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St. Peter's Church Silent Auction Raises \$16,000 for Ukrainian Relief



Mike Farina (right) from St. Peter's Church presents a \$16,000 check to Matt McGrath, Connecticut State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus. *Photo by John Nork.*

By Richard Allison

On the evening of April 3, the St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Council 14590 hosted a silent auction event at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Higganum. Approximately 50 local businesses donated items and services for the auction. The St. Peter's Church Ladies Guild prepared and coordinated the food and beverages for the event.

The event netted \$16,000! All of the proceeds were donated to the Knights of Columbus

Charities, which has established and staffed a refugee center on the Ukrainian border in Poland. The Charity Fund has provided millions of dollars in aid to provide Ukrainians with food, clothing, shelter, medical care and resettlement.

This event was planned and conducted in a very short time frame and supported by the other churches in Haddam and the community at-large. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the event.

Haddam Memorial Day Parade Information



Photo by Olivia Drake.

By Arthur Wiknik, Jr.

The observance of Memorial Day is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 30, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. Any COVID-19 guidelines that are in place at that time should be followed.

Veterans who wish to march do not need to be Haddam residents, and the wearing of a uniform is not necessary. All nonprofit civic organizations are also welcome to participate. Any veteran interested in being a wreath bearer or carrying a flag should contact a parade committee member.

Haddam's Memorial Day Parade is a solemn occasion with participation limited to the theme of Memorial Day, community spirit and American history. Floats and unauthorized vehicles are prohibited, as well as the tossing of candy or trinkets. The Parade Committee reserves the right to turn away entries that do not follow these guidelines. We also ask that vendors refrain from selling items during the parade and ceremony.

The parade may be shortened due to inclement weather but the ceremony on the Higganum green will be held rain or shine. All marchers should assemble between 9:00-9:15 a.m. at the corners of Lake Avenue and Route 81. Bus transportation from the Haddam Veterans Museum to Lake Avenue will be available for all marchers.

The parade route will no longer include marching to the Higganum Cemetery but will instead pass directly through the Citizens Bank and Village Market parking lots, then to the green.

For further information, please contact Ron Annino (860-345-4451), Ken Vallera (860-883-0578) or Art Wiknik (860-345-8619).

Outdoor Track: HKHS Victorious over Coginchaug & Old Lyme

By Matt Diglio, Coach

On Tuesday, April 12, the Haddam Killingworth High School boys and girls track teams opened their seasons as they traveled to Durham to compete in a tri-meet against Coginchaug and Old Lyme. Both the boys and girls teams came away with two victories on the day as the boys defeated Old Lyme by a score of 116-38 and Coginchaug by a score of



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Softball: HKHS Defeats Middletown 11-2

By Jeff Talbott, Coach

The Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Softball team defeated Middletown on Thursday, April 21.

HK's Kaleigh Bodak picked up her 9th win of the season with a complete game 3 hitter, striking out 9 and allowing just 2 runs. She also collected 3 hits, scored 2 runs and drove in one. Bella Richwine also had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and drove in 2. Five HK batters had 2 or more hits, while Kate Cogshall scored both Middletown runs with 2 hits and a walk.

Kaleigh Bodak, pitcher

Line score

HK 1 0 1 4 3 2 0. 11/14/0

M. 0 0 0 1 0 1 0. 2/3/2

Batteries HK, Kaleigh Bodak and Madison LaTouche. Middletown, Ariel Perez and Abby Young
HK is now 9-1 and Middletown drops to 1-5.



Photos by Kathleen Zandi.

Boys Tennis: HKHS Sweeps Singles Matches to Defeat Lyme-Old Lyme 4-3

By Rod Pakus, Coach

The Shoreline Conference Boys Tennis match played at Old Lyme today was tied 3-3 with the #3 singles match still on the courts. The Cougars Senior Co-Captain Joey Mercier had won the first set and found himself down 1-3 in the second set to Old Lyme's Andy Sicuranza. Mercier leveled the match at 3 all and forged ahead to a 4-3 lead. Sicuranza tied the match again before Mercier held his service and broke his opponent for the win. Gus Luzietti, playing singles for the second time this season won at #4 singles for the Cougars.

