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Cross Country: HKHS Undefeated in First Dual Meet

By Matt Diglio

On September 28, the Haddam Killingworth boys and girls cross country teams began their dual meet season as they traveled to Totoket Park in North Branford to compete in the Large School league meet against Valley Regional, Morgan, North Branford and Cromwell.

Both teams went undefeated on the afternoon to begin their dual meet season with a 4-0 record. The boys defeated Morgan by a score of 15-50, beat Cromwell 20-42, defeated North Branford 15-50 and beat Valley 15-49. H-K boys ran as a pack at the front of the race over the 3.1 mile course and were led by Freshman Daniel McCourt, who placed 3rd (19:10). Crossing the line at the exact same time as McCourt were Sophomores Colton Merola, 4th, Jack Cozean, 5th, Junior Luke Hedges, 6th and Senior Alex Lara, 7th.

The Girls team also went up against the same four league teams and went 4-0 on the afternoon. The Cougars defeated Morgan 15-50, beat Cromwell 15-50, defeated Valley 15-50 and beat North Branford 15-50. Also running as a pack over the 5,000 meter course the girls were led by Sophomore Margaret Robinson, who placed 3rd in a time of 23:45. Finishing as a pack in the same time in places 4th-10th was Junior Sydney Adelberg, Seniors Chloe LaCoss, Isabelle Berardino, Kira O'Brien, along with

Sophomore Keira Sehl-Albert and Freshmen Grace Mitchell and Delaney Aronson.

The cross country team competed on October 1, traveling to Montgomery, New York for the New Balance NY Night Time Showcase; they next participate at home on Tuesday, October 4, for the Floyd Parness Invitational.



Photos by Matt Diglio.

Killingworth Cadet Completes Advanced Camp at University of North Georgia

From Merit Pages News

Trent Ferguson of Killingworth completed Advanced Camp this summer. Ferguson was one of 93 University of North Georgia (UNG) cadets to complete camp.

UNG's Corps of Cadets students excelled in the five-week Advanced Camp where U.S. Army Cadet Command tested their military and leadership skills. This allowed Cadet Command to assess their proficiency as future officers. Camp is required for all cadets who seek a military officer commission.

Seventeen UNG cadets earned the Recondo badge, which is awarded to cadets who display superior skills by exceeding the standards in all camp activities.

"The superb educational environment at UNG, coupled with leadership-forming opportunities within the Corps of Cadets, molds the reliable

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Campaign to Save Deer Lake is Not Over

By Clark Judge

When a local nonprofit announced its purchase of Deer Lake last month, board members punctuated the event by joining conservationists and preservationists in an informal celebration. Cake was served. Two magnums of Champagne were uncorked. And the sign that read "Deer Lake Scout Reservation" and hung over the entrance to the 255-acre property was cut in half.

It now reads "Deer Lake."

Period.

"This wasn't just a come-from-behind victory for Deer Lake and this community," an exultant state Attorney General William Tong said at the September 16, 2022 news conference. "This was a Hail Mary."

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Against all odds, Pathfinders, Inc. – the nonprofit dedicated to preserving Deer Lake as open space – had engaged in a fundraising campaign that raised \$4.75 million to purchase the property from its owner, the Connecticut Yankee Council (CYC) of the Boy Scouts of America, and to save it from development.

But, contrary to what some believe, the Save Deer Lake campaign is not over. In fact, it's far from complete.

Yes, Pathfinders spared the property from private development. But, no, it cannot and will not assume complete ownership until it repays the \$1.8 million in low-interest loans that comprise 38 percent of the purchase price ... and that will necessitate a second-round of fundraising.

"We achieved our goal of gaining possession of the property," said Ted Langevin, Chairman of Pathfinders, "but we still have some time to go before it can be permanently protected ... When the loans get paid off, we'll be able to put a permanent conservation easement on the property, which is what we intend to do. That takes money, and that takes fundraising."

So what now? Keep reading.

Q: What's the next move?

A: To retire the \$1.8-million debt as soon as possible. Two loans were made, one of \$1.3 million by Don Vaccaro, CEO of TicketNetwork, and the other of \$500,000 by Tom Mercaldo, president of



Photo by Clark Judge.

Aquinas Consulting. Mercaldo, an Eagle Scout and Boy Scout Leader of Troop 1 in Milford, has since joined the Pathfinders Board of Directors. "There's another piece to this," said former State Rep. Bruce Morris, speaking for Vaccaro. "We need to get on to permanency. We encourage everyone for the posterity, for the legacy of the state of Connecticut, for children of the future ... let's see what we can do to get the posterity done."

Q: Who can help?

A: Anyone and everyone. When the "Save Deer Lake" drive began in mid-March of 2022, it netted more than \$3 million in donations from 87 Connecticut towns, 34 states and four countries ... and it did that in two months. "Astounding," said the head of one conservation group. Now a second push is necessary to cross the finish line, with a campaign jump-start launched in October.

Q: Why did the Save Deer Lake campaign resonate with so many people?

