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HK Soccer Team U15 Boys Division Champions!

By Jennifer LoGiudice.



(July 8, 2021) — The Haddam-Killingworth Soccer Club U15 boys earned top spot in their division in the CJSA South Central District League. This season, the undefeated team played outstanding against some very tough competition.

The team is coached by Sal LoGiudice, Stefan Churyk and Brian Blair. The team players include Kenny Batt, Gabe Blair, Dylan Churyk, Liem

Criscuolo, Jaden Frank, Sam Greenwood, Eli Hamann-Shay, Luke Hedges, Axel Kolcio, Tavo LoGiudice, Dylan Marshall,

Michael Palmieri, Ian Pizzorusso, Aaron Richwine, Alex Richwine, Nick Salamone, Adam Stall-Ryan, Koen Thomen, Ben Werner and Ian Young.

Photo by Jennifer LoGiudice.

HVFC Responds: To Four Incidents After Storm on July 6.

By Olivia Drake, HVFC.

(July 7, 2021) Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to four incidents following a storm on July 6.

At 5:40 p.m., HVFC was dispatched to Nedobity Road; at 5:47 p.m. to Plains Road; and 6:06 p.m. to Quarry Hill Road all for downed trees and wires.

At 6:15 p.m., crews were then dispatched to a structure fire on Saybrook Road (pictured). Chester Hose Company Inc. provided on-scene mutual aid and Killingworth Volunteer Fire Co. and South Fire District Firefighters IAFF Local 3918 provided station coverage.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Haddam Fire Marshal.

Photos by Olivia Drake, HVFC.



Killingworth's Nursery School Announces New Director Erin DelVecchio

By Heather Ferrer.

July 5, 2021 — Long a fixture in the community, the Killingworth Nursery School (KNS) marks its 68th year as a non-profit cooperative program, and is located in the lower level of the Killingworth Congregational Church. It is the type of school where older students often return to visit and where parents, who were once students there, now send their own children. Cementing on this tradition, Killingworth Nursery School is proud to announce that current Head



Erin DelVecchio.
Photo courtesy of Killingworth Nursery School

Teacher Erin DelVecchio will take over as its Program Director, a position vacated by the recently retired Mary Angus.

Erin, or Mrs. D. as she is affectionately called by the children, has

lived in Killingworth along with her family for over 42 years. She fell in love with the Killingworth Nursery School after having all 3 of her children enroll and attend. Erin joined the staff at KNS in 2002 as a Tots Coordinator and Teacher, and when the head teacher retired, she happily stepped into the position. "Now in the fall, not only will I continue my role as head teacher, but I am honored and privileged to be the Director as well. I am so excited to take on new responsibilities and to be such a big

part of the children's early education. The importance of making a child's first experience with school positive is something I take very seriously. And when you reach a child that is unsure or unengaged, it is an indescribable feeling."

Mary Angus adds, "Leaving Killingworth Nursery School is easier knowing that Erin DelVecchio will be here to carry on the school and our wonderful traditions. Erin and I have

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HKHS Results in National Track Competition

By Editorial Staff.

Eamon Sweeney and Kedarjah Lewis, both recent graduates of Haddam Killingworth High School are All-Americans. The National Scholastic Athletics Foundation (NSAF) hosted the Outdoor Nationals, presented by Nike from June 30 to July 3, 2021 at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon this year. Six of our athletes attended.

Eamon Sweeney placed 6th in the nation for the Decathlon with 6445 points after competing on Wednesday and Thursday. Breakdown of events below:

- Lewis (l), Sweeney (r)
- 100m dash - 6th place 11.33
 - Long Jump - 12th place 6.22m
 - Shotput - 7th place 12.9m
 - High Jump - 7th place 1.78m
 - 400m Run - 9th place 51.73
 - 110m Hurdles - 4th place 14.77
 - Discus - 4th place 38.85m
 - Pole Vault - 17th place 2.95m

(Note: According to our reporter Phil Devlin, Eamon separated his right shoulder during this event, and had it taped for the last two events)

- Javelin - 3rd place 47.69m
- 1500m Run - 13th place 4:53.89

Kedarjah Lewis jumped on Thursday. She placed 5th in the nation in the Long Jump. Her best jump was 5.86m (just over 19'2"). She missed 4th place by .01 meter, according to Phil Devlin.

"She earned All-American status after only two years of being in Track!" said Phil.

Matthew Jennings competed in the 800m. He placed 10th with a time of 1:52.83

The relay team of Kevin Cavrell, John Kowal, Eamon Sweeney, and Max Cozean placed 10th in the 1600m sprint medley with a time of 3:37.10.

Photo by Kevin Cavrell.



Kedarjah Lewis (l), Eamon Sweeney (r)

FAITH

Rolling River Rampage Bible School: July 19 – 23, 2021

By Diane Franklin.

Higganum United Methodist Church and St. James Episcopal Church invites children of all ages to experience the ride of a lifetime with God at Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School! The white water rafting adventure includes exciting new music, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children know God is always with them as they ride the rapids of life!

The adventure runs from July 19, 2021 through July 23, 2021, at 5:15-7:30 p.m., at 248 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT.

Join us for the ride of a lifetime at Rolling River Rampage VBS by emailing vbsofhigganumumc@gmail.com VBSofHigganumUMC@gmail.com.... Hope to see you there, Rafters!

VBC Vacation Bible School: "Mission Possible" July 19-23

By Lisa Swanson.

Valley Bible Church is hosting Vacation Bible School, "Mission Possible", July 19-23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children Age 4 – Grade 6 (Grade completed June 2021). Come join us for music, games, arts and crafts, skits and snacks. Register at www.vbfc.org/vbs. Event is free.

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Food Waste Diversion Project: Is This Possible in Haddam?

By Linda Talbott.

