

# Haddam Killingworth News

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## Welcome to Haddam Signs

From Town of Haddam

The Welcome to Haddam signs are back on Saybrook Road (Route 154) at the Route 9 connector and on Killingworth Road (Route 81) at the town line. Both signs were struck by cars last year. Bob Waller led the effort by the Haddam Garden Club to replace them. The Garden Club was instrumental in getting the original signs designed and installed over 20 years ago. Only one of the two drivers responsible for destroying the signs was identified. CIRMA, the town's insurance company, recovered the cost of the Killingworth Road sign from his insurer. The town paid for the other sign.

"I'm glad the signs have been replaced. My thanks to the Garden Club for helping to make that happen," said First Selectman Bob McGarry.

Photo by David Challenger.



Pictured (left to right): Marge Supple, McGarry, Pat Gill

## HKHS win big at Floyd Parness Invitational

By Matt Diglio

(Oct. 6, 2021) -- On Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021, the Haddam Killingworth High School Boys and Girls Cross Country teams traveled to Totoket Park in North Branford to compete in the Floyd Parness Invitational against Old Saybrook, Lyme-Old Lyme, Valley Regional, Morgan, and North Branford.

Once again the boys team ran a controlled team race over the 3 mile course to continue undefeated in their dual meet season and improve to 10-0. They

defeated Morgan by a score of 15-50, beat Old Lyme 15-50, defeated North Branford 15-50, beat Valley 15-50 and beat Old Saybrook 25-36. H-K

boys ran as a pack at the front of the race and were led by freshman Sawyer DiMatteo who placed 3rd in a time of 17:20. Crossing the line together in a time of 17:20 in places 4th thru



HK Boys start of race

10th were seniors Caleb Freeman, Andrew Hedges, Evan Baird, Tyler Robinson as well as junior Alex Lara and freshman Colton Merola and Jack

Cozean.

The Girls team also went up against the same five schools and went undefeated on the afternoon and improved their dual meet record



Izzy Berardino, Chloe Lacoss, Sydney Adelberg, Brianna Minervino and Ava DiMatteo

to 9-1 on the season. The Cougars defeated Morgan 15-48, beat Old Lyme 15-50, defeated Valley 23-38, beat Old Saybrook 23-35, and beat

North Branford 15-50. Leading the way for H-K was junior Izzy Berardino who placed 2nd in a time of 20:02. She was followed by senior Ava DiMatteo 5th (20:13) then senior

Brianna Minervino, junior Chloe Lacoss and sophomore Sydney Adelberg all crossed the line together in places 7-8-9 in a time of 20:39 to secure the victory.

The cross country team will next be in action on Thursday, October 14, 2021 as they travel to East Hampton High School to compete in the Shoreline Mega-Meet.

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# Brewed Awakening Celebrating 10 Years in Business!

By Janet Verney

At the heart of Higganum are our small shops, run by dedicated owners who put their heart and soul into their businesses. This couldn't be truer than Bernadette Markey, owner of Brewed Awakening!

On October 5, 2011, Bernadette took over the little coffee, breakfast & lunch café in downtown Higganum, at 19 Killingworth Rd, and put her signature touch on this inviting shop. She knew long ago that she wanted to own her own business and be her own boss, so when this opportunity arose, she jumped on it!

Although Bernadette is self-taught when it comes to navigating the kitchen, she has such fond memories of cooking with her mom when she was a child. Some of her most sought-after eats include her breakfast sandwiches served on fresh baked goods that she brings in from local bakeries. Don't forget her daily lunch specials

posted on the sandwich board sign out front for a quick on the go lunch! Even for this vegan foodie, she has fresh pressed veggie & fruit-based juices made daily in her shop!

Being so conveniently located she gets many customers who pop in on their way to work, or during their lunch break, but she also has her loyal followers, she affectionately calls "The Retired 7:00 a.m. crew" who gather just outside her shop and enjoy some lively conversation while having their breakfast.

Although Brewed Awakening is open Monday through Saturday, 5:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., she is often there at 5:00 a.m. for those early risers needing a cup of coffee on the run! Behind the scenes, Bernadette spends her time sourcing, shopping and prepping many of the ingredients for her well loved café. Let's all wish Bernadette a big congrats for her ten years of dedicated service and another successful decade to come!



Bernadette Markey. Photo by Janet Verney.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# The Annual Holiday Pop-up Market returns!

By Janet Verney

So excited to announce our 3rd Annual Holiday Pop-Up Market (HPUM) and this year we are supported by the Economic Development Committee (EDC)!

We are now seeking vendors who would like to participate, but shoppers,

please save the listed dates below and if you are available to donate your time to help us at the Market, it would be greatly appreciated! Maybe some of our local high school students could earn community service. You can reach me at connect@roots2wellness.com.

Vendors have a choice of 10x10, or a 4x8 space. There are limited spaces

in each size and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions, you can email me at connect@roots2wellness.com.

The HPUM will be held inside the Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Road. Vendors are responsible for setting up their booth before our opening day and breaking down their booth on the last day of the market or the following day at the designated hours. You are not required to be at the market during operating hours, but VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED. Here is the schedule:

- Friday 11/26 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Set up day
- Saturday 11/27 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Opening Day
- Sunday 11/28 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday 12/02 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Friday 12/03 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Tree Lighting on Green, followed by refreshments at the HPUM, with Santa!
- Saturday 12/04 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday 12/05 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday 12/09 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Friday 12/10 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday 12/11 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 12/12 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Break Down (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
- Monday 12/13 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. -

Optional Break Down/Cleaning Day

There will be a single point of check out at the HPUM. We will accept cash & credit cards through square.



Fashion Flips by Janet

Vendors must provide a copy of their SALES & USE TAX PERMIT prior to the opening day to participate. For more information and an application, please send me an email at connect@roots2wellness.com.



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# Job Posting: Part time Café Coordinator

By Patricia Clahar

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**Requirements:** High school diploma or (GED) and experience in meal programs. Some knowledge of human services delivery. Ability to work with people and understanding of the needs and strengths of the elderly. Experience in keeping records and statistics. Attendance and participation in quarterly Café

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## 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, October 14

**Love2Sign with Jaye** – Killingworth Library 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. This program will be held outside, weather permitting.

