

# Haddam Killingworth News

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## Gaylord Specialty Healthcare Names Killingworth Resident Alyssa Rotman as 2021 Employee of the Year

By Joy Savulak.

WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT, July 28, 2021, - Gaylord Specialty Healthcare, a rehabilitation-focused nonprofit healthcare organization, named Killingworth resident Alyssa Rotman, MSN, RN, as the Joseph A. Lindenmayer 2020 Employee of the Year.

A Gaylord employee since 1993, Rotman is the Clinical Informatics and Lab Manager.

Rotman was nominated by a coworker who wrote, "Alyssa is one of the most accountable people at Gaylord. At times she seems super-human in her ability to accomplish tasks in a minuscule amount of time. She is a creative problem solver, always thinking about the staff and how it could affect their workflow. Alyssa turns a problem over and over looking for a solution. If she says it can't be done, then you know it is futile."

"She always gives maximum effort, even once chasing down a lab specimen in her car to make sure it was handled appropriately. She is an ear that will listen and a partner that will go to battle with



you. It is an absolute pleasure to work by her side."

Alyssa's Supervisor, Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Kalafus, MSN, BSN, RN, said, "Alyssa has had a long-standing, successful career at Gaylord beginning as a frontline staff nurse. Her talents quickly landed her in a variety of leadership positions. Alyssa truly has an expansive

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## Haddam #1 Dog

By Scott Brookes, Haddam Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk's Office ran a contest for everyone in town who owns a dog and who licensed them during the month of June. All the entries were put into a special container for our drawing. On Thursday July 8, 2021, the winning entry was drawn. Our sixth annual winner,

Bailey, is a seven-year-old Australian Shepherd Husky mix. She is owned by Andrew Downs and Emily Eckenroth of 15 Old Stage Coach Road in Higganum. Bailey now has Haddam dog tag #1 for this year.

She also received a gift basket donated by Scott & Audrey Brookes. We will place a picture of Bailey in the Town Office Building and congratulate her on Haddam-Killingworth Now and in the Haddam Bulletin. At Bailey's insistence we included her brother Buster, a fellow rescue dog in our photo. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations once again to Bailey and family.



## Nutmeg Pharmacy Gardens: A Sight to See!

By Sharon Challenger.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." – Audrey Hepburn.

No matter how dismal the daily news can be, there is nothing like resting our eyes on a lovely garden to make us relax.

There is a feeling of peace and wonder found in gardens that help us to breathe deeply and ponder the miracles around us.



Recently, Nutmeg Pharmacy enlisted Bogue Farms of Middletown, to design a lovely garden at their Higganum Center location on Killingworth Road.

The garden hosts a variety of flowers in several colors, bright yellow, soft pink, silver gray, and orange. Sitting proudly among the flowers, green and white Hosta plants anchor the scene. Cream colored Echinacea, commonly known as "Coneflowers" stand tall on firm stalks. The plant is known for its medicinal qualities and is one of the most popular herbs worldwide. Pink Begonias and yellow and orange Marigolds sit along the edge of the border inviting



viewers to look further. While they may seem tiny in comparison to their companions, they do make a statement of their own!

On your next visit to Nutmeg Pharmacy, I hope you will take a moment to enjoy this beautiful sight. I think it could help us to all to, "believe in tomorrow."

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23 Killingworth Road  
Higganum, CT 06441  
860 345-3607

[www.nutmegpharmacy.com](http://www.nutmegpharmacy.com)

**Bogue Farms LLC**  
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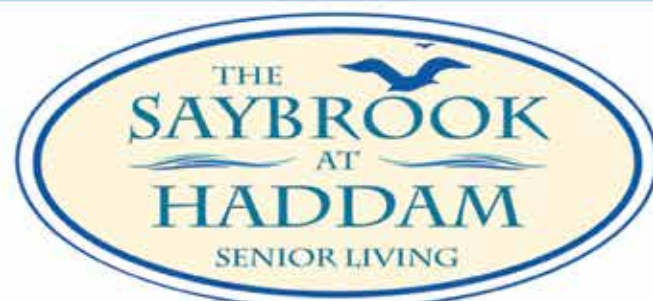
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# Historic Women of Killingworth: Ruth Warner Robinson

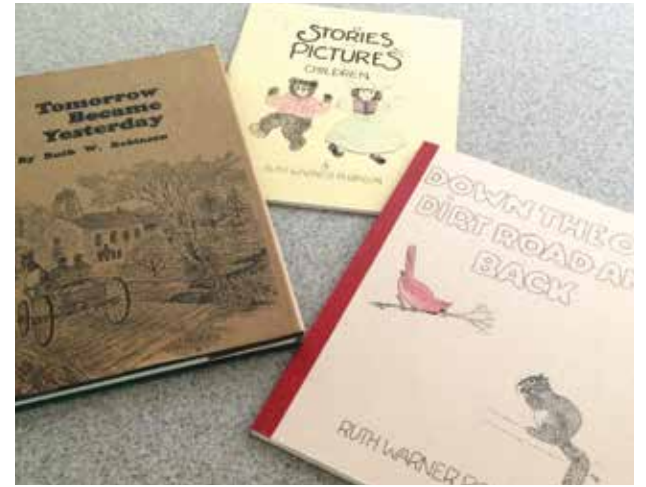
By Claudette Lagasse, Killingworth Historical Society.

*Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series about the Historic Women of Killingworth. In 2001 Sandy Smith proposed making small replicas of Historical Killingworth Women. Each doll was sold for \$15 as a fundraiser for the Historical Society. Five dolls were made, one for each year 2001-2005. The first, second, and third article can be found on hk-now.com. Below is the information that was included with the Ruth Warner Robinson doll.*

**RUTH WARNER ROBINSON  
FOLK ARTIST, SCULPTOR, ILLUSTRATOR,  
POET, STORYTELLER, WRITER OF BOOKS  
Our Fourth "Historic Women of Killingworth"  
Christmas Doll Ornament**

Ruth W. Robinson was a lively Killingworth folk artist and is still well known to the town's old-timers for her quaint, colorful farm scene paintings and charming sculptures of farm folk and animals.

