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## Harry Nilsen of Haddam Neck Celebrates 95 Years

*By R. Thurston Clark, Haddam Neck*

Harry William Nilsen turned 95 last week. He was born in 1927 and has lived his whole life in Haddam Neck.

The family lived at 36 Ben Clark Hill Road. When the Depression hit, they all needed to participate in growing everything they needed, e.g., cows, pigs, turkeys, chickens, plus a big garden and lots of hay and other grains to feed all the animals. Meanwhile Harry's dad, Harry Severen Nilsen, took on any odd jobs that he could find in the neighborhood to bring in a little cash, including carpentry, landscaping, Fire Warden and caretaker of the cemetery. In addition, there was the annual wood-cutting effort to keep the family warm over the winter.

Harry was First Sergeant in the U.S. Army and during a tour in the Korean War, he was wounded by a small grenade. He still carries some of the shrapnel in his back. He married a local girl, Mary Louise Haidet, in 1954. His father gave the newly married Harry & Mary a one-acre mowing lot. That summer, Harry Senior (with some help from my teenage self, his oldest grandchild) built the house at 119 Injun Hollow Road. Harry Junior helped on the weekends. Harry still resides there today. In 1956, the couple brought a son, H. Russell, into the world.



Recent photo of Harry, Labor Day, at Haddam Neck Fair Grange Hall Kitchen ready to make Grinders. With him are Liam & Cate Pladl, two of my grandchildren from NJ. They are learning the value of volunteering and meeting some relatives, e.g. cousin Ben Michaels & his two brothers, Scott & Jon, who manage the grinder preparation at the Fair. The Michaels are Harry's sister Ruth's grandchildren. *Photo courtesy of R. Thurston Clark*

## Four Years Later, KAA Scholarship Winner on Track with Career

*By Clark Judge*

Four years ago, Trevor Hines was one of five high-school seniors to receive Killingworth Ambulance Association scholarships. A student at Haddam-Killingworth High, he said then that he planned to pursue a criminal justice degree at the University of New Haven and hoped to work with local law enforcement.

So, what happened? What happened is that Trevor Hines is doing just that.

Now 22, he graduates from UNH this summer after completing an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and an internship this semester that



*Photo provided by Clark Judge.*

includes 150 hours of work with the East Lyme Police Department.

"I'm grateful," he said, one afternoon over lunch at

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## Town of Haddam: Region #17 School Budget Referendum: May 3

*By Raymond Skarsten & Kate Wessling, Haddam Certified Registrars of Voters*

The annual referendum for the District #17 School Budget will be held on May 3, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Yes/No Question: Shall we adopt Regional School District #17 Education gross budget of \$45,030,679.25 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022?

All Polling Locations will be open for this referendum. Remember, all property owners (who own Haddam taxable property of \$1,000 or more) are encouraged to vote. "Your Vote Matters."

Polling Locations:

**\*DISTRICT #001**

**Haddam Firehouse Community Hall  
439 Saybrook Road, Higganum**

**\*DISTRICT #002**

**Regional School District #17  
Central Office, 57 Little City Road,  
Higganum**

**\*DISTRICT #003**

**Haddam Neck Firehouse  
50 Rock Landing Road, Haddam Neck**

*\*Curb side voting available for voters with a disability.*

To register to vote: your registration application must be received by mail or in-person by your Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2022.

Call the Registrars of Voters at 860-345-0979 or the Town Clerk at 860-345-8531 for absentee ballot applications or more information.

[registrar@haddam.org](mailto:registrar@haddam.org) (860-345-0979)

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# Boys Lacrosse: HKHS Defeats Old Saybrook 8-3

By Mike Kelly

The Haddam Killingworth High School Boys Lacrosse team defeated Old Saybrook on April 14, with a final score of 8-3.

