

# Haddam Killingworth News

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## 100 years old and still going strong

By Mark Soneson

*Editor's Note: This is part 1 of a 2 part story on the life of Higganum resident Neal Blodgett.*

On August 30th, Neal Blodgett hit the century mark. I had the pleasure of interviewing him at his home in Higganum the week before his birthday. Occasionally, Neal would struggle to come up with a name or a date, but in his opinion, he was still "pretty sharp for a man my age." As our conversation progressed, it became clear that Neal is pretty sharp for a man of any age. This is what I learned about his remarkable life.

Neal was born in Hartford in 1921. When asked what the city was like in the 1920's, Neal said "Hartford was poor. We were poor. We lived in a poor neighborhood. Park Street. The real bad section of Hartford." Neal lived on the second floor of a large apartment building that housed about thirty families.

One of his earliest memories was when his toy monkey disappeared. It was a gift from his father. Neal went down to the vestibule of the building, found a police officer, and told him someone stole his monkey. He took Neal by the hand, brought him to his mother, and subsequently determined that the monkey was on their back porch. The officer had a good laugh over it.

Neal still thinks about that day. "He was quite a monkey. He had a nice little hat, a brass bell, he was life sized..." There was a warmth in his voice when he described this treasured possession. As the reader will soon learn, Neal has a deep appreciation for well-crafted items. It would seem to be a trait developed early in life.

When Neal was six, the family moved to Green Terrace in East Hartford. Neal's father worked for Pratt & Whitney as a stock chaser. "My dad was the kind of guy, he always carried cigars with him, and he would just come up to complete strangers and he'd be smoking a cigar and he'd offer them a cigar. He smoked White Owls. Everybody loved him."

Neal didn't inherit his longevity from his parents. His father died a few days short of his 65th birthday and his retirement party, as well.



His mother, a homemaker, passed away at age 72 from cancer. Conversely, Neal has enjoyed good health his whole life.

Neal earned money as a kid by weeding the carrot beds at Christianson's Farm in Wilson for three dollars a day. The pay was better at the tobacco farms, where he worked as he grew older. Neal also set up pins at the YMCA bowling alley, which was done by hand. At age twelve, he was paying his mother five dollars a week in rent, and opened a savings account for what was leftover.

Neal attended Weaver High School, where he was a self-described poor student. His best subject was history. He liked biology, too, primarily for the anatomical drawing. But mostly, Neal just "coasted by" and rarely carried a book home.

He was on the swimming team, and played in an intra-city football league for the Rangers. Neal was a fullback at "115 pounds, soaking, sopping wet." He and his teammates liked to read their names in the newspaper articles about their games. Neal kept the clippings for years, but threw them out at some point, which he now regrets.

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## Historic Women of Killingworth: Goody Wee & Killingworth folklore

By Claudette Lagasse, Killingworth Historical Society

*Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series about the Historic Women of Killingworth. In 2001 Sandy Smith proposed making small replicas of Historical Killingworth Women. Each doll was sold for \$15 as a fundraiser for the Historical Society. Five dolls were made, one for each year 2001-2005. Below is the information that was included with the Goody Wee doll.*

### Goody Wee

Our Fifth "Historic Women of Killingworth" Christmas Doll Ornament

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*Photo provided by Claudette Lagasse.*

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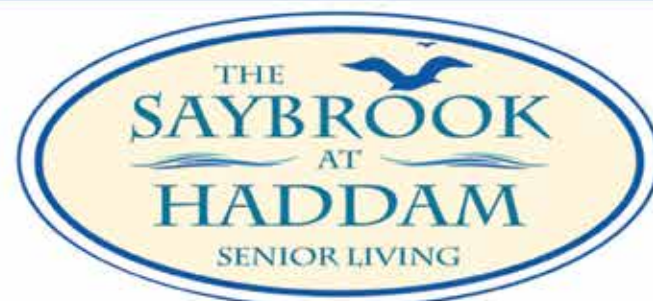
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# Cooking Company to close Tylerville location

By Kathy Brown

(August 19, 2021) This past June marked twenty years for the Cooking Company's Tylerville location, its first store. Unfortunately, that store will be closing at the end of September.

