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Sunday Morning Sights in the Skies Over Higganum



Photo by Phil Devlin.

Frequent contributor Phil Devlin captured this image on the morning of November 27, at 6:50 a.m., taken from Christian Hill Road and the Methodist Church on Route 154.

He contacted WFSB-TV and learned that these

are an unusual formation of mammatus clouds, which are a type of cumulus cloud that attaches to the base of the "parent" raincloud as a type of "udder." Hence, the name mammatus.

Regional School District 17 Principal Named National Principal of the Year

By Kerry Markey, RSD #17

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has announced Donna Hayward, principal of Haddam Killingworth High School in Higganum as the 2023 NASSP National Principal of the Year (POY).

"I am beyond humbled," said Hayward. "There are so many wonderful educational leaders doing great work every day, so to have been chosen to represent them is a tremendous honor. My charge this next year is to speak for them, to advocate for our schools and their leaders and, where I can, perhaps even effect positive change."

"Principal Hayward is a proven leader with an unwavering commitment to her students, families, and educators in her school and beyond," said NASSP CEO Ronn Nozoe. "Donna has innovated strategies to inspire a love of learning and a true

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Donna Hayward. Photo courtesy of Kerry Markey.

North Pole Mail Box and More at Killingworth Library This Month!

By Tammy Eustis, Killingworth Library

The North Pole Mail Box has returned to the Killingworth Library! Children can drop off their letters to Santa through Saturday, December 17, 2022. Letter templates are available for those who aren't sure what to write. Most important: if you would like a response, please be sure to include your full name and address! The North Pole Mail Box is sponsored in cooperation with the Killingworth

Women's Organization.

Thursday, December 8, from 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. - Take a Photo with The Grinch. "You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch" - according to the song. But we'll have a not-so-mean one on hand to pose with kids of all ages! No need to register, just drop by!

Thursday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. - Holiday Pajama Storytime. Come dressed to cuddle and bring your favorite stuffed animal. We'll have some

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Haddam Haunted House Raises More Than \$6000 for Food & Fuel Bank

By Scott Brinckerhoff

Haddam's food and fuel bank received more than \$6,000 in donations from late October's Haunted House event, more than doubling what it raised in the previous year.

"There's so much good in this community when we set aside differences and work toward the common goal of helping our neighbors," said Chuck Cook, who first came up with the Haunted House idea years ago.

"We are beyond grateful," said Jessica

Condil, Haddam's Director of Senior and Social Services. "These funds will help our vulnerable residents get through the winter months."

Cook said credit for the event's success goes not just to the volunteers who helped to fund and set up the exhibits, but to the whole town for turning out over its three-day run.

"The Lions Club and Liberty Bank partnered with us, and many individual businesses pitched in," he added. "The tattoo parlor artists did face painting, the hardware store guys gave away popcorn and collected



Photo by Scott Brinckerhoff.

hundreds of dollars more in donations, and other volunteers from Lionheart Militaria handed out free hot dogs."

In addition, Cook thanked everyone who helped launch the Fall Festival and tractor parade and the trunk-or-treat candy distribution.

Cook also recognized his core volunteers (above photo, with Cook): Frank and Lori Mucciacciaro and Ryan and Chelsea Cleveland, whose giant pumpkin (scary all by itself) was once again a crowd-pleaser.



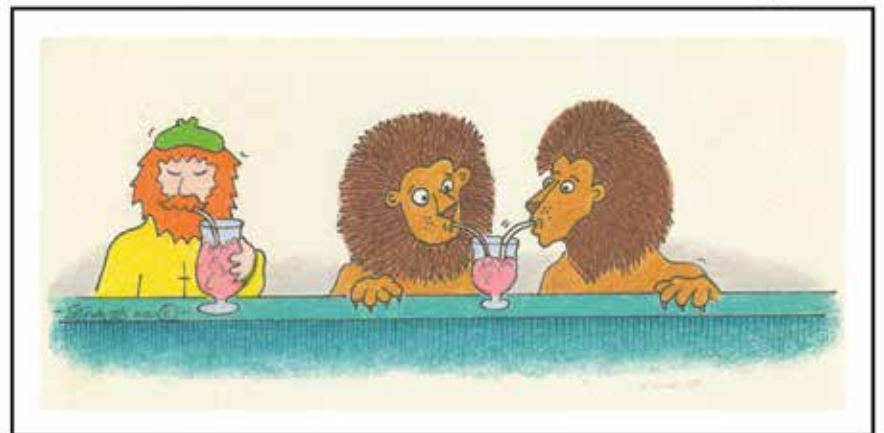
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HKMS Cougar Core Values Awards For November

By Debra Cumpstone, HKMS

On Wednesday, November 23, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School held its Town Meeting where the following students were recognized for the month of November.

