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### Killingworth BSA Troop #18 gains new Eagle Scout: Evan Kamoen



Photo provided by Jennifer Kamoen.

By Kathy Brown

Killingworth Scouts BSA Troop #18 has gained another Eagle Scout. Evan Kamoen, who is a Senior at Marine Science Magnet High School in Groton, completed his Eagle project, Mossback fishing structures for Forster's Pond, in August, and made Eagle Scout on January 8, 2021.

Evan is the son of Jennifer and Clement Kamoen of Killingworth. Evan has spent 12 years in Scouts, beginning as a Tiger Scout in first grade. He has been a Patrol Leader, as well as serving a year as his

troop's Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, also known as the ASPL.

"I've known Evan since he joined Cub Scout Pack 18, nearly 12 years ago," said Paul Pitts, Scoutmaster of Troop #18. "I eventually became his Scoutmaster and have seen his growth the last four years. He has grown and matured into a fine young man, living and following the tenets of the Scout law in and out of the troop."

Evan, with the help of his troop, built ten Mossback fishing structures which were put into Forster's Continued on page HK2

## Higganum student raises money for Haddam Animal Rescue

By Austin Mirmina

Higganum resident Delia, 8, has been selling homemade bracelets and necklaces to raise money for the Haddam Animal Rescue.

Delia, who attends OLM Prep, said she came up with the idea for a fundraiser, called Cause for the Paws, after noticing her school's fundraisers tended to focus more on people than animals.

"At school, we are doing a lot of fundraisers for people that are poor and don't have as much money," Delia said. "So I feel like making an animal [project] would be a lot different."

With help from her mom and friend Charlotte, Delia began making jewelry and selling it at school on a classroom cart. Bracelets, which cost \$1, and necklaces, which cost \$2, are made from different kinds of beads, string, ribbon, pearls, and other craft supplies. She has raised more than \$40 so far, and said she hopes the money will go toward food, medicine, and general maintenance of the animal rescue facility.

Delia is currently working on Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Daythemed pieces. If you are interested in supporting Cause for the Paws and





Photos by Zina Crescenzi.

buying a piece of handmade jewelry, please send a Facebook message to Delia's mother, Zina Crescenzi, or email her at ZCrescenzi@yahoo.com. You can also donate directly to Haddam Animal Rescue by sending a check payable to:

Haddam Animal Rescue c/o Sue Kautz 3 Beckwith Lane, Haddam, CT 06438

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### **RSD#17 Preschool needs Peers/Role Models**

By Lee Kozlowski, Secretary, Killingworth Elementary School

The RSD17 Integrated Special Needs Preschool Program is seeking three and four year old children for the 2021-2022 school year. This program consists of typically developing peers and identified special education students in a language-rich, structured environment focused on center-based learning.

Requirements for preschool peer students:

Haddam, Higganum, Haddam Neck or Killingworth resident

must be at least three years old by September 1, 2021 demonstrate age-appropriate social, behavioral and cognitive skills

toilet trained by the time school starts demonstrate the ability to model appropriate skills in the areas of play, social interactions and adaptive hebaviors

Parent participation and involvement are important components of the program. If chosen as a peer student, you must:

provide a recent physical and current immunizations per Early Childhood Health Assessment Record (provided in your registration packet) complete and return the registration packet be on time daily and have consistent attendance provide transportation to and from the program adhere to the tuition payment schedule

If you believe your child meets the above criteria and you would like them to participate in the Integrated Special Needs Preschool Program, please call Killingworth Elementary School and 860-663-1121 and provide the following information. You can also email this information to Lee Kozlowski at lkozlowski@rsd17.org

child's name gender date of birth home address home phone number parent or guardian's name email address

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### Killingworth BSA Troop #18 gains new Eagle Scout: Evan Kamoen

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Pond in Killingworth, at the Connecticut Aquatic Resource Education (CARE) Center. The Connecticut DEEP runs the CARE Center, which is used to teach people from the inner cities how to fish. Evan is an instructor there; their youngest.

According to his mother, Jennifer, Evan is an avid fisherman, who fishes on a high school bass team, and holds numerous saltwater records. He works at Black Hall Outfitters in Westbrook, and plans to attend college for Marine Biology in the Fall. "This project took many of his different connections and brought them all together into one project," said Jennifer.