(July 8, 2021) — The concept of Sustainability revolves around to what extent policies or practices can continue. In other words, what are the economic, environmental and community impacts of the policies and practices we use today on the next and future generations?

One area that the newly re-established Haddam Sustainability Committee is looking at are ways to reduce the municipal waste stream from Haddam, which is brought to MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) in Hartford where that facility manages solid waste disposal and recycling.

Materials for recycling go to a single stream recycling facility, other materials go to MIRA's Resource Recovery Facility where trash is converted to refuse derived fuel. This is used to generate steam which produces 500kw of electricity through two generators. This power provides enough electricity to the grid to power 35,000 homes.

In 2019, MIRA sent 70,000 tons of sorted and processed recyclables to various manufacturers.

According to a WNPR report, the MIRA waste to energy plant in Hartford will close by July 1, 2022, due to mechanical problems with the facility and loss of financial options for plant redevelopment. The MIRA Board decided to close that facility and turn it into a Transfer Station. This means that Connecticut for the last 30 years has not put trash into any landfills, but now in 2022, will be taking a step backward and will be hauling CT trash out of state as CT landfills cannot take anymore trash.

How will this impact Haddam's fees we pay to haul our garbage away? Will they double or triple? Will that impact our taxes?

We are a rural town and there are many of us who compost our vegetable, fruit and plant scraps for our gardens. There may be many of you who would like

to learn more about home composting, and we hope to set up some educational sessions on that. We are also hopeful that many in our community are willing to separate their food waste and bring it to our transfer station to be composted. Here's how:

Blue Earth Compost is a company also based in Hartford. They work with several Connecticut cities, towns and businesses to haul away food waste/scraps to a facility in Southington called Quantum Biopower where it is converted into compost and/or Biogas. Food waste alone accounts for 20-22% of the waste stream in Connecticut so diverting food waste away from the municipal waste stream would appear to save on tipping fees and help the environment. Presently, the fee Haddam pays per ton is \$91. Chris Corsa, the Assistant Director of Public Works in Haddam, reports that in 2020 our transfer station hauled out 1348 ton of municipal solid waste. You can do the math.

Middletown, Essex, Branford, Guilford are shoreline towns already using Blue Earth Compost for their food waste. Middlefield may be next. Blue Earth offers several different options, but the model used by Essex may be one that could possibly work in Haddam. In that town Blue Earth supplied food waste bins are placed at the transfer station and

townspeople can bring their food scraps there any day the transfer station is open. The service is free to town residents, but Blue Earth does charge the town a fee for their service. They take away the Essex food waste and clean the bins on site there on Wednesdays and as our transfer station is open that day, it might work for them to come to Haddam on Wednesdays.

You are able to compost food items with them that you cannot compost in your yard. Things like meat and bones, dairy, breads and cereals as well as the usual fruit and vegetable scraps are compostable at the Quantum BioPower plant in Southington where Blue Earth trucks the food waste.

The Sustainability Committee is still in the investigation and fact-gathering stage with this project idea.

Blue Earth Compost will be doing a presentation to the Haddam Sustainability Committee on Wednesday July 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. The meetings of this committee are open to the public. Discussion will ensue on how we can fundraise to start this program in town if it appears we can move forward on this initiative.

Hope to see you there.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Essex Savings Bank Offered Free Shredding Event in May

By Elizabeth Kuhns.

On May 8, 2021, Essex Savings Bank's Old Lyme Branch held its first ever free shred event combined with a food drive to support the local Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. The event was open to both the public and businesses alike to provide a safe and secure way to dispose of sensitive documents. Approximately 6,000 pounds of materials were shredded at the free event!

In addition to the success of the shred portion of the event, the food drive was also highly productive. Thanks to the generosity of those that participated, the branch collected 248 pounds of canned and non-perishable food along with

donations totaling nearly \$1,000!

The event was supported in part by State Police Trooper Matt Weber, Old Lyme Police, DEEP Cadets and Old

Lyme Rangers that provided many of the donated items.

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

DEATHS

LCDR James H. (Jim) Jones, Jr. USNR, Ret. of Haddam, CT, passed away on February 24, 2021, at the age of 96.

David Brainard, age 87, formerly of Higganum, passed away on June 30, 2021.

John Joseph Zapatka, Jr., 72, of Higganum, passed away on June 26, 2021.

HADDAM REGISTRARS

Voter Registration Summary July 2021

By Raymond Skarsten & Kate Wessling, Haddam Registrars of Voters.

District	Democratic	Republican	Unaffiliated	Other	Total
001 Firehouse	916	765	1326	43	3050
002 Central Office	751	741	1254	37	2783
003 Haddam Neck	97	86	91	2	276
Totals:	1764 29%	1592 26%	2671 44%	82 1.34%	6109

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Wrong Doing and Right Doing

By Deb Thomas.

This is a column, "Regular: To Go" similar to Musings from a Millennial, from the west end of Higganum out by the Lake. A long-time writer for HK-Now and other online publications, this resident will cover a wide range of topics, whatever is on her radar. The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this newspaper.

"Out beyond ideas of wrong doing and right doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there."

While on her way to the afternoon Pride celebration at H-K Intermediate School on Saturday, June 26, a young woman I know from Higganum got stuck in traffic at the Killingworth rotary. When traffic came to a halt, she encountered a barrage of hateful, vulgar epithets. She talked about this in an open letter on social media on Sunday; I read it and felt an unspeakable rage because this could have happened to my children, or my friends' child, or to any of us. I also felt a huge wave of sadness for her because all she wanted to do was go to a happy event.

Why would people do this; is the contempt they feel for someone who differs from them so vile, that it bubbles up and erupts into awful, ranting and screaming against someone else? Make no mistake, they weren't singing, "Put on a Happy Face," and handing out daisies. However, wasn't this free speech in action?

