

# Haddam Killingworth News

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Above: Coach Brookes congratulates players after the game. Below: Coach Brookes watches the final out on his 700th career win. Photos by Clark Judge.

## HKHS Baseball's Coach Brookes Has 700th Win

By Clark Judge

OLD SAYBROOK – Some victories you remember more than others. Some you even cherish. And, if you're lucky, a few you may want to enshrine.

Then there's Haddam-Killingworth's 2-0 defeat of Old Saybrook here Monday afternoon. It was all three.

That's because it was the 700th win of coach Mark Brookes' career, and if that sounds like a lot, it is. Only one coach in Connecticut scholastic baseball history has more, and that's North Haven's Bob DeMayo, still active at the age of 88 with 917.

"That's insane," Cougars' pitcher Alex Sheehan of Brookes' achievement.

Agreed. But almost as remarkable is that all of Brookes' victories have been at the same school: Haddam-Killingworth High, where he started coaching in the late 1970s when it first opened. Going 8-10 his first year there,



he hasn't had a losing season since -- qualifying for the state tournament every season, reaching the finals five times and the semifinals 12, winning 10 Shoreline Conference champion-

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## Killingworth Volunteer Fire Co.: Meet the Fleet

By Michelle Ford,  
Probationary Member  
of the KVFC

When you drive by the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company (KVFC) Station on Route 81 you can easily see the shiny lime green trucks at rest in the bays of the Station. But I dare say only a small percentage of passers-by think much beyond that and continue on their way. If you only knew that just inside the Station doors is equipment to establish a mobile landing zone advanced life-saving medical equipment, a 2,000 gallon portable pool, over four-thousand gallons of contained water, and tools which, in a matter of minutes, can detach the roof from a car to free a trapped occupant, and almost a mile and a half of fire hose. And so, it is with ever-growing affection as a probationary member of the Company that I invite you to meet the fleet of the KVFC.

Let's begin with the understanding that a fire truck isn't just a fire truck; it's an apparatus which can go by many names: it could be a tanker, a pumper, an engine, a ladder truck, a turnable ladder truck, a heavy rescue, a high-water rescue, a brush rig, a quint, and the list goes on. Regardless of the type of apparatus, there's no denying that the KVFC has come a long way from the original war surplus vehicles which were custom welded by members for use in fire service to the high-tech and versatile fleet it has today. Thanks to apparatus safety standards established by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and



Some of the KVFC vehicles. Photos courtesy of KVFC.

advances in vehicle safety standards, these vehicles provide the highest levels of quality & safety for our Town's first responders.

Currently, the KVFC maintains a fleet of 11 vehicles, each with its own unique identification number, distributed between Station 1, the Company's main station located across from Killingworth Elementary on Route 81, and at Station 2, located off Little City Road in the Town's north end. At Station 1 the KVFC maintains two engines, 8-5-5 and 8-5-1, tanker 8-6-8, heavy rescue 8-9, and a brush rig 8-8-6. At Station 2, the Company houses one engine 8-5-3, a tanker 8-6-2, a brush rig 8-8-7 and our 1953 Ford Tanker (refurbished and retired), 8-6-1. In addition to those housed at the Stations, the Department has two SUVs which are used as support vehicles for command staff.

The response and support vehicles which make up the KVFC fleet have been carefully designed to accommodate the unique needs of our Town. For instance, have you ever noticed that there are no fire hydrants in town? Or ever thought about how a 30' long vehicle which weighs over 10 tons would manage to get down some of our steep, winding, wooded driveways? And who

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## KVFC: Meet the Fleet

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will come to the rescue to help an injured hiker at the base of a ravine or to save someone who's fallen through an icy pond? The KVFC fleet has the capabilities to handle all these circumstances and more.

So, what's the difference between all the apparatus? Let's start with the engines. These are the vehicles that we think of as a standard fire truck and although all three engines look generally the same, each has its own unique functionality. Engine 8-5-5 is the KVFC's newest engine, purchased in 2019 and is the only engine that can carry more than two responders, it is outfitted to function as an attack engine from which the main firefighting operations are deployed. Although 8-5-5 holds 1,000 gallons of water on board, its 1,500 gallon per minute (gpm) pump will quickly run the tank dry, which is where pumper engines 8-5-1 and 8-5-3 come in. Although they also hold 1,000 gallons of water on board and have the same capacity pump, both are outfitted with nearly a half mile's worth of hose which can be used to quickly suction water from the nearest water supply, be it a pond, river or underground water storage tank. The pumpers which can suction water from ports on three sides are responsible for keeping a constant water supply to the firefighters. Although other pumpers can take in water from the front of the engine, KVFC's pumper 8-5-1 is the only pumper in our shoreline region, which was specifically designed to pump at full capacity from its 6" front bumper-mounted intake, making it more versatile than any other pumper around. The significance here is that often times water sources are in a location where "nosing in" the apparatus is the most viable option to reach the water and having a full capacity pump on the front end reducing the amount of hose and suction needed to take in water.