Born on Christmas Day, 1906, Ruth was the daughter of Harris J. and Florence H. Warner. She lived on a 100-acre farm in the Mount Carmel section of Hamden, CT, until her father decided to sell the farm because automobiles were taking over the roads. (Harris peddled his vegetables and dairy



products driving to New Haven on his wagon.) The 1920 census reveals the family living on a farm in Killingworth (now the Country Squire), which Ruth described "as going back in time to a generation before." To quote from her book, *Tomorrow Became Yesterday*: "Pa and Ma wanted no modern interference in their rearing of us. They felt fortunate

to have found a farm for sale in a community so far removed from the changing cultures becoming so evident in the more urbanized areas."

Ruth's memories of both farms are captured in her oil paintings, as well as her short stories, books, and wood carvings. Her inspirations were simple pleasures of living the country life....the scent of flowers, plowing, haying, berry picking, the birds, and farm animals. Quoting from *Chapters From My Childhood*: "I like to scoop up the memories of my childhood, as though in my hands, allowing the little hardships and unhappiness's to sift away through my fingers, saving only the memories worth retaining to be relived over again."

In the late 1920's Ruth met her future husband, Frank G. Robinson, while staying with her aunt and uncle in Vermont. Later, they were blessed with a beloved daughter, Emogene, and settled in Killingworth in 1938.

This year's doll is a replica of a child character (could she be Ruth herself?) from one of Ruth's many books. Dressed in dark stockings, boots, apron, and braids, we put "Ruth" on a swing to express the great joy that lived inside her. She is signed and dated on the bottom of the swing.

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*Photos provided by Claudia Lagasse.*

## KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY

### August 2021 Events at the Killingworth Library

By Tammy Eustis.

Registration is required – visit the Calendar page on the library's website at [killingworthlibrary.org/](http://killingworthlibrary.org/) for further details and registration links, or call the library at 860-663-2000.

**Beautiful Reptiles** – Thursday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. We're not afraid of snakes, are you? Come be braver than Indiana Jones and decorate your own wooden snake! Suggested ages 6-12+.

**Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center** – Saturday, August 7th at 10:00am. Our friends from Denison Pequotsepos will come to talk to us about native animals, including special appearances from our scale-covered friends. Suitable for all ages.

**Learn How to Spin on a Drop Spindle for Teens** – Wednesday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. Lauren Burchsted from My Favorite Things Farm will teach you how to create yarn without using a spinning wheel. Supplies will be provided. For ages 12-17.

**Paper Plane Contest, Session 2** – Thursday, August 12th at 10:00 a.m. Back by popular demand, this round of paper planes features dragon designs. Come see how far your dragon can fly! Suggested ages 6-12+.

**Tween Book Club** – Wednesday, August 18th at 6:00 p.m. This month's meeting will combine discussions of two graphic novels: *El Deafo* by

Cece Bell and *New Kid* by Jerry Craft (which is on the RSD17 summer reading list). Extra copies of both titles are available for checkout at the library. And yes... there will be pizza! For ages 9-12.

**Teen Book Club** – Wednesday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will feature the graphic novel *Illegal* by Eoin Colfer. Extra copies are available for checkout at the circulation desk, and yes... there will be pizza! For ages 13-17.

**Summer Book & Bake Sale** at the Killingworth Library  
We've waited so long, and it's finally here! The Killingworth Library's Book & Bake Sale returns on Saturday, August 14th. Thanks to a tent provided by the Killingworth Lions Club, the sale will be held rain or shine, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Please contact Lise Brule at [Imbrule@att.net](mailto:Imbrule@att.net) if you're able to help with setup or takedown, or can provide baked goods.

The library will stop accepting donations after Wednesday, August 11th to allow time for sorting; we will resume donation drop-offs following the sale. (If you would like to make a donation before then, please make sure all items are in good condition – no tears, highlighting, mildew or spots, etc.)

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*Editor's Note: The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this newspaper. HK-Now welcomes supporting or opposing views on any posted item.*

The original full-length letter from Representative Christine Palm was published on [hk-now.com](http://hk-now.com) on July 27, 2021 and can be viewed there.

## Official Statement by Rep. Christine Palm Concerning Reg. 17 BOE

(July 23, 2021) The recent nomination of the three Republican candidates for the local Region 17 Board of Education is cause for grave concern. To be clear: fair representation on boards of ed is best achieved by having citizens of all political party affiliations serve. So, my objection is not to their party per se, but to their character and conspiracy theories they espouse. Based on information they have posted on social media, along with objective media accounts, I believe these three individuals are unfit to serve the best interest of our children.

According to their own Facebook accounts, two of these three individuals attended the illegal and profoundly damaging insurrection on Jan. 6 in which an armed crowd attacked the U.S. Capitol, impeded the lawful swearing in of President Biden, attacked uniformed Capitol police officers, threatened the lives of elected officials, defaced our Capitol and, most serious of all, caused several deaths. This insurrection was traitorous and runs counter to

### In Response to Rep. Christine Palm's Objection to HRTC BoE Candidates

Representative Palm,

I must say that I find it disturbing that you claim to know someone's character and beliefs without having spoken a word with them. You take the word of a disgruntled few to declare people you have no idea about unfit to serve in the best interest of children. Before making such a declaration, you should have the courtesy to at least make an attempt at conversation. Since that seems beneath you, allow me to introduce myself.