The defending 2021 Shoreline Conference Champion HK Cougars boys lacrosse team pushed their 2022 season record to 3-1 Thursday evening, defeating conference foe Old Saybrook 8-3. After a sloppy few minutes early on for both teams, nerves eventually settled, and the Cougars drew first blood when middle Alex Phipps got free above the right crease for the score, 1-0 HK. Old Saybrook responded quickly, however, tying the game 1-1.

Early in the second quarter, middle freshman Gunnar Howes fired in the first goal of his high school career from the top right post, giving HK the 2-1 lead, with an assist from senior attackman Corey Phipps. Howes then returned the favor to the other brother Phipps, finding Alex alone for the overhand step-down scorcher, 3-1 HK. Late in the second, middle Charlie Maxwell, rolling right to left above the cage, turned and fired to push the HK lead to 4-1, assist from A. Phipps. Minutes later, having got a taste of scoring glory, freshman Howes banged another one in from dead center 20-yards above the crease, giving the Cougars a 5-1 lead at the half.

Perhaps envisioning a comeback, the Rams began the third quarter with a quick strike in the first few minutes to close within 3 of the defending champion Cougars. HK answered shortly thereafter however, during a man-up advantage when attackman Aaron McLeod found middle Nolan Braren free above the left post. Braren fired a wicked sidearm that likely took paint off the goal post as it burned into the top left corner of the net, 6-2 HK. Old Saybrook again attempted to capture some momentum with a late goal during a man-down situation, closing the gap to 6-3 HK. Moments later the brothers Phipps snuffed out any chance at a Rams comeback however, when Alex found Corey cutting above the right post, who banged it in for the 7-3 HK lead. Old Saybrook would not challenge again.

In the fourth period, LSM Jack Insalaco, who played a very active game and swarmed over the entirety of the field throughout the day, assisted C. Phipps with another score, pushing the HK lead to 8-3. Phipps took the pass, felt the defender on his hip and deftly spun away from the contact to bang home the winner.

It should be said that the Cougar defense, as it has pretty much every game so far this season, played with enormous poise, energy, and engagement. Goalie Braden Civiello was again a wall on the back line,



swallowing up several solid shots from the Rams attack during man-down situations, thus preserving the HK lead. D-poles Aidan Griswold, Nathan Kelly, Matteo Piacenti, and Sam Young were active and everywhere, hoovering up loose balls, while d-middies Cooper Pitts and Jake McKenzie held down the middle of the field.

All in all a great team effort.

Photos by Liz Griswold.

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the local Dunkin' Donuts. "I'm glad I chose what I chose. I think it's a really interesting profession."

Hines conceded he wasn't always so certain. Nobody in his immediate family has a background in law enforcement. His father works construction. His mother once taught pre-school children. Older brother Jackson works with his Dad, while younger brother Cameron is still in college. So Trevor Hines is something of an outlier ... at least within the family ... and it has more to do with a friend he met when he began high school than it did a family member.

"My friend's Dad was a (State) Trooper in Troop F (Westbrook)," he said. "He always had the car around and would talk to us about work. And he was always helping people, which I thought was interesting."

That's when Hines started thinking about a career in law enforcement. By the time he was a high school senior, he believed it was something he'd like to pursue. So, he did. He enrolled at UNH, so highly regarded as a leader in criminal-justice programs that it was once dubbed, "The Cop Shop," and majored in — what else? — criminal justice.

Four years later, he has no regrets — especially now that he's immersed in an internship set up through UNH's Career Development Center.

It has Hines at the East Lyme Police Department Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week, arriving somewhere around 9:00 each morning and sticking around until 3:30 p.m. After checking in with dispatch, he could be called on to file papers, go over reports, or tag along with an officer on what are called "ride-alongs," with Hines in the passenger seat to serve as an observer.

He doesn't wear a uniform. He is not armed. He is a college intern in civilian clothes who looks no different than he would at school ... except for a bullet-proof vest he's required to wear.

"He responds to calls with officers," said East Lyme Lt. Dana Jezierski, with the East Lyme police 16 years. "If it's something that's not high-risk, he's able to get out of the car and watch the investigation or whatever crime is being reported."

