

# Haddam Killingworth News

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## Girls Swim: HKHS Extends Winning Season to 4-0

By Alison Karam, Head Coach, HKHS Girls Swim Team

The Haddam-Killingworth High School Girls Swim team extended its swim season record to 4-0 after defeating Ledyard 88-49 in an outdoor meet at Vitale Aquatic on October 7. The Cougar girls took first and third in the opening 200-yard medley relay and held the lead for the remainder of the meet. H-K Sophomore Liv Macaluso qualified for State Championships in the 100-yard backstroke, swimming 1:10.51. This was Macaluso's third State qualifying event this season, adding to her qualifying swims in the 100-yard butterfly (1:10.05) against Lyme-Old Lyme and the 200-yard I.M. (2:35.22) against Waterford. Senior co-captain Erin Marica again posted a State qualifying swim in the 500-yard freestyle (6:05.54). Twelve swimmers scored the winning points for HKHS: Aleysha Brawley (Senior), Emma Sajus (Junior), Erin Marica (Senior, Co-Captain), Johanna "Jo" Houska (Senior, Co-Captain), Kristen Thebeau (Senior, Captain), Layla Hayward (Junior), Maggie Miller (Freshman) Olivia Campo (Sophomore), Olivia "Liv" Macaluso (Sophomore), Peyton Tyler (Junior), Sofia Campo (Sophomore), and Veronica "VV" Pypa (Sophomore).

Top 3 finishes for HKHS: 200-yard Medley Relay: 1st: H-K (Macaluso, Marica, Sajus, Hayward), 3rd: H-K (Thebeau, Brawley, Miller, Tyler). 200-yard Freestyle: 1st: Houska, 2nd: S. Campo, 3rd: Pypa. 200-yard Individual Medley: 1st: Macaluso. 50-yard Freestyle: 1st: Tyler, 2nd: Hayward. 100-yard Butterfly: 1st: Houska, 2nd: Sajus. 100-yard Freestyle: 1st: Tyler, 2nd: Thebeau, 3rd: O. Campo. 500-yard Freestyle: 1st: Marica\*. 2nd: Miller. 200-yard Freestyle Relay: 1st: H-K (Houska, Tyler, Sajus, Hayward), 3rd: H-K (Pypa, Brawley, O. Campo, S. Campo). 100-yard Backstroke: 1st: Macaluso\*, 2nd: Thebeau. 100-yard Breaststroke: 1st: Marica, 3rd: Pypa. 400-yard Freestyle Relay: 1st: H-K (Houska, Hayward, Macaluso, Marica), 2nd: (Miller, S. Campo, Thebeau, Sajus).



HKHS Sophomore Liv Macaluso.



Left to right: Olivia Campo, Erin Marica, Kristen Thebeau, Aleysha Brawley, Liv Macaluso, Emma Sajus, Maggie Miller, Peyton Tyler, Layla Hayward, Jo Houska, Sofia Campo, VV Pypa. Photos by Heather Marica.

## Football: HKHS 28, Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby 12

By Barth Keck, Assistant Coach, HKHS Football

Orion Inkel rushed for 144 yards on 23 carries, ran for one touchdown, and caught two touchdown passes to lead Haddam-Killingworth (2-2) over the Windsor Locks co-op on October 8, in Windsor Locks. Alex Phipps was 15 of 21 for a total of 126 yards and three passing touchdowns for the Cougars. Tate Callender had another outstanding game for HKHS, catching a touchdown pass and assisting Jayden Fulton in tackling a Raider in the end zone for a first-quarter safety. Justin Morle scored two touchdowns for the Raiders (0-4), including a 57-yard pass from Aidan Walker

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## Higganum Girl Scout Earns Gold Award

By Jennifer Tassmer



Higganum resident Ava Tassmer (HKHS Class of 2022) recently earned her Gold Award, the most prestigious award a Girl Scout can earn. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts earn their Gold Award. A minimum of 80 hours is dedicated to planning and carrying out the project, which must benefit the community, be educational, and have long-lasting impact.

Ava has been part of the HKHS cross-country team the past four years; after sustaining multiple injuries, she developed an interest in sports safety. This,

Photo by Jennifer Tassmer.

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# Motivational Speaker John Halligan Visits H-K Middle School

By *Howie & Marie Field, Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation*

Motivational speaker John Halligan presented his story to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and staff at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School on September 27. Sponsored by the Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation, John's program addressed bullying, mental health awareness, and suicide prevention. John lost his son Ryan to suicide on October 7, 2003. At the time of his death, Ryan was a 13 year old middle school student in Essex Junction, Vermont.