My name is Chris Page and I am, and will remain a Republican Candidate for RSD17 BOE. I am a husband of 20 years, a father of two boys, 9 and 16. I have built telecommunications systems for 26 years. I served on the Board of the Silver City Quarter Midget Club as an Open Board member, Safety Director, Vice President, and Assistant Regional Director. I have volunteered my time with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, multiple racetracks and drum corps. I have put in my time serving the best interest of children.

I proudly brought my family to Washington on January 6 to see our President speak and to have Congress hear our voices. The violence perpetrated was carried out by a very small group who came for just that reason. At no time did we enter the building or engage in violence.

It was not an illegal gathering, as it was covered under the 1st Amendment. The "Profound Damage" totaled \$1.5 million vs the \$2 billion caused by the 2020 riots, which you never condemned. No guns were taken by the police from any protesters and the only violent death was Ashli Babbitt, shot by a Capital Police Officer. Other deaths that day included two heart attacks and an accidental overdose. The lone Officer died of Natural Causes the following day.

As for personal beliefs, in America we are entitled to our own without having to explain them. "Conspiracy theories" come in all sorts from Bigfoot to "Russian Collusion" and "Safest Election Ever". If you have seen evidence debunking any of it, please share.

As far as masking, I believe that I have domain over my body and will invoke the "My Body my choice" clause for medical decisions for me and my family. I only encourage the choice.

I have lived my life trying to better the lives of children, both my own and others. I plan to continue doing so.

Respectfully yours,

*Chris Page  
Higganum, CT  
Received July 28, 2021.*

everything the U.S. Constitution stands for.

These individuals have also posted troubling support for the debunked "Q Anon" theories, are encouraging parents to defy science by "unmasking" their children, and have implied they will work to make sure teachers do not teach about racism as part of U.S. History classes.

Therefore, their adherence to debunked and dangerous theories, along with their admittedly proud participation in the Jan. 6 insurrection leaves no room for doubt that they are unfit to ensure that school policies and procedures reflect the values of the community they serve, in compliance with state and federal laws.

### Why I'm Running for Board of Education: A Path for Every Kid

When I was a Kindergarten teacher in New Haven, parents most frequently asked about their child's future. Are they on the right track? Are they kind, caring people who work well with others? Will they find a passion and cultivate it into a fulfilling career? Will they be able to make their way in the world?

Now, as a parent of a toddler, my wife (a current first grade teacher) and I ask the same questions. We all do.

The most important influence on a child's life is that of their parents/caretakers. And, we must do our best to guide them towards good decision-making, a strong moral compass and an understanding of the world around them. The second most important influence is the school system that a child attends. The school experience can either set a child up for a rewarding adult life, or can leave them ill-equipped to achieve their god-given potential.

*I am running for a seat on the RSD17 Board of Education because I believe that each and every child should have a clear path for their future when they graduate high school.* So, what does this look like in action?

Here are the building blocks:

1. A strong foundation in literacy, math, sciences and civics in early grades;
2. Excellent academic, social, athletic, artistic and musical offerings that build essential skills to support future interests and occupations;
3. An inclusive and welcoming environment for all children to feel cared for, supported and accepted for who they are; and

### Shannon Johnson's Response to Rep. Palm's Letter

Rep. Palm,

Your letter which appears to be rifled with misleading opinions and accusations is deeply troubling and cause for concern. I have never met you and yet you feel it is ok to question my character. I suspect you have based your opinion off of the [hearsay] of others.

Please allow me to introduce myself to you and the community.

- My name is Shannon Johnson; I am a Republican Candidate for the Regional School District 17 Board of Education.
- I am a wife of 21 years. We have 2 daughters ages 13 and 15 both of whom attend HK schools. My 15-year-old is on the track and field team and currently the team manager for the cross-country team. My 13-year-old is a soccer goalie and has been on our HK Soccer Club team for many years.
- I am a paralegal and have been employed as such for 18 years.
- I have lived in Haddam for 20 years and have been a member of our community.

As for your misguided opinions regarding not only myself but anyone who attended a rally in Washington, DC on January 6, 2021. The fact is I attended that rally with my 70-year-old mother-in-

The third individual, owing to public revelations of past criminal charges brought against him for alleged domestic violence, has withdrawn. He is to be commended for doing so. I urge the remaining two candidates to similarly withdraw, for the good of the towns served by Reg. 17. And I encourage the Republican Town Committee to support three new candidates who more accurately espouse public safety, respect for the law, and open-minded, fact-based pedagogy.

*Christine Palm  
CT State Representative  
Hartford, CT  
Received July 29, 2021*

4. Apprenticeships and experiential learning for ALL high school students before they graduate.

Focusing on apprenticeships, H-K has a real opportunity to set itself apart from other districts. By promising every high school student that they'll go out into the world and work alongside field experts, RSD17 would offer families something fundamentally different than an average school experience. Whether it's advanced manufacturing, finance, biosciences, law, medicine, agriculture, specialty trades, or public service, students will develop skills in their field of choice that they'll take with them to the next phase of their lives. They'll also gain the "soft skills" of working on teams, interviewing effectively, communicating professionally with an employer, and interacting with people from diverse backgrounds. All necessary skills in the 21st century.

For my day job, I work as an education policy director. In that role, I research innovative school models across the country that partner with businesses, colleges and the community to provide real-world experiences for their students. We have all the talent, hard work and commitment necessary to make this a reality in Haddam and Killingworth. On the Board of Education, I'd work hard to turn this idea into a reality.

Now let's get to work.

*Hamish MacPhail  
Higganum, CT  
Received July 28, 2021.*

law who is from Holland with thousands of other law-abiding citizens. We went with the hope of hearing our President speak and to show support as well as make our voices heard by Congress.

The 1st Amendment of our Constitution debunks your allegation of whether it was illegal or not and stands on its own. I am not aware of anyone being armed or of any arrests made regarding the use of or carrying firearms. I am not aware of any profound damage and will leave that to the investigators.