The Mossback fishing structures will give the fish

a place to spawn and reproduce in the pond, which was lacking such an area. Two of the structures are nursery kits which give the small fish a safe place to grow, as well as promote algae growth. The structures are specially designed so that anglers won't become entangled in the structures.

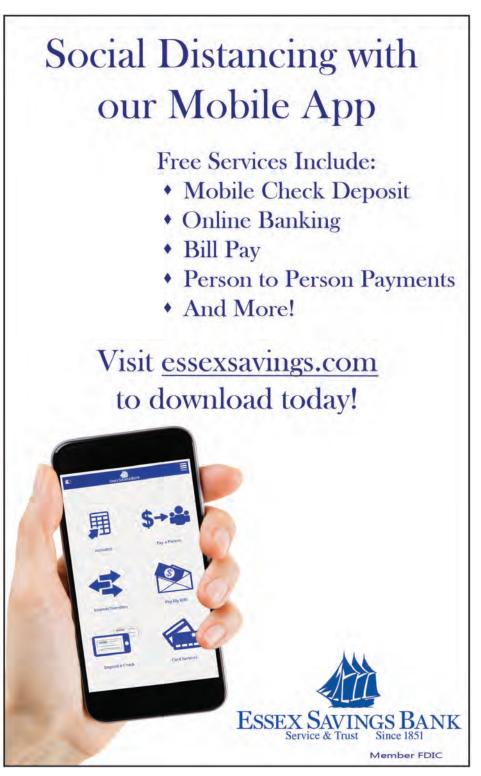
Evan received a grant from AFTCO, as well as a donation from Mohawk Valley Basscasters, which covered the cost of the structures. He also received a donation of crushed stone from Premier Stone in Killingworth, which was used to help sink the structures to the bottom of the pond.

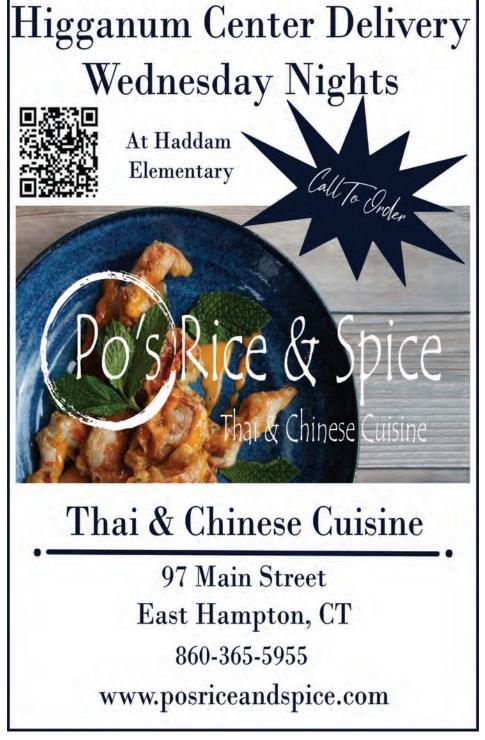
"The final stages of Eagle become very challenging due to time, school and work constraints," explained Scoutmaster Pitts. "Evan is a full time

student, which requires a significant commute early each morning as well as works nearly full time. Fitting in the final requirements, meetings, work parties, and the significant application and review process was a challenge. Many people with his workload and schedule could not handle this. But that is the difference between Evan and most kids, and exactly why he is an Eagle."

"The pandemic made the process more challenging with delays every step of the way," said Evan, "but with the proper planning and the help of my Scouting community, I was able to accomplish my goal."

On May 16, 2021, an Eagle Scout ceremony is planned for Evan, along with Jackson Pitts and Luke Sodergren, also of Troop #18.





### RSD#17 Board of Education: summary of January meetings

By Jen Favalora, Secretary, RSD#17 BOE

#### 2020-2021 School Year:

Superintendent Hageman reported that the CIAC, in alignment with the Department of Health, would allow low and moderate risk High School Winter Sports to compete starting January 19th. Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys Swimming, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, and Indoor Track would have shortened seasons with no state tournaments. Masks would be required to be worn during practice and games by players, coaches and referees, and spectators will not be allowed at practices or games. Wrestling and Competitive Cheerleading were considered high risk by the state and will not be allowed to participate in competitions.