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.

Adeline Austin	Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance
Hudson Beckman	Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect
Mila Bella	Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect
Molly Benson	Perseverance, Responsibility
Evan Berardino	Responsibility, Acceptance, Kindness
Max Bergman	Responsibility, Respect
Sean Blackmon	Responsibility, Kindness
Nate Blair	Respect, Perseverance, Kindness, Acceptance
Dylan Brown	Responsibility, Perseverance
Lillian Carey	Responsibility, Perseverance, Respect, Kindness
Emma Castiglioni	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Alexandra Catalano	Responsibility, Perseverance, Respect, Kindness
Kaylee Chlodnicki	Acceptance, Kindness, Respect

Reese Ciociola	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance
Carter Commerford	Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Acceptance
Mia Corda	Perseverance, Responsibility
Donato Daniels	Responsibility, Perseverance, Acceptance, Respect
Tyler Dickinson	Respect, Responsibility
Alison Dooley	Respect, Responsibility
Ethan Eddinger	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance
Mason Eighmy	Respect, Perseverance, Kindness
Peyton Espositio	Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Acceptance
Brody Ferguson	Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Acceptance
Ashley Fontanella	Respect, Perseverance
Ava Geissler	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility
Kate Gregor	Responsibility, Perseverance
Michael Hardgrove	Perseverance, Acceptance
Desi Harris	Kindness, Acceptance
McKenna Harrison	Responsibility, Perseverance
Oskar Heikkila	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Nathan Hughes	Respect, Responsibility
Safina Hussain	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance
Rory Kaplowitz	Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect
Makenzie Keating	Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Acceptance
Tulip Kish	Respect, Kindness, Acceptance
Leart Krasniqi	Responsibility, Respect
Aubrey Lonergan	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance
Audrey Macy	Responsibility, Kindness, Acceptance
Noah Mathison	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility

Kaitlyn Mazer	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance
Rose McCane-Cartwright	Kindness, Acceptance, Responsibility, Respect
Ryan McCue	Respect, Kindness, Perseverance
Samantha Panzella	Respect, Perseverance, Kindness, Responsibility
Tristan Papuga	Kindness, Acceptance, Responsibility
Parker Pearson	Respect, Perseverance, Kindness
Luca Piacenti	Respect, Responsibility
Josie Piela	Respect, Responsibility
Mackenzie Pierce	Responsibility, Kindness, Respect
Josie Rimmer	Respect, Responsibility
Dustin Rist-Brown	Perseverance, Respect, Kindness, Responsibility
Olivia Roberts	Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect
Lea Rubino	Perseverance, Responsibility
Victoria Saczynski	Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance
Olivia Scileppi	Responsibility, Perseverance, Respect
Kaylee Scott	Acceptance, Kindness
Sophie Snow	Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Acceptance
Tyler Stakiewicz	Kindness, Respect, Perseverance
Gianna Terryn	Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility
Cole Therrien	Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance
Madelaine Therrien	Perseverance, Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Acceptance
Tyler Traczyk	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility
Cora Waterbury	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance
Devin Weems	Responsibility, Acceptance, Kindness

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By Haddam Senior Center

Thursday December 8	10:00 a.m. – Reindeer Craft
Thursday December 8	12:30 p.m. Q&A on 9 Town Transit
Monday December 12	10:00 a.m. – Canvas painting with Cindy Stevens
Tuesday December 13	12:30 p.m. – Christmas Movie – TBD
Thursday December 15	1:00 p.m. – Bingo
Monday December 19	10:00 a.m. – COA Meeting
Monday December 19	1:00pm – Club 60 Meeting
Tuesday December 20	12:45 p.m. – Cards
Thursday December 22	9:00 a.m.– Breakfast at Jack's; available to only the first 15 who sign up
Monday December 26	Closed
Tuesday December 27	Closed
Thursday December 29	Colleen off – call center to check for coverage