"He's very responsible. He's very mature. And he's always asking questions, which shows he has an interest. He gets along great with the officers he rides with, and they speak highly of him."

According to Jezierski, the department has run its internship for years, usually with Mitchell College of New London. Interest in the program, she said, is increasing, with two interns from Endicott College due this summer.

"We have them come in and talk about their goals for the internship and what the police department can offer them" she said. "With Trevor, he was interested in law enforcement. He wanted a better understanding of law enforcement and how it works."

Apparently, he found what he was after.

"What I like most about this major is the internship," Hines said. "I get to see how things are processed and how they do things, like how they communicate with dispatch. Seeing everything first-hand instead of hearing about it in the classroom is very useful. It's like getting hands-on work."

Memo to UNH: He likes it. "For me to be able to go on 'ride-alongs' now and to be able to think about it, and say, 'Hey, I'm really enjoying this' ... that's important. A lot of schools don't make you do an internship. So I really appreciate (UNH) putting you in a position to decide whether you really like it or not."

Once upon a time, however, there was a feeling that Hines might want to pursue another career, with his grandfather, Jim Lally, saying he thought his grandson might become a game warden "because he loves the outdoors." But there's not much talk of that now. In fact, in two separate conversations over the

past week, he never mentioned it. He spoke only of police work.

"He has a good sense of right and wrong," his mother, Kristen Hines, said. "I think that would be something that's a strength for him (in law enforcement). He really enjoys his classes (at UNH) and seems to have so much to tell us about case study and law. But he's been enjoying this (internship). It's been eye-opening for him. It's his first chance to get one-on-one time to be involved with what he loves."

So what's next? Hines, who started his internship in early March, has more than 100 hours on the job. That means he has approximately three weeks left in East Lyme, after which he returns to UNH to complete his last semester with a full schedule. And then? Well, then, he said, he has one "wrap-up class" during summer semester ... then a diploma ... then on to what he hopes is a career in local law enforcement.

"This experience," he said of the internship, "has had more of an impact on ... not what I want to do but where I want to do it. When you work in a smaller town, you definitely work with people who are more familiar with your face. They want to have conversations with you, as compared to bigger cities where it can be harder to achieve what you'd call community policing. So (I'd like to work in) something like East Lyme or maybe the State Police; something like Troop F where you could be a resident."

"I like to talk to people. I think growing up I was kind of shy, and that was something that was hard for me. But, as I got older, it was something I was more interested in. So I've been pretty happy with my choice. I definitely had my doubts along the way, but the internship has made me want to do this more as opposed to before. Now that I've learned a lot of things and talked with police officers, I'm really excited about it."

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## Haddam Area Refugee Resettlement Project is Underway

*By Lori Chadwick*

Haddam area Refugee Resettlement Project (HARRP) is underway. This is what it is all about.

The Higganum Congregational Church and The First Congregational Church of Haddam have contacted IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Service) and are in the process of completing the application to become a co-sponsor to resettle a refugee family in Haddam.

Refugee families who arrive from overseas come to the U.S. with virtually no material possessions. They have lost homes, friends, family, country, culture and jobs. Most do not speak any English. They have no income, and many are victims of trauma, with physical or mental health needs. As great as their initial needs are, their potential to enrich our community is even greater.

IRIS of New Haven is one of two agencies in Connecticut, and about 200 across the US, which empowers refugees and immigrants to become self-sufficient and integrated into their new communities.

In co-sponsorship, IRIS delegates most resettlement tasks to the co-sponsor. We will secure affordable housing, collect furniture and other household item and help refugees access public benefits (for eligible families). Co-sponsors also enroll children in school, facilitate job searches, and perform other necessary tasks.

While Afghan and Ukrainian refugees have been top-of-mind recently, the origin of the family we support may be one of many other countries. Because we do not know the origin of the refugees until just before they arrive, we prepare for them by learning about and understanding a number of different cultures that could be the former home of those we help.

