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Catching Up With Kelly Moore, Youth Services Program Coordinator at BML

By Meghan Peterson

As many in our Haddam and Killingworth communities may know, the libraries are vibrant sites of conversation, programming and of course – reading - for adults and children alike. Library staff help to make this all happen. Haddam Killingworth News/HK-Now.com recently spoke with Kelly Moore, Youth Services Program Coordinator at the Brainerd Memorial Library in Haddam (920 Saybrook Road).

MP: Tell us a bit about your personal background (e.g., where do you hail from? where do you currently live?)

KM: I grew up in Meriden and spent a lot of time there playing music, adventuring around the state with my family, and hanging out at Game Crazy and trading card shops. I currently live in Higganum, though I still hang out at game stores and trading card shops.

MP: Educational background?

KM: I went to Maloney High School in Meriden, where I was an avid band kid and played bari sax and tuba in the concert band and marching band. Our marching band attended competitions throughout the state and I loved performing at them. I went on to study music at CCSU and participated in six musical ensembles there, including the jazz band and brass quintet.

MP: Title/Position at BML?

KM: I am the Youth Services Program Coordinator at Brainerd. I plan and run library programs for kids and teens, such as our weekly Storytime and Toddler Tunes programs, Teen Advisory Board, and video game and anime clubs. I also help plan and run larger events, like our yearly Take Your Child to the Library Day.

MP: What drew you to work at BML?

KM: I worked at Central's Burritt Library on a whim and it was a lot of fun. My supervisor there encouraged me to continue working in the library field, and I decided I wanted to work with kids and teens because of the creativity and wide



Photo by Scott Bowden.

range of interests involved. I was drawn in by the architecture and vibe at Brainerd, as well as the camaraderie that comes with a library with a smaller staff.

MP: What do books mean to you? How does your passion for music connect with your library work?

KM: Books mean a lot of different things to me, but if I had to pick three things, I'd say knowledge, empathy, and motivation. I love reading nonfiction and learning new things about subjects that interest me, such as outer space, or even about things I've never studied before. I love reading fiction because of its ability to teach empathy by putting you in the shoes of a character whose struggles you might've never had to think about, or by posing moral questions that make you think deeper about your own beliefs. The YA book "Scythe" by Neal Shusterman does both of these things spectacularly and for that I always recommend it to patrons. I

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CT Summer at the Museum

The Thankful Arnold House Museum and Haddam Historical Society are thrilled to be part of the CT Summer at the Museum program which runs from July 1 to September 5, 2022, and allows Connecticut children aged 18 and under – plus one accompanying Connecticut adult free admission!

Farm Fresh Beets & More

By Sharon Challenger

There are many wonderful opportunities in Higganum to purchase fresh produce from local farms.

At 1065 Route 81 in Higganum, Jason Burr has provided delicious produce, for many years, to local residents as well as those simply driving by. It all began as a "hobby farm" some thirty years ago when Jason used to help his father, Erwin, plant and harvest crops. His father passed in 2020 and Jason has continued to work the fields on a much larger scale.

His crops include some of the most sought-after corn, beets, potatoes, tomatoes, kale, summer squash, zucchini and more.

The fresh-picked vegetables are always carefully lined up on his colorful yellow and green roadside stand.

The cart where corn is heaped up in midsummer gets emptied out quickly, as people rush to make their purchase before it is all gone.

Currently Jason has been placing beets and kale out for sale. The beets go for \$5.00 per bunch and the kale for

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First Selectman McGarry Provides Update on Haddam Center and Tylerville Projects

By Robert McGarry, Haddam First Selectman

Last week I wrote about the projects going on in Higganum Center. This week I'll continue with the other projects, both public and private, in town:

Haddam Center

Sidewalk – We're replacing the existing sidewalk from Jail Hill Road to the cemetery because of its deteriorating condition. The new sidewalk will be wider in order to make it easier for two people to walk side-by-side. The sidewalk will have benches and seating areas at either end and signs denoting the historical significance of the area. The contract was awarded to Costa & Sons. Work has been delayed by a bureaucratic snag at CT DOT, but should be starting soon.

Transfer Station – This isn't a project, but it is worthy of mention. At the April 14th Board of Selectmen's meeting, the board approved allowing residents to buy a second transfer station sticker for the same household at half price. A number of residents suggested this change.

Hope Garden – The renovations to this building at 7 Island Dock Road are almost complete. The rehabilitation center has received its Certificate of Need (CON) from the state Office of Health Strategy. The CON is basically the license to operate a health care facility. They still have a few items to address for their Certificate of Occupancy.

