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Higganum Outfitters now open for business

By Kathy Brown

There's a new store in town: Higganum Outfitters. Higganum Outfitters, located at 310 Saybrook Road, will carry outdoor supplies, and housed within that, will be Lionheart Militaria which will sell firearms.

Peter Leonardo, a Haddam resident, will open the doors for business on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021. The store will be open Thursday and Friday nights, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Pete moved to Haddam seven years ago. "When I moved to Haddam, Higganum Center was a ghost town," said Pete. "I remember seeing an old decrepit brick building with vines growing on it. I instantly fell in love! Every time I drove through after that, I thought, 'What can I bring to this town? What business would thrive here?'"

He has owned and sold multiple businesses, including a military surplus and gun store located in Guilford. "I had the opportunity to open another store in a very high volume area, but chose Higganum. That's what this town needs, I thought,"

explained Pete. "Higganum is a perfect market for a gun/outdoors store, a store that offers everything from fishing to firearms: a One Stop Shop."

Pete grew up in Wallingford, though he spent a lot of time at his uncle's flower shop in West Haven. "I learned many things along the way, but the two most important things were to treat your customers like family by offering fair and reasonable prices, and always give back to the community that supports you," said Pete. He will be carrying chairs from GCI Outdoors, another Higganum business.

Pete is just setting up the store now, but he does seem to have some of everything: fishing poles for saltwater, freshwater, and ice fishing; tactical boots; Army surplus items like MREs, fatigues, and blankets; safety equipment like hearing



Photo by Kathy Brown

and eye protection; holsters; pepper spray; gun care supplies; and first aid supplies like Quick Clot, tourniquets, and bandages. They will carry handguns, as well as long guns, both new, used, and antiques, along with ammunition. And they will carry knives, both new, used, and antique. He carries fire proof boxes. In the spring, he hopes to carry more outdoor equipment like kayaks and

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HKHS Boys & Girls Cross Country State Championships

By Matt Diglio, Coach

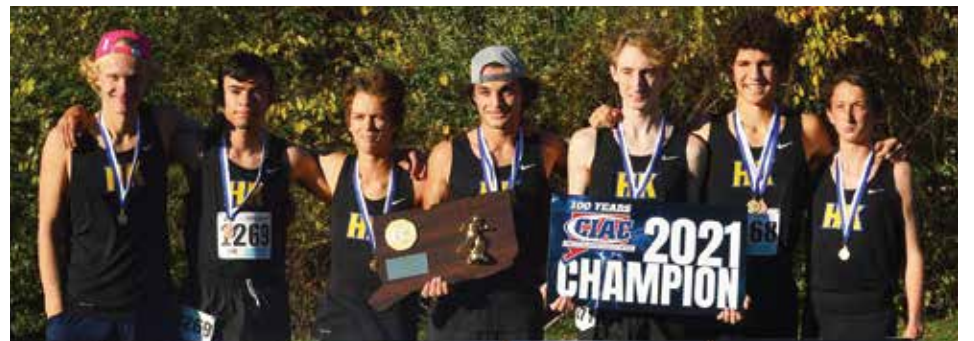
On Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, the Haddam Killingworth High School boys and girls cross country teams traveled to Wickham Park in Manchester to compete in the Class SS State Championship meet.

Coming off their victory at the Shoreline Championship the previous week, the boys entered the meet as the favorite but knowing they would

face some tough competition running against Griswold and East Hampton. On a very muddy and challenging course, the boys had an outstanding day and came away with the team victory as they scored 52 points to easy outdistance runner up East Hampton who finished with 87 points. This is the 11th overall state title overall for the boys cross country team and their 5th in the past 7 seasons. Leading the way for the Cougars was senior tri-

captain Caleb Freeman who won the individual title to be state champion and earn All-State honors for the 2nd consecutive season. Freeman crossed the line in a time of 17:03 to come away with the 17 second win over the second place finisher. Following him across the line was junior Alex Lara who finished 9th overall in time of 18:06 and senior Andrew Hedges

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2021 Annual HKYFS Pumpkin Run Results and photos

By Kathy Brown

(Oct. 31, 2021) — After an otherwise rainy weekend, the day of the Pumpkin Run, Haddam Killingworth Youth & Family Services' annual major fundraiser, broke sunny and cool.

