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Kathy Brown Retires from HK News

By Ed Munster, Chairman of the Haddam Civic League

Whenever someone leaves who has been part of an organization for a long time, in this case since the start of the original HaddamNow.com online paper, it always seems that it takes two or three people to fill their shoes. In this case it can be said that there are at least six of us who are expanding what we do to cover what Kathy Brown has been doing for the past nine years.

Anthony Giamei recalls that “Kathy met with us in the fall of 2013 and proposed starting HaddamNow as an online service to the community. She was quite confident that it could work, but I was somewhat skeptical. I had run an online site before and knew that it can be a lot of work. Then there was the matter of how to pay for it. So, Ed was going to pull a bunch of founders together, and I was to create a business plan. Kathy’s brother had some experience with websites, and we had some legal experts on board. We found a marketing guy who was going to set up the domain name, hosting service and site design. Our business plan was presented to a few of our founders, and some were skeptical. The plan needed some tweaking. Ed was to be advertising manager. Kathy was the expert on format, spelling, and grammar.” Tony was comfortable with photo types and editing. We filed our Articles of Organization with the Connecticut Secretary of the State on April 1, 2014. We set up a private website in August 2014 and launched publicly in September 2014.

Even though Kathy Brown was a wife, mother of three, a Scout leader and, for the past several years, held a full-time teaching job, she put in an unbelievable amount of time and effort to make this paper a success. Many a morning she started her day at 5:30 a.m., posting articles. She was extremely dedicated and spent many hours nearly every day gathering, editing and posting content. And she did all this as a VOLUNTEER.

Kathy had a “nose for news” and was a stickler on proper editing and consistency of style. She knew or discovered many tricks of the trade. She was on the RSD17 School Board and had kids in the system. That gave her access to many stories



related to Education and Sports. She was the driving force behind the addition of Killingworth coverage. The site was a great success, despite some growing pains. Eventually spammers crashed it beyond repair; Kathy found an alternate website designer and we were quickly back in business.

Readers asked us to start a print version of the online paper. We found a publisher and presented a plan to join with them. They were skeptical that we could survive financially and generate enough content to support a weekly printed version using items selected from our website. We all pushed hard and joined with East Haddam News. The first edition of the printed Haddam News was published on November 17, 2016. It was distributed to every mailbox in both towns. Kathy worked even harder to establish reliable news sources and continue with her push for quality. The Town of Haddam chose us for their paper of record. That saved the town money and gave us an

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HKHS Track Stand-Out Concludes Impressive Season

By Philip R. Devlin



Photo by David Law.

Last year, Aidan Law won the long jump event at the Shoreline outdoor championship meet despite spiking his arm—an injury requiring stitches—and then went on to finish 6th in the state championship meet. Those feats, however, pale in comparison to his most impressive progress during his senior year. During the winter indoor track season, Law won the long jump in the Shoreline meet championship. Then he finished 4th in the state sectional meet, qualifying him to compete in the state open championship meet. Finding his best

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Haddam-Killingworth High School Senior Recognized for Service

By Connie Bombaci

Kevin James Cavrell received the 2022 Connie Bombaci Service Award during Haddam-Killingworth High School’s Senior Awards Ceremony on June 8, 2022. This well-respected Award gained highly-regarded recognition when created by former Superintendent Gary Mala and the Board of Education in 2006. Regional School District 17’s purpose was to recognize Mrs. Bombaci’s exceptional service to the school district over her years of unwavering commitment and loyal devotion to the students, staff and H-K community. She founded the H-K Holiday Show in 1990, worked to create a positive and spirited

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environment for the H-K community, found ways to recognize the talents of all students, and energetically supported student education and activities. She was an empathetic volunteer who also worked outside the school to save and train deaf dogs and help others by taking her Therapy Dogs into the community.

Mrs. Bombaci passionately believed that all students must learn to “give back” to others and share their time, talents, and themselves—everyone is worthy of love and acceptance. This Award’s purpose is to help ensure that the heart of “paying it forward” will continue to be present in our high school for many years.

This annual Award recognizes a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated significant and genuine dedication to voluntary service to Haddam-Killingworth High School and its community. An independent committee of select family and community members chooses the recipient. Kevin Cavrell demonstrated a high commitment to “always give back” and a strong leadership style of compassionate guidance in helping others realize success.

Principal Donna Hayward introduced Mrs. Bombaci at this year’s ceremony and stood beside her in support. Mrs. Bombaci spoke, reminding the graduates to “Use your voice for kindness and your ears for compassion. Use your hands for charity and your mind for truth.