#1 Singles Eddie White (H-K) d. Charles Hinckley (OL) 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles Bryce Leiberman (H-K) d. Will Danes (OL) 6-1, 6-0

#3 Singles Joey Mercier (H-K) d. Andy Sicuranza (OL) 6-3, 6-4

#4 Singles Gus Luzietti (H-K) d. Leland Hine (OL) 6-2, 6-1

#1 Doubles Miahbass/Kiler (OL) d. Stevens/Lirot (H-K) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles Alis/Bicc (OL) by forfeit

#3 Doubles Old Lyme by forfeit



(L to R) Co-Captain Joey Mercier, William Lirot, Gus Luzietti, Bryce Leiberman, Co-Captain Eddie White, Ezekiel Stevens. Photo by Rod Pakus.

Mac O'Moodus

Roger Straub



Do Sheep Shrink When It Rains?

Outdoor Track: HKHS Victorious over Coginchaug & Old Lyme


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89-60 to start their dual meet season 2-0. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Caleb Kent 110 hurdles (19.1), Aidan Law 100 (11.2) long jump (21'2") and high jump (5'6"), Caleb Freeman 1600 (4:53) and 3200 (10:39), Alex Lara 800 (2:07), Orion Inkel triple jump (40'7") and Jared Frith pole vault (10'6").

The H-K Girls team also went 2-0 on the day to begin their dual meet season, as they defeated Old Lyme by a score of 129-19 and beat Coginchaug 101-49. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Leah Sosnowski won the 100 hurdles (17.9) and the 300 hurdles (51.1), Mariella Fulcher 200 (27.4), Izzy Berardino 1600 (5:55) and 3200 (13:22), Jess Timothy long jump (15'2"), triple jump (31'2"), and high jump (4'6"), Scarlett Strom discus (74'2") and javelin (82'7"). The girls 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams were also victorious on the afternoon to contribute valuable team points.

The track teams will next be in action on Tuesday April 26, 2022, as they travel to Clinton to compete in a tri-meet against Morgan and North Branford.


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Haddam Garden Club Happenings, including Plant Sale: May 7

By Terry Twigg, HGC

The Haddam Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will be held this year on Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the old HES in Higganum. The sale usually coincides with the Town Wide Tag Sale, but this year's tag sale is scheduled a bit late for gardeners, so the plant sale will be going it alone, at the ideal time for planting, and just in time for Mother's Day gifts. There will be rows and rows of plants lovingly dug from members' gardens, all at bargain prices. In addition, the sale will feature dahlia tubers for the easiest, most gorgeous summer bouquets ever.

Plus, the fabulous and friendly Dan Natusch from Bartlett Tree Service will be on hand to give away free tree seedlings and answer all your tree-related questions. Proceeds from the sale will support the club's many civic projects.

What makes a beautiful New England town even better? In Haddam, one answer is the many gardens the club maintains all over town. Just a few days after the plant sale, the club will set to work. Each member is assigned to a garden, and all take turns weeding, watering and deadheading throughout the hot

months, then putting the gardens to bed for the winter. Where to find them:

The Greens: Have you ever wondered who takes care of the Higganum Green and the smaller green around the flagpole at the bottom of Walkley Hill? Both are planted and maintained by the club, and kept watered through the hottest parts of summer, without the benefit of any on-site water source.

The Library: Without the Garden Club's efforts, the entrance to the Library would be nothing but a parking lot. Instead, it welcomes visitors with a succession of flowers from early spring until the first frost. On the opposite side of the building, accessible from the Children's Department, a pollinator garden with whimsical statues entices children to learn more about the natural world.

The Transfer Station: Even this, arguably the dreariest public space, offers a garden overflowing with native plants, flowering shrubs, and bulbs. Sandwiched between two paved areas, it's a dry, challenging location, but the crew takes it in stride.

Town Hall: A visit here is rarely fun, but the small garden near the pillars and those at both the front and side entrances make time spent on town

business so much more pleasant.

But the gardens are only part of the club's contribution to Haddam:

The Welcome Signs: Seven handsome signs welcome visitors to our town. The signs are placed by the Garden Club (and sometimes replaced, when time or traffic accidents take their toll), with cheerful flowers planted underneath. All the signs get decorated for the holidays.

Golden Days: Every year the club plants hundreds of daffodils in public spaces, from the cemetery in Shailerville to the Higganum Green to the flagpole on the Haddam Green. You've probably seen the cheerful yellow flowers brightening the Transfer Station, and may have noticed this year's newest addition, at Beaver Meadow Cemetery.

Holiday Decorations: Early in the holiday season, club members gather greens of every description to make holiday decorations to distribute

around town. Every town office, the library, the welcome signs, the Senior Center, the transfer station, and the town garage--each gets a festive arrangement.