Runners and spectators started arriving at the Haddam Killingworth High School track, some in costume, to grab their bibs, and warm up for the 9:00 a.m. race. Approximately 300 participants signed up for the race. 210 people age 6 to 76 ran or walked the 5k course. Full results: www.jbsports.com/hk-pumpkin-run.

Grace Mitchell, left, overall female winner, crossing the finish line with Jonathan Norton.

The first runner to cross the finish line was Chris Mayer, age 43, and the first woman to cross the finish line was Grace Mitchell, age 13.

This year there were four colors of race shirts available, which made for a more colorful race than usual.

JB Sports managed this year's race. Volunteers made individual grab-and-go bags for each runner, which included water and snacks. Volunteers were also scattered along the course to direct runners.

Participants showed up in costumes such as Wonder Woman, a pink bunny, the Pope, a devil and angel duo, Star Trek, skeletons, Waldo, a



Beginning of one-lap Kids Fun Run.



Chris Mayer, overall winner.



Participants showed up in costumes. Photos by Kathy Brown.

couple of pumpkins, some minions, a few unicorns, and many others. Some even decorated strollers.

The "Run 169 Towns Society" made a good showing at this year's Pumpkin Run. Members of the club aspire to run in every town in Connecticut. If you would like more information about this club, go to www.debticonn.org/home.html

After the 5k, there were two kids' Fun Runs. There was a one-lap version (1/4 mile), and a two-lap

version (1/2 mile). Twenty-five children participated in the one-lap Fun Run, and 24 children participated in the two-lap Fun Run. Each of the participants in those received a medal.

5k Results

Top three male finishers:

1. Chris Mayer, age 43, 18:53
2. Michael Slinsky, age 52, 19:36
3. Brian Dreyfus, age 44, 19:56

Top three female finishers:

1. Grace Mitchell*, age 13, 20:26
2. Megan Farrell, age 27, 20:42
3. Charlotte Behnke*, age 12, 21:32

Top three males, age 1-12

1. Fischer Norton* 22:47
2. Mason Coppola* 28:13
3. Quinn Spector* 29:11

Top three females, age 1-12

1. Charlotte Behnke* 21:32
2. Alyssa Behnke* 25:09
3. Annie Webster* 26:54

Top three males, age 13-19

1. Gabriel Victoria 20:05
2. Tyler Traczyk* 23:57
3. Adam Livingston* 25:17

Top three females, age 13-19

1. Grace Mitchell* 20:26
2. Delaney Aronson* 22:33
3. Emily Hickey 25:43

Top three males, age 20-29

1. Louis Folly 21:45
2. Skye Shogren 27:10
3. Sean Brennan 28:49

Top three females, age 20-29

1. Francesca Andronovo 26:39
2. Shaina Rowley 27:24
3. Jillian Stacey 29:00

Top three males, age 30-39

1. Brock Currie 20:19
2. Joshua Pawlike 25:04
3. Mike Luk* 25:57

Top three females, age 30-39

1. Laura Christoph 21:38
2. Jacqueline Crawley 24:29
3. Helen Luk* 25:26

Top three males, age 40-49

1. Chris Mayer 18:53
2. Brian Dreyfus 19:56
3. Jonathan Norton* 20:27

Top three females, age 40-49

1. Allison Behnke* 22:08
2. Erin Chester* 24:09
3. Karen Therrien* 26:24

Top three males, age 50-59

1. Michael Slinsky 19:36

2. John Minervino* 20:13
 3. Robert Backhaus 20:33
- Top three females, age 50-59
1. Marcy Withington 22:08
 2. Jennifer Glass 27:28
 3. Melissa Bushey 28:01
- Top three males, age 60-69
1. Derek McGlynn 21:54
 2. John Barrows 27:16
 3. Willy Jesek 29:16
- Top three females, age 60-69
1. Gail Reynolds* 33:48
 2. Marleen Grandia 34:44
 3. Judi Silliere 39:34
- Top three males, age 70-79
1. Rick Taff 27:39
 2. Guy Pulino 34:38
 3. Frederick Bond* 44:19
- Top female, age 70-79
1. Terry Buganski 35:51
- Kids Fun Run - 1 Lap
1. Joan Crawley 1:59
 2. Sebastian Luk* 2:07
 3. Maggie Ruggieri 2:12
- Kids Fun Run - 2 Laps
1. Mark Drega* 3:21
 2. Benjamin Bayley* 3:42
 3. Annemarie Ferrante Gouzie 3:46
- *denotes Haddam/Killingworth residents