**Higganum Cove Advisory Committee Meeting** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

### Friday, October 15

**Higganum Fall Market: CLOSING DAY!** 3:30 p.m. - 6:30p.m. HES

### Saturday, October 16

**Invasive Plant Cleanups – Haddam Meadows** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(rain-date October 23 ) Please register by emailing Cheryl Czuba at [cherylczuba@comcast.net](mailto:cherylczuba@comcast.net)

**Saturday Story Time KW Library** 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please register 860-663-2000

### Monday, October 18

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

### Tuesday, October 19

**Tuesday Tech Time KW Library** 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. The library is offering half hour private sessions for tech support every Tuesday. Sessions are limited to one person at a time. Please register in advance.

### Wednesday, October 20

**Wiggle Wednesday – Killingworth Library** 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ages: walking toddlers through age 5. Held outside, weather permitting. Register 860-663-2000

**Sacred Heart spiritual book study** (Oct. 6 – Nov. 3) 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441.

### Thursday, October 21

**Mystery Book Club KW Library** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger.

## OBITUARIES

**Donald Leslie Skinner**, 69, of Higganum, passed away Wednesday, September 29, 2021 after a brief illness.

**John Beierle**, 90, of Higganum, beloved husband of Esther Lathrop Beierle, passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

## TOWN OF HADDAM

# September 29, 2021 Special Town Meeting

By Meghan Peterson

On Wednesday, September 29, 2021, a Special Town meeting was held at the Community Room in the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Station #1 at 7:00 p.m.

According to the legal notice available on [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org) and published in Haddam Killingworth News, Haddam's paper of record, the purpose for the special meeting was to "consider and vote on adopting an Ordinance creating a Water Pollution Control Authority."

First Selectman Bob McGarry called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dave Challenger was selected as moderator of the meeting. Scott Brookes, the Town Clerk, read the legal call to the meeting. McGarry then provided context for the meeting by explaining that state statute requires creation of a water pollution control authority to oversee implementation of a community septic/sewer system. It would also be the mechanism to oversee implementation of a water system in town.

The Water Pollution Control Authority would be in existence for as long as the ordinance remains in effect and as long as a community septic/sewer system exists. In other words, disbanding this authority would require the Town to "unadopt" the ordinance.

The ordinance passed.

The text of the ordinance is available at [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org) and in the Town Clerk's Office.

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# 2021 Haddam Board of Education Candidates

We reached out and asked candidates to respond to a set of questions. Updates from all candidates are welcome and will be published as Letters to the Editor. The questions posed to the candidates were:

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Brenda Buzzi (D)



Corey Roberts (R)



Steve Bayley (D)



Hamish MacPhail (D)

**Brenda Buzzi (D):** I have lived in Higganum most of my life (and am a fourth generation Haddam resident!). I graduated from HKHS in 1984. I have two amazing daughters who also graduated from HK, Rebecca and Rachel. I have been a RSD#17 student, parent, volunteer, and employee. I enjoy gardening, my honeybees, reading, writing, painting, the beach, and walking at Haddam Meadows and the Higganum Cove. I also have chickens and my cat Cali.

My career has been working with children. I ran a large daycare in Westbrook. I then owned, directed and was a teacher at my business in Higganum, The Children's Garden Preschool. I was employed at RSD#17 and Middletown Public Schools as a substitute teacher and a Special Education Para-educator. I have a bachelor's degree in psychology, and currently I am working on my master's degree in social work at UCONN. I have participated as a volunteer for many organizations and causes throughout the years: Sunday school teacher, various church leadership positions, Girl Scout Leader, PTO President, school/parent volunteer and did an internship at Mason Youth Correction Facility.

Currently I volunteer at Middlesex Hospice on the Bereavement Team; HDTC (member, past secretary, and chairman); Haddam Elderly Housing Committee (VP); I run the Coffeehouse Open Mic at HUMC; I am a member of a refugee group called The Valley Stands Up; and currently I am doing an internship at Family Advocacy in Middletown. I am a Justice of the Peace and I have been on the RSD #17 Board of Education since 2017.

This will be my second 4-year term. I am running for the Board of Education because I would like to continue with the work that I have been doing. I bring a lot of life and employment experience to this position. These are some of my goals for when I am re-elected:

- This summer I helped lead the Superintendent search. This fall I will assist with the transition of our newly appointed Superintendent. We are excited to have this experienced, smart, and easy-going gentleman in our leadership position.
- I will help to promote our "Vision of the Graduate" in most things we do. This starts in elementary schools, not in high school. It supports each individual child's interests; help make children and families feel that they belong at HK.
- Work to implement Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) tools into our schools. This is NOT Critical Race Theory! DEI is basically more about everyone being treated the same for what they need and to be kind to each other.
- Work with the BOE and the consulting firm to construct a long-term strategic plan to take our district from great to superb.
- To constantly be fiscally responsible with the budget and expenses, yet keeping the students' needs as a priority.
- To be the teachers, staff, students, and YOUR voice on the BOE.

Haddam is truly amazing: from our traditional town celebrations such as the Memorial Day Parade, the

Haddam Neck Fair, and Haddam River days to our natural town gems like Swan Hill, the Connecticut River, Higganum Cove, and so much more. But it is not only the beauty of our town that makes it so great, it is

was and it has not disappointed. I currently serve on a Board of Directors of nine people and have served on a variety of other boards in the past, so I understand how to work on a community board along with people that have different views and backgrounds. I have been able to build consensus on these various boards to achieve the greater good for a community. The most important reason I am running for the Board of Education is to give back to the community. I enjoy learning, listening and working together to improve the community I live in.