Most importantly, use your heart for genuine love.”

Kevin Cavrell received this year’s Award for his efforts, resiliency, and adamant belief in helping and serving others. He dedicated himself to more than eight times the required service hours for graduation.

Kevin plans to attend Bryant University in Rhode Island to earn his degree in business. He states, “Helping out and giving back to the community is very important to me, as I believe our HK community has helped me and many other students achieve their goals. I feel it is important that we give back as much as we can.”

Funding for this Award is now made possible through profits from Bombaci’s international multi-award-winning book, Hogan’s Hope. The basis of the manuscript is the true and inspirational story of an incredible deaf dog serving others as a certified therapy dog and paving the way for other deaf animals to live rather than be destroyed. Endorsed by Dateline NBC correspondent Dennis Murphy, and the foreword written by the renowned animal behaviorist, Dr. Nicholas H. Dodman of Tufts University, these books provide an excellent incentive for genuine acceptance, pure love and worthiness, no matter what. Bombaci stated, “Hogan taught me how to live my life as a courageous journey with unconditional service to others. I determined that his life would be ‘a gift that keeps on giving’ and a legacy of hope.”



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additional income stream. Kathy was anxious to have the paper distributed to Killingworth as there was a lot of news daily going into the online paper. On September 5, 2019, we renamed the paper Haddam Killingworth News and expanded distribution to include every household in Killingworth.

Kathy recently notified her sources that she was retiring from the news business. We received many thank-you comments acknowledging her responsiveness and dedication to putting out a quality product on a timely basis.

Here are some comments from some of the people upon learning of Kathy's retirement:

- Kathy was an amazing editor. I'm certain she'll leave a noticeably vacant place on the staff of Haddam Killingworth News. She was always very attentive to my submissions. Good luck in your future endeavors. Carole Knapp Johnson
- Aw, you will be missed Kathy! Thanks for all your hard work! Keep in touch! Janet Verney

- Kathy, here's wishing you the best of everything. Live, Laugh, & Love is the best advice I can give. Kathy helped me to get up to speed with publishing articles for HK-News during the most trying of times, including the pandemic. She always made sure I was comfortable with whatever tasks I was given, and for that I am profoundly thankful. I've worked with hundreds of volunteers and can say Kathy is one of the most dedicated volunteers I have ever met. She always went above and beyond on every task. I never in my wildest dreams would have thought I'd work on a newspaper or news website in any capacity. Sharon Challenger.

- Kathy Brown did a great job editing the paper. She was thoroughly committed to her work, paid excellent attention to detail, and was always timely in her responses to concerns and suggestions. Phil Devlin

Kathy will be missed, SORELY MISSED, not only by all of us who worked with her to publish Haddam Killingworth News every week, but also by our readers and contributors!

HVFC Responds: Two-Car Accident on Route 82 Connector

By Olivia Drake, HVFC Public Information Officer

At 11:10 p.m. on June 18, Haddam Volunteer Fire Company was dispatched to the Route 82 Connector in Haddam for a reported two-car motor vehicle accident with entrapment.

A vehicle traveling eastbound on the Connector crossed over into the westbound lane and struck another vehicle head-on. The east-bound driver was able to self-extricate, was evaluated on scene, and was transported to Hartford Hospital via Haddam Ambulance.

The operator of the westbound vehicle reported that his leg was pinned under the dash. Firefighters used Hurst tools to remove the driver's side door before extricating the patient. The patient was transported to Yale Medical Center via East Haddam Ambulance.

Due to the severity of the accident and extensive debris on the roadway, all lanes of the 82 Connector were closed during the incident and traffic was rerouted back to Route 9. Crews applied absorbent materials to contain leaked fluids and worked to clean the scene for more than an hour after the incident.

This accident occurred in the same area as a fatal accident on May 6. This was the sixth MVA in Haddam so far this month. Connecticut State Police are investigating.

Spectrum Gallery Exhibit: Clouds, Winds & Breezes - Now Through July 10

By Barbara Nair, Arts Center Killingworth

Discover new and original artwork at Spectrum Art Gallery in its newest exhibit, Clouds, Winds & Breezes, now through Sunday, July 10. Artists from throughout Connecticut, the Tri-State Area and New England present artwork that features one or

more of these weather elements and the way their behavior can affect the environment. Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main Street, Centerbrook. Spectrum Gallery Hours: Wed-Sat (Noon-6:00 p.m.) and Sun (Noon-5:00 p.m.). For more information, call (860) 767-0742 or visit spectrumartgallery.org

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Notice to Haddam Taxpayers: Tax Bills Go Out on June 30

By Kristin Battistoni, CCMC, Haddam Tax Collector

On May 18, the Board of Finance set the mill rate at 32.33 for the 2021 Grand List.