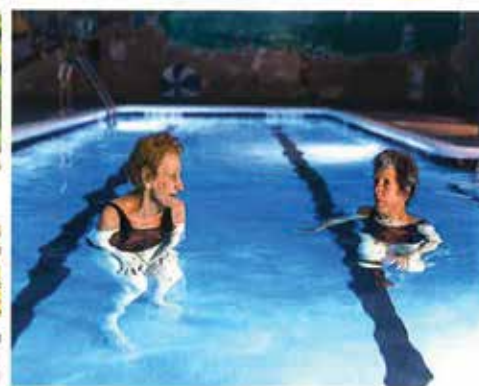
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Official 2021 Election Results for Haddam

By Haddam Registrars

Editor's Note: Per the Registrar, final results.

These are official results from November 2, 2021 subject to a recanvass in P&Z:

Office	Party	Candidate	D001	D002	D003	ABS	EDR	Total	Candidate	percent
First Selectman	D	Sean Donlan	523	421	26	73	2	1045	Sean Donlan	38.6%
	R	Robert McGarry	758	690	115	87	9	1659	Robert McGarry	61.4%
Selectmen	D	Sean Moriarty	584	486	54	104	2	1230	Sean Moriarty	41.8%
	R	Kate Anderson	790	727	103	86	10	1716	Kate Anderson	58.2%
Town Clerk	D	Dawn Tarbetsky	635	482	61	107	2	1287	Dawn Tarbetsky	48.0%
	R	Bob Siegrist	639	620	79	49	10	1397	Bob Siegrist	52.0%
Board of Finance	D	Matt McEwen	541	427	55	91	2	1116	Matt McEwen	21.6%
	D	Steve Bayley	567	435	52	87	2	1143	Steve Bayley	22.1%
	R	Joseph Centofanti	680	637	82	61	10	1470	Joseph Centofanti	28.4%
	R	Gigi A. Simko	660	624	82	63	10	1439	Gigi Simko	27.8%
BOF 2 yr vac	D	Marge DeBold	789	619	74	128	6	1616	Marge DeBold	100.0%
BOF Alt. Full Term	D	Sandy Olsen	551	406	60	82	2	1101	Sandy Olsen	41.9%
	R	Mark P. Lundgren	699	666	78	73	10	1526	Mark P. Lundgren	58.1%
BOF Alt.2 yr vac	D	Jenny Law	578	430	51	89	2	1150	Jenny Law	44.7%
	R	Richard B. Wells, Jr.	643	627	82	63	10	1425	Richard B. Wells, Jr.	55.3%
BD/Assessment	D	JoAnn Woickelman	677	526	59	119	3	1384	JoAnn Woickelman	34.2%
	D	Judy Goldfarb	581	439	56	96	3	1175	Judy Goldfarb	29.0%
	R	Craig Salonia	687	645	86	61	10	1489	Craig Salonia	36.8%
Plan & Zoning	D	Mike Karam	546	412	49	98	3	1108	Mike Karam	13.8%
	D	Mike Farina	632	466	53	104	3	1258	Mike Farina	15.7%
	D	David Carini	619	459	62	102	5	1247	David Carini	15.5%
	D	Gina Block	652	495	63	101	5	1316	Gina Block	16.4%
	R	Wayne S. LePard	732	694	91	74	10	1601	Wayne S. LePard	19.9%
Plan/Zoning Alt full	R	Edward A. Wallor	679	656	87	67	10	1499	Edward A. Wallor	18.7%
	D	Dylan Kessler	617	449	53	103	4	1226	Dylan Kessler	31.1%
	D	Tim Teran	639	462	55	109	4	1269	Tim Teran	32.2%
Zoning B/Appeals	R	Larry Maggi	659	643	83	60	7	1452	Larry Maggi	36.8%
	D	Betsy Clifford	560	409	54	91	4	1118	Betsy Clifford	28.1%
	D	Kate Wessling	627	479	59	113	4	1282	Kate Wessling	32.2%
Zoning B/Appeals Alt	R	Robin C. Munster	735	689	79	71	7	1581	Robin C. Munster	39.7%
	D	Susan Costa	628	470	62	104	2	1266	Susan Costa	32.4%
	D	Neal Sakash	538	406	49	90	5	1088	Neal Sakash	27.9%
Zoning B/Appeals Alt 2 yrs.	R	Jessica C. Labbe	716	677	81	66	8	1548	Jessica C. Labbe	39.7%
	D	Jane Baird	585	443	55	98	3	1184	Jane Baird	46.8%
	R	Margo Chase-Wells	619	595	74	53	7	1348	Margo Chase-Wells	53.2%
Board of Ed	D	Hamish MacPhail	516	407	56	85	3	1067	Hamish MacPhail	17.2%
	D	Brenda Buzzi	574	426	52	92	2	1146	Brenda Buzzi	18.5%
	D	Steve Bayley	485	397	49	70	3	1004	Steve Bayley	16.2%
	R	Corey Roberts	636	608	74	48	7	1373	Corey Roberts	22.1%
	PC	Prem K. Aithal	358	256	18	55	2	689	Prem K. Aithal	11.1%
	PC	Joanne Nesti	284	244	27	60	3	618	Joanne Nesti	10.0%
	PC	Jordana Fournier	145	134	13	13	0	305	Jordana Fournier	4.9%

