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## Kevin Cavrell Awarded 2022 HCL Scholarship

By Edward Munster

The Haddam Civic League, which publishes Haddam Killingworth News, is pleased to announce that its scholarship of \$1,000 for 2022 has been awarded to Kevin Cavrell.

Kevin will be attending Bryant University in the fall, and will be a member of the school's Division 1 Track team.

While attending Haddam Killingworth High School, Kevin participated in football, indoor and outdoor track. He was also a member of Student Council, and completed more than 250 hours of community service.

The HCL Scholarship was established in 2015 to recognize students whose high school career reflects the values of good citizenship, respect and an appreciation of the role that communication plays in our society.

The HCL is organized and operated for the purpose of collecting and disseminating news and information for the benefit of the citizens of our community through its on-line newspaper, HK-Now.com, and its weekly publication, Haddam Killingworth News. The organization is guided by a sense of impartiality, including presentation of opposing views, devoid of conflicts of interest and supported by research.

Any graduating senior who is a resident of Haddam or Killingworth, a member in good



standing of his/her student body, a participant in extra-curricular activities and who has performed community service during his/her high school career is eligible for this scholarship. In addition, the student must have participated in one aspect of communications activity in high school and have contributed at least one article to the newspaper. The scholarship award is for use in the student's pursuit of secondary education in the field of Journalism or Communications.

## Boys Tennis: HKHS's Eddie White Chosen to Play in 2022 CIAC Invitational

By Rod Pakus, Coach

Eddie White, Co-Captain of the Cougars Boys Tennis team, has been selected to compete in the 2022 CIAC Boys Tennis Invitational Tournament which will be played on the Wesleyan University courts in Middletown starting Monday, June 6, 2022. The Invitational is described by the CIAC website as an event "...where the best high school singles and doubles players from around the state will compete for an individual title."

Eddie was chosen based on his record playing #1 Singles for the Cougars this season. He reached the semi-finals in the recently completed Shoreline Conference Tournament 1-2 Singles competition as the number 3 seed and was named as First Team-All Shoreline for his achievements in the Tournament.

Eddie is completing his sophomore year at Haddam-Killingworth High School, where he has also recently achieved Academic High Honors.



## Boys Lacrosse 2022: HKHS Advances to State Semi-Finals After Defeating Waterford Lancers 9-6

By Mike Kelly

The Shoreline Conference Champion Haddam Killingworth High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse team kept their magical season alive on Saturday, June 4, 2022, winning their second game of the Class S 2022 state tournament, beating the number one seeded Waterford Lancers. With the win, the Cougars advance to the final four of the state championship, the furthest an HK boys lacrosse program has ever progressed. As was the case with the game against Tolland, the HK "Shoreline steel curtain" defense was a marvel to

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Photos by Liz Griswold.

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# Haddam Memorial Day Parade 2022 Photos & Speeches

By Editorial Staff

In case you missed it, here are some pictures, as well as the speeches, so that you may reflect on the meaning of Memorial Day, a tribute to our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. In our town's parade, we don't have floats, and people don't throw candy. We have veterans, scouting and other groups, Fife & Drum Corps, Haddam Volunteer Fire Departments, and it is a solemn affair, befitting the day. At the conclusion of the parade, on the Higganum Green, Rick Annino led the ceremony.

First, there was an invocation by Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Chaplain Seth Nuzum. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, the winner of the "What Memorial Day Means to Me" essay contest usually reads their essay. This year's winner, 8th grade student Delaney Aronson, was marching in the Killingworth Memorial Day parade with the Haddam Killingworth Middle

School band, so Mr. Annino read her essay to the crowd.

## Three Shots to Remember

By Delaney Aronson

"Three rifle shots. One, two, three. Thunderous bursts of energy that shake the ground and beat within your heart. One shot, to honor those who have lost their lives fighting. Two shots, to honor those who have died after retiring from the armed forces. Three shots, to honor those who continue to fight in the battlefields today. Three shots to resume the battle after pausing to remove the deceased from the battlefield. Three shots given to honor the brave, the courageous, and the strong on Memorial Day.