No. What these bullhorn-yelling folks did, was not to exercise a perceived free-speech right; they sought to intimidate others. What they did not do, was understand that their actions, in some cases, could also be illegal, and no longer considered simply a misdemeanor; what they did can also be interpreted as a felony. Enacted into Connecticut State Law, in October 2017, the statute against hate crimes is now a serious offense. If the attack was done due to bias against another's "race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity," these things may now be tried in a court of law as a hate crime.**

No one should be victimized for being who they

are, what they wear, believe, or what they look like. There are a few reasons why people lash out however, and act out this way, but topping the list is fear. Psychological data shows this hateful behavior of trying to intimidate someone has another name; bullying. A bully is afraid of something. That's the motivator behind behavior like this—fear of not belonging, not measuring up, being in a minority. Just as likely, among other reasons—the bully may have received some emotional or physical abuse. And because humans instinctively want to fit in, bullies can and do stick together; a herd of bullies who feel they do not fit into the rest of society can and will attack those they think are weaker.

Perhaps by understanding why some people have a need to do this we can deal with this better. But, how and, how do you diffuse this? Especially when there is a mob mentality at play. Careful study show the longer bullies can cause someone to be uncomfortable, it gets harder to make the bully or bullies, stop. One way is to speak out against this. Taking immediate action says you know what they are doing, and you aren't going to allow it. It probably won't stop them, especially out in public, but by calling those people out you will be exposing them. You will be taking away some of their perceived power.

Governor Lamont announced a new; Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council, in early June of this year, saying, "Nobody should ever have to fear being the victim of the crime for being the person they are, and it is unconscionable that people continue to be targeted throughout our country because of the color of their skin, the religion they practice, the person they love, their country of birth, or any other personal attributes that identify who they are." The goal of the Council is to "...establish policies that prevent these crimes from happening in the first place and ensure the appropriate actions are taken in the event that we are faced with crisis in the future."

*"When the soul lies down in that grass, the world is too full to talk about."
(Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi)*

We have so much more to offer each other. A hand up. A welcome sign. A shared meal. A combined effort to make our world a better place. I don't agree with many people I know about politics, religion, taxes. Yet, my disagreements don't make me want to rush to a traffic circle and scream hateful

things at them. Also, as a grave consequence, some things you say or do in a hateful rant, especially in a repeated incident, can cause you to be arrested in Connecticut.

The things that happened on Saturday made me think of an often-quoted poem by Rumi, "The Wagon," which I believe is a deep lesson in morality. The poem's middle verse addresses "wrong doing and right doing;" and is an apt comparison to the events that happened to my friend. These things exist, together, as a conflict within us all. We have the ability to assess the difference between the two, unless we are mentally incapacitated. But things get too heavy, too big, "when the soul lies down in the grass," he says. It is because you can't determine which is which, "The world is too full to talk about;" too full, and too difficult. But we must. We must weigh the consequences of our actions and then decide. It's a moral judgment.

"Ideas, language, even the phrase 'each other' doesn't make any sense.

The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you.

Don't go back to sleep.

You must ask for what you really want.

Don't go back to sleep.

People are going back and forth across the doorsill where the two worlds touch.

The door is round and open.

Don't go back to sleep."


When he says the phrase, "each other – doesn't make any sense," he's saying that the "each" who we are as individuals—is what doesn't make sense, because we should be – collectively—all as one. The morality comes down to the choice of wrong doing or the right doing—for all, instead of one, or each.

He cautions too, that we cannot go back to sleep. Although things make no sense, we need to talk, the door is open. The things out in the field can divide by each thought, or we can go through the door, collectively.


Exposing that this happened should bring more of us to our senses. It is unquestionably wrong this happened to one of us, one of our H-K Community. I am sorry for my young friend who did nothing to warrant the hate-spew she and her companion experienced, except to try to get to a party. We know better, and we must do better.

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Rep. Courtney Co-Sponsors Bill to Help Purple Heart Veterans

By Patrick Cassidy.

WASHINGTON, DC—Today, Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-02), a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, announced his support for the Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act (H.R. 3443), a bipartisan bill introduced by Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA). The Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act is aimed at better supporting combat disabled servicemembers and their ability to participate in the workforce, and would ensure combat disabled veterans do not lose their Social Security disability benefits (SSDI) in cases when earned income exceeds \$1,310 per month.

“Combat disabled veterans aren’t getting a fair deal right now, and I want to thank Congressman Scott for pulling together this bipartisan group to make it right,” said Rep. Courtney. “As it stands now, combat disabled veterans who make more than \$1,310 a month are at risk losing 100% of their SSDI benefits. That is patently absurd, and it’s an unacceptable way to treat these veterans who sacrificed for our country. We shouldn’t make our combat disabled veterans choose between a meaningful career, or keeping their SSDI benefits—they deserve better. The Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act would raise the threshold to the maximum statutorily allowed level of \$2,190 and would help our vets to keep excelling as valuable members of our community and workforce, without being penalized for success. I’m proud to co-sponsor this bipartisan effort.”

Combat disabled veterans who earn an income more than \$1,310 per month lose 100% of their SSDI for being actively engaged in the workforce. This unacceptably low limit deters workforce

participation and disincentivizes injured veterans from pursuing jobs, promotions, or working overtime. H.R. 3443 would raise the current monthly disability benefit for combat disabled veterans from \$1,310 per month to \$2,190 per month, the statutorily allowed maximum level. Additionally, it would ensure combat disabled veterans do not lose their SSDI benefits in cases when earned income exceeds the new threshold. The bill introduces a 4 to 1 offset, eliminating the SSDI benefits cliff by gradually reducing benefits only after a veteran’s salary rises above \$2,190 per month. You can find more information on substantial gainful activity thresholds on the Social Security Administration’s website here.

The Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act is supported by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Blind Veterans Association, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Military Veterans Advocacy, and the Fleet Reserve Association.

H.R. 3443 was introduced by Rep. Austin Scott, and is co-sponsored by Rep. Joe Courtney, and by Reps. Sanford Bishop (D-GA), Mike Turner (R-OH), Andy Kim (D-NJ), Rick Allen (R-GA), Scott DesJarlais (R-TN), Chris Stewart (R-UT), Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ), Richard Hudson (R-NC), Tom Rice (R-SC), Trent Kelly (R-MS), Patrick McHenry (R-NC), Van Taylor (R-TX), Conor Lamb (D-PA), Scott Franklin (R-FL), Don Bacon (R-NE), Louie Gohmert (R-TX), Vern Buchanan (R-FL), Jody Hice (R-GA), Ralph Norman (R-SC), Steven Palazzo (R-MS), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), and Michael Waltz (R-FL).

Essex Steam Train PSA: Safety at Railroad Crossings

By Maureen Quintin.

The Essex Steam Train and Riverboat would like to remind our friends and neighbors in the lower Connecticut River Valley that train frequency will be increasing beginning July 1 on our tracks in Essex, Deep River, Chester, and Haddam. In particular daytime train activity will be increasing on tracks between Chester and Goodspeed Station in Haddam.

When approaching STOP signs, motorists and pedestrians are legally required to come to a complete stop at the white stop line, and yield to any approaching rail traffic. When facing flashing lights and/or gates, crossing users must STOP and wait for trains to pass/lights and gates to shut off.

Additionally, pedestrians, bicycles, and motorized vehicles are NEVER allowed on railroad tracks except at a legal crossing location. Emergency contact phone numbers are located at all railroad crossings in the event of problems. The railroad is working with local law enforcement on issues of motorist compliance at crossings throughout the valley area.

Questions can be directed to Rob Bradway, Vice President of Track and Property, at 860-964-3422.

Middlesex Chamber Summer 2021 Program Kicks Off

By Sierra Lopez.

(Middletown, CT.) Chairwoman Maureen Westbrook of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced that the 2021 version of the Middletown Summer Employment Program kicks off its work experience at almost 40 different host worksites across greater Middletown on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Every year since 2006, the chamber has placed Middletown students into constructive summer employment through this important community program. The chamber has the capacity, through its dynamic membership, to place participants into summer employment in a wide variety of professional fields. Program host sites come from the public sector, the non-profit sector, and most notably, the private sector. The program is designed to provide employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14 to 21. In addition to the work experience, the program offers employment readiness training including properly filling out withholding forms, time cards, and codes of conduct, as well as financial literacy and dress for success techniques.

Chamber President Larry McHugh noted, “The chamber is proud of all of its workforce development initiatives, but this program is especially

important because it deals with our youth population. Thanks to the leadership and support of Workforce Alliance, the City of Middletown, and a number of terrific private funders, we are able to put nearly 75 kids to work this summer in constructive employment environments throughout the city. I thank all of them on behalf of the chamber for their unbelievable support of this, and many other community initiatives that they support in our area.”

The 2021 team of funding partners is as follows: Workforce Alliance, the City of Middletown, Peach Pit Foundation, Community Foundation of Middlesex County, Liberty Bank Foundation, State of CT – Judicial Branch, Jarvis Products Corporation, and Middlesex United Way.

McHugh continued, “In addition to the team of funders, I also want to take a moment to thank the almost 40 businesses and organizations in greater Middletown that will serve as host worksites this summer. Finally, I want to thank our Workforce Development Director Lorenzo Marshall for his outstanding leadership of this program on an annual basis.”

For more information, visit middlesexchamber.com/youth or call the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce 860-347-6924.



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Health Insurance Considerations During a Divorce

By Attorney Makana A. Ellis

One of the factors to consider in a divorce is what happens to the parties’ health insurance once the divorce is finalized or while the divorce is pending. While a divorce is pending, the current health insurance plan and coverage must continue, unless there is a court order through an agreement or after a hearing, which changes the original arrangement. If you exclude your spouse, without an agreement or court order, you may be in contempt of court. Medical insurance also ends for the non-plan subscribing spouse on the date of divorce, unless the health insurance coverage plan provides for continued coverage through the end of the month.

After the divorce, spouses can elect COBRA coverage for a period of time. COBRA coverage allows a spouse to continue the medical insurance the spouse had during the marriage, but it can be very expensive and the cost is at a greater rate than the cost of the original coverage. A former spouse may not have to cover the cost of COBRA premium unless the parties agree to an order requiring that coverage be maintained. A court may also consider the cost of a health insurance premium as part of an alimony award.

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Thursday, July 15

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

Dinosaur Dig - Killingworth Library
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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Mystery Book Club - Killingworth Library
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Join us as we discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex
Michaelides.

Friday, July 16

Higganum Farmers Market 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Market (Concert on the Green at 7:00
p.m. TBD) Entertainment - Mary Cowles

Saturday, July 17

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
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Monday, July 19

Valley Bible Church is hosting **Vacation Bible
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Haddam BOF Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday, July 20

Killingworth P&Z Mtg. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

RSD#17 BOE Mtg. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21

Tween Book Club - KW Library

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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This meeting will feature the graphic novel *El
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**Killingworth Comm. on Alternative Housing
Mtg.** (remote access) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 22

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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Eversource Partners with UniteCT to Help Eligible Customers with Rent and Bills

By Mitch Gross.

BERLIN, Conn. (June 21, 2021) – Many Connecticut residents are still facing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eversource is working with Connecticut's Department of Housing to help eligible renters pay their electric bills and rent. UniteCT provides utility payment assistance to qualified households that are financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and is specifically designed to help tenants who have fallen behind with rent and utility bills to stay in their homes.

