

# Haddam Killingworth News

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Photo by Clark Judge, KAA

## Déjà vu all over again: Killingworth Ambulance Association cancels EMT class

By Clark Judge, KAA

For the second time in the past six months, the Killingworth Ambulance Association (KAA) has been forced to cancel its EMT classes. The course was scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 11, but after careful consideration the KAA's chief of service, Mike Haaga, decided to shut it down.

The reason: Simple. Not enough students.

"Only two people," said Haaga, who teaches the course with wife Marguerite, the KAA's vice president. "I really wanted to run the class, and I thought about it all day, but it's such a time commitment for two people."

According to Haaga, communications with a Connecticut state official indicated that attendance for recent EMT classes state-wide has declined substantially.

"Probably has to do with COVID," Haaga said.

The KAA had hoped to initiate its annual fall course on September 2, 2021, but cancelled that instruction due to a lack of participants. That marked the third consecutive autumn the KAA had to move or cancel its EMT course. In 2019, it was moved to January 2020, because of insufficient enrollment. One year later, it was shut down because of the COVID pandemic. Then it was cancelled again last fall.

"Very disappointing," said Haaga.

The last time a course was completed was in 2020, and that was a success. Ten students participated, with ten completing the course – including one remotely from Idaho – and six joining the KAA. Courses historically last three-and-a-half months, with classes held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as five Saturdays.

No date has been set for future instruction.

"We'll shoot for another fall class," said Haaga.

## Local Knights of Columbus Recognized as Red Cross Pump It Up Challenge Winner

By Peter Sonski

Saint Peter Knights of Columbus Council 14590 was named as a winner in the American Red Cross Pump It Up Challenge, which recognizes high-achieving blood drive sponsors that have grown the number of blood donations collected in their community to

help hospital patients in need.

Committed to helping save lives, Haddam Knights helped collect 249 Red Cross blood donations for patients in need during 2021. The council has already achieved the honored distinction of "Premier Blood

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## February Programs

By Tammy Eustis, Assistant Director, Killingworth Library Association

**Take Your Child to the Library Day:** Saturday, Feb. 5, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Children under 18 will be allowed to choose one free book from our library cart to keep; while supplies last. Each child checking out a book this day will also receive a Take & Make craft.

**Herbert Hoover in a New Light:** Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join us for another fascinating presentation by popular local speaker Phil Devlin!

When liberal Democratic Senator Robert F. Kennedy appeared on the Dick Cavett show in the spring of 1968, Cavett asked him to name the man he most admired in American history. After pausing a few seconds, RFK looked up and said "Herbert Hoover," to Cavett's astonishment. Long demonized for being responsible for the Great Depression, Herbert Hoover is revered in Europe for his unmatched humanitarian efforts to save millions of lives. Many interesting anecdotes and facts about this great man will surely make viewers see him in a new light. Pre-registration is required, and can be done via the library's calendar, found under Events & Activities on our website: <https://killingworthlibrary.org/>

**Explore the Night Skies with Our Newest Bookmark Collectors' Contest:** Feb. 1 – 28

Winter evenings are an ideal time to study the night skies, and this bookmark collection will feature different bookmarks on a space-themed topic (given when you check out a book). Collect all four, write down the four topics (or send us a photo of you holding the bookmarks) and include your contact information, then send to [mail@killingworthlibrary.org](mailto:mail@killingworthlibrary.org). Your name will be placed in a drawing for one new, free book your choice!

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# Wolf Moon Haikus from Haddam's Poet Laureate

By Lorraine Riess

I

Wolf moon howls aloud  
in hunger over meadows  
hunting a warm heart.

II

Ravenous tongue laps  
the field, a glistening cloak  
to reflect the stars.

III

Yellow old teeth honed  
smooth as a pickaxe handle  
steel blades carve the air.

IV

His breath mists the lake  
rodents quell their shuffling  
the snowy owl stills.

V

From his withers spill  
the hair of bare black branches  
lining the west ridge.

VI

Wolf light streams through blinds  
my palms to the cold window  
an offer of warmth.

Written Jan. 2, 2018



About the Poet:

Lorraine Riess is current poet laureate of Haddam and invites your submission in HK-Now for publication. You may email submissions to: [lcfriess@att.net](mailto:lcfriess@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. Her collection of poems *Still Life With Wings* has been published and is available from her website or Amazon. The book contains a few poems that relate to Haddam and its history, as well as the environment and other topics.

