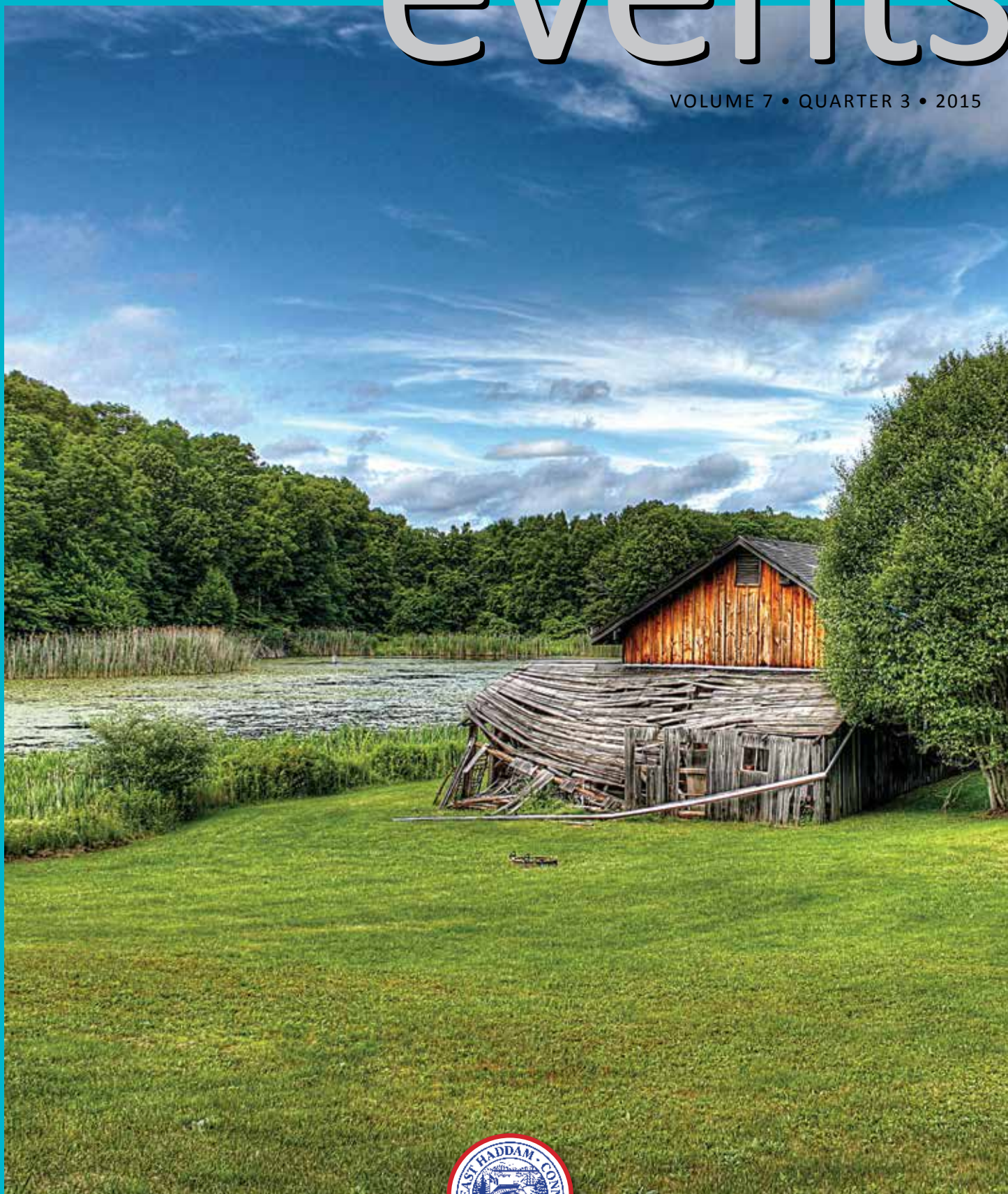


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# First Selectman's Corner

I am happy to report that our 2015-2016 budget was approved at referendum on May 5, 2015. The Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education worked together to establish a budget that:

- Exhibits the highest level of fiscal management.
- Ensures that we maintain important town services, provide a great education for our children and is mindful of the tax impact on our citizens.
- Plans and saves for future capital projects including the four major projects approved at referendum on June 16, 2015: renovation of the former school into a new municipal complex, improvements to the elementary school, two firehouses and the town-wide emergency radio and communications system.
- Ensures no reliance on our savings to help balance the budget.

Our strong long range planning for the funding of four projects outlined above has been made possible due to the cooperative efforts of the building advisory groups, the Boards of Finance, Education and Selectmen and town employees. These projects will open up the future development of our most picturesque historic village on the Connecticut River. We will be able to create a premier anchor for tourism in the Connecticut Lower River Valley and open up our village for commercial grand list growth, resulting in an increase to our tax base. We will be brushing off and reviewing the old plans for developing the East Haddam Village Town Office site, and selecting the best elements

as the basis for forging a vital community. To do this, we plan to do the following:

- Create focus groups from our stakeholders to develop and vet ideas, including hosting design charrettes.
- Work collaboratively with the Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, and incorporate their goals, objectives and plans with the Town's goals, objectives and plans.
- Reach across the river to our neighbors in Haddam with the goal of including Tylerville in our planning, and create a synergy between our communities.
- Review our mix of land uses and encourage a blend of retail, commercial and residential uses to support the village area.
- The Village Revitalization Commission, Land Use Commissions, Historic District Commission and the Economic Development Commission will be key in the planning and coordination.

Please look out for meeting and event announcements, your participation is most welcome and essential to our community's future! You may sign up on our town web site to receive



Mark Walter and staff at CIRMA Risk Management Achievement Awards

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*"Experience the Difference" at The Saybrook at Haddam.*

Diane Daudt with her mom, resident Marie Daudt, looking at all the places they've flown to as flight attendants.

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notifications to all the upcoming important public hearings and town meetings to approve the work of these building committees and future master plans for our village.