Tylerville location

We talked to owner Sue Bauer to find out the reasons. She said that the gate that was installed on the driveway into the plaza from Bridge Road affected business. Also, her lease was coming up for renewal and it was for five years. There are two big construction projects coming up that could affect that area – Swing Bridge construction will start spring of 2022 and take three years to complete, and the roundabouts construction will be spring 2023 to fall 2024. Sue asked her landlord for a shorter lease, but unfortunately that wasn't a possibility.

The good news is that the Middletown location (at 350 Main Street, First Floor) – which has been closed since the pandemic started – will reopen when Tylerville closes. The Killingworth location (at 187 Route 81) remains open as well.

"[We've had] great customers over the years," said Sue. "We appreciate them so much. We will miss the customers [who don't follow us to our other stores]. People have made the experience great."



Tylerville location. Photo by Kathy Brown.

## HADDAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

# HVFC 2021 Water-Rescue Drill on CT River

By Olivia Drake, HVFC



On Aug. 16, HVFC participated in a water-rescue drill on the Connecticut River. In a mock scenario, crews were dispatched to an area north of Haddam Island for a personal watercraft accident involving two injured people. Firefighters accessed the patients from the company's boat, Marine-13, and practiced loading the victims (played by members) into the boat from the water.

Haddam Fire has already responded to four watercraft rescues this summer.

Photos by Olivia Drake, HVFC.



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# Emergency Declarations: When community leaders prepare for disasters

By Sharon Challenger

On August 22, 2021, Haddam First Selectman, Bob McGarry issued a Declaration of Emergency in preparation of Tropical Storm Henri. <https://www.haddam.org/home/news/august-22-2021-emergency-declaration>

The news was published on hk-now.com and some readers began to inquire about it.

In an attempt to understand more about emergency declarations and what a town must do when faced with natural or man-made disasters, Haddam Killingworth News posed several questions to FS McGarry.

When asked why an emergency declaration was issued regarding Tropical Storm Henri, FS McGarry stated that he had not intended to issue a declaration but was advised, "on a statewide conference call with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) that having more local declarations increases the chance for reimbursement to CT from FEMA."

What are the benefits of having a disaster declaration in place?

"A disaster declaration gives the First Selectman some additional authority and flexibility on responding to the disaster and some protection for volunteers who help. Section 7.4 of our charter and CT General Statutes section 28-8a address this. Perhaps the biggest reason for local disaster declarations is to help residents realize the situation is or could become serious so pay attention."

How did Haddam prepare for and react to tropical Storm Henri?

"Prior to the storm's arrival we held an online meeting to discuss preparations and concerns. Attendees included the Fire Chiefs for Haddam

and Haddam Neck, the Ambulance Chief, Social Services Director, Emergency Management Director and Deputy Director, Assistant Director Public Works, senior resident trooper and me. If the storm had lasted longer or if it required an extended recovery time (think TS Isaias) there would have been more meetings. Those meetings would cover: the current situation and what has changed, what's been accomplished since the last meeting, problems encountered/anticipated, what assistance or resources we need and actions going forward.

Does Haddam have an Emergency Operations Center?

"We do have an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Haddam Fire Station 1. It's little more than office space; it's not the sophisticated center you see in cities or at the state armory. For this storm we operated the EOC virtually. With technology we can do everything virtually that we could do in a physical EOC except talk face to face and have an Eversource liaison located with us. A big advantage of the virtual EOC is we are spread throughout the town so when roads are blocked one of us may still be able to get out to assess the situation."

How were Haddam officials kept informed about the situation?

"The state held five state-wide conference calls with the state EOC and all 169 municipalities, one on Friday, one on Saturday, two on Sunday, and a final one on Monday. Like our EOC meeting these calls discussed what the state had done or planned to do, the current situation and latest weather forecast and any problems the municipalities needed state help with."