I want to make sure the school district offers a dynamic curriculum to prepare students to succeed after graduation. There are a variety of skills that are needed to succeed in the 21st century and the curriculum should not be simply focused on math and reading. With the increase of social media and the current pandemic there has been an increase in social and emotional health issues among students in the district. No student should be scared to attend a school in Region 17. I want to make sure wellness for everyone in the district is a priority, a healthy community is a successful community. College should not be the only path for graduating students, the school district should support and help grow

whatever passions a student may have. Students learn in a variety of ways, some are visual learners, some are auditory learners, and some are hands on learners, so the curriculum should be varied enough for all students. I also want to make sure accountability is a focus of the Board of Education. The accountability should include students, staff, teachers, the Superintendent, fellow board members as well as myself. I have heard examples of issues in the past being brushed aside for a variety of reasons, I pledge no issue, large or small, will be brushed aside if I am fortunate to be elected to the Board of Education.

I love how everyone helps each other out in town and there is a strong sense of community. I have seen it locally in my neighborhood as well as throughout town. Recently, when a student tragically passed away the community support was overwhelming to witness. When our long driveway was buried under almost 3 feet of snow a neighbor was available to clear our driveway. I have volunteered for HK little league and although I may not agree with every parents political views, I have not met any parents who are not passionate about their student and their success. I have also used local businesses for a variety of work at our house and it is nice to see them around town, there is a real sense of community. I enjoy the rural setting of the town but still have Higganum Center and Tylerville in town for shopping, services and a place to eat.

I feel that my experience, skills and temperament would be an asset for the Board of Education. I humbly ask for your vote on November 2nd and thank you for reading this article.

**Hamish MacPhail (D):** I am deeply passionate about education and its role in preparing our kids to thrive. I am a former kindergarten teacher who now works at an education nonprofit, ConnCAN, where I serve as the Policy and Research Director. There, I research innovative, high-quality school models across the country and identify ways to improve our schools for all kids in Connecticut. My wife is a first-grade teacher who loves supporting students to achieve their academic, social, and personal goals. We are proud parents of a toddler, who we hope can find a lifelong love of learning at H-K. We live in Higganum and are active DIYers, updating our home and learning new skills along the way.

I am running for the Board of Education to create a path for every kid. We are at a pivotal moment in our



Prem Aithal  
(Petitioning Candidate)



Joanne Nesti  
(Petitioning Candidate)



Jordana Fournier  
(Petitioning Candidate)

the people, from our youngest generations to the town elders. We are blessed and lucky to live here. I love the "small town" connections of people knowing each other and taking care of each other. I love being called by my first name at the Post Office, bank, stores, and restaurants in town.

I know we do not always agree but we all want what is the best for RSD 17 and our town. I continuously will bring you approachability, honesty, transparency, humor, and rationality to the BOE. Let us set the example for the children and BE KIND to each other! I am always a call or email away. I greatly appreciate your support and vote in November.

**Corey Roberts (R):** Corey Roberts, her husband and twin daughters reside in Higganum. Corey's parents moved the family to Haddam when she was 15 years old for her and her sister to benefit from the exceptional school system. This too is the reason that she and her husband moved back 6 years ago.

Corey is active within her church here in town where she has volunteered with the youth and children ministries. Most recently she is working with the church to lead a marriage growth group alongside her husband.

Corey has her bachelor's degree in business management. She has had oversight to both local and international manufacturing sites for a multi-billion dollar company. Her plan is to use her business experience, extensive back ground in leading, and strong communication skills to give our children the best education experience while bringing the community together.

**Steve Bayley (D):** My wife and I moved to Haddam 10 years ago after we purchased a house and were ready to start a family. I have worked in educational technology for the last 20 years and for the last 13 years, I have worked at UConn Health in the School of Medicine. I have a Bachelor's degree in History as well as an MBA, my computer knowledge is mostly self-taught as my dad was a computer programmer while I was growing up. My dad did not attend College and was an auto mechanic after graduating high school and then transitioned to a computer programmer. Although he never attended higher education he was one of smartest people I ever knew and taught me about hard work, problem solving and lifelong learning.

I am running for the Board of Education position because I want to work together to make region 17 stronger. My wife and I moved to Haddam because we were both aware of how great the school system

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Eileen Blewett (R)



Kathleen Zandi (D)



Heather Scholfield (R)



Lisa Connelly (D)

**Eileen Blewett (R):** I have been a resident of this beautiful community for over 24 years. My husband and I moved here on a whim and have never looked back. Together we became deeply involved in our community. Community ties and involvement have always been the core of who I am. We live in a town that cares deeply for one another and reach out to assist every chance we get. That is something that I am very proud of. I currently serve on the Board of Selectman and Board of Education. I am also currently very involved in volunteer work with the KWO, Helping Hands food pantry, HK Backpack program and Killingworth Scholarship Association. We have raised our 4 beautiful children here and have given them the strong foundation of community to live very happy and productive lives as young adults. Much of their success is the result of their outstanding education at HK. My sincere gratitude is why I choose to serve on the Board of Education.

There was never a doubt that I would want to run for re-election on the Board of Education. I am so proud of a town and school district that holds true to what is best for kids. The outstanding devotion, work ethic, compassion, emotion, and pure perseverance of every person employed by RSD17 is why I continue to serve. I say that with the utmost respect for what has been asked of each of them not only in the past year and a half but always. Being a Board member is a lot of work to say the least. You need to be all in to be effective. Anyone who knows me knows that is what I do. My experience on the BOE for the last four years include being Chairman of the Finance Subcommittee, Board Treasurer, Board Secretary, member of the Facilities Subcommittee, Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee, Strategic Capital Planning, Curriculum Subcommittee, Strategic Planning and Public Building Committee. I have taken on the challenges of every aspect of the BOE. I am prepared in every way for the work that is required. We are very fortunate to have an outstanding school district and it is a privilege to serve of the BOE. My gratitude to this district because of the experience as a parent, resident, and past employee of rSD17 is why I serve. My devotion to this district is why I work so hard. I never lose sight that with every decision I ask – What is best for our students, How does this serve our students and How does this continue to move our students to be productive and successful.