According to Chief Dick Bauer, "The KVFC was a pioneer in developing an engine purposely built for water supply operations. Since then several local departments have followed suit and now have similar apparatus in their fleet."

In addition to structure fires, the engines also respond to smoke and fire alarms and to vehicle accidents to help protect against leaking fuels and downed wires. All engines carry basic hand tools, radios, air monitoring meters, compressed air tanks and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs), and thermal imaging cameras for seeing heat sources in walls, ceilings, and floors. Engine 8-5-5 is the



Attack engine 8-5-5 (left) and Tanker 8-6-8. Photos courtesy of KVFC.

only apparatus which has all LED lighting and carries battery operated Hurst tools, i.e. the jaws-of-life. Engine 8-5-5 is also the only truck with a permanently mounted light tower that can be raised to over 18 feet above the top of the truck to provide much-needed light at nighttime calls.

When the pumpers can't reach the nearest supply or they can't keep up with the water demand, tankers 8-6-8 and 8-6-2, whose body style most closely resembles the home heating oil delivery trucks, operate as water shuttles, each carrying 2,000 gallons of water to the scene. Since our town lacks hydrants, the pumpers and tankers rely on the mapped network of water resources from which they can reliably draw water. These resources are either a designated pond or one of the over 40 manmade, underground storage reservoirs. In fact, it's the forward thinking of the town and the KVFC that, since the 1990s, has mandated the installation of subsurface water reservoirs in all newly developed subdivisions which to date, total over 1 million gallons in total storage capacity. Once the water source is located, the sole purpose of the tankers is to haul and quickly offload water to supply the engines. Tankers can pump directly to the attack engine, pumpers, or, through their side discharge valves, can offload water into specially designed, makeshift pools from which the engines can suction water.

On scene for larger scale or tactical medical response, water rescue, vehicle accidents or low-angle rescue (think of the hiker in the ravine) is KVFC's heavy rescue 8-9. Purchased in 1994, 8-9 is equipped with hydraulic Herse tools, rappelling gear, ice rescue equipment, backboards, SCBAs, oxygen and first aid medical response supplies, hazardous

material containment and stationary power supply and a portable generator. Although 8-9 is the only vehicle in the fleet which doesn't carry water, it provides an essential service as the first responding vehicle for rescues, motor vehicle accidents and complicated medical response.

Rounding out the response fleet are brush rigs 886 and 887 which are customized Ford F-350s outfitted for quick and agile response to both medical calls and brush fires. As the smallest vehicles in the response fleet, the brush rigs are the only vehicles

which don't require a special license to operate and are used as the first responding vehicle for most medical response and brush fire calls. Although they're small in size the capabilities of the brush rigs should not be underestimated. Each carries high-tech life-saving equipment including Lucas CPR devices, which provide automatic, mechanized chest compressions, portable, automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which can deliver an electric shock to restore normal heart rhythm in the event of cardiac arrest, oxygen supply masks and tanks, and specialized medical equipment for pediatric response, Epi Pens, Narcan. For brush fire response, each rig is equipped with 250-gallons of water and associated hose lines, portable 5-gallon backpack sprayers, portable pumps, hand tools and chainsaws.

The KVFC fleet is maintained by the KVFC's 10 appointed engineers who are appointed by the elected Chief Engineer Damon Munz, a 30-year member who has also held the Chief Engineer position for the last 15 years. Although the engineers meet weekly to inspect and ensure each apparatus is response-ready, they are always prepared should they be called to work on problem at any time and at a moments notice. In addition to the weekly checks, the KVFC engineers meet once a month to run through a detailed checklist where they inspect and document the critical features on each apparatus, checking everything from the transmission fluid and braking systems to the lights and sirens. In addition to organizing and participating in the weekly and monthly checks, Chief Engineer Munz is also responsible for making sure all the apparatus are up-to-date on their yearly inspection/preventative maintenance, that pump and on-board generator testing and servicing is complete, and for managing when trucks need to be taken out of service for inspection and repairs.

