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The Sweet Baker of Killingworth, CT

By Sharon Challenger.

It is often said that, even looking at pictures of food can make some people hungry.

That is exactly what happened to me one afternoon as I was scrolling through the Facebook page Killingworth Stompin' Ground. A person posted, "Does anyone know the contact info for the woman who does custom cookies and cakes in Killingworth?"

Sometimes posts can be overlooked and go unanswered for days, but this one received immediate attention. Seven people answer in unison, "The Sweet Baker!" One even gave the contact info, and another posted a picture of the Sweet Baker's creations. That is all it took for me to jump down a rabbit hole into a land of cakes and cookies.

Within nanoseconds, I was clicking on the link to the Sweet Baker, LLC and voila! Images of delicious looking cupcakes, waiting to be devoured by happy customers appeared on my screen. Where next I wondered? "Which drop down menu to select first?"

Without hesitating, I clicked on "Cupcakes" and was taken to a screen where I could choose to see the menu or scroll down and see the cupcakes. My eyes gazed upon adorable dog



cupcakes, sunflower cupcakes, rainbow unicorns, and sweet little chicks sitting atop nests, to name a few.

Having friends who work on Sesame Street, I was delighted to see cupcakes sporting Sesame Street characters such as Elmo and Cookie Monster. I believe I heard Cookie Monster yelling,

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Higganum Resident Sue Fasciani Receives Real Estate Industry Leader of the Year Award

By Sierra Lopez.

(Middletown, CT) Co-Chairs of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Real Estate Council Nancy Currlin and Juliet Cavanaugh announced that at the 2021 Real Estate Luncheon last Wednesday, June 16 at Lyman Orchards Golf Course in Middlefield, CT the Mary Ellen Klinck Real Estate Industry Leader of the Year Award was presented to Sue Fasciani of Tiger Home & Building Inspections. This award recognizes an agent who has made outstanding volunteer contributions to the Middlesex County region.

About Sue Fasciani – Sue Fasciani joined Tiger Groups Marketing and Business Development Team in March of 2019. With 20 years of sales and marketing experience in many facets of the Real Estate Industry, Sue brings a high level of understanding and Real Estate expertise to Tiger. As a Licensed Realtor for over 13 years, Sue knows the expectation and importance of a home inspection within a transaction and is a firm believer in continuing education, as to why she is always providing it for free in the real estate community. Sue has been a Middlesex Chamber Member since 2002 and on the Real Estate Council for about 9 years and is involved as an Affiliate member in several Real Estate Associations and the Women's Council of Eastern CT.

Sue graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a Marketing/Management BS Degree and has developed her marketing skills throughout her



Sue Fasciani. Photo by Middlesex Chamber of Commerce.

professional career. She prides herself on attention to detail, excellent communication skills and follow-through. In her free time, she enjoys walking, exercise, gardening, boating, and reading at the beach. Sue resides in Higganum, CT.

Award winner Sue Fasciani noted, "I am very honored to have received the Mary Ellen Klinck Real Estate Industry Leader Award and truly appreciate all that the Middlesex Chamber does for the community and it's Realtors. I enjoy sponsoring, offering raffle prizes and working with everyone at the Middlesex Chamber when I volunteer for some of the events. I know I will continue to volunteer for many more years to come. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!" Chamber President Larry McHugh noted, "I would like to congratulate Sue on this well-deserved honor, and thank our Real Estate Council Co-Chairs Nancy Currlin and Juliet Cavanaugh for their leadership of this important Chamber committee."

For more information on Middlesex Chamber events and activities, please visit www.middlesexchamber.com.

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Historic Women of Killingworth: Harriet E. Warrel, First Female Teacher

By Claudette Lagasse, Killingworth Historical Society.

Editor's Note: This is the third 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. Below is the information that was included with the Harriet E. Warrel doll.

**HARRIET E. WARREL
FIRST FEMALE TEACHER AT
"GREEN" SCHOOLHOUSE**

Our Third "Historic Women of Killingworth" Sandy Smith was surprised when she came upon Harriet E. Warrel's name in the Union District School Board book 25 years ago! Here was something almost unheard of...a female teacher in the year 1828 in the rural boondocks of America. Not much is known about Harriet, as the early censuses only record the head of households. We do know that (1) she was most likely single, as unmarried women were expected to provide for themselves; (2) that she lived near the "green" schoolhouse; (3) that she came from a very progressive, educated household, as most rural women could not read or write; (4) that she is probably Harriet "Wardell," third wife of Orris (Horace) Bailey (originally from Haddam, CT, but moved to Delhi, NY, in his late teens/early twenties). It is believed that Harriet was born ca. 1804 in Connecticut and died March 1898 in Delhi, NY.