Is the Red Cross still helping now that they no longer have a branch in Middletown?

"The Red Cross opened two regional shelters in our area during the storm. One was in North Branford, the other in New Haven. Our closest shelter is the new middle school. The Red Cross would assist with shelter management."

What other agencies help when communities are faced with natural or man-made disasters?

"Which agencies respond to a disaster and its aftermath depends on the nature of the disaster and the authority, capability and resources of the agency. It's not as simple as natural disaster versus man-made. For example, public works is a major player responding to storms but is a minor contributor in our response to the pandemic even though both of these are natural disasters."

Does Haddam have a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)?

"Haddam doesn't have a CERT team although we are discussing establishing one. In the past when we've distributed water and/or MREs we had residents come pick them up and relied on volunteers to deliver them to homebound individuals."

Note: FS McGarry intends to put a notice out this week formally ending the declaration.

More information on CERT teams and the Citizen Corps Program (CCP) can be found on portal.ct.gov website under: Connecticut State Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

## CAMPUS CORNER

Merit Pages News

### Isabella Young named to University of Utah's Summer 2021 Dean's List

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (08/20/2021)– Isabella Young of Killingworth, CT, has been named to the University of Utah's Summer 2021 Dean's List. Young's major is listed as Psychology BA.

Young was among more than 970 students named to the Summer 2021 Dean's List at the U. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

### Hannah R. McLeod named to Clark University's Spring 2021 Dean's List

WORCESTER, MA (08/20/2021)– The following local resident was named to Clark University's Spring Dean's List: Hannah R. McLeod, of Killingworth, was named to first honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

## KILLINGWORTH TOWN NEWS

# Killingworth Copes: August 2021 Covid-19 Update

By Cathy Iino, First Selectman, Killingworth

Pandemic: Along with over 70 other towns in the state, Killingworth is back in the COVID red zone: from August 1 to August 14, we had new infections at a rate of over 15 per 100,000. From August 8 to August 14, we had 10 new confirmed cases in town. Sadly, COVID is not behind us.

With the evolving pandemic, the evolving scientific understanding of the pandemic, and the variations in rates within the state, it's hard to know which protocols to follow. Our health department recommendations:

- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces, whether or not you are vaccinated.
- Avoid large indoor gatherings.
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID and are fully

vaccinated, get tested 3-5 days after the contact. If you are not vaccinated, quarantine at home and follow CDC guidance .

- Get vaccinated if you haven't already.
- Get a booster if you are immunocompromised.

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# Needleman: Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine receives full approval from FDA

By Norm Needleman, State Senator

Following Tropical Storm Henri – which was thankfully less damaging than initial expectations, yet still caused significant power outages, flooding and other damage – the governor’s request for an emergency declaration was granted by President Joe Biden. This declaration allows Connecticut access to federal direct assistance and allowing state agencies and municipalities to file for FEMA reimbursement at 75% for eligible emergency protective measures regarding storm preparedness and immediate response. The state faces continued risk of flash flooding in some areas today as thunderstorms will continue to bring rain to the already-saturated groundwater. The State Emergency Operations Center will remain active to respond to any requests for commodities or resources.

I’m pleased by the strong partnership we’ve had between state, local, and utility partners in responding to Tropical Storm Henri. It shows that lessons have been learned following Tropical Storm Isaias, while underscoring the value of pre-staging assets within towns prior to a storm so as to mitigate the impact of the severe weather.

I also want to thank our first responders and the line workers supporting the storm recovery for their efforts. They are integral to the storm response and they have been at the ready to assist people as needs arise.

Now, please take a couple of minutes to read additional developments relating to COVID-19 and our state.

## Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Receives Full Approval From FDA

After an eight-month process, the Food and Drug Administration today announced that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has received full approval. This license allows the company to market its vaccine, allows vaccination to be required by many major entities and allows doctors to prescribe additional shots to individuals if deemed necessary or helpful. **This full approval expanded on initial studies used to grant an emergency use authorization in the winter of 2020 and followed more than 44,000 people for a period of six months.** Polls have shown that FDA approval of the vaccine will encourage more individuals to receive doses and should increase public confidence, with one

by the Kaiser Family Foundation finding 30 percent of unvaccinated people would be more willing to get vaccinated following full authorization. More than 204 million vaccine doses have been received across the country to this point.

## Connecticut Earned Income Tax Credit Rising To 30.5% – Larger State Tax Refunds for Families

Thousands of low-to-moderate income workers and working families in Connecticut will receive significantly larger state tax refunds as the Connecticut Earned Income Tax Credit is scheduled to increase from its most recent rate of 23% to 30.5% this year. This increase was part of the 2022-23 biennial budget developed by the General Assembly, which I joined in voting for, and signed into law earlier this summer. **The 195,000 households eligible for the tax credit will receive an additional \$40 million**, with as much as \$158 million in total planned for distribution. Governor Lamont credited Senate President Martin M. Looney for advocating for and adopting the rate increase as part of its budget.

Filers earning less than \$51,464 with three or more qualifying children, \$47,915 with two or more qualifying children, \$42,158 with one qualifying child or \$15,980 with no qualifying children will be

eligible. In 2020, approximately 175,000 households in Connecticut, including more than 220,000 children and other dependents, benefitted from the credit.

## Student Loan Subsidies for Educators in Highest-Need School Districts Signed into Law

Legislation that provides subsidies on certain student loans for educators who commit to serving in Connecticut’s highest-need school districts was recently signed into law. Teachers who commit to teaching in one of the state’s 33 highest-need districts can receive an interest rate subsidy on loans from the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority Alliance. The Alliance District Teacher Loan Subsidy Program is the latest in a series of initiatives designed to address persistent teaching shortages and support teachers in their careers by addressing challenges with recruiting and retaining teachers in high-turnover districts.

State leaders will continue focusing on increasing pathways to certification by providing support to traditional and alternate route educator preparation programs; assisting districts with recruiting, hiring and retaining diverse workforces; and supporting candidates to attract and recruit the next generation of educators in the state.

## 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, September 2

**Parmelee Farm Comm. Meeting** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pond Room

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

### Friday, September 3

**HADDAM NECK FAIR** September 3 – 6 for more info: <http://haddamneckfair.com/>

**Killingworth Historic Review Comm. Mtg.** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Higginum Farmers Market** 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 7

**RSD #17 BOE Meeting** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Tech Tuesday – Killingworth Library** 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. The library is offering half hour private sessions for tech support every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., starting in September. Our first sessions will teach you how to download e-content to your mobile device using Libby and/or Hoopla! The sessions are limited to one person at a time, so please register in advance.

### Wednesday, September 8

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

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

### Thursday, September 9

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

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

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## Jamie Mowat Young running for Killingworth Board of Selectman

I am Jamie Mowat Young, and I am excited to run with Lou Annino, Jr. on the Democratic ticket to serve you on Killingworth's Board of Selectmen.

My husband Brian and I made Killingworth our home 23 years ago. We've enjoyed raising our three boys here because the town is both rural and well maintained, with a terrific corps of engaged residents and an outstanding school system.

Many dedicated volunteers sustain our town. Our first responders, Parmelee Farm Committee, coaches, gardeners, PTOs, KWO, Lions, Land Trust, and more all make our community the great place it is. It takes good listening, care, and strong leadership on the Board of Selectmen to support these volunteers,

balance competing interests, and maintain our infrastructure. I hope you'll give Lou and me the opportunity to do just that.

I like people, challenges, and solving problems. I have a graduate degree in ethics, and a law degree with a specialization in mediation and contracts. I strive to find common ground and bridge differences. I've led complex undertakings, streamlined organizations and procedures, and navigated large bureaucracies. I worked as Associate Legal Counsel to Governor Rell and in the departments of Energy and Environmental Protection and Transportation under Governor Malloy. I get things done with good cheer, and I am known for my integrity.