Tax bills will be mailed on June 30th. Payments will not be accepted before July 1st. If you misplaced it or did not get a copy of a bill they can be found under the tax page at Haddam.org. Payments must be made at the office or postmarked by the post office by August 1, 2022. There were many issues last year with the mail. Contact me if your payment is not posted within a week.

If you receive a bill for a vehicle or a business you do not own any longer, or if you do not get a bill and you think you should have, please call immediately. These bills will not go away if they are not addressed and could cause trouble down the road. The end of the month gets pretty busy; the sooner we can address an issue, the better.

Did you pay off your mortgage and not get a bill? Normally, if you are escrowed, they receive the bill and pay the taxes. If you paid off your mortgage, you should be receiving the bill. When properties sell close to the end of the fiscal year, the Tax Office may not always be aware of that change by the time the bills go out.

A pre-addressed envelope is included in the bills for easy payment. These payments go to a lockbox in Hartford and are processed through our bank. This makes the processing of payments much faster. Payments can also be dropped off or mailed to

the office at Town Office Building, Tax Office C/O Kristin Battistoni, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438. Please make checks payable to the Town of Haddam. A drop box has been installed in the front of the building to the left of the front doors for night or weekend drops. This area is under surveillance for secure check only payments.

If you would like a mailed receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and mail to the Tax Office directly or use the outside drop box.

A credit card or a debit card can be used on our website or in the office. Payments cannot be taken over the phone. A service fee of 2.95% will be added to all payments made with a card. An Electronic Funds Transfer can be done on the website for \$1.50.

The website does not update in real time. Online payments may not reflect for a few days, however, you will receive an email confirmation after the payment is made. Contact me if you have any questions about using the online system.

Partial payments are always accepted on accounts. This is the best way to help keep interest down if the bill cannot be paid in full.

The Tax Office will be closed to the public on Friday, June 30th to close the fiscal year and get ready for July. The Tax Office will have limited availability from August 8th to the 19th. Please address any concerns prior to this time

If you have any questions, please call or email me at taxcollect@haddam.org or 860-345-8531 X 207.

COMMUNITY

Green Hill Martial Arts to Offer 2022 Summer Programs

By Ed Ricciuti, Green Hill Martial Arts

If you – or your offspring – hanker to work up a sweat and have fun learning a street savvy martial art this summer, but do not want to make a long-term commitment required by many studios, now's the time. Green Hill Martial Arts, a long-established school in the Olde Town Hall at Killingworth Congregational Church, offers special summer programs during July and August for kids, teens and adults.

Regular classes are open to summer-special students on a monthly basis for two months. Besides that, a class in basic martial arts skills will be taught Tuesday mornings. In addition to its extra summer offerings, Green Hill is accepting students for its highly successful Hapkido Hornets class, tailored for children ages 4 and 5 years. Through games, exercises and simplified drills, the little ones learn martial arts basics while having fun and enjoying interactions with their peers. Started only last year, the program already has graduated students into the school's youth classes for students ages 6 to 12 years.

The summer special accepts students in youth and adult classes at the regular monthly tuition rate of \$99, without the six-month contract normally required. People who enroll learn with regular students, although without credit for promotion in the ranked

color belt system. Adults, 13 years and up, train in Combat, or Chon-Tu Kwan, Hapkido, a modern, dynamic self-defense system that offers all the benefits of classical Martial Arts, but without rituals, rigidity, obsolete techniques and unsafe exercises. Hapkido, which began as a Korean art, focuses on joint locking and joint manipulation, low-line kicks, targeted striking, ground survival and weapon disarming techniques.

The Youth, or Chung So Nyun, Hapkido program focuses mainly on a simplified version of the adult program and also exposes children to some of our favorite techniques in other arts.

Many children are enrolled because they are bullied in school. In addition to teaching them how to defend themselves from physical harm, they learn how to defuse aggressive situations.

Combat Hapkido, used by military and police forces worldwide, is well suited for people of all ages and sizes because physical strength and great athletic abilities are not essential. On our mats you will see students from their teens to their eighties. "Hapkido" is a Korean word that means "The Way of Joined Energy," as the art uses an opponent's force to advantage.

