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Killingworth Scholarship Association offers scholarships

By Maura Doxsee

The Killingworth Scholarship Association is offering scholarships to graduating seniors who are residents of Killingworth. Applications can be found through the guidance departments or by emailing the scholarship committee. The deadline is March 31. The application process involves completion of a questionnaire and an essay, followed by an interview for selected applicants. Interviews are held in late April and early May.

The Killingworth Scholarship Association is proud to have awarded \$214,500 to 278 outstanding students since first recorded in 1986. Each year, the committee, made up of community volunteers, reviews applications from an impressive group of young men and women. Based on their academic achievement, character, leadership skills, and participation in school and community activities, the committee selects several students for the scholarships. Income is not a consideration. The amount of each scholarship award varies, depending on both the number of successful applicants and the amount of money received through donations and fundraising activities.

If you are interested in supporting our scholarship fund, please send your tax-deductible contribution to: The Killingworth Scholarship Association, P.O. Box 653, Killingworth, CT 06419.

If you are interested in learning more about the Association and how you might get involved, please email us at killingworthscholarshipksa@gmail.com

*Photo by Michele Ouellette.*

Luminarias of Hope at HKMS/HKIS

*By Michele Ouellette,
Lead Teacher for Student Life, HKIMS*

The start of a new year leads many of us to consider our hopes and dreams for the future and the goals we set for ourselves to realize those dreams. This is no different for the staff and students of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate and Middle Schools (HKIMS), who recently devoted time to reflecting on their hopes and dreams for 2021, and then shared them with the school community through Luminarias of Hope.

The idea for Luminarias of Hope was brought to us and was funded by our wonderful PTO. This project ties nicely into our "Wellness Wednesdays" initiative where we dedicate time each week to teach students strategies, tips and information regarding the 6 Pillars of Wellness, with our most recent focus being on the importance of reflecting on our hopes and dreams and setting goals for the future.

The luminarias were decorated with hopes and dreams by students and staff during their flex period. They were then illuminated with tea-lights and set-up in the auditorium for socially distanced viewing. Students and staff walked the luminaria path in silence, taking in their classmates' and teachers' hopes and dreams. Anyone who walked the luminaria path and read the hopes and dreams of our students and staff could not help but be moved by their words.

From wishing for unity and world peace; an end to the CoronaVirus; accepting others for who they are; and good health for friends and family, many staff members who read the messages shared that it was by far one of the most powerful experiences they have had while working in RSD17.

Interested in viewing the luminaria walk yourself? Grab a tissue and check it out on YouTube: HKIMS Luminarias of Hope

Our sincerest appreciation to our wonderful PTO for bringing us this idea and for funding the project. Thank you also to Black Mountain Elementary School for inspiring our project.

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Local students excel at colleges, universities

Eastern students make Fall 2020 Dean's List

From Merit Pages News

Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester, in which more than 1,300 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among the students are:

Matthew Duval of Haddam, a full-time student who majors in Secondary Education and History.

Owen Marica of Haddam, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.

Connor Chute of Higganum, a full-time student who majors in Business Information Systems.

Olivia Harry of Higganum, a full-time student who majors in Business Administration.

Alexa Pullman of Higganum, a full-time student who majors in Communication.

Taylor Conklin of Killingworth, a full-time student who majors in Health Sciences.

Clara Roby of Killingworth, a full-time student who majors in Business Administration and Health Sciences.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Local Students Named to Siena College Fall 2020 President's, Dean's List

From Siena College in Loudonville, NY

Ryan Weis was named to the Siena College President's List for the Fall 2020 Semester. Ryan is from Higganum, Conn. The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Taylor Engel has been named to the Siena College Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Taylor is from East Hampton, Conn. To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 36 degree programs, 80+ minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work. A student-to-faculty ratio of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics, Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student's personal growth while providing the education of a lifetime.

Roger Williams University Fall 2020 Dean's List

From Merit Pages News

BRISTOL, RI (01/21/2021)— Select students have been named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester. The following students have earned this achievement:

Kristen Dansereau of Killingworth, CT

Lina Luzietti of Killingworth, CT
Nicholas Ouellette of Higganum, CT
Katherine Porter of Killingworth, CT
Hailey Reed of Killingworth, CT

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Lasell Students Named to Fall 2020 Dean's List

From Merit Pages News

NEWTON, MA (01/21/2021)— Lasell University students were recently named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List for strong academic performance, with a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Olivia Beckwith of Higganum
Dalton Brown of Killingworth



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January 11 meeting report

By Ed Munster

This meeting of the BOS was conducted as a virtual meeting using the GoToMeeting App. All members of the BOS were present (Bob McGarry, Kate Anderson, and Sean Moriarty) as well as the Administrative Assistant Joanne Ricciardelli.