Haddam Neck Fair: A few years ago, the club accepted responsibility for the flowers and floral design section of the Fair. The club chooses a theme, oversees entries (no bugs or diseases, please!) and then judges the exhibits.

Lectures: Periodically, the club sponsors speakers on horticultural topics. Covid-19 put a temporary hold on plans, but the club expects to book new speakers in the near future.

The Haddam Garden Club is a service organization that manages to have a lot of fun along the way. New members are always welcome, and will find the group meeting at the Community Center on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. Or come talk to us at the Plant Sale!

COMMUNITY

The Rockfall Foundation Offers Earth Day Every Day Action Grant

By Pete Weiss, Rockfall Foundation

The Rockfall Foundation announces the establishment of the Earth Day Every Day Action Grant program. This program is offered in collaboration with cinder + salt, an eco-friendly clothing brand, and invites businesses, non-profit organizations, schools and municipalities to submit applications for environmental initiatives that will have a physical impact on the environment.

Funding for this action grant initiative has been provided by Rachel DeCavage, founder and owner of cinder + salt, through her participation in the 1% for the Planet program. In this nationally recognized group, members donate 1% of their sales back to the community to help tackle the planet's most pressing environmental issues.

"I wanted to create an opportunity for people to take real action, to make a difference in the world and protect our planet," said DeCavage. "The money from this grant would go toward something that has an immediate physical impact, whether picking up litter or planting more trees. The grant money would pay for anything that would help make those ideas a reality."

Human-induced climate change continues to threaten the finite resources of our planet. The Earth Day Every Day Action Grant will be eligible for projects that actively focus on preservation, conservation and restoration of the natural environment in the Lower Connecticut River Valley.

Projects must take place in or include one or more of the focus towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River,

Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, or Westbrook. Applications may be considered that focus on the Connecticut River corridor or Long Island Sound as long as there is a demonstrated impact in at least one of the focus towns.

Nonprofit organizations, schools, municipalities, or businesses are welcome to apply. Individuals seeking to apply must coordinate with an eligible entity. That entity must submit the application.

Applications and all required documents must be received electronically via email by noon on June 15, at grants@rockfallfoundation.org. Applications received after the noon deadline, incomplete applications, and paper applications will not be considered. Grant awards will be announced at the end of July, with funds available in early August.

Founded in 1935 by Middletown philanthropist Clarence S. Wadsworth, The Rockfall Foundation is one of Connecticut's oldest environmental organizations. The Foundation supports environmental education, conservation and planning initiatives in the Lower Connecticut River Valley through public programs and grants. The Rockfall Foundation has awarded more than a half million dollars since the inception of its grant program in 1972.

In addition, the Foundation operates the historic deKoven House Community Center, which offers meeting rooms and office space for non-profit organizations.

For additional information about The Rockfall Foundation and the grant programs, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.rockfallfoundation.org or call 860-347-0340.

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HK Hall of Fame to Hold Online Silent Auction: May 12-31

By Elaine Jackson, HK Hall of Fame Treasurer

The 2022 HK Hall of Fame Silent Auction will be held online. Proceeds are to benefit the Eric Auer/Patsy Kamercia Civic Achievement Award. Two \$500 scholarships are given out each year to Haddam-Killingworth seniors who meet the requirements.

The Online Silent Auction will run from 3:00 p.m. on May 12 to 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2022.

The link to this Auction is: www.32auctions.com/hkhalloffame2022

Items for bid: gift certificates, cord of wood,

outdoor chair rockers, gym membership, mulch, sports items, gift baskets, pampered chef items, bird houses, etc.

Donations may also be made to this Civic Achievement Award. Please send to HK Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 24, Higganum, CT 06441

Winners from the Online auction will be able to pick up item(s) on Wednesday, June 1 and Thursday, June 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 501 Killingworth Road, Higganum. Payment will be cash or a check to HK Hall of Fame.

THANK YOU for your support!

Arts Center Killingworth & Spectrum Gallery: Call for Artists for Arts Festival

By Barbara Nair, Arts Center Killingworth & Spectrum Gallery

Essex Green Summer Arts Festival. Seeking artists and fine artisans for the outdoor festival on the Essex Town Green, Saturday, June 18 (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and Sunday, June 19 (11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). Submit early, space fills. Deadline June 6. Fine artisans may submit work for consideration for sale to the Store at Spectrum Gallery, 61 Main Street, Centerbrook.