Tylerville

Sidewalk – If you've been on Bridge Road in the past month or so, you've seen the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of the road. Work should be completed this fall. This sidewalk will connect to the sidewalk that DOT will be building as part of the roundabout project. (There's a preliminary design drawing of the roundabouts on the town webpage which

shows the sidewalks, <https://www.haddam.org/projects/pages/roundabouts>. The drawing is also posted in the lobby of the Town Office Building.) When it's all done the sidewalk will run from Saybrook Road to the swing bridge sidewalk. There will also be sidewalks on Saybrook Road from where the existing sidewalk ends near The Saybrook at Haddam to just south of the Bridge Road intersection. All of the sidewalks will have decorative street lighting and the developer of Blueways Commons, the apartments on Brookes Court, will put the same lights along that road.

Swing Bridge – You may have seen that the contract for the project was awarded to American Bridge Company (ABC), which was involved in building the bridge in 1912. I attended the pre-construction meeting on June 29th at the DOT District 2 office in Norwich and met the key DOT engineers who will be working on the rehabilitation as well as ABC's project manager, project supervisor and regional manager. DOT plans to issue the Notice to Proceed to ABC on July 7th. They have until February 2025 to complete the project. ABC expects to start work in late August or early September. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony later this summer. As soon as ABC releases their project schedule, which should include when the 63-hour closures and alternating one-way traffic will be in effect, we'll put it on the Swing Bridge project page on our website. DOT has a website for the project, <https://easthaddamswingbridgeproject.com/>. There will be traffic cameras installed covering both approaches to the bridge, so you can check the traffic conditions in real time.

Roundabouts – Work continues on the design of the roundabouts. On June 14th, Town Planner Bill Warner and I had a meeting with DOT to discuss the project status. The start date has been pushed back to April 2024; it had been scheduled to start in the spring of 2023. DOT is planning to build a parking lot on the west side of Saybrook Road near the Route 9 connector for people who want to view the cascading falls at Clark Creek. There also are historical ruins in that area. Trails will be built from the parking lot to both areas.

Blueway Commons – I'm sure you've seen the construction of the two apartment buildings and community center on Brookes Court. They're moving along well in spite of supply chain issues. I understand the latest challenge is getting door handles. On June 6th, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the second phase of the development. This phase adds one more building with 32 apartments, 16 one-bedroom and 16 two-bedroom units, to the complex. The building will be farther in along Brookes Court than the other three.

We have a couple of new businesses in town. Riverside Steakhouse and Tavern opened in The Village Plaza in Higganum Center and Oh Fudge and More opened at 1588 Saybrook Road in Tylerville. My wife and I have sampled the fare at both and can recommend them. Please support our local merchants, and enjoy your summer!

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also find a lot of motivation in manga and adventure stories, as watching a character train their heart out or rise above a tough conflict always empowers me to try harder and do better in my life, too!

I love getting to share music with others, so being able to sing with the kids at Brainerd every week is a lot of fun for me. It's always heartwarming to see them get excited about singing specific songs, or overhearing them singing their favorite songs again after the program is over. I also enjoy getting to bring in different instruments to show them, like my tuba or saxophone, and I hope that I can help ignite a passion for music in them as well. I always try to carry the enthusiasm I have for music into my work at the library in general--I think it's important to approach everything with some amount of passion and enthusiasm, and the learning mindset that music has given me, coupled with the discipline I've learned from practicing, have helped me have a positive growth mindset at the library and beyond.

MP: What do you like to do when you are not playing music and reading books to kids and the adults who belong to them?

KM: I'm a huge nerd, so I love playing video games and Yu-Gi-Oh! with my friends in my spare time. I have an intense interest in video game repair, so I spend a lot of time taking apart game consoles and controllers and getting them back into working shape. I also play Super Smash Bros. Melee competitively, and I travel to lots of tournaments in and out of state with my friends to compete.

MP: What fun kid library programs/activities should we be on the look-out for this summer?

KM: The Library will be at the Higganum Farmers Market on July 15 and August 12 with free books and crafts for kids! Meigs Point Nature Center will be bringing their Travel Touch Tank to Brainerd on Thursday, August 4 at 11:00 a.m. This program is for kids of all ages and will feature a lot of hands-on fun with different animals and seaweed from Long Island Sound. We'll also have an ice cream social to celebrate the end of Summer Reading

toward the end of August. Storytime is every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m., and Toddler Tunes is every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.--plus, it's never too late to sign up for our Summer Reading Program!

MP: Any other fun factoids about you to

share with our readership?

KM: I can name every Pokémon. I'd say that's a pretty fun fact! I've also read over 150 books, graphic novels, and manga so far this year. I'm hoping to hit 300 by the end of the year.