	D1	D2	D3	Including 12 EDR's
Total in person and absentee voters	1401	1172	146	2731
Total eligible at close	3103	2806	276	6197
	45.1%	41.8%	52.9%	44.1%

Town-Wide

Party Endorsed by (the candidate is not necessarily registered in that party): D=Democrat, R=Republican, PC=Petitioning Candidate

EDUCATION

BOE Needs input from community for Strategic Planning Process

From RSD #17 BOE & Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey.

As part of our strategic planning process, the Board of Education & Regional School District #17 are conducting a survey from November 2-24, 2021. The survey, which is open to employees, parents, students, recent alumni and community members without students in the District, offers an opportunity to share your perceptions of the schools and your vision for the future.

Involvement of the entire community is critical to build a strong, multi-year District Strategic Plan.

In addition to this survey, all of the data collected through interviews and focus groups, will be analyzed along with the District's performance data, Vision of the Graduate, and guiding principles. The final result will be a Strategic Plan with a clear mission, vision, and goals along with measurable milestones that build upon the common values held by the RSD 17

community. Completion of the Strategic Plan is set for late this Spring and will be shared with the public

The survey can be found here: <https://survey2.ecragroup.com/index.php/582666?lang=en>

You will be taken to a third-party website and all responses will remain anonymous.

Official 2021 Election Results for Killingworth

By Killingworth Registrar

These numbers are from the Head Moderator's Return from November 2, 2021 submitted by Killingworth Registrar:

<u>First Selectman</u>	
Nancy Gorski (R)	1248
John Samperi (KCP)	260
<u>Selectman (2 slots)</u>	
Louis Annino, Jr. (D)	1158
Jamie Mowat Young (D)	1058
Eileen Blewett (R)	900
Graig Judge (R)	741
John Psenicnik (KCP)	181
<u>Town Clerk</u>	
Dawn Rees Mooney (D/R)	2034
<u>Town Treasurer</u>	
Donna Dupuis (D/R)	2006
<u>Board of Finance (3 slots)</u>	
Tara Amatrudo (D)	1049

Annie K Stirna (D)	1044
Sara O'Brien (R)	986
Douglas Lefko (R)	838
Todd Blewett (R)	936
Dave Miller (KCP)	217
Harvey Derosa (KCP)	145
Ray Szumilas (KCP)	159
<u>Board of Assessment Appeals</u>	
Matthew Stillman (D)	1091
Francesco Lulaj (R)	977
<u>Planning & Zoning (3 slots)</u>	
Geoffrey Cook (D)	1141
William Tobelman (D)	1064
Brice McLaughlin (R)	1005
Guy Vecchitto (R)	961
David Gross (R)	985
<u>Planning & Zoning Alternate</u>	
Stephanie Warren (D)	1108
Malorie Neves (R)	902