I am deeply disappointed that you are unaware of how the process of electing a President goes. It is my understanding a new President is sworn in on Inauguration day, which was January 20, 2021, and not January 6, 2021.

I hope this clarifies things. I would like to focus on what is important for our town and that is the future of our children and our community. I am looking forward to meeting with my neighbors and seeing how we can best meet our children's needs day to day. That is my focus, and I can't wait to begin.

Sincerely,

*Shannon Johnson  
Haddam, CT  
Received July 28, 2021.*

# HK 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, August 5

**Reptile Decorating KW Library** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

"Why does it always have to be snakes???"  
Come be braver than Indiana Jones and decorate your own wooden snake! Suggested ages 6 - 12.

PLEASE NOTE: All of our summer programs will be held outside on the library's grounds. Adults must remain with their children during the duration of the event.

Register online <https://killingworthlibrary.org/ParmeleeFarmComm.Mtg>. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Parmelee Farm.

## Friday, August 6

**Killingworth Historic Review Comm. Meeting** 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Town Hall

**Higganum Farmers Market** 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Kids Become Vendors Day, Entertainment - TBD  
**HK Rec Dept Outdoor Concert Series: Great Hill Mountain Band** 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Free Outdoor Summer Concerts sponsored by the HK Recreation Department! Bring a blanket or a chair to enjoy an evening of live entertainment at the Higganum Town Green or Parmelee Farm. Fun for the whole family!

## Saturday, August 7

**KW Library - Denison Pequotsepos Live Animals** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Our summer reading program wraps up with a live animal presentation by Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, featuring some scaly friends! Suitable for all ages.

PLEASE NOTE: All of our summer programs will be held outside on the library's grounds. Adults must remain with their children during the duration of the event.

Space is limited for this event, please register online [https://killingworthlibrary.org/HHS\\_Summer\\_Concerts\\_Music\\_in\\_the\\_Museum\\_Gardens](https://killingworthlibrary.org/HHS_Summer_Concerts_Music_in_the_Museum_Gardens)

**HHS Summer Concerts: Music in the Museum Gardens** Music is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. August 8-Old Lyme Town Band

The concerts are free, but donations encouraged. Music is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your own chair and food. Drinks will be available for a donation.

We invite you to come early to socialize and enjoy your picnic dinner.

## Monday, August 9

**Haddam BOS Meeting** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Killingworth BOS Meeting** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (remote access)

**Killingworth Park & Rec. Meeting** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Town Office Bldg.

## Tuesday, August 10

**KW Library - Tuesday Book Club** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *The Engineer's Wife* by Tracey Enerson Wood. Emily Warren Roebling is the wife of the chief engineer for the Brooklyn Bridge. When her husband suffers the bends from his underwater work on the structure, she takes on the task of overseeing the project's completion. P.T. Barnum becomes her most trusted supporter as Emily deals with rough work crews and the city's corrupt politicians. Kirkus Review said, "the writing meticulously evokes the sights, sounds, and smells of 1870s New York."

Extra copies will be available at the circulation desk. This program is held in the library's meeting room - newcomers always welcome!

**Killingworth Inland Wetlands Meeting** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Town Office Bldg.

## Wednesday, August 11

**Killingworth Library - Learn How to Spin on a Drop Spindle for Teens** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn How to Spin on a Drop Spindle for Teens! Lauren Burchsted from My Favorite Things Farm will teach you how to create yarn without using a spinning wheel. Supplies will be provided. For ages 12-17. Space is limited, so please register <https://killingworthlibrary.org/>

**Haddam EDC Meeting** - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Killingworth Public Health Agency Meeting** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (remote access)

## Thursday, August 12

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

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# CAMPUS CORNER

*Merit Pages News.*

## Students Named to Bryant University's Spring 2021 Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, RI (07/22/2021)-- Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have been named to the Deans' List for the spring 2021 semester. **Ethan Gromala**, class of 2022, from Killingworth, CT. **Thomas Williams**, class of 2023, from Haddam, CT. **Juliette Sasso**, class of 2023, from Killingworth, CT. **Molly Anderson**, class of 2024, from Killingworth, CT. **Luke Lamontagne**, class of 2024, from Higganum, CT.

## Students Named to Tufts University's Spring 2021 Dean's List

MEDFORD/SOMERVILLE, MA (07/27/2021)-- Tufts University recently announced the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Among those students are:

**Eli Houlton** of Higganum, CT, class of 2024  
**Catherine Celano** of Killingworth, CT, class of 2023

## Students Named to University of Hartford Honors Lists

WEST HARTFORD, CT (07/28/2021)-- The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the President's Honors List and/or the Dean's List for Spring 2021.

**Megan Dennis** of Higganum: Dean's List  
**Brandon Hernandez** of Killingworth: Dean's List  
**Clayton Moore** of Killingworth: Dean's List  
**Emily Bagnoli** of Killingworth: President's Honors List and the Dean's List  
**Hattie Hall** of Killingworth: President's Honors List and the Dean's List  
**Gabriella Kulmacz** of Higganum: President's Honors List and the Dean's List