Madison Green Autumn Arts Festival. Seeking artists for outdoor festival on the Madison Town Green (Boston Post Road/Route 1 and Copse Road) Saturday, Oct. 8 (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct. 9 (12:00-5:00 p.m.), rain date Monday, Oct. 10 (10a.m.-5p.m.). Fine artisans may submit work for consideration for sale to the Store at Spectrum Gallery, 61 Main Street, Centerbrook.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank You for 2022 Making Spring Into Hope Celebration a Success

Editor's Note: The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this newspaper. We welcome supporting or opposing views on any published item.

On April 22, the Nathaniel B Field Memorial Foundation, Inc. Annual Spring Into Hope Celebration was an incredible success!!! We want to thank the Polish Falcons Nest 519, musician

Mark Peryga, and our countless volunteers, donors, friends, family, and the Haddam and Killingworth communities for making it a great day. We hope that you enjoyed this special event. We saw a lot of people hanging out laughing and taking advantage of the perfect weather. It was comforting to have a public event again!

The mission of the Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation, Inc. is to prevent suicide through public awareness and education, to reduce the stigma of mental illness, and to provide hope and support.

Marie Field,

Nathaniel B Field Memorial Foundation

HKHS SPORTS

Golf: HKHS Defeats Lyme-Old Lyme 193-215

By Kelly Brown

On Tuesday, April 26, the Haddam-Killingworth High School Golf Team defeated Lyme-Old Lyme at the Black Hall Golf Club (course rating: 33.9) in a League Match. Final score HK 193, Lyme-Old Lyme 215.

Haddam-Killingworth:

Andrew Fleig, 47
Andrew Crayton 47
Jacob Maier, 48
Declan Kessler 51
Lyme-Old Lyme:
Pat Flanagan 46
Andrew Hedberg 52
Evan Montville 57
Justin Bonatti 60

HK Record: 3-1 (3-0 Conference)



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Please visit www.haddam.org, www.townofkillingworth.com or hk-now.com for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes. See hk-now.com for more information on calendar items.

Thursday, May 5

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.

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.

Friday, May 6

Killingworth Historic Review Committee meeting 11:00 a.m. (remote).

Music with Margie - Margie Warner returns for songs and fun this spring! 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Killingworth

Library. Sessions will be held outside, weather-permitting. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

Saturday, May 7

Killingworth Nursery School Open House 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Haddam Garden Club Plant Sale 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Haddam Elementary School.

Saturday Storytime 10:00 a.m. Killingworth Library. Saturday Storytimes are now an in-person event! We will meet either in the reading garden, if the weather is nice, or the children's room. This week's story: What Not to Give Your Mom on Mother's Day by Martha Self Simpson.

Killingworth Evergreen Garden Club Plant Sale 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Haddam Meadows Invasive Cleanup 9:00 a.m. – 12: p.m. Please register by emailing Cherry Czuba at cherylczuba@comcast.net Annual spring invasive plant cleanup and trash pickup.

Participants are asked to meet in the picnic area closest to the Transfer Station. Adults and youth, under 16 years of age accompanied by an adult, will remove oriental bittersweet and other invasives and/ or pick up trash.

"Shred It" event & HKHS Girls Lacrosse Bake sale 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We will be located at the Haddam Community Center on Candlewood Hill Road. You will see us across from the Gazebo in the center of town. A \$5 per box donation is suggested. All money raised will go directly to Haddam Social Services.

HKHS Girls Lacrosse Bake Sale 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Three Sales Event Locations: Outside of Jack's Country Restaurant 26 Killingworth Road, Higganum Community Center (shredding Event) @ the Community Center across from the Higganum Green. Killingworth outside of The Copper Skillet 184 CT – 81, Killingworth.

Haddam Neck Annual Congregational Church Quilt Show, Bake Sale & Plant Sale 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This year we

are again combining the show with the Ladies Aide Plant Sale and bake sale. There will be "bits and pieces" sale of fabric and notions in the adjacent parish house along with quilt raffle, basket raffle and local crafts. For information call 860-930-8520 or 860-267-4513.

Designer Bag Bingo – Ladies Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Grab your friends for a ladies night out! American Legion & Ladies Auxiliary Post 156 will be hosting an awesome night of fun. This is an adult event and must be over twenty-one. Over fifteen designer purses will be up for grabs from Kate Spade, Coach, Dooney & Bourke, and many more! ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY VETERANS. For tickets please contact: Shelley Mosig cell: 860-790-0324 email: smosig528@gmail.com OR see an American Legion Auxiliary Post 156 Member

Sunday, May 8

Shad Museum - Every Sunday until June 12 – The Haddam Shad Museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 212 Saybrook Road, Higganum. Free and open to all.