Harriet was hired 12/1/1828...it was not until summer of 1845 that another female teacher would be hired to teach at the schoolhouse. It was common practice that women were employed by school boards only temporarily until they found "suitable" husbands. From the records of the 1870 Board minutes: "Recommended that the wages of female teachers do not exceed \$25 per month. Voted that \$36 per month be the limit for male teachers." During Harriet's time, female schoolteachers were generally paid 1/3 to 1/2 of the wages paid to male teachers.

Our Harriet doll holds in her hands Noah Webster's original American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828. It took Webster, a Connecticut native and lifelong resident of the state, over 27 years to write his book. He completed it the same year Harriet taught school at the "green" schoolhouse. Noah Webster owns the unique distinction of having

single-handedly rescued the English Language from the corrupting political and social influences of the European nations of his day. He added American words that weren't in English dictionaries, such as "skunk" and "squash."

Harriet is clothed in typical 1828 fashion...dresses with very large shoulders, huge collars, bows, stripes with flowers fabric, and the padded skirt hemline, the precursor of the hoop skirt. She is signed and dated on her left leg.



Green Schoolhouse.



Christmas Doll Ornament - 2003.

KILLINGWORTH BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Chatfield Hollow Farm & Inn

By Melanie Giamei.

Tucked in the woodlands of nearby Killingworth is Chatfield Hollow Farm. Yes, it abuts Chatfield Hollow State Park, and indeed it is a farm in many ways.



Sculpture at CHF

Used primarily for rustic, yet elegant events, especially showers and weddings, weekend getaways and other special occasions, Chatfield Hollow Farm started out as a "gentleman's farm of about thirty acres.

We recently had an extensive tour and were informed that as the two owners worked the site as organically as possible, the facility grew from farming vegetables and flowers to specializing in roses and

peonies for the commercial flower market to breeding exotic guinea hens, peacocks and South American black swans.



Flowers at Chatfield Hollow Farm & Inn.

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Musings from a Millennial Learning Acts of Defiance from a Toddler and Baby

By Meghan Peterson.

The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the staff or editors of this newspaper.

Recently, attitudes and acts of defiance have been emanating from a certain toddler and baby of mine. Most of the time, I find said defiance humorous (a.k.a., needing to disguise my smile and/or belly laugh beneath the authoritarian mommy veil). Above all, I find this phase of defiance fascinating and educational.

Before I discuss defiance in the context of my toddler and baby, let us understand the definition of defiance.

According to Webster's 1913 Dictionary, defiance is: "1. The act of defying, putting in opposition, or provoking to combat; a challenge; a provocation; a summons to combat.

2. state of opposition; willingness to flight; disposition to resist; contempt of opposition.

3. A casting aside; renunciation; rejection."

According to dictionary.com, defiance is: "a daring or bold resistance to authority or to any opposing force.

open disregard: contempt (often followed by of): a challenge to meet in combat or in a contest."

Ok, onto a discussion of defiance in the context of my toddler and baby.

Me: "Please come sit and eat your din din."

Toddler: "I want to play, Mommy! All full!"

Me: "Oh, I did not realize eating one bite made your tummy full."

Toddler waits semi-patiently for an addendum to my response. Before I finish saying he may be excused, he is bounding off his chair and moving to the next 25-second fun-filled activity of jumping onto the ottoman or diver-bombing into the couch.

It is not the case that Toddler is full. The truth of the matter is that Toddler knows how to work the system. His defiance is not necessarily located in an act of disobedience (that is, not eating dinner despite commands to do so). Rather, his defiance manifests in two ways: one, deflection by way of a request ("I want to play, Mommy!"); two, an inaccurate description of his hunger status ("All full!"). Through deflection and a level of inaccuracy, Toddler defies the household cultural norm of eating and finishing dinner before playing.

Now, for an example of my baby's defiance.

Me: "No, no...do not put that dandelion in your mouth." Baby looks at me quizzically, as if my order is completely outrageous and inappropriate. Instead, he

proceeds to play with the dandelion gingerly, hovering it above his parted mouth. He then looks at me again; this time, with a smile.

It is not the case that Baby knowingly bypasses his mommy's parameters. After all, he is not even a year old. Yet, this small incident of doing something brazenly speaks perhaps to the subconscious development in distinctions between defiance and compliance.

Witnessing these daily acts of defiance can be simultaneously unnerving, adorable and downright hilarious.

What if we took a page from these small acts of defiance and decided to live freely and boldly – in ways that show we are equipped for the challenges ahead? What if we did so in order to re-assert our claim to be autonomous, liberty-driven, independent individuals? What if we did so in order to take stock of our thoughts and actions as our own – and the potentially tough consequences that flow from them? Finally, what if we did so in order to restore the capacity to mark our own journey, as opposed to permitting others dictate how we ought to proceed?

Defiance does not have to be loud. It can be as subtle as a toddler's deflection or a baby's smiling look. Simply put, it can be a way of being – as opposed to a way of behaving. Perhaps that is what defiance is about.