It was revealed in much greater detail after Ryan's death that he was ridiculed and humiliated by peers

at school and online. John's powerful and positive message emphasized the importance of achieving suicide prevention through self-advocacy and advocacy for others. John talked about being an up-stander and not a bystander when someone is being bullied. Get involved, don't participate in bullying, and don't be afraid of apologizing if you owe one. Most importantly, John emphasized that "You are loved beyond belief!"

His presentation was truly a catalyst for change and it is our hope that students were inspired to make a difference. Individuals feeling depressed or bullied should turn to their family, friends, or trusted adults for help because You're Worth It.



Left to right: Principal Dolores Bates, John Halligan, Marie Field. Photo by Howie Field.

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## Youth Art Classes at The Buttonwood Tree: November 5

By Anne-Marie Cannata McEwen,  
*The Buttonwood Tree*

The Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts Center, at 605 Main Street in Middletown, is pleased to announce Youth Art Classes to be held November 5, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. \$10. Sliding scale free, scholarships for free attendance are available. Snack provided, or bring your own.

Come join us for a fun-filled acrylic paint art class for ages 9-14! In this relaxed two-hour class we will learn the basics of painting with acrylics and then put those new skills to work while painting our very own projects to take home. There will be various wooden canvases and a variety of other fixtures available to choose from.

\*\*\*Please Note: We are open to everyone ages 9-14. If your child or teen attending requires special attention or needs, a parent or appropriate guardian must be present with them for the duration of the class. We have an adjoining bookstore/cafe with free wifi.

About the Instructor: Jenavieve Hawks (photo above) is a local artist and art teacher who can be found

teaching an abundance of paint workshops across Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. She has illustrated and designed art for various medical books and upcoming children's books. Jenavieve has also been recognized and received many awards/accolades for her artistic works, both nationally and locally. She comes from a long generational line of artists and continues to uphold this tradition by sharing the joyful passion of creating with future generations.

Whether Hawks is designing a world of fairies or painting a magical landscape, it is clear that her lighthearted and creative demeanor continues in her approach to the artistic process. "I feel like the best art is made when you're just not trying... when you're just having fun," said Hawks. "You'll always look back at that painting no matter what it looks like and you'll remember what an awesome time you had with your friends or whatever you were doing. It's a moment captured in time."

See [www.Buttonwood.org](http://www.Buttonwood.org) for details or call (860) 347-4957

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## Pumpkin Run and More from HKYFS

By Laura Shipman, HKYFS

Upcoming events and programs from Haddam-Killingworth Youth & Family Services:

### The 29th Annual Pumpkin Run 5k Race For Kids!

We will be hosting our 29th Annual Pumpkin 5k Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run to benefit Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth (HKYFS). This year the event will be held at Haddam-Killingworth High School on Sunday, October 30. The programs we run are needed now more than ever, so we hope you and your family members will join us this year. Contact [www.jbsports.com/hk-pumpkin-run](http://www.jbsports.com/hk-pumpkin-run) to register.

### Drug Take-Back

October 29 is National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. We will be

at Killingworth Pharmacy (183 Route 81) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to collect all unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

### Counseling Services

We are pleased to offer our counseling and support services to the HK community. Our licensed therapist offers individual, couples and family therapy for all ages. We have solid clinical experience working with depression, anxiety, trauma, grief and loss, family conflict, stress, and addictions. Our commitment is to work with you to ensure the best possible confidential care to improve the quality of your life and your loved ones. We have flexible appointment times; please call us to schedule and meet our therapist at 860-345-7498, or you may email us at [ClinicalDirector@HKYFS.org](mailto:ClinicalDirector@HKYFS.org)

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*Editor's Note: All candidates for Governor, Secretary of The State, Attorney General, U. S. Senate, 2nd Congressional District, State Senate and State House Districts for Haddam and Killingworth were invited to send a brief statement and a photo to HK-Now.com. These are being posted online as they arrive. They also will appear in Haddam Killingworth News over four Thursdays in October. A statement was not received from Libertarian candidate William Hall.*

## Leora Levy: Candidate for U.S. Senate (R)



A mother, philanthropist, activist, former international commodities trader, and community leader, Leora Levy is the only political

outsider who will take on the DC career politicians and serve as a strong, clear voice for Connecticut residents.