We have sadly accepted the resignation of Officer Tom Griffith who has served our community for 27 years. Officer Griffith indicated that he will truly miss our residents and interacting with our town while always making friends and trying to lower the potential for conflict and keeping everyone safe. Best wishes Tommy!

We celebrated and honored one of our youngest heroes in April, Matthew Kraszewski, for his calm and clear thinking while fishing with his father on Lake Hayward. Matthew heard a woman's cries for help after her kayak had capsized in frigid water and he and his father were able to come to her aid. The town is very proud of this accomplishment.



We also celebrated the 100th birthday of Viola Kalinowski. Viola is very proud of her active service with St. Bridget's Church in the Ladies Guild. Viola is extremely proud of her five great grandchildren and first great great grandchild. Thank you Viola for serving East Haddam for over one century.

The Town of East Haddam and our East Haddam Public Schools received the 2015 Risk Management Achievement award from CIRMA our insurance provider. CIRMA recognized that we have made risk management a priority resulting in a 50% reduction in Workers' Compensation claims frequency and severity. Please take a moment to thank our dedicated Garden Club and citizens that have volunteered their time and skills to beautify and improve our town greens and properties. I have been receiving many compliments for the extra touches that really show the pride we all have for our great town!

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman

## Mark Nichols

Mark graduated from Nathan Hale Ray High School on June 19th, 2015. Mark completed 13 years or 2,340 days with perfect attendance. Pictured here First Selectman Mark Walter after presenting Mark with a Citation from the State of Connecticut General Assembly, introduced by Representative Melissa Ziobron, 34th district and Senator Art Linares, 33rd district in recognition of this accomplishment.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2015!**

# The East Haddam Leo Club

Incoming 7th-12th Graders are invited to join the East Haddam Leos!

What do Leos do? Leos earn volunteer hours by helping their community. They perform fundraisers and participate in community events, including...

- Arcade Nights
- Apple Festival
- Harvest House
- EHCL Road Race
- EH Lions Auction
- Hebron Lions Fair
- Moodus Green Xmas Decorations
- Lions Club Volunteer Work
- Pumpkin Walk
- Bake Sale
- Xmas Tree sales
- Memorial Day Parade
- Membership Parties
- All-Night Fundraisers



All proceeds from Leo Club events go to support various charitable causes & organizations around town. All community service hours count towards graduation requirements and looks great on applications! The Leo Club currently consists of 35 of East Haddam's finest young citizens.

Any East Haddam Teen (grades 7-12), is welcome to join the Leos. The Leos meet the First Thursday of the Month and the Third Tuesday of the Month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the East Haddam Senior Center.



Potential members are invited to stop by and see what the club is all about. For more details please contact Leo Adviser Michael Gilroy at GilroyM@gmail.com or pick up an application at EHFPL, Rathbun Library, or Gristmill Market.

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## Friends of Machimoodus-Sunrise

Great news! After many months and many meetings, I am pleased to report that, at long last, we have assembled that elusive core group of resolute volunteers essential to making progress! We currently have five members dedicated not just to the conservation of the Sunrise & Machimoodus state parks, but committed to the process of incorporating our newly formed organization. We are excited to be able to finally move forward on this important enterprise.

We have begun to outline some long and short term goals to enhance and support the parks; short term goals include kayak and canoe access on the river, improved signage, and better trail maps, while longer range goals entail sponsored programs and activities, solar-composting outhouses and the possible restoration of the red building known as the Toll House.

We have already received thoughts and concerns from many members of the community and fellow park-goers who share our love for Sunrise - Machimoodus and we invite your input as well. Email [machsunfriends@gmail.com](mailto:machsunfriends@gmail.com)

We hope to be scheduling regular meetings soon. Until then, we encourage anyone who has an interest in these two beautiful and important parks to check our Facebook page for regular updates: [Facebook.com/FriendsOfMachimoodusSunrise](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMachimoodusSunrise)



# East Haddam Republicans

Our Food Bank Challenge Garden has provided its first vegetables to the East Haddam Food Bank. Sugar Snap peas and squash are now available and hopefully the balance of the year will be productive. The Food Bank can use as much as can be donated so if you have extra produce from your own garden please keep them in mind.

With the passage of all of the Capital Improvements Projects on June 16th, volunteer committees are being created to oversee their implementation. Applications to become a member of one of them are available at the Selectman's office. Everyone is welcome regardless of party so please step forward and contribute your time and skills to making a great Town even better.



*Emmett Lyman showing off the first crop!*

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**Tag & Bake Sale:** We will be hosting our second annual town-wide yard sale at Heritage Park on Saturday, August 8th, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Also for sale: baked goods, hot dogs, and beverages. Parking will be at the Senior Center parking lot; not on the field. A reminder: dogs are absolutely not allowed at Heritage Park.

**BBQ:** For more than 20 years, the Lions Club has been hosting a Chicken Barbeque lunch for East Haddam Seniors 60 years and older. Sunday, August 30th, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Though this event is free, tickets are required. Tickets will only be available at the Center from August 3rd to August 24th. Tickets will not be available after the 24th or the day of the picnic.

**Flu Shots:** A nurse with Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley will be at the Senior Center to administer flu shots: Wednesday, October 14th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Vaccines are usually covered by these insurance companies: Medicare, Aetna, Anthem, & ConnectiCare. Must bring "Proof of Insurance". Not necessary to sign up in advance.... just show up!

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## Friends of Rathbun Library

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We are pleased to report that to date, we have donated over \$8,000 this year alone to support the library and its programs. In addition to procuring the museum discounts, we have also funded the children's programs, purchased periodical subscriptions, and provided supplemental money for the purchase of new books and furniture as well as other enhancements.

This summer we will continue to present our long-running library speaker series. Our first event, "Exploring Hidden CT" with Hartford Courant columnist Peter Marteka, was held June 19th at the Grange. The event was very well attended, standing room only in fact, and was co-sponsored by the Friends of EHFPL and the East Haddam Land Trust.

Author Susan Campbell will be at the Grange Hall on August 21 speaking about her latest book of "Tempest Tossed: The Spirit of Isabella Beecher Hooker".