"We want our customers to know there are options to address their energy bills," said Eversource Vice President of Customer Operations Jess Cain. "UniteCT is a unique opportunity for renters and comes at a critical time, the summer months, when residential customers' energy usage typically increases by 35% because air conditioners and fans are working hard to keep their homes cool."

The UniteCT program provides eligible renters up to \$1,500 to help with past due electric expenses and up to \$10,000 for past or future rent expenses. The new program is funded through the \$25 billion federal stimulus package passed by Congress for emergency rental and utility assistance.

Customers are eligible if they meet these requirements:

- They rent
- At least one person in the household has qualified for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, has had significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due to the pandemic
- The household income is at or below 80% of the median income in the area
- They're at risk for homelessness or housing instability

Customers may also be eligible for additional programs to help pay their energy bills, which would add to the amount received from UniteCT. Programs include:

- The Matching Payment Program, which offers monthly payments as low as \$50
- The New Start program, which forgives overdue balances if monthly budget payments are made on time
- Energy Assistance, which provides payment toward the customer's heating bill

All Eversource customers are eligible for the COVID-19 payment plan that allows them to pay a

past-due balance over a period of up to 24 months with no interest charges and no down payment. Enrollment in the program has been extended to July 20. Customers can learn more about all the available payment programs at Eversource.com/BillHelp or call 800-286-2828.

Eversource also encourages customers to take advantage of its easy energy efficiency solutions that can help keep their homes cool while managing increased energy use during the summer months. More information on the company's energy efficiency programs is available at Eversource.com.

Just Drive Contest: Enter for Your Chance to Win up to \$5,000

Editorial Staff.

Car crashes are the #1 killer of young people in the United States and Impact Teen Drivers (ITD) is a non-profit organization that is working to combat car crashes caused by distracted driving. ITD is currently running the Just Drive Contest which gives students the opportunity to share their creative solution to ending deaths due to car crashes and potentially win up to \$5,000!

Students ages 14-22 are invited to create original 30-second public service announcements that showcase their solutions or strategies to fix the problem of distracted driving. Thanks to support from NJM Insurance Group, a student in the individual category can win up to \$5,000 in the form of an educational grant, according to their website.

Another category is for teachers/advisors to participate in a distracted driving social media campaign with their students. In that category, teachers can win up to \$10,000 for their classroom/school.

The contest opened in January, and closes on Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (ET). Then online voting will run from November 1-7, 2021.

You can look on their website for previous years' entries, as well as how to enter your video.

Middlesex Hospital Further Loosens Visitor Policy

By Amanda Falcone.

Middletown — Due to a low COVID-19 positivity rate in Connecticut, Middlesex Health has further loosened its visitor policy. The changes go into effect today, June 21, 2021.

Most Middlesex Health locations, including Middlesex Hospital, outpatient locations and ambulatory settings, will now allow an unlimited number of visitors. All visitors must wear a face mask at all times, and they will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival.

Per recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), face masks are still required in health care settings. You must wear a mask while at a Middlesex Health facility regardless of whether you've been vaccinated.

Visiting hours at Middlesex Hospital, located at 28 Crescent Street in Middletown, are now 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. — both on the weekdays and during the weekend. Visitors must register at the front desk in the hospital lobby and be 16 or older unless granted special permission.

Visiting hours for Middlesex Hospital's inpatient behavioral health unit are different because of the need for group therapy. Patients staying on this unit may receive visitors Monday through Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily. Visitors must be 16 or older.

Emergency Department patients can now have

visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and these visitors can enter through the Emergency Department entrance. Pregnancy and Birth Center patients may have two visitors at a time throughout their stay in addition to their primary support person.

There are some exceptions to these rules. They include:

- Visitors making compassionate care visits
- Visitors making disability care visits
- Birthing partners for Pregnancy and Birth Center patients
- Pediatric patients
- Clergy visits (Members of the clergy should not visit patients who are on special respiratory precautions unless it is a compassionate visit.)

Visitors arriving under these special circumstances may visit 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If they arrive when the hospital lobby is closed, they should

go to the Emergency Department main entrance. Patients on respiratory precautions, such as presumed or confirmed COVID-19 patients, will not be allowed visitors.

For more information about Middlesex Health's revised visitor policy, visit MiddlesexHealth.org.

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Killingworth Library News: July 2021

By Tammy Eustis, Assistant Director, KLA.

Registration is required – visit the Calendar page on the library’s website at killingworthlibrary.org for further details and registration links or call the library at 860-663-2000.

Dinosaur Dig – Thursday, July 15th at 10:00 a.m. We’re sure you’ll have a ROARING good time at our Dinosaur Dig program! Come excavate your own dinosaur fossil while learning about real archaeologists! Suggested ages 6-12.

Leggo my Lego Session 2 – July 16th at 10:00 a.m. This time we’ll be building a fox and a fearsome reptile! Suggested ages 6-12+.

Meet Lavender the Opossum – Saturday, July 17th at 11:00 a.m. Come meet our furry friend Lavender and learn fun facts from Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue at this family friendly event. Please note special time.

Storytime: a Tale from Far Away – July 19th at 10:00 a.m. Join our intern Hana as she shares another story from a faraway place, this time with an origami craft. Suggested ages 2-5.

Tween Book Club – Wednesday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m. Tweens ages 9-12 are invited to join our new summer book club! This meeting will feature the graphic novel *El Deafo* by Cece Bell. Extra copies are available now for checkout at the circulation desk, and yes... there will be pizza!

Life-Sized Candyland – We will bring a childhood classic to interactive life here at Killingworth Library! You’ll have a sweet time playing Candyland with your family and friends! The

event will run in two age-appropriate days: ages 6-12 on Thursday, July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. and ages 2-5 on Saturday, July 24th at 10:00 a.m.