A: Because so many people cared ... and cared deeply ... about Deer Lake and their experiences there. Campers, counselors, youth groups, hikers, conservationists, preservationists, politicians, neighbors walking their dogs ... you name it ... advocates refused to let the property disappear. One reason was practical. As spokespersons for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Save the Sound pointed out, preserving the area as open space was critical to more than just Deer Lake. TNC named the area as one of the "most resilient" to climate change near shoreline in the Northeast, while Long Island Soundkeeper Bill Lucey detailed Deer Lake's importance to the well-being of the Sound. "If you don't have a healthy watershed," he said, "you don't have a healthy Long Island Sound. All the water that falls in the state of Connecticut drains into Long Island Sound. So it needs to be shaded, filtered and cleaned. And this (Deer Lake) is part of it." But there's another reason the Save Deer Lake movement had momentum, and it is personal and emotional. "There are special memories that this place holds for so many," said State Sen. Christine Cohen. "It doesn't matter whom you talk to; there is always a connection. Even if they hadn't visited here themselves, they knew somebody who had and who shared a special moment they had on the lake or camping with the Boy Scouts. Mark and Patty Clifton are treasures. The land and the water are like none other. The memories run deep."

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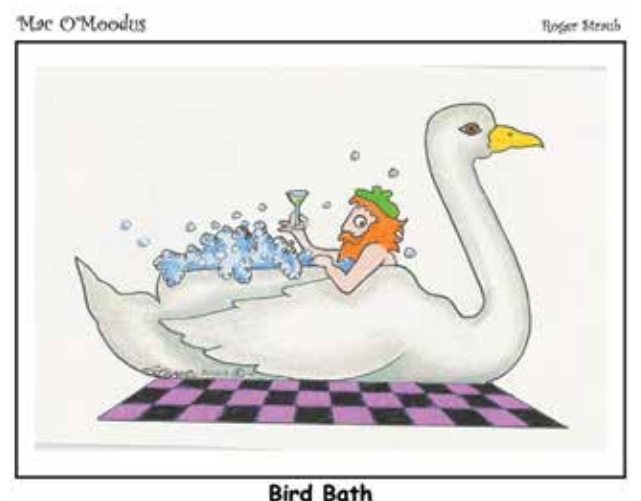
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CARTOON



H.M.S. Pinafore Sails into Deep River: October 15-16

By Richard Tecca,
Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society

The Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society will present H.M.S. Pinafore in three performances on Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16, in the Performing Arts Center at Valley Regional High School in Deep River.

Actors, Artistic Director and Story Line are the prominent subjects when promoting a Gilbert & Sullivan show. Taken for granted is the “Back-Stage Talent” that is a key foundation for it all. To get a feeling for back-stage talent, three people from Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society offered to tell their stories. They are the Costumer, the Sound Designer, and an Actor in “Rehearsal Program” mode.

Pat Nurnberger lives in Woodbury. She is a professional costume designer with a degree from the Rhode Island School of Design, and a Master’s Degree in Costume Design from UConn. Initially working in fashion design in New York City, her career shifted to costume design for theatre. In 2015 Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society became one of her first clients, and she has worked with the Society ever since. Costume designs for H.M.S. Pinafore began when she started researching ideas. She discovered watercolor renderings at the Victoria and Albert Museum for one of the original productions of Pinafore. They were so lively and youthful that she was immediately attracted to them for the lead female character, Josephine, and her cousins. She reproduced them as exactly as possible.

Richard Ives is a Mechanical Engineer graduate from Carnegie Mellon and a mechanical design/project/quality engineer by trade. The founder of IDEAS Unlimited, he also provides sound engineer services to schools and community organizations. He lives in Wallingford, and is providing professional audio support for his 23rd production with CG&SS. Ives’s technical approach is very effective. He usually works for the entire production week to learn the show and identify the sources of noise in the theatre. He scans and programs the wireless mics worn by the actors to frequencies that are not affected by radio noise given off by air conditioning units, elevators and other sources.

Natalie Wood lives in Hebron. H.M.S. Pinafore will be her fourth performance in a lead role with the Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society. Her

appraisal of Rehearsal Program is the following: “As a performer, taking part in a CTG&SS production is the perfect melting pot of talented actors, musicians, directors and supporting staff. Rehearsals are upbeat and fun with the right mix of respect of G&S tradition and creative innovation. It’s a privilege and excellent opportunity to immerse oneself in the material and have a rollicking good time while doing it. When all members- cast and production team alike- tirelessly share their vast experience and zeal for the production, sparks fly and I think the audience will really love the finished production. We look forward to providing you with a wonderful treat! Please join us!”

Tickets and information are available at the website ctgands.org/tickets or by calling 860-554-1256.



Photo courtesy of Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

COMMUNITY

The Green Light Means Go for HaRRP

By Liz Anderson, HaRRP Administrator

The Haddam Area Refugee Resettlement Project (HaRRP) is excited to announce that the Green Light Form indicating that they are ready to welcome a family to Haddam has been completed and accepted by our partner, Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS). We can expect a family anytime now with as little as 48 hours notice. It might, of course, take a few months, but we are looking forward to being able to assist a family in their adjustment to a new home in the near future.

The house is ready for new occupants, volunteers have been trained and background-checked. Area churches have contributed generously as have individuals and other community groups, raising more than the \$20,000 goal suggested by IRIS. Group leaders have volunteered for grant-writing, housing, providing rides, education, healthcare, welcoming the family, fundraising—all under the outstanding leadership of Lori Chadwick and Jack Murphy. That does not mean that additional volunteers are not welcome and needed! It’s not too late to volunteer by completing an application at <https://haddamchurch.org/about-harrp> or by contacting Lori at lori.chadwick@snet.net or Jack at jackmurf@gmail.com



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Christine Palm: Candidate for State Representative (D)



As Haddam's state representative running for re-election, I'm building on four legislative sessions of experience, relationship-forging, and

leadership. I serve as vice chair of the Environment Committee, Democratic Leader of the Internship Committee, and Assistant Majority Leader. I've been endorsed by both the Independent Party and the Working Families Party.