# Recipe: Millionaire's Shortbread

Courtesy of [cookingprofessionally.com](http://cookingprofessionally.com)



Time: 50 minutes

Yield: 16 servings

This dessert not only looks like a million bucks, it tastes like it, too! Crispy, buttery shortbread topped with layers of gooey caramel and smooth chocolate. This is a shareable treat that everyone will love! They look so impressive yet come together in under an hour.

## Ingredients

- 2 & 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 7 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk (14 ounces)
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet or milk chocolate chips

## Directions

Step 1

Grease a 9x13 baking dish or line with parchment paper. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.

Step 2

In a mixing bowl or the bowl of your stand mixer, combine flour and granulated sugar. Cube the 3/4 cups of butter and mix into the flour mixture with a pastry cutter, your hands, or

a fork until it's a crumbly texture. Press dough into the pan for your shortbread crust. Prick all over with a fork.

Step 3

Bake crust for about 20 minutes until lightly golden. Set aside and allow to cool.

Step 4

In a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, add the 7 tablespoons of butter, condensed milk, and brown sugar. Stir constantly until the butter has melted. Create your caramel by gently bringing contents to a boil while still keeping the heat on low. This will require you to stir vigorously for 5-10 minutes. Once it thickens and becomes a nice caramel brown, pour it over the crust and allow it to cool. To speed up your process, you can cover with foil and place dish in the refrigerator while you prepare the chocolate layer.

Step 5

Melt the chocolate in the microwave or in a saucepan on low, careful not to burn. Spread the chocolate layer evenly over the top of the completely cooled caramel layer. Once that has cooled, cut into bars and serve. Enjoy!

## FAITH/COMMUNITY

### Local Knights of Columbus Recognized as Red Cross Pump It Up Challenge Winner

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Partner" with the Red Cross, having collected a total of 1247 units of blood.

"Giving blood is a simple act of generosity that can truly make a lifesaving difference. Last year, we received an outpouring of support from the community at our blood drives, and our goal is to make it a success again this year for patients who are counting on us," said the Knights' blood drive leader, Peter Sonski. "We are proud to partner with the Red Cross as a Premier Blood Partner and help it fulfill its critical mission."

The need for blood is constant. In fact, every two seconds, someone in

the U.S. needs a blood transfusion, according to the Red Cross.

Local residents are invited to make a difference with Saint Peter K of C by donating at an upcoming Red Cross blood drive, held Thursday, February 17, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Saint Peter Church Hall.

To schedule an appointment to donate, visit [rcblood.org/appt](http://rcblood.org/appt) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

The Knights of Columbus was founded as a fraternal and charitable service organization in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882. It has 2 million members in 17,000 local councils in North and Central America, Europe and Asia.

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# Local Students Excel at Colleges, Universities

From Merit Pages News

MANCHESTER, NH (01/12/2022)– Kyle Ham of Higganum has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2021 Dean's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List.

MANCHESTER, NH (01/12/2022)– It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2021 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List.

Sherry Meyer Kelsey of Killingworth

Lina Orlando of Higganum

WILLIMANTIC, CT (01/13/2022)– Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester, in which nearly 1,300 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among the students are:

Matthew Duval of Haddam, a full-time student who majors in History.

Madison Gamache of Haddam, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.

Owen Marica of Haddam, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.

Connor Chute of Higganum, a full-time student who majors in Business Information Systems.

Darren Hiller of Higganum, a full-time student who majors in Business Administration.

Matthew Coleman of Killingworth, a full-time student who majors in Communication.

Clara Roby of Killingworth, a full-time student who majors in Business Administration.

To qualify for the Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

NASHVILLE, TN (01/18/2022)– Anna Biondi of Higganum qualified for the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a

minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

SPRINGFIELD, MA (01/19/2022)– Dylan Kasperzyk, of Killingworth, has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at American International College (AIC).

SPRINGFIELD, MA (01/19/2022)– Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2021 Fall Semester.

Springfield College has named:

Seth Regan from Killingworth, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester. Regan has a primary major of Business Management.

Kevin Giuliani from Higganum, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester. Giuliani has a primary major of Criminal Justice.

Nina Lamb from Killingworth, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester. Lamb has a primary major of Criminal Justice.

Luke DiMauro from Haddam, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester. DiMauro has a primary major of Exercise Science/ Pre-Athletic Training.