My military family was active in the VFW, community, and church. That upbringing built public service into my core. It has led me to serve on many state and local boards and in community organizations such as the KWO and the KVFC Auxiliary. It has led me to run for office now.

I look forward to meeting you around town. Look for me at Andie's Cookies Café on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. And please vote for us on November 2!

*Jamie Mowat Young  
Killingworth  
August 19, 2021*

## Vote for Gigi Simko for Haddam BOF

Hi, my name is Gigi Simko, and I am running for the Town of Haddam Board of Finance.

My family and I moved to Higganum in the summer of 2020. My husband is originally from Middle Haddam, Connecticut, while I grew up criss-crossing the world as the oldest child of a U.S. Navy veteran. We met in college and recently celebrated our 25-year wedding anniversary. We are the proud parents of two teenage sons.

I am running for the Board of Finance because I want to serve our community and continue a life of

service.

After 24 years on active duty as a professional healthcare administrator in the U.S. Air Force, I retired as a colonel and joined Connecticut Children's as a senior manager in 2020. My education includes a Bachelor of Science in biology from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and a Master of Business Administration from Webster University, St. Louis.

Furthermore, I have sat on multiple boards at the regional and national level and have an array of experience with budgets, long range capital planning, the audit process and annual reports.

If you would like to see me on the Board of Finance, please vote for me in November!

Thank you for your consideration.

*Gigi Simko  
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**Brain Fog**

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Think about recent changes. Have you started a new medication, have you put on a few extra pounds, or reduced your activity level?. Have the stressors in your life increased lately? Are you sleeping well?

Let's think of some of the more natural and effective things you can do to help. Take a 15- 30 minute walk at least once a day, obviously the more the better! Cut down on sweets because sugar makes you feel good for an instant, and then it slows you down. Think of how much fluid you are drinking. Our bodies are 90% water and if we don't drink 6 or more 8-ounce glasses a day, we are not hydrating enough and we are slowing our brain down. Also, as we age taking in more fluids helps keep urinary tract infections down.

So, before you speak with your physician, do this assessment, and then your doctor will have more information to help you, and you might solve your problem for them.

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# Haddam Poet Laureate: Visitation

By Lorraine Riess

## Visitation

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is the woven nest of a hummingbird.  
Spider-silk and lichen soft walls  
milkweed down and seed heads spun  
to a thumb deep chamber in shadow.  
She will drop two eggs, pearls of wonder.  
I will sit in the sun and wait  
for the purring whirl of her wings  
the cape of emerald sparkle  
green helmet glinting, bladed tail spread  
as she hovers dark eyed before me

to check the veracity of my red-flowered shirt.  
An acrobat sure of her elegance and speed  
she darts off once more  
to pierce the air with needled bill  
stitching cloud to sky for an instant.  
In her wake a contrail of my amazement.  
So rare to be in nature's sway.

*Lorraine Riess is current poet laureate of Haddam and invites your submission in HK-Now for publication. You may email submissions to: lcfriss@att.net. All poetry should be no longer than 30 lines (one page). Include a short bio of 75 words or less. You will be notified by email if your work is selected. All work is copyrighted by the author.*