The key issues remain constant, to always remember we make all decisions based on what is best for students. The question of how to best serve students is the core of our work. To move forward the BOE needs to complete the work of the strategic planning initiative and work on implementing this plan. Once complete the strategic plan will connect the Vision of the Graduate for all students. Another key issue is to create a capital assessment on all district facilities. This work has recently begun. Once completed, the assessment will aid in deciding

how our facilities support the strategic plan. The strategic plan, Vision of the Graduate and capital assessment must all be aligned. Continuing to create an efficient and fiscally responsible budget

that provides what is best for students but is mindful of the community is always a priority. Next steps would include creating a long-term plan to facilitate and promote the needs of each student. The Board must continue to work as a cohesive group to do what best supports our goals. The BOE must support and continue to focus on the social emotional needs of all learners. There was a great deal of work put forth by our Superintendent, BOE members and Administrative team to create the Vision of the Graduate. Promoting the VOG will ensure this vision to allow our students have the skills and dispositions to think critically, communicate effectively, have a growth mindset, and contribute productivity. Our students will display character, courage, and integrity, demonstrate respect, empathy and kindness. I am also mindful that much of the work of the BOE will be to support the transition of our new Superintendent. The Board of Education must support the continuing work of our Administrative team to do what is best for students to assure and protect that they feel comfortable, welcome and included in their school environment.

The true foundation of Killingworth is community outreach and involvement. Through the good and bad times this community is there to lend that helping hand and it never stops amazing me. The people of Killingworth are passionate about their thoughts and ideas and value the importance of others. This town represents kindness and respect – two virtues I cherish.

The sole purpose of my work on the Board of Education is what is best for our students.

**Kathleen Zandi (D):** I have lived in Killingworth for 22 years and raised my two children here. My son is a 2019 HK grad and my daughter an HK senior. I moved to Connecticut in 1994, after earning my PhD in chemistry, to work in the pharmaceutical industry primarily developing new cancer medications. I grew up in a small town in New Hampshire with a rural school district much like HK. My mother is a retired high school science teacher. I enjoy the outdoors, and have been a Cub/Boy Scout and Girl Scout Leader for many years. I also serve on the Killingworth Charter Revision Commission.

I am running for a second BoE term because I think the value of education is immeasurable, and want to give back to the public education system that has given me so much. I have truly enjoyed my four years on the Board, and look forward to continuing that work.

Certainly, the effect of the pandemic to our student's academic performance as well as the social and emotional wellness of our entire school system is an immediate focus. I am also excited to welcome our new superintendent. Other crucial work includes our Strategic Plan, facilities maintenance and promoting equity and mutual respect in our schools.

I love the rural character of our town. I love that it is run primarily by volunteers. I love that neighbors help neighbors. I love that when I brought my 4th grade Girl Scout troop to a town meeting, meeting moderator Rick Albrecht invited them to come to the front of the room and lead the townspeople in the Pledge of Allegiance; they were thrilled.

I think that the value of education is immeasurable, that diversity drives innovation, and that every student counts.

**Heather Scholfield (R):** I am a Killingworth resident

for 3 years now. I have a 1 year old and a 3 year old who will shortly be a part of the H-K schools. I am a TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) teacher in the Westbrook School System, but have a background of teaching in Hartford for the last 7 years in grades 3-5. I also am in the process of getting my degree in Special Education.

I am running because I want to ensure that our students are getting the best education that they can. Being in a few different districts both close and further away I feel that I bring a different lens with new fresh perspectives to be able to ensure our students not only get a quality education, but are able to take that education and be ready to take on the world when they graduate. I want to allow our older students to have a voice within the district, and make sure that the quality of education our children receive puts them on par (if not above) the best districts in our state – not only for those continuing their education, but for those going right into the workforce as well.

Right now masks are a hot topic, unfortunately at this point that decision is out of our control since there is a state mandate in place. Student safety is always going to be number one in my mind, followed by children's education. While it makes teaching basic skills like letter sounds for our littlest students difficult, our children are incredibly resilient and will continue to grow and learn in spite of these challenges. Another hot topic is critical race theory. As a parent and educator I feel it is incredibly important for our children to learn all sides of an issue, including those pieces of our history that are upsetting, frustrating, and less than perfect. If we don't learn about the past how can we help prevent history from repeating itself? I would never want to deprive my child from learning, and all parts of our history as a nation, and country, are not only learning opportunities but may be the fire to ignite a child's passions leading them to do incredible things in their lives, maybe even lead them to become our president!

I love that our town has a little bit of everything. It's got nature, and space, while not being too far away from our basic needs, like grocery stores. I have come to find that the folks in town are incredibly nice, supportive, and compassionate. These are key qualities for success in our future and I want to make sure that they get passed on to the next generation.

I want to ensure that all members of our town feel heard and supported. After all these are our schools funded by our tax dollars. I am absolutely always open to conversations!

**Lisa Connelly (D):** I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and also studied elementary education in the certification to master's program at SCSU. I grew up in the New Haven area and spent time in New York and New Mexico before moving back to Connecticut in 1995. In 2001,

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# 2021 Haddam Board of Education Candidates

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district. In the last three years, we have had leadership transitions, a school closure, a pandemic, and a massive shift in the future of our economy. We have the opportunity to reimagine what an education looks like in the 21st century, and that requires strategic planning, research, analysis and smart investments in our schools.

To build a path for every kid, we must introduce all high school students to work-based learning, or apprenticeships, before they graduate. That way, students can develop their passions, build marketable skills, and prepare for the real world by attaining life skills. This will separate us from any other district in the state. We will offer something fundamentally different and give families a reason to move here and stay here. Finally, it will allow students to map out their career path, identifying if college is the right path, or whether they can enter the workforce through specific credential programs.

An excellent education system makes all other things possible. Good schools increase home values, reduce crime, encourage high-value economic development, and signal to employers that they should relocate to the area. Here is the framework to a world-class school system:

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

To achieve these goals, we must budget strategically. I promise to be an excellent financial steward of tax dollars. Every single dollar must be spent with a clear, well communicated strategy for improving our schools. Anything less is unacceptable.

My wife, son and I moved to Haddam because of its schools, natural beauty and historical significance. We love that people in this town value the outdoors, take great pride in their homes and surroundings, and give back to the community generously and consistently. Haddam is small but full of thoughtful, hardworking people who want to see our community thrive. I am excited to be part of this community and promise to do my best to ensure its future success.