Leora was born in Havana, Cuba and escaped Castro's Communist Revolution with her family in 1960. A resident of Connecticut for the past 34 years, Leora resides in Greenwich with her husband Steve where she raised her three adult sons and seven dogs.

Because of out-of-touch politicians' wasteful spending of trillions of taxpayer dollars, many Connecticut families are facing difficult decisions that require them to make a choice between feeding their families and heating their homes this winter. With food and energy costs on the rise, her top priority includes fighting to make life more affordable for the next generation, because Joe Biden and Dick Blumenthal are destroying the American Dream for millions of Americans.

Backed by Connecticut's men and women in blue, Levy is the only law-and-order candidate in this race. She has consistently called out the Biden Administration for allowing human traffickers and drug smuggling cartels

to exploit our open borders in what is an obvious national security and humanitarian crisis.

In addition to securing the southern border, Levy is for eliminating wasteful government spending, ensuring lower prices for families, safer streets, increasing America's energy independence and providing parents and students with a well-rounded education system that educates, not indoctrinates.

Joe Biden isn't on the ballot in November, but his policies are and Blumenthal has voted in line with the President's failed agenda 98.2% of the time. The way to beat back Biden is to retire 37-year career politician Dick Blumenthal and finally provide Connecticut with the change in leadership that it desperately needs.

In addition to being nominated to serve as the US Ambassador to Chile, Leora is a leader in providing aid to our active-duty men and women who have been injured in combat overseas, as well as supporting our veterans. She has been endorsed by a wide range of groups and American leaders including the Connecticut State Fraternal Order of Police, the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, the Republican Jewish Coalition, Senator Rob Portman, Senator Thom Tillis, Senator Marsha Blackburn, Senator Tom Cotton, and many more.

Leora is fighting to put an end to the Biden-Blumenthal blight in Connecticut. You can learn more about Leora Levy on her website: [www.leoraforct.com](http://www.leoraforct.com)

## Joe Courtney: Candidate for Congress (D)



My name is Joe Courtney, and I currently represent Connecticut's 2nd District in Congress. I've worked in a bipartisan

fashion since I was first elected, and have kept my focus squarely on the needs of eastern Connecticut. Today, I serve as Chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee—which oversees all U.S. Navy shipbuilding—and I'm a senior member of the Education and Labor Committee.

From shipbuilding to clean energy to new infrastructure projects like upgrades to the Haddam Swing Bridge, dredging in the Patchogue River and more, there's a ton of economic activity taking place in our region. I've worked to help grow our skilled workforce to take on all these opportunities, and I'm working with our towns to prepare for more. For example, we got the gears turning on the effort to relocate spent nuclear fuel from towns like Haddam and Waterford. That's going to provide space to generate more low-cost nuclear power, and it's another exciting area of growth in our region.

Eastern Connecticut is more than the district I represent—it's my home. Our region deserves serious, constructive representation, and

that's what I've worked to deliver. Through lowered prescription drug costs, expanded benefits for veterans, support for hardworking families and students, and through all our bipartisan work, I want to continue making a difference by growing job opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for our neighbors.

We've marked a lot of great accomplishments for our region recently, and we need to keep the momentum going strong. That's my top priority—working in a bipartisan fashion to provide our communities with more opportunities. Whether that's through increased submarine construction, growing local skills-training programs, or by helping seniors and families lower everyday costs, I know the work it takes to get results, and that's what motivates me every day.

## Richard Blumenthal: Candidate for U.S. Senate (D)



A graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, Richard Blumenthal went on to serve for six years in the Marine Corps Reserve, rising to the rank

of sergeant. He is a former United States Attorney for Connecticut and Attorney General of Connecticut, and he is serving

## Mike France: Candidate for Congress (R)



Navy veteran and State Representative Mike France has served his local community since retiring following 20 years of active-duty service in the

United States Navy.

France started as an enlisted on submarines and ultimately finished his distinguished career at SupShip Groton and continues to serve our nation as a defense contractor for Progeny Systems.

Why I am running: Nancy Pelosi playing politics in the distribution of COVID relief was the last straw for Mike France, who has watched

conditions continue to deteriorate in Eastern Connecticut over the past decade.

Mike decided that his long career in public service was not over and that the people of Eastern Connecticut deserved more than partisan representation. Connecticut's Second Congressional District needs someone who will represent their values and put the district ahead of Pelosi's Policies.