The minutes of two previous meetings on Dec. 14, 2020 and Dec. 30, 2020 were approved with minor changes. There were no comments during the public comment period.

During the Selectman's update Bob McGarry reported that Covid cases continue to increase. 51 cases in November 2020, 61 in December 2020 and 31 cases in January 2021 as of January 11. Haddam has had 215 total cases since pandemic began. Complaints of speeding, running stop signs and other traffic violations were reported to the BOS who have requested increased patrols by the state troopers. All departments were sent requests for their operating budget which is the start of the budget making process.

Jen Favalora reported from the Board of Education that the state gave the school districts the option

to use remote teaching on snow days if they choose. Superintendent Hageman has decided to declare the usual snow days for the first four situations to be made up as in-person learning in June because the board feels that in-person learning is ideal for our students. If there are more than four weather emergencies the superintendent will consider using the flexibility offered by the state. Favalora in speaking of BOE finances, stated that the BOE received two Covid related grants: the CARES Relief Fund for \$219,740 and the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund for \$45,545. There are both Covid related expenses and savings and for the moment the savings plus the grants have exceeded the expenses. Regarding non-Covid expenses, the BOE Finance committee reported that the Special Education and the Health Insurance lines were over budget. Because the town is using a different surface treatment program the BOE has decided to build a sand shed of their own and not participate with the town in the purchase of sand. When the shed is not being used for sand it will be used to house equipment.

On behalf of CRADH Sherry Carlson reported that Covid hospitalization statewide has been drop-

ping off. Vaccinations for Phase 1A are finishing up. All nursing home residents received their first dose by last Friday. 900 healthcare and first responders all received vaccinations via the health district drive-through vaccination site. There will be an online meeting this Thursday to discuss Phase 1b for individuals 75 and older. People over 65 account for 90% of total deaths statewide.

Six automotive tax refunds totaling \$1,099.22 were approved.

Kate Wessling was appointed as Democratic Registrar of Voters to replace Sarah Toomey who resigned because she moved out of Haddam.

BOS accepted Harlan Frederickson's resignation from the Board of Finance because he has moved to Waterford. The members of the BOS acknowledged that Harlan's contributions to the Town of Haddam over his years of service on the BOF were outstanding.

An application from Trinity solar for peddler permit to sell solar panels was denied because the BOS felt not be wise because of the Covid-19 situation.




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The Guardian Ad Litem in Family Court
 By Attorney Makana A. Ellis

A guardian ad litem (GAL) is an attorney or mental health professional the family court appoints, either from a motion a party makes or when the court decides a GAL is necessary. The court will consider the appointment of a GAL if the parties are unable to resolve a child custody or parenting time dispute. The family court then appoints a GAL to help determine what the minor child's best interests are.

The GAL does not represent either of the parents, but only represents the best interests of the minor child. The GAL could perform various tasks for the court including reviewing files and records, investigating facts, interviewing the parties and the minor child, speaking with medical professionals, teachers, family and friends, making recommendations to the court, participating in court hearings and trials, and helping the parties to reach settlements and agreements. The parties of the case may have to pay the fees of the GAL or the GAL's fees may be paid by the court based on the parties' finances and income.

If you are considering making a motion to appoint a guardian ad litem in your family court case or the court has already appointed a GAL, please contact **Dzialo, Pickett & Allen, P.C.** to discuss your options and for a consultation.

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Haddam Attorney certified as Residential Real Estate Specialist

By Corrine King

Nine attorneys became part of the inaugural class of Connecticut Board Certified Residential Real Estate Specialists earlier this month. This achievement signifies they are extremely competent, experienced, and skilled in residential real estate law.