"My dad, a retired man from the U.S. Armed Forces, died abruptly five years ago. He was a father, a husband, a brother, and a dear friend to many. At his funeral, I remember the three shots that rang in my ear. One shot, to honor his bravery. Two shots, to honor his



Photos by Olivia Drake, Haddam Volunteer Fire Company.

courageousness. Three shots, to honor his strength. Nothing but silence in between each roaring bang.

"I imagine these shots at every military service. The rifle shots that

ring in everyone's ears. The ones that are fired to cause us to remember the brave, the courageous, and the strong every Memorial Day. To honor those who sacrifice to keep our country safe from harm. On the battlefield, they are without love, friends, and family, but I hope they know that we hold them in the highest respect. That we care for them and love them just as if they were a part of our own nurturing family. And that we remember them in the

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three shots we've all heard before. The three shots that honor their bravery, their courageousness, and their strength.

"Three shots. The magical number some might say. All of the men and women fighting or who fought for our country have all three of these three traits and many more. These men and women are the most fearless people I know. Not because they have the guts to use guns or bombs, but because they have the bravery, courageousness and strength to leave their families and loved ones. The three shots at every military service are for these remarkable humans, for they are the ones creating a world in which the younger generation can enjoy with many opportunities. Three shots. One shot for bravery. Two shots for courage. Three shots for strength. Three shots to remember on Memorial Day."

Then, Gale Vallera Stekl gave the Memorial Day address, which can be found here:

"My name is Gale Vallera Stekl.

"I was asked by my mother Sandra Parmelee Vallera to read a poem that was written by my grandmother, Mildred Foss Parmelee. My mom was going through some of her mother's papers, and she found a poem that had been written by my grandmother. My grandmother was 16 years old at the time, and it was written as a school assignment, and the year was 1928.

"Before I read her words, I would like to tell you a bit about my family, and why her poem spoke to our family.

"On this Memorial Day you will hear the names of our soldiers who gave their lives for our country. They paid the ultimate sacrifice; one of those names is my great uncle, Erwin Clark Parmelee, Chief Carpenter's Mate, US Navy.

"He was born on October 14, 1900, and died on November 30, 1942. Great Uncle Erwin was a Chief Carpenter's

Mate aboard the heavy cruiser, the USS New Orleans. New Orleans was a lead ship in her class of seven heavy cruisers that collectively saw extensive service in all major engagements in the Pacific theater during WWII. She earned 17 battle stars, placing her among the top four highest decorated ships of WWII.

"On the 27th of November, the New Orleans returned to action in the Solomon Islands, with four other cruisers and six destroyers. She fought in that battle and on the night of November 30, she engaged a Japanese destroyer transport force. The New Orleans was forced to sheer away to avoid a collision and ran into the track of a torpedo, which detonated the ship's forward magazines and gasoline tanks.

"The explosion severed 150 feet of her bow. Great Uncle Erwin survived the initial attack, and as part of the damage control parties, he helped sustain its ability to stay afloat. He lost his life in that process and was declared Missing in Action. He was awarded the distinguished Navy Cross posthumously by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He had been in the Navy since 1920.

"He was one of eight, he looked so much like my grandfather, who was also a carpenter. My grandfather would come to wed Mildred Foss and she and Erwin would become family. The words to her poem hit home as it was written 14 years before he became Missing in Action and to never return.

When Uncle Sam sent out his call  
For soldiers brave and strong,  
Many a young boy answered  
Many were gone for long.  
Some were sent with a blessing,  
Some sent to the front with a tear  
Some with a kiss and a handshake  
While others were sent with a cheer.  
But the boy that long remembers  
His mother's last goodbye  
Saw her there at the station  
With a smile and a tear in her eye.  
She vowed she would send her boy

To the front with a cheerful grin  
Something for him to remember  
When amid the filth and din.  
In the cold gray dawn they gathered  
A silent group so sad  
To send him off on the first train  
His mother, sweetheart, and dad.  
The train drew in and halted  
His mother's voice so clear  
His dad's final handshake  
His sweetheart's Keep faith, dear.  
He never returned from that Hell on earth  
But fell on that bloody ground  
His girl keeps faith to this very day  
To her lover beneath that mound.