COMMUNITY

UConn Extension's 8th Annual Bug Week

By Lynn Keller, UConn Extension

(July 5, 2022) — UConn Extension's 8th Annual Bug Week is buzzing from July 17 to July 23, 2022, with programs for the entire family. All ages are welcome to attend and explore the activities and events dedicated to insects and their relatives. Bug Week programs include the following:

Learn about insects and where to look for them by participating in Bug Walks at the Middlesex County Extension Office, 1066 Saybrook Road in Haddam on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The program will include bug hunts in the Extension gardens, insect identification, displays of live insects from local gardens, and giveaways. All ages are invited to explore the wonderful world of insects at this free event. Rain date is July 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Connecticut Science Center in Hartford also will be buzzing with

programs to celebrate Bug Week from Monday, July 18 through Saturday, July 23, 2022. Spend time in the Tropical Butterfly Encounter, participate in bug-themed Live Science programming and explore what is flying around the Rooftop Garden.

Visit our website at www.bugs.uconn.edu to register for events!

We are also holding a Photo Contest. Learn more at <http://bugs.uconn.edu/photo-contest/>

UConn Extension offices are located across the state and offer an array of services dedicated to educating and informing the public on innovative technology and scientific improvements. Bug Week is one example of UConn Extension's mission in tying research to real life by addressing insects and some of their relatives. For more information on Bug Week, please visit our website at www.bugs.uconn.edu, email bugweek@uconn.edu or call 860-486-9228.

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**Driver Beware: Roadway Travel and
Workers' Compensation Benefits**
By Attorney Alexander J. Sarris

Many people understand that a workers' compensation claim arises from an accident at work. Lesser known is the fact that a workers' compensation claim may also arise from an accident during travel to or from work in certain situations.

The "coming and going" rule generally precludes workers' compensation claims during travel to and from work with a few notable exceptions as follows:

- Employment consisting entirely of street or highway travel
- Travel in response to an emergency work-related call or being on-call
- Employment where the employer provides the employee transportation or compensation for employee travel time
- Injury in travel while in the course of doing something incidental to regular employment for benefit of the employer and with its approval
- Injury from a peculiar danger annexed to the employment travel route

Even within the limited exceptions there are further restrictions. For example, an employee engaged in a "frolic and detour" for personal reasons beyond the scope of a business trip may be found to be without recourse in the workers' compensation system. To help traverse the roadblocks associated with workers' compensation claims for injuries sustained while in your vehicle, please contact us.

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Haddam Sustainability: Seniors Saving Food Scraps

By Linda Talbott, Haddam Sustainability Committee

Haddam Seniors were treated to a summer picnic at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds on June 20. Haddam Sustainability Committee member Linda Talbott explained to them how easy it is to participate in the town's Food Scrap Compost Program at the Transfer Station located at 750 Saybrook Road. Here are the highlights:

The trash to energy plant Haddam uses, MIRA, located in Hartford, is due to close in August 2022 and become a transfer station.

This will impact our hauling fees which, right now, are at \$105/Ton.

However, for the next two years or so, our trash will go to the plant in Preston, causing a slight hauling fee

increase, but that plant is aging out also.

If you compost in your yard, keep it up! Meat, bones, fish, shellfish, dairy should not be put into backyard composts, but can be composted in this program with Blue Earth Compost.

Backyard composters just need a compostable bag to put those items into. A roll of 25 BioBags is available at the Town Office Building for \$5 a roll. Higganum Village Market also has them. Two-gallon Biobags are also on Amazon. Meat, bones, fish, shellfish/shells, dairy, pasta, bread, grains, eggs and shells, fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, paper filters, tea bags (no staples), nuts, cut flowers, herbs, pet food (no pet waste), food soiled plain white paper plates, napkins, pits and peels can be composted in this program. So far 8.93 Tons of food scraps have been removed from the town's Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). Starter kits for those who don't compost also are available at the Tax Collector's, First Selectman's and Assessor's offices.

For \$25 you get a two-gallon countertop bin, a six-gallon transport bin and a roll of 25 compostable bags. There are about 39 starter kits left.

You can use any bin you like to participate, but ONLY COMPOSTABLE BAGS, or no bag at all.

When the countertop bin is full, tie a knot in the compostable bag and drop it into the green transport bin. You can keep that in your shed or garage or outside, if you bungee cord it closed.

Put the green bin in your car and dump the food scraps into the Blue Earth Compost bins located right next to the Swap Shack at the Transfer Station.

The program is free to anyone who has a Transfer Station pass. If you or a neighbor has a private trash hauler, there are free green food-scrap-only passes located

also in the Town Office Building. They do not expire at the present time.