"I am very proud of the dedication and hard work put in by all the engineers and the rest of the members for constantly keeping the equipment and apparatus operational and ready to roll," Chief Engineer Munz explained. Where the engineers are charged with ensuring each apparatus is response ready, each apparatus has an elected truck officer who is responsible for ensuring that all equipment and supplies on the apparatus are operational and fully stocked.

Much like our personal vehicles, sooner or later they all need to be replaced. As part of the Town of Killingworth's Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan (MYCIP) the KVFC forecasts the timing for apparatus

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# Killingworth Student Named Mercy HS Salutatorian

By Marie C. Kalita, Mercy High School.

Mercy High School has announced with great pride that Kaila Lujambio of Wallingford is Valedictorian and Giuliana Judge of Killingworth is Salutatorian of the Class of 2021. The formal announcement was made by Alissa DeJonge '95, president of Mercy High School.

During their years attending Mercy, Kaila and Giuliana amassed impeccable academic records, were actively involved in school organizations and activities, earned numerous awards and recognition, and were dedicated community volunteers.

"We are incredibly proud of Kaila and Giuliana, and all that they have accomplished during their years at Mercy," said DeJonge. "They are impressive young women who aspire to make a difference, and we are confident that their hard work will advance their efforts to realize their aspirations."

Kaila Lujambio, daughter of Julio and Carolina Lujambio of Wallingford, is an outgoing and inspiring student leader, an elite student-athlete who is highly regarded among her peers for being compassionate, industrious and charismatic. Kaila will be attending the University of Connecticut's Special Program in Dental Medicine.



Giuliana Judge

"Kaila, Giuliana and the entire Class of 2021 demonstrated resiliency and poise, perseverance and thoughtfulness as they navigated the challenges of the past year, plus the culmination of their high school years," observed DeJonge.

The Mercy High Schools Class of 2021 Salutatorian, Giuliana Judge, is the daughter of Robert Judge and Rosetta Lucatino-Judge of Killingworth. The family are members of St. Lawrence Church in Killingworth.

Giuliana is a student of remarkable intellect, known for being knowledgeable and eloquent, brilliant and resourceful, and all the while extraordinarily humble. She expresses herself thoughtfully, integrating concepts that reflect a depth of understanding and evoking experiences and academic exploration. She has a devotion to scholarship that is reflected in her class assignments and was plainly evident and inspirational to peers as well as teachers during her four years at Mercy.

During her high school years, she earned the Harvard Book Prize, department honors in AP United States History, Honors Chemistry and Ceramics, and was Maxima Cum Laude in the National Latin Exam for two

consecutive years. She was a participant in Mercy's Mock Trial program and served as co-captain this school year, String Orchestra, Math National Honor Society, and Latin National Honor Society/Junior Classical League. She is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers with Mercy Ambassadors, a school club that connects with new Mercy students and advocates for the school.

Giuliana is an active and engaged volunteer, with organizations including the Killingworth Library Association, Police Activity League, Saint Lawrence Church, and Hands On Hartford. She also works part-time in the retail industry. Giuliana will be attending the University of Connecticut in the fall.

## OBITUARIES

### Jenna Michelle Seward

Jenna Michelle Seward, age 17, of Higganum, CT beloved daughter of Michael and Michelle and loving sister of Michael, Jr. and Madalyn, went from the arms of her parents into the arms of her Heavenly Father on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Connecticut Children's Medical Center after suffering from a rapidly progressive autoimmune disorder. To see the entire obituary, visit HK-Now.com.

### Shirley Ann (Zavatkey) Adams

According to Legacy.com and The Hartford Courant, on Tuesday April 27, 2021 Shirley Ann (Zavatkey) Adams, formerly of Killingworth, passed away.

### Willie C. Fuqua

According to Legacy.com and The Hartford Courant, Willie C. Fuqua, beloved husband of Elizabeth Roberts Fuqua passed away at home on May 1, 2021.

## SCHOOL SPORTS

### Girls tennis wins

By Donna Clark.

The Haddam Killingworth High School Girls Tennis team defeated North Branford today at their home courts in Haddam with a score of 5-2.

HK's top three singles players, Anna Mercier, Lizzy Celano and Jess Duffield, all recorded straight set victories. The second doubles team of Jenna Griffith and Kami Narducci battled for a straight set win as did third doubles, Kristen Daley and Brenna Lonergan.

The girls are currently 5-5 in match play and as they plan to face Portland at home on Wednesday.