#### **HKHS Hybrid Model Update:**

The Facilities committee reported that the Field House renovations were completed in late December with just a few punch list items remaining to be finished. The updated space has been opened back up for the High School to use for classes, mask breaks and winter sports. The Field House closure was a main obstacle in opening the high school for

full in-person learning this fall, however with the community spread of Covid-19 still high and the fact that high school students cannot be cohorted because of the variety in their schedules, the administration will continue to teach High School students in the hybrid model for the time being. A schedule for the remainder of the year was sent to families. If the opportunity arises to safely allow high school students to learn all together, the administration will report to families.

#### 2020-2021 School Calendar:

Superintendent Hageman reported that the first four months of school have been challenging for both teaching and learning. The flexibility in our district to teach in-person and remote students simultaneously has demanded adjustments in the use of technology and available resources. Dr. Hageman proposed supporting the staff's efforts by adding six early release days to this year's school calendar so that teachers and paraprofessionals would have needed time to plan and collaborate to best serve student learning. The Board accepted this proposal to revise the 2020-2021 school calendar. This year and next year's school calendars can be found on the rsd17.org website under "Calendars".

#### **HKEA- RSD17 Contract:**

The Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee shared with the Board the terms negotiated for the new HKEA three-year contract. The cumulative cost in all salaries over three years will be an increase of 8.36%. This increase of \$1.2 million is about \$100,000 more than the last three year contract and includes 2 ½ step movement. Insurance cost share will increase by 2% over the three year period. Other substantive changes included clarifying sick leave policy and increasing teacher prep time for K-3 teachers. The contract has been filed with the town clerks of Haddam and Killingworth. By State Statute 10-153d, the terms of the contract are considered binding unless the legislative body of either town rejects the contract by formal process within thirty days.

#### Website:

All of Superintendent Hageman's Covid Communications continue to be placed on the RSD17 website, including a dashboard of Covid 19 cases in our schools. These communications can be found under "District" -> "Covid-19 Resources and Communications."

### **CAMPUS CORNER**

### Local students excel at colleges, universities

Editor's Note: Information below is from Merit Pages News unless otherwise noted.

### **Local Students Named** to University of New Hampshire's Dean's List

DURHAM, NH (01/27/2021) - The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2020 semester.

Marly Laberge of Killingworth, CT earning Highest Honors Veronica Chrzanowski of Haddam, CT earning Highest Honors

Morgan Bowles of Higganum, CT earning High Honors

Natalie Pontbriand of Higganum, CT earning Highest Honors

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic per-

formance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

### Local students named to **University of Maine Fall** 2020 Dean's List

From umaine.edu/news

(February 5, 2021) The University of Maine recognized 4,124 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2020 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 2,664 are from Maine, 1,363 are from 38 other states and 97 are from 35 countries other than the U.S.

The following local students recognized are:

Max Revis of Higganum Michaela Cole of Killingworth

### **Emma Stillman of** Killingworth named to James Madison **University Dean's List**

HARRISONBURG, VA (02/11/2021)-Killingworth, CT resident, Emma Stillman, has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2020 semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Stillman is a communication studies major.

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### **HKHS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll 2020-21**

By Kati Farkas, Bookkeeper, HKHS

#### **High Honors – 12th grade**

Berardino, Katja Haley Bernier, Brandon William Blair, Alexander J Bodak, Meara Shea Bosco, John Thomas Bruder, John Albert Byrne, Jasmine Ann Carter, Timothy John Celano, Elizabeth Dwyer Chester, Ethan Jay Chute, Jonathan Gary Coleman, Aidan D Cozean, Maxwell Daley, Kristen Carol DiMauro, Luke Edward Doxsee, Meghan Christine Esposito, Caitlyn Rose Flaherty, Gabrielle Mae Griffith, Jenna Rose Gromala, Sophie Rose Guarino, Sofia Rose Harris, Fisher Walker Henry, Jillian Mary Jennings, Matthew

Jonathan Kelsey, Spencer William Klein, Abigail Elizabeth Lamb, Nina Grace Lawrence, Hayley Lonergan, Kelsey Faith Luther, Ryan Christopher Luther, Samuel Christopher Lynskey, Gregory Charles Mack, Jaden Alistair Madore, Morgan G. Malone, Lucas William Martino, Charles Matthew Mazziotti, Kyle Joseph McGoey, James Francis Mercier, Anna Sterling Meyer, Matthew Nystrom, Malin Claire O'Linn, Chase Alexander O'Linn, Jordan Taylor Parri, Kaitlyn Quinn Pascucci, Michael Anthony Perry, Thomas Edward Pray, Matthew Joseph Rakowski, Kaleigh Ann Reinhardt, Sophie