It may be hard to imagine how devastated we would be if our own lives were torn apart so drastically that we had to flee with nothing but the clothes on our backs. We can feel fear or discomfort with people from other cultures whose ways are different from our own. However, HaRRP wants to find ways our community can take direct action so that we in the Haddam area will know our hearts are stronger than our fears.

Many churches, synagogues, mosques and non-faith-based community groups have already answered the call to help refugees resettle throughout Connecticut. In fact, several groups in the area have welcomed families in recent months including Portland Refugee Resettlement Group, The Valley Stands Up, and groups from Ledyard and Lyme, to name a few. The need continues to grow, and we are ready to do our part in the effort.

HaRRP is hosting informational meetings for churches in the area on May 3, at the First Congregational Church in Haddam and for all other community organizations on May 25, at Brainerd Memorial Library. There we will share more information about IRIS and the activities underway in Connecticut.

You can add your name to the list of volunteers, get as involved as your time allows and/or support the effort with your donations.

For more information contact either co-leader of the project, Lori Chadwick [lori.chadwick@snet.net](mailto:lori.chadwick@snet.net) or Jack Murphy [jackmurf@gmail.com](mailto:jackmurf@gmail.com).

You can make a donation, by check made out to: HARRP (Haddam area Refugee Resettlement Project) and mail it to 23 Parsonage Rd. Higganum, CT 06441, or online at <https://www.haddamchurch.org/donate/> use the dropdown arrow to select Refugee Resettlement Project. Please watch for updates and progress on this project.

# 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, April 28

**Toddler Tunes** – Brainerd Library. Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-5, siblings welcome. Outdoors, weather permitting.

**Love2Sign with Jaye** – Killingworth Library 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Fun, interactive sign language classes for children ages 6 months to 6 years old. Program dates are April 28; May 5, 12, 19, and 26; and June 2 and 9. Please register for each session that you can attend – 860-663-2000.

**Dungeons & Dragons** – Killingworth Library 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more info call 860-663-2000.

**Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals meeting** 7:00 p.m.

## Saturday, April 30

**Saturday Storytime** 10:00 a.m. Killingworth Library (Zoom). This week's story: Come On, Rain! by Karen Hesse.

**The Higganum-Haddam Sportsman's Club Mulch Sale** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. We will be offering Scott's bagged brown mulch for \$3 per bag. The sale will be ONE DAY ONLY – RAIN OR SHINE (while supply lasts). The product will be loaded into customer vehicles, or we will provide delivery for an additional donation. Find us starting at 9:00 a.m. until we sell-out!

## Sunday, May 1

**Haddam Women's Club Spring Craft & Vendor Fair** 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Haddam Elementary School.

**Open House at Scovil Hoe Buildings** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 11 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum.

## Monday, May 2

**RSD #17 Board of Education meeting** 6:30 p.m. HKIMS.

**RSD #17 Board of Education Annual Budget**

meeting 6:30 p.m. HKIMS cafeteria & virtual

## Tuesday, May 3

**RSD #17 Board of Education Meeting** 6:30 p.m. HKIMS.

**Coding for Kids** - Killingworth Library is excited to offer an introductory coding class, recommended for ages 8-13! In this class, students will learn a variety of computer science concepts and will use Scratch, a block based visual coding language developed by MIT for kids, to create stories, do simple animations, and even play with music and sounds. The class will run from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays starting May 3rd and running through June 7th. Registration is limited to five attendees, so please register in advance. All five will carry through the entire session. Call Us: 860-663-2000.