Haddam Neck Annual Congregational Church Quilt Show, Bake Sale & Plant Sale 12:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This year we are again combining the show with the Ladies Aide Plant Sale and bake sale. There will be "bits and pieces" sale of fabric and notions in the adjacent parish house along with quilt raffle, basket raffle and local crafts.

Monday, May 9

Haddam Board of Selectmen meeting 6:30 p.m.

Killingworth Open Space Committee

meeting 6:00 p.m. (remote).

Killingworth Board of Finance meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Killingworth Board of Selectmen meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Killingworth Park & Recreation meeting 7:30 p.m. Sheldon Park.

Tuesday, May 10

Tuesday Book Discussion – Killingworth Library 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Join us as we discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. The discussion will be held in the library's meeting room. Extra copies will be available for checkout at the circulation desk. Newcomers always welcome!

Coding for Kids 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Killingworth Library is excited to offer an introductory coding class, recommended for ages 8-13!

Killingworth Inland Wetlands meeting 6:30 p.m. Location TBD

Wednesday, May 11

Haddam Economic Development meeting 6:30 p.m.

Killingworth Public Health meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Haddam Public Town Hearing 7:00 p.m. Fire Station #1. Subject – Scovil Hoe Buildings

Thursday, May 12

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Dungeons & Dragons – Killingworth Library 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Killingworth Conservation Commission meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Haddam Park & Recreation meeting 7:30 p.m.

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Girls Lacrosse: HKHS Defeats Cromwell 15-9

By Janice Calvi-Ruimerman

On sunny Saturday, April 23, the Cougars pummeled the Cromwell Panthers with a 15-9 win by the Haddam Killingworth High School Girls Varsity team followed by a 10-1 victory by the Junior Varsity team.

The Cougars' claws were out as HK scored the first of 15 goals to overpower the Panthers at the first draw. With cheering support from the HK Boys team, Seniors Yumi Imai and Grace Cassidy scored 3 goals each and Emily Sorrentino added 1 to Juniors, Audrey Wrinn's 2 goals and Sophie Ramino's 1 goal while Freshman, Seanna (SeaSea) Ruimerman scored the first and last goal of the game totaling 5 goals for her to the Panthers' dismay. Kyla Mazzotta, defending Senior, forced 2 turnovers leading to two of the above-mentioned goals. The

draw on the Panthers was no match for the speed and agility of Cougars Sophomore Samantha (Sammy) Ruimerman, who easily gained possession, feeding the ball to the Cougars offense. Ava Ramino, Freshman, and Georgia Cancroft, Junior, flipped the script for the Cromwell team when they gained possession, moving the ball down the Cougars line. Defenders Te'a Norman and Peyton Tyler, both Sophomores, were in total sync with Senior Goalie Rhianna (Rhi) Phipps, thereby ensuring that these Panthers gained no ground in Higganum on this day.

The Junior Varsity (JV) team was not going to give Cromwell any room to play. Gabriela (Gabby) Williams held the net, giving up only one goal to the Cougars' 10. The score was shared by Sophomores Aly Campbell scoring 3 goals, Brigitte Battistoni and Jaimey DiNapoli scoring 2 each, with Juniors, Kelsie Piela, Sarah Birkmeyer and Juliana (J-Gag) Gagliardi

scoring 1 goal each. Sophomores Leeha Reddy and Caroline Ignatuck made certain that Cromwell remained empty at the buzzer.

Great game, Lady Cougars. Way to keep those sticks up!

Golf: HKHS Defeats Hale-Ray 175-193

By Kelly Brown

On Monday, April 25, the Haddam Killingworth High School Golf Team defeated Hale-Ray on the Black Birch Golf Course (course rating 34.2) in a League Match. The final score was HK 175, Hale-Ray 193.