The Haddam Senior Center menu can be viewed at www.haddam.org

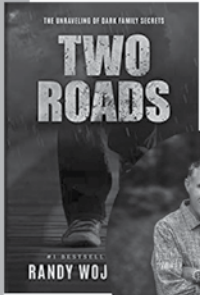
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Randy has spent 27 years in healthcare as an executive focused on serving Medicaid and Low-Income Medicare beneficiaries. He's a native of Connecticut where he lives with his beautiful wife Kim, two young daughters and two attack Chihuahuas - Lea & Ginger.

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In the end, will love triumph over all or will their family be destroyed by their past?

CONNIE BOMBACI, a retired educator and international award-winning author, is resolute in her love for all God's creations.

A native of Philadelphia, Connie now lives in Connecticut with her husband, Jim, their rescued deaf pup, Elsie, and yellow Labrador, Gabriel, surrounded by the love of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In her best-selling inspirational book, *Hogan's Hope*, Connie shares the story of her first deaf dog, Hogan, who changed the world for deaf dogs. Through his perseverance and triumph over adversity, this heroic deaf dog reveals that anyone's dreams can come true and that with hope anything is possible.



The *Green Beach File* touches on the solace we as humans get from time spent outside in nature, the social pressure of today's environmentalism, and our culture's continued quest for meaning through overt consumption and the acquisition of wealth—all while remaining a light-hearted summer read for those who love nature, the outdoors, and relaxing on the beach!

KAREN PERRY is an attorney and math teacher in a small town in Connecticut. She has four children, three cats, two jobs, and one husband, which makes for a busy life! She tries to recycle, but hates washing out the peanut butter jar.



EDUCATION

Regional School District 17 Principal Named National Principal of the Year

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sense of belonging in her students and staff. There is no doubt in my mind that Donna will represent the unique perspectives of school leaders and serve as a force to be reckoned with when advocating for the profession."

Inspired by her own high school principal, Donna Hayward began her professional career as a high school mathematics teacher. In Hayward's fourth year as principal, Haddam Killingworth earned the National Blue Ribbon award. Previously, she served as assistant principal and principal of Rocky Hill High School for a decade, and Suffield High School for six years. During this time, she markedly increased AP opportunities and standardized test scores and reduced discipline incidents. She has shared her effective strategies at a Connecticut data conference and NASSP's national conference. In 2006, she was honored as the Connecticut Assistant Principal of the Year.

"The District is pleased and honored that Principal Hayward has received this recognition," said Regional School District #17 (RSD17) Board of Education Chair Suzanne Sack. "We are grateful for the positive impact that she has and will continue to have on students and RSD17 and wish her continued success in her role."

"Donna is truly a courageous leader," said Jeffrey Wihbey, RSD17 Superintendent of Schools. "She always leads with children's best interests at heart, and is never afraid to advocate for student-centered decisions."

"This is a tough time to be an educator and, perhaps especially, to be an educational leader," Hayward said. "But there is critically important work to do, so we need to be courageous and do the hard things in order that our students, teachers, and school communities thrive."

About the NASSP Principal of the Year Program For the NASSP Principal of the Year program, each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools and the Department of Defense Education Activity select one middle level or high school principal to represent their state or department, from whom three finalists are chosen, with one chosen as the National Principal of the Year. The award recognizes outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession.

North Pole Mail Box and More at Killingworth Library This Month!

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holiday treats on hand, and Mrs. Fig will share some of her favorite holiday tales. Family members of all ages are welcome.

Ages 2-5

Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. starting December 1- Little Learners. STEM/STEAM fun for our littlest patrons! If you enjoyed this summer's Tiny Thinkers program, the fun continues over the winter season. For ages 2-5. Program runs December 1st through December 15th.

Holiday Closings

The Killingworth Library will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26. We will also be closed for the New Year holiday on Saturday, December 31 and Monday, January 2.