# REAL ESTATE

## Real Estate Transactions

*According to the Hartford Courant (7/9/21):*

### Haddam:

**Property on Pokorny Rd.,** R. E. Mayo Est. and J. R. Mayo to K. E. Jones, 7/2, \$362,500  
**1 Candlewood Hill Rd.,** P. and J. Huntington to 3 Candlewood Hill LLC, 7/6, \$190,000  
**26 S. Side Blf,** P. A. Maneggia to R. Alsop and D. J. Roberto, 7/7, \$360,000  
**66 Ranger Rd.,** R. K. Sturk Jr. and S. M. Piedmont to J. H. and E. L. Kyle, 7/8, \$352,500  
**132 W. Shore Dr.,** D. Capello to B. and G. Reynolds, 7/6, \$285,000  
**159 Turkey Hill Rd.,** W. Naclachlan Est. and J. A. Keyes to F. and M. T. Grazioso IRT and F. Grazioso, 7/6, \$11,567  
**171 W. Shore Dr.,** S. G. and S. T. Gyllensten to A. and B. Majidi, 7/9, \$300,500  
**874 Killingworth Rd.,** E. C. and A. E. Marshall to I. and J. C. Ferber, 7/6, \$504,000  
**Killingworth**  
**22 Surrey Ridge Rd.,** D. C. and D. J. Racenet to J. C. and H. Leblanc, 7/6, \$850,000

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**Six Flags New England August 6**, \$34/ticket (paper ticket at Will Call)

**CT Science Center August 9**, \$15/ticket (paper ticket)

**Mystic Seaport August 13**, \$21 (ages 18+) or \$13 (ages 4-17)

## ESSEX STEAM TRAIN

# Special Steam Train Excursion Departing from Haddam

By Robert W. Bradway, Jr.

On the Monday evenings of August 2, 9, and 16, weather permitting, the Essex Steam Train will offer a one-hour Steam Train Excursion departing from Eagle Landing State Park in Haddam to Deep River and return. Tickets are \$10 each cash on-board the train, or whatever you have (not too worried...). Train boards at 6:20 p.m., departs at 6:30-ish, and returns at 7:30 p.m. Beautiful views along the Connecticut River and tidelands.

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# Killingworth Resident named as 2021 Employee of the Year

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wealth of knowledge and is one of the most accountable people I have ever worked with. She is an extraordinary leader and hard worker. We are fortunate to have her expertise and energy she puts in to most everything she touches each and every day!"

Calling the award an honor, Rotman said, "I consider myself fortunate to work with every department in the hospital. I love it at Gaylord, I grew up here. I have had the unique experience of having a loved one here as a patient and got to witness first-hand the incredible work everyone does."

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## OUR REGION

# Funding for Brainerd Memorial Library

By Norm Needleman, State Senator.

I hope you enjoyed the weekend. I'm pleased to share that new state investment was approved for several projects in our area including \$132,000 for the Deep River Elementary School's roof replacement project. Take a couple minutes to read below about this new funding to support the needs of our students and communities.

**New State Funding for Deep River, Haddam, and East Hampton**

I'm happy to report that state funding has been approved to advance projects in Deep River, Haddam, and East Hampton that will improve important town resources. First, Deep River Elementary School's roof replacement project will receive \$132,000. This funding will support ongoing work on the building's roof to repair several leaks, with the end goal of fully replacing it for long-term use.

Also, the Brainerd Memorial Library in Haddam will receive \$759,375 to continue its renovation project. The project includes the creation of a new parking lot with disabled-accessible parking spaces, a new lower-level entry plaza and public entrance, refurbishment and repositioning of public restrooms, a lower-level lobby and new exterior lights.

The commission's approval of these bonds will allow our towns to offset taxpayer costs to make

much-needed repairs and renovations to both properties, which provide vital services to our children and their families.

In addition, \$60,000 was approved for a dam design for Hurd State Park in East Hampton. I'm pleased to see continued investment in the park, which supports the recreational and community needs of town residents and visitors.

**Governor's Summer STEM Challenge**

A new statewide initiative encourages students from elementary to high school to take on challenging hands-on design projects to engage with learning. Developed out of a partnership between the Governor's administration, the Office of Workforce Strategy and the Yale School of Engineering and Applied Science, web-based STEM challenges for students from grades 3-12 will be available online at [www.ct.gov/SummerSTEMChallenge](http://www.ct.gov/SummerSTEMChallenge).

Each week will bring a new challenge incorporating the four tenets of STEM, science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and each challenge will include virtual instruction with Yale student organizations and building projects with everyday materials. Challenges will be released on Mondays and be due the following Friday; a panel of judges will choose weekly winners based on creativity and design. Each challenge winner will receive a prize and at the end of six weeks, all winners will be eligible for a grand prize.

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## HADDAM TOWN GOVERNMENT

# Major Party Endorsements November 2, 2021 Municipal Election

By Scott Brookes, Haddam Town Clerk.

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 First Selectman  
 Selectman  
 Town Clerk  
 Board of Finance – Full Term  
  
 Board of Finance –  
 To Fill Vacancy for Two Years  
 Board of Finance Alternate - Full Term  
 Board of Finance Alternate –  
 To Fill Vacancy for Two Years  
 Board of Assessment Appeals  
  
 Planning & Zoning Commission  
  
 Planning & Zoning Commission Alt.  
  
 Zoning Board of Appeal  
  
 Zoning Board of Appeals Alt.  
 Zoning Board of Appeals Alt.  
 To Fill Vacancy for Two Years  
 Regional Board of Education \*\*

**DEMOCRAT**  
 Sean Donlan  
 Sean Moriarty  
 Dawn Tarbetsky  
 Steve Bayley  
 Matt McEwen  
 Marjorie DeBold  
  
 Sandy Olsen  
 Jenny Law  
  
 JoAnn Woickelman  
 Judy Goldfarb  
 Gina Block  
 David Carini  
 Mike Farina  
 Mike Karam  
 Dylan Kessler  
 Tim Teran  
 Kate Wessling  
 Betsy Clifford  
 Neal Sakash  
 Susan Costa  
 Jane Baird  
  
 Brenda Buzzi  
 Steve Bayley  
 Hamish MacPhail

**REPUBLICAN**  
 Robert W. McGarry  
 Kate Anderson  
 Bob Siegrist  
 Gigi A. Simko  
 Joseph Centofani  
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 Mark P. Lundgren  
 Richard B. Wells Jr.  
  
