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HKHS Announces 2022 Top Ten Students

By Shawna Goldfarb, RSD #17 Board of Education

Duncan Beauchamp, son of Dejah Beauchamp of Higganum and Christophe Beauchamp of Westbrook, has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2022 at Haddam Killingworth High School. Duncan is a gifted student in all subjects with a particular affinity for the Humanities. Duncan has taken ten advanced-level courses across a range of subjects and has distinguished himself in all of them, with teachers remarking on the unique and well-thought perspectives within his written work. Duncan shines as a member of our school community, as well. He's a four-year member of our Band program, where he anchors the rhythm section and a member of the Spanish Honor Society and Student Council. Outside of school, Duncan is a member of 4-H, and enjoys writing, hiking, and playing music. Duncan will attend Vassar College next year, where he has not yet decided on a major area of study.

Benjamin (Ben) Williams, son of Christopher and Valerie Williams of Haddam, is Salutatorian of the Class of 2022. Throughout his time at



Photo by Shawna Goldfarb.

HKHS, Ben has flourished in a highly challenging schedule. Ben has brought a new level of inquiry and interest to mathematics, including serving as a teaching assistant within our school this year. Ben has received numerous awards for his academic achievements including the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award and the HOBY Leadership Award. Ben has been involved in many organizations in his time with us including the

Tutoring Club, the Current Events Club, the French Honor Society, the National Honor Society, the Student Advisory Board, as well as serving as a Class Leader. Ben is also a Student Representative to the Board of Education. Ben has been a member of the Varsity Soccer and Wrestling teams throughout his four years of high school, serving as Captain of Soccer for two years and Captain of Wrestling for three years. Outside of school, Ben is

an avid volunteer, particularly with the organization One Big Circle. Ben plans to attend Dartmouth College in the Fall of 2022. He would like to pursue a degree in Mathematical Data Science.

Yumiko (Yumi) Imai, daughter of Masami & Susan Imai of Haddam, is ranked third in the Class of 2022. Yumi is a tenacious and driven student who seeks out challenges in the

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Oh Fudge! and More Opens Storefront in Tylerville

By Kathy Brown

What could be better than chocolate and artisan fudge made in Haddam and found at local craft fairs and markets? Oh Fudge! and More is opening a storefront!

Oh Fudge! and More will be opening its doors to the public at the building they recently purchased located at 1588 Saybrook Road in the Tylerville section of Haddam, and will move their manufacturing to this location.

Back in 2020, we did a Business Spotlight on Oh Fudge! and More, and interviewed Bridget Marshall.

As was stated in that Business Spotlight, in February 2018 Bridget started the "Oh Fudge and

More" business, selling handcrafted artisan fudge and chocolate specialties "as something for myself" after a few years as a stay-at-home mom, and though "everyone loves my fudge and chocolates," she didn't imagine "the growth we would have so quickly." She started signing up for craft fairs, as well as the Pop-up Holiday Market in 2018. Soon she was booked many weekends at fairs and festivals around the state. And they started a website for online orders.

Then along came COVID, which damaged many businesses, with shutdowns and supply chain issues. But for Oh Fudge! and More, Bridget explained, "Our

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KVFC: Memorial Day Parade Highlights

By Sharon Challenger

This quote can be seen on the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company Facebook page:

"We honor and remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country." - KVFC

Their presence in the Killingworth Memorial Day Parade 2022 is a reminder that there are many who serve us quietly each and every day. They risk their lives daily and ask nothing from us, in return.

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Kylie Studzinski Named 2022 KAA Scholarship Recipient

By Clark Judge

Haddam-Killingworth senior Kylie Studzinski is this year's recipient of the Killingworth Ambulance Association scholarship, and she is as rare as she is deserving.

Honored at Wednesday's Senior Awards Night at Haddam-Killingworth High School, Kylie is the first lone scholarship winner in recent memory for the KAA, which awarded 18 the previous four years – including six in 2021.

But Kylie Studzinski deserves to stand alone.

An accomplished student, she received four scholarships Wednesday –including the KAA award – and will attend the University of Delaware this fall where she plans to major in neuroscience.