**Killingworth Special meeting** - Charter Revision Committee 7:00 p.m. (remote).

## Wednesday, May 4

**Haddam BOF Public Hearing on Budget** 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, May 5

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**2022 HKHS and Killingworth Library Student Art Show and Silent Auction** 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Killingworth Library transforms into an art gallery for the month of May, as we welcome back the HKHS Art Show! The public is invited to attend the kickoff reception on Thursday, May 5th, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., and the show itself runs through May 31st. All students participating in the art show will be eligible for a Best in Show prize, and those willing to sell their art will be entered into a drawing for a single \$500 scholarship from the library (sale proceeds benefit the library). Be sure to stop by and support these young and talented artists! Students interested in participating should contact one of the following HKHS Arts Instructors: Jason Cannan, Betsy Himmelman, Megan Martin.

**Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission meeting** 7:00 p.m.

**Parmelee Farm Committee Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

# OBITUARY

## Frances Bell



Frances Margaret Bell, 89 of Higganum, formerly of Portland, beloved wife

of James Joseph "Joe" Bell, died Saturday, March 26, 2022 at home.

She was born in South Deerfield, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Stanley and Helen (Sadowski) Apanell.

Frances is survived by her brother Daniel Apanell and his wife Sue of South Deerfield, MA, daughters Donna Berger and her husband Joseph of Meriden, Helen Bell Zavaglia and her husband Tony of Higganum, and Rosemarie Bell of Glastonbury, sons, Stanley Bell of Colchester and Daniel Bell of Columbia, four grandchildren Sheri and Elise Berger, Antonio and Carmela Zavaglia a great grandchild Tyler Estrella and a great great grandchild Myahlise Estrella. She was predeceased by her sons Michael and Bruce Bell.

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# Historic Camp Bethel and Summer Building Restoration Program

By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director, Haddam Historical Society

As you drive west across the Swing Bridge from East Haddam to Haddam, you'll notice a row of small, colorful cottages lining the ridge to the north of Goodspeed Station. The cottages are part of a larger 46-acre complex called Camp Bethel, which was founded in 1878 by the Life and Advent Union as a seasonal religious campground.

The camp meeting became a popular form of religious expression in the mid-19th century by new evangelical sects, as the Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians gained power during the Second Great Awakening. Based on summer "outdoor communions," the camp meeting revivals provided a place for the like-minded to be converted in an emotional religious assembly.

The Life and Advent Union found the site in Haddam to be ideal because of its location on the Connecticut River and near the train station in Tylerville. The first meeting was held in 1878 and the camp erected its first structure, a preacher's stand with choir space. The rest of the buildings were temporary tent structures, including a chapel, mission, committee, kitchen and residence. In 1878, there were 27 tent stands for residents of the camp and a boarding house tent.

Families came from all over the northeast to attend week-long meetings. The camp opened to the public for Sunday services and special events such as Temperance Day and drew very large crowds, which required extra trains and crowd control.

The temporary tents were later replaced by Victorian-style seasonal cottages starting in 1889 and featured Gothic Revival-style porches and other decorative embellishments reminiscent of the famous cottages of Martha's Vineyard. Most of the cottages on the grounds date from 1890 to 1920 and many are owned by descendants. Cottages generally pass from



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generation to generation. The grounds also feature the historic Boyd Memorial Chapel, Memorial Hall and Helping Hands Boarding House.

In 1964, the organization became known as Camp Bethel, a not-for-profit, non-denominational organization where Christians can gather for peace, reflection, and to become closer to God so that each may share that relationship with others. Camp Bethel still holds a week-long revival week and this year it will be held July 30 to August 7, 2022. The Camp has rented out the facility for youth camps, Bible studies and retreats.

Both architecturally and historically significant,

Camp Bethel was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2007.

This summer, the Camp Bethel Association is hosting a Summer Intergenerational Youth Program to bring young people, seniors, veterans and others together to work on some of the historically important buildings in the district.

The camp is seeking funding for supplies and materials, including paint, wood, and lighting. They have set up a GoFundMe page; or a donation can be sent directly to the Camp Bethel Treasurer. For more information, contact Christine Becker at [sundance@spinn.net](mailto:sundance@spinn.net) or call 505-967-5086.