Before running, I served as policy analyst for the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, helping legislators understand the consequences of their votes on matters affecting those three populations. Previously, I was Media Director for the State Treasury, communicating to the general public the complexities of the sub-prime mortgage crisis.

I've been a journalist, a high school teacher, and once owned a bowling alley. In 2018 I launched my own business, Sexual Harassment Prevention, LLC, which trains

corporations, colleges and non-profits.

Why I am running: My Priorities Being a good legislator is more than a full-time commitment to the people of Haddam, Chester, Essex and Deep River. I've helped bring \$1.3 million in State funding to Haddam, have gotten four of my own bills passed, and shepherded many significant bills ranging from protecting firefighters from the toxic chemical PFAS, to "Cecil's Law," which banned trophy hunting in Connecticut while protecting legitimate hunters' Second Amendment rights.

As everyone knows, the pandemic has taken an enormous toll on our children's mental health, our economy, our teachers, and working families' pocketbooks. I'm running to continue to protect our most vulnerable, to make Connecticut more affordable for our retirees and working families, to support young people who want to stay or move here, to protect women's access to reproductive healthcare, to fight climate change, and make sure everyone – regardless of political affiliation — can vote in safety and security.

Chris Turkington: Candidate for State Representative (R)



Dear Friends, My name is Christopher Turkington. I am the Republican candidate for the Connecticut House of Representatives

36th District, which includes the great towns of Haddam, Chester, Deep River, and Essex. My wife, Connie, and I live in Haddam with our three children and our English Bulldog, Stubbs. I chose to run for State Representative because I want to be a part of the change that I wish to see for our state. I want to live in a state that's affordable, safe, with quality educational opportunities for our children.

My hope is to represent the people of the 36th District with honesty, integrity, and transparency. We have sat back for too long as we have seen our great state ravaged by high taxes, higher energy costs, and government

power becoming too centralized in our Executive Branch and bureaucratic agencies, thanks to the damaging policies done by the Democrat leadership in our General Assembly.

As the Republican candidate, if elected, I will work with my fellow Republicans and Democrats to fight for lower taxes to help ease the financial burdens that our residents face today. I will fight to give power back to the parents when it comes to their children's education, and I will fight for more open and transparent government to ensure the power lies in the hands of who it was intended for, the people of the State of Connecticut.

If you would like to get to know me, ask questions, or just chat about what issues matter most to you, feel free to visit my website at putturktowork.com; you may also call me at (860) 798-8799. Thank you for taking the time to read up about me. Remember to get out and vote on November 8th and let's #PutTurkToWork.

Sincerely, Christopher Turkington

Chris Aniskovich: Candidate for State Representative (R)



I have lived in Clinton with my wife and two children since 2003. I have served as President of Clinton Youth Football and as

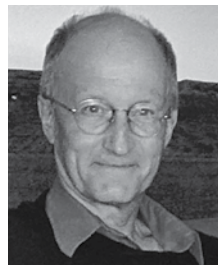
a volunteer coach in the Harry Swan Little League and Park & Rec Youth Basketball program. I have served as Chair of the Clinton Town Council for the past three years and before that on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Assessment Appeals. I am currently a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, the newly formed Clinton Athletic Hall of Fame and served as past President of the Connecticut Mortgage Brokers Association.

If elected, I think the most critical issues facing our state are growing the economy, promoting job growth, protecting our coastal resources and education. I have seen first-hand

the impacts of the pandemic on small businesses and the struggles of working people who are confronted with uncontrolled inflation. Investments in our communities that promote growth and job creation and keep our towns affordable are essential. We also need to do everything we can to address the impact of climate change on our coastline. The state must partner with towns to make real investments in coastal resiliency efforts. There needs to be open and honest communication among parents, teachers and administrators as to how we educate our children with the understanding that it is the child who is most important.

Protecting families and the rights of parents will always be a priority for me in Hartford. I will work to make our town and our state a safer and more vital place to live and work. When all is said and done, it's about people, not politics, for me.

Hugh Birdsall: Candidate for State Representative (Green Party)



My name is Hugh Birdsall. I live in Clinton with my wife, Janis, and our two dogs. I am running on the Green Party ticket for State Representative in

the 35th District.

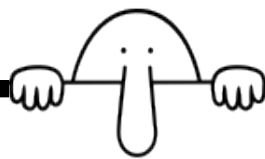
I am a retired public school teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages. I currently work as education coordinator for a 501(c)3 non-profit organization called Reforest the Tropics, based in Mystic. My job involves going into elementary and middle schools in eastern Connecticut to teach students about climate change and sustainable living. I am also a musician, songwriter and producer. I have performed in some of the finest restaurants, bars, parking lots, and farmers markets in the state.

In Clinton, I serve on the Town Tree Committee and the Sustainability Committee. In the past, I have run for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the

Board of Education, also on the Green Party ticket.

The reason I am running for state representative this year is to continue participating in the civic life of my town. I hope to highlight important issues that are historically overlooked by the major party candidates. Ranked choice voting, curbside composting, truly affordable housing, and equity are ideas whose time has come in our district. If we are to confront effectively the existential threat of climate change and the unsustainable and inequitable practices that have defined our region for decades, we need informed and committed representation in the General Assembly. While I do not expect to win more than a few percent of the vote in this election, I do hope that my presence on the ballot will call attention to these increasingly urgent matters.