Rubino, Mia Angelina Rutledge, Sean Edward Savastra, Michaela Rose Schultz, Morgan Elizabeth Seward, Jenna Michelle Spector, Julian Kyan Stone, Grace Marie Walton, Autumn Marie Williams, Kaylee Reese Wills, Tessa Ann Zavaglia, Carmela Maria Zichichi, Steven Daniel

#### **Honors – 12th grade**

Barile, Gavin Stone Boots, Patrick Lawrence Bradford, Ava Lucila Braren, Cal David Brown, Rory John Burrell, William Cavan Byrum, Cody Alexander Criscuolo, Mai-Ly Minh Danaher, Melissa Anne Dattilo, Julia DelVecchio, Rachel

Elizabeth DiNapoli, George Robert Duffield, Jessica Elizabeth Gamache, Madison

Elizabeth Giambanis, Antonios

Georgios Grasso, Ashley Kate Grier, Kimball Sarah Halfinger, Alden John Hines, Cameron Masse Inkel, Anastasia Kehlenbach, Ryan Thomas LaRosa, Daniel John Lenois, Violet Rose Lewis, Kedarjah Marciniec, Nathan Joseph McGlynn, Ella Rose Miranda, Matthew Philip Murray, Hunter James Nielsen, Brett William Petrus-Chapman, Hannah

Paige Pitts, Jackson William Reed, Riley Lauren Thiel, Marissa Lanarra Thiel, Matthew Preston Tucker, Emma Rose Whitehead, Colby Ray

Wink, Ryder Yazmer, Morgan Olivia

#### High Honors - 11th grade

Baird, Evan Thomas Barile, Gabriel West Beauchamp, Duncan Paul Bredefeld, Alyssa Rose Byrum, Kaitlyn Nicole Cardarelli, Michael Joseph Carlson, Tori Lynn Ceplenski, Eve Elizabeth Civiello, Caden Emmanuel Commerford, Hadley

Grayce Conti, Andrew Thomas Criscuolo, Ly-Linh Anh DiMatteo, Ava James Duncanson, Ryan Scott Flaherty, Jacqueline Grace Fleig, Andrew Steven Freeman, Caleb Kanha Goosen, Nicole Ann Hajek, Sierra Marie Hedges, Andrew Vincent Imai, Yumiko Lillian Izzo, Trevor Anthony Kamoen, Lucas Arthur Keithan-Resnick, Madeline

May Lamy, Caitlin Elizabeth Mack, Riley James Manley, Melissa Lynn Mazzotta, Kyla Reese McCarthy, James Walker Mercier, Joseph A Merola, Greyson Matthew Minervino, Brianna Marie Nelligan, Lilianne Irene Norman, Gravson William Pastore, Christopher

Michael Rauscher, Laura Jocelyn Rettberg, Carly Rose Riggs, Libby Snyder, Audrey Catherine Sorrentino, Emily Maria Sosnowski, Leah Grace Stall-Ryan, Jonathan

**Phillips** Strick, Ryan Curtis Strom, Scarlett Grace Studzinski, Kylie Ann Swanson, Olivia Lee Tassmer, Ava Rose Virgulto, Isabella Ann Welsch, Shelby Ann Wettemann, Alexis Lori Wettemann, Olivia Elaine Williams, Benjamin

Andrew

Young, Samuel Michael Zaitoun, Jayden Michael

#### Honors - 11th grade

Ackerman, Nikki Lynn Alaimo, Emily Marie Baucom, Wesley Marie Cassidy, Grace Margaret Cavrell, Kevin James Christopher, Declan Rvan Davis, Kayla Elizabeth Frith, Jared Thomas Guarino, John Russell Haas, Daniel Dillon Height, Samantha Madison Houde, Julian Eric Kennedy, Marin Mae Ketchedjian, Tobias

Nathaniel LaTouche, Madison Marie Leslie, Bryan Parmelee Mercier, Sean Keller Mucciacciaro, Matthew Peter