Singles:

Anna Mercier (HK) d. E. Serenson (NB) 6-1 6-3  
Lizzy Celano (HK) d. D. Patel (NB) 6-1 6-0  
Jessica Duffield (HK) d. B. Breicki (NB) 6-2 6-3  
P. Kamienski (NB) d. Jasmine Byrne (HK) 6-1 7-6

Doubles:

AKendrich/A.Candelora (NB) d. Kaylin Ward/Elanna Tousignant (HK) 7-6 6-2  
Jenna Griffith/Kami Narducci (HK) d. A. Nero/M. LaCroix (NB) 6-2 7-5  
Kristen Daley/Brenna Lonergan (HK) d. C. Pollack/C. Pujols (NB)

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### KVFC: Meet the Fleet

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replacement based on a variety of factors (age, application, frequency of use, etc.). Each year the plan is reviewed to ensure no changes are needed. As an example, this coming budget year includes the planned replacement of heavy rescue 8-9 (1994) and brush truck 8-8-6 (2006).

So, the next time you pass by one of the KVFC Stations or pass one of the KVFC fleet on the road, I hope you take pride in knowing that it's so much more than just a fire truck. The KVFC relies on dedicated volunteers from the com-

munity and any members interested in serving are encouraged to contact the department by email at FireChief@TownofKillingworth.com.

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# May 4, 2021 RSD #17 Budget Referendum Results for Haddam & Killingworth

*From Haddam and Killingworth official sources*

Question: Shall we adopt Regional School District #17 Education gross budget of \$42,749,049.19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021?

Town Totals	Yes	No	Turnout
Killingworth	497	185	14.0%
Haddam	398	271	11.4%
Grand Total	895	456	

In Killingworth, there were two additional questions:

2. Shall we adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$5,653,803? **YES 484** NO 195
3. Shall we adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of a Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$2,350,255? **YES 495** NO 182

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### Coach Brookes sees 700th win

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ships and producing a remarkable 700-301 record.

"It's a nice number," Brookes said of the 700 victories.

Nope. It's more than that.

"Seven hundred wins is legendary," said Old Saybrook coach Nick Hahn. "There's no other way to put it."

Under ordinary circumstances, there wasn't much remarkable about Brookes' latest triumph -- other than the two-hit pitching of Sheehan, the Cougars' starter, and closer Alden Halfinger. For four innings, Sheehan was locked in a scoreless duel with the Rams' Gabe Kaar before Luke DiMauro's fifth-inning, two-out double produced two unearned runs.

The Cougars threatened an inning later, but reliever Jake Butler pitched out of no-out, bases loaded jam to keep the score close. And then ... well, that was it. Old Saybrook never threatened afterward.

Escaping scoring threats in the third and fourth innings, Sheehan settled down, retiring six of the last seven batters he faced -- including four by strikeouts -- before yielding to Halfinger in the seventh. Of Old Saybrook's last 11 outs, eight were strikeouts, five of them looking.

"It's an honor," Sheehan said of the victory, "knowing that they can call on me in big games."

There were few bigger games this season than Monday's contest for Haddam-Killingworth, now 9-2, and not because Old Saybrook is a conference threat. Because it's not. The Rams fell to 3-7 with the loss. But because of the implications for Brookes, whom wife Rae admitted seemed more nervous than usual before it began.

"Of course, he'll never admit it," she said.

And he didn't, not after Hahn and Monday's umpires congratulated him immediately afterward. Not after he and the team were presented with T-shirts that read "Coach Mark Brookes 700 wins" across the back. Not after congratulatory brownies and cake were passed out to Brookes, his players and fans who drove here to witness history. Not after a commemorative plaque was unveiled. And not after he stood patiently in front of TV cameras for interviews with reporters.

"I never threw a pitch," he said of the victory. "I never fielded a ground ball or caught a fly ball. But it's a pleasure to work with kids like these who put a lot of time in, really take it seriously and listen to what I have to say to try to improve themselves. I've been

lucky to be in a situation where I have kids like that year in and year out."

Maybe. But Brookes' record speaks for itself. He's produced over four decades of winning baseball ... and nothing but winning baseball ... with different generations of teenagers. And that's more than luck. It's a product of a coach whose program demands the most from its players and usually gets it.

"Mark's reputation is all over the state," said Hahn, who previously coached at Guilford. "To win 700 games means not only are you good; you need to be great for a very long time. I think it's a testament to him and the program that he runs."

"You've got to have no down years. It's expected every single year that H-K is going to be a talented team that doesn't beat themselves and that does things the right way. And it's all just a reflection of him."

Never was that more evident than Monday's game, played under overcast skies. The Cougars prevailed because they made the plays Old Saybrook could not. DiMauro's game-winning double in the fifth, for instance, was the first hit off Karr ... but followed an error and hit batsman.