Take time to research all the candidates. Each year, I take a few days before the election to research all the candidates, their positions, and their character. And, through that research, I have voted for candidates of different parties because they aligned with my viewpoints. I encourage everyone to do the same this year. We have a wonderful opportunity to make RSD17 the highest-performing school district in the state, and I believe that I can help make that happen with my passion, my honesty, and my work ethic. And I hope that you have the same conclusion after conducting your own research.

**Prem Aithal** (Petitioning Candidate): I'm a current RSD17 Board of Education member running for re-election for a four year term. I've been a resident of Haddam since 2010 and many of you know me more appropriately as Mrs. Aithal's husband [my wife Becky is a kindergarten teacher @ Burr] & Asha's dad [my daughter is now a 4th grader @ HKIS]. I am Chair of the BOE Strategic Planning Subcommittee & also a member of the BOE Finance Subcommittee. I'm currently Vice Chair of the Economic Development Commission and an active volunteer for the Higganum Farmers Market on Fridays.

Professionally, I am a Senior Finance Director at Anthem, Inc. (my work home for more than 15 years) where I manage the Individual Segment in Financial Strategy. In my role, I set long term financial targets for 14 states and then work collaboratively with the states to apply strategies to hit these targets. My strengths of long range financial & strategic planning will continue to serve the District well should I be fortunate enough to be re-elected.

I am running for re-election for one simple key point: I enjoy the work! I was elected in July 2020 to complete a term of a Board member so you've had a test run of me for more than a year. The Board of Education has provided me with a new setting to utilize my professional talents and allows me to demonstrate that my campaign tagline "Growth For All" applies to everyone, including me. I have found that regardless of what is discussed at Board of Education meetings, I usually leave energized and refreshed.

My single most important goal is to complete a multi-year Strategic Plan for our District and connect it to the recently completed Vision of the Graduate, and we are on a good path to making that happen. This Plan will develop a strategic mission, vision, clear & measurable goals, and accountability & monitoring mechanisms to ensure we hit the goals. We are currently in the data & perception gathering phase of this process and I invite the entire Haddam (& Killingworth) community to participate in giving feedback when we send out a survey later this fall which will focus on current state, priorities, quality, and other key items.

Other key goals on my radar include:

1. Creating a fiscally responsible budget centered around the needs of our students & teachers that provide the instruction with a line of sight to the future and long-term budget needs.
2. Communicating more effectively and proactively on the purpose of critical DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) initiatives and how advancing these will help all students (i.e. exposing students to diverse viewpoints & culture will improve their critical thinking & communication, which are key skills & dispositions of our Vision of the Graduate and will prepare them for life outside this District when they graduate and leave the RSD17 nest). Critical to this is removing misperceptions that are fueled by political operatives and addressing them head-on.

I have chosen to run as a petitioning candidate in Haddam while not accepting endorsements from either political party because it is the authentic me and free of influence. What you will continue to get from me is someone that will listen to the facts and make educated decisions that will benefit our students and our District and its employees. What I love most about this town is when people with various backgrounds come together for a common purpose such as what happened with our vibrant Higganum Farmers Market. I've always been known as "the glue guy" in my experiences both inside and outside work for bringing a team together and making them stronger. As such, I encourage everyone to disengage from negativity and polarization on social media and focus instead on what you and others have in common, what you both want, and how to get there. People achieve great things working together and you'll be surprised to find that a lot of us want the same things instead of only focusing only on what our differences are.

Most of all, I want to prove to others that yes, you can run a campaign without a large body backing you up and hopefully it will help other good citizens step up and serve our town in the future for the greater benefit. I have been encouraged along the way by fellow residents assisting and offering to assist me in my re-election campaign so I wanted to thank you in advance for your continued support and hope you will consider voting for me on Tuesday, November 2nd! Thank you!

**Joanne Nesti** (Petitioning Candidate): I have lived in Haddam for 40 years and have felt very fortunate to be here. I worked as a substitute teacher when I first got out of college, then went back to school and was fortunate—once again—to land a job doing radio news, which then led to television news and a career of more than 30 years in broadcasting.

My time on the Board of Education really began once I left my job and was able to start attending meetings of local boards. I realized I had been a resident of Haddam, but never really lived here until I took more of an interest in how our town works. I spent one term as a Board of Finance Alternate, and I was appointed to the Board of Education to fill a vacancy in 2015 and won a full term in the election of 2017. I have said many times that the BOE is the most challenging, most interesting

job I have ever had and I am fully committed to it. Running as an Unaffiliated/ Petitioning Candidate has been important to me because I want to be able to talk to and listen to both sides of an issue. That may be my news background showing itself. But we have important work to do on the Board with our strategic planning, facilities assessment and the uncertainties of a pandemic all ahead of us.

It's important to me to stress that, as a member of the Board of Education, my focus is Regional School District 17 which, of course, encompasses Haddam and Killingworth, but is not exclusively about either town. It is about the education of all of our children. What the school board owes our two towns is an awareness of the issues small towns like ours face, including the budget, economic development, road repair, infrastructure. As best we can, the school board must be mindful of the powerful impact its budget has on our towns and on their ability to fund their specific needs and requirements.

I am so fortunate—there's that word again—to live in a place that is peaceful, quiet, serene, and to be among a group of neighbors who feel equally grateful for the serenity we share. I've been spoiled by it and I know it. It's hard to picture living anywhere else. Along the way, through my work with the Haddam Historical Society, the Capital Planning Committee, the Jail Committee and through interactions with the people at the Town Office Building, I also have been grateful for the dedication and commitment all of them have shown, whether volunteers or not. I still believe in the power of volunteer service and I'm grateful for the chance to do my part.

I am asked sometimes if I ever "miss" the news business and my answer every single time is NO. I strenuously "portion-control" my exposure to "the news," however you might define that ever-changing entity. I'm astonished sometimes at the certainty people display in offering a point of view, and my question usually boils down to "How do you know what you know?" I ask myself that all the time and work hard to make sure my sources of information are reliable. I'm asking for re-election to the Board of Education to continue to be part of its important work for the children of Haddam and Killingworth.