"I have a thorough interest in how neurotransmitters contribute to how humans act the way they do," she said in her application essay, "and I intend on getting my questions answered through extensive research. I hope that in my undergraduate years I can do bench-level research and work my way up to clinical research. This will serve me well for a career in medicine."

Killingworth Ambulance Association scholarships are granted annually and are narrow in scope. Recipients must meet four criteria: 1) They must be Killingworth residents, 2) attend a two-or-four-year

college the following fall, 3) plan to major in the medical, emergency services or allied fields and carry a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Kylie Studzinski checked all of those boxes.

In addition to a superior academic record, she was involved in cross country for four years and participated in indoor and outdoor track, running the 800, mile and two-mile races. She also logged 80 hours of community service — volunteering to work at vacation Bible school, assisting with cross-country meets and banquets at the H-K Middle School and working with the Hartford Kids Christmas organization.

But that's not all.

She was also active in a youth coalition group called IGNITE, which specializes in drug prevention programs but is broader in scope – with Kylie this past winter organizing a Donation Day for the St. Vincent De Paul homeless shelter in Middletown and the Haddam Community Closet. A member of the group the past three years, she is co-president.

Now her focus is on her next four years of education ... except in Kylie's case, it's five.

"Once I enter my senior year of college," she said, "I will apply for the 4 + 1 program, where I can get my masters degree in only one year. I am also hoping to do as much lab research as I can while working

toward my undergraduate degree to further prepare me for schooling after that."

Studzinski's achievement marks the third time in the past four years that KAA scholarships have gone to an all-female class. There were six in 2019, and two one year later. Eleven of the past 14 recipients have been females, with last year's class that included Thomas Perry, Ryan Luther and Sam Luther, breaking the run.

BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Oh Fudge! and More Opens Storefront in Tylerville



Photo by Bridget Marshall.

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online presence boomed during COVID when people couldn't see each other at holidays and [instead] they sent chocolates!"

"We were looking for a larger production space, and this building allowed us to incorporate retail," said Bridget. "Everything just kind of fell into place. I wasn't intending to expand into ice cream when purchasing a space, but this just felt right. It was just the perfect location for an ice cream shop."

Bridget said they will be a serving Gifford's Premium Line ice cream, as well as unique items, like freshly made waffle cones dipped in chocolate!

They opened June 18, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a grand opening to be announced shortly. They will be open daily 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Stop in and support an expanded Haddam business.



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Haddam Neck Author Carole Knapp Johnson Releases Sequel to “Who Took Hannah?”

By Kathy Brown

In November, 2020, we published Austin Mirmina’s review of Carole Knapp Johnson’s book “Who Took Hannah?” Carole, who lives in Haddam Neck, has been hard at work writing a sequel to that book. Her new book, “The Search for Hannah” was released on January 29, 2022. She is now at work on the third book in the series, “The Curse of Hannah” The first two books are available on Amazon in multiple formats, including audio books.

Even though I hadn’t read the first book in the series, I was soon sucked into the drama unfolding in the second book in the series. The book was very edgy, filled with many colorful characters in a variety of locations.

I thought I would ask Carole some questions about the writing process. She is the style of writer known as a “Pantser” — according to Carole that is “a writer, usually a novelist, who writes their stories, ‘by the seat of the pants.’ The opposite would be a ‘plotter.’ This is someone who uses outlines to plot out their novels.” She went on to say, “I never know ahead of time what will happen next. I do dream about my characters; they often surprise me. Stephen King is also a ‘Pantser.’ My style has been compared to his many times. We both use bold and punchy sentences.”

Carole said that the first book in this series, Who Took Hannah? took three years to write. “There was a steeper learning curve to my first novel, due to my studying and learning how

to write a book,” said Carole. “This was predominantly pertaining to the writing craft. The Search for Hannah took about nine months. I knew more about what I was doing and it was accomplished faster.” And now she’s working on the third in the series!

When I read the book, I was amazed at the detail in the book, and I could feel the atmosphere of each location, from restaurants to jails to institutions to Mandy’s apartment. I asked Carole about her research process. One of the locations that was referred to repeatedly was the Leprosarium. “I did extensive research about Leprosy and the Institution in Louisiana,” said Carole. “I contacted the National Hansen’s Disease Museum in Carville, Louisiana, and spoke with an administrator. Started in 1894, as a Leprosarium, it lost funding and shut down in 1999. There are currently approximately 200 new cases diagnosed yearly in the USA.”