We would like to formally and publicly extend our deepest gratitude to 32 Main Coffee Shop and Stone Post Gardens for their generous support of our annual plant sale. It would not have been the success that it was without your contributions.

Thanks also to all of you who routinely support our library. We cannot do any of the things we do without you!

## East Haddam Libraries Notecards

Notecards are available for sale at both East Haddam Libraries. The notecards sell for \$10.00 for a box of 12 and contain an artist rendering of each library. The East Haddam Free Public Library's rendering was done by Bud Gaudio, while the Rathbun Library depiction was done by Matthew Goldman, both local artists. Stop by either library for your notecards.

## Holiday Closings

The Town Office Building and the Transfer Station will be closed on the following holidays:

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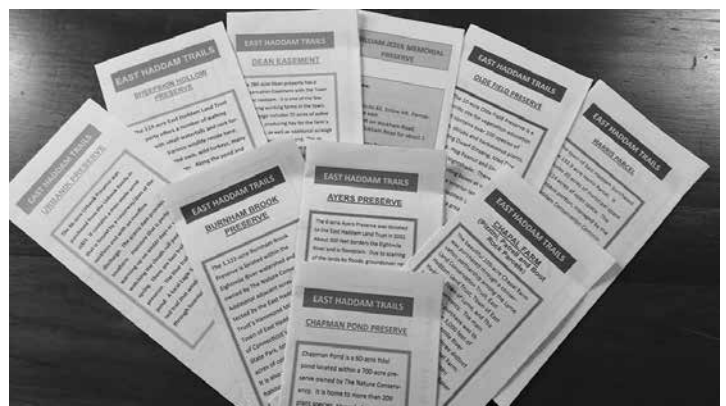
Your Conservation Commission's mission is not only to steward our town's open spaces, but just as importantly to make it easy for you to experience them. Woodland paths, beautiful vistas, picnic opportunities, and hiking galore on over 30 miles of marked trails await you right here in East Haddam. And now we are very pleased to tell you that we have the maps that will make your outdoor experience safe and convenient! With thanks for the hard work of member Marilyn Gleeson, the Commission has completed a year-long process of GPS mapping trails on 14 parcels and printing individual maps for each. (Special thanks to FFA for doing the mapping of the Nichols Property.) These maps include directions to the trailheads, a history of the property, and tips about what to expect on each parcel.

You can select the maps of your choice currently at four centralized locations in town: Balleks Garden Center, the Town Offices, Gillette Castle State Park Visitors Center, and Nathan Hale Pharmacy. Just look for the display and pick the maps that interest you.

Maps will also be available soon at trailhead kiosks at the Hatch Lot and Rose Farms parcels, and by mid-summer, maps will be available in receptacles near the entrance to most other hikable parcels as well.

Our long-term plan is to make these maps available on line so that you can print them out at home whenever the mood strikes. The Conservation Commission's page of the Town's of East Haddam's website should be ready soon with a link to each map. You may also like to check out the website: [Mytowntrails.com](http://Mytowntrails.com) to find satellite maps of our 14 parcels too.

Please take advantage of these handy maps. We hope they will open the door to the wonderful variety of outdoor experiences that await you on your town's open space.



## Congratulations Isaac!

Isaac M. Waide, incoming senior at Nathan Hale-Ray High School, received the Valley Shore YMCA Marlin Swim Team Coaches Award for the 2014-2015 USA swimming season.



# East Haddam Agriculture Commission

Many of you may not be aware that East Haddam has an agriculture commission and those that are aware of our existence may not know much else about us. So here is the who, what, why, how and when, explained in an easy-to-read "AgComm" primer.

**Why We're Here:** On July 13th, 2010, First Selectman Mark Walter created the Agriculture Commission BECAUSE:

- Agriculture has always been important to the character of East Haddam;
- Family farms (and the rural landscape they represent) are being lost to residential development;
- Farms provide local revenue and jobs, create recreational and tourism opportunities, and offer ecological and environmental benefits.

**What We Do:** We are an advisory board with a mission to:

- Preserve, protect and promote our remaining farms;
- Encourage new agricultural enterprises, contributing to our rural character while insuring a local source of food for the future.

**How We Do It:** As a group we are sworn to act as an advocate for local agriculture by:

- Being a liaison between non-profit/civic organizations, municipal entities and local farmers;
- Recommending changes in local laws and practices;
- Supporting vocational education and regional agriculture programs;


- Serving as a resource for information, advice and guidance for residents and town entities concerning resolution of agriculture related issues, conflicts and the impact of proposed policies on farms;
- Identifying innovative opportunities for farming in East Haddam;
- Promoting opportunities for the community to support and value farming;
- Working to secure the land base necessary for future agricultural uses.

**Who We Are:** The Agricultural Commission consists of 5 regular members and 3 alternate members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

**We are:**

- Of varied backgrounds and represent all interests in the promotion, protection and regulation of agriculture;
- Residents of East Haddam who love this town and want to ensure its prosperity, while retaining its character;
- Happy to be a part of this commission, dedicated to our charter, and proud to serve our town.

**When We Meet:** The Agriculture Commission meets regularly on the first Monday of the month. Meeting information, agendas and minutes are posted on the municipal website.



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## East Haddam Youth and Family Services

Seeking Board Members and Committee Volunteers

East Haddam Youth and Family Services (EHYFS) has recently launched a five-year strategic plan and is seeking new members to serve on the Board of Directors and/or volunteer on one or more committees. The Board is expanding and organizing several working committees. These changes will better serve the needs of youth, families, and taxpayers. Interested applicants should have at least one of the following skills: creating, managing or working on philanthropic campaigns; grant writing; financial management; legal advisement; insurance expertise; and, effective interpersonal and written communication skills with a diverse network of individuals including government officials, donors, and volunteers from several town organizations and affiliations.

Board members must be willing to volunteer an average of 8-10 hours per month to support the various goals and initiatives outlined in the strategic plan. Activities include monthly board and committee meetings and independent/group work and networking activities. Board membership terms are for two years, and appointment is by the Board of Directors. Volunteer opportunities will be available as needed and may be monthly, seasonal, or by event.