 Craig Salonia  
  
 Wayne S. LePard  
 Edward A. Wallor  
  
 Larry Maggi  
  
 Robin C. Munster  
  
 Jessica C, Labbe  
  
 Margo Chase-Wells  
  
 Chris Page  
 Shannon L. Johnson

\*--- no endorsement made  
 \*\* Board of Education Petitioning Candidates: Joanne Nesti, Prem Aithal

## KILLINGWORTH TOWN GOVERNMENT

# Major Party Endorsements November 2, 2021 Municipal Election

By Dawn Rees Mooney, Killingworth Town Clerk.

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 Selectmen  
  
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 Town Treasurer  
 Board of Finance  
  
 Board of Assessment Appeals  
 Planning & Zoning Commission  
  
 Planning & Zoning Commission Alt.  
 Zoning Board of Appeal  
  
 Zoning Board of Appeals Alt.  
 Board of Fire Commissioners  
 Regional Board of Education

**DEMOCRAT**  
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 Jamie Mowat Young  
 Dawn Rees Mooney  
 Donna Dupuis  
 Anne K. Stirna  
 Tara Amatrudo  
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 Matthew T. Stillman  
 Geoffrey Cook  
 William T. Tobelman  
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 Stephanie Warren  
 Brian Patrick Young  
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 Benjamin A. Charney  
 Jennifer Lynn Liptak  
 Kathleen Zandi  
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**REPUBLICAN**  
 Nancy Gorski  
 Eileen Blewett  
 Graig Judge  
 Dawn Rees Mooney  
 Donna Dupuis  
 Douglas Lefko  
 Todd Blewett  
 Sara O'Brien  
 Francesco Lulaj  
 Brice McLaughlin  
 Guy Vecchitto  
 David Gross  
 Malorie Neveu  
 Jennifer Torello  
 Graig Judge  
 John Mancini  
 Don Offner  
 Eileen Blewett  
 Heather Scholfield

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| COLOSSOS    | INTIMIDATOR | PHOENIX     | TREMORS     |
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# LEGALS

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OFFICE	Number of Names Certified	Number Entitled to be Nominated
First Selectman	1	1
Selectman	1	2
Town Clerk	1	1
Board of Finance - Full Term	2	2
Board of Finance - 2 year	0	1
Board of Finance Alt. Full Term	1	1
Board of Finance Alt - 2 Years	1	1
Board of Assessment Appeals	1	2
Planning & Zoning Commission	2	4
Planning & Zoning Alt.	1	2
Zoning Board of Appeals	1	2
Zoning Board of Appeals Alt.	1	2
Zoning Board of Appeals Alt. -2 Years	1	1
Board of Education	2	3

A primary will be held September 14, 2021, if, for a particular office, the number of party-endorsed candidates plus the number of candidates filing petitions pursuant to Sections 9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes exceeds the maximum number which the party is entitled to nominate for that office. Petitions must be filed no later than 4:00p.m. on August 11, 2021. Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing of opposing candidacies, including schedules, may be obtained from: Raymond Skarsten, Republican Registrar of Voters, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, Ct 06441. Scott R. Brookes, CCTC Town Clerk of Haddam

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Board of Finance Alt - 2 Years	1	1
Board of Assessment Appeals	2	2
Planning & Zoning Commission	4	4
Planning & Zoning Alt.	2	2
Zoning Board of Appeals	2	2
Zoning Board of Appeals Alt.	2	2
Zoning Board of Appeals Alt. -2 Years	1	1
Board of Education	3	3

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## HADDAM TOWN GOVERNMENT

### RiverCOG: Regional Housing Plan

From Town of Haddam.

(July 27, 2021) The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) is developing a regional housing plan that fulfills the requirements of CGS Section 8-30j for Affordable Housing Plans for thirteen of its municipalities. In addition, the Regional Housing Plan will build upon the requirements of the statute and conduct a larger assessment of

housing needs in the region. From this assessment, the Regional Housing Plan will make recommendations for new and comprehensive approaches to meeting current and future housing needs.

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# New Discoveries in Science

By Sharon Challenger.

## News from NASA

July 21, 2021 - NASA's agency officials announced that the Perseverance rover is preparing to collect its first samples on Mars, a milestone that could happen within the next two weeks.

Perseverance launched on July 30, 2020 and landed in Jezero Crater, an ancient lakebed on Mars on February 18, 2021. The mission, to explore and scour the planet for signs of ancient life. To do this, the rover was designed to collect and store samples of Martian material to be returned to Earth by a mission in the early 2030s.

A permanent human presence on and around the moon may be established by NASA by the end of the 2020s, via a program known as Artemis. That may eventually include radio telescopes on the moon's quiet far side and possibly off-Earth science facilities.

"Under the Artemis program, humanity will explore regions of the Moon never visited before, uniting people around the unknown, the never seen, and the once impossible. We will return to the Moon robotically beginning next year, send astronauts to the surface within four years, and build a longterm presence on the Moon by the end of the decade." (NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine)

## Paleontology News

In the July 22, 2021, Scientific Reports, researchers report that Pterosaur hatchlings may have been able to fly as soon as they broke open their shells.

A fossil analysis shows the hatchlings had a stronger bone crucial for lift-off than adults.

Pterosaurs were a diverse group of ancient flying reptiles that lived alongside dinosaurs from the Triassic to the Cretaceous periods, 228 million to 66 million years ago.

## Neuroscience News

A November 23, 2021, report in Nature

Neuroscience concluded that a hungry brain craves food, and a lonely brain craves people. Scientists used functional magnetic resonance imaging to measure neural responses evoked by food and social cues after participants experienced 10 hours of mandated fasting or total social isolation.

## Catnip repels insects

A whiff of catnip can make mosquitoes buzz off, and now researchers know why.