Mildred Foss

"My grandmother went on to have five children, 20 grandchildren, and 36 great grandchildren, and I am not sure how many great-great, but what I do know is that the roots of this tree continue to grow and many are in this beloved town.

"My grandmother was incredibly proud of her history and one of her greatest joys in doing her lineage was to discover that she was a Daughter of the American Revolution. I have her certificate in my home and it is a reminder of my family history.

"I would like to end this very special day with our family roll call for those who served, and for those that are still serving.

**Chief Carpenters Mate Erwin Clark Parmelee, US Navy, South Pacific**  
**Edmond Vallera, US Army, South Pacific**

**Robert Vallera, US Army, D Day, Utah Beach**

**Whitney Brooks, US Army, Korea**  
**John Muzik, US Army**  
**Waldo E. Parmelee, US Navy, Korea**  
**Sebbie Cardella, US Army, Vietnam**  
**Donald Vallera and his wife Amanda, US Army, Afghanistan**  
**Joseph Parmelee, US Marine Corps, Persian Gulf**  
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"For all the names that you hear today, behind every one of them was and is a family that loved them and continues to do so, but most importantly, they lived and they matter, and they all have stories.

"Thank you and have a wonderful day. May it be filled with family and love and memories."

After the Memorial Day address, four veterans placed the wreaths on the monument while the names of the war dead were read. Right after the wreaths were laid, there was a 21-gun salute. Taps was played by two trumpeters from Haddam Killingworth High School, Andrew Fleig and Alexander Battistoni, followed by the National Anthem played by the Haddam Killingworth High School band. A moment of silence was held, then the ceremony was concluded with a benediction by HVFC Chaplain Seth Nuzum.

The video of the parade and ceremony can be found at [hk-now.com](http://hk-now.com) in case you missed it.

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Information from Killingworth Town Alert

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All pups licensed during the month of June (the most wonderful time of year for a Town Clerk) will be entered into the puppy prom contest, and three lucky winners will be randomly selected to serve as

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- Nancy Gorski, First Selectman

## HKHS SPORTS

# Boys Lacrosse: HKHS Wins First Round of State Tourney vs. Tolland 7-1

By Mike Kelly

The Shoreline Conference Champion Haddam Killingworth High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse team won their first game of the Class S 2022 state tournament Wednesday night, beating the Tolland Eagles 7-1. As has been the case for many contests this year, the Cougars defense was relentless, nearly pitching a shutout and baffling Tolland at every turn. Braden

Civiello was a brick wall in goal, LSM Jack Insalaco vacuumed up anything that touched the ground, and D-poles Matteo Piacenti, Sam Young and Aidan Griswold smothered any semblance of an Eagle attack.

Senior attackman Corey Phipps got the scoring started for HK with 2:46 left in the first quarter, bouncing one in from above the right post, 1-0 HK. Early in the second C. Phipps struck again, this time with the assist from brother Alex dead center above the crease, 2-0 HK. Middie Nolan Braren then got free 10 yards out with a smooth spin and strike, 3-0 HK. At the 7:25 mark in the second, C. Phipps went back to work, dodging and juking above the right post, falling to his knees, then popping up and banging home a winner, 4-0 HK. With two minutes left in the half and the hat trick already in hand, C. Phipps danced some more, spinning and losing a d-pole for yet another score, his fourth of what would be five on the night, 5-0 HK. Tolland answered with their only goal of the game with ten seconds left in the first half, 5-1 HK.

With 9:33 left in the third quarter the Tolland defense lost track of Braren, giving him time to wind up and fire a one-hop bullet from about 18 yards out, 6-1 HK. C. Phipps then finished things off, splitting two defenders with a spin and shake above the right side of the crease, then burying the shot, 7-1 HK.

## HKHS SPORTS

# Boys Lacrosse 2022: HKHS Advances to State Semi-Finals After Defeating Waterford Lancers 9-6

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behold, completely disrupting the normally high-flying attack of the Lancers. The Cougars never trailed in the game. Braden Civiello was again masterful in goal, LSM Jack Insalaco shut down Waterford's primary scoring option, and D-poles Matteo Piacenti, Sam Young and Aidan Griswold stifled the rest.