If you are seeking a local volunteer opportunity that will support youth and families while working alongside some terrific neighbors, please send your resume and letter of interest with a description of your relevant skills and knowledge to EHYFS. Further instructions and information are available in the 2015-2017 Board of Directors Volunteer Announcement posted at [www.ehyfs.org](http://www.ehyfs.org). Please refer to Board of Directors in the "About Us" link. Questions can be directed to EHYFS: (860) 873-3296

## From the Assessor

The Assessor's office began accepting applications for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters Rebate Program on April 1, 2015. Applicant's total income must not exceed \$34,600 for a single person, \$42,200 for a couple (joint income), including Social Security and Medicare. Applicants must be 65 or older or totally disabled and bring all income, rent, and utility information from 2014. The deadline for filing is October 1, 2015.

Residents whose motor vehicles have been sold, stolen, totaled, or who have moved out-of-state may be eligible for a pro-ration of their car taxes.

Two forms of proof are necessary to pro-rate or remove a vehicle from the grand list. Residents must bring a copy of the plate receipt issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles at the time of cancellation of registration, and a copy of one of the following; bill of sale, transfer of title, receipt from junkyard, notification of total loss, trade-in papers, or some other document showing the date on which the vehicle was disposed.

The Assessor's office has its own web page on the town website (easthaddam.org). Included is information on real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle assessments; property tax relief for seniors, veterans, and the disabled; renters' rebate; information on revaluation; access to applications and forms pertaining to the Assessor's office.

## From Your Economic Development Coordinator: Peter Simmons

It has been a very busy Spring. The EDC reviewed the Town Business Incentive Program and found that it needed some rework to make it a more effective tool for the community. The principle change to the ordinance is how we calculate the tax benefit offered to the business. The former calculation did not offer enough of an incentive for any business comparing a move to East Haddam or any other town. This change will help make East Haddam more competitive with our neighboring communities. The revamped ordinance was approved by the EDC, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance and at a Town meeting on June 30th.

Congratulations and Good Luck to Maryla Radziszewski on the opening of her new Health and Fitness Center at 62 Creamery Road. Her Center is in the former Cofish building. Stop by to visit her and see what's happening. Sign up for a membership and take some classes.

Congratulations also to Pam Arabas of M & P Impressions on her move from Gristmill Plaza across the street to the old bank building in Village Pizza Plaza. Stop by to see her new digs - buy a Moodus or East Haddam cap or mug, or order that embroidered apparel that you've been meaning to.

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## East Haddam Family Resource Center

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Here are a couple of programs starting in the fall!

- Early Learning Play Group, children ages birth to age 5 can come learn, sing, hear stories and create with others in a play based setting.
- Kindergarten Readiness Program, for children ages 3½ and up. This program will allow children preparing for Kindergarten along with their caregivers to enhance their development in areas such as creative expression, cognitive development, executive functioning, language and

literacy development and social and emotional development.

For more information email or call Early Childhood Coordinator, Lauren Kasperowski at [lauren.kasperowski@yahoo.net](mailto:lauren.kasperowski@yahoo.net) or 860-873-3296 with any questions. The Family Resource Center is located in the East Haddam Elementary School, 45 Joe Williams Road, Moodus.



## Essex Printing Wins 2015 Award of Excellence

For the past 3 years Essex Printing has been honored to be a multiple award winner for its quality of printing from the Print Industry of America (PIA) and the Print Industry of New England (PINE).

In 2014 Essex Printing received the highest award from PIA the “International Bennie Award”.

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Bill McMinn from Essex Printing and Gary Parrington from Lyme Art Association are shown in photo with Lyme Art Association “Incredible India Invitation”. The invitation was recognized by



PINE and awarded the 2015 Pinnacle Award for its exceptional use of design, print and use of paper to create a bright and lively invite. The Pinnacle Award is given to the most outstanding entry in its category. Given the high standard the entries must be flawless to win.

# East Haddam Libraries

Folks are always asking me questions about our local libraries. Since 2/3 of East Haddam citizens have library cards, there are probably many of you with similar questions who just haven't had the opportunity to ask. With that in mind, I'd like to take this opportunity to answer some Frequently Asked Questions about the East Haddam Library System.

Frequently Asked Questions about the East Haddam Library System:

## What are the advantages of having two libraries?

The biggest advantage is that having two libraries means having two library collections. The libraries hold over 45,000 materials including books, movies, and audio books, which is much more than either location could hold on its own.

In addition, each branch of the East Haddam Library System has its specialties. For instance:

**EHFPL Specialties:** Movies, TV Shows, Blu-Ray, Teen Fiction, Classic Literature, Graphic Novels/Manga, Anime, Books on CD, Magazines, Video Games, and Large Print

**Rathbun Specialties:** Adult Fiction, Adult Mysteries, Romance Novels, Biographies, Historical Collection, Art Books, Award Winning Films, Independent Films, BBC Productions, Music CDs, and Local History

Each library has something for everyone, and you might find that you prefer one library's collection over the other (even if it's not listed as a specialty). The reason many people choose to visit both libraries is because of the variety in materials, and the different aspects of local culture that each branch embraces.

## Can I use my library card at either library?

Yes! You can use your card at EHFPL or Rathbun. Both Libraries are part of the LION Consortium – a collection of 28 Libraries who share a common catalog. If you access our catalog via our website – [www.EastHaddamLibrarySystem.org](http://www.EastHaddamLibrarySystem.org), you can renew and reserve books online from any LION library and choose where to pick them up. Your card also gives you access to downloadable eBooks, audio books, and magazines.

## What other ways do the libraries complement each other?

EHFPL & Rathbun have spent the last few years streamlining their services. Materials can be checked-in or renewed at either location. If the library you're at doesn't have the item you're looking for, the librarian can check to see if the other branch has a copy available. If so, they can place a hold on the item and you can go pick it up across town or wait until the next day to pick it up at either location.