The attorneys who earned this certification are:

- Edward M. Cassella, Cloutier & Cassella LLC, Old Saybrook
- Descera Daigle, Goldman Gruder & Woods LLC, Norwalk
- Gregory F. DeManche, DeManche Law Group, LLC, Avon
- Michael W. Epright, Epright Law LLC, Haddam
- Monika A. Gradzki, The Gradzki Law Firm LLC, New Britain
- Jay N. Hershman, Baillie & Hershman PC, Cheshire
- Daniel K. Readyoff, Allingham Readyoff & Henry LLC, New Milford
- Michael D. Rybak, Guion Stevens & Rybak LLP, Litchfield
- Anthony D. Santoro, The Law Offices of Anthony D. Santoro, Middlebury

To achieve this five-year certification, each of these nine attorneys accumulated more than 36 hours of continu-

ing legal education activities in residential real estate law, received five or more references from other attorneys or judges knowledgeable regarding their practice and competence, and passed a written exam. All specialists are in good standing with each bar they have been admitted, have practiced law in Connecticut for at least five years, and dedicate 25 percent or more of their total practice to the area of residential real estate law.

“After years of hard work on the part of our Standing Committee and our Examining Committee, I am proud to announce our first group of specialists in residential real property law. I am sure these nine individuals are the first of many who will be recognized in the years to come,” said Edward Rosenblatt, chair of the Standing Committee on Residential Real Estate specialization. “Special thanks to go to the Connecticut Bar Association and its staff, the officers and members of the Real Property Section, and all of the dedicated people who have worked on our committees since 2003 to make this day happen.”

The Real Property Section of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) launched the Residential Real Estate

Specialist Certification program in July of 2019 to help the public identify attorneys who have demonstrated expertise in the area of residential real estate law based on their competence, experience, and skills. The Legal Specialization Screening Committee and the Rules Committee of the Connecticut Superior Court approved the

CBA’s certification program in December of 2018 to raise the level of practice in this area of law.

For more information regarding the Board Certified Residential Real Estate Specialist and the certification program, visit ctbar.org/RRESpecialist or contact the program’s staff advisor, Phanny Cahill, at pcahill@ctbar.org

EDUCATION / COMMUNITY

Applications for 2021 Haddam Scholarship Fund are now available

By Joanne Courtright Lund

The applications for the Haddam Scholarship Fund, Inc are now available in the guidance offices of HKHS, Xavier High School, Mercy High School, and Vinal Technical High School. HSF, Inc will be awarding \$7,000 in funds.

High School seniors who reside in Haddam, Higganum, or Haddam Neck and are continuing their education after graduation are eligible to apply for these awards.

The John Bertolini Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is open to Haddam, Higganum, Haddam Neck, and Killingworth residents. This scholarship is based on financial need and accomplishments of the applicant particularly in the area of community service beyond requirements for graduation.

The Dr. Kate Mead Award in the amount of \$1,000 is offered to a student who is pursuing a career in a health-related field.

The deadline for applications to be received by the Haddam Scholarship Fund, Inc is April 9, 2021. Please send to Joanne Lund, P.O. Box 177 Higganum, CT 06441

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Find a Fur Baby: Noodles!

By Judith Levin

Introducing Noodles!

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He's from South Carolina and is now on the hunt for his new forever home.



Photo courtesy of Judith Levin

Though Brass City does not have any back story, they can tell you that he's very sweet, likes other dogs and so far, he's playful with cats. He likes to run in the yard and hop in your lap for hugs. He will need someone to put time and consistency in for obedience training. To meet him please apply at www.brasscityrescue.org

HJWC to host 2021 Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, May 22

By Karen Revis

Our Annual Town wide will be held on Saturday May 22, 2021. You may reserve a parking spot at Haddam Elementary School or you may be placed on our map. The cost is \$25.

To sign up please contact Karen Revis at 860-301-4447 or email at karen-

revis@comcast.net Our tag sale will be held this date rain or shine. Please register early. We expect our spaces to go fast at HES. We will be socially distancing those holding their tag sales at HES.

The money raised from our town wide tag sale supports our scholarship fund for a graduating Higganum or Haddam senior. We spend time and money advertising this tag sale. Please be respectful of our work and time and register your tag sale if you plan to have one on May 22nd.

HADDAM TOWN HALL

Expect temporary road closures for tree removals

From the Haddam Town Hall

Temporary Road Closures for Hazard Tree Removal – Portions of Filley, Jericho, Motland and Old County Roads

in the state forest will be occasionally closed over the next couple of months for hazard tree removals generally on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as many of the dead oaks and ash are leaning across the roads and will fall into the road. For your safety, please do not try to go around the barricades.

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 changes.