I look forward to meeting my fellow candidates and to engaging in a civil and lively discussion about the issues I have outlined above.



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Thursday, October 13

Music with Margie - Brainerd Memorial Library 11:00 a.m.

Love2Sign - Killingworth Library 10:45 a.m.

Haddam Park & Recreation meeting 7:30 p.m.

HKYFS "Girls Night Out," A fun and informational event for girls and their mothers or significant caregivers - 6:00 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

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

Friday, October 14

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

Music with Margie 11:00 a.m. Killingworth Library.

Cricut Crafting for Teens 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Cricut Crafting for Adults 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Saturday, October 15

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.

Haddam Historical Society Fall House Tour 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Surprise Saturday with Mrs. Fig - 10:30 a.m. Killingworth Library.

Brainerd Memorial Library October Fall Festival 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 16

Haddam Troop 44 Scouts Annual Pancake Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fire House 439 Saybrook Road in Higganum.

Rally to Support First Responders & Law Enforcement - Higganum Green 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, October 17

Haddam Club 60: Meeting with Author Vicki Harlow 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Higganum Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum

Lego Club Themed Build - 5:00 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

Haddam Inland Wetlands meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, October 18

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

Do the Write Thing for Kids - 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.

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

Do the Write Thing for Tweens - 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Rick "Papa Elf" Johnson Carving Class 5:30 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

Teen Ore Taste Test Showdown 5:30 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

HKYFS "Girls Night Out" 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Wednesday, October 19

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

Pokémon Club 4:30 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

Haddam BOF meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 20

Music with Margie - 11:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

Love2Sign - 10:45 a.m. Killingworth Library.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Mystery Book Club - Join us as we discuss *The Dogs of Riga* by Henning Mankell. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

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

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

ARTS

The Dance Corner Presents "Dancing From the Heart:" October 22

By Carrie L. Smith, Owner & Director, The Dance Corner

The Dance Corner presents the 5th Annual Dancing From the Heart, a concert to benefit Child Life at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. The concert will be held on Saturday, October 22, at 2:30 p.m., at the Clinton Town Hall Auditorium, 54 East Main Street in Clinton.

The show will feature performances from Connecticut dance companies, including Ballet Hartford, River Valley Dance Project, and Moxie Dance. Students from The Dance Corner will also perform. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Child Life Department at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, which helps children cope with the adjustments of being in a hospital by providing a variety of play experiences. These activities help both children and families gain a greater understanding of medical procedures, which helps reduce stress and fear of the unknown.

Carrie Smith, director of The Dance Corner said, "It has been a long-time dream of mine to bring professional and student dancers from our community together for a performance to benefit those in need. Part of our mission at The Dance Corner is to promote dance in our community and to give back. This event does both. Since 2017, this event has raised more than \$8000 for the Child Life Fund. We hope to hit \$10,000 this year."

Tickets to Dancing From the Heart are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets can

be purchased in advance at The Dance Corner, 206 Route 80, Killingworth or at the door. The program should run about one hour.

The Dance Corner is dedicated to providing its students with a well-rounded education in all facets of dance and tumbling. Classes are designed to increase confidence, build self-esteem and develop coordination in an interactive, group environment, with instruction for all ages and levels of experience. Fall class registration is open, and free trial classes are available for prospective students. To register or schedule a trial class visit www.thedancecorner.com or call 860-663-3738.

SEEKING ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Higganum Congregational Church and the First Congregational Church of Haddam are seeking an organist/choir director. Consideration will be given to having either one person fill both roles or creating two positions. The two churches are in the town of Haddam. Both churches have excellent two-manual organs that have been well maintained. The two congregations are small and worship together, meeting on alternate months at one or the other's campus. Interested persons should contact haddam.music.ministry@gmail.com.




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Brandon Goff: Candidate for State Senate (R)



33rd District Republican State Senate candidate Brandon Goff is a East Hampton native who graduated from East Hampton High School

in 2014. At 17, he joined the Navy and did 5 years active duty on the Submarine USS Maine in Washington State. Moved back to East Hampton in 2019 to work for Northrop Grumman as an electronics technician and married his high school sweetheart this past May.

Brandon continues to serve the Navy as a reservist and the community as an East Hampton Town Councilman. And by being on East Hampton's Town Council, he sees firsthand the lack of state leadership representation there is unless it's election time. Connecticut has been a long-time Democrat-run state and they recently have been making claims that taxes have been lowered, they are standing up to

energy rates and crime has decreased. None of which is true. Brandon will work to combat all of these by first lowering the 50 cent per gallon diesel tax, and removing the new meal tax and highway tax. All of which will help everyone get ready to survive the winter and bring costs of food down. Electric rates have increased 72% since July of last year.

Brandon intends to stop letting PURA control the rates and intends to rebuild our current energy infrastructures to help reduce costs. Crime or more specifically rape and murder has increased and our Governor has received a 97% no confidence vote by the State Police. Brandon will make sure Police are allowed to do their jobs and make sure just laws are enforced in court. Brandon is endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police and a Pro 2A CCDL candidate who is pro parental rights, pro women's rights and choice and is running to make Connecticut safe and affordable.

Christine Goupil: Candidate for State Representative (D)



I currently serve as the State Representative for Clinton, Killingworth, and Westbrook. Additionally, I serve on the Clinton Town

Council and as Vice President of Clinton's Arts Council. I previously served as Clinton's First Selectman.