Much of the story takes place in the South, and it all takes place in the past. “Everything I included was researched extensively,” explained Carole. “I found legal documents used in the South relative to the time period when my story takes place. This includes actual birth certificates and laws pertaining to race in Louisiana. Everything I mentioned in my stories went through rigorous research that included the location and the time period. I explored clothing choices worn and vehicles purchased. I researched slang used and the age of users.” She went on to give an example, “Even as specifically as the bag of Cheetos that Clyde set out for Bertie. That



packaging went through numerous changes. I researched all of them.”

Specific to this series was Voodoo and human trafficking rings. Carole read several books on voodoo to familiarize herself with the practice of voodoo. Though she was accurate with chants and amulets, she “took some poetic license when events occurred using Voodoo. I didn’t just want to mimic what was shown in movies, etc. I preferred to blaze a trail for possibilities to keep the interest high and on the cutting edge.”

Of human trafficking rings, Carole said her research was “painfully enlightening. All of the statistics quoted are accurate and come from several official sources. The numbers I

quote are sadly, true.”

In this series, Carole said, “I wanted to shine a light on the extreme and unmistakable racism that existed in the 1980s in our own country. I didn’t change the language people used in order to make the story accurate. Rich people, poor people, dangerous and despicable people, and some who will warm your heart.”

“What I want people to know is that we’re all human beings trying to cope with a complex world,” says Carole. “We are multi-faceted. Becoming more accepting of each other is not always easy, but it’s always better.”

If you want to learn more about the author, check out her website: <https://cjknapauthorbooks.com>

FAITH/COMMUNITY

St. James Episcopal Church Tag Sale: July 30

By Elaine Jackson

St. James Episcopal Church in Higganum will sponsor a tag sale on Saturday, July 30, from 9:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. at the church’s parish hall at the corner of Route 81 and Little City Road.

The sale will feature furniture, collectibles and other items. We welcome

people from all over looking for an opportunity to sell their wares. If you are interested in a space to sell your wares, cost is \$20. Please reserve and make payment by 7/24/2022 for a space. Please contact Elaine Jackson 860-424-6178 or elainejack835@gmail.com or call Alice Bartolotta 860-347-6719 to reserve your space.

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classroom. Yumi has taken advanced-level courses in all academic areas and, beyond that, teachers frequently praise her willingness to take risks in the classroom. She is always willing to share an answer or a point of view. Yumi balances this drive with an open, friendly attitude and a willingness to get involved in all aspects of our community. Yumi is Captain of our Soccer and Lacrosse teams (earning First-Team All-Shoreline in both sports), President of the French Honor Society and Current Events Club, Secretary of Student Council, and member of National Honor Society and the Principal's A-Team. For the past three years, Yumi has been a member of our Select Choir. Yumi is also one of our two student representatives to the Board of Education. Within our local community, Yumi is one of two Student Representatives to HKYFS Board and a member of the IGNITE Youth Coalition. For the past seven years, Yumi has been a student at the Japanese Language School of Greater Hartford. Next year, Yumi will attend Brown University, where she will major in Biology and East Asian Studies.

Jackeline (Jackie) Flaherty, daughter of Robert & Cathleen Flaherty of Killingworth, is ranked fourth in the Class of 2022. Jackie is a leader in the classroom and in our school community. As a student, her confidence and willingness to speak up has enriched class discussions in eleven advanced-level classes across a diverse range of subjects. Jackie is a Class Leader, Vice President of Student Council, Secretary of Current Events, a member of the Principal's Advisory team, the National Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society. In addition, Jackie is a member of our Select Choir

who qualified for the All-State Choir all four years of high school. She also participated in our production of Beauty and the Beast this year. Jackie was Captain of our Swim Team and is a competitive swimmer year-round who has been named a Connecticut Swimming Scholar Athlete. Next year, Jackie will attend the University of Connecticut and double-major in Marketing and Urban and Community Studies.