Thursday, January 28

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

Brainerd Library presents: "Aesop, Egypt, and the Origins and Reception of Fable": Dr. Jennifer Babcock. For link, email: Robbie Marshall, Assistant Director on Jan. 27, 2021

rmarshall@brainerdlibrary.org

Friday, January 29

MCCC Virtual Legislative Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The format is mainly question and answer, and at the event, the chamber's 2021 Public Policy Agenda will be formally presented to the Middlesex County Legislative Delegation.

Advance registration required. Please register online: www.middlesex-chamber.com

Saturday, January 30

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 1

Killingworth Charter Revision Meeting

(remote access only) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2

RSD17 BOE Meeting – Central Office – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3

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

Thursday, February 4

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

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

Parmelee Farm Committee Meeting (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Eversource helps customers manage energy costs with new usage monitoring tools

By Mitch Gross,
Connecticut Media Relations,
Eversource

With many people continuing to work and learn from home during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, Eversource is helping customers monitor and reduce their energy usage. The energy company is making it possible for customers to monitor their energy use with the Kill A Watt electricity usage meter. The meter shows how much power is being used by most home

devices by simply plugging each into the meter. Along with the meter, each kit contains an instructional booklet that explains how to measure and record the amount of electricity being used and offers tips to reduce energy use and costs. The Kill A Watt kits are available for borrowing from nearly 200 libraries around the state.

“The Kill A Watt meter gives customers a real-time look at how much power they are using so they can make immediate adjustments at home to re-

duce their energy use,” said Eversource Vice President of Energy Efficiency Tilak Subrahmanian. “We recognize the effect high energy bills can have on our customers, especially at this time. This meter is just one of the tools Eversource customers can take advantage of to better understand their energy use while spending more time at home and help them identify which energy efficiency services and rebates will help them save the most.”

Customers should check with their local library regarding the availability of the Kill A Watt kit. A list of participating libraries can be found at www.eversource.com.

The energy company is also offering a new online tool to help customers understand and save on their energy costs. The interactive heating

cost calculator provides estimates of daily and annual heating costs based on various factors such as heating fuel, size of a home, the efficiency of heating equipment, outside temperatures and thermostat settings.

Customers can also take advantage of the Green Button – an online tool that allows customers to download their energy usage data so they can easily share it with energy-efficiency experts to make home improvements.

The energy company reminds customers that energy efficiency is the single most effective way to control year-round energy costs and encourages people to take advantage of its energy efficiency solutions. Customers can learn more about the programs available on the energy company’s website.

HADDAM COMMUNITY

Pre-harvest Public Tour at Cockaponset State Forest scheduled for January 29

Information from the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Pre-harvest Public Tour scheduled for Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 3:30 p.m. at Filley Road, Haddam – You are cordially invited to tour an upcoming irregular shelterwood harvest in Haddam (see map at right). The purpose is to promote an uncommon young oak forest by giving the existing shade sensitive oak seedlings adequate sunlight. Oaks are not sustaining themselves under current natural conditions. Masks, social distancing, and a RSVP (email or phone # below) by Jan. 27 are required. If no one RSVPs, the

tour will be canceled. Meet where indicated on map unless there is snow or ice on the hill up Filley Road, then meet before the end of the pavement and before 226 Filley Road. I hope you join us.

Contact information:

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 18 Ranger, Haddam, CT 06438
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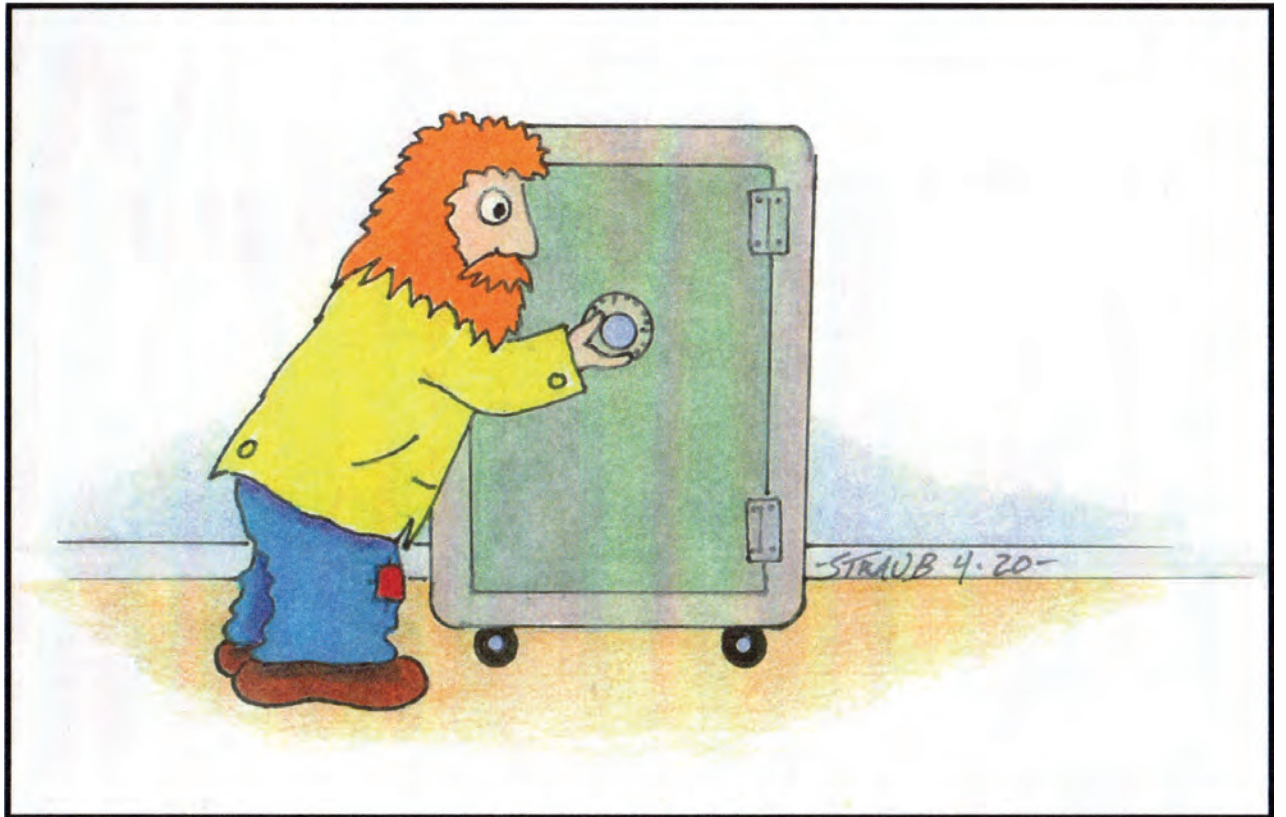
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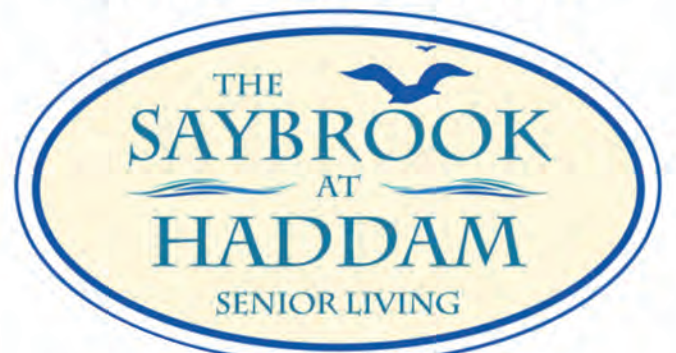
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Haddam's Scout Pack 40 host successful Giving Tree Event

By Kate Rizzo

On Nov. 22, Haddam's cub scout Pack 40 met at HES for the Giving Tree event and a hike of Swan Hill — with a herd of llamas. The llamas, courtesy of Little Creek Acres Farm, were dressed in their winter coats and had beautiful halters on for the occasion. The idea to include the llamas was brought up as a way to make this year's Giving Tree memorable for

the scouts.

The Giving Tree in prior years, has been a dinner event and ceremony to welcome new scouts to the pack, and doesn't normally include llamas.

There were two scouts assigned to each llama, and after a few minutes of instruction from Donna Zurstadt, owner of Little Creek Acres, the trek began. Llamas are mountain animals and were quite good hikers with the scouts. Although llamas can carry

up to 25% of their body weight, the strict rule of "no llama riding" was enforced. They showed little trepidation over the varied terrain, although the noise on the plank bridge caused one of the younger llamas to be skittish- and a skittish llama is about as cute and funny as it gets to a group of scouts.

Following the hike, Pack 40 enjoyed some refreshments in the courtyard and selected gift tags from the tree to buy gifts for those in need. While this 2020 pack gathering looked different than previous years, it will certainly be one to remember with our new furry pack friends.

A special thanks to Little Creek Acres Farm, Donna Zurstadt and the Page family for organizing.