Mucciacciaro, Ryan Narducci, Kameron Shea Phipps, Corey James Piacenti, Matteo Selmer, Charlotte George Smith, Hayden Phoenix Thompson, Ryan James Timothy, Jessica Torello, Sophia Catherine

#### High Honors - 10th grade

Armour, Samantha Arnold, Kaylee Rene Bailey, Brooklyn Reese Belanger, Amanda Louise Berardino, Isabel Maya Berardino, Sasha Grace Bodak, Kaleigh Pearl Botteon, Ryan Christopher Braren, Nolan Thomas Brawley, Aleysha Rayne Brown, Georgia Grace Cancroft, Georgia Elisabeth Carter, Samuel Frederick Chester, Leah Paige Coleman, Caroline Marie Conte, Caroline Laraine Cooke, Jamison Vaughan Corcoran, Paige Katherine DeCrosta, Benjamin Paul Engler, Alexander Favalora, Julia Carolyn Ferguson, Jack Michael Freeman, Ellery Lauren Fulton, Jayden Hunter Gagliardi, Juliana Elizabeth Goodison, Aleia Nicole

Gordon, Madeline Grace Gorham, Mason Harry Haas, Catherine Frances Hansted, Emmalena Gracie Henderson, Sarah Margaret Hodgkinson, Aurelie Claire Houska, Johanna Lillian Insalaco, Jack Andrew Jones, Abigail Grace Kent, Caleb Paul Ketchedjian, Amanda

Grace Lara, Alexander Alberto Lloyd, Brooke Taylor Lonergan, Brenna Grace McKenzie, Grace Rose Miller, Gillian Alexander Murray, Sage Ann O'Brien, Kira Elisabeth Overchuk, Katherine

Amelia Packtor, Adeline Frances Perry, Tyler Scott Piela, Kelsie Elizabeth Powers, Callen Michael Scheppach, Neal Patrick Schoen-Newsome, Sophia

Molly Singer, Margaret Elizabeth Smigel, Duane Scott Strick, Laura Leigh Thebeau, Kristen Marie Tucker, Olivia Grace Yazmer, Audra Lucy Yazmer, Payton Ella

#### Honors - 10th grade

Badami, Pooja Vaishali Bitgood, Rodney Joseph Cassidy, Amanda Riley Conlon, Mya Fraser, Madison Jane Geissler, Ella Anne Goldblatt, Colin R Haase, Devon Marcia Kasperzyk, Payton

Charlotte Kelly, Nathan David Lavelle, Panagiotis Matoshi, Enea McLeod, Aaron Lee Petrie, Charles Alexander Petrie, Sarah Elizabeth Pray, Jackson Lucas Quilliam, Grace Elizabeth Ramino, Sophia Elizabeth Rosa, Carly Michelle Sonski, Kateri Josephine Whitmer, Jenna Michelle Wrinn, Audrey Arline Wurzbach, Wilhelmina

Frazee

#### High Honors - 9th grade

Adelberg, Sydney Alexis Celentano, Luke Patrick Churyk, Dylan Stefan Commerford, Ella Nicole DiNapoli, Jaimey Elizabeth Emigh, Shylee K.E. Goodison, Laina Katherine Green, Emma Rose Hamilton, Ryan Michael Harriman, Ava Lyn

Hickman, Brooke Sarah Houlton, Natalie Rose Kamoen, Blake Maarten Kehlenbach, Emerson Lynn Keithan-Resnick, Jonah

Benjamin LaRosa, Jillian Marie LaTorre, Anabelle Helen Macy, Lauren Ouin Marciniec, Abigail Beth McGoey, Jacob Edward McNiel, Ivy Rose Mercier, Benjamin Sigmund Minickene, Samantha

Alessandra Mitchell, Julia Curtiss Morales, Alejandra Moriarty, Madison Leigh Munster, Victoria Rose Murphy, Elizabeth

Margaret Nelligan, Kaleigh Grace Nguyen, Brian Norman, Tea Marie Parri, Rory Christine Richwine, Bella Rose Ruimerman, Samantha

Rose Sajus, Emma Savoy, Cooper Jonathan Therrien, Catharine Elizabeth Walton, Leah Elizabeth Werner, Benjamin Matthew Wessinger-Neumann, Anna