The libraries have adopted identical loan periods for books, movies and series. They also have the same fees & fines, which you can pay at either branch. Lastly, the libraries have complimentary hours making them convenient for you to visit.

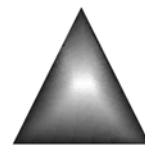
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## Why should I visit the library?

How much do you spend renting or buying books & movies that you only get one use out of? Save your money! The libraries have brand new books, films, TV Series, and more, all available to checkout for free. Most items are available the same week they're released. The wait lists are quick, and sometimes non-existent. The libraries also have free computer access and free WiFi, which are great for job-searching, social networking, or even gaming. There's also printing, photocopies, and faxing. Best of all, the libraries are a great place to meet with friends & neighbors. The best way to experience the libraries is to visit, and judge for yourself. If you haven't been in a while, I think you'll be presently surprised. If you're one of our more regular patrons – thank you so much for your support. Keep giving the staff your requests, our job is to get you the materials, programs and services that you want. There's something for everyone at your local library. For more details please, call the libraries – EHFPL: (860)873-8248 | Rathbun: (860)873-8210, Google us online, or stop by and visit.

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## Historical Society & Museum Calendar

East Haddam Historical Society and Museum had very interesting programs for this year. The Tag Sale, Bus Tour and High Tea were successful and we thank all who participated.

### Upcoming events:

- August 12 at 6:00 p.m. - Annual Potluck Picnic. Bring a dish to share. Beer and wine donation bar.
- September 9 at 7:30 p.m. - Essex and The War of 1812. Jerry Roberts, former Director, CT River Museum, Author: The British Raid on Essex: The Forgotten Battle of the War of 1812 on Essex attack.
- October 14 at 7:30 p.m. - A Shaman's View of the Peruvian Amazon. Shaman's voyage of discovery of the Peruvian Amazon with Gerry Miller & the traveling wild mushroom roadshow!
- November 11 at 7:30 p.m. - Mysteries of East Haddam. Dr. Karl Stofko's 25th annual lecture of mysterious tales from East Haddam!
- December 9 at 6:00 p.m. - Annual Holiday Potluck Party. Bring a dish to share. Beer and wine donation bar. Celebrate!
- If you would like to be a member, annual dues are only \$15 single, \$25 household, \$100 sustaining. Donations accepted. The Museum is open Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. from May 30th to October 11th. For more information call Mary Ellen Klinck, President, at home (860) 873-8420.

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## Class of 16' Project Graduation

Volunteers and sponsors needed to make Nathan Hale-Ray High School's class of 2016 project graduation a success!

The Nathan Hale-Ray High School Project Graduation Committee is looking for volunteers and sponsors to help make the Class of 2016 Project Graduation event a huge success. Project Graduation is an adult-supervised, alcohol-free post-graduation party for NHRHS seniors. This event is held the evening the students graduate from high school. Fun activities last throughout the night and have been frequently held at sports centers in Connecticut.

The NHRHS Class of 2016 Project Graduation Committee would like to encourage parents of NHRHS seniors and community leaders to volunteer. Your ideas and talents are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Susan R. Waide at [Srwaide@cs.com](mailto:Srwaide@cs.com).

Project Graduation is made possible through fundraisers and generous business and private donations from our community. Sponsorship levels range from \$25 to \$5,000 or more. Please make checks payable to ProGrad2016 and send your donation to NHRHS Project Graduation, PO Box 317, Moodus, CT 06469.

For more information please contact Susan R. Waide at [Srwaide@cs.com](mailto:Srwaide@cs.com).



# East Haddam Public Schools

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the East Haddam School District is to develop a community of lifelong learners who are prepared to become independent, creative and productive citizens for our diverse and ever-changing global society.

Welcome to the East Haddam Public Schools Section of the Events Magazine!

The 2014-2015 school year has come to a close with a spectacular Hale-Ray High School Graduation and a terrific Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School promotion ceremony. Listening to our students' speeches, musical talents, and hearing from them about their accomplishments reminds us all just how important public schools are.

Coming up in the fall we have a public forum to review the strategic plan for the school system. Two of the themes of the strategic plan are connections with the community and the ability of our system to offer students the choice to personalize their learning for themselves and their interests. These themes were evident in the information gathered from students, teachers, parents, and community alike. I encourage you to attend the forum as the more voices we can hear the better the plan will support the community.

After a year of working within this community, I am still in awe of how much talent we have within our walls and how much support our parents provide to our schools. The research is unequivocal about the strong correlation between parent involvement and student success. It is clear to me that this is one of our very special ingredients.

In regards to students' talent, if you did not make it to a performance this year at any of the schools, you missed out. They are amazing. As we come into the 2015-16 school year, we are focused on increasing the publicity of our events in an effort to support your attendance.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to work here in Moodus and East Haddam and look forward to another amazing year.

Sincerely,

Brian S. Reas  
Superintendent of Schools



## Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

All regular monthly board meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Cafeteria

August 11, September 8, October 13

A complete listing of the Board's regular and Subcommittee meetings can be found on our website:  
<http://www.easthaddamschools.org/>





# East Haddam Elementary School



Principal  
Joanne Collins

Telephone: 860-873-5076

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 28**  
Meet and Greet  
2:30-3:30

**August 31**  
First Day of School

**September 7th**  
Labor Day/No School

**September 9th**  
PK, K, 1st Grade  
Open House

**September 15th**  
Picture Day

**September 16th**  
No School/Professional  
Development

**September 17th**  
2nd & 3rd Grade  
Open House

**October 9th**  
Early Dismissal/Professional  
Development

**October 12th**  
Columbus Day/No School



As this school year ended, our elementary school community collectively celebrated a year of learning. The buses rolled away with children cheering and yelling their summer good wishes to the entire staff lining the sidewalk for the annual farewell-wave!

We are so grateful to our PTO and family support for providing many cultural arts programs and field trips for second and third graders! These experiences are so rich and special for our young minds. We are so fortunate to have over 100 parent volunteers supporting our students and staff in school! We appreciate this much needed assistance.