The active component of catnip (*Nepeta cataria*) repels insects by triggering a chemical receptor that spurs sensations such as pain or itch, researchers report March 4, 2021 in *Current Biology*.

Catnip extracts have been proposed as a natural alternative to synthetic insect repellents such as DEET.

Determining how the plant deters insects could help researchers design potent repellents that may be easier to obtain in developing countries hit hard by mosquito-borne diseases.

## Unusually Large Meteor Awakens Norway Residents

An unusually large meteor lit up the skies over Norway at 1:00 a.m. on July 25, 2021. The meteor awakened residents of the country's capital city, Oslo, with the sound of a large explosion.

Film footage shows the trail of bright flashes of light as the fireball, travelling at 43,200 miles per hour streaked across the sky. It landed somewhere in a forest near Oslo and the hunt for fragments has already begun.

## August 2021 Full Moon

According to NASA, our next full Moon will appear in the sky on August 22 at 8:02 a.m. EST.

It is called a Sturgeon Moon because the giant sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this part of summer.

Sources: [www.space.com](http://www.space.com)

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[www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com)

# First "Stop the Bleed" Class of 2021 Scheduled for Aug. 14

By Clark Judge.

(July 28, 2021) The Killingworth Ambulance Association resumes its "Stop the Bleed" program on Saturday, Aug. 14, with a 10:00 a.m. class at the KAA headquarters.

The course, the first of its kind this year, is open to all persons 13 years of age or older and is free of charge. However, interested persons are asked to bring protective face masks. If the class is held indoors, as it has been in the past, they will be required.

Instruction typically lasts 1-to-1-1/2 hours.

"Stop the Bleed" is a nationwide awareness campaign ([www.bleedingcontrol.org](http://www.bleedingcontrol.org)) launched in 2015 by the White House and Department of Homeland Security and is designed to empower bystanders with the training to deal with traumatic events and emergency bleeding situations before help arrives.

Its value was underscored in October 2019, at Vinal Tech in Middletown when a state trooper responding to an accident there implemented a "Stop the Bleed" kit to treat what was called "a catastrophic injury" involving profuse bleeding.

Officials later said the trooper's quick thinking may have saved the victim's life.

The KAA first offered "Stop the Bleed" classes in July 2017, making Killingworth the first Connecticut town to have its citizens certified. Since then, it has conducted 22 classes and had two "Stop the Bleed" stations installed at the Killingworth Town Hall and Public Library.

For more information, please contact the KAA at (860) 663-2450.

## DEATHS

**Anita (Gido) Smith**, 82, formerly of Haddam and more recently of Middletown and Cromwell, passed away on Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

**Shawn S. Negralle** of Higganum, CT died unexpectedly on Monday, July 12th 2021 at the age of 45.

**Gianna Vincelett**, 14, of Higganum died unexpectedly on July 30, 2021



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# A Douglas F4D Skyray's Journey Back to Intrepid

By Sharon Challenger.

(July 25, 2021) People along the Connecticut River were treated to an unusual event when a Douglas F4D Skyray aircraft floated by on a barge. Its journey began in Windsor Locks where it had been housed at the New England Air Museum. Its final destination, a new home at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City.

The decision to transport the aircraft by water rather than road was explained by the Intrepid Museum curator Eric Boehm, "It doesn't get any smaller than the way it is right now. With the wings folded, it's still 25 feet wide. You really can't truck it all the way to New York City so the best thing to do was come 17 miles that we needed to do over the road overnight." After it arrived at the Charter Oak Landing, the aircraft was loaded onto a barge in the Connecticut River by a crane.

Boehm said the trip was expected to take around 24 -30 hours and covers 177 miles. The barge passed along the Connecticut River, through Long Island Sound then down the East River, around the southern tip of Manhattan and up the Hudson River and arrived at the museum on Tuesday morning. It was to be lifted by crane and placed on board the Intrepid's flight deck where it last resided 60 years ago.

The Museum's experts will begin working to preserve the aircraft.

The acquisition was made possible by the estate of Margaret F. "Peggy" Donovan, a longtime member and supporter of the Intrepid Museum.

**Interesting Skyray facts:**

- The Skyray was named for its unusual wing shape which resembles a manta ray
- They were designed to be high-altitude fleet



protector interceptors

- They went into operation with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps in 1956
- They were designed to catch and neutralize an approaching enemy bomber flying at 500 knots
- Skyrays set many speed and time-to-climb records
- Skyrays were able to reach supersonic speeds
- The specific Skyray served in U.S. Navy Fighter Squadron 162 (VF-162)

- It deployed on Intrepid between June 1961 and March 1962 with Carrier Air Wing Six (CVW-6)

**Skyray Statistics**

- Length 35 feet 4 inches
- Height 13 feet
- Empty weight 16,024 pounds
- Max weight 27,116 pounds
- Top speed 722 mph
- Wingspan 33 feet 6 inches
- Ceiling 55,000 feet
- Crew 1

**Armament**

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## EDUCATION

### Eversource Celebrates First Class of Students in Lineworker Certificate Program

By Mitch Gross.

BERLIN, Conn. (July 27, 2021) – Eversource's first class of students enrolled in the Electrical Lineworker Certificate Program are nearing completion of the course and a future career in the electric power industry. The energy company partnered with Capital Community College (CCC) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Unions 420 and 457 to offer the new certification program that's helping to cultivate the next generation of electrical lineworkers in Connecticut. The course provides students with valuable training in the electric utility industry and the opportunity for employment in the field.

"My family has been in the power industry for decades," said Jared Flagg, Certificate Program Student and Old Lyme Resident. "I've seen the enjoyment and success they've gained from working in the industry and I want to accomplish the same success."

Flagg is one of 15 students who will soon graduate from the new Lineworker Certificate Program and possibly start a paid apprenticeship with Eversource.