Kyle Crandall from Higganum, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester. Crandall has a primary major of Health Science/ Occupational Therapy.

Sophie Gromala from Killingworth, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester. Gromala has a primary major of Health Science and Pre-Physical Therapy.

Savannah Jelm from Haddam, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester. Jelm has a primary major of Psychology.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

BRISTOL, RI (01/19/2022)– Select students have been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Kristen Dansereau of Killingworth

Lina Luzietti of Killingworth

Katherine Porter of Killingworth

Hailey Reed of Killingworth

## COMMUNITY

# Applications for 2022 Haddam Scholarship Fund Are Now Available

By Joanne Courtright Lund

The applications for the Haddam Scholarship Fund, Inc. are now available in the guidance offices of HKHS, Xavier High School, Mercy High School, and Vinal Technical High School. HSF, Inc. will be awarding \$7,000 in funds.

High School seniors who reside in Haddam, Higganum, or Haddam Neck and are continuing their education after graduation are eligible to apply for these awards.

In addition, we will be offering a \$750 Belden Cougar Cafe Scholarship to a graduate of HKHS furthering their education within the food service industry.

The John Bertolini Memorial

Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is open to Haddam, Higganum, Haddam Neck, and Killingworth residents. This scholarship is based on financial need and accomplishments of the applicant particularly in the area of community service beyond requirements for graduation.

The Dr. Kate Mead Award in the

amount of \$1,000 is offered to a student who is pursuing a career in a health-related field.

The deadline for applications to be received by the Haddam Scholarship Fund, Inc is April 15, 2022. Please send to Joanne Lund, P.O. Box 177 Higganum, CT 06441.



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# RSD #17 Board of Education: Summary of December 2021 Meetings

By Jennifer Favalora, RSD#17 BOE

**Cougar Pride:** HKIS Principal Eric Larson invited the cast of the school's Lion King production for a special presentation for the Board and Community. Music Teacher and show director, Katherine Jones, led an ensemble performance from the show which was held before a live audience in November.

Superintendent Wihbey reported that the HKHS Robotics club competed with two robots against 65 teams from Connecticut and Massachusetts. The students were required to modify robots, update programming code and troubleshoot issues throughout the day. This was the first robotics competition for many on the team and they will be competing again in January in Middletown.

**Superintendent's Update:** Superintendent Jeff Wihbey presented an overview of the fifty new bills pertaining to school districts that had been passed in the 2021 Legislative Session and June special session. These bills range from curriculum updates and mental health wellness days for students, to training required for the hiring process and requirements for providing annual staffing reports to local unions. Many of these new unfunded mandates will require additional resources and work from the District.

**Board Committee Chairs Named:** In December, the Board of Education welcomed three new members: Lisa Connelly from Killingworth and Hamish MacPhail and Corey Roberts from Haddam. With the election of a new Board comes the appointments of new Executive Board Members, Committee Chairs, Committee Members and Liaisons. The new Executive Board elected are Suzanne Sack – Chair, Jennifer Favalora – Vice Chair, Peter Sonski – Treasurer, and Joel D'Angelo – Secretary. Committee Chairs are Shawna Goldfarb

– Communications, Kathy Zandi – Curriculum, Peter Sonski – Facilities, Peter Sonski – Finance, Suzanne Sack – Personnel & Evaluation, Nelson Rivera – Policy, Jennifer Favalora alongside Prem Aithal as a non-voting member – Strategic Planning.

**Average Daily Membership (ADM) –** Superintendent Wihbey shared the October 2021 Average Daily Membership for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth. The ADM determines the assessment to each town in the form of a percentage of the number of students each town has related to total enrollment. For 2022-2023, Haddam's share is 61.20% and Killingworth's is 38.80%, which will be an increased assessment for Haddam.

**School Continuous Improvement Plans** Each year the Administrators report on District progress in the

last year and areas they are going to work towards in the next year in the Curriculum Improvement Reports. Curriculum Coordinators Heather Rigatti and Jenn Beermunder reviewed state testing results from the Spring, which confirmed previous data on learning loss in both Math and Science. Each of the Principals shared the themes for this year in their schools. Major themes across all schools included Adjusting and Accelerating Instruction for Academic Growth, Supporting Individual Social-Emotional Wellness, Building and Maintaining Positive School Culture, and Ensuring that the students feel accepted and respected.

On our Website: You can find the District's Continuous Improvement Plans on the RSD17.org website under each school's homepage.