Haddam-Killingworth:

Andrew Crayton, 41

Declan Kessler, 42

Jacob Maier, 44

Andrew Fleig, 48

Gabe Barile, 50

Hale-Ray:

Luke Karpiej, 38

Hunter Rafala, 48

Ethan Adams, 53

Joel Kindel, 54

Caleb Jesse, 57

HK Record: 2-1 (2-0) Conference

Girls Lacrosse: HKHS Defeats Mercy 17-16

By Janice Calvi-Ruimerman

Thursday, April 21, was a true Battle of the Titans, as the Haddam Killingworth High School Cougars seemed to be outmatched by the strong Mercy offense, with one of their former teammates, Cora Rigg, now a Mercy Freshman, challenging her HK Cougar friends. With tenacity and precision, HK Seniors Yumi Imai (6 goals), Grace Cassidy (5 goals), accompanied by Audrey Wrinn, a Junior (3 goals), and Freshman Seanna Ruimerman (3 goals) definitely gave Mercy something to talk about. Samantha Ruimerman, Sophomore, and Ava Ramino, Freshman, held possession for the Cougars to the dismay of the Mercy draw. This game felt as though HK jumped into a Thirty Years War. The score was back and forth with a 1-point conversion at every turn. In the last minute and twenty-two

seconds of the game, Freshman goalie Gabby Williams made the final save, leaving Mercy at 16 to HK's victorious 17.

The Junior Varsity (JV) team clearly knew what they were getting into and came out strong with a 7-4 lead at the half. Freshman goalie Gabby Williams led the JV game, defending the Cougars box so aggressively she actually came out of goal for a steal of possession. The final score of 12 - 6 gave the JV team the win they wanted. Scorers this go-round were Sophomores Aly Campbell with 5 goals and Jaimey DiNapoli with 3 goals, while Juniors Jenna Whitmer and Kelsie Piela added 2 goals each. Senior goalie Rhianna "Rhi" Phipps, who started for Varsity, held the JV steady in the second half, leaving the Mercy girls empty at the buzzer.

Great game, Lady Cougars. Way to keep those sticks up!

Girls Lacrosse: HKHS Defeats Lyme-Old Lyme 13-7

By Janice Calvi-Ruimerman

The Wildcats of Lyme-Old Lyme were tamed on Tuesday, April 26, as the Haddam-Killingworth High School Cougars overtook the Lyme-Old Lyme Varsity team on their home turf with a 13-7 win.

Lyme-Old Lyme's offense was quickly caged by the Cougars defensive team of Kyla Mazzotta, Senior, Te'a Norman and Peyton Tyler, Sophomores, Ava Ramino, Freshman, and Senior Goalie Rhianna (Rhi) Phipps giving up only 7 goals. The HKHS offense scored 9 goals in the first half and 4 more in the second to total 13 goals for the win. Senior Yumi Imai scored 1 shot on goal and 1 free shot, Grace Cassidy, Senior, scored 2 goals, Juniors, Audrey Wrinn and Georgia Cancroft scored 1 goal each, Sophomore Samantha (Sammy) Ruimerman scored 1 goal and gained possession on 5 draws while Freshman Seanna (SeaSea) Ruimerman scored 5 shots on goal and 1 free shot. The Wildcats were left chasing their tails as Junior Sophie Ramino forced 4 turnovers, stealing the ball from Lyme-Old Lyme's possession.

Great game, Lady Cougars. Way to keep those sticks up, even in the rain!



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Baseball: HKHS Defeats Westbrook 14-0

By Mark Brookes, Coach

The Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Baseball team defeated Westbrook in Westbrook on Wednesday, April 20, by a final score of 14-0.

Callen Powers pitched a one-hit shutout for his second mound win. Todd Butler, Ryan Erskine and

Lucas Kamoen each had two hits for HK. Zumbrano had the only hit for Westbrook.

HK 8 0 0 2 4 14 12 0
 Westbrook 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 3
 Batteries:- HK- Callen Powers and Nick Glynn. West - M. Sharpe, Treeman (4) WP Powers LP Sharpe
 Records: HK (5-3), Westbrook (0-8)

Baseball: HKHS Defeats Portland 12-2

By Mark Brookes, Coach

The Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Baseball team defeated Portland in Higganum on Friday, April 22.

Dylan Coon had 3 hits, 2 RBI and Nick Glynn had 2 hits, 3 RBI for HK. Rosado had a hit and RBI for Portland.

