements, as well as 22 merit badges awarded.

- Ryan McCue, Dylan Brown, Devin Weems, Harrison Reed, and Joseph Rizzo earned Scout rank
- Mason Weems and Colin Mitchell earned Tenderfoot rank
- Jaden Frank earned Second Class rank
- Soren Tassmer earned First Class rank, as well as and Star Rank

The following merit badges were awarded (number of Scouts who earned the merit badge in parenthesis):

- Art (2)

- Communications (3)
- Cooking (1)
- Fingerprinting (1)
- Fire Safety (1)
- First Aid (2)
- Fishing (1)
- Gardening (1)
- Genealogy (1)
- Indian Lore (1)
- Mammal Study (1)
- Painting (1)
- Personal Management (1)
- Pets (1)
- Rifle Shooting (1)
- Scholarship (1)
- Scout Heritage (1)
- Swimming (1)

BSA Troop #44G, the Boy Scouts' sister troop, which was created February 1, 2019, when BSA allowed girls into the Scouts BSA program, held their Court of Honor at the same time. In this

regional troop, where two Scouts are from Haddam, and one is from Bristol, there were five rank advancements, and 5 merit badges awarded.

Troop #44G

- Marissa Masterson earned Scout rank
- Adelle Colucia earned Tenderfoot rank, as well as Second Class rank
- Georgia Brown earned First Class rank, as well as Star rank

The following merit badges were awarded:

- Communications (2)
- First Aid (2)
- Photography (1)

If anyone ages 11-17 is interested in joining either troop, please send an email to kjbrown92@aol.com, Scoutmaster Troop #44G or markcp571@gmail.com, Scoutmaster Troop #44.

HEALTH / COMMUNITY

Saybrook at Haddam ready for Covid-19 vaccine

By Jennifer Armenia, Marketing Director, The Saybrook at Haddam

Residents and staff at The Saybrook at Haddam are preparing to receive the Covid-19 vaccine in the next couple of weeks in clinics provided by CVS Health/

Omnicare. The health and well-being of our community is our highest priority. Since the beginning of the pandemic, The Saybrook at Haddam implemented universal infection control practices under the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, local and state Departments of Public Health, and our own, private consultant.

Our infection control practices include:

Daily health screening for both staff and residents, including temperature readings

Proper mask wearing by staff and all independent/assisted living residents (residents don't have to wear masks when alone in their apartments)

Frequent sanitizing of high-touch objects (door handles, counters, elevator buttons, etc.)

Thorough quarantine and testing protocol for new residents and current residents returning from outside the community.

While we hope the much anticipated Covid-19 vaccine is "the beginning of the end" to the pandemic, we will continue to follow current safety measures even after vaccination because our resident population is more vulnerable to the virus than other members of the public. Only once it is determined to be absolutely safe, we will be able to relax precautions.

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