Alexis Wettemann, daughter of Bruce and Heather Wettemann of Killingworth, is ranked fifth in the Class of 2022. Alexis has taken honors or advanced-level courses in just about every subject area at HKHS. Alexis demonstrates an outstanding work ethic and leads by example. She was recognized for her consistently strong work with the J.D. Salinger Award for Excellence in English 11 Honors. Alexis is interested in understanding and improving the world around her. She has been a member of the HKHS Field Hockey team since freshman year. Outside of school, Alexis volunteers at a gym which supports at-risk kids aged 8 to 12. Next year Alexis will attend Southern Connecticut State University and major in Nursing.

Olivia Swanson, daughter of Mindi Swanson of Higganum and William Swanson of North Branford, is ranked sixth in the Class of 2022. Olivia possesses an incredible work ethic and ability to listen when others are speaking. She presents with a clear mind, sharp wit, and has always connected to others with ease. Olivia earned the RIT Creativity and Innovation Award her junior year of high school. She has played the saxophone since fourth grade and the violin since seventh grade as well as various other instruments.

She has played a role in many clubs and organizations including serving as a yearbook editor, and member of Math League, Drama Club, and Youth in Action. After graduation, Olivia will attend Rochester Institute of Technology and study Applied Mathematics.

Madeline (Maddie) Keithan-Resnick, daughter of Joann Keithan of Higganum and Richard Resnick of Deep River, is ranked seventh in the Class of 2022. Maddie is a well-rounded person both in and out of the classroom. She has excelled in a diverse array of honors and advanced-level classes thanks to her curiosity, insight, and work ethic. As a citizen in our school community, Maddie is an All New England singer, Captain of the Field Hockey team, Historian and Media Relations Chair of the Drama Club, President of the Spanish Honor Society, and member of National Honor Society. Outside of school, Maddie volunteers with 4-H and her church, and she has participated in United Girls Choir, a selective regional choir. She also began a summer program for teaching children Spanish at Brainerd Library. Maddie will attend Connecticut College next year, where she will study Music Technology and Hispanic Studies.

Libby Riggs, daughter of Matthew Land and Tiffany Riggs of Haddam, is ranked eighth in the Class of 2022. Libby is an amazing student, writer, musician, and person who will be greatly missed at HKHS. Libby has taken all of her courses at the highest levels and has excelled in all academic areas. Libby also has a passion for English and the written word. Over the past four years, Libby has won several prestigious awards for her writing talents across the state and nation! Libby is also a very skilled musician who spends several hours a week honing her skills on the saxophone and is a valued member of the school's Jazz Band. She has a passion for giving back to her community and has been involved with the local Youth and Family Services program for the past three years. She has been an active member of her local Girl Scouts troop

since kindergarten, logging more than 700 hours of community service while in high school. Libby is a huge advocate for individuals with disabilities starting the Disability Advocacy Club at HKHS as well as starting an international organization called Perceptions which is a platform that amplifies the voices of teens and young adults with disabilities through various artforms. Libby will be attending Bowdoin College in Maine this Fall where she will study English.

Olivia Wettemann, daughter of Bruce and Heather Wettemann of Killingworth, is ranked ninth in the class of 2022. She has taken on a difficult schedule throughout her time in high school that will undoubtedly prepare her well for the collegiate stage. Olivia has an incredible eye for detail and is always willing to ask questions. She is easy to get along with and, as a result, would work well within any professional environment with human interaction being at the forefront. Olivia earned the Arthur Miller Award for Excellence in English 11 Honors her junior year. Additionally, she has been a participant on our Field Hockey team since freshman year. Outside of the classroom, Olivia volunteers her time with a gym in Middletown that aims to support at-risk kids. Next year, Olivia plans to attend Eastern Connecticut State University and major in Psychology.

Kyla Mazzotta, daughter of Vinny and Trenea Mazzotta of Haddam, is ranked tenth in the Class of 2022. Kyla has done all of her course work at HKHS at a very high level and has found a true passion for Mathematics. Kyla has also stayed very busy outside of the classroom at HKHS participating in the Human Relations Club, the Den Spirit Club, International Culture Club, and both the National Spanish and Art Honor Societies. Kyla has been a four-year member of the HKHS varsity girls Lacrosse program and was selected as a captain for the current 2022 season. Since 2018, CrossFit has been Kyla's other true passion as she loves the sense of personal accomplishment she gets from the sport. Kyla will be attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C. this fall where she is planning on studying the field of Statistics.