Portland 0 1 1 0 0 2 3 1
 HK 3 0 0 6 3 12 16 1
 Batteries: HK- Ryan Erskine, Lucas Kamoen (2) and Nick Glynn. Portland - Spencer Rosado, Josh Hanna (5) and Mike Quesnel WP Erskine LP Rosado
 Records: HK (6-3), Portland (0-7)



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This Week on Valley Shore Community TV: May 5-11

By Chris Morgan, Public Access Coordinator, VSCTV

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 5/7 7:00 p.m. 2022 HKHS NHS Induction
 5/8 7:00 p.m. 2022 HKHS World Language Honor Society Induction
Comcast Channel 19 - Valley Shore Community Television
 5/5 - 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. UMC of Clinton Sunday Service 5/1/22
 5/5 - 5:00 p.m. Old Saybrook Meetings
 5/8 - 4:00 p.m. First Congregational Church in Essex Sun. Service 5/1/22
 5/8 - 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church Sunday Service 5/1/22
 5/8 - 6:00 p.m. Deep River Town Meetings 4/26/22
 5/9 - 4:00 p.m. A Slice of Life - Bird Houses

5/9 - 5:00 p.m. Silver Linings Talk Show
 5/9 - 6:00 p.m. Shore Things: SCORE
 5/9 - 8:00 p.m. Art of Poetry
 5/10 - 4:00 p.m. Clinton Meetings
 5/10 - 6:00 p.m. Arts & Entertainment: Joyce Beauvios
 5/10 - 7:00 p.m. Pete Mezzetti Show: CT Forest & Park Association
 5/10 - 8:00 p.m. Shoreline Music Monthly: Steve Knauth & David Gregoire
 5/11 - 4:00 p.m. Westbrook Congregational 5/8/22

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Facing A “Garbage Crisis” in Connecticut (And Haddam)

By Joanne Nesti, Haddam Sustainability Committee

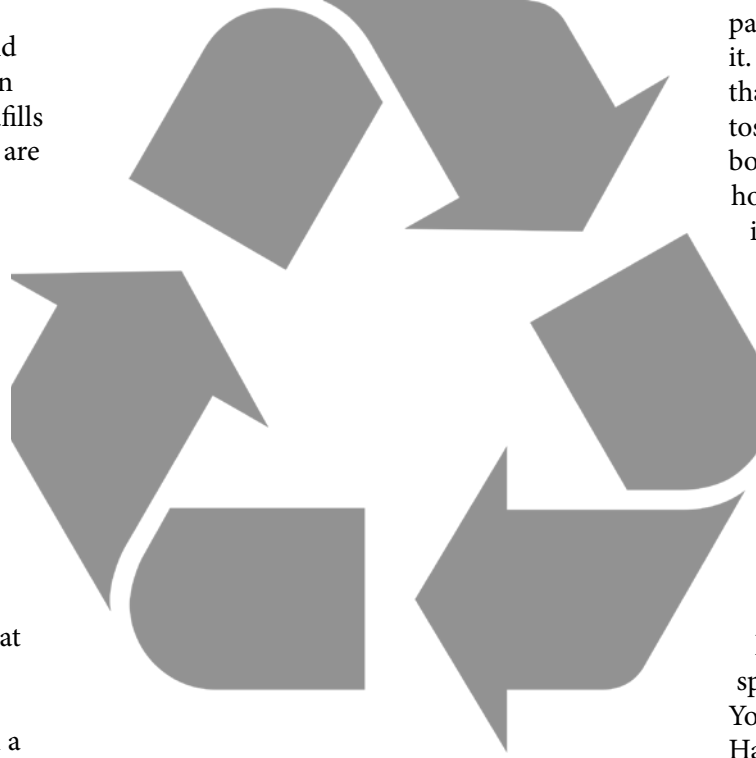
“Out of sight, out of mind” will not work any longer when it comes to the way Connecticut disposes of its trash, according to a top official at the state’s trash authority. Thomas Gaffey, Director of Recycling and Enforcement for MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recovery Authority), met with the Haddam Sustainability Committee on April 27th at the Old Town Hall to outline where Connecticut has been and, more important, where it’s going, since landfills are closing and the state’s waste-to-energy plants are aging.

Gaffey described what he called “a garbage crisis” for Connecticut and New England, with many states facing the same problem of more trash and fewer places to put it. MIRA operates an aging waste-to-energy facility in Hartford that will be closing in the next few months. The state has opposed any renovation to the facility, in part because of the cost, and in part because of opposition from the City of Hartford. In addition, MIRA has a recycling plant on the same site, which sorts through the tons of plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and aluminum that comes in each day from MIRA’s member towns, including Haddam.

Both facilities have been good businesses, with a market for most of the recyclables, and the trash-to-energy plant generating electricity that MIRA sells as one of its revenue sources. The other source is the “tipping” fees it charges member towns, but only for garbage. Recyclables are handled at no cost to the municipalities, but the days of business as usual are about to end. Our fees are about to rise.