See our website for more information: <http://www.greenhillmartialarts.org>



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Musings from a Millennial: Summer, Independence Day, and Jubilee

By Meg Peterson

Editor's Note: The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the staff or other editors of this newspaper.

Tubilare – to shout with joy

Summer has arrived. Summer is a season. It is a feeling. You know the old saw: “summertime feeling.” Summer is an experience. Summer is a mode of life.

My boys are tickled pink with the fact that they can get away with not having a bath until close to 9 p.m. – when nightfall darkness is just beginning. Summer is settling into their bones and their dispositions.

Oh, make no mistake: Four-Year-

Old and Toddler are joyful and mischievous year ‘round, but there is something specifically and downright jubilant about the way they speak and move right now. There is a heightened, amplified level of freedom and carefree joie de vivre.

This talk brings us to the Fourth of July, which is not simply or only a summer hallmark, as some may think.

The Fourth of July constitutes a jubilant celebration centering on the moniker I prefer to use – America’s Independence Day: that fateful day is both a culmination of, hard, gritty work to become free from British tyrannical oppression and exploitation, and harbinger of, the continued, uniquely American project

toward freedom and a more perfect Union.

At its core, rejoicing simultaneously takes and gives off energy. It is an act that requires very real and durable conditions of liberty – of autonomy even – in order to “shout with joy.” For example, when I attempt to corral Four-Year-Old and Toddler to return inside for bath time, and they run away from me in the yard, laughing gleefully and “shouting with joy” as they do so, they rejoice at the prospect of victory over Mama. Their rejoicing comprises two components: one – the knowledge that they are exercising their independence from me (albeit momentarily); and two – the autonomy that they are making a decision separate from and in contrast to Mama.

Their liberty and autonomy in this enactment of rejoicing is humorously

beautiful. And these concepts bring to mind the many reasons for celebrating our country’s Independence Day – with the liberty and autonomy in knowing that we can choose to be a part of America’s ongoing history.

As Americans, we can choose to carry the mantle of inalienable rights to life and liberty and rejoice when we uplift these principles. As Americans, we can choose to confront our mistakes and rejoice when we correct them. As Americans, we can choose to address others with dignity and respect, rejoicing in reverence for human life through a life-and liberty-affirming paradigm underscored in “We The People” of our nation’s founding document, the U.S. Constitution.

Here is to a liberty-filled, jubilee-abundant Independence Day to you and your family!

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stride, Aidan then won the State Open with a personal best jump. Winning the Open qualified him to compete in the indoor New England Championship Meet in Boston. His progress continued in the Boston meet where he finished 2nd, missing 1st by an inch. According to HKHS track coach Dick Dupuis, that’s the highest New England Championship finish in the history of the storied HK track program.

Law’s progress continued in the spring of this year. He won 1st in the long jump in each regular season meet then at the Shoreline Championship meet he captured 1st in the long jump, 2nd in the 200 meter run, 3rd in the 100 meters, and 4th in the high jump. Aidan then proceeded to the state sectional meet where he finished 4th but jumped far enough to compete in the State Open Meet at Willowbrook Park. At Willowbrook Law found his best stride once again, doing a personal best of 22 feet, 5.5 inches. He finished 3rd in that meet, missing 2nd by about an inch. That jump qualified him to compete in Philadelphia last Saturday in the New

Balance National Rising Stars event. Despite injuring his back during his 3rd jump, Law still managed to finish 8th out of 28 East coast competitors. He was unable to finish his last 3 jumps due to the back injury.

When asked about the reason for his success, Aidan had this to say:

“I believe what led to my success over these past few track seasons is the amount of support I have received from my coaches and teammates. I would always be shooting for a high goal, and I would always hear back, “Oh, you can do that.” Having encouraging teammates can really improve a person’s strength, both mental and physical. Everybody together has helped along the way, and I would not be here with my accomplishments without every interaction. I also believe that the athletes from other schools pushed me to be better since I am a very competitive person.”

Next year, Aidan plans to attend Keene State where he will certainly be a welcome addition to their track team.




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Thursday, June 30

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library Killingworth Library 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Boys and girls ages 6-9, get ready to build catapults, create model pirate ships and treasure maps, and learn how to tie knots! This STEM/STEAM program will have mini-blocks (generic Legos) galore and so much more! We will finish with model boat races against two neighboring libraries: Brainerd and Deep River. 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.