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**Haddam Scholarship Fund
Announces 2022 Recipients**

By Joanne Lund

The Haddam Scholarship Fund, Inc. is proud to announce this year's winners: Yumiko Imai and Benjamin Williams. Benjamin Williams was also the recipient of the Gary Courtright Award.

The Haddam Scholarship Fund, Inc. also awarded the John Bertolini Memorial Scholarship to Lucas Kamoen and the Dr. Kate Mead Award to Yumiko Imai.

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**Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords Group
Announces 2022 Scholarship Recipients**

By Kate Porch, Publicity Committee, MHVC

At our recent spring concert, the Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords (MHVC) awarded grants to the following graduating seniors:

Julia Farnoli, graduating from Westbrook High School, will be attending the nursing program at the University of Connecticut.

Madeline Keithan, graduating from Haddam-Killingworth High School, will be attending CONN College, majoring in Music Production/Technology.

In considering a grant award, the scholarship committee looks at the students' academic records, extracurricular/community service activities, the ability to articulate career goals and the recommendations of references. We commend these students for their achievements and wish them the best as they continue on their journey.

To date, MHVC has awarded \$76,000 in annual grants to area seniors pursuing a career in either music or nursing. This is made possible by your continued support via ticket sales and contributions to our annual Patron Drive. Thanks to all who have contributed and attended our concerts. With the recent retirement of our longtime Music Director, Gina Fredericks, the

executive board has named the Annual Music Grant in her honor. Thank you, Gina for your dedication to the group and your continued support.

Rehearsals for our Holiday Concert will resume on Tuesday, August 30. For more information, please visit our website at vocalchords20.org and/or visit us on Facebook. Don't forget to like us while you are there!

MEMORIAL DAY 2022

**KVFC: Memorial Day
Parade Highlights**

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Thursday, June 23

A Week in the Life of an Early American Child

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Blue Fire Stage Company presents “The Laramie Project,” June 23-25 at the former Haddam Elementary School. Time 7:00 p.m. For more info: www.bluefirestage.org

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

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

Friday, June 24

A Week in the Life of an Early American Child

Thankful Arnold House Museum, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Higganum Farmers Market – June 17 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

U.S. Coast Guard Concert at Parmelee Farm 2:00 p.m. The Haddam & Killingworth Lions will present the

second annual. No tickets required; this is a free event. Bring your picnic basket, blankets and chairs, favorite beverages, your favorite people and come and enjoy the concert band classics and Swinging Dixieland Jazz.

Life Size Candyland at Killingworth Library returns! 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This year’s theme is “Under the Sea” and children ages 1 – 99 are invited to play games to win prizes, books (and of course candy) under the giant tent in the library’s back yard! This is a walk-in program, so no registration necessary.

Metal Detecting at the Thankful Arnold House Museum 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Join Higganum residents Rob Harlow and Curt Chadwick together with their merry band of “detectorists,” both young and old, as they investigate the museum grounds for artifacts from the past.

Sunday, June 26

Connecticut’s Historic Gardens Day Thankful Arnold House Museum, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 14 Hayden Hill Road. Gardens and Grounds tours, crafts and refreshments.

Poetry Reading – by Connecticut poets from their book, *Waking up to the Earth*. Haddam Meadows 2:00 p.m.

Monday, June 27

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary meeting - 6:00 p.m. at Company #1, 439 Saybrook Road. Pizza will be provided, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. Members are reminded to bring their own beverage.

Killingworth Board of Selectmen meeting 7:00 p.m. Town Office Building.

Killingworth Library Association meeting 7:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Tuesday, June 28

Spring Storytime – Brainerd Library Join us every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library Boys and girls ages 6-9, get ready to build catapults, create model pirate ships and treasure maps, and learn how to tie knots! 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. This program will be held under the tent in the library’s back yard. Adults must remain with children for the duration of the event.

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

Killingworth Economic Recovery meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

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.