Build Your Own Castle, with A Paperbag Princess Read-a-Long – July 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Sometime’s it’s the princess who also does the rescuing! Come read this wonderful story with us and build your own castle afterward! Suggested ages 4-10.

Teen Book Club – Wednesday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m. Teens ages 13-17 are invited to join this month’s discussion about *The Raft* by S.A. Bodeen. Extra copies are available now for checkout at the circulation desk, and yes... there will be pizza!

Make Your Own Puppet – Thursday, July 29th at 10:00 a.m. Craft and create a new friend at our make your own puppet program! Suggested ages 6 – 12. (Want to put on your own show? See the Puppet Show details below.)

Beach Dreams – July 30th at 10:00 a.m. Create your own beach scene with our miniature glitter globe kit, then grab some chalk from our stash and draw your favorite beach scene or sea animal on our sidewalk. All entries will be submitted in our chalk art contest! Suggested ages 4-10.

Puppet Show – Saturday, July 31st at 10:00 a.m. Come join us for fun and fairytales at our puppet show! Presented by our intern Hana. Suggested ages 2- 5. The stage will be left in place for children to present their own puppet show! Just ask to reserve a time!

Killingworth Nursery School Names New Director

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been working side by side for 8 years. In this time, I have had the privilege of seeing the excitement and caring she brings to the school and know she will do a great job taking over as Director and Head Teacher in this upcoming 2021-2022 school year.”

Even with the challenges of the pandemic, KNS was able to remain open and have an extremely successful and safe year. “We adhered to the Covid guidelines provided by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, and were able to finish the school year without one single instance of having to quarantine. It truly was a joint effort on behalf of the staff and board,” Erin stated. The school is prepared to continue with whatever safety protocols are necessary this upcoming school year.

Erin assures that the school will offer the same curriculum and traditions well-loved by generations of young KNS learners. Preschool classes are a multi-age curriculum for both three and four year olds that are available two or three days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. There is also the option of “extended hours” that lengthen the day to 1:00 p.m. where children can further their kindergarten readiness by bringing and eating their lunch at school. KNS prides itself on offering its families the flexibility to choose what they feel will work best for their child. “The extended day is great. Both our boys (now 9 and 6) loved eating lunch with their friends and teachers. After lunch they also got to engage in an activity, which they both really enjoyed. It helped both of our children be prepared for a full day of kindergarten,” says Jess DeAngelo, a former KNS parent.

Unique to the area, KNS also offers the Terrific Tots program, a

one day a week class for two year olds along with a parent or caregiver. It serves as a great transition for young children in preparation for pre-school readiness where little ones can enjoy activities, art, songs, stories, snack, and exploration. They are also able to enjoy outdoor play in Killingworth Nursery School’s brand new fenced-in playground.

On Saturday, July 10, 2021, KNS will hold an Open House from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Killingworth Congregational Church for those interested in learning more about the school.

Classes start on Monday, September 13, 2021. Enrollment is open at any time. Tours available upon request.

For more information, visit killingworthnurseryschool.com or contact (860) 663-2950 or killingworthnurseryschool@yahoo.com.

Killingworth Nursery School is a non-profit, interdenominational, cooperative preschool which admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

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July 2021: History and the Beast

By Terry Twigg.

Some weeks ago I wrote of my front-yard battle with a thicket of forsythia, or as I call it, The Beast. I had stripped off every single branch and cut the main stems as far down as my loppers could manage—generally, the 1” diameter mark. Everything larger had to wait until I could borrow my brother’s reciprocating saw. In the five weeks until that happened, every single stem resprouted, with three or four feet of new growth. I’m not exaggerating; the bittersweet vines intertwined with it grew even longer. I attacked it again last week. There were a half dozen original shrubs, identifiable because they had the thickest stems. A few could be dug out, but most I just cut off below ground level. And then I grubbed out probably thirty [progenies], with slightly thinner main stems and roots. I’ve tried to smother it all with a thick layer of cardboard (thank you to Hall’s Power Equipment for the big cartons) and an even thicker layer of mulch. Now, fingers crossed to see who wins. Who’s laying odds on The Beast?

As I worked I wondered how forsythia reached my little Connecticut town, along with so many other aliens. It’s named for William Forsyth, a Scot who became the Head Royal Gardener and a founder of the Royal Horticultural Society. He didn’t discover it in its native China, but he did send hordes of plant explorers fanning out across the globe to bring back species previously unknown to the West, with mixed results. The Age of Enlightenment valued the use of reason, scientific method, and what it imagined would be the resultant progress. A healthy dose of cautious humility might have been a useful fourth precept; along with many commercially important and/or beautiful plants came too many scourges. Explorers brought back coffee, tea, pomegranates and rubber; they also gave us bittersweet, barberry, Oriental wisteria, and of course forsythia.

Wealthy collectors subsidized ventures so they could be the first to show off new treasures. That’s why California redwoods tower in English estates, and the newest, lushest roses in Europe were grown in the gardens of Napoleon’s Empress Josephine. Her treasured specimens descended from roses discovered in central Asia, brought back to Europe by Crusaders, then crossed with some North American varieties, like the Pasture Rose, Rosa Carolina. In the plant world, globalization is nothing new.

The military joined in the hunt, too. The British Navy, most powerful in the world at the time, listened with great interest to reports of a very tall, very straight pine discovered during Captain Cook’s second voyage to the South Pacific. To the navy’s disappointment, the Norfolk Island pines (not a true pine, by the way) proved to be too brittle to use as masts.