The Rams committed five errors, including a catcher's interference, while Haddam-Killingworth committed none. Furthermore, Sheehan pitched out of a potential third-inning mess when, with runners on first and second and no outs, Old Saybrook attempted a sacrifice bunt. When the ball popped into the air, Sheehan caught it for the first out, then wheeled around to throw to second -- catching the runner going to third.

Result: Double play. End of threat.

"He seemed to be able to find the outs," Brookes said of his starter.

But that's how it goes with Brookes'

pitchers and Brookes' ballclubs ... year ... after year ... after year. So now that he's reached another landmark, continuing to move up the all-time ladder of the state's best and brightest coaches, the inevitable question: How much longer?

"When I first started," he said, "I thought 500 was a lot because 'Whitey' Pirurek (of Plainville and West Haven) had 500. I sort of had that in the back of my mind: 500. I didn't really think I'd ever coach this long to get 700."

"But an inspiration is DeMayo. He's 88 and (has) 60-some years coaching (since 1959). When I look at him, I say, 'If he can coach at that age, I can keep going' ... as long as I enjoy it and have kids to work with like this."

Wait. What?

"I think he could," said Hahn. "It depends on how long he wants to do it, but I don't see him leaving for a long time. So you never know."

### Winningest baseball coaches in Connecticut H.S. History

*Chart courtesy of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference*

1. 917 -- BOB DeMAYO (active), North Haven ... 62 seasons (1959-present).
2. 700 -- MARK BROOKES (active), Haddam-Killingworth ... 45 seasons (1976-present).
3. 668 -- JOHN FONTANA (deceased), Southington ... 41 seasons (1962-2002).
4. 600 -- JIM PENDERS (retired), East Catholic-Manchester ... 43 seasons (1969-2012)
5. 525 -- JOHN "WHITEY" PIRUREK (deceased), Plainville, West Haven ... 39 seasons (1942-80).

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## CONTEST WINNERS

### 2021 Lose the Litter Contest Winners

By Kathy Brown.

On April 15, we announced that along with the towns of Haddam and Killingworth, we were sponsoring a Lose the Litter contest for Earth Day. The idea was to take a walk in either of our towns and bring a garbage bag or two to clean up our roads. We have two winners, both in Kill-

ingworth. Unfortunately, we had no entries from Haddam.

Annie (9) and Greta (5) Webster of Killingworth picked up 4 large bags of garbage on Bar Gate Trail & Chestnut Hill Road. Mila Bella picked up trash along Reservoir Road in Killingworth.

Each family will receive a gift card for a local nursery so they can beautify their yard!

Earth Day isn't the only time to clean up the roads though. Whenever you take a walk, bring a bag in your pocket in case you come upon some trash to remove. We're all responsible for the cleanliness of our towns' roads.



Mila Bella.



Annie & Greta Webster.

## TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org), [www.townofkillingworth.com](http://www.townofkillingworth.com) or [hk-now.com](http://hk-now.com) for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes. See [hk-now.com](http://hk-now.com) for more information on calendar items.

### Thursday, May 13

Killingworth Conservation Comm. Meeting (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Haddam Park & Rec. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, May 15

Virtual Super Saturday Storytime

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

While the library has reopened to the public, we will continue to hold our Saturday Storytimes on our YouTube channel! <https://killingworthlibrary.org>

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ten Towns: Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook. Location Essex HHW Facility, Essex, CT Route 9 Exit 4

### Monday, May 17

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

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

### Tuesday, May 18

Killingworth P&Z Comm. Mtg. (remote access) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

RSD17 BOE Mtg. (remote access) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 19

Special Haddam BOF Mtg. to set Mill Rate TBD

Haddam Annual Town Meeting - Vote on Budget 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Killingworth Comm. on Alternative Housing Mtg. (remote access) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Thursday, May 20

Mystery Book Club - Hosted by KW Library 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss Destroyer Angel by Nevada Barr. Check back for meeting details.

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**Lifestyle Stimulants That Impact Acne**

- Stress and anxiety affect cortisol levels which definitely aggravate acne.
- Makeup that contain oils have been shown to trigger acne formation
- Greasy Hair, especially if using hair products with cocoa or coconut butter
- Some climates- especially when you sweat more, may worsen acne
- Hormone changes in the week prior to women's menstrual cycle

**Things to do-**

- Don't burst the pimple- as this forces the sebum further into the skin.
- Wash skin, and hands, but keep hands off of face.
- Clean glasses regularly as they get sebum on frames.
- Eat a healthy diet. Decrease high sugar foods, limit dairy products, and increase consumption of nuts, olive oil, while hydrating properly for good skin moisture.