Students and staff participated in our summer reading challenge “kick-off” assembly. We are looking forward to hearing about all the adventures our students will tell about after they read over the summer.

On June 1st, we came together as a school community to see the “unveiling” of our community mural, mounted to the back wall of our stage, as students and staff were joined by parents and community members, including Mr. Mark Walter our First Selectman. We celebrated our student’s work led by the talented Ms. Cryan for their work on the mural. Mrs. Cryan’s outstanding accomplishment depicts town landmarks such as the Goodspeed Opera House, Gillette Castle, the Swing Bridge, and our school. The mural was “unveiled” as the cafeteria’s stage curtains opened before eager students from all grade levels who “gasped” in excitement along with the adults!

Best wishes for relaxation and summer fun whenever possible!

## East Haddam Elementary School Unveils the School- Wide Collaborative Mural



East Haddam Elementary  
School welcomed Author  
Julie Phillipps



# Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Principal  
Jason Peacock

Assistant Principal  
Roy Parker

Telephone: 860-873-5081

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31  
First day of school for students

September 7  
Labor Day/No School

September TDB  
4/5th grade Open House

September TDB  
6-8th grade Open House

September 16  
No School/Professional  
Development Day

October 9  
Early Dismissal/Professional  
Development Day

October 12  
Columbus Day/No School



The Administration and Staff wish all the students a safe and fun-filled summer vacation.

Good luck to our 8th grade class as they enter into their high school careers!



## NHRMS Science News



Ted Kuderko, Gabriel Hollis, and Isaac Manfull donate a summer day to the garden.



Students participating in garden work during 8<sup>th</sup> grade D.C. week with Dora Lyman as a guest.



Students on opening day walk

Calling all Middle School students! Our middle school library will be open Wednesdays! We have thousands of books, loads of magazines, movies at 10, quiet places to read - fun! The library will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 12, 19, and 26. Come on in! We hope to see you often!



# Nathan Hale-Ray High School

## NOISES NEWS

Summer 2015

Principal  
Eric Spencer

Assistant Principal  
Michael Regan

860-873-5065

### National Honor Society Attends Special Olympics!

The National Honor Society students, accompanied by Mrs. Laura LeJeune, spent Sunday, June 7, as athlete escorts, helping individual athletes get to and from their events, cheering them on as they competed, having lunch with them, and just spending the day as their buddy. The students had an incredibly rewarding experience and look forward to returning next year.



### Horns for Kids

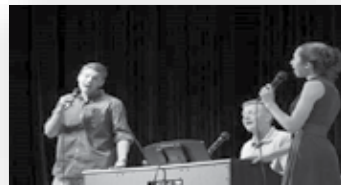
On Friday, June 5, the co-chairs from **Horns for Kids** packed their two SUV's to the roofs with the instruments donated from the instrument drive. In addition, \$1100 was raised and donated.

The **Horns for Kids** organizers were very impressed with our students and their efforts "from such a small community". Once they do the official tally they believe our drive will be the most successful ever for their organization!

### Hale-Ray Culinary Arts students host a pancake breakfast and tour of the high school with our senior citizens.

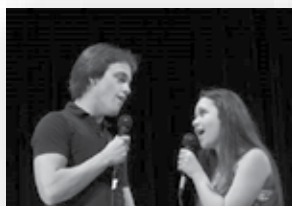


**Congratulations to the  
2014-2015 Hale-Ray Shoreline  
Scholar Athletes  
Jarrett Hebert, Cailey Botteon,  
Jordan Ziobron, Everest Peacock,  
Thomas Barlow**



**Hale-Ray Musicians  
and Singers perform for  
the student body during  
the last Advisory period**

Victoria Diaz, NHRHS Class 2010, graduated from the USCGA this Spring. Here she is shaking hands with President Obama as she receives her diploma. She will be going to flight school in Florida for her next adventure. On behalf of all of us at Hale-Ray, Congratulations Victoria!



## Updated Trail Maps Now Available



Getting out into nature helps ease the troubles of daily life and restore the soul. Fortunately, our town offers many opportunities to hike, stroll, wander aimlessly, or sit and enjoy natural and preserved areas. Now, newly updated trail maps will make your into-nature forays easier.

### These maps include:

East Haddam Land Trust's Ayers Preserve, Sheepskin Hollow Preserve, William Jezek Preserve, Olde Field Preserve, Ballahack Preserve, and Urbanik Preserve; the Town of East Haddam's Rose Farm Homestead, Hatch Lot, Harris Parcel, and Dean Easement all managed by the East Haddam Conservation Commission; Chapal Farm which is jointly managed by The East Haddam Conservation Commission and Lyme Land Conservation Trust; and The Nature Conservancy's Chapman Pond and Burnham Brook Preserves.

Each map provides directions to and a brief description of the property, plus specific features such as history, elevation, trail length and difficulty, wildlife information and permitted activities.

Find printed copies of the updated maps at the Town Hall and Ballek's Garden Center, download/print EHLT trail maps at [www.ehlt.com](http://www.ehlt.com), or download the My Town Trails app ([www.mytowntrails.com](http://www.mytowntrails.com)) to access all the updated maps on a computer or mobile device. Plus, the updated maps will soon be available on the Town's website.

Those hesitant to venture into our region's natural areas alone, or looking for a group activity can join one of East Haddam Land Trust's monthly "Last Sunday" hikes or paddles. Learn about these and all EHLT events at [www.ehlt.org](http://www.ehlt.org), and by following East Haddam Land Trust on Facebook.

## Harvest House Community Dinner at St. Stephen's Episcopal

The best kept secret in town is the dinner served every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Top area cooks take turns preparing the meals which are served in the parish hall. The dinner, which is free and open to all, is an opportunity to have a delicious meal while meeting with others in the community. If you prefer carry out, you can take meals for up to four people home. The carry out service begins at 5:30, after people dinning in have been served.