<u>Zoning Board of Appeals (2 slots)</u>	
Brian Patrick Young (D)	1270
Graig Judge (R)	1153
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate</u>	
Benjamin Charney (D)	1034
John Mancini (R)	961
<u>Fire Commissioner</u>	
Jennifer Liptak (D)	1030
Don Offers (R)	997
<u>Board of Education (2 slots)</u>	
Lisa Beth Connelly (D)	1078
Kathleen Sandi (D)	1046
Eileen Blewett (R)	950
Heather Scholfield (R)	936

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KILLINGWORTH AMBULANCE

HKHS video: History of the KAA, as told by those who were there

By Clark Judge

When the Killingworth Ambulance Association celebrated its 50th anniversary Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 at Deer Lake, it concluded the event with a 15-minute video chronicling the group's history. Afterward, the committee that produced it was congratulated, the room was cleared and everyone went home.

But wait. We're not finished. The credits haven't rolled. We must thank those most responsible.

Without the help of Haddam-Killingworth High School, the video might not – no, would not – have been possible. Which is why the Killingworth Ambulance Association applauds and salutes one HKHS group in particular for its work in assembling a piece of Killingworth history and bringing it to Sunday's celebration.

Would the members of Kasha Topa-Finberg's Event Broadcasting class please step forward? Because without them, there would be no documentary.

As it turns out, they were ideal partners. Like the concerned citizens who organized the KAA 50 years ago, they volunteered their services. And, like the individuals portrayed in the video, they were professional, accountable

and successful.

Senior Shelby Welsch and junior Logan DiCicco were the most responsible, each instructed to collaborate with the Ambulance Association on the project. Welsch would film it. DiCicco would edit it. And Ms. Topa-Finberg would oversee it.

"Working on the KAA project was an amazing opportunity for Shelby and Logan," said Topa-Finberg. "Not only were they able to exercise their communications and technical skills, but they were involved in working with the community. They worked extremely hard on a turnaround project and created a finished, real-world product that made us proud."

Result? See for yourself. By clicking on the following attachment, you can watch what they produced and understand why their assistance was so invaluable and why the KAA is indebted to them: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfOKm575ST8>



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Jeffrey Wihbey begins as RSD #17 Superintendent of Schools

By Kathy Brown

Though the Regional School District #17 Board of Education signed a 3-year contract with Jeffrey Wihbey in August, Mr. Wihbey didn't start work here until October 12, 2021.

Mr. Wihbey most recently served as the Superintendent of Schools for Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), "leading and advocating for more than 11,000 students throughout the state," said the press release.

Mr. Wihbey began his career as a high school social studies teacher, and served as a department head before becoming a school administrator.

While working at CTECS, he loved the mission and the fantastic school system. "We worked hard at making sure kids were both college ready as well as career ready," said Mr. Wihbey. "I was proud of everything we achieved there as a team."

However, he did miss the traditional pre-K through Grade 12 education. "I was looking for a professional home for many years to come, not just a job," explained Mr. Wihbey. "RSD 17 is a great school district and when the opportunity was presented to me, my wife, and my kids, we were very excited for me to come here. The work or challenge of growing a great school district to an outstanding one was an attractive challenge."

Many people are appreciative of the fact that HKHS still has technical or "shop" classes including small engines, auto shop, wood shop. We also have a robust Engineering program called "Project Lead the Way," where students can earn college credits while taking engineering classes at HK. When asked his thoughts, Mr. Wihbey responded, "Tens of thousands of technical jobs are coming home from overseas. Many are coming to Connecticut, particularly with defense contracting, but really in many industries. Career Technical Education (CTE) is really going to be growing everywhere in the coming years."



Superintendent Wihbey and Principal Whidden watch the morning arrival of students at BES. Photos by Pamela Hensel.

Coming into a new district can be a challenge, especially a high performing one like ours. What is the strategy of a new administrator? "My first goal is to learn and understand the Haddam/Killingworth communities' aspirations for RSD 17," said Mr. Wihbey. "Once those aspirations are understood and transparently communicated back to all stakeholders, I want to deliver a strategic operating plan to the community. An SOP will keep us focused on what is important, and efficiently and effectively direct resources to support our community goals."