Mike is proud to be endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police and, if elected, will focus on increasing jobs for Connecticut, lowering energy costs and securing our border to stop the deadly flow of street drugs fueling our opioid epidemic.

## John Anderson: Write-In Candidate for U.S. Senate



I was born in 1973 in Arcadia, California to two schoolteachers. In 1995 I graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California,

Berkeley with a Bachelor's in classical languages. After moving to Connecticut that year I earned two Master's degrees in classics from Yale. Since 2004 I have taught Latin and Ancient Greek at the Hopkins School, where I have also helped to organize community service programs. I am married and have one child and have lived in West Haven, Connecticut since 2006. I am a long-term unaffiliated voter.

I am running for U.S. Senate because I believe our nation is being damaged by the growing distance in positions between the Democratic and Republican candidates and by the reinforcement of the artificial groupings of platform issues that define the parties. There is no logical reason why someone who champions free trade does not also champion environmental protection to minimize global warming. Someone who asserts that a human embryo possesses the right to life can still assert that the gains of racial and ethnic groups who have been systematically repressed are still precarious and need attentive protection. I will collaborate in a constructive, positive way with those on my right and left to promote these issues as best I can.

Moreover, I believe it is essential for

the long-term success of the American experiment to restore confidence in both our founding principles and our national institutions, which no longer enjoy the allegiance of many on the Left and Right respectively. I espouse servant leadership and will be mindful that the role of the federal government is not only to protect all of our people and unite them in a shared purpose, but also regularly to defer to states and act as supportive partners with them in addressing challenges. My overall goal is to strengthen the conditions that promote the fulfillment and flourishing of everyone in our nation, while being especially aware of the needs of poor, vulnerable, and marginalized people.

I have been asked to name my priorities. However, priorities are negotiable and open to compromise in the legislative process; principles are not. I will instead explain what my principles are: budget deficit reduction; environmental protection, free trade, originalist federal judges, protection of rights and freedoms enumerated in the Constitution, honoring federal debt obligations, dismantling of systems of oppression, and federal recognition of unborn human lives as human persons. I believe government action should not come at the expense of any of these. For instance, I will not try to shrink the budget deficit by refusing to pass legislation to pay interest on the national debt. I will not try to protect the environment by limiting free trade. All of these principles can be ensured through the principled discipline and sacrifice needed to ensure the genuine grandeur of our country.

their own healthcare decisions. Even with the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, Senator Blumenthal is working across the aisle to bring down the cost of oil, food, prescription drugs and other basic necessities. He will continue to stand up to polluters to protect our environment, and big tech to protect the next generation of Americans.

## Kevin Blacker: Candidate for Congress (Green)



My name is Kevin Blacker. I'm running to represent the 2nd District in the U.S. Congress. I'm 36 years old. I grew up in the Noank section of Groton. Attended public schools. Earned a Bachelor of Science in Soil Science from the University of New Hampshire in 2008. Mow

lawns for a living. Also do some farming on the side, cutting and selling hay. I love teamwork, efficiency, problem-solving, and America.

Many people are familiar with my work to draw attention to the dishonesty, bad judgment, and government corruption at the Connecticut Port Authority and State Pier in New London. The Green Party approached me and offered me their hard-earned ballot line. They're kind, thoughtful, creative people and they saw an opportunity to help me. I think they saw that I've been working hard for years

to draw attention to an injustice, and they had this tool, this platform; a ballot line. They indicated that an independent person with practical experience and common sense would be a refreshing addition to the D vs. R political dichotomy in the race for the 2nd District's Congressional seat. I saw an opportunity to do good on a number of levels so I decided to run. My top priorities will be:

- honest, common-sense government that reveres the truth, makes prudent decisions, and serves the greater good of the Public, not just the politically connected and powerful.

- to challenge the big-money-driven 2 party system.

- simple, innovative, achievable, cost-effective measures to combat climate change

- to remind people that viable, well staffed, local, independent newspapers are essential to the proper function of the American System.

## COMMUNITY

### Higganum Girl Scout Earns Gold Award

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combined with her love of cross-country and the HK team, led her to choose a project that was close to her heart and melded these interests.

HK cross-country has an incredible record. This past year, the Boys team won their 11th overall state title, and the Girls team won their 5th state title. Yet the team's trail system was in great need of repair; washed-out areas had created huge ruts and were putting athletes at risk of injury.