Real Estate Transactions

According to the Hartford Courant (6/18/21):

Town of Killingworth:

13 Dogwood Knoll Rd., W. C. Thompson RET and W. C. Thompson to C. J. and S. Bobbie, 6/1/2021, \$410,000

18 Sherwood Forest Ln., S. J. Martin to D. and H. Famigletti, 6/3/2021, \$75,000

419 Rt. 148, J. G. and J. M. Price to B. M. Sarracco, 6/1/2021, \$410,000

583 Rt. 81, Claddagh Ridge Equestrian to C. K. and J. A. Paulsen, 6/2/2021, \$420,000

Town of Haddam:

427 Hidden Lake Rd., K. Gambone to J. and J. Nordlund, 6/3/21, \$485,000

1367 Saybrook Rd., Zanelli Carol Ann Est and W. J. Zanelli to R. Beckwith, 6/3/21, \$225,000

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Local Students Dean's List Announcements and Graduations

By Marisa Nadolny, CCSU.

Central Connecticut State University President is proud to announce the students who earned a spot on the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. To achieve this academic distinction, an undergraduate student at CCSU must carry at least 12 academic credits during the semester and earn at least a 3.50 GPA out of a possible 4.0 GPA.

The students in your area who earned a place on the Dean's List are:

Haddam

- Alyssa Barbagallo
- Simon Brown
- Samantha-Jo Eberl
- Hannah Theriault
- Ellaine Wilson

Higganum

- Elliot Lynskey
- Emily Mednick
- Nikki Sass

Killingworth

- Maslin Laberge
- Brian Spanbauer
- Anthony Stone
- Shelby Whitehead

Merit Pages News.

BRISTOL, RI (06/16/2021)– Select students have been named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Douglas Brown of Killingworth

- Daniel Civiello of Killingworth
- Kristen Dansereau of Killingworth
- Lina Luzietti of Killingworth
- Nicholas Ouellette of Higganum
- Katherine Porter of Killingworth
- Hailey Reed of Killingworth

SPRINGFIELD, MA (06/16/2021)– Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2021 Spring Semester.

- Seth Regan from Killingworth, CT. Regan has a primary major of Business Management.
- Kevin Giulini from Higganum, CT. Giulini has a primary major of Criminal Justice.
- Savannah Jelm from Haddam, CT. Jelm has a primary major of Psychology.

WILKES-BARRE, PA (06/16/2021)– Kendall Castro of Killingworth, CT was named to the Dean's List at Wilkes University for the spring 2021 semester.

SPRINGFIELD, MA (06/16/2021)– Western New England University (WNE) is pleased to announce that Jonathan Civiello (BSE in Mechanical

Engineering program) of Killingworth, CT, has been named to the President's List for the Spring Semester 2021.

SPRINGFIELD, MA (06/16/2021)– Western New England University is pleased to announce that Faith Ann Hoynoski-BA in Communication/Public Relations Concentration from Higganum has been named to the WNE Spring Semester 2021 Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

BRISTOL, RI (06/16/2021)– The following local residents were among the students who received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2021:

- Douglas Brown of Killingworth, graduates Cum Laude with a B.S. in Architecture
- Daniel Civiello of Killingworth, graduates with a B.S. in Finance
- Sarah Porter of Killingworth, graduates Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Biology

PHILADELPHIA, PA (06/17/2021)– Maura Dooley of Killingworth, CT, was among the graduates recognized during University of the Sciences' 200th commencement celebration, a virtual event, held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Dooley graduated with a MS in Biomedical Writing.

HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thursday, July 1

Make Your Own Rock Pet – Killingworth Library 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Haddam P&Z Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Parmelee Farm Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Parmelee Farm

Friday, July 2

Higganum Farmers Market 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment – Joe Gilbert

Killingworth SPECIAL MEETING – Historic Review Comm. Mtg. 11:00 a.m.

(Remote access or Town Office Bldg.)

Saturday, July 3

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be having a car trunk/tag sale on Saturday July 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St Lawrence Church at 7 Hemlock Drive in Killingworth. Pack your car or truck with tag sale items. There is an entry fee of \$10.00 per vehicle. For reservation call Paul Rauscher at (203) 675-6783. Rain date will be Saturday July 10th.

Saturday Story Time – Killingworth Library 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Bring the young one(s) to listen to a tale of animals and adventures then explore our wonderful selection of books! Suggested ages 2- 5.

Sunday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 6

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

Office.

Thursday, July 8

Killingworth Conservation Comm. Mtg. – (remote access only 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Intern vs Intern Team Games – Killingworth Library 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Who will win in the greatest showdown

Killingworth Library has ever seen???

Whether you're Team Ben or Team Hana you're bound to have fun! 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.