**Jordana Fournier** (Petitioning Candidate): I have proudly called Higganum home for the last 10 years. I love the small-town feel here and the exceptional sense of community that comes with it.

As the mother of 2 children who will enter our school district in the near future, I feel compelled to get involved now, as an agent of unity, especially in this time of adversity. I want to give back to the community I have come to love and set an example within the board. An example of integrity; professionalism, transparency, honesty, and approachability. Professionally, I was an educator for 9 years. I hold a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, and a Master's in Special Education. Now a business owner, I intend to use my interpersonal and negotiation skills to achieve win-win results for our students while addressing the concerns of those within the district.

One of the greatest challenges our school district faces is to ameliorate the division that exists. A division long-sown over fiscal decisions, desired student outcomes, and which curriculum material or teaching strategies to support. We should be repairing this division by opening lines of communication and truly listening to the needs and concerns of our students, school staff, and greater community. Additionally, the last 2 school years have caused a greater disruption to continuity of learning than many of our students will (hopefully) ever see again. We need to ensure that we are tailoring their education to fill those gaps while continuing to provide them with the utmost quality opportunities. Our students should leave our district as critical thinkers who are fully prepared to take on the world outside our immediate community.

As an unaffiliated candidate, I can promise you that I will not put politics over the greater good for all of our students and the HK community as a whole. I will

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while I was teaching for Guilford Public Schools, my husband Sean and I moved from New Haven to Killingworth primarily for the excellent school system. We now have two children who are entering their senior and sophomore years at HKHS. We have rescue dogs and cats, and I have a deep appreciation for our fellow residents who walk on four legs, crawl, fly, and slither.

Throughout my time in Killingworth, I have been active in the Killingworth Women's Organization, the KES yearbook committee, and was a room parent and active volunteer at KES. My husband coached little league for approximately ten years, including some extremely successful HK girls softball all-stars teams. Our family has seen first-hand the benefits of servicing the community and having a direct connection with our children and families. As a former teacher, parent of two HK students, and now a small business owner in town, I bring a well-rounded perspective to the

BOE and hope to be a part of further improving our schools for future generations.

After twenty years, I still love everything that originally brought us to Killingworth. I wake up to the sounds of nature each morning, while both New York and Boston and all the culture they offer are within a two hour drive. We have had excellent experiences with HK schools, and the people we have met are genuinely kind and care about each other; we couldn't ask for better neighbors and role models for our kids. My highest priority for my children is that they are kind and compassionate humans.

The greatest challenge I see facing our schools is adequately preparing our students for an ever changing world. It is crucial that we foster empathy and compassionate critical thinking skills in order to prepare our children to be productive members of a diverse society. For this reason, diversity, equity, and inclusion are essential to curriculum and instruction in our district, providing opportunities for students to

understand the greater world around them. All of our students need to feel safe and know that they have a voice and a place in their classrooms.

Due to modern advances in technology, students have limitless, unfiltered information at their fingertips – it is imperative that they develop the skills to discern this information. Some of the most important attributes that we can foster in our children are the development of flexibility and critical thinking skills so they can be better prepared to discern facts from opinions and misinformation. If elected, I will support a curriculum based on the "Vision of the Graduate" which promotes the necessary skills for our students to become productive citizens in our ever changing world.

I am excited to serve our community and look forward to the collaboration necessary to assure that all students are valued, empowered, and motivated to succeed.

## KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY

# October Events at the Killingworth Library

By Tammy Eustis

Please register in advance for these programs by visiting the Calendar page on the library's website – [killingworthlibrary.org](http://killingworthlibrary.org) – or contacting the library directly at 860-663-2000.

**Saturday Storytimes** continue through the month of October! Join us from 10:00am-10:30am for fabulous tales and fun crafts! Storytime will be held outside on the library's grounds, weather permitting. Adults must remain with their children during the duration of the event. Suggested ages 2-5.

**Tween Book Club** – Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00pm. Our Tween Book Club continues for the fall! Join us as we discuss the graphic novel *Zita the Space Girl* (book one) by Ben Hatke.

The club will meet inside the library. We are currently limiting attendance to four participants, and masks will be required. Snacks and beverages will be served, and extra copies of the book are available at the circulation desk for checkout. For ages 9-12.

**Teen Book Club** – Wednesday, October 27th at 6:00pm. Our Teen Book Club continues for the fall! Join us as we discuss the graphic novel *Estranged* by Ethan M. Aldridge. The club will meet inside the library. We are currently limiting attendance to six vaccinated participants. Food and beverages will be served, and extra copies of the book are available at the circulation desk for checkout. For ages 13-17.

**Spooky Riddle Walk** – Friday, October 29th, 3:00pm-5:00pm and

Saturday, October 30th, 10:00am-noon. Families with young children are invited to don their Halloween costumes and visit the library's back yard for our outdoor story stroll, featuring Halloween-themed riddles and fun games! The yard will also have not-too-scary decorations for

photos, so be sure to bring your phone or camera. Present your Killingworth Library card at the end of the walk to receive a free mini pumpkin, to take home for decorating. Please register in advance to ensure we have enough prizes on hand!

## BRAINERD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

# Crafting Connection Launched at BML

By Tom Piezzo, Director, BML

(Oct. 6, 2021) — Thanks to the generosity of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, the Griffin Family, and the Peach Pit Foundation, we are pleased to launch the Crafting Connection.

Over the next six months, we will offer monthly crafting kits and programs, seeded by a unique \$1,000 grant whose sole directive was to share joy and cheer with the community. To that end, the Library purchased a Cricut, which is an advanced cutting machine used for crafting paper, card stock, vinyl, and more. With this preparation capability – far beyond what can be accomplished by hand – and with other materials from our "Library of Things," we will offer take-home craft

kits for individual or family use with supervision on the following themes:

- October: Crochet kits
- November: Greeting cards
- December: Cookie making
- January: Cricut Crafts
- February: Candy making
- March: Cross stitch

But there's more to the Crafting Connection than just what you make. A portion of each month's crafts will go to local organizations and groups, to share the good in our community.