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.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.

Friday, July 1

Higganum Farmers Market 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Red, White, and Blue! Music by Gale Gardiner.

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

Saturday, July 2

Saturday Storytime - Killingworth Library 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Game Board Day – Killingworth Library 10:00 a.m. -

12:00 p.m. Choose from our selection of board games to take or play with friends at the library. Games of skill, games of luck, world-building games, card games... you'll find plenty of choices! Grab a table and set up with a group, or check out the game of your choice – perfect for the holiday weekend. This is a drop-in event, no signup needed.

Monday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 5

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions (see June 30 for details).

Wednesday, July 6

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.

Thursday, July 7

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions (see June 30 for details).

Killingworth Republican Town Committee Blood Drive with the American Red Cross at the Killingworth Fire Station 333 Route 81 Killingworth, from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call 860-304-1577 or sign up online at redcrossblood.org.

Art Night Mystery - Killingworth Library 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Choose from a selection of “mystery bags” – containing a variety of materials and mediums – and let your creativity rule! For ages 10-17. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

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

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It was decided at the Town of Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on June 16, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to approve the following:

1. Special permit approval to allow for a used car dealer license without outdoor display of vehicles for sale. Approval includes the condition there be no regular use of car carriers or trailers. Location: 206 Saybrook Rd Applicant: Christian Saraceno - map 6/lot 2

Town of Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission

TOWN OF HADDAM LEGAL NOTICE FROM THE TAX OFFICE

Legal Notice is hereby given to the Taxpayers of the Town of Haddam. A Tax levy of 32.33 mills on the dollar was laid on the 2021 Grand List. The first installment will become due July 1, 2022. If payment is not received on or before August 1, 2022 they are subject to an interest rate of 18% per annum or 1.5% per month or any fraction of a month from the due date. A minimum interest charge of \$2.00 will apply to all delinquent taxes. The tax becomes delinquent and interest will be charged as of August 2, 2022. Please visit our website Haddam.org for more details. Payments will be received at the Tax Office located in the Town Office Building located at 30 Field Park Drive Haddam, CT 06438. The Haddam Tax Office hours are: Monday through Tuesday 8:30AM to 4PM; Wednesday by appointment only; Thursday 8:30AM to 6:00PM; Friday 8:30AM to Noon.

Contact Kristin at 860-345-8531 X 207 or taxcollect@haddam.org with questions.

Kristin Battistoni C.C.M.C
Haddam Tax Collector

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION TOWN OF HADDAM

It was decided at the Town of Haddam Inland Wetlands Commission Meeting on June 20, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to approve the following:

1. Approval to allow installation of an in-ground swimming pool and all accessories pursuant to the proposed landscape plan presented with no modifications. Applicant: Brent Veiga - Location: 13 Summersweet Dr map 42/lot 15-45

Town of Haddam Inland Wetlands Commission

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Haddam-Killingworth Little League to Host District 9 Tournament

By Jen O'Neal, Haddam-Killingworth Little League

The Haddam-Killingworth Little League (HKLL) is the official host for the Connecticut Little League, District 9 Baseball, Minors Tournament and Majors Tournament. Great Hill Athletic Complex, located on Jail Hill Road in Haddam, will be the site for Tournament play. Other District 9 towns playing include; Madison, Westbrook, Durham and Middlefield (Coginchaug), Middletown, Deep River, Essex, Old Saybrook, and East Haddam. HKLL's President, Jason Waterbury, notes, "Being selected to be a District 9 host site for both Majors and Minors Baseball is a significant honor for HKLL. Haddam itself has a long-standing tradition of hosting at least one of these tournaments at the Jail Hill site. District 9's selection in using the Jail Hill fields for tournament games, for both age groups, continues this tradition and shows the level of confidence that District 9 has in HKLL's abilities to provide a positive experience for all towns involved. Every year that I have been involved, we have received numerous compliments on the quality of our fields, level of preparedness, and ability to provide a great experience for all players, coaches, and parents involved."

Haddam can expect to see an influx of more than 250 players during the two weeks of Tournament Play. Players will be accompanied by their coaches, families, and friends. Local volunteers from Haddam, Haddam Neck, Higganum, and Killingworth will work tirelessly to maintain fields, staff the concession stand, call and score games and work other event duties.

Please join the Haddam-Killingworth Little League as we welcome these All-Stars. Let's Play Ball!