Blue Earth takes our food scraps to an anaerobic digester Quantum Biopower in Southington, where they convert it into compost in 21 days. Quantum contains the methane byproduct inside the building and helps to create electricity for the Town of Southington during the process.

Food scraps and leftover food from the Senior Picnic were collected and Linda Talbott and Bob Waller brought them to the Transfer Station to put into the Blue Earth Compost bins. Sustainability Committee members are also collecting food scraps from the Senior Center lunches when members are available.

Contact HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com

OBITUARY

Donald Berry



Donald Berry, beloved husband of Janet "Jan" Berry, passed away surrounded by loved ones on Monday, June 21, 2022.

He was born on January 21, 1935 in Albany, Vermont, son of the late George and Gladys (Griggs) Berry. As a child he moved from Vermont to Connecticut and graduated from Lyman Memorial High School in Lebanon, CT. He worked for several years as a Willimantic Police Officer and then he was DEEP Park Forest Ranger for over 25 years. After he retired, he managed both the Haddam and Killingworth Transfer Stations. After many years of living in Hebron, Durham and Haddam, he and Jan retired to Killingworth. Don was member of the Masons Wooster Lodge 10 AF & AM of Colchester and he loved watching the New York Yankees, UCONN woman's basketball games, saltwater fishing, hunting and telling his "off color" jokes to anyone who would listen.

Don is survived by his loving wife of sixty-five years, Jan; his grandchildren Jack Berry and his partner Kelly, Danny Berry and his fiancé Jill, Richard "Nick" Gardner and his wife Catherine and Ashley Eliza Gardner; his daughter-in-law Theresa Berry; many nieces and nephews; his special care giver who helped both Don and Jan - Dianne Hines and a great-grandchild due in October. He was predeceased by his children, Robert Berry, Roxanne Berry and Rhonda Gardner; his brother Dean Berry and his wife Pat.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, July 17th from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Beechwood Community Center, 18 Swan Lake Trail, Killingworth. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Killingworth Fire Department or Killingworth Ambulance Association, 333 CT-81, Killingworth, CT 06419

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Thursday, July 14

CT Summer at the Museum – 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Round Robin Paint Night – Killingworth Library 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. A paint night for tweens and teens... with a twist! Start your masterpiece, then pass it along to the next person. See what evolves on the canvas! For ages 10-17. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

Haddam Park & Recreation meeting 7:00 p.m.

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions. For ages 10-17. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Pirate Camp will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays – please sign up for either the morning OR evening session, not both in the same day. Morning sessions 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Evening Sessions 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

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

Friday, July 15

CT Summer at the Museum – Thankful Arnold House.

Higganum Farmers Market 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Free Concert – Parmelee Farm 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or a chair to enjoy an evening of live entertainment. Fun for the whole family! In the event of rain, shows will be cancelled.

Saturday, July 16

All About Turtles – Killingworth Library 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 17

CT Summer at the Museum – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Monday, July 18

Haddam Inland Wetlands meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, July 19

Summer Storytime at Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Wednesday, July 20

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

CT Summer at the Museum – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Science Wednesdays for Tiny Thinkers – Killingworth Library 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. This 6-week program is filled with hands-on activities! Children ages 2-5 will explore colors, discover what makes things float, learn about wind and rain, and have fun experimenting with gravity. Space is limited, so please register for each session that you wish to attend.

Killingworth Committee on Alternative Housing meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Thursday, July 21

CT Summer at the Museum – 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions. For ages 10-17. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Pirate Camp will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (see July 14 for times) Space is limited, so please register in advance.

Teen Trivia Night – Killingworth Library 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club – Killingworth Library 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss *Win* by Harlan Coben. Extra copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Meeting location to be determined. Newcomers are always welcome!

Killingworth Board of Fire Commissioners meeting 7:00 p.m. KVFC.

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

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By Barbara Nair, Spectrum Gallery Director

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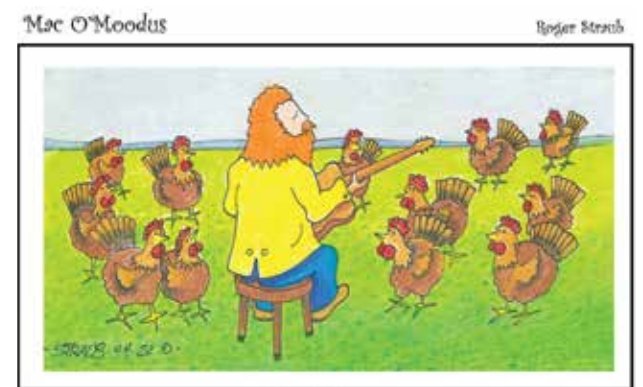
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