Haddam Conservation Commission meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 30

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library (see Tuesday June 28)

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

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

Minecraft Mania – Killingworth Library 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Open to children in grades 2 through 5, participants will complete a series of quests, activities, and challenges within the game in small groups. Participants may join on a phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer; no account or experience is required. Space is limited – further details and registration call 860 663-2000.

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

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BML Presents “Waking up to the Earth: A Poetry Reading:” June 26

By Tom Piezzo, Executive Director, BML

Connecticut State Poet Laureate Margaret Gibson will be joined by poets Mary Guitar, Gwen Gunn, Pat O'Brien, Lorraine Riess and Lana Orphanides as they read from their new book “Waking Up to the Earth: Connecticut Poets in a Time of Global Climate Crisis.” Books will be available

for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Brainerd Memorial Library in Haddam.

Sunday, June 26, at 2:00 p.m.
Haddam Meadows State Park
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Chairs will be provided, or bring your own. Rain cancels the event. There will be no rain date.

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HKMS: Cougar Celebrations May 2022

By Debra Cumpstone, HKMS

On Friday, June 3, Haddam Killingworth Middle School held their last Town Meeting for the 2021-22 school year where the following students were recognized for the month of May.

Our Cougar Core Value Awards are given to students who exemplify one or more of our Cougar Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance, Kindness, and Perseverance. These Core Values were developed and accepted by Haddam Killingworth Middle School students, parents, faculty, and staff in 2016, and we recognize students each month. We appreciate these students' commitment to upholding our core values and being role models at HKMS.

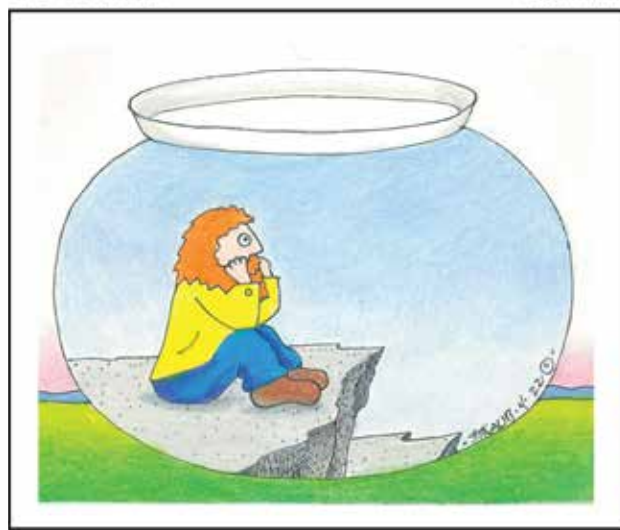
Vincent Ackerman	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility
Jessaly Araujo	Perseverance
Aidan Averill	Kindness, Responsibility
Audrey Bailey	Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance
Michael Bredefeld	Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Respect
Dylan Brown	Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance
Olivia Casini	Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness
Kellen Cassidy	Respect, Acceptance, Perseverance
Emma Castiglioni	Responsibility, Respect
Alexandra Catalano	Responsibility, Respect
Colin Civiello	Perseverance, Responsibility
Seth Coulombe	Perseverance
Maggie DiNapoli	Kindness, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility
Alison Dooley	Responsibility, Perseverance
Julia Downing	Respect, Responsibility
Hazel Doyle	Perseverance, Responsibility
Lawton Duch	Respect, Perseverance
Tristen Edwards	Perseverance, Responsibility

Mason Eighmy	Responsibility, Respect, Kindness
Jamien Evans	Kindness, Respect, Perseverance
Trevor Ferguson	Perseverance, Respect
Lyla Ford	Perseverance, Responsibility
Meghan Freeman	Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance
Amanda Giliberto	Perseverance, Responsibility
Zachery Goldfarb	Kindness, Respect, Perseverance
Maizie Irons	Acceptance, Kindness, Respect
Emma Johnson	Responsibility, Respect
Michael Johnson	Perseverance
Payton Kaplowitz	Perseverance, Kindness, Respect
Alex Karber	Responsibility, Perseverance
Filip Kozdra	Perseverance, Responsibility
Ashley Kukta	Kindness, Respect, Perseverance
Audrey LaRosa	Responsibility, Perseverance, Acceptance
Aidan Lena	Perseverance, Respect
Adam Livingston	Perseverance, Responsibility
Benjamin Miconi	Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility
Cameron Moore	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility

Tyler Napierkowski	Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance
Chloe Obama	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility
Alexander O'Rourke	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Perseverance
Lucas Packtor	Respect, Perseverance
Bruce Peese	Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Respect
Taylor Prue	Perseverance, Kindness, Acceptance
Harrison Reed	Responsibility, Perseverance, Respect
Amelia Riggs	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Arabella Ripp	Responsibility, Acceptance
Lara Santana	Perseverance, Responsibility
Jeffrey Schull	Perseverance
Elsa Shawtraw	Kindness, Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance
Mackenzie Shea	Perseverance, Responsibility
Andrew Soucie	Kindness
Nicholas Stegman	Responsibility, Perseverance
Riley Stephens	Respect, Responsibility
Eliza Sturges	Kindness, Responsibility, Respect
Sydney Wrinn	Kindness, Respect, Perseverance

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HVFC & LifeStar Respond to MVA on Route 9 North

By Olivia Drake, HVFC Public Information Officer

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, along with mutual aid from Middletown South District, responded to Route 9 North at 7:10 p.m. June 10 for a motor vehicle accident with entrapment. The vehicle veered off Route 9 into the median and traveled about ¼ mile before coming to a stop in a densely wooded area not visible from the highway.

Valley Shore Emergency Communications tracked the GPS coordinates of the 9-1-1 call to help firefighters, police, and EMS personnel locate the vehicle.

Once found, crews used chainsaws to clear several trees and vines that entrapped the vehicle. After stabilizing the vehicle, firefighters used extrication tools to remove sections of the car to access the patients.

One patient was transferred to Hartford Hospital via Hunters Ambulance, and the other patient was transferred to Hartford Hospital via LifeStar.

While only one lane of Route 9 North remained open during the incident, the entire highway was shut down to create a landing zone for LifeStar.

Crews were on scene for more than two hours.



Photo by Olivia Drake.

HVFC News: Fatal Head-On Crash & Three Connecticut River Incidents

By Olivia Drake, HVFC Public Information Officer

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company wrapped up the month of May with three incidents on the Connecticut River and two more motor vehicle accidents, one of which involved two fatalities.

with a victim who had fallen from a cliff at Gillette Castle State Park. Crews used Marine-13 to access the neighboring ferry dock, but were cancelled en route.

HVFC was dispatched an hour later to a motor vehicle accident on Route 9 North between exits 8 and 9. No one



Photo by Olivia Drake.

On Memorial Day, May 30, Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to three incidents on the Connecticut River. At 12:10 p.m., crews were dispatched to Midway Marina in Haddam where a vehicle went down an embankment in a parking lot and slid into shallow water. Both the driver and a passenger were able to self-extricate by the time HVFC arrived on scene. They required no medical attention.

At 1:50 p.m., Connecticut State Police asked for HVFC's assistance with a marine search after they received two open-line 9-1-1 calls. Both calls were tracked and reportedly came from Haddam Island State Park. A crew from HVFC prepared to launch Marine-13 from Haddam Meadows State Park, but the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection called off the search after a brief investigation at the island.

At 6:00 p.m., HVFC responded as mutual aid to East Haddam to assist

was injured in the incident.

At 3:00 p.m. on May 31, HVFC was called to the scene of an accident on the Route 82 Connector in Haddam. A vehicle heading westbound was struck head-on by a vehicle heading eastbound in the westbound lane. The operator of the eastbound vehicle died at Hartford Hospital, and the passenger died at the scene. The operator of the westbound-traveling vehicle was transported via Chester Ambulance to Middlesex Hospital and the passenger was transferred to Hartford Hospital via Lifestar with serious injuries. The accident is under investigation by the Connecticut State Police.

As Haddam Volunteer Fire Company heads into the busy summer season, the organization is seeking volunteers to fill the roles of firefighter and fire police. No experience is needed. All training and gear is provided. Email membership@haddamfire.org for more information.

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