OTC products with Benzoyl Peroxide may work, but will take a few days. There are prescription medications that combine benzoyl peroxide and an antibiotic. Do not overuse benzoyl peroxide as too much can damage your skin, and be careful not to get it on your clothes, as it is a bleaching agent.

If OTC products do not work, or you are not getting the results you wish, consult your doctor.

Laser and light therapy is controversial and not without problems. They work by damaging the sebaceous glands thereby decreasing the amount of oil produced.

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## EDUCATION

### RSD #17 Superintendent Hageman to step down at end of school year

From the RSD17 Board of Education

This is to inform you that Dr. Holly Hageman has tendered her resignation as RSD17 Superintendent, effective June 30, 2021.

As many of you know, Holly has served the district first as a science teacher for eleven years and then returned to the District as Assistant Superintendent in 2014 and was then in October, 2019 enthusiastically promoted to RSD17 Superintendent of Schools. At each level, she served with distinction and dedicated herself to putting the interests of all students first and foremost.

Holly has accepted a position as a part time Superintendent of Schools in Marlborough, CT for its PreK - 6 school, working a schedule that will allow her to have more time with her family.

This is a deeply personal decision for Holly.

This comes as an unexpected turn of events. However, the District is stable at its core, largely due to Holly's leadership, and poised to plan for and execute an exciting future. As much as we wish for Holly to be a part of that future, we are grateful for her extraordinary dedication to building a strong leadership team, launching the Intermediate School, leading our schools through a pandemic, rebuilding trust with the staff and community, as well as many other long lasting contributions. We will always be in her debt for keeping our schools open, safely operating this year.

The Board of Education will act judiciously and move expeditiously in finding a talented, caring, and inspirational Superintendent of Schools for RSD17. We will communicate soon with more information on how we plan to move forward.

In the meantime, we thank our entire community for your partnership and support of the District and it's students and trust that our team of dedicated professionals will continue to keep our students at the forefront of their care and work and we will continue to support them in any way possible.

## SCHOOL SPORTS

### HKHS Track Remains Undefeated

By Matt Diglio, Coach.

On Tuesday, May 4, 2021, the Haddam Killingworth High School boys and girls track teams stayed undefeated in their dual meet season as they competed in a home meet at the Dick Dupuis Track against Valley Regional HS.

Both the boys and girls team came away with victories on the day as the boys defeated Valley by a score of 132-13 to improve their record to 3-0 on the season. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Eamon Sweeney 110 hurdles (15.1) 300 hurdles (42.1) and high jump (5'6"), Matthew Jennings 800 (1:56.8), John Bruder shot put (51'11") and discus (128'8"), Jonathon Chute pole vault (9'0"), Evan Baird 3200 (10:54), Caleb Freeman 1600 (4:49), Julian Houde 400 (62.2), John Kowal 200 (24.0), Aidan Law long jump (18'7"), John Bosco javelin (141'3"). The boys 4x800 (Alex Lara, Evan Baird, Ethan Chester, Matthew Jennings) and 4x400 (Max Cozean, Caleb Freeman, Alex Lara, Matthew Jennings) relays were also victorious on the day

helping the team score valuable points. A highlight of the meet was Matthew Jennings breaking the school record in the 800 with a time of 1:56.8 which breaks the previous record held by Jake Corbett of 1:58.46 in 2006.

The H-K Girls team also improved their record to 3-0 as they beat Valley by a score of 119-31. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Mai-Ly Criscuolo won the 100 hurdles (17.7) and 300 hurdles (51.2), Kedarjah Lewis 100 (12.5) the 200 (26.8) long jump (17'5") and triple jump (33'3"), Izzy Berardino 1600 (5:41) and 3200 (12:42), Leah Chester high jump (4'6"), Mikaya Laurenza shot put (26'9"), Gabby Lester discus (88'4"), Scarlett Strom javelin (77'9"), Morgan Schultz pole vault (7'6"), Brianna Minervino 800 (2:42). The girls 4x800 (Kathy Melgar, Gabby Flaherty, Charlotte Selmer, Meara Bodak) and 4x400 (Brianna Minervino, Leah Chester, Nina Lamb, Mai-Ly Criscuolo) relays were also victorious on the afternoon to propel the girls to their victory.