Everyone knows that community and church suppers are the best, and many churches and community groups take turns preparing this meal. Among the groups regularly cooking are the East Haddam Leo Club, First Church, Haddam Congregational, the Knights of Columbus, Moodus Sportsmen's Club, the Democratic Town Committee, the Republican Town Committee, Moodus United Methodist, St Bridget's, St Bridget's Ladies Guild, St James' Higganum, and St. Stephen's.

Harvest House served its first meal in 2009 and by the end of 2014 has served a total of 10,535 meals. In addition to the groups listed above, the program has been supported by various private individuals, numerous local businesses, the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Connecticut, the United Way and the East Haddam Community Lions. Stop in to join us!!

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## East Haddam’s Top Dog



Congratulations to Bucky, a five year old Beagle owned by Wayne and Myra Brandt on being selected this year’s top dog. Bucky will proudly sport the #1 tag and proudly marched in the Memorial Day parade.



Harlee, a pit bull pup, owned by the Chamberlain family was runner up and earned the #2 tag.

The middle school students participated in an election to determine the top dog. In all, 211 votes were cast. Including write in votes that were counted among the eight spoiled ballots that were recorded. Bucky and Harlee tied with 30 votes each; to determine the number one spot, a drawing was held and Bucky’s name was chosen. The Town Clerk’s Office thanks Brutus, Chipper, Dixie, Diva, Ella, Finn Gilbert, Gracie, Henry, Izzy, Lucy, Miss Daisy, Miss Lilly, Neka, Penelope, Sadie, Spirit, Spiro and Winston and their families for sending in their entries.

All dogs over the age of six months are required to be licensed in the State of Connecticut annually. 2015 licenses were issued at the Town Clerk’s office beginning on Monday, June 1st, 2015. A valid rabies certificate is required. The cost is \$8.00 for a dog that has been altered, and \$19.00 for one that has not.



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## News from the East Haddam Democratic Town Committee

The East Haddam Democratic Town Committee hosted their annual awards luncheon on July 19 at the Gelston House. Congressman Joe Courtney was the featured speaker. Mary Ellen Klinck received the Frank Davis Award for her outstanding community service to East Haddam over the years. Community First awards were presented to Laurie Alt, Sue Merrow, and Brad Parker for their many contributions to the town and the Democratic Town Committee.

The Frank Davis award is a non-partisan award presented to someone who has made outstanding contributions to the town. Frank Davis, owner of the Frank Davis Resort in Moodus, later known as Sunrise Resort, was a long-time member of East Haddam's Democratic Town Committee and served as chairman of the Board of Finance for many years. He was known for the countless ways he helped to make East Haddam a great place to live.

The committee would like to announce their slate of candidates for this year's November election - First Selectman: Edmund Gubbins; Selectman: Ernest Malavasi; Town Clerk: John Bradshaw; Town Treasurer: Kathleen Klinck; Board of Finance: Bruce Dutch, Harvey Thomas; Board of Education: David Burns, Nicole Hendri, Mary Beth Mordecai; Library Board: John Bielot, Joanne Rocznia.


There are still openings for Democratic candidates on the Library Board, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning and Zoning Board, and for Tax Collector. Anyone interested in being a candidate for one of these positions should contact the East Haddam Democratic Town Committee Chairman John Quinn at johnbrenquinn@yahoo.com or 860-873-2228.

## 2015 East Haddam Farmers' Market

We're back at Ballek's Garden Center on Maple Avenue and we couldn't be happier. Look for us in the field across from the cows! (They're excited, too!) The market will be held every Wednesday evening from 4:00 -7:00 p.m., weather permitting. Our season kicked off on June 3rd and will "keep on going while good things are growing" ending September 30th.

We have an abundance of fresh and prepared foods, artisan crafts & specialty products - lots of familiar favorites and some wonderful new additions as well. We accept WIC, SNAP and locally-based coupon programs. We also host local non-profit and civic organizations. We have many activities, special events, educational displays, demonstrations, talks, and tours taking place throughout the season, and we have live music every week. All free and family-friendly for everyone to enjoy! On August 19th and

September 23rd, Kat McKinnon will be leading "Wild Edible and Medicinal Plant" walks. Kat is the founder of "Meet The Green", a local school for herbal medicine and botanical studies, and will be teaching us about the wild bounty that surrounds us. Learn to identify common wild edible and medicinal weeds and how to safely gather them, as well as basic herbal medicine concepts. We hope to become your Wednesday night destination throughout the market season. Shopping doesn't have to be a chore! Follow our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EastHaddamFarmersMarket>) to get reminders and up-to-the-minute information. While you're there, browse the pictures to see how much fun we have. Maybe you'll see someone you know! Don't forget to "like" us and "share" us with your friends.



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# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Venture Smith Day

Festivities To Be Held On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> From 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The 19th annual Venture Smith Day Festivities will be held in the cemetery at the First Church of Christ, 499 Town Street (RT. 151), East Haddam on Saturday, September 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. as part of the Connecticut Freedom Trail events. Son of an African king, Venture Smith became the first black man to document his capture from Africa and life as an American slave and successful black freeman in Connecticut. Adults and children who are interested in learning more about Connecticut history in the 1700 and 1800s are encouraged to attend. Please bring lawn chairs or blanket. In case of inclement weather the celebration will move into the parish house of First Church.

Guest speakers include noted author Anne Farrow who will speak about her most recent publication, *The Logbooks: Connecticut's Slave Ships and Human Memory*. Farrow's book is about a sailing ship owned by an affluent Connecticut merchant who sailed from New London to Bence Island in Sierra Leone, West Africa, to acquire fresh water and slaves. Dr. Karl P. Stofko, East Haddam Municipal Historian, will discuss his recent research findings regarding Venture Smith. Descendants of Venture Smith will also talk about their trip to Africa.