Killingworth Conservation Comm. Mtg. (remote access) 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

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Seeing Red-

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Some serious Red Eye Conditions-

- 1) **Corneal Ulcers-** most commonly occurs in patients who sleep overnight with their contact lenses, but not necessarily. Patients present with blurred vision, pain, and sensitivity to light.
- 2) **Herpetic Eye-** This occurs mainly in patients with a history of cold sores, lid vesicles, or in patients on immunosuppressant therapy. The doctor will inquire as to presence of symptoms prior to red eye forming, such as pain, numbness or tingling of the eye.
- 3) **Acute Angle Closure-** This is a very severe condition that results in very high intra-ocular pressure, which has potential to threaten vision. You might notice that eye feels hard when pressing against it with lid closed.

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Connecticut to Develop Statewide Virtual School

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Under a law passed unanimously in the General Assembly, Connecticut will study and then implement a statewide virtual school program under the control of the State Board of Education, possibly emulating the virtual school program in Massachusetts.

The move toward providing a state virtual school program comes following the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced schools to close and children and school districts to hastily move onto remote learning platforms with varying degrees of success.

However, development of a statewide virtual school will give students who either can't participate in in-person classes or choose to withdraw from in-person schooling for a variety of reasons an alternative to traditional public schools.

According to the budget implementer bill, Connecticut will first create the Connecticut Remote Learning Commission to analyze the impact of remote learning on students and "address the feasibility of creating a statewide remote learning school serving grades kindergarten to 12."

The subsequent section of the implementer requires the State Department of Education "to develop a plan to create and implement a statewide remote learning school for grades kindergarten to 12," based, in part, on the advisement of the commission.

The new statewide virtual school will be maintained and controlled by the State Board of Education, will provide 180 days and 900 hours of school sessions, provide a state-approved curriculum and grant a diploma for high school graduates.

The State Department of Education will use federal COVID-relief funds to develop the plan, which the Office of Fiscal Analysis estimated to be \$830,000 for salaries and benefits for "Education Consults" and for

equipment, information and technology.

Legislators and Gov. Ned Lamont have yet to pass a spending plan for the \$2.6 billion slush fund provided by the federal government and may meet in another special session to hold a vote.

Post-pandemic, the advantages of having a statewide online schooling system may seem obvious, particularly given the challenges faced when Connecticut shut down in-person learning and transitioned to full-time remote learning: thousands of kids lacked internet access or the necessary computers to engage in remote learning; thousands of kids in largely urban districts didn't log in or participate and parents and teachers expressed frustration at adapting to online schooling.

But despite the problems, many school districts and the state saw opportunities for the future, including allowing remote learning during snow days or the possibility of protecting children who may have immunodeficiency disorders or face other challenges in a traditional school setting.

On April 9, 2021, Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, hosted an online forum with a mother and daughter who have a rare genetic disorder that prevented the teenage daughter from returning to in-person learning, along with representatives from the Connections Academy by Pearson, an online learning platform available in Massachusetts and 28 other states.

Connecticut's statewide virtual school may also give parents a choice if they find their children are stuck in a poor-performing school and can't get their child admittance to either a charter school or magnet school, although it is unknown what, if any, restrictions will be placed on who can participate in the remote school program.

The bill establishing a statewide virtual school was passed on a bipartisan basis in the last week of session

by the General Assembly, part of a larger education bill that included social-emotional learning standards and the establishment of a Special Education Task Force.

In a press release, Sen. Anwar said the measure was necessary to protect medically compromised families and allow them access to an education.

"I am grateful that provisions for long-term virtual learning in Connecticut will remain in place for those in need with the development of this new plan," Anwar said. "We need to make sure every one of our students have the resources and ability to succeed in ways that keep them safe."

The state's powerful teacher unions have opposed the idea of continuing remote learning for Connecticut students, after calling for schools to remain closed throughout the pandemic.

The establishment of a state-wide virtual school was never subject to a public hearing, but rather included in an amendment passed in the House. Representatives of the Connecticut Education Association, however, testified against a bill that would have developed uniform remote teaching standards.

Teachers who submitted testimony were largely worried they would have to teach both in-person and online, but also labeled virtual schooling as a "poor substitute" for the classroom.

However, Connecticut's teachers' unions will have a say on the commission to study remote schooling, which will then make recommendations toward establishing the statewide remote school system.

The seventeen-member commission will include an appointee from the Connecticut Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers, along with representatives from the Association of School Superintendents and the Association of Boards of Education, among other appointees.