## LEGALS

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HADDAM PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to legal voters and/or taxpayers of the Town of Haddam a Public Hearing has been scheduled for **Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Haddam Volunteer Firehouse, Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum CT 06441** to discuss the financing, purchase, environmental remediation and sale of the Scovil property (former CTDOT Garage) including the acquisition of two adjoining properties from the Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, and use of Town Green for Town (WPCA) owned septic system for the Town Community Center and Scovil property located at 11 Candlewood Hill Road, Haddam CT 06438. Dated in Haddam, Connecticut this 28th day of April 2022  
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# Gov. Lamont Weighs In on Sale of Deer Lake

By Clark Judge

Conservationists trying to preserve the Deer Lake Scout Reservation gained an important ally Tuesday, April 12, when Gov. Ned Lamont said the state may provide additional support to keep the 255-acre property from a private developer.

In his first public comments on the sale of Deer Lake, Lamont voiced his desire to preserve it as open space.

"It's gorgeous," he said. "So we could step in as needed. We're not the piggy bank. I like going in alongside other people."

That was welcome news to Pathfinders, Inc., a local nonprofit dedicated to preserving and protecting Deer Lake as green space. In the midst of an aggressive fundraising campaign, it made an offer two weeks ago to purchase the property ... only to be turned down by the Boy Scouts.

Undeterred, it resumed its fundraising and launched a Save Deer Lake movement that this week found sandwich boards and "Save Deer Lake" yard signs appear throughout Killingworth.

Now it has the support of the state governor, whose suggestion of "going in alongside other people" suggests a potential partnership with Pathfinders. In fact, that is a real possibility, with the two sides exploring a deal to join in an offer, with Pathfinders shouldering the bulk of the cost.

"I do think the state being involved again is a very good thing," said state Sen. Christine Cohen. "I think it could find ways to work with Pathfinders ... perhaps long-term and down the road ... to purchase portions of the property."

"If we had a little more time, is there something more we could do where maybe Pathfinders buys a portion of the property and the state buys a portion in keeping with the fair-market value of that portion? There are still things to be done, but it certainly warrants exploration."

And that is happening. According to Cohen, Gov. Lamont made numerous inquiries over the weekend into the sale of Deer Lake and had conversations with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

"I'm encouraged," Pathfinders' chairman Ted Langevin said of Lamont's remarks. "I think this is going to focus more attention on the matter and, hopefully, help people see this as a very important issue that should be supported with donations and goodwill."

More attention has been on Deer Lake recently. After the Connecticut Yankee Council last week rejected Pathfinders' offer to purchase the property,

the story went nationwide – with articles carried by the Associated Press, USA Today, Washington Post and National Public Radio.

Owned by the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Deer Lake has been for sale since last fall. Postponing a decision on the property for two months, the Connecticut Yankee Council voted in February to sell it for \$4.625 million to Fortitude Capital LLC, a firm headed by CEO Margaret Streicker.

However, the sale was conditional – with the condition that the Council would "consider superior offers" by March 31. But that deadline was moved to May 1 after state Attorney General William Tong intervened at the last minute to review "questions regarding the legal status and sale of the property."

In the meantime, the Council not only rejected an offer by Pathfinders but, apparently, increased its demands. In a Facebook post shortly after hearing from the Council's realtor, Langevin referred to "a higher price" but declined to elaborate when asked.

That produced an angry response from U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal one day later (Blumenthal Fires Back at Connecticut Yankee Council Over Its Rejection of Offer by Pathfinders | HKNow (hk-now.com)). Now it has the attention of Gov. Lamont, and that, said preservationists, is significant ... particularly in an election year.

"I think it's meaningful," said Dave Anderson of Save the Sound. "It's a good thing that he's

getting involved. It has an impact because there's a commitment there."

Politicians have been involved with the Deer Lake sale for months. Blumenthal, Cohen, state Rep. Christine Goupil and Killingworth First Selectwoman Nancy Gorski appeared at a Jan. 27 news conference at Deer Lake in support of protecting the property. Cohen, Goupil and Madison First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons joined Gorski last week when an alliance of politicians and preservationists, including Langevin, met at the Killingworth Emergency Operations Center. Langevin then went on to meet with the Madison Board of Selectmen Tuesday morning via Zoom.