Working closely with mentor, HKHS teacher and cross-country Coach Sean Gallagher, they were able to troubleshoot the issue. With a great work crew, lots of stone and hard work, they were able to create a long-term solution to the erosion issue in that area of the trail. Team Captain Izzy Berardino said "The quality of the trail has really improved. I remember my Sophomore year it was barely runnable, but since Ava's project, the team has been able to safely run the

front trail again."

Ava also constructed posts that were engraved and painted to mark the miles on the course. In addition, she recreated a map of the course that shows the route and mile markers. This will be used for the HKHS team and for visiting cross-country teams to help home meets run smoothly and safely.

Ava has been a member of Higganum Troop #60772 since kindergarten. Her experiences with the troop and the support she received helped lead her to taking on this enormous project. Ava shared her experience, stating, "This project taught me a lot about overcoming challenges, working with people, and the importance of perseverance. I had a lot of setbacks along the way, but I am glad I kept going and saw it through."

Ava is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science at the University of Vermont, with plans of becoming a physical therapist.

## Football: HKHS 28, Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby 12

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"We took a step forward today by getting back on the winning track," said HKHS Head Coach Tyler Wilcox. "We still have things to work on, but I liked the way we got off to a fast start today by causing a safety and blocking a punt. We just have to stay focused as we prepare for some crucial games coming up on the schedule."

The Cougars now enter a second bye week and will return to action on October 21st in North Branford.

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WL/S/EG (0-4) 0 0 6 6 12

1Q: HK: Safety - Tate Callender and Jayden Fulton tackle in end zone

HK: Orion Inkel 2 run (PAT failed)

HK: Callender 14 pass from Alex Phipps (Zenon Kolcio PAT)

2Q:HK: Inkel 6 pass from Phipps (run failed)

3Q:WL/S/EG: Justin Morle 3 run (run failed)

4Q: HK: Inkel 10 pass from Phipps (Kolcio PAT)

WL/S/EG: Morle 57 pass from Aidan Walker

## LEGAL

### TOWN OF HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING NOTICE OF DECISION

It was decided at the Town of Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on October 6, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to approve the following:

**1. A special permit** to allow adaptive re-use of the historical building known as Scovil Hoe factory for a mix of shops, galleries, lifestyle business offices and brewery. **Location:** 11 Candlewood Hill Rd - Map 15/Lot 90 **Applicant:** PB Projects/Shannon Healy

**2. CGS 8-24 review** - improvement / lease at Haddam Elementary School/Shad Museum - Haddam Historical Society

Town of Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

#### TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

Notice is hereby given there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum for the following purposes.

To discuss the purchase of the real property located at 300 Saybrook Road, Haddam in the amount of \$2,500,000 from Rolumco Corporation, and

To discuss the lease of the real property located at 305 Saybrook Road, Haddam from 305 Saybrook Road, LLC.

Dated in Haddam, Connecticut this 20th day of October, 2022

Board of Selectmen

Robert McGarry, Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty

### LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given to all electors and others entitled to vote at town meetings of the Town of Haddam, Connecticut (the "Town") that a Special Town Meeting of the Town will be held at the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, Community Hall, located at 439 Saybrook Road, Haddam Connecticut on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm for the following purposes:

1. To choose a moderator to preside of meeting
2. To appoint the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority (H-K Recreation Authority) for the fiscal year 2022-2023: Peter Christopher, David Law, Jason Lonergan and Jennifer O'Neal
3. To fill the vacancy for a board member of Regional District # 17 - Board of Education.

4. To consider and vote on the purchase of real property from Rolumco Corporation located at 300 Saybrook Road, Haddam in the amount of \$2,500,000, and the lease of real property on 305 Saybrook Road, LLC located at 305 Saybrook Road, Haddam.

Dated at Haddam, Connecticut this 3rd day of November, 2022

Town of Haddam

Board of Selectmen

Robert McGarry, Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty

### TOWN OF HADDAM NOTICE OF DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMISSION

It was decided at the Town of Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals Commission Meeting on September 29, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to approve the following:

**A front yard variance**, section 4 and table 1 of the zoning code, to authorize the construction of a detached garage to be within 10 feet when 30ft is required at 493 Little City Rd, Higganum. Map 56 / lot 17-7 **APPLICANT:** William Vinopal

Said Applications are on file and may be seen in the Land Use Office, in the Town of Haddam Building.