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A press release from the Town of Haddam

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You can also sign up for alerts on our website: <http://www.haddam.org/subscribe>. \*\*Please note\*\*

there are several headings/departments to subscribe to. For emergency information: under "Urgent Alert" please select "Town Alerts" AND under "News & Announcement" select "Town News/Announcement." Anytime we post information, you will get an email from the Town.

We will also post information on the Town's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/townofhaddam>

Haddam Neck residents should also register with East Hampton <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736722082#/login> AND East Haddam alerts as well. <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721599#/login>



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## LEGAL

### TOWN OF HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING NOTICE OF DECISION

It was decided at the Town of Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on January 20, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to approve the following:

1. Proposed special permit to allow 42 multi-family units at 105 Bridge Road; Map 49/Lot 28

Town of Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission

### TOWN OF HADDAM INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

The Inlands Wetlands Commission of Haddam, Connecticut has given the following approval(s):

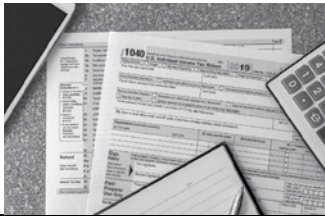
1. Wetlands restoration in accordance with the registered soil scientists report dated

December 31, 2021.

Said applications are on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam.

Inland Wetlands Commission, Haddam CT

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## OUTDOORS

# UConn Extension Service Offers January Gardening Tips

By UConn Extension Service staff

January is a good time to browse through garden catalogs and get orders submitted for spring gardening. In 2020 and 2021 many seeds were sold out early.

*Make sure any stored bulbs, corms, or tubers are not rotting or too dry. Discard rotted ones and lightly mist shriveled ones.*

*Prune most stone fruit trees*

*Check all house plants closely for insect infestations. Quarantine gift plants until you determine that they are not harboring any pests. Inspect under leaves for infestations of whitefly and spider mites; check between leaves and stems for white, cottony mealybugs, and look under leaves and on stems for scale insects. Apply insecticidal soap or another low toxicity insecticide, crush insects or brush off as appropriate.*

*When planning your vegetable garden, remember to rotate crops.*

*Inspect trees and shrubs for bark damage. If found, likely voles, rabbits or deer may be the culprits. Spray with an appropriate deterrent or place material such as wire mesh or bird netting to exclude browsing animals until spring.*

*If weather is dry and soil is not frozen, water*

*evergreens like rhododendrons.*

*Keep foot traffic to a minimum on dormant lawns to prevent damage to crowns.*

*Keep birdbaths full- remove ice and refill as needed.*

*Clean crusty pots by soaking them in vinegar for a few hours. Heavily crusted pots might require additional scrubbing with steel wool. Rinse thoroughly and then to sterilize, dip in a 1:10 bleach to water solution for a few minutes. Rinse and dry.*

For more January gardening tips, see information on our fact sheet.

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# January 10, 2022 Haddam Board of Selectmen Meeting

By Meghan Peterson

On Monday, January 10, 2022, the Haddam Board of Selectmen (BOS) held its first regular meeting in the new year. The meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the meeting agenda was approved, and minutes for the December 13, 2021 meeting were approved as amended (with a change to strike an incomplete sentence within the original minutes offered by Selectman Kate Anderson).

During the public comment period, Haddam resident Maurice Adams asked whom he could contact for a copy of the Connecticut Communities Challenge grant application once the Town has submitted it (January 14). First Selectman Bob McGarry responded that Adams could contact Town Planner Bill Warner about that matter.

McGarry provided an update on a variety of projects in town, including the recent receipt of \$1.8 million for Scovil hoe clean-up. McGarry expects that finalization of paperwork and requirements “will fall into place.” The Beaver Meadow Road culvert project came in under the bidding price and estimated cost. Bids have also come in for the Bridge Road sidewalks, with the low bid being over the project price. According to McGarry, the increased Town’s portion will have to be approved at a Town meeting. The Blueway Commons, Brookes Court, and Island Dock Road projects are all “moving forward.”

Scott Brookes’ term as Town Clerk ended on December 31, 2021. Bob Siegrist became Town Clerk on January 4, 2022. There was a luncheon held for Brookes to thank him for his service to Haddam.

A new Building Inspector has been hired. Robert Ruzzo was the building inspector for South Windsor.