Now Lamont has joined the chorus. Gorski had appealed to the governor's office for weeks, asking for his support. On Tuesday she gained it.

"I'm smiling," she said.

She is not alone. With the governor suddenly involved, preservationists believe that his comments could, as Langevin said, "focus more attention" on a subject that already has plenty. Moreover, they said, they may apply public pressure on the Boy Scouts to, as Blumenthal said last week, "engage in good-faith negotiations" to reach "a mutually agreeable" settlement to sell Deer Lake to Pathfinders.

"Having the governor and all these politicians involved means a lot," said one conservation director. "They're not going to make false promises. So I think what you just heard is significant."

## COMMUNITY

### KVFC Auxiliary Krispy Kreme Fundraiser: May 7

By Lori Clemente

The Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary is holding a Krispy Kreme fundraiser.

Krispy Kreme original glazed donuts are available for \$13 a dozen, or \$25 for two dozen. Preorder by texting Kathy at 860-304-1840 by April 29.

Pick up will be on Saturday, May 7, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. (or until sold out) on Recycle Way in Killingworth.

A limited number will be available on the day of pickup. Preorder to guarantee you get some!

### Club 60 Offering Scholarship to Local High School Senior

By Carol Ricker

Haddam Club 60 is offering a \$750.00 Scholarship to a high school senior who lives in Haddam, Higganum or Haddam Neck. It is available to students attending Haddam Killingworth High School, Mercy, Xavier or Vinal Tech, as well as those who are home schooled. Applicants should be interested in entering the medical field.

Last year's recipient was Jenna Griffith, who is attending St. Joseph's College.

Applications will be available in the guidance offices of these schools and must be returned by April 29. For more information, please call Carol Ricker 860-345-8450.

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# Softball: HKHS Defeats Lyme-Old Lyme 5-4

By Jeffrey Talbott, Coach

On Wednesday, April 15, the Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Softball team defeated Lyme-Old Lyme by a score of 5-4.

HK's Kaleigh Bodak had 13 strikeouts though 5 innings, then needed relief help from Brooke Hickman after Kaleigh gave up 4 runs, 2 earned in the 6th. HK had built a 5-run lead on Chey LaTouche's line-drive single to right as she scored on an error by the right fielder. Annabelle Zajac followed with a long home run to right field. After

a third run scored on an infield out, HK added 2 more runs on 3 consecutive hits by Kaleigh Bodak, Keira Czarkowski and Bella LaTorre. Old Lyme combined hits and an error for 4 runs in the 6th, the big hit a 2-run triple from Jamie Bucior.

LOL 0 0 0 0 4 0. 4/5/2  
HK 0 2 1 2 0 0 X. 5/7/2

Batteries HK Kaleigh Bodak, Brooke Hickman (6) and Madison LaTouche. OL Emma Bayor and Grace Phaneuf.

HK stays unbeaten at 6-0 while Old Lyme drops its first game of the season to go to 4-1.



Kaleigh Bodak taking warmup pitches before today's game vs Coginchaug. Photo by Jeff Talbott, Coach.

# Baseball: HKHS Defeats Lyme-Old Lyme 5-4

By Mark Brookes, Coach

The Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Baseball team defeated Lyme-Old Lyme at Old Lyme on Wednesday, April 13, by a final score of 5-4.

Callen Powers struck out 6, winning his first game of the season. Nick Glynn and Ryan Erskine each had two hits and an RBI for HK. Santiago Rodriquez and Casey Hurtgen each had two hits for Old Lyme.