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By Attorney Sylvia K. Rutkowska

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1. Remain calm – This may be easier said than done, but it will help keep them calm.
2. Check for injuries – Unless it is necessary for their safety, try not to remove them from their car or booster seat until medical professional arrive.
3. Call the police – Even if you think it's just a fender-bender or there are no injuries.
4. Seek medical attention and follow-up with medical providers – Even if everything seems fine. Children need medical attention to check for things that might not be visible. The same goes for the parents.
5. Inspect your car – and car seat before leaving to make sure all safety features are functioning as they should. It is recommended that a car seat/booster be replaced after a collision – even if it was unoccupied at the time.
6. Monitor kids closely – Kids are resilient but keep an eye out for red flags that may be a sign of a concussion or an evolving injury (more on this next article).
7. Call an attorney.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Kudos to Haddam Killingworth Class of 2021

55 years ago today I graduated from High School. Since then, the COVID pandemic has been perhaps the most significant event of my lifetime (including Vietnam) in terms of its universal effects of death, destruction, and disruptions of normal life.

2021 is a very special year to graduate. Students at Haddam Killingworth High School are to be commended for the sacrifices they made to protect their families, friends, and community – even though they were among the least likely age group to get the disease. They adapted to 100% in home remote computer based learning last year then later, hybrid remote and in class learning, mandatory masking, social distancing, other inconveniences and restrictions including elimination of many of the normal high school life amenities such as dances, plays, clubs, sports.

We now know these sacrifices worked. The end of the pandemic in sight.

At 3pm today the Haddam Killingworth High School Class of 2021 graduates after successfully completing not just their normal high school requirements, BUT also, successfully completing a unique, once in a lifetime, year long lesson in social responsibility that they can all be proud of.

Robert Waz
Higganum

WORD PUZZLE

Summer Olympics

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Note: Similarly named events are hidden separately. For example, SWIMMING and SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING do not overlap.

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DEATHS

Wilma Riebold, 101, of Higganum, passed Monday June 14th, 2021 surrounded by family.

Virginia L. Marshall, 81, of Haddam, Connecticut, passed away on June 14, 2021 after a brief illness.

Noreen Saunders, of Killingworth, passed away June 4th 2021.

LEGAL NOTICE

HADDAM LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice is hereby given to the Taxpayers of the Town of Haddam. A Tax levy of 32.16 mills on the dollar was laid on the 2020 Grand List. The first installment will become due July 1, 2021. If payment is not received on or before August 2, 2021 they are subject to an interest rate of 18% per annum or 1.5% per month or any fraction of a month from the due date. A minimum interest charge of \$2.00 will apply to all delinquent taxes. The tax becomes delinquent and interest will be charged as of August 2, 2021. Please visit our website Haddam.org for more details. Payments will be received at the Tax Office located in the Town Office Building located at 30 Field Park Drive Haddam, CT 06438. The Haddam Tax Office hours are: Monday through Tuesday 8:30AM to 4PM; Wednesday by appointment only; Thursday 8:30AM to 6:00PM; Friday 8:30AM to Noon. Contact Kristin at 860-345-8531 X 207 or taxcollect@haddam.org with questions.

Kristin Battistoni C.C.M.C
Haddam Tax Collector

TOWN OF HADDAM DECISION OF THE WETLANDS COMMISSION

On June 21, 2021 the Town of Haddam Wetland Commission approved for permit:

A Silvicultural Harvest involving the removal of dead & dying oak trees, the result of recent gypsy moth defoliations as shown on narrative and description submitted June 11, 2021 for work to be done on 29 Spencer Road as shown on Assessor's Map #16, Assessors Lot #39 & Lot # 45-1

1. Standard Permit Conditions.
2. Special Conditions. Yes (X) No ()
3. All abutting properties within 500 feet of this activity to be notified in writing.

Said application is on file and may be seen in the Land Use Office of the Town Office Building.
James Puska
Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer
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Haddam P&Z Holds Discussion to Consider the Sale of Recreational Marijuana

By Austin Mirmina.

(June 17, 2021) Haddam's Planning and Zoning Committee voted unanimously on Thursday to remove the recreational sale of marijuana from its list of prohibited uses, agreeing to allow dispensaries to open by special permit only.

"I think that marijuana, at least for me, is the exception [on the list]," member Gina Block said.

The committee spent a majority of the meeting exhausting its list and discussing whether certain items needed to be updated or removed entirely. Members also voted to remove tattoo parlors and allow them to open by special permit only, in addition to allowing the outdoor use of wood-burning furnaces in accordance with state guidelines. The changes will need to be approved and voted on a second time at the committee's next meeting before taking effect.

The decision comes just two days after the Connecticut General Assembly approved a new bill that would legalize marijuana. Governor Ned Lamont, who initially threatened to veto the bill because of problematic language related to a social equity provision, will need to sign it before it becomes law.

The state legislature has left it up to municipalities to decide whether marijuana dispensaries should be allowed to open, also giving them the power to restrict hours of operation, signage, and location. According to the bill, towns with 25,000 residents or less can only have one dispensary; Haddam's population is 8,227.

The back-and-forth debate lasted nearly an hour, with members talking through moral dilemmas and reconciling opinions. Block, who joined the Planning and Zoning Committee in 2017, spoke about the distinction that "there might be some that we are O.K. with but maybe that's not something that belongs in the village district."