Town of Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals Commission

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## 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.

## Friday, October 21

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

**Cricut Crafting for Teens** 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.



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

## Saturday, October 22

**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.

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

**Invasive Plant Cleanup** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Haddam Meadows.

## Monday, October 24

**HVFC Auxiliary meeting** 7:00 p.m. Fire station #1 439 Saybrook Road.

**Killingworth Board of Selectmen meeting** 7:00 p.m.

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

**Killingworth Zoning Board of Appeals meeting** 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, October 25

**HVFC Auxiliary Military Whist Card Game** 6:00 p.m. Fire Station#1 439 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.

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

**Teen Book-to-Movie Night** 5:30 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

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

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

**Turtles & the Sins of Good Samaritans** 7:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

**Killingworth Economic Recovery meeting** 7:00 p.m. (remote).

## Wednesday, October 26

**Lego Hangout** 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

**Love 2 Sign** 10:45 a.m. Killingworth Library.

**Middle School Gaming Night** 5:30 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

**Haddam Sustainability Committee meeting** 6:30 p.m. Old Town Hall, 21 Field Park Road in Haddam with featured speaker Sherill Baldwin from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). All are welcome to attend.

**Haddam Conservation Commission meeting** 7:00 p.m.


## Thursday, October 27

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

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

**Not So Spooky Pajama Time** – 6:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

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



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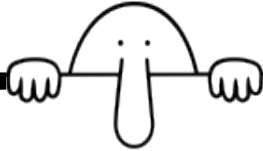


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# Girls Soccer: HKHS Loses a Tough One to Canton, 1-0

By Mike Shea, HKHS Girls Soccer Coach

The Haddam-Killingworth High School Girls soccer team played a tight game at Canton High School on October 4. Their first night game of the season also marked their first game in October, where the wind and rain made their presence felt, too. In a very close game, both HK and Canton were scoreless in the first half. Both keepers had their share of quality saves, but HK keeper Vyv Laurenza made a

couple of outstanding saves that would make any highlight reel. Laurenza ended up making nine saves, while Canton keeper Juliana Cavanaugh made six.

Canton was able to get the lone goal in the second half when freshman Alyssa Kozak was able to secure a goal for the Warriors. HK never quit and tried to break the tough Canton defense several times. While opportunities were there, they could just not find the back of the net on

this night. HK's record is now 5-3-1. Their next game is Thursday October

6th, at home versus conference leader Morgan. Game time is 3:45pm.



Vyv Laurenza in goal with the ball. Others: l to r: Caroline Conte, JJ Duncanson, and Payton Rich. Photo by Mandy Miranda.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Republican Town Committee Says Get Out and Vote on November 8

Mid-terms are around the corner; now is a good time to talk to Republican voters in Killingworth. Many of you have expressed how tired you are of seeing Republican candidates lose in Connecticut and Killingworth and of the "third" party disrupting local elections. Did you know that there are MORE Republican and right-leaning unaffiliated voters in Killingworth than any other voting group? It's understandable that you feel your vote doesn't matter, but it does.

In the last several elections, Killingworth Republicans haven't shown up in large enough numbers; if we do, we can take control of our town and state back. I understand how frustrated you feel; but we don't "lose" by very much. The solution is simple, VOTE. Of the 169 cities and municipalities in Connecticut, 102 are led by Republican Mayors and First Selectmen. Connecticut is not as blue as you think. We need to vote.

VOTE the Republican ticket on November 8th. Our economy is in trouble and although the federal government won't say it, we are in a recession. You know that gasoline prices are high and going higher; the cost of groceries is outrageous; goods and services are costing you much more than before. You know which politicians called to de-fund the police and created a situation where 13 police officers were shot between October 10 and 14, two of those killed right in Bristol; our borders are wide open, causing a humanitarian crisis and a drug crisis with fentanyl flooding over the border between the U.S. and Mexico, killing our kids in record numbers.

You can vote via absentee ballot until election day until 8:00 p.m. Voting is at KES from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please vote like our children's futures depend on it because they do.

Laura Lefko, Chairman,  
Killingworth Republican  
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# Killingworth's 9th Annual Pumpkin Carving Event

By Laura Lefko

If you are looking for something fun and quintessentially New England to do with your kids this weekend, you have to come to Killingworth's 9th Annual Pumpkin Carving Event hosted by the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, Killingworth Division, on Saturday, October 22, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. at Parmelee Farm.