Coronavirus cases are “rising dramatically,” McGarry stated. There have been home test and mask distributions at Haddam Killingworth High School. He noted the State of Connecticut has a website that contains videos on how to utilize different kinds of home tests. Old Saybrook has opened a new drive-thru test center, McGarry pointed out. “Vaccinations are available, as are boosters,” although McGarry noted that he has “no

idea” who is eligible for those, as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention keeps changing its guidance.

Selectman Kate Anderson announced that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) is “getting ready to tackle 2022” and meets the second Wednesday of each month.

Jen Favalora, of the Regional School District #17 Board of Education (BOE) offered an overview of recent developments within the district’s schools. The cast of Lion King put on a show at HKIS before a live audience. Students participated in a robotics competition. Numerous bills are before the Connecticut General Assembly (the state legislature) pertaining to mental health days for students – among other schools-related topics. Favalora noted that “many of these are unfunded” – requiring “extra resources from the district.” In December new BOE members were welcomed, and Favalora became new Vice Chair and is working with Prem Aithal as a non-voting member on strategic planning for the district’s future. Schools are “seeing math and science learning loss” – among other components of the “new normal for students and staff.” Favalora explained that the district is working both to adjust and accelerate academic growth, including social and mental health, wellness and building school culture in which students “feel they are respected.” She directed residents to visit the district website: [rsd17.org](http://rsd17.org) for more information.

Next, the BOS approved all four motor vehicle tax refunds.

The board then made appointments: two to the Merit Service Retirement Board (Tom Danaher and Michael Mancuso); one to the Board of Finance Alternate position (Constance Pullman), after Dave Challenger resigned due to a move out of state. The Board unanimously approved the three appointments.

Discussion followed about three remaining business items: line of succession, the BOS regular meeting plan for 2022, and scheduling of a Town meeting. If McGarry is unable to perform duties as First Selectman, responsibilities would go to Selectman Sean Moriarty and then to Selectman Kate Anderson.

The second Monday of each month will continue

to be the BOS meeting day.

Finally, a Town meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 27 to approve several fiscal items, including year-end transfers and permission to utilize \$60,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay for technology installation at the old Town Hall to test hybrid online and in-person meetings.

The meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 14.

## OBITUARY

### John Henry Charles



Deacon John Henry Charles, 75, went home to the Lord in the early morning hours of Wednesday, the 13th of January, with his wife, Betty, and daughter, Jennifer, by his side at their Killingworth home. John was born

November 6, 1946, in

Orange, N.J. to Catherine D. Sinniger and John W. Charles. John was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from October 1966 to December of 1967.

John attended Clifton High, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and then graduated from the University of New Haven with a bachelor’s degree in Operations Management. He worked at Uniroyal in Passaic, NJ, and then was transferred to Oxford, CT, to work in systems at USCO. He also worked at Stanley Corporation and ended his career at American Electro Products in Waterbury, as the Systems and Purchasing Manager in the IT Department.

John is survived by his wife, Betty, of 51+ years; his daughter, Becky Charles, and her children Joshua, Bethany and her husband, Billy Bailey, and their daughter Coraline of Wallingford; Jennifer and her husband Scott Torello, and their children, Faith, Sophia, Savannah, and Odin; Emily and her husband, Jay Messina, and Emily’s step-son, Andrew, of Waterford. He is also survived by his beloved aunt, Theresa Gallo of CA, his sister Diane Borkowski of Fair Lawn, NJ, and his two younger brothers, Allan Charles of Mount Arlington, NJ, and Ronald Charles of Martinsville, NJ, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to say a special thanks to the team at West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center and especially Mike Sweeney at CT Hospice for going above and beyond with their care and support. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, CT Chapter, 2911 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06318 or the VACT Medical Center, Home Based Primary Care, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516.

Visiting hours were Wednesday, January 19, from 4-7pm at Wallingford Funeral Home, 809 N. Main Street Ext., Wallingford. A final viewing was Thursday, January 20, at 11am-12 noon at St. Lawrence Church, 7 Hemlock Drive, Killingworth, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12pm. Interment with military honors was at All Saints Cemetery, 700 Middletown Avenue, North Haven.