While many fortunes were built on the new plants, few of the explorers actually profited from their discoveries. Apart from satisfying their scientific curiosity, the only reward many ever received was the right to name plants after themselves or their patrons. David Douglas (1799-1834), an intrepid Scot sent to America in 1823, braved hypothermia and grizzly bear attacks before a fatal fall into a pit intended to trap wild boars. But his name lives on in

every lumber yard, on stacks of Douglas Fir. (Not to be confused with a lumberyard cat I once knew, who went by the name of Douglas Fur.) Thomas Jefferson got Congress to fund the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and now the twinleaf, Jeffersonia diphylla, bears his name. Our state flower, mountain laurel, is officially Kalmia latifolia. It was named for Pehr Kalm, a Swede sent to New England to find plants that would grow back home. The name was suggested by none other than Carl Linnaeus, creator of the botanical classification system we still use today. A more recent explorer, Richard Evans Schultes, specialized in medicinal and hallucinogenic plants. (His PhD. topic was magic mushrooms. Really.) He roamed South America, particularly the Amazon, earning the title of “Father of Ethnobotany,” and we can only imagine his excitement when a fellow traveler who was an entomologist named a newly discovered cockroach genus after him.

As I read, I was struck by how many plants we assume are native are actually anything but. Those orange daylilies by the roadside? Asian. The Queen Anne’s Lace in the meadow? A wild carrot that made its way from Afghanistan to Europe and then to North America, and was already identified as a nuisance weed in Connecticut by 1881. Oxeye daisies and bachelors’ buttons traveled from Asia to Europe centuries ago, flourished in the fields, then were brought here in the 1600s.

Some of these so-called “naturalized” plants came by chance—seeds or roots hitch-hiking in the soil of other plants, or even clinging to clothing or animal fur on ships crossing the Atlantic. Others were brought here on purpose: Bittersweet was imported for its decorative value; kudzu was supposed to prevent erosion; barberry was touted as a thorny burglar-proof barrier, ideal for suburban foundation planting. And dandelions were carefully transported by early European settlers, who valued it for salad, medicinal roots, and wine. Even today, specialty seed catalogs offer choice dandelion varieties.

Plant explorers changed the world, sometimes for the better, sometimes not, and botanists still search the world for new specimens. They will give their names to their discoveries, just as their predecessors did. As for me, if I ever get naming rights to a cockroach, I’m going to call it “Forsythia.”

Real Estate Transactions

According to the Hartford Courant (7/2/21):

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29 White Birch Trl., FNMA to R. N. Bylo Jr. and C. Bylo, 6/16, \$104,000

31 Laurel Grove Dr., R. Shaikh and S. Naem to B. and S. Cox, 6/14, \$319,000

33 November Trl., R. E. and L. M. Panzella to C. Smith and K. Salvietti, 6/17, \$350,000

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6 Clarkson Ln., P. M. Coady to G. J. and C. Kerins, 6/15, \$1,000,000

10 Fawn Hill Rd., S. R. and D. J. Fruhwald to D. L. Kraus and H. Whelan-Foye, 6/15, \$375,000

57 Spencer Hill Rd., R. L. and K. B. Trupin to D. S. and R. Whiteside, 6/17, \$515,000

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In Connecticut as well as other states, derogatory words or actions against people and their beliefs can now be taken as a serious offense, and a hate crime can be punished by a fine or prison sentence. The central reason Connecticut has enacted powerful hate crime legislation is to discourage harassment of other historic social out-casts, and disenfranchised people in our country.

Additionally, there are new minimum fines for some hate crimes, such as burning a cross. The Connecticut State judicial system can seek long term jail time as well, if accusations proved there were violent threats against someone based on ethnic group, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

A summary of Public Act -1711 reads in part: Connecticut has several statutes that deal with hate crimes. The statutes protect a range of people, enhance penalties for bias crimes, and allow injured parties to sue for money damages. The primary criminal statutes are the "intimidation based on bigotry or bias" crimes. These statutes provide three degrees of penalties. They address certain actions that intimidate or harass another person because of his or her actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. The other criminal statutes that address hate crimes include: 1. deprivation of rights, desecration of property, and cross burning; 2. deprivation of a person's civil rights by someone wearing a mask or hood; 3. ridicule on account of race, creed, or color; 4. deprivation of a person's

equal rights and privileges by force or threat; and 5. certain threatening crimes.

This report also describes other provisions on hate crimes, including persistent offender status; anti-bias or diversity awareness programs as conditions of accelerated rehabilitation, probation, and conditional discharge; the state-wide hate crimes advisory council; and police training.

(This is a summary from the Office of Legislative Research - Objective Research for Connecticut's Legislature, titled: Connecticut Hate Crimes, by Michelle Kirby, Senior Legislative Attorney, on December 14, 2017 and can be read in its entirety at: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/rpt/pdf/2017-R-0196.pdf>)

ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic Night

By Brenda Buzzi, HUM

The Higganum United Methodist Church's outreach, intergenerational, audience-participation hot spot invites musicians, singers, poets and comedians to the stage on Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Since HUMC opened the coffee house in April of 2012, its stage has been graced by elementary-aged children to senior citizen performers from all over the state and country!! The average number at Soup and Song nights ranges between 20-80, with about a dozen performers. HUMC members and friends supply delicious food and baked goods!

Open Mic: sing, play an instrument, tell a joke or recite a poem, OR just come! FUN for all ages!! And FREE FOOD. Located at 248 Saybrook Road, Higganum.

RIT Students Named to Dean's List for 2021 Spring Semester

Merit Pages News.

ROCHESTER, NY (07/09/2021)-- Rochester Institute of Technology announces its spring 2021 Dean's List! Undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credit hours of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," NE, D, or F; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Freddy Stock of Haddam (06438), who is in the applied mathematics program.

Bridget Harry of Higganum (06441), who is in the film and animation program.

Benjamin Carini of Higganum (06441), who is in the computing security program.

Local Students Graduate from Eastern Connecticut State University

Merit Pages News.