Each child picks a pumpkin and goes to work carving the pumpkin to create their own masterpiece. A hole is drilled into the back of each pumpkin and then strings of electric lights are inserted. The pumpkins are then put on a multi-tiered stand and are lit at dusk. The effect is really quite stunning, as you can see!

This event is the brainchild of Killingworth's Tim Gannon, who has been the Chairman of the Pumpkin Carving event since it began. Tim and his wife Eileen's daughter went to Keene State in New Hampshire, where a huge pumpkin festival is held each year, which Tim and Eileen would attend. Tim got the idea to do something similar at Parmelee Farm. Tim, Terry Doyle, and a few others got together and built the stands where all the pumpkins are placed after they are carved. Tim approached the Killingworth Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce which joined forces to get the first event funded.

This year's sponsors include the Killingworth Lions, Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, Barnum Financial, and The Hometown Team of



Photos by Laura Lefko.

Coldwell Banker Realty. One of the sponsors, Killingworth's own The Bread Girl, Eileen Unger Pleines, will be baking up her "spook-tacular" treats, which will be served with hot chocolate while the kids create their masterpieces.

This is a free event and we hope to see you there. Parmelee Farm is located at 465 Route 81 in Killingworth.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### This Week on VSCTV: October 20-26

By Chris Morgan, Public Access Coordinator, VSCTV

#### Comcast Channel 18 - Valley Shore Educational Network

10/22 5:15 p.m. HKTU Documentaries  
10/23 7:00 p.m. Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Band & Chorus Concert

#### Comcast Channel 19 - Valley Shore Community Television

10/20 - 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. UMC of Clinton Sunday Service 10/16/22  
10/20 - 5:00 p.m. Old Saybrook Meetings  
10/21 - 7:00 p.m. UR Community Cares in UR Town  
10/22 - 6:00 p.m. Talk of the Town/Sports Talk  
10/23 - 4:00 p.m. First Congregational Church in Essex Sun. Service 10/16/22  
10/23 - 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church Sunday Service 10/16/22  
10/23 - 6:00 p.m. Deep River Town Meetings 10/11/22  
10/24 - 5:00 p.m. Silver Linings Talk Show  
10/24 - 7:00 p.m. Looking Back  
10/25 - 4:00 p.m. Clinton Town Council 10/19/22  
10/25 - 6:00 p.m. Arts & Entertainment: Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce  
10/25 - 7:00 p.m. Pete Mezzetti Show: Jeff Goldblatt  
10/25 - 9:00 p.m. High School Football Game of the Week  
10/26 - 4:00 p.m. Westbrook Congregational 10/23/22

For the complete schedule and to watch programs on-demand, visit [www.vsctv.com](http://www.vsctv.com). HKTU and VSCTV are available on Comcast Xfinity channel 18 & 19, Frontier TV channel 6089 & 6090, or on Apple TV, Roku, & Fire TV by using the free Cablecast Screenweave app. Links to download the Cablecast Screenweave app are on VSCTV's homepage.

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# Senior Flu Shot Clinic A Success!

On Wednesday October 5, a Senior Flu Clinic was held at the former Haddam Elementary School in Higganum from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It was a very successful event coordinated by Haddam's Social Services Coordinator & Municipal Agent, Jessica Condil. Several dozen seniors were in attendance to get their flu shots from Nutmeg Pharmacy. There were also a couple of organizations that set up tables to help Seniors with issues such as Medicare open enrollment, and probate. A soup and sandwich lunch was served. The latter was coordinated by Haddam's Senior Center Manager, Colleen Totman.

If you missed the event and need a flu shot or the new COVID booster, you can go to either our Health District (CRAHD) facility in Old Saybrook, or contact them at 860-661-3300, or visit Nutmeg Pharmacy's website [www.NutmegPharmacy.com](http://www.NutmegPharmacy.com) to make an appointment. It's easy, no crowds or long lines! I got my Covid shot in Moodus last week!

As you can see in the photo above, First Selectman Bob McGarry was there and had a lunch date with his wife after they got their flu shots.

Also you can see Greg McKenna of Nutmeg Pharmacy talking with former First Selectwoman Marge DeBold, who is a very active part of the

Committee on Aging and Club 60. It is nice to see former Selectmen still active in town issues; e.g., I've seen Mark Lundgren at events; he was a First Selectman in the 1980s.

*R. Thurston Clark,  
Chair, Haddam Committee on Aging*



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