This year we put Connecticut back on a path of progress — we passed the largest tax cut in Connecticut history, made meaningful investments in mental health for children and childcare for working families, expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer, funded gun violence prevention, improved transportation infrastructure while ensuring the well-being of our environment for future generations. I hold our veterans close to my heart and I have worked on investments in veterans organizations and nutritional health services for seniors. We passed legislation to protect our first responders, expanding workers compensation coverage to include PTS, securing funding to support firefighters who are at a higher risk of cancer due to

their work. We ensured a woman's right to choose is upheld in Connecticut, protecting patients and healthcare providers.

There is more work to be done in supporting all members of our community. Next session I will work on legislation to protect our seniors from predatory housing environments, to provide at home care support necessary for our seniors to stay in their homes, and to expand the availability of adult daycares.

Easing the fiscal burdens facing our community will be a priority in the coming legislation session. I hope to accomplish this through further expansion of the gas tax holiday, increasing the duration and scope of sales tax holidays, and increasing the property tax credits available for seniors.

Environmental issues, both small and large, include protecting our horseshoe crabs from harvesting and developing coastal resiliency programs at both the state and regional level while focusing on long-term solutions.

I encourage you to visit my website and contact me to discuss the issues you find important. More information can be found on my website, ChristineGoupil.com

Christine Cohen: Candidate for State Senate (D)



I'm Christine Cohen representing the 12th Senate District currently comprised of Branford, Madison, Guilford,

Killingworth, Durham and North Branford and after redistricting, also parts of Middlefield and East Haven. I live in Guilford with my husband Rob, our three teenage children and our dog, Abby. In 2003, we started Cohen's Bagel Company. Prior to being elected to the state senate, I served on Guilford's Board of Education.

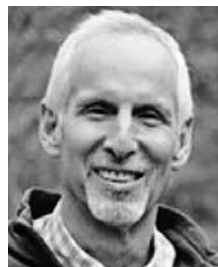
I am chair of the Environment committee, and vice chair of Commerce. I'm a member of the Children's, Aging and Finance committees as well. I have been honored to bring the voices of constituents with me to Hartford. Some of the best legislation has come directly from conversations together whether it be from the Songs who advocated fiercely for safe gun storage in the wake of the tragic loss of their son; or securing more police funding

for crisis intervention training based on conversations with law enforcement and local advocates. I recently worked with a team of community members to secure state dollars for the Chatfield Hollow bridge project and together with the delegation, also brought back funding for the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department. I worked hard to ban harmful PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam and ensure the proper testing and remediation for communities impacted by contamination, such as Killingworth. I am really proud of these often bipartisan accomplishments and there are so many more.

Fiscally, Connecticut is in a terrific position. We've had economic growth, have maxed out our Rainy Day Fund at \$3.3 billion and provided the largest tax cuts in recent history.

I hope to be re-elected and continue this good work together. Protecting our environment, safeguarding reproductive freedom, securing affordable, quality healthcare and growing Connecticut's economy while addressing our fiscal responsibilities are a few of my top priorities.

Norm Needleman: Candidate for State Senate (D)



My name is Norm Needleman. I have represented our region as the State Senator for the 33rd District since my election in 2018. If re-elected, this will be my

third term. In addition to being State Senator, I am also the First Selectman of Essex. I am also the founder and CEO of Tower Laboratories in Centerbrook, a producer of over-the-counter medications and products. I spend my free time with my beautiful family.

I am running for re-election because I have always felt a strong sense of civic duty, and for decades have volunteered and worked with town and regional boards and organizations. I feel that my combination of experience as both a business owner and a local leader provides me with the knowledge necessary to understand the issues facing our state and to know the best common sense solutions to approach

those issues to benefit all of us and our region. Additionally, my experience serving as State Senator for four years now gives me awareness of how the position works and how best to approach it, valuable when it comes to negotiations and bringing funding back to our region.

My top priorities are related to energy and employment. As the Senate Chair of the Energy & Technology Committee, I'm working to help make energy cheaper in our state, also looking to the future of the power grid. We need to hold Eversource accountable and make sure we follow a path that is affordable and energy-efficient. I will also continue to push for programs bolstering our workforce, such as improving the workforce pipeline through new training programs and making it easier for companies to come to Connecticut, and most importantly, start in Connecticut. We need a business environment that supports entrepreneurs so we can support home-grown success here.

Paul Crisci: Candidate for State Senator (R)



Branford resident Paul Crisci is a faith-based, family-centric, business owner who was born and raised in Bronx, New York. Growing up in a diversified area of

the Bronx helped Paul become who he is today. Raised by a single mother who worked multiple jobs, Paul learned the importance of a work ethic. His humble beginnings motivated him to become a fiscally responsible business owner with

a growing list of state and national clients who seek his expertise.

Why Am I Running?

It has become overwhelmingly apparent that Connecticut needs local leaders to prioritize common sense solutions over poor process and infringing on individual rights.

As the dad of three young women, I will advocate for parents and the mental health and well-being of children. Young people face complex issues, and it is the fundamental right of parents to have a voice in the development of their child beyond academics. Our Connecticut

families see the horrors of neglecting mental health, the rise in violence, and the devastation caused by the opioid and fentanyl crisis. Connecticut needs a holistic approach for awareness, resources, and professionals to support the needs of young people in school and outside the classroom.