WILLIMANTIC, CT (07/08/2021)- Hundreds of students graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University this spring 2021 semester. The University's 131st annual Commencement Exercises occurred on campus on May 15 and 16.

Olivia Harry of Higganum graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Over the course of the two days, 700 undergraduates of the Class of 2021, 61 graduate students, and more than 200 members of the Class of 2020 attended the Commencement Exercises, along with more than 2,000 guests for the four events.




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BML Book Club News

By Laurie Gardner. BML.

Meandering in the Meadows

Saturday, July 24 9:30 a.m.

Do you like to talk about books? Do you like to walk and hike? Brainerd Memorial Library announces a new book club: Meandering in the Meadows. This book club meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30. We will meet at the silo at Haddam Meadows State Park for a unique book discussion group. We will walk the loop with stops along the way to discuss the month's book selection. Come join us to talk about books and enjoy the outdoors. It is not necessary to have read the book. If you would like to read the month's selection, we will have copies at the circulation desk. Give us a call at 860-345-2204 or email library@brainerdlibrary.org to reserve a book and arrange a pickup time. You can email Laurie at lgardner@brainerdlibrary.org for more information. Visit our website, www.brainerdlibrary.org, to sign up for this program.

The threat of inclement weather will postpone this event. Announcements will be made via our Facebook, Instagram, library web page, and by direct email message to participants.

Brainerd's Culinary Club

Wednesday, July 21 6:30 p.m.

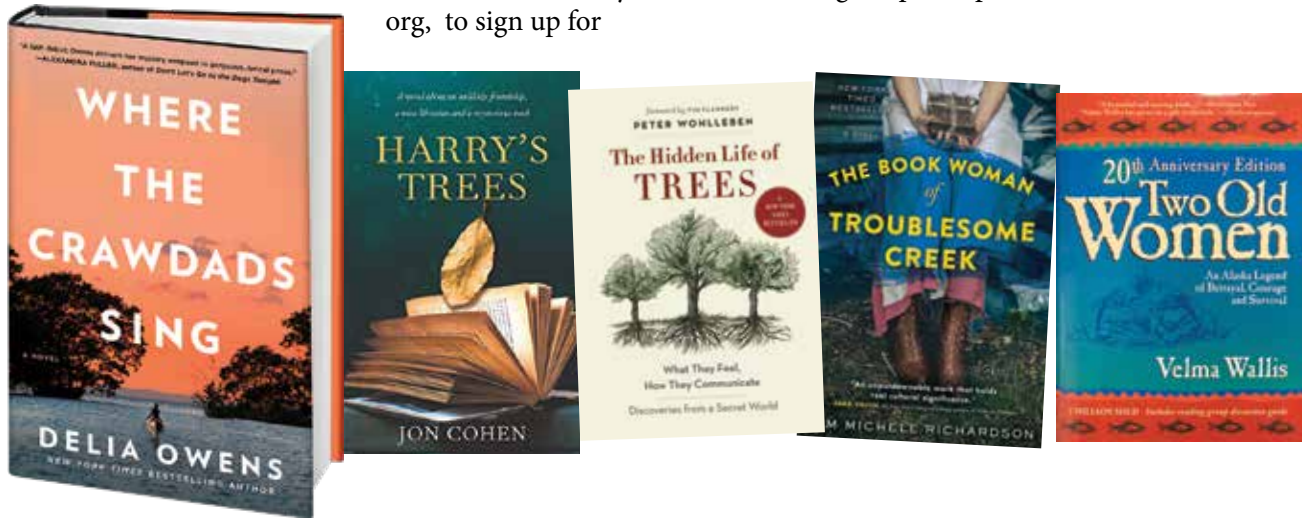
We've had a lemon of a year, but good news: Brainerd's Culinary Club is coming back! We will meet off site at Field Park in Haddam to share our love of food and cooking. Come join us on the third Wednesday of each month to talk about what we have experimented with in our culinary experiences.

For our first meeting, Brainerd Memorial Library will provide a secret ingredient to inspire your dish.

Visit our website, www.brainerdlibrary.org, to sign up for

this program. Once you are signed up, a bag will be prepared for you with the secret ingredient. We will call or email you to arrange a pick-up of your bag. Take this secret ingredient home and create a dish that we can then enjoy and talk about. We are looking forward to what you have prepared for the Culinary Club. Please reach out to Laurie at lgardner@brainerdlibrary.org with any questions.

The threat of inclement weather will postpone this event. Announcements will be made via our Facebook, Instagram, library web page and by direct email message to participants.



List of books:

- July **Where the Crawdad Sings** by Delia Owens
- August **Harry's Trees** by Jon Cohen
- September **The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate Discoveries from a Secret World** by Peter Wohlleben
- October: **Two Old Women: an Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage, and Survival.** by Velma Wallis
- November **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** by Kim Michelle Richardson

HKYFS

Entering 9th Grade? Let's Talk

by Laurie Ruderfer.

If you are entering 9th grade in the fall, this group is for you! Meet at Haddam Killingworth Youth & Family Services (91 Little City Road, Higganum) every Wednesday, beginning July 14, 2021, 3:30-5:00 p.m. for five weeks.

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to go everywhere.

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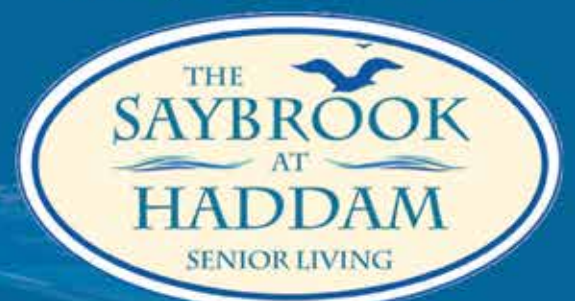
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