Yalamanchi, Vaishnavi Kalpana

#### Honors - 9th grade

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Alger, Emily Katherine Braun, Hailey Christine Campbell, Alyson Page Dattilo, Annabella Dingus, Daniel Fulcher, Mariella Elizabeth Gagliardi, Tyler Robert Hayward, Layla Hill, Madeline Mercer Hines, Nicolette Anne Ignatuk, Caroline Jones Kessler, Declan Joseph Kuchyt, Martin Alexander LaTouche, Cheyenne Ellen Lavelle, Sofia Marchetti, James Edward Maxwell, Charles Aidan Mazzotta, Mason Vincent Montes, Andres Pach, Samantha Valerie Pitts, Cooper Thorpe Reddy, Leeha Rodriguez, Kayla Renee Rosenblum-Jones, Rebecca

Grace Sargent, David Sicurella, Alec Jameson Spong, Aidan Cristian Timothy, Reese Anna Tyler, Peyton Elaine Virgulto, Louis V. Zajac, Annabelle Grace



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### Haddam-Killingworth 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

#### Thursday, February 18

Killingworth BOS Meeting (remote access only) 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mystery Book Club – Virtual meeting (hosted by Killingworth Library) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss The Keeper of Lost Causes by Jussi Adler-Olsen. This group will be meeting via Zoom. If you are interested in joining the group, please email the library at mail@killingworthlibrary. org. Extra copies will be available at the library.

Haddam Planning & Zoning Meeting (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 20

Haddam BOF Budget Meeting (remote access only) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Super Saturday Storytime

While the Killingworth library remains closed, we will now be holding our Saturday Storytimes on our

YouTube channel! https://killingworthlibrary.org/

### Monday, February 22

Haddam BOF Meeting (remote access only) 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, February 23

RSD17 BOE Meeting – Intermediate School – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24

RiverCog Meeting (remote access only) 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

www.rivercog.org; 860 581-8554

Haddam Conservation Commission Meeting (remote access only only) 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 25

Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### H-K YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

### Are you interested in becoming a mentor?

By Laura Shipman, HKYFS

Learn about the HK Mentoring Program and about how you can form a valuable friendship with an elementary school student. The mentor/mentee

partnership can be very beneficial for both students and adults. You will be able to choose your preferred mode of communication with your mentee as we can't meet in the schools at this time. We have a special need right now for male mentors.

Please email Patty Coletti, Mentoring Program Consultant at MentorProgram@hkyfs.org for more information.

### **EDUCATION / COMMUNITY**

### **Mercy High School 2nd** Quarter Honor Roll

By Maria Bergen,

Executive Assistant, Mercy High School

Below is the hometown listing of Mercy High School students in the towns of Haddam and Killingworth who were named to the Second Quarter Honor Roll for the 2020-2021 school year.

#### Haddam

#### 9th grade

Donlan, Kate, High Honors Scileppi, Jenna, High Honors Higganum

Menard, Megan, High Honors

### 10th grade

Doyle, Serena, High Honors Gyorog, Anastasia, High Honors Lyons, Catherine, High

Honors Kohs, Avery, Honors

### 12th grade

Mathews, Kathleen, Honors

### Killingworth

10th grade

Simoniello, Anna, High Honors

#### 12th grade

Fordyce, Kayla, High Honors Fordyce, Kylie, High Honors Judge, Giuliana, High Honors Kessler, Isabel, High Honors

### H-K COMMUNITY

### Stay connected with the HK Cougars this winter season!

By Carlye Kohs, Library Media Specialist, HKHS

Several of our winter sports are getting underway and the DEN is alive and well! We will be supporting our friends and student athletes by watching their games from home. With this in mind, our HK High School athletes are adapting to new ways to stay connected to the HK community, while still enjoying the sports they love. Here are the ways that you can stay connected to the HK Athletics and the Cougar Den as we kick off our winter sports seasons:

Follow the Cougar Den on Instagram: hk\_cougar\_den Follow the Cougar Den Twitter: HKCougarDen Watch home games and meets live through HKTV: http://reflect-hktv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/ watch/1?channel=1

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Please reach out to Athletic Director Lynne Flint with any questions about how to access these links, and thank you for supporting our student athletes!



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### COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals 65 years and older

Information from the Town of Haddam

Governor Ned Lamont announced that Connecticut residents over the age of 65 will be eligible to schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments starting on Thursday, Feb. 11, as the state rolls into the next part

of phase 1b of its vaccination program. Vaccinations for individuals over the age of 75 and those within phase 1a will continue.