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### This Week on Valley Shore Community TV: January 27-February 3

By Chris Morgan, Public Access Coordinator, VSCTV

**Comcast Channel 18** - Valley Shore Educational Network

1/28 7:00 p.m. LIVE HK vs Old Saybrook Boys Basketball

1/29 7:00 p.m. LIVE HK vs Cromwell Cromwell Basketball

1/31 7:00 p.m. LIVE HK vs Morgan Girls Basketball

2/1 7:00 p.m. LIVE HK vs Cromwell Girls Basketball

**Comcast Channel 19** - Valley Shore Community Television

1/27 - 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. UMC of Clinton Sunday Service 1/23/22

1/30 - 4:00 p.m. First Congregational Church in Essex Sun. Service 1/23/22

1/30 - 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church Sunday Service 1/23/22

1/30 - 6:00 p.m. Deep River Town Meetings 1/25/22

1/31 - 5:00 p.m. Silver Linings Talk Show

1/31 - 6:00 p.m. Shore Things: Phil Parda Student of Tea

1/31 - 8:00 p.m. Art of Poetry

2/1 - 4:00 p.m. Clinton Meetings

2/1 - 6:00 p.m. Arts & Entertainment: Scot Haney WFSB

2/1 - 7:00 p.m. Pete Mezzetti Show: Vin DeMaio Clinton Police Chief

2/1 - 8:00 p.m. Shoreline Music Monthly: BEPW

2/2 - 4:00 p.m. Westbrook Congregational 1/30/22

For the complete schedule and to watch programs on-demand, visit [www.vsctv.com](http://www.vsctv.com). HKTv and VSCTV are available on Comcast Xfinity channel 18 & 19, Frontier TV channel 6089 & 6090, or on Apple TV, Roku, & Fire TV by using the free Cablecast Screenweave app. Links to download the Cablecast Screenweave app are on VSCTV's homepage.

## 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, January 27

**Red Cross Blood Drive** at Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Killingworth Workforce Alliance meeting** 9:00 a.m. (remote access)

**Haddam Special Town Meeting** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Saturday, January 29

**Killingworth Library Saturday Storytime** on Zoom 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### Sunday, January 30

**Rep. Christine Palm's Virtual Coffee Hour** 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 1

**RSD #17 Board of Education meeting** 7:00 p.m. HKIMS

### Wednesday, February 2

**Spiritual Book Study** 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, 194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum

**Killingworth Board of Selectmen meeting** 6:00 p.m. (remote access)

### Thursday, February 3

**Killingworth Board of Selectmen meeting** 6:00 p.m. (remote access)

**Parmelee Farm Committee meeting** 7:00 p.m. Pond Room

## COMMUNITY

### Haddam Composts 725 Pounds of Waste in First Three Weeks of New Program

By Linda Talbott, Haddam Sustainability Committee

This is the first report from Blue Earth Compost which covers the first three weeks of the Food Scrap Recycling program that started at the transfer station December 8, 2021!

We started with three Blue Earth 32 gallon bins and now are up to five. Thank you for your support.

Starter kits (if you want one) are still available at the Town Office Building in the Tax Collector's office or First Selectman's office. Hours there are Monday – Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon. Tax Collector's office is closed to the public on Wednesdays.

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# Meet Beautiful Zoey!

By Judith Levin

This absolutely beautiful young lady is an 8 month old Catahoula mix. Zoey is currently in training seven days a week to get that crate and house training down pat but she will still require a home that can dedicate time to continue this training. She is 17 pounds of total joy and sweetness. Zoey is a pure love bug. She is microchipped, up to date on shots and spayed. She is great with people, dogs, kids, and cats. All she needs now is a forever family of her own.

If you think you are a perfect match for this little queen, please email ALMOST HOME at bnb4dogs@aol.com for an application.



Photo courtesy of Judith Levin.



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## LOCAL THINGS TO DO

# Family Fun This Winter

By Meghan Peterson

On a recent Saturday morning, our family – which consists in part of Rascal #1 (three years-old) and Rascal #2 (one year-old) – took a trek to Fun In Trampoline Park. Conveniently located in Middletown, the indoor trampoline park offers something for a range of ages.

Wall-to-wall trampolines, virtual reality rides, slides, a rock climbing wall, a designated play area for babies and toddlers complete with sensory-based learning toys, and snacks as well as water, juice are

available for purchase after a busy outing of jumping and playing. Cubbies are also provided for easy storage of shoes, coats, and bags,

The staff are so helpful, attentive, conversational, and friendly. They are posted at various stations throughout the space should anyone have questions or need assistance. Pricing is reasonable as well – for parents and their kids alike. Fun In hosts birthday parties, too.

It is a wonderful attraction for local families – a great destination for particularly cold days this winter.

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