Early in the first quarter, senior attackman Corey Phipps put HK on the board, rolling from X and finding net from above the right post, 1-0 HK. Waterford answered at the 4:54 mark, 1-1. The brothers Phipps then teamed up again, with Alex finding Corey for the score, 2-1 HK advantage. The Lancers again responded to tie things 2-2. With only seconds left in the first period A. Phipps fired in a low-to-low burner from 20 yards above the center of the crease to beat the clock, 3-2 HK.

In the second period, Waterford again knotted the game with 9:11 on the clock, 3-3. Nolan Braren then got free above the right crease and banged one in of two posts, 4-3 HK. Minutes later A. Phipps found Braren open again, from virtually the same spot and the same result, 5-3 HK.

With 4:59 left in the second the Lancers began clawing back, scoring a quickie, then tying things at the 3:38 mark, 5-5. Braren then fired home another with a wicked low-to-low sidearm, assist from Gunnar Howes, 6-5 HK. The Cougars had momentum. With just seconds left in the first half, the relentless HK defense forced a turnover behind the Lancers cage that led to a fast break. D-pole Piacenti jarred the ball lose at X, skipped it to middie Cooper Pitts who then raced upfield, dished it to C. Phipps who then found Howes on the doorstep, 7-5 HK at the half.

In the third quarter, with the Lancers goalie sidelined for a penalty, the Cougars scored another, with Howes again feeding Braren, 8-5 HK.

In the fourth period Waterford inched closer, scoring at the 10:33 mark, but it would not be enough. HK shut the door a few minutes later to close things out, when Charlie Maxwell fed C. Phipps above the top left post, 9-6 HK, final. Weston awaits in the semi-finals. Do you believe in miracles? I know 18 young men from HK who do.

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By Scott Martinson,  
CRAHD Director of Health

The Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD), is excited to continue our existing catch basin treatment program. CRAHD feels strongly about the effectiveness of this program. By reducing the number of adult mosquitoes, we reduce the risk of vector-borne diseases in our communities. Our contractor is Innovative Mosquito Management (IMM).

There are several mosquito species that have been identified as competent vectors of EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) and WNV (West Nile Virus) utilizing catch basin and storm drain habitats.

Control of these vectors through application of mosquito larvicides throughout each community is an important public health prevention effort. The typical breeding cycle begins on or about May 30 and continues

through mid-September or until the first heavy frost. A total of three applications is typical during the season.

IMM will be using Vectolex (Bacillus Sphaericus), which offers at least 30 days of effective control. This is a naturally-occurring microbe and is an extremely effective agent for controlling Culex, Psorophora, Anopheles and many Aedes species of mosquitoes. Its mode of action is remarkably similar to BTI and it has demonstrated the unique property of being able to recycle from the infected cadavers as they decay. This extends the effective residual control for a period of 3 to 5 weeks following the initial treatment.

Treatments are made from a 49cc motor scooter and delivered directly into the catch basin or storm drain. Scooters are clearly marked with the company name and flashers for safety. Please visit our webpage at [www.crahd.info](http://www.crahd.info) to learn more about mosquito control around the home.

## KVFC Members Hone Skills During “Live Burn” Training

By Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company

On May 22, thirty-nine members of the KVFC spent 4 hours conducting a live burn at our training facility. Members honed their skills in hose

advancement, search and rescue, fire behavior and fire attack.

A special thanks to Bill Wright and our training committee for putting this together and spending countless hours working on our building.

## KVFC Prepares to Celebrate 75 Years of Service to Killingworth

By Michelle Ford, KVFC

Mark your calendars! Starting in September, the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company will be celebrating 75 years of service and will be hosting several events, including an open house with tips on fire prevention, live

demonstrations of KVFC equipment, a Fireman’s Ball, and concluding with our Annual Santa Claus Cruise. We look forward to welcoming the community to learn more about the KVFC. More details to come as the plans are developed.