"All of us can get better every day at anything we are working on," said Mr. Wihbey. "I believe in the 'growth mindset' that espouses that no one has a ceiling. It is important for our kids and staff to work hard, have deep intellectual curiosity, and be given the proper amount of support which will always lead to growth and improvement. I have very high

expectations for our students, our staff, our schools, and myself."

Mr. Wihbey has been touring the schools and getting to know the district. On October 12, he visited HKMS, Oct. 14 he spent time at HKIS, Oct. 21, he attended the arrival of buses at BES, Oct. 25 he was at KES. And today, he will be at HKHS.

So far, Mr. Wihbey likes what he sees. "In my short time here, I have noticed very polite, well behaved, and welcoming students," he said. "I have also found a very dedicated educational workforce who take pride in rolling up their sleeves to make great opportunities for kids."

"I have found a very thoughtful and caring community that has deep pride in their traditions and schools," said Mr. Wihbey. "I couldn't be more excited to be here with you!"



Jeff Wihbey.

ENTERTAINMENT

4TH Annual Killingworth Fall Farm Tour

By Neal Pacas

KILLINGWORTH, CT....On Saturday November 13th, five Killingworth farms will open their doors to the public free of charge for a 4th annual Killingworth fall farm tour. From 11 am to 4 pm, visitors are welcome to tour the farms, enjoy special farm tour demonstrations and/or treats, and browse farm stores filled with locally produced gifts for everyone! Participating farms are Bitta Blue Farm 228 River Rd. (goat milk soap, lotions, and bath accessories; jams, jellies, dried fruits, late season vegetables...closes at 3 pm), Down the Lane Farm 18 Reservoir Rd. (honey, soaps, tea, beeswax candles,

handcrafted gifts and collectables), Lavender Pond Farm 318 Roast Meat Hill Rd. (lavender, bath/body/home lavender products, lavender themed gifts), Leightsinger Farm 293 Route 81 (non-GMO vegetables, beef, pork, chicken & eggs) and New England Alpacas 14 Bethke Rd (alpacas, alpaca fleece/yarn/products...closed if rain/snow). Maps and postcards with addresses of all farms will be available at each farm and there is ample parking. No public restrooms or food vendors. For more information and updates, please email at nealpacas@aol.com, call 860-663-3482, or visit nealpacas.com website.

The Haddam Historical Society would like to thank the following businesses, members, volunteers and donors who made our fall fundraising auction a tremendous success!

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Flying Rabbit Pottery, Hadlyme
Fromage, Old Saybrook
Hi-Way Package Store, Higganum
Gelston House Restaurant, East Haddam
Cold Goats Farm, Haddam Neck
Goodspeed Musicals, East Haddam
Grano Arso Restaurant, Chester
Jack's Country Restaurant, Higganum
Jessica's Color Room, Middletown
J.R. Weise Enterprises, Higganum
Kate Avery, Artist, East Hampton
Madison's Secret's, Higganum

Malloves Jewelers, Middletown
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Higganum Outfitters will open for business Nov. 6

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HKHS Boys & Girls Cross Country State Championships

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who placed 11th in a time of 18:12- both boys also earn All State accolades by virtue of their top 12 finish. Rounding out the scoring for H-K were a pair of freshman, Jack Cozean and Colton Merola, who placed 16th and 19th overall in the race to lock up the team victory. Seniors Evan Baird 19:03 (27th) and Tyler Robinson 19:10 (28th) also contributed to the team title.

Not to be outdone, the H-K girls cross country team also coming off a Shoreline title last week entered the Class SS meet as the favorite team but knew it would be a battle with a tough East Hampton squad. The girls ran a tremendous race in challenging conditions to secure the team title as they scored 50 points- 11 points ahead of rival East Hampton who finished in 2nd place with 61 points. This is the 2nd

consecutive state title for the girls team, their 4th championship in the past 6 years and their 5th overall in program history. This is also the 3rd time in team history that both the boys and girls teams won a state title in the same year, joining the 2015 and 2017 teams in accomplishing this challenging feat as they were the only boys and girls program in the entire state to accomplish that feat this year. Leading the way, as she has all season long, was junior Isabel Berardino who placed 4th overall in the race in a time of 21:18 to earn All-State honors for the 2nd consecutive year. Closely following on her heels were senior co-captains Brianna Minervino who placed 6th (21:31) and Ava DiMatteo 8th (21:46)- both girls also earned All-State honors based on their performances. Also running outstanding races and contributing to the team victory was sophomore Sydney Adelberg 16th (22:31) and junior Chloe Lacoss who in her first ever cross

country season continued to impress as she placed 18th (22:53) to secure the team win. Freshman Keira Sehl-Albert 29th and senior Charlotte Selmer 44th also raced well to help the team come away with the state title.