Haddam Representative, Christine Palm, who voted to approve the bill during a House session on Wednesday, said she would support either decision by the committee.

"I think a lot of towns are going to be struggling with this, especially small towns like ours," Palm said.

Member Dan Luisi spoke about Higganum center's need for more "go-to businesses" to help jolt economic activity, which he said has steadily declined over the years. But Luisi stopped short of advocating for the potential economic benefits of marijuana

dispensaries. Under the new bill, towns would receive a three percent sales tax from marijuana sales.

In removing the sale of marijuana from the prohibited list, the committee showed its willingness to change with the times and adapt to a society that has become more accepting of recreational marijuana use.

"If the criteria has changed, then we should take a look," member Wayne LePard said. "Maybe we should change."

Clarification From Haddam Town Planner, Bill Warner: "the commission can not change their regulations until they conduct a noticed public hearing and listen to the public's input. This was a general discussion that had no impact on the current regulations."

OUR REGION

Senator Needleman: Town Update and Local Activities

By Norm Needleman, State Senator.

Friends,
I hope you and your loved ones are enjoying the wonderful weather we are having this week. I want to share a few brief updates from towns across our region including: Chester and Deep River are working to reduce the risk of exposure to life-threatening mosquito-borne illnesses, Westbrook is seeking input on housing needs in town to plan possible future strategies, and repair work that will impact traffic in Lyme.

Also, I have some good news about the online renewal of licenses on the DMV website. Since the Department of Motor Vehicles implemented online license renewals on the department's website earlier this year, the agency has seen 25,000 more online renewals than in-person renewals from January to May. This shows that the decision to add online license renewals is becoming popular among Connecticut residents.

Additional online DMV services including the ability to change addresses have grown in popularity, with nearly three times as many online changes compared to in-person ones. Moving services online is intended to streamline important programs used by countless Connecticut residents, leading to increased efficiency of services.

Deep River Ancient Muster Returns July 16-17

The Deep River Ancient Muster, the largest fife and drum muster in the United States, will return to Deep River this July after last year's muster was canceled. Held on July 16 and 17, the event will open with a Friday evening highlight performance of some fife and drum corps from 7 to 9 p.m., followed by the main muster Saturday at 11 a.m. with a parade of 45 drum corps marching down Main Street, with corps performing in the afternoon and evening.

Chester Sunday Market Returns

The Chester Sunday Market

returns to Main Street Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 10. Vendors offering meats, fish, bread, vegetables and cheese will return; organizers ask that attendees respect distancing from individuals who may not be vaccinated or are potentially immunocompromised. Reusable bags, aluminum cups and water coolers will be available for purchase and use. Parking is not allowed on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to accommodate the market.

Mosquito Abatement Efforts Underway in Chester, Deep River

The Connecticut River Area Health District is contracting with a mosquito control firm to help reduce the public's risk of exposure to life-threatening mosquito-borne illnesses. The Health District is working with Innovative Mosquito Management, Inc., which will apply larvicide treatments to catch basins in Chester, Deep River and additional towns. Catch basins are

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Senator Needleman: Town Update and Local Activities

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an ideal breeding habitat for mosquitos including ones transmitting illnesses like West Nile virus to humans. The larvicide, not harmful to the environment, people or non-targeted animals, will prevent some mosquitos from maturing into adulthood, reducing spread of the insects.

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Chatfield Hollow Farm & Inn

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An expansive asparagus patch, a field of roses, beehives for pollination, an orchard of various fruit trees, ponds for swans and koi, and a successful mushroom operation now cover the farm. This all took a lot of effort since the land was heavily forested and covered with large boulders and hard pack from glacial till.

A description of their processes evolved for growing shitake, lion's mane and trumpet mushrooms is fascinating. It took innovation, trial and error, creativity and chasing down many tips to arrive at their current procedures. Is it really necessary to grow mushrooms in the dark? How do you create the best conditions for the best mushrooms? Extensive research was done with several experts before deciding to use traditional forest mushroom cultivation.

In keeping with their interest in protecting the environment, and using best practices and environmental education, Chatfield Hollow Farm has reached out to the community by sponsoring an Earth Day event on site, for example, and providing education programs and field trips for the nearby District 17 elementary school.

Perhaps the highlight of the farm is called the Chatfield Hollow Inn which provides fantastic settings for events there and on the grounds. By visiting their website you can take a virtual tour of the beautifully landscaped grounds and buildings. As you wander this magnificent retreat, you will be dazzled!

For more information, call (646) 288-2986.

Photos by Anthony Giamei.

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The Sweet Baker of Killingworth, CT

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"cookies!!!!" So, I clicked on "Cookies." There were Panda bears, Polar bears, Dinosaurs, Farm Animals, Fish, Owls, and more.