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## Thursday, June 16

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

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

**Higganum Cove Committee meeting** 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Higganum Community Center.

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

**Killingworth Board of Fire Commissioners Special meeting** 7:00 p.m. Emergency Operations Center.

## Friday, June 17

**Higganum Farmers Market** – June 17 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Kids Day (SCAVENGER HUNT) Music

by Mary Cowles.

## Saturday, June 18

**KDTC Bake Sale** will help Save Deer Lake 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**The Killingworth Democratic Town Committee** will hold its annual bake sale on Saturday, June 18, at Recycle Way, and half of the proceeds will be donated to the Save Deer Lake campaign. Sweet and savory treats will include muffins, sourdough bread, sticky buns, cookies, fudge, jams, and more.

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

We've got stories and crafts to brighten your day, as we move towards Summer!

Join us this week as we read *How to Surprise a Dad* by Jean Reagan.

**Saint Lawrence Church's Strawberry Festival** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Food includes strawberry shortcake, hot dogs, hamburgers and more.

Attractions include a basket raffle, a free drawing for dads for a Father's Day basket, bake sale, and vendors for tag sale items or crafts. For more information, visit [www.stlawrencechurch.com](http://www.stlawrencechurch.com).

## Monday, June 20

**A Week in the Life of an Early American Child** - June 20-24,

**Thankful Arnold House Museum**, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Children 8-12.

**Haddam Inland Wetlands meeting** 7:00 p.m.

**Haddam Committee on Aging meeting** 10:00 a.m. Jail Hill Annex Building, 11 Jail Hill Rd. Haddam.

**Senior Picnic** – 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Haddam Neck Fairgrounds.

## Tuesday, June 21

**Spring Storytime** – Brainerd Library Join us every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for themed stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts.

**Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Career Fair** - The Courtyard by Marriot Hartford Cromwell from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**RSD #17 BOE meeting** 7:00 p.m. Haddam Killingworth Intermediate Middle School.

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

## Wednesday, June 22

**Haddam Sustainability meeting** 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## Thursday, June 23

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

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

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**OBITUARY**

**Timothy Lee Pratt**

Timothy Lee Pratt, of Shore Drive, Higganum, was born on April 17, 1942, in New Britain, to Ernest Earl Pratt of Pittsford, Vermont, and Marion Elizabeth Dorcer Pratt of Shoreham, Vermont. Timothy attended elementary school in the southeast area of New Britain while living on Eisenhower Drive. He was predeceased by two sisters, Denise and Nadine, and a brother, Wayne, and has five granddaughters. He is loved by many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

When he was a teen, the family moved to Cromwell where Lee really enjoyed working for Wilcox Dairy Farm, originally on the hill where the Dairy Queen is today. In those years, he hunted and fished in Vermont and on the hill where Route 9 and Route 372 intersect. He belonged to the New Haven Rod and Gun Club until he died.

In his late teens, the family moved to West Hartford where he started working with an adult neighbor for the Elman Fuel Company, until he joined the Navy. He got out of Basic Training just in time to join 5,000 other sailors on what was then our only nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Enterprise, to face the Soviet Union during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The Enterprise cruised the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, and at one point was totally iced-in going through the English Channel in winter.

Lee was in the hospital when the Enterprise went to Vietnam, being stationed on other East Coast ships until his discharge in 1966. We courted by mail for more than three years.

On his discharge from the Navy, we married on September 10, 1966, and Lee went to Prince Technical School at night to work toward his journeyman steamfitter license with Oil Heat and Engineering of West Hartford. Our first son, Travis, was born during these years, followed by Lincoln. A few years later our nephew Dan joined them. Later, our family broadened by five granddaughters.

When we were first married, he developed an interest in motorcycling, eventually joining the Connecticut Retreads, riding until he died.

At times, he had his own tractor-trailer truck business and drove school buses for the town of Haddam before working for General Dynamics. He passed away from a rare form of cancer on February 10, 2020. His Celebration of Life service was postponed because of COVID. It will be held on Father's Day (June 19, 2022) at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Killingworth. Please join us at 10:00 a.m., and have finger food with us after in the church hall.

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