What My Priorities Are

Connecticut residents and businesses owners are dying a death by a thousand cuts by way of over-regulating and over-taxing in conjunction with inflation.

My priorities are maintaining fiscal stability while addressing our state's need

to reignite economic growth. We need to promote our universities and state assets so that we are competitive and can boast an education-to-career pipeline that will attract corporations and keep our students in Connecticut.

Connecticut residents deserve to feel safe at home, at work, in schools. Amending the Police Accountability Act is a priority to immediately provide departments with the resources, staff, and training officers needed to effectively protect our residents.

Haddam Sustainability Committee: Food (Scraps) for Thought

By Linda Talbott, Haddam Sustainability Committee

First of all, apologies to all participants, as we did have a glitch in the Blue Earth Compost pick-up schedule for a couple of weeks in early September. For some reason, there was no pick-up around Labor Day weekend and, since all nine bins we had were filled, the Transfer Station staff had to shut down the Food Scrap pick-up. A new driver was hired and he didn't get the route down pat, so another week, the same thing happened. We apologize for this. We now have a total of eleven bins, and Blue Earth assures us this won't happen again.

Prior to that, we were filling nine bins consistently. Since we started this program in December 2021, we have removed, as of October 2, 2022, 29,080 lbs. or 14.54 tons of food scraps out of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). If we consistently fill twelve bins, we will get a two-yard dumpster. Thank you to the Transfer Station staff who monitor the food bins and roll them into and out of the swap shack section.

Some people have mentioned that they had unwanted, buggy critters around their food bins in

the hot summer. Do not spray them, as that will contaminate the food scrap compost. There are 2 solutions:

If your countertop compostable bag is full, tie a knot in it and put it in your freezer. You can transport it and dump it into the Blue Earth bin frozen.

Go to the Transfer Station more than once a week, if possible, to get rid of it. Someone told me they had it outside for a couple of weeks before they went to the Transfer Station. In the heat of the summer, that invites the buggy critters.

Of the 150 starter kits the Town purchased, there are only 19 left. You can get them at the Town Office Building in the Tax Collector's office, the First Selectman's office, or the Assessor's office. If you are running out of the compostable BioBags, those are there as well. \$25 is the price for a kit and \$5/roll of 25 bags. A kit consists of a countertop bin, a roll of compostable bags and a six-gallon green transport bin.

It is not necessary to use one of these starter kits to participate. The only requirement is not to put your food scraps into a plastic or biodegradable bag. Food scraps do not have to be in any kind

of bag and can be dumped just the way they are. Thank you to all who are participating. Contact us at HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com

LEGAL

TOWN OF HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the Old Town Hall, 30 Field Park Haddam CT on October 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item(s):

Public Hearing and Meeting:

1. A site plan review to allow for a 10,000 sq ft retail building on Killingworth Road, Map 60/lot 26-7, adjacent to 968 Killingworth Road. Applicant: MPA Realty Associates

Said application is on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam. Planning and zoning Commission, Haddam CT

DEER LAKE UPDATE

Campaign to Save Deer Lake is Not Over

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Q: Besides the general community, what are other sources of possible funding?

A: U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal mentioned one at the September 16th news conference: The Inflation Reduction Act, which, he said, "has a \$5-billion allocation for the regional conservation and preservation program. I don't know how the Inflation Reduction Act is being implemented, but, one way or another, I'm confident these loans can be paid off and that there will be a conservation easement." Killingworth First Selectwoman Nancy Gorski promised town help, saying, "We are prepared to stand next to Pathfinders and do what needs to get done to pay down the debt." Cohen mentioned state assistance through the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. DEEP staff have walked the Deer Lake property. So has Gov. Ned Lamont. So they have first-hand knowledge of the area. "(Deer Lake) is contiguous to state forest, which is contiguous to Chatfield Hollow. So it makes a lot of sense for the state to come in and take a piece of ownership to help Pathfinders retire some of that debt and allow it to maintain the parts of the camp that make sense for Pathfinders and allow the state to come in with parts that make sense for the state." Don't expect immediate relief. "That's always the question," said Cohen. "DEEP has certain bonding available for this type of thing, but it takes a long time. Nothing moves quickly, let's say. They need to make appraisals, work with the party that owns the land and do surveys. I can't put a timeline on it, but we already are talking about what those possibilities could be. We really want to help Pathfinders make this work for everyone involved ...and, most important, for the people of Connecticut. I'm very optimistic"

Q: Anything else not involving political entities?

A: Plenty. Weekend rentals and overnight camping will bring in money. So will leadership outings, weddings, events requiring use of the Dining Hall, outer buildings and surrounding property, outdoor education programs and subscriber donations. In the past, Deer Lake has hosted the Yale University hockey team for a one-day event, athletic teams from Fairfield University, Central Connecticut, Southern Connecticut and Connecticut College. It also once hosted Wesleyan Outdoor Wilderness for freshman orientation and Yale freshman staff training orientation.

Q: Will there be a celebration to thank local donors?

A: Yes. Plans call for an October 30 Open House at Deer Lake from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with the public invited at no cost. The idea is to celebrate what Blumenthal called "a profoundly important step that we thought couldn't be done" and to thank the community for its role in an extraordinary grassroots effort. There will be food, drink, vendors, hay rides, music, guided trail hikes, a silent auction and, most important, education stations where donations can be made.

Q: Is the property now open to hikers and campers?