Each cookie on the menu was carefully decorated to perfection, making it clear that a lot of time, attention and love goes into each one. It was becoming clear why so many fans of the Sweet Baker

were sharing her business information.

Looking for cakes? I counted seventy-two pictures of beautiful cakes on the Sweet Baker's website. Lovely birthday cakes decorated



to perfection filled my computer screen. One cake was topped with all sorts of chocolate candy bars and confections, the writing "Happy Birthday Allan," which made me envious of Allan.

My next step was to get a better understanding of who the "Sweet baker" was, so I reached out to see if they would answer some questions for our readers.

I was surprised to learn that The Sweet Baker, LLC., is a small family run business started by Danielle Henderson, a lifelong resident of Killingworth, CT.

She confided that her love of baking began when she was a little girl, and it continues to be her passion.

While at Haddam-Killingworth High School



Danielle's favorite classes were in culinary arts. Joanna Siciliano, her instructor and mentor, had a big influence on her life.

HKHS only offers three courses in culinary arts, but Danielle wanted to keep learning so she signed up to do an independent study for another semester.

In addition to the classes Danielle took at HKHS, Ms. Siciliano gave Danielle an opportunity to work with her in a side catering business.

In her junior year she entered a Gingerbread House competition and won 2nd place. In her senior year she won 1st place!

While in high school Danielle began to study baking and pastry at the CT Culinary School. One of her instructors, an author of *Death by Chocolate*, encouraged her to enter competitions. She followed the advice and won a Silver Medal for a Christmas cake she created and went on to win a James Nargi "Most Novel Student Piece Trophy," in 2005.

Decorating cakes is one of her favorite things to do. She loves working with Chocolate Ganache, and Italian Meringue Buttercream frostings for her cakes. She explained that the Italian version of buttercream frosting is lighter and less sweet than other buttercream frostings.

Her most popular item last year were her decorated sugar cookies. Her largest order being fourteen and a half dozen! All cookies were individually wrapped which made them a perfect choice for parties and other events.

She has filled many custom orders with the help of her husband who creates cookie forms using a 3-D printer. Danielle explained that if customers would like uniquely designed cookies for an occasion, she can design a form and her husband will create it for her. A recent order of heart shaped cookies with a graduation cap on one corner was created for a Nursing Graduation celebration. It seems the possibilities are endless!

In addition to running her business, Danielle is a mother of two, and a Girl Scout leader. So, working from home is the perfect place for her to create her wonders.

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Q & A with the Director of Haddam's Brainerd Memorial Library

By Kent Jarrell.

Tom Piezzo has been the Director of the Brainerd Memorial Library for five years after serving at libraries in Madison and Guilford. He is also finishing his term as President of the Connecticut Library Association after helping its members through the COVID-19 epidemic.



Tom Piezzo.

Question: Why did you choose a career as a librarian, were you a reader when you were young? Was your local library a hideout for you?

Answer: I was a reader for as long as I can remember, thanks to my dad's set of the Harvard Classics, an old Encyclopedia Britannica, and my local library being a short 12 block walk from home. I had my favorite reading nooks and enjoyed the mystery of seeing all the volumes on topics I knew nothing about laid out in front of me. I was a high school English teacher but then discovered librarianship as a meaningful way to work in a non-profit profession, allied to learning and serving all ages, abilities, and identities. It was exciting to become part of "the people's university," an institution where both curious autodidacts and frantic school children with last-minute assignments come to explore or to be guided to their own discoveries.

Question: Why did you choose Haddam's library?

Answer: Brainerd Memorial Library possessed an ideal combination of architectural interest, a community small enough to know, but large enough to support ambitious undertakings, not far from a city, but near the bucolic farm and river scenes, led by a progressive and enterprising board of trustees and run by a dedicated staff. A director couldn't ask for much more than that.

Question: Brainerd is a non-profit corporation, but you also receive funding from the Town of Haddam. How does that work?

Answer: Like a third of libraries in the state, we are an association library, as opposed to being

a department of the town. We are fortunate that every year the Town of Haddam generously appropriates approximately 80% of our operational costs, and also, recently approved a capital improvement request for the future phase two of our renovation. The rest is the Brainerd Library's responsibility. Most of that funding comes from dividends for our de-risked portfolio in the Library's Trust. We also count on the efforts

of The Friends of the Library, and fundraisers like the successful "Bid for Brainerd" auction this spring. Rounding out our income are grants from various sources such as the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, H-K Youth and Family Services, and the State of Connecticut. We are always grateful for donations of any size.

Question: This has been a tough year a half. How has the library continued to operate under COVID restrictions and a long-planned construction project?

Answer: After 27 years of trying my best to get people to visit libraries, it was disorienting to have to keep patrons out of our building. Covid related supply chain issues have now eased up and we are getting our full orders of books, DVDs, and other materials. Our programming, meetings, and book discussions have taken place on Zoom and Google Meet, or exist as pre-recorded videos. We connect with patrons on the phone, via email, or even at the door for consultation and other assistance. Thousands of items went out in touchless pickup bags --at times we felt like a take-out restaurant!