### Carol (Beckwith) Zanelli



Carol Zanelli, 79, of Higganum, beloved wife of 60 years to Walter Zanelli, passed away on January 28, 2021 at Middlesex Hospital. She

was born in Middletown, daughter of Ellsworth and Kathrine (Ewald) Beckwith. Carol worked for over 38 years for Regional District 17 as a teacher's aide and secretary. She was active in CT Agricultural Fairs serving in multiple capacities for the Chester and Durham Fairs including secretary, the dairy committee and dairy superintendent. Carol was a 4-H leader, enjoyed showing cattle, stamping, knitting and all crafts. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

Carol is survived by her husband Walter; children, Ralph Zanelli (Donna) of Rockfall, Laurie Hurlburt (Robert) of Middletown and Linda Zanelli of Haddam; brother, Richard Beckwith (Polly) of Haddam; seven grandchildren, Kevin Hurlburt of New Haven, Amanda Birdsey (Scott) of Middletown, Ashley Ivanac (Jared) of Haddam, Brittany Hurlburt (Teresa) Meriden, Deanna Gollnick (Chris) of Charlton, MA, Melissa Chasse (Joseph) of East Hampton, Alicia Pavlinko (Mark) of Middletown; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. at Higganum Center Cemetery, Maple Ave., Higganum. Those who wish may send memorial donations to Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service, PO Box 48, Higganum, CT 06441.

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### PLANNING and ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the Haddam Town Hall (Old Town Hall), 21 Field Park Haddam on May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item(s):

1. Proposed special permit and site plan review to allow a 56 unit multi-family housing project and a parking modification at 1564 Saybrook Road and 3 Brooks Court Applicant - Elm Tree Partners

Said applications are on file in the Land Use Office at the Town of Haddam and on the town website Haddam.org

Planning and Zoning Commission, Haddam CT

The Town of Haddam shall endeavor to post its Legal Notices with the Haddam News publication. In the event that the weekly publication cannot meet the Town's statutory requirements, the Middletown Press or Hartford Courant shall be utilized to meet said statutory deadlines. Courtesy copies will be published to Haddam News that may or may not be timely. The Town's website is: www.haddam.org.

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## SCHOOL SPORTS

### Softball wins 5-1

By Jeffrey Talbott, Coach.

Haddam-Killingworth High School Varsity Girls Softball team defeated Old Saybrook in Higganum on May 3, 2021 by a score of 5-1.

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HK 1 0 0 2 1 1 X 5 11 1

Kaleigh Bodak entered a tied game 1-1 in the 4th inning and allowed no hits, no runs over the next 3 innings to win her 5th game of the season. HK's Ellie Firth making her first varsity start tripled to deep centerfield driving in Ella McGlynn with the go ahead run. She then scored on a Maddie LaTouche sacrifice fly to left. Ivy McNiel and Audrey Snyder later delivered RBI singles for the Cougars who upped their record to 10-0.

Starting pitcher Bella Richwine had 6 K's over the first 3 innings and gave up an unearned. She had 2 hits and scored 2 runs.

### Baseball wins 2-1

By Mark Brookes, Coach.

The Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Baseball team defeated Old Saybrook High School in Old Saybrook on Monday, May 3, 2021.

HKHS defeated Old Saybrook by a score of 2-0 for Coach Brookes' 700th win at Haddam Killingworth High School. Luke DiMauro hit a two run double in the fifth to lead HK to its 9th win. Alex Sheehan and Alden Halfinger combined for a 2 hit shutout for the Cougars. Auggie Albert had a double for Old Saybrook.

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Batteries: HK - Alex Sheehan, Alden Halfinger (7), and Nick Glynn. Old Saybrook-Gabe Kaar, Jake Butler (6), and Conner Lane. WP Sheehan LP Kaar.

Records: HK 9-2, OS 3-7

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Stitch in the Garden!

By Elizabeth Malloy.

Winter Woolies is now SPRING STITCHES!

29th Knitting Circle at the Thankful Arnold House Museum: Spring Stitches in the Garden Sunday, May 16, 2021 and Sunday, June 6, 2021, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Thankful Arnold House Museum Garden, 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam, CT

Do you have a knitting or needlework project that has been sitting around waiting for you to finish it? Join Beth Hartke to work on that neglected piece or start a new one and enjoy the company of others with NO modern-day intrusions. Registration is required, since space is limited. Admission is free. Although we will be outside, all Covid-19 precautions will take place including masks and social distancing.

No Rain dates

For further information or sign up call Lisa at Haddam Historical Society 860-345-2400 or contact@haddamhistory.org.

## SCHOOLS / THEATER

### HKHS Fine Arts News

By Marcy Webster

#### Shoreline Arts Alliance Future Choices Competitions

Now in its 37th season, Future Choices recognizes and celebrates the talent and passion of our region's high school students. Open to grades 9 through 12, this competition and exhibition are adjudicated by a panel of fine arts professionals.