In order to deal with the “crisis” he referred to,

Gaffey says a million tons of Connecticut trash will soon be transported, by either truck or rail, to landfills in several states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and others that see trash from the northeast as revenue for their state coffers. Gaffey calls this an expensive option and one that is not



very environmentally-friendly, with trucks and trains powered by fossil fuels that pollute the air. The shipping of trash is also vulnerable to weather, derailments and any unforeseen obstacles along the way. Gaffey adds that the state remains responsible

for trash getting to its final destination, so any delays that disrupt the flow could cause trash to back up in Connecticut until the process starts moving again.

What is the solution? We start with our own homes and the way we handle garbage and recycling. Take a look at what you’re buying, the packaging it comes in and how you’ll dispose of it. Recycle only what is recyclable. As simple as that sounds, Gaffey has dozens of stories of people tossing ridiculous items into their recycling: bowling balls (yes, bowling balls!) saw blades, hoses, etc. What are people thinking? Gaffey calls it “wishful recycling,” making the generous assumption that people want to do the right thing, but don’t know how. The Haddam Sustainability Committee has started a program at the transfer station of food scrap waste collection, as well as textiles that can be recycled. Electronics and batteries have long been a separate collection at the transfer station. But if you don’t have a Transfer Station pass, we also have set up an area in the Town Office Building for other recyclables, like plastic bags, batteries, light bulbs, etc. Check out our small corner spot to the left as you come in the front door. You can find out more about the Committee at Haddamsustainabilitycommittee@gmail.com.

Education is the key for all of us, but one small town in Connecticut can’t do it alone. Some of this will have to be dealt with at the state and federal levels, and that is always a challenge. Still, it all starts with us and the way we take responsibility for the waste we generate.

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Boys Lacrosse: HKHS Defeats St. Paul Catholic 8-6

By Mike Kelly

The defending 2021 Shoreline Conference Champion Haddam Killingworth High School Cougars boys lacrosse team scored an impressive out-of-conference victory Thursday evening, April 21, defeating the St. Paul Catholic Falcons 8-6, pushing their 2022 season record to 4-1. The Cougars were in a hole early, falling behind two goals after a turnover in front of the HK crease led to an easy punch in for the St. Paul attack. From there HK found their

footing, beginning with Corey Phipps assisting his brother Alex Phipps above the right post for the quick strike, closing the gap to within one of the Falcons, 2-1.

Early in the second, HK scored again, this time A. Phipps feeding attackman Aaron McLeod for the equalizer, 2-2. St. Paul responded with a fast break strike to again take the lead, 3-2, but the relentless Cougar defense turned momentum in their favor when d-pole Matteo Piacenti took one coast-to-coast, tying the



game 3-3.

In perhaps the game's most dramatic moment, with literally a second left on the game clock in the second period, C. Phipps corralled a rebounded shot off the right post and dropped it in for the score, giving HK the 4-3 advantage heading into the break. From there the Cougars never trailed again.

In the first moments of the third quarter, St. Paul scored quickly in transition to knot the game 4-4. A. Phipps answered during a man-up advantage, finding net with a dodge and shot from above the right side of the crease, 5-4 HK. Moments later A. Phipps struck again, this time dodging down the left alley and firing an over-hand scorcher for the 6-4 HK lead. Middie Nolan Braren got in on the action, cutting in front of the left-side of the cage for the goal. The score came with a nifty assist from attackman C. Phipps, who made the pass from the ground after wrestling a loose ball from the Falcon D.

St. Paul scored late in the fourth period to close within two, 7-5 HK, but the dominant HK defense again stymied any notion of a comeback. D-pole Nathan Kelly forced a loose



Photos by Liz Griswold.

ball in front of the Cougar crease, LSM Jack Insalaco scooped it and ran up field, finding middie Gunnar Howes free for the quick strike, 8-5 HK. In the waning moments St. Paul scored a garbage time goal for the final 8-6 HK victory.

It should be noted that the Cougars maintained a significant possession advantage throughout the game thanks to yeoman's work from Cooper Pitts at the face-off X. Also, as mentioned, HK defenders Sam Young, Piacenti, Aiden Griswold, Kelly, Insalaco, d-middies Pitts and Jake Mckenzie swarmed and frustrated the Falcon attack all day long. Again, a great team win for the defending champions. Cromwell awaits this Saturday.



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