By virtue of their performance at the state championship, both teams qualified for the State Open Championship meet which is being held on Friday November 5th at Wickham Park.

*The boys and girls cross country team would also like to thank the Haddam Fire Department who volunteered their time to provide a fire truck escort to the team buses on their trip back from the meet through the center of town and into the school parking lot.

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Wake up call to Haddam

By Linda Talbott, Kristin Battistoni, Virginia Murphy

What do you do with your food scraps? Most of us put them in the trash, some of us compost them in our yards inviting unwanted critters. Haddam has a great solution on the horizon to tackle this portion of Connecticut's trash crisis.

Food scraps are NOT trash. Food scraps can be useful when converted to compost. Those who compost at home know that not all food scraps produced in the kitchen can be composted. However, the town plan will not only include traditional food scraps, but also meat, bones, fish and shellfish, you know, all the stinky stuff.

Haddam currently pays \$105/ton to have our municipal trash hauled to Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) Trash to Energy plant in Hartford. That plant is scheduled to close on June 30, 2022. The plan is to then send all the trash that would have been incinerated out to states like Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio and Alabama. It is predicted that our tipping (hauling) costs will skyrocket when that happens. Food scraps are heavy due to high water content so removing food waste will decrease the monthly tonnage and save the town money in the long run.

Haddam will be contracting with Hartford based Blue Earth Compost which will supply us with three food bins (to start) to be located next to the Swap Shack at the Transfer Station located at 750 Saybrook Road. Blue Earth Compost currently serves 20 CT towns including Middletown, Essex, Durham/Middlefield and Branford. This program is free to those with transfer station passes. Special passes for the Food Scrap program only, for those who have private haulers will be available in the future at the Town Office Building.

Blue Earth will come once a week and remove the food scraps, clean the bins and transport the food scraps to Quantum Biopower which is an anaerobic digestion facility located in Southington. Quantum can quickly convert the food scraps into compost and Biogas. Biogas helps to generate electricity and create natural gas and transportation fuel. Quantum is also able to contain the methane gas byproduct inside the building and not pollute the air.

The Sustainability Committee has researched

and gained unanimous approval from the Board of Selectmen to initiate this program. We may need to fundraise a portion of the costs involved. Included in these costs are supplies for advertisement, a large sign for the transfer station and purchasing Starter Kits for those who want them. The Starter Kits consist of a 2-gallon counter top bin, a 6-gallon transport bin for your weekly food scraps and one roll of 25 compostable bags. Starter Kits and additional compostable bags will be for sale around town and in the Town Office Building when they become available.

What can you compost with Blue Earth? Blue Earth's motto is "If it Grows, It Goes." Acceptable items include: fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry and bones, fish/shellfish and shells, dairy products, bread, pasta, rice, grains, eggs, eggshells, chips and snacks, nuts and seeds, left over and spoiled food, coffee grounds, tea bags (no staples), paper towels and napkins used for food production (not used with cleaning products or wipes), cut flowers, pet food (no pet waste). All food must be void of twist ties, rubber bands, food stickers. This is not the place for regular recycling so please do not include plastic bags, wipes, hard plastic, glass or metal.

We cannot avoid the cost of removing municipal waste, bulky waste or recycling from Connecticut. It does not matter whether you use the Transfer Station or have private pick up, something has to be done. The goal of this initiative is to reduce the cost of garbage removal while doing something to benefit the environment. It may seem like a small step, but we can do great things by working together. We will only be as successful as the number of participants and the amount of food

scraps we remove from the municipal waste. If you have any questions about the program or would like to volunteer, please contact us at 860-345-8531 X 207 or HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com

Program start date and information on fund raising will be announced soon.

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Thanksgiving Food Drive: November 13

By Rene Karas-Johnson

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The Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Higganum Village Market.