REAL ESTATE

# Real Estate Transactions

From Hartford Courant, 8/20/21

## Haddam

**Property on N/A, Fieldstone LLC to C. and R. Malangone, 8/5, \$75,000**

**Property on N/A, A. Olszyk to T. A. Tomaszek, Jr., 8/2, \$30,000**

**Property on N/A, G. Amarant to S. Eddinger, 7/28, \$80,000**

**18 Killingworth Rd., SMKD Realty LLC to Shivram Realty LLC, 8/5, \$1,200,000**

**66 Oxbow Rd., G. Cook and S. Figueredo-Cook to W. Q. Zheng, 8/6, \$850,000**

**141 Christian Hill Rd., S. L. Rossi to S. Dogennaro, 7/28, \$365,000**

**304 Hubbard Rd., A. M. Calamari to I. Martin and J. Mitchel, 8/2, \$600,000**

## Killingworth

**15 Victoria Dr., P. Early to G. and A. Okarmus, 8/4, \$515,515**

**62 Route 80, C. L. Waelter to J. and H. Cohen, 8/6, \$685,000**

**83 Chittenden Rd., M. E. and L. C. Herrmann to D. and R. Lynch, 8/2, \$545,000**

**135 Bar Gate Trl., N. D. Mandelkern to J. and E. Goldman, 8/2, \$499,000**

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LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 TOWN OF HADDAM

Notice is hereby given there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum for the following purposes.

1. To discuss the abandonment of a section of Old Chester Road.
2. To discuss the adoption of an Ordinance creating a Water Pollution Control Authority, as follows:

Be it Ordained by the Town Meeting of the Town of Haddam:

#### § 45-33 Creation; authority; regulations.

The Town of Haddam hereby creates a Water Pollution Control Authority. Such authority shall have all the powers, purposes, objectives, duties and obligations set forth in Chapters 102 and 103 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, and existing and future amendments thereto, and all powers inuring or granted to Water Pollution Control Authorities by § 7-246 and by other relevant sections of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, and existing and future amendments thereto. Such authority shall have the power to develop and enforce activities to protect the groundwater and aquifers of the Town of Haddam. Said regulations promulgated by the authority shall be approved by the legislative body of the Town.

#### § 45-34 Membership; terms.

Said Authority shall consist of the three (3) members of the Haddam Board of Selectman and two (2) alternates, all to be electors of the Town of Haddam, who shall be designated and approved by the Board of Selectmen and serve without compensation. Members shall serve for a term consistent with their term of office on the Board of Selectman and alternates shall serve for a term of three years from appointment.

#### § 45-35 Officers; records; meetings.

The Authority shall elect a Chairman from among its own members at the first meeting and annually thereafter at the first meeting held after the first day of July in each year. The Authority shall appoint a Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Authority and, when ordered by the Authority, shall file the same with the Town Clerk. All such records shall be open for public inspection at reasonable hours. A calendar of regular monthly meetings shall be filed annually in the Town Clerks office in accordance with State Statute. Special meetings of the Authority may be called by the Chairman or any three members upon 24 hours' notice thereof.

#### § 45-36 Budget.

The Authority shall prepare annually a budget of estimated revenue and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year.

#### § 45-37 Removal of members.

A commissioner may be removed, for inefficiency or neglect of duty, by the Board of Selectmen after a hearing conforming to recognized standards of due process of law; a commissioner shall be removed only after opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel before the Board of Selectmen at least 10 days prior to which he shall have been given a copy of the charges against him. In the event of the removal of any commissioner, a record of the proceeding, together with the charges and findings thereon, shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Haddam.

Dated in Haddam, Connecticut this 2nd day of September 2021

Board of Selectmen, Robert McGarry, Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HADDAM BID FOR CHIPPING AND REMOVAL OF BRUSH AND WOOD PILE

The Town of Haddam will be accepting bids for chipping of a brush and wood pile at the Transfer Station, 750 Saybrook Road, Haddam, CT. Sealed bids clearly marked "Chip Bid" will be accepted at the Selectmen's Office, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438 until 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, September 10, 2021**, following all COVID-19 guidelines.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, bids will not be opened publicly, but shall be posted on the Town's website as soon as possible. Bids may be hand delivered to the Selectmen's Office following all COVID-19 guidelines.