#### Student Winners

Congratulations to: Ava DiMatteo: 2nd place, Photography and Morgan Shultz: 3rd place, Ceramics

Also featured in the show: Sydney Cheverier, Ryan Ducanson, Kimball Grier, Aubrey Tucker, Anna Sargent, Ryan Thompson, Savannah Torello, Madison Palmer, Malin Nystrom, Autumn Schultz, Autumn Walton, Tessa Wills

#### Art Faculty Honored

The Judy Streeter Outstanding School Award was given to our Haddam-Killingworth High School in recognition of our outstanding faculty members: Jason Cannan, Betsy Himmelman, and Megan Martin.

#### Upcoming Events: H-K Music Department

Spring Choral Concert - Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Live-Streamed on H-K TV and Channel 18

Spring Band Concert - Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Live-Streamed on H-K TV and Channel 18

#### Allstate Musicians

The 2020-2021 school year was record-breaking for student acceptance to the All State Festival at HKHS!

Congratulations to the 18 music students accepted into the festival this year. Pooja Badami, Jasmine Byrne, Ella Cawley, Leah Chester, Shylee Emigh, Jackie Flaherty, Aleia Goodison, Laina Goodison, Addy Hawkins, Yumi Imai, Abby Jones, Maddie

Keithan, Gabby Lester, Mia Rubino, Laura Strick, Kylie Studzinski, Morgan Yazmer, and Sam Young.

Haddam Killingworth High School Student Art Show will be held May 12-June 2, 2021 at Earth & Fire Art Gallery, 2 Main Street, Essex, CT.

The gallery is open to the public for visiting Wednesday, 4-8 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m., Friday 10a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday 12-4 p.m.



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## Local Legend Mary Angus Retires from Killingworth Nursery School

By Heather Ferrer.

After 34 years, Mary Angus, the Director of the Killingworth Nursery School, has announced her retirement. Mary began her tenure with KNS in 1987. At this time, her daughter attended the school. Mary would often fill in during teacher absences, come in to be an extra set of hands for special events, and chaperone field trips. It was clear to Mary and the KNS teachers that Mary had found her calling. The following year, Mary accepted a position as a full-time teacher with KNS and has loved every moment since. Mary's kind demeanor and innate ability to guide children through the sometimes demanding first years of school has made her a bit of a local legend; there are few places in town that Mary goes where she doesn't stop to hug a past student or chat with a former KNS parent.



Mary Angus. Photo by Jodi Angus.

for so many years, Mary smiles and says "I like kids." The kids like her too. Mary has had a positive effect on hundreds of young learners throughout the years. Many of her former students share fond memories of their own nursery school days when they see her. Many have brought their own children to KNS to experience the "Mrs. Angus magic."

In addition to having a caring bond with her students, Mary is also known for being a "teacher/parent to the parents" as well. One KNS parent recounted that the parents would often drop off their kids at school and then wait in the hallway just to talk with Mary. "We all needed Mary, not just the kids," she recalled with a laugh.

Mary's ability to connect with students, support their families, and most importantly, openly show her love and compassion for everyone she encounters are just a couple of reasons Mary Angus will be greatly missed by the Killingworth Nursery School community. Mary says she has truly enjoyed her 34 years at the Killingworth Nursery School and knows she will look back at photos of past KNS classes and events with a smile.

Any alumni that would like to share a photo, memory, or message to celebrate Mary's time at KNS can send them to: [alysacaphurley@gmail.com](mailto:alysacaphurley@gmail.com).

Killingworth Nursery School, located in the lower level of the Killingworth Congregational Church, is a non-profit, interdenominational, cooperative preschool which admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

For over 65 years, the Killingworth Nursery School has served the community. It is a great local resource that fosters a strong sense of community among its members. KNS alumni often note that their experiences there consist of wonderful traditions with class after class of preschoolers excitedly coming home with their mouse ears after celebrating Walt Disney Day and going to school in costume to take part in the annual Halloween Parade.

These traditions and connections with the students and parents alike are what have driven Mary to devote decades of her life to the Killingworth Nursery School. When asked why she continued to teach for so long or what kept her in such a challenging career

## HKYFS SURVEY

### HKYFS Community/Parent Survey

By Laurie Ruderfer.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YMQ3ZG> to complete a brief and anonymous survey to help Youth and Family Services of Haddam Killingworth understand the needs of

our community and learn how they can best support H-K youth. At the end of the survey you can be entered into a raffle for local business gift cards. All results are being analyzed and summarized by an independent evaluator.

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