"The aspect of this program that I have enjoyed most is the comradery," said Flagg. "We have a group of individuals from all walks of life with varying life experiences, all sharing in being part of the first Lineworker Program in Connecticut."

The 11-week certification program includes virtual classroom learning and hands-on training at the Eversource outdoor training complex in Berlin. Students will complete extensive course work, including electrical theory, basic math, communications, CPR, and safety – all to prepare for employment in a variety of electrical fields, with

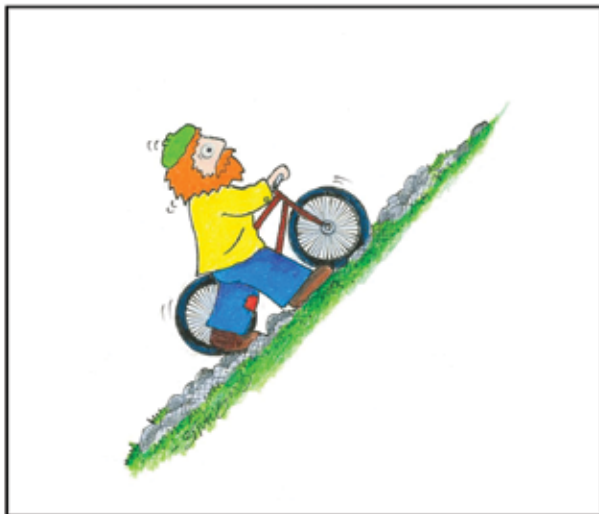
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# Oddfellows Playhouse Presents: "Circus of Unity" on August 6, 2021

By Dic Wheeler.

After spending all of last summer online, the Children's Circus of Middletown is set to RE-UNITE! On August 6th at 5:00 p.m., Oddfellows Playhouse and the Middletown Commission on the Arts will present the 33rd Annual Children's Circus of Middletown's THE CIRCUS OF UNITY!



The performance, the result of five weeks of training in acting, stiling, juggling, unicycling, acrobatics, painting and more, will be held at Macdonough School, 66 Spring Street in Middletown. This Middletown tradition will feature over 120 performers and a live band.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids (cash only at the door). Seating is on a grassy hillside; audience members are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnics, and whatever else you might need for a fun evening at the circus.

Children's Circus director Jason Leinwand lays out the scenario for this year's circus: "After laying dormant for so long, it seems our magical conch shell has lost its power to bring the Children's Circus together. The unicyclists haven't seen our jugglers in so long! The stilts haven't towered over our acrobats and the clowns haven't been able to pie anyone in the face in years! It'll be up to our performers to unite and build an epic robot machine to fix the conch shell! Will this separation end? Can the circus unite?"

Join us August 6th at 5:00 p.m. (Rain date August 7th at 5:00 p.m.) at Macdonough School in Middletown for The Circus of Unity! There is street parking available throughout the neighborhood; the school's parking lot is reserved for elderly and handicapped only. If you require wheelchair seating, please contact Oddfellows Playhouse at (860) 347-6143 so we can assist as needed.

The Children's Circus is part of the Kids Arts Program of the City of Middletown's Office of the Arts and Culture and is directed and produced by Oddfellows Playhouse. Major support is

provided by the United Way of Middlesex County, the Middletown Commission on the Arts, the Middletown Public Schools, the Evan Boyd Knoll Memorial Circus Fund, and the M. Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Oddfellows is also supported by the Connecticut



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Oddfellows Playhouse offers year-round programs in theater, circus, music, dance, technical theater, and visual arts to young people ages 3-20.

For additional information, contact info@oddfellows.org, call (860)347-6143 or go to www.oddfellows.org

## EDUCATION

# Eversource celebrates First Class of Students in Lineworker Certificate Program

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an emphasis on electrical line worker responsibilities and tasks.

"I decided to pursue a career as a lineworker because it is one of the most important and rewarding jobs in the world," said Evan Salisbury, Student and East Hampton resident. "We support our communities by maintaining the power lines to provide safe distribution of electricity to all customers."

"Many of our lineworkers are reaching retirement age so there is a true need for qualified workers in the electric operations industry," said Eversource Vice President of Electric Field Operations in Connecticut Don Boudreau. "It's crucial that we replenish our workforce to maintaining a safe and reliable electric system for our customers and this program will play an important role in retaining the next generation of skilled workers in Connecticut by allowing us to reach out to young people in the communities we serve and offer them excellent career opportunities."

"Capital has a proven track record as a 'conduit

creator' for businesses looking to onboard highly trained and skilled employees from diverse backgrounds," said Capital CEO Dr. G. Duncan Harris. "Many students come to us in search of 'a first job, a better job, a career' that will provide them with family-sustaining wages and a brighter future. Early feedback suggests that this win-win scenario has been the case with our first Eversource graduating class and we're already preparing to recruit our next cohort. Eversource is an amazing employer and we're glad they decided to partner with Capital to provide career ladders to opportunity for our students."

Students enrolled in the Lineworker Certificate Program include Jared Flagg, Evan Salisbury, Matthew Bouton of Newtown, Domenic Buonomo and James Demicco of Wolcott, Ivan Lituma of Bethel, Joshua Martin of Stratford, Kyle Martinez of Wethersfield, Jason Morales of Bristol, Shafqat Rahman of West Hartford, Ismael Robles of Hartford, Joshua Simpson of Putnam, Michael Staehle of Oakdale, Jared Vasquez of Stratford and Adrian Vazquez of Willimantic.

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## PETS

# Find A Fur Baby

By Judith Levin.

Let's welcome Our Man Rocky!



This 8-year-old cutie is looking for his forever home can you believe it? He is an absolute sweetheart that will roll over and want his belly rubbed all the time. Rocky will follow you everywhere you go and a wonderful companion

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