#### 1. The following items must be included in the bid:

1. Price for chipping (one grind only) and removal of entire chip pile as it exists on **SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**. Brush /wood pile may be viewed during normal Transfer Station hours on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- PLEASE STATE ONE PRICE FOR BOTH CHIPPING AND REMOVAL.**
2. Wood chipped must be loaded immediately into trailers. No chips will be allowed to be stockpiled at site.
3. PROOF OF INSURANCE (LIABILITY, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, ETC.).
4. List of references we may contact.
5. All brush and wood must be chipped no matter the size.
6. Work area to be regraded and cleaned to Town's satisfaction.
7. Any additional brush received between **September 10, 2021** through completion date will be chipped and removed at no additional cost to the Town.
8. Work can only be done on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. No other days are allowable. Work hours are 7 a.m.-5 p.m. No hours earlier or later than those stated.
9. All wood chips to be disposed of at an approved site.

Work must be completed within two (2) weeks of bid award. The Town of Haddam reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Corsa, Assistant Director of Public Works, 860-345-2110.

Christopher Corsa  
Assistant Director of Public Work



# Historic Women of Killingworth: Goody Wee & Killingworth folklore

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In the earliest days, Killingworth and Clinton were one town, Clinton being known as Killingworth and the present-day Killingworth being known as North Killingworth. Our town, at this time, was referred to as the "Wilderness." According to local folklore, witches and ghosts lurked in this area. Legend has it that Goody Wee was one of them, and it is believed that the original written source for the tales was Martin Lord's letter in the 1884 Beer's History of Middlesex County.

Goody Wee and her daughter, Betty Wee, supposedly traveled the Killingworth roads and paths, especially "Goody Wee Crotch" near Wildcat Ledge. According to Martin Lord's aforementioned letter, the Crotch was a little "northeast of the Watrous place" on Champlin Road, just north of Deer Lake. Thus, the Crotch is most likely a sharp notch along the upper part of Coughlin Road, which ran all the way to present Route 80 and came out opposite the present entrance of Chatfield Hollow. The Crotch is west of Buell Hill and now partially filled in by Forster's Pond. Wildcat ledge, which was near the Crotch, might possibly be the ledge in Chatfield Hollow where Indian caves are located. Goody and Betty were said by Lord to have lived in Chatfield Hollow.

According to Martin Lord, he heard the Goody Wee stories from his grandfather. Quote: "It was formerly reported, the above-named witches made their neighbors considerable trouble. For instance, they would enter the cream so it could not be worked into butter, and perform, according to legends, other equally strange feats. It was said a person could not reach the top of Cedar Swamp Hill with a load of rails, as they would all slide out of the cart, by the agency of witches."

Today, Cedar Swamp would include Lower Chittenden Road, a section of Cow Hill Road, and Beech Tree Ridge. A Larger area may have been considered part of the swamp in earlier times. A wet area extends north of Green Hill Road and west of upper Chittenden Road. Buell Hill is to the

west of this, and this very possibly may have been the troublesome hill.

From man's earliest history to the late 1700's, when someone in a village fell under bad circumstances, they would oftentimes find someone to blame. The accused could be the odd, old, unattractive, or disliked. Most, but not all, were women. History involving witchcraft has had a long, bloody history, and the amount of deaths estimated range from a few hundred thousand to several million. Most of the persecutions were in Europe, but they also spread to the New World.

In all probability, Goody Wee and her daughter, Betty, were chosen to be blamed for the townspeople's misfortunes because they were somehow different from those living in Killingworth. In checking the name of Wee, its genealogical origins are Chinese, Norwegian, Native American, and Irish. It is very possible that Goody and Betty could have been Native Americans, but they also could have been of Irish blood with red, curly hair as we have portrayed our Goody. She is dressed in mid-1700's rural costume, and for those of you too young to know, that's a butter churn in her hands.

## HADDAM REGISTRARS

### Notice of Lottery to determine order of candidates on ballot

By Raymond Skarsten & Kate Wessling, Registrars of Voters.

Notice to Haddam Candidates and Voters:

For the upcoming November 2, 2021, Municipal Election, a lottery to determine order on Election Ballot of names of candidates for multiple-opening offices will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at Haddam Town Office Building, Town Clerk's Office, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438.