HK 0 1 3 0 0 1 0 5 8 2  
LOL 0 1 0 0 1 2 0 4 8 2

Batteries: - HK- Callen Powers and Nick Glynn. Old Lyme - Santiago Rodriquez and

Jaden Reyes WP Powers (1-1) LP Rodriquez (0-1)

# Boys Tennis: HKHS Defeats Old Saybrook 3-2

By Rod Pakus, Coach

On April 13, the Haddam Killingworth High School Tennis team defeated Old Saybrook in Higganum.

H-K's strong singles play was too much for Old Saybrook to overcome, despite their strong showing in doubles, and allowed the Cougars to walk off the courts with a 3-2 match win.

The trio of Freshman Bryce Leiberman, Sophomore Co-Captain Eddie White and Senior Co-Captain Joey Mercier swept the singles matches and provided enough cushion to absorb the tough losses in doubles play. Old Saybrook's doubles teams got off to a fast start, winning the first set in both matches. Their lead proved too much for the Cougars doubles teams to overcome and they closed out both matches in straight sets.

Individual match scores are as follows:

Old Saybrook at Haddam-Killingworth  
#1 Singles Bryce Leiberman (H-K) d. Logan Medbury (OS) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Eddie White (H-K) d Daniel Steindl (OS) 6-1, 6-0

#3 Singles Joey Mercier (H-K) d Victor Fuda (OS) 6-1, 6-4

#4 Singles NM

#1 Doubles Kapij/Forrestt (OS) d. Luzietti/Wessinger (H-K) 6-3, 6-4

#2 Doubles Nichols/Miselli (OS) d. Stevens/Lirot (H-K) 6-1, 6-4

#3 Doubles NM

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# HVFC & Middletown South Fire District Respond to Motor Vehicle Accident on Route 9

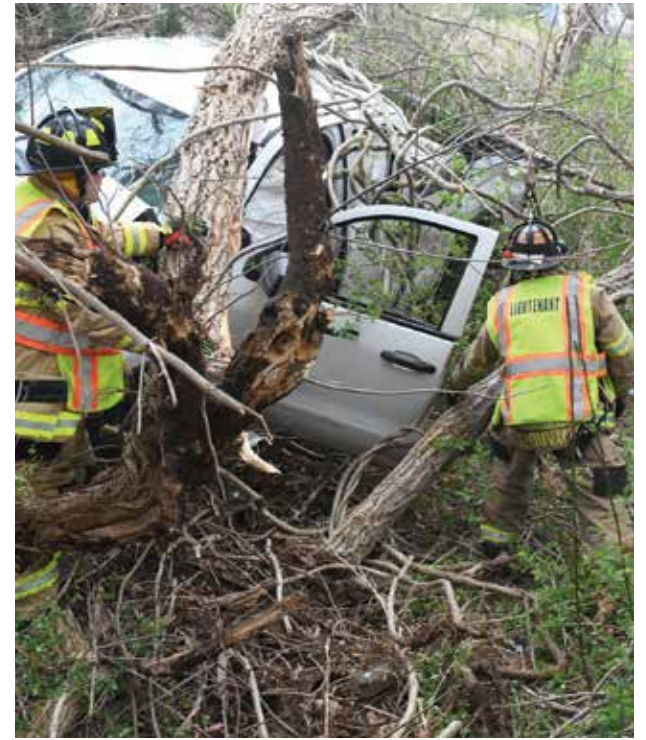
By Olivia Drake, HVFC Public Information Officer

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company and Middletown South Fire District responded to a motor vehicle accident at 6:25 p.m. April 18, on Route 9 South near exit 9. A driver veered off the left side of the road, struck multiple guard rails, went down a steep embankment, and stopped in thick brush. The driver was able to self-extricate before crews arrived on scene.

EMS personnel evaluated and transported the patient to Middlesex Hospital.

Since the vehicle was entangled in tree roots and vines, firefighters used chainsaws to cut away brush and free the truck. New Image Auto towed the vehicle out of the embankment from Route 9 North.

Firefighters closed one lane of traffic in the southbound lane during the incident. Connecticut State Police are investigating the cause of the accident.



Photos by Olivia Drake.

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