Please note that pre-registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. Visit the Calendar on our website - www.killingworthlibrary.org - or call the library at 860-663-2000. Killingworth Library is located at 301 Route 81 in Killingworth.

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Thursday, December 8

Toddler Tunes 10:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.
Little Learners 11:15 a.m. Killingworth Library.
4th Annual Higganum Holiday Pop-up Market 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. HES
Take a Photo with the Grinch 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.
Dungeons and Dragons for Teens 5:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.
Haddam Park & Recreation meeting 7:30 p.m.
Killingworth Conservation Commission SPECIAL meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Friday, December 9

Music with Margie 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Killingworth Library.
Cricut Crafting for Adults 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.
Cricut Crafting for Teens 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.
4th Annual Higganum Holiday Pop-up Market 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. HES
Coffee House & Game Night - 7:00 p.m. UCC Higganum Congregational Church

Saturday, December 10

Minecraft for Kids 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Killingworth Library.
Minecraft for Tweens 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.



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Sacred Heart on the Lake 2nd Advent Retreat A, A
 Season of Coming 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Through the Ages 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Thankful Arnold House Museum.

4th Annual Higganum Holiday Pop-up Market
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. HES

Surprise Saturdays with Mrs. Fig 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 Killingworth Library.

Open House & Holiday Stroll - Saybrook at Haddam
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11

Christmas with Santa - Riverhouse at Goodspeed
 Station two seatings available 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 Reservations: www.theriverhouse.com

4th Annual Higganum Holiday Pop-up Market
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. HES

Christmas Through the Ages 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Thankful Arnold House Museum.

Monday, December 12

Killingworth Open Space Committee meeting 6:00 p.m. (remote).

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

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

Killingworth Park & Recreation meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Emergency Operations Center/remote access.

HVFC Auxiliary Christmas Gift Wrapping & Monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fire Station 1

Tuesday, December 13

Killingworth Health & Safety meeting 2:30 p.m.
 Town Office Building.

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

Killingworth Inland Wetlands meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Town Office Building.

Preschool Storytime 10:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

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7-9 at 5:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Wednesday, December 14

Lego Hangout 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Haddam Economic Development meeting 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 15

Little Learners 11:15 a.m. Killingworth Library.

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens 5:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

4th Annual Higganum Holiday Pop-up Market 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. HES

Holiday Pajama Storytime 6:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

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

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

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing and meeting at the Old Town Hall, 30 Field Park Haddam CT on December 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item(s):

- 1. Amendment to Zoning Regulations section 10.4 - Forestry Regulations**

Said amendment and regulations are on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam.

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HVFC Responds to Nine Incidents Within 2 Hours on November 30

By Olivia Drake, HVFC Information Officer

During a heavy wind and rainstorm (Nov. 30), Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to nine incidents within a two-hour timeframe. The storm caused many power outages and road closures in the area.

At 4:05 p.m., HVFC was dispatched to the area of 499 Foot Hills Road for a utility pole fire, and again at 4:17 p.m. to the area of 1703 Saybrook Road for another utility pole fire where a primary line was burning in the roadway.

At 4:20 p.m., crews responded to the intersection of Candlewood Hill and Little City Road for downed wires. Five minutes later, crews were called to more downed wires at 433 Little City Road and 667 Saybrook Road.

At 4:55 p.m., HVFC was dispatched to the area of 1040 Killingworth Road for a two-car motor vehicle accident. All three patients refused medical treatment. The road was closed briefly while the vehicles were removed.

At 5:25 p.m., crews were dispatched to a residence on Hidden Lake Road for downed wires and a reported electrical fire.

At 5:40 p.m., Haddam Fire was called to assist with downed wires at 186 Brainard Hill Road. And at 6 p.m., crews responded to 145 Brault Hill Road for more downed wires.

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company and the Connecticut State Police remind the public of the importance of obeying road blockades. Do not attempt to drive through a blockade.

"We understand that blockades prevent drivers from regular or easy access to their destinations, and it can be an inconvenience to turn around or find an alternate route, but blockades are set up for one purpose—public safety," explained HVFC Chief Sam Baber. "We don't want you driving over fallen power lines or striking a tree that fell across the road. Please respect road blockades."

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