2022 Tournament Schedule:

Tuesday June 28

HK Majors vs. Deep River/Essex

Wednesday June 29

HK Majors vs. Old Saybrook/Westbrook

East Haddam vs. Madison (Majors)

Friday July 1

HK Majors vs. East Haddam

HK Minors vs. Westbrook

Saturday July 2

HK Majors vs. Madison

HK Minors vs. Coginchaug

Tuesday July 5

Madison vs. Deep River/Essex (Majors)

HK Minors vs. Middletown

POLITICS

Brandon Goff Declares Candidacy for State Senate

By Russell Bonaccorso

Citing the need for "new blood" and "fresh, family-focused ideas" in the Connecticut legislature, East Hampton Town Council member Brandon Goff announced that he is running to be the next Connecticut Senator from the 33rd District.

"Connecticut is unaffordable, and as your next State Senator, I will work with Democrats and Republicans to change that," Goff said. "I will also work to pass laws which make our communities safer. We need to better support our law enforcement officials and first responders. As state senator, I will put taxpayers first. Your voices will be listened to."

Goff, a Republican, was elected to the East Hampton Town Council last year. He has also served on East Hampton's Brownfields Redevelopment Agency.

At the age of 17, Goff enlisted in the United States Navy. For five years, he served as a Navigational

Electronics Technician on the USS Maine SSBN-741 in the state of Washington. He continues to serve as a Navy reservist and works as an electronics technician for an aeronautical engineering company.

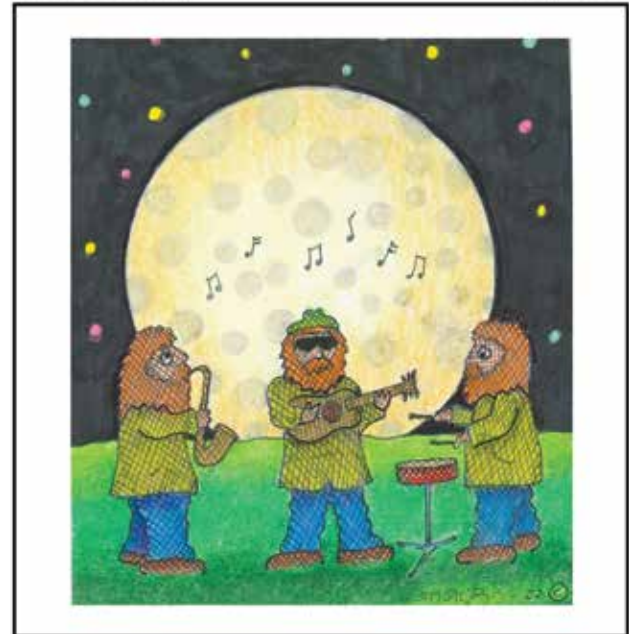
"I love my country and I love Connecticut," Goff said. "I also very much enjoy public service and helping people. I am going to be bringing my positive message directly to the people of our district, and I look forward to listening to the voters from now until Election Day. From affordability to public safety to wasteful government spending, there are so many areas where we can improve our state's policies. I will be appealing to Democrats, Independents, Republicans and Unaffiliated voters, and I will work tirelessly to earn your support in November."

The 33rd District includes Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Portland, Westbrook and part of Old Saybrook.

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HVFC Dispatched to Aid in Marine Rescue on Connecticut River

By Olivia Drake, HVFC Public Information Officer

At 9:05 p.m. on June 19, Haddam Volunteer Fire Company was dispatched to aid in a marine rescue on the Connecticut River south of Haddam Meadows State Park. A woman who was canoeing without a life vest had reportedly tipped over and fallen into the river.

Marine units from Haddam, with mutual aid provided by East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department and Chester Hose Company, all accessed the river from different locations to search for the missing woman. The HVFC Chief, along with Connecticut State Police, accessed her launch point via a dirt road in the south end of the state park, where she and another person had built a campfire.

While the boats were deploying, the woman was able to swim to the shoreline where she repeatedly called out for help. Units from Haddam and East Haddam located the woman near the Mill Creek inlet and River Bluffs Road.

The woman was transferred to Haddam Meadows State Park where she was evaluated on scene by Haddam Ambulance personnel. She refused additional medical treatment.



Chester units located the missing canoe and transported it back to the state park. The camp fire was extinguished and all units were cleared.

According to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) anyone using a manually-professed vessel must have a wearable life jacket aboard for each person. All children 12 and under must wear a life jacket.



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