The staff should be commended for their willingness to play a crucial part in devising and implementing the new way of operation, and for working through their own health concerns to provide for the community. They came up with new ways of programming and outreach, added a personal touch to the take-away materials, and

even initiated a series of "care cards" to users at the holidays and Valentine's Day, just to let those who might need a boost know that the library is thinking of them. They volunteered to drop off items at patrons' homes when necessary and supported us in our ongoing fundraising to ensure we remain fiscally viable. The working conditions during this protracted renovation were not always optimal, with interruptions to water, internet, power, and building access, as well as the inevitable noise and dust that attends a construction site, but staff members were good sports about it all.

Question: What does the summer ahead look like for the Brainerd Library and when will you fully re-open?

Answer: This summer, we are looking forward to a return to in-person programming, largely to be held at Field Park, thanks to the kind cooperation of the Field Park Association. We will be at the Higganum Farmers Market on selected dates, promoting our summer reading program, and we are actively booking more Zoom programming for adults. The summer reading program will be for all ages, and offer prizes as well.

As we move away from the worst of the COVID 19 pandemic and our first phase of renovation heads to completion, I hope we can open our doors to patrons sometime in July, with continued touchless pick-up and some basic safety protocols. The goal for being fully operational is the start of the coming school year. Unfortunately, completion of the renovations is almost 100% out of our hands. What remains are some interior details, paving the new parking lot, masonry for the plaza, and a new driveway to the home behind the library we sold to help cover the construction costs. The contractors are fully aware of the urgency. Given the unpredictability we've experienced in the past year, I am being cautious in proclaiming a date set in stone, but we are all anxious to be open once again as a community hub to one and all.

Photo by Donna Brinckerhoff.

KILLINGWORTH TOWN NEWS

Running Brook Farm Adds Solar to Power their Business

By Justin May.

Using a Rural Energy for America Program grant and C-PACE financing through the Connecticut Green Bank, the Killingworth business will save on their electricity costs

Hartford, CT (June 21, 2021) – The Connecticut Green Bank and Running Brook Farms in Killingworth are proud to announce the closing of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing for the installation of a rooftop solar photovoltaic system at the property at 219 Route 80. The garden center and landscaping business has been in Killingworth for more than 50 years. In addition to a nursery and greenhouses, Running Brook Farms offers a complete range of landscaping services from design to construction. In 2019, Running Brook Farms became one of the first farms in Connecticut to grow hemp for the production of medicinal CBD oil.

"We have chosen to invest in solar technology simply because it is the right thing to do both for our business and the environment. We feel that is our responsibility to adopt more sustainable agricultural practices. In particular given the intense energy demands associated with indoor cannabis production, solar technology should be part of every growers' sustainability plan!" said Scott Papoosha, owner of Running Brook Farms.

The 47.52 kW solar system will be installed by Waldo Renewable Electric of Old Lyme, a solar contractor using the C-PACE program for the first

time. The system is projected to produce energy savings equal to carbon sequestered by 450 tree seedlings grown for 10 years and gross total cost savings of more than \$570,000 over the 25-year effective useful life of the panels.

Running Brook Farms was able to secure a Rural



Running Brook Farm.

Energy for America Program (REAP) grant that covered 25% of the total project cost, with C-PACE financing covering the remainder. The Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development's CT Farm Energy Program (CFEP) helped Running Brook Farms with one-on-one assistance in applying for the REAP grant. Since 2010 CFEP has assisted with the implementation of over \$24 million dollars in energy projects in the state which equates to just under \$5 million in REAP grants secured.

"Making farms resilient is more important than

ever. Farms are not only stewards of the land but also providers of our food," said Amanda Fargo-Johnson, CT Farm Energy Program (CFEP) Director.

"Assistance from CFEP can help a farm create a sustainable plan for their energy needs, whether through energy efficiency upgrades or generating their own renewable energy. For some farms it's one project for other farms it may mean multiple projects in phases to help them attain energy resilience."

This project is also credited as the one that recently propelled Connecticut's C-PACE program Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program over the \$200 million in clean energy investment milestone.

"I'm excited that Running Brook Farms is able to move forward with this solar project, and that they helped the program reach this milestone. Connecticut's C-PACE program is the most successful in per capita deployment when compared to other state programs," said Mackey Dykes, Vice President of Financing Programs at the Green Bank. "It takes a strong network of contractors, lenders, and building owners working together towards the goal of reducing building level emissions to make this happen."

For more information on Running Brook Farms please visit <https://runningbrookfarms.com/>, or for information on their CBD products, visit <https://runningbrookhempco.com/>. Information on C-PACE can be found at www.cpace.com.