Watch for the announcements of kits on our website: [www.brainerdlibrary.org](http://www.brainerdlibrary.org) or on our Facebook and Instagram feeds. October crochet kits are available now.

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# HVFC provides standby fire coverage at Haddam River Days

By Olivia Drake, HVFC

Members of Haddam Volunteer Fire Company provided standby fire coverage during the Haddam River Days fireworks on Oct. 2 at Haddam Meadows State Park. The Membership Committee also spoke to community members about volunteering and passed out fire helmets to children.

Photo by Olivia Drake, HVFC.



# HVFC Auxiliary elects new officers and plans Vendor Fair

By Betty Cernan, HVFC Auxiliary

Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary members held a special election at their September meeting. This was necessary due to an unexpected vacancy. The new officers for the 2021-2022 year are as follows: Carolyn Schuler, president; Paula Perras, vice-president; Karen Roche, secretary; and Barbara Galloway, treasurer. Following the installation of these newly elected

officers, Auxiliary members held their regular business meeting. This included discussing plans for their upcoming Vendor Fair. The event will be held on Sunday, November 7, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the new firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road. Proceeds will be given to the Haddam Fuel Bank. Once finalized, a list of participating vendors will be publicized. Save the date!

## Auxiliary's next monthly meeting Oct. 25, 2021

By Betty Cernan, HVFC Auxiliary

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Company #1, 439 Saybrook Road. Members will finalize plans for their November 7th Vendor Fair.

# We are ready to listen

The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this newspaper. We welcome supporting or opposing views on any published item. Received September 28, 2021.

I'm only one person and while excited to be running for First Selectman in Killingworth, I am also excited about the team we have assembled for November's election.

Eileen Blewett, running for Selectman, and I will work together to move this town forward. Eileen and I have known each other for many years. In her first term as Selectman, she has consistently listened to residents pushing issues to the forefront that needed to be addressed. Working together, we will continue to listen and communicate with our residents.

We know that there are serious infrastructure issues at Town Hall and the Fire Department that have not been addressed for many years that must now be taken care of, and we will begin to address those issues immediately upon taking office. Together, we will develop an affordable plan to update the fire station to improve use of the facility for our first responders, replace the town hall modulars and then remediate the historic town barn.

Our Board of Finance slate includes Douglas Lefko, Sara O'Brien and Todd Blewett. Doug just completed fulfilling a vacated seat on the BOF, while Sara and Todd are new candidates. They are all talented individuals in their professional careers and are like-minded in looking for ways to keep our mil rate low. Together with Eileen and I, we will work as a team to identify funding sources to support planned capital improvements. We all know the work needs to be done, we just need to identify how to do it in a fiscally responsible way.

We are ready to listen to our residents and businesses to learn your thoughts as well. We all look forward to servicing you and encourage everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 2.

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be acutely focused on making decisions based on what is best for them and what provides them the greatest likelihood for the most successful outcomes. I am honored for the chance to be your voice on the RSD-17 Board of Education.

I think my vision for the town matches that of most residents, but I'm open to new ideas and suggestions. I'll listen to you. Please consider voting for me in November. Thank you.

## HKYFS

# National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

By Laura Shipman, HKYFS

October 23, 2021 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

Youth & Family Services of Haddam Killingworth will be at The Killingworth Pharmacy (183 Route 81, Killingworth) AND Nutmeg Pharmacy (23 Killingworth Road, Higganum) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to collect all unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

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## HKMS

# Cougar Celebrations September 2021

By Debra Cumpstone

Our Cougar Core Value Awards are given to students who exemplify one or more of our Cougar Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance, Kindness, and Perseverance. These Core Values were developed and accepted by Haddam Killingworth Middle School students, parents, faculty, and staff in 2016, and we recognize students each month. We appreciate these students' commitment to upholding our core values and being role models at HKMS.

On Friday, October 1, 2021 Haddam Killingworth Middle School held their first Town Meeting for the 2021-22 school year where the following students were recognized for the month of September.

Claire Anderson	Kindness
Delaney Aronson	Respect, Responsibility
Reagan Aronson	Acceptance, Respect, Responsibility
Benjamin Asbury	Respect, Responsibility
Lily Austin	Respect, Kindness
Julia Battista	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility
Maxim Bergman	Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Acceptance
Joaquin Bonham	Responsibility, Perseverance
Rachel Burt	Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance
Lillian Carey	Responsibility, Perseverance
Kellen Cassidy	Respect, Perseverance
Emma Castiglioni	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Francesca Ciociola	Respect, Responsibility
Jameson Conte	Respect, Responsibility
Peyton Dixon	Kindness, Acceptance
Julia Downing	Responsibility, Kindness, Acceptance
Lucy Dysinger	Kindness, Responsibility
Madison Epright	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Brody Ferguson	Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect
Lyla Ford	Respect, Responsibility
Eveneser Garcia	Perseverance, Responsibility
Zachery Goldfarb	Respect, Responsibility
Nathan Hughes	Respect, Responsibility
Maizie Irons	Kindness, Acceptance

Ashley Kelly	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility
Aidan Lena	Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility
Michael Leone	Perseverance, Kindness
Adam Livingston	Perseverance, Responsibility
Kaitlyn Mazer	Kindness
Matthew Medina	Responsibility, Perseverance, Kindness
Tyler Medina	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Rosalynne Mendez	Responsibility, Perseverance
Magdalen Miller	Kindness, Responsibility
Alison Miranda	Respect, Responsibility
Sebastian Morales	Perseverance, Responsibility
John Moyher	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility
Catherine Nguyen	Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Kindness
Olivia Panzella	Perseverance, Kindness, Respect
Tristan Papuga	Perseverance, Responsibility
Frieda Petersen	Responsibility, Perseverance
Adalyn Proulx	Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance
Laura Quilliam	Responsibility, Perseverance
Mackenzie Rahmann	Kindness, Respect, Perseverance
Aaron Richwine	Kindness, Acceptance
Arabella Ripp	Kindness, Responsibility
Karissa Sehl-Albert	Kindness, Responsibility
Grace Shariff	Perseverance, Kindness, Respect
Violet Shatraw	Kindness
Cash Smigel	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility
Eli Snow	Respect, Responsibility
Elijah Sorrentino	Responsibility, Perseverance
Tyler Statkiewicz	Responsibility
Eliza Sturges	Responsibility, Respect, Kindness
Lauren Thebeau	Kindness
Sarah Thomen	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Tyler Traczyk	Kindness, Respect
Alysa Waterbury	Respect, Responsibility