Appointments are required for the vaccination. Please visit https://www.haddam.org/home/news/january-14-2021-covid-19-vaccines for more infor-

mation on appointments and registration.

If you need assistance with the registration process please contact Jessica at Haddam Senior & Social Services at (860) 345-4621or socialservices@ haddam.org between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to make your appointment.

### KILLINGWORTH AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

### 2021 scholarships now available

By Clark Judge, KAA

As it has in past years, the Killingworth Ambulance Association will offer scholarships this spring to graduating seniors enrolled in private or public high schools.

Candidates must be residents of Killingworth and plan on continuing their education at a two-or-four-year academic institution. They should also meet the follow criteria: 1) Major in the medical, emergency services (fire, police, etc.) or other allied fields; 2) engage in community service and 3) maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in their high-school careers.

Applications are available at Haddam-Killingworth, Mercy and Xavier High Schools and can be found in the guidance departments.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 21, with certificates of scholarships awarded in June.

The KAA has awarded 15 scholarships over the past four years, including eight in the last two. Haddam-Killingworth High School graduates Olivia Herrmann and Victoria DeLuca were the 2020 recipients.

Herrmann attends Clemson University and



Photo by Clark Judge.

DeLuca is a student at Southern Connecticut State University. The two continued a recent run of young women as recipients, with all eight scholarships the past two years awarded to females.

For more information please contact the KAA at (860) 663-2450.1

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### Find a Fur Baby: Meet Brownie!

By Judith Levin

This little guy is an adorable, lovable guy but he needs a certain type of house hold to be happy. He does NOT like kids, so please, no kids under age 12 under any circumstances. They freak him out. He would do best in a home with another dog his size or bigger. If they're smaller than him, he can be a bully. He's not a fan of busy house hold or people that visit and try to pet him. This guy is super smart and friendly, but he demands respect or he will growl

and tell you off!

Now let me tell you about his adorable self. He loves hugs and belly rubs. Once he trusts, he gives kisses all day long and you can pick him up. He's house trained and great on a leash. He only barks when he needs something OR he sees a squirrel in the window. He must protect his home turf from the threatening squirrel mafia! He also has a weird little habit of drinking everything in your cup so you must be careful or he will get sick. He's fine in a crate but he's kind of a Houdini so he might escape it. He's a very clever little dude and he's certainly keeping everyone laughing and guessing what he will get up to

Some vital stats:

Breed - Pomeranian/Corgi Mix Color - Red/Golden/Orange/ Chestnut

Age - 2 years old, Adult Size (when grown) Small 25 lbs (11 kg) or less weight - he is currently 15 lbs

Sex - Male

He is also: Neutered Shots Up to Date House-trained Not Good with Cats Good with Dogs Not Good with Kids

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### 'Bid for Brainerd' **Library Auction March** 19-28: Treasures, **Treats, & Tradition**

By Donna Brinckerhoff

A wide variety of items ranging from antiques to jewelry to gift cards will be available during Brainerd Memorial Library's online auction, located on BiddingOwl.com, beginning March 19.

The 10-day-long nonprofit event will raise funds for adult and children's programs at the library, which is undergoing a physical renovation during Covid.

More than 150 items will be available, and bidders will be able to track the status of each item. During the bidding period there will be opportunities to view items at Haddam Elementary School.

Items that have been donated for the auction include jewelry, wine, furniture, getaways, antiques, gift cards for goods and services and gift baskets, to name only a few.

Details on how to log onto the site and enter a bid will be provided in upcoming articles.

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

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https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/664965853 on February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item (s):

a. A variance to allow 26 foot encroachment into 100 foot setback from river as required in the Gateway Conservation zone, section 10.3. Property located at 1920 Saybrook Rd, map 66 lot 4. Applicant: Joseph Labacher

Said application is on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of

Zoning Board of Appeals, Haddam CT

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### Food for Thought: Answering your questions

By Janet Verney

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Editor's Note: This is the first question sent in by a reader in response to Janet Verney's request for reader questions.

"A friend of mine was diagnosed about 11 years ago now with Multiple Sclerosis. Though they are doing well overall considering the nature of the illness, they still struggle at times with soreness and pain. I know there are myriad of possible reasons for a diagnosis including lack of vitamin D, if you had mono, and even gut issues. My friend had all three at some point. What is the most effective dietary advice or even course of food consumption for someone in this condition aside from general maxims like eat mostly healthy greens or reduce sugar intake, etc.?"