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HKHS Girls Soccer raises money for HK Backpack program

By Mike Shea

(Oct. 29, 2021) — With the help of team parent Diane Phipps, the Haddam Killingworth High School Girls Soccer team held a fundraiser during the month of October for the HK Backpack Program.

The HK Backpack program takes donations from the community for our local children. They try to provide enough food for them to get through the weekend when school lunches are not available. Backpacks are filled with donated items for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. They are available on Thursdays for the children to pick them up in time for the weekend.

Thank you to the girls soccer team for “giving” to a local cause!

Photo by Diane Phipps.



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, November 11

VETERANS DAY

Killingworth Conservation Comm. Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Higganum Cove Comm. Meeting 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 13

Killingworth Library Saturday Storytime on Zoom 10:00 a.m. Register in advance. 860 663-2000

St James Christmas Fair 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Featuring Christmas tag sale items, books, crafts, jewelry, themed baskets, candy and baked goods. Turkey Soup will be available for take-out only.

Haddam Ambulance Food Drive 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Food Drive at Higganum Market

4th annual Killingworth Fall Farm Tour 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Five Killingworth farms will open their doors to the public free of charge for the 4th annual Killingworth fall farm tour.

Monday, November 15

Haddam Committee on Aging Meeting 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Haddam BOF Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Haddam Inland Wetlands Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 16

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

Wednesday, November 17

Haddam Conservation Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. One week early due to Thanksgiving Day

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

Thursday, November 18

Mystery Book Club – KW Library 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss Walk the Wire by David Baldacci. Copies at the circulation desk. 860 663-2000

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HVFC Responds: Structure fire on Saybrook Road

By Olivia Drake, HVFC

(Oct. 31, 2021) Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, along with several mutual aid departments, was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 975 Saybrook Road at 11:15 a.m. Oct. 31. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered flames coming from the A-side, or front of the house near the front door and through a front window.

The house, which has been unoccupied for some time, has since been used for storage. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and vented the home through the roof and several windows.

Although no one was injured in the fire,

one firefighter who was not feeling well prior to the incident was transported to Middlesex Hospital. He has since been released.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but is likely electrical-related according to Haddam Fire Marshal Christopher Gamache.

Mutual Aid was provided by South Fire District Firefighters IAFF Local 3918, Chester Hose Company Inc., Killingworth Volunteer Fire Co., Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department, and East Haddam Fire Department. #haddamfire



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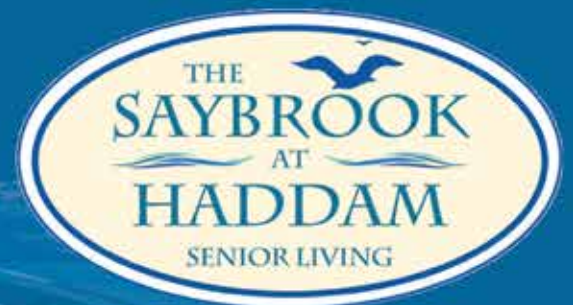
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Football 2021: HKHS Defeats Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby team 21-14



Cougars charging in for game time. Photo by Anthony Frasco.

By Barth Keck

On Friday night at home, Oct. 29, 2021, the Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity football team defeated the Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby team 21-14.

Orion Inkel scored two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score with just over three minutes remaining, to lead the Cougars (2-4) past Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby (0-6). Alex Phipps hooked up with Ryan Duncanson on a 30-yard pass for the other HK score.

Aidan Walker led the way for the Red Raiders, throwing a 48-yard TD pass and running for a three-yard TD.

“We went up early on Windsor Locks only to let them back in the game in the third quarter, a pattern we seem to repeat,” said HK coach Tyler Wilcox. “But tonight, we showed some resolve and turned things around in the end. Major

credit goes to Tate Callender. We brought him in late in the third quarter to play quarterback. He was our spark plug.”

The Cougars next host Rockville on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Game Summary:

First Quarter:	
HK – Orion Inkel 9 run (Kevin Cavrell kick)	
HK – Ryan Duncanson 30 pass from Alex Phipps (Cavrell kick)	
Second Quarter:	
WL/S/EG – Aidan Walker 48 pass to Luke Holsey (Walker to Holsey pass)	
Third Quarter:	
WL/S/EG – Walker 3 run (pass failed)	
Fourth Quarter:	
HK – Inkel 7 run (Cavrell kick)	
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