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# Middlesex Health plants Covid-19 Memorial Garden

By Amanda Falcone

(October 2, 2021) — Middlesex Health Clinical Engineering Manager Mike Heusser recently planted a daffodil bulb for his father, Ronald, who died of COVID-19 in early 2020. Several Middlesex Integrated Care Coordination employees planted daffodil bulbs for a colleague who lost a loved one due to the virus, and Dr. Alina Filozov, chief of Infectious Disease, thought of the many COVID-19 patients she's treated throughout this pandemic as she dropped her bulb into its rightful hole.



Dr. Alina Filozov, Middlesex Health Infectious Disease Chief



Middlesex Health staff

It was a time of reflection — a time to heal. Middlesex Health employees planted about 300 daffodil bulbs in front of the health system's Bengtson-Wood Building September 30, and they did so with a purpose. Some of the bulbs were planted for Middlesex Hospital patients who died from COVID-19; others were planted in memory of those who died from COVID-19 and were loved ones of Middlesex Health employees. "When the daffodils bloom, we will remember those who have passed," Dr. Filozov says. "It will be a sign of a brighter day." Heusser agrees, explaining that the flowers will

be a welcome sight when he arrives at work each day. They will change the landscape and help to soften his memory of those rough few weeks when his father was fighting COVID-19. "I'm really happy to work for a place that does this," he says. "It's very meaningful." The Middlesex Health COVID-19 Memorial Garden is made possible due to the generosity of Riggio's Garden Center in Essex, Coughlin Service Corp and the Middlesex Health Patient Family Advisory Council. *Photos courtesy of Middlesex Health.*

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## HVFC Elects new officers

By Olivia Drake, HVFC

Congratulations to Haddam Volunteer Fire Company's newly-elected officers who were voted in during the Oct. 4 monthly meeting!

The chief officers are (pictured front row from left) Chief Sam Baber, who starts his ninth year at the helm; Deputy Chief Jed Morrissey; and Assistant Chief Peter Brown.

They are joined by (pictured back row, from left) Captain Dan Casey; Lieutenant Chuck Kowal; Lieutenant Kyle Everett, Lieutenant Greg Duval; Captain Richard Zanelli; and Captain Jeff Doskos.

In addition, Scott Larson was appointed to radio engineer; Greg Duval to mechanical engineer; Malcolm Meyer to building engineer; Kevin Griffith to quartermaster; Michelle Lafo to company treasurer; Mary Adametz to company secretary; and Dan Casey to the

Haddam Volunteer Fire Department (which includes Haddam Neck) Board of Directors.

The newly-elected representatives to the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors are John Boothroyd, Rich Williams, Scott Larson, and Rick Annino.

Company elections are held every two years. This particular election was held late, so officers will serve one year and nine months.

"I want to thank the officers who served the past two years, and I look forward to working alongside our new cohort of officers," Chief Baber said.

HVFC is actively looking to recruit new volunteers for the roles of firefighter, EMS, and fire police. All training and gear is provided. For more information email membership@haddamfire.org or visit haddamfire.com



Photo by Olivia Drake.

## HKHS defeats Platt Tech 5-0

By Mike Shea, Coach

On Tuesday, October 5, 2021, the Haddam-Killingworth High School girls soccer team defeated Platt Tech by a score of 5-0. Rhianna Phipps was in goal for the Cougars, collecting her third shutout of the season. In the first half, captain Hadley Commerford opened the scoring for her team when she received an assist from Leah Chester. Soon after, Tu-lanh Criscoulo scored the second goal when she received a pass from Emmy

Kehlenbach. Tu-lanh's goal marked her second goal in back to back games. Sierra Hajek scored the third goal in the first half with an assist from Amanda Cassidy.

In the second half, Brianna Nugent snuck a goal in for HK. The Cougars dominated offensively, and captain Yumi Imai finished the game with the fifth goal. HK is now 4-3-1 on the season and Platt Tech fell to 2-5.

HK's next game is in Westbrook on Wednesday evening.



HK Girls Soccer Captains (l to r): Yumi Imai, Hadley Commerford, Leah Sosnoski. Photo by Mike Shea.

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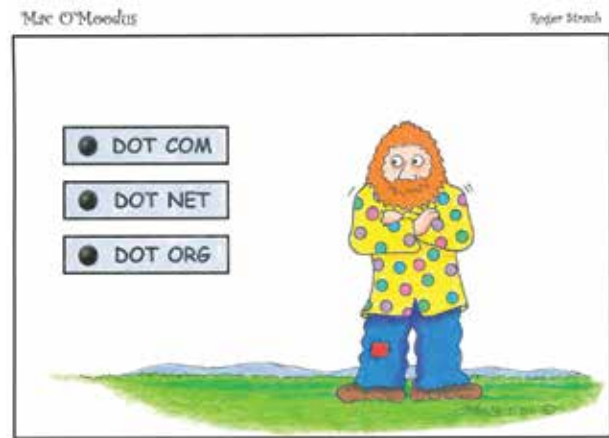
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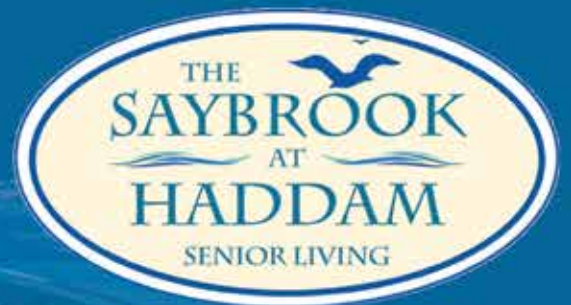
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