— A reader from Haddam

Thank you for sharing this story and for inquiring for your friend. Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an autoimmune disease and the cause is still unknown, although many have varying theories as to why someone develops this condition. Many autoimmune diseases are thought to be linked to gut health and more and more research is supporting this theory. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/

For someone who is diagnosed with MS, I would suggest looking at a multidisciplinary approach to treating this condition. Having said that, this is not to take the place of conventional medicine, but is inclusive of treatments prescribed by their physician and complimentary medicine and lifestyle changes.

Please note – any additions, or changes to diet & lifestyle should be discussed with their medical provider.

Ok, lets break this down into five areas that may be helpful, from a health coaches' perspective:

Food & Nutrition: If the gut may play a role in supporting someone with this condition, then we need to optimize and diversify the microbiome. I like to think of the gut as the foundation to good health. I also think of the gut as a garden that one must tend. The better we prepare the soil, the more

nourishment we can provide, and the removal of the weeds, will allow our garden to have beautiful blooms ...

Let's start with the weeds. Removing possible trigger foods to underlying inflammation can help calm the fires. Things like fried foods; overly refined white flour with gluten; refined sugars (there are more than 60 names for sugar hiding in processed foods); alcohol; dairy of any kind, especially cheese; sometimes there is a sensitivity to corn, soy, or tree nuts as well. Some individuals have more inflammation with various nightshade vegetables, like potatoes, eggplant, peppers, etc. In addition, extracted and heated oils, even those that are touted to be healthy can trigger inflammation.

To prepare the soil, it's time to crowd in foods that nourish the body. Adding whole plant-based foods like leafy greens, a rainbow of colorful fruits and vegetables, especially living raw foods like sprouts. Sprouted, organic legumes, nuts & seeds, and grains as tolerated. It is also important to stay well hydrated, so consuming filtered water, at least half your weight in ounces (160 lbs = 80 oz of water), is a good daily goal. In addition, adding in small amounts of fermented foods can be very helpful as well. To learn more about a whole food plant-based lifestyle, I like to refer folks to Forks Over Knives or Plant-Strong websites.

Movement: Whatever activity level you are able to do, it is important to keep moving each and every day. This is an area that you may need support with depending on the progression of your MS. Gentle yoga, Pilates, walks in nature would be at the top of my list. Also, weight bearing exercises as tolerated would be helpful.

Vagus Nerve: this gut-brain connection is often over-looked and yet it plays a critical role in your health and can greatly reduce stress and anxiety, which can be common with those who have MS. There are many ways to improve vagal tone, but concentrated breathing exercises and meditation are two ways to support this. https://themovementparadigm.com/how-to-improve-your-vagal-tone-9-ways-to-stimu-

late-your-vagus-nerve/

Body Work: Where there is pain and inflammation it can be very helpful to bring blood flow to the that area through massage, acupuncture, compresses, etc. https://www.healthline.com/health/multiple-sclerosis/nerve-pain-legs-feet#At-home-solutions

Herbs & Supplements: Sometimes the body needs a little extra help when we are in the healing process or living with a chronic disease. There are many options out there, but supplements are not all created equal. Many have added fillers and emulsifiers that can actually do more harm than good. Work with your practitioner to insure you are getting a quality brand and that there are not interactions with any prescription medications. https://www.healthline.com/health/multiple-sclerosis/going-herbal-vita-mins-and-supplements-for-multiple-sclerosis#herbs

Thank you so much for your inquiry! Wishing you and your friend the best of health and happiness!

I am not a doctor, but I am a certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach, whose niche is in gut health and who has many resources and experiences in the health & wellness field. I love helping clients to improve their health, to inspire them to reach their goals, and to arm them with insightful questions to ask of their physicians.

You can send your questions to HK-NowEditors@outlook.com, attention FOOD FOR THOUGHT and I will address them on a first come first serve basis. If you prefer to stay anonymous, just use initials, or a made-up name of choice. Let's make 2021 your best year ever!

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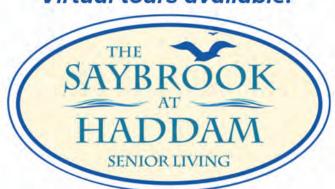
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