A: It is. Though Deer Lake is still privately owned, hikers are welcome. They are encouraged to check in with Mark or Patty Clifton, who operated the Deer Lake summer youth camp the past 36 years, and groups of five or more are asked to call ahead (203-421-4040). If hikers are accompanied by dogs, they're asked to leash them and pick up and dispose of waste. Campers are welcome, too, but they must pay rental fees as they have in the past. Essentially, the rules are virtually identical to those a year ago under the CYC. "We welcome everybody," said Langevin. "We want to make sure as many people know about this place. The support we've had has been just incredible."

Q: Will the Boy Scouts be able to return, too?

A: Yes. In fact, Pathfinders is clear on this subject. Scouts — Boy and Girl ...are as welcome now as they were a year ago. In fact, six Boy Scout groups signed up for a recent weekend (only one was able to come due to inclement weather). As in the past, they will pay for overnight camping and use of the facilities, with fees set by the property's new owner, Pathfinders.

Q: How will the sale affect the summer youth camp?

A: It won't. Remember, Pathfinders ran the camp this summer when the property was leased from the CYC. Mark and Patty Clifton ran it, as they have for more than three decades, and camp rosters were full, with waiting lists for every session. The only difference from last year at this time is that, then, there was serious indecision going forward because the future of the entire acreage was unknown. Not anymore. Expect earlier notices, decisions and camp invitations for the 2023 camp.

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HKMS: Cougar Core Values Awards for September

By Debra Cumpstone,
Haddam-Killingworth Middle School

On Monday, October 3, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School held its first town Town Meeting of the 2022-2023 school year where the following students were recognized for the month of September:

Zi Abbott	Responsibility, Respect
Leah Albrecht	Kindness, Acceptance
Eleanor Barry	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility
Robert Bassett	Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Respect
Alyssa Behnke	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility
Mason Bergman	Responsibility, Respect
Max Bergman	Kindness
Paul Birkmeyer	Responsibility, Kindness
Wayah Bonham	Responsibility, Perseverance, Kindness
Gavin Carlson	Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance
Emma Castiglioni	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance
Alexandra Catalano	Respect, Acceptance, Kindness, Responsibility
Aubrey Chadwick	Perseverance, Respect
Kaylee Chlodnicki	Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance
Caleb Cimma	Responsibility, Respect
Seth Coulombe	Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect
Tyler Dickinson	Responsibility, Respect, Kindness
Thomas Downing	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility
Hazel Doyle	Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance
Peyton Esposito	Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Kindness
Hazel Forristall	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance
Olive Forristall	Responsibility, Acceptance
Whitney Golanski	Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance
George Hebert	Perseverance, Kindness, Respect
Oskar Heikkila	Perseverance, Responsibility
Coulson Henkind	Responsibility, Respect,

Ryan House	Perseverance
Gabby Hunt	Respect, Responsibility
Safina Hussain	Responsibility, Perseverance
Ian King	Respect, Responsibility
Filip Kozdra	Responsibility, Kindness, Respect
Kody Lehet	Kindness, Responsibility
Mateo LoGiudice	Acceptance, Kindness, Respect
Alexa Lopez	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness
Ryan Macknight	Respect, Responsibility
Bailey Mandaville	Acceptance, Kindness, Respect, Responsibility
Lia Mandolfo	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility
Gabe Marciniac	Kindness, Respect, Responsibility
Scarlett Marino	Responsibility, Respect
Kaitlyn Mazer	Respect, Responsibility
Tyler Medina	Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance, Kindness
Jackie Meyer	Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance
Bryce Micale	Kindness, Responsibility
Sam Michael	Respect, Responsibility
Ryan Perry	Kindness, Responsibility, Perseverance

Frieda Petersen	Respect, Responsibility
Merritt Pruchnicki	Responsibility, Perseverance
Aaron Richwine	Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Acceptance
Braylon Rodriguez	Respect, Acceptance, Kindness, Responsibility
Karissa Sehl-Albert	Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance, Perseverance, Kindness
Andrew Soucie	Perseverance, Responsibility
Max Stahl	Kindness, Perseverance
Aedan Tenbrunsel	Perseverance, Acceptance, Responsibility
Wyatt Voegtli	Respect, Responsibility
Meghan Walsh	Perseverance, Kindness, Respect
Annie Webster	Kindness, Acceptance, Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance
Mavric Ziegler	Responsibility, Perseverance

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.

COMMUNITY

Rally to Support First Responders & Law Enforcement: October 16

By Dan Luisi

On Sunday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a rally on the Higganum Green to show support for our First Responders & Law Enforcement.

Political Commentator, Brendan Saunders will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Speakers include:

- U.S. Senate candidate, Leora Levy (R)
- 2nd Congressional District candidate Mike France (R)
- Connecticut House (34th District) Incumbent candidate, Rep. Irene Haines (R)
- Connecticut House (36th District) candidate, Chris Turkington (R)
- Connecticut Senate (33rd District) candidate, Brandon Goff (R)
- The Voice of Freedom radio talk show host Lee Elci
- Unconfirmed speakers: Connecticut gubernatorial candidate, Bob Stefanowski (R), and Connecticut Attorney General candidate, Jessica Kordas (R).

The celebration will include the members of the Westbrook Jr. Colonial Fife and Drum Corps.