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# 100 years old and still going strong

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Neal met Marjorie Jarman while at Weaver High School. Marjorie was a sophomore. Neal was a senior. They were introduced at a skating pond by her friend, Frannie Johnson. Neal used to be a pretty good skater, and was executing his best moves that day. As a result, "Marge didn't like me because she thought I was a show-off." But it wasn't long before they were an item. "At the age of 15, she was my girl and that was it. One look and I knew."

Neal graduated in 1939. He went to work at the Underwood Elliott Fisher Typewriter Company for \$12 a week, and then at the Underwood research labs in the blueprint department for \$16.

Neal bought his first car in 1939, a 1930 Ford Model A. It was a black two door coupe with a convertible top and a rumble seat. He paid \$35 for it. He made good use of the car. "We went skiing all over the place. We went to Vermont." The engine caught fire on one road trip. He pulled over and threw sand on it to extinguish the flames. It started right up and they were on their way as if nothing had happened.

World War II interrupted many lives and Neal and Marjorie were no exception. In the summer of 1942, Neal drove to New Haven and enlisted in the Navy. During his medical exam, he scrunched his feet to mask the fact that he was flat-footed. The

doctor let him know he wasn't being fooled, saying "You want to get in real bad, don't you?" Neal said yes and the doctor passed him. Neal's condition was a constant source of pain on the steel decks of his ship, but he learned to live with it.

Neal was stationed in Newport, Rhode Island. He came home on leave in December. He and Marjorie were married on Christmas Eve. Shortly thereafter, Neal was off to war.

Neal was assigned to a LST (Landing Ship, Tank) which carried equipment and supplies. It was designed to be grounded on the beach and unloaded when piers weren't available. It was ideal for invasions and accordingly, often put its crew under heavy fire. Neal and his shipmates were subjected to strafing and dive-bombing on several occasions.

While docked during the invasion of Sicily, Neal was the sole occupant of the Conn early one morning. As the sun was just coming up, an army officer with three stars on his helmet and a pair of ivory handled pistols on his hips shouted up to Neal from 75 feet away. "Unload this ship and get it out of here!" (he used an adjective that Neal didn't want printed in this story, but your guess is most likely correct). Every man on the ship soon went to work unloading the LST. They were back out to sea in short order. While the encounter with the demanding officer wasn't congenial in nature, Neal must be the only resident of our town who can say

he met George S. Patton.

From Sicily, it was off to the port of Oran in Algeria, where the ship came under heavy bombing. Neal had a misfire in his deck gun that had to be cleared after the bombing stopped. His shipmates watched from a distance as he pulled the live projectile from the breach. If he fumbled, it stood a good chance of detonating. He got it out and tossed it over the side. The thought of it still unnerves him.

That night, the ship was strafed. Neal crawled into the turret of his deck gun. "I felt protected on three sides. And I said a few prayers. Made a few promises. And I kept them."

They left Oran for Tunisia, where they picked up British 8th Army Commandos and took them to Burma via the Mediterranean Sea, the Suez Canal and then through the Red Sea. Neal recalls the uneasy feeling as they sailed down the west coast of the Arabian Peninsula, as they had no escort for that leg of the trip.

In 1944, Neal's ship sailed back through the Mediterranean, made a stop in Italy, and then continued on to England to prepare for the invasion of Normandy. He recalled with great detail the lading of supplies and armaments and how they were secured, as if it occurred yesterday. And he will never forget being part of a nearly 7,000 ship armada forging its way across the English Channel. Neal's LST delivered its cargo to Gold Beach on D-Day. It then transported the wounded to England on the return trip.

Neal managed to squeeze in a visit to Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral before the invasion was launched. He told me that he went to church whenever he could, no matter where he was. Neal has been a person of faith his entire life. He rarely misses a service at the Higganum Congregational Church. He reads a few chapters of the Bible every night before going to sleep. Yet midway through our interview, Neal said he still wasn't sure about God's purpose for him.

At the end of our interview, which ran three and a half hours, I brought up this question to Neal again. He came up with an answer. And anyone who knows Neal would agree with him on it.

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