HVFC Auxiliary Military Whist Card Game: October 25

By Betty Cernan, HVFC Auxiliary

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will hold its Annual Military Whist Card Party on Tuesday, October 25, at the firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the game starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. Please note: The game starts earlier than in past years. Tickets are \$7.00 and \$6.00 for seniors and will be sold at the door on a first-come basis. If you have questions, call 860-345-2775. We were not able to hold our Whist for two years due to COVID, so mark your calendar for this year!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Support of Rep. Christine Palm for Re-Election

Editor's Note: The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this newspaper. We welcome supporting or opposing views on any published item.

I am writing this in support of the re-election of our current 36th District

State Representative, Christine Palm, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

First of all, Christine Palm is a WARRIOR! She is a champion for her constituents. She is approachable, empathetic, tough and courageous. She is respectful and respected.

She is hard-working, energetic, dedicated and tireless. She is always available via her office via email, text or phone.

She will follow through in the future upon re-election as she has in the past with anything

thrown her way. Most recently she and Senator Norm Needleman secured funding for Haddam for Haddam Elementary School and Higganum Cove...no small task for which we all should be very grateful. This is just the tip of the iceberg of the achievements Rep. Palm has done for us all.

She has unparalleled political experience in this job and has served us all well.

She has what it takes to continue being our advocate in Hartford as our re-elected 36th District State Representative.

Please consider voting for Rep. Christine Palm on Election Day so she can continue her work representing all of us in her district. Nothing beats experience. She will continue to serve us well here in Haddam.

Susann Costa, Haddam




COMMUNITY

Killingworth Cadet Completes Advanced Camp at University of North Georgia

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foundation of success for our Boar's Head Brigade cadets," Col. Bryan Kirk, UNG professor of military science, said. "The dedication of our faculty and staff not only teaches their field of study, but also how to think. This prepares cadets to encounter and react to new and unknown situations."

Positioned in the fastest-growing region of the state, the University of North Georgia comprises five campuses united by a single mission focused on academic excellence and academic and co-curricular programs that develop students into leaders for a diverse and global society. The University of North Georgia is a University System of Georgia leadership institution and is The Military College of Georgia. With almost 19,000 students, the University of North Georgia is one of the state's largest public universities. The university offers more than 100 programs of study ranging from certificate and associate degrees to doctoral programs.

COMMUNITY

Haddam Board of Selectmen Convenes Special Meeting

By Gigi Simko

The Town of Haddam Board of Selectmen convened on Monday, October 3 to discuss a resolution to reapply for a challenge grant from the Department of Economic Community Development (DECD).

The grant would not exceed \$800,000 and, if approved, the Town would have to match 50% of the grant. Funds would be used to convert rooms at the former Haddam Elementary School to a Haddam Senior Center, install a sidewalk and add a generator. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY

Tables Available for Vendors at the Holiday Vendor Fair

By Betty Cernan, HVFC Auxiliary

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will be holding its 11th Annual Holiday Vendor Fair on Sunday, November 6, noon to 3:00 p.m. This event will be at the firehouse at 439 Saybrook Road. There is still room available for vendors. If you are interested in booking a space, contact Mary Nork at 860-345-4744 as soon as possible.

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COMMUNITY

Fall Clean-Up at Haddam Meadows State Park: October 22

By Cheryl Czuba

Come join the fun! Join an enthusiastic group of volunteers at the beautiful Haddam Meadows State Park for our second fall clean-up and trash pick-up on Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The rain date is Saturday, October 29.

Participants are asked to meet in the middle picnic area. Adults, and youth under 16 years of age accompanied by an adult, are encouraged to participate by removing oriental bittersweet and other invasives and/or by picking up trash. Please dress for the weather. Wear waterproof

boots, bring garden loppers or saw, insect repellent, sunscreen, water, and first aid supplies. Refreshments will be served. Do not bring pets. Volunteers with dump trucks with Haddam Transfer Station stickers are needed. The event is being planned by Connecticut DEEP Adopt-a-Park Volunteers: Jamie Burgess, Deborah Cooney, Cherry Czuba, Joanne DelCioppo-McHugh, Richard Gill, Mary Lou Heger and David Stiles Please register by emailing Cheryl Czuba at cherylczuba@comcast.net



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Make Your Own Cleaning Products at Home

By Sarah Neal,
Haddam Sustainability Committee

Many conventional cleaning products on the market today contain toxic ingredients which are harmful to humans, pets, and the planet. As an alternative, you can make safe, effective cleaning products at home, and most require only three or four ingredients, which can be purchased for a fraction of the cost of conventional products. If you are going to purchase spray bottles for the cleaners, consider glass ones so you save the planet from more plastic.

Here are a few basic recipes, which are from Julia Watkins' book Simply

Living Well or theecohub.com. Ingredients such as essential oils and Castile soap are available at health food stores or online. Note that all your cleaners should be labeled and stored in a safe place, away from children and pets. More recipes for DIY cleaning products can be found on the Facebook page for the Haddam Sustainability Committee.

All-Purpose Cleaner 1 – In a spray bottle, mix equal parts water and distilled white vinegar. Add 10 drops of lemon or orange essential oils if desired. Not for use on granite or marble counter tops or on hardwood floors.



Photo by Sarah Neal.

All-Purpose Cleaner 2 – In a spray bottle, mix 1 cup water and 1 tablespoon liquid Castile soap. Add a few drops of your favorite essential oil if desired. Can be used on all surfaces.

Drain Cleaner – Pour ½ cup baking soda followed by 1 cup distilled white vinegar down the drain and wait a few minutes. (You will see a chemical reaction here!) Then pour boiling water down the drain.

Drain Cleaner – Pour ½ cup baking



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