Venture Smith's family genealogy and artifacts and crafts from Ghana and other regions of Africa will be on display. A town proclamation will be presented and a wreath laying ceremony by the descendants of Venture Smith and the annual Venture family

reunion photograph will take place in the cemetery by Venture's grave. There will be plenty of time to renew old friendships, talk with speakers, and Venture's descendants and enjoy light refreshments. Questions please call (860) 873-9375. To review the original Venture Smith autobiography go to [www.docsouth.unc.edu/neh/venture2/menu.html](http://www.docsouth.unc.edu/neh/venture2/menu.html)

## A Brief Biography of Venture Smith

Born around 1729, Venture Smith's African birth name was Broteer, and he was the eldest son of King Saungm Furro of the tribe of Dukandarra in Guinea, West Africa. He was captured about 1736 when he was seven years old and was sold for "4 gallons of rum and some calico" at Anamabo on Africa's Gold Coast to Robinson Mumford, the steward of a Rhode Island slave ship. Broteer was renamed Venture because he was purchased by Mumford's own private venture. Venture grew up as a slave on Fishers Island, New York, which was being leased by the Mumford family at that time.



Susi (Henry) Ryan is an 8th generation descendant of Venture Smith.

Around 1750 he married Meg, another Mumford slave, and they had four children. After a failed escape attempt in 1754, Venture was sold to Thomas Stanton of Stonington Point, Connecticut. In 1760, he was purchased for the last time by Oliver Smith, of Stonington. Smith allowed Venture to purchase his freedom in 1765 and in return Venture took the name Smith as his surname. Venture then lived and worked on Long Island to raise money to purchase the freedom of his wife and children. During these years he cut wood, farmed, fished, and spent seven months on a whaling voyage. In 1774, Venture sold all his land on Long Island and in Stonington and moved his family to East Haddam. He then began purchasing land on Haddam Neck along the Salmon River Cove from Abel Bingham and others. His farm grew into 134 acres with three houses; twenty boats, canoes and sailing vessels; two fishing businesses and a commercial orchard. His entrepreneurial ventures included river trafficking, lumberjacking, carpentry and farming. All this he accomplished without the ability to either read or write.

In 1798, Venture dictated his autobiography to teacher Elisha Niles, which was then published in pamphlet form by Charles Holt, editor of the New London Bee. It has been reprinted many times. It is the only slave narrative of the 18th century that recounts life in Africa. His life story has been an inspiration to many over the years. Venture died on September 19, 1805, a highly respected man by all in the Haddams. He was survived by his wife, two sons, Cuff and Solomon, and several grandchildren. Several of his descendants still live in Connecticut.

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# East Haddam Garden Club News

## Scholarship Winner Announced!

The winner of the second annual East Haddam Garden Club Scholarship (\$500) is Jenna Bellucci of East Haddam, who graduated from Mercy High School in June. Jenna will be attending Seton Hall University in the fall. She intends to major in Biology, with the career goal of becoming a pediatrician. Congratulations, Jenna! The club thanks its scholarship committee, Berry Honore, Dora Lyman and Ginny Turner, as well as the Guidance Department at NHRHS.

## Photography Contest

The EHGC is proud to announce the winners of its "Art Is Nature, Nature Is Art" photography contest for students at Nathan Hale-Ray High School, coordinated by club member Shea Jezek and NHRHS art teacher, Deborah Batt.

One of the many goals of the club is to highlight both the beauty and vulnerability of nature. To accomplish this we believe that it is important to work with our younger generations who will one day be the caretakers of our planet. To that end, interested students were asked to photograph a moment in nature they believed supported those themes.

Awards were presented at by Shea Jezek at Senior Night in June. Judging was done by club members.

The first place winner (\$75.00) was Allyn Sweet for his photograph "Life from Death."

The second place winner (\$50.00) was Makayla Goff for "Afternoon Shower;" and third place (\$25.00) went to Owen McClean for "Summer Into Fall." Congratulations, all! So, Hale-Ray students, start taking those prize-winning photos for next year's competition!

## Annual May Sale & Other Initiatives

Thank you to all who supported the club's Annual Plant & Bake Sale. Proceeds enable us to sponsor projects like those described above, and our many other hands-on civic beautification projects. Among these are year-round plantings and seasonal decorations at Goodspeed green, Shagbark triangle, and Gillette Castle; Arbor Day celebration at East Haddam Elementary School; memorial plantings; public programs featuring knowledgeable speakers, and much more. This summer, you'll see club members hard at work every week, weeding and watering at the green and triangle.

## About The EHGC

The East Haddam Garden Club currently has 42 members; new members are always welcome. Come sample a program or two and get to know us!

For example, some of our upcoming programs include presentations on garden photography (August 19) by Lea Ann Moran, and the history of the EHGC (October 21), presented by longtime member Anita Ballek; and trips to Wickham Park Gardens (September) and White Flower Farm (May 2016). In

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June, we toured Carol King Platt's gardens at Rose Cottage in Wallingford. In July, we visited the gardens of one of our club members, and enjoyed a presentation on "Floral Arranging" presented by Leah O'Hearn from "It's So Ranunculus Flower Shoppe" in Marlborough.

The East Haddam Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. For more information, contact Betty Gross (860)873-8732.



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# NHRMS Science News

This past spring NHRMS students were busy working on the school garden. With generous and ongoing donations from Dora Lyman from the East Haddam Garden Club and Nancy McKinnon from Ballek's Garden Center, 8th grade students planted lettuce and peas during the spring and harvested it during the early summer. The crop was donated to the East Haddam Food Bank. Special thanks to Ted Kuderko, Issac Manfull, and Gabriel Hollis for donating their time over the summer to keep the garden looking great. Students in 7th grade classes studied mitosis, genetics, and cells this past spring and the garden played an important part. The unit concluded with students choosing a plant to study and start from seed for the garden. This fall, the plan is to harvest a generous crop of tomatoes and make a school sauce for a pasta party. Wish us luck!!

As another extension of the classroom, NHRMS students worked on maintaining and expanding the nature trail this past spring. The plan is to eventually make the trail into a loop and we are looking for anyone who would like to join in the effort. The trail can be accessed at the southeast corner of the soccer field and cascades down to a stream and former ice pond. The last major event of the school year on the trail was an opening day ceremony honoring the work that Noah Ventola did to blaze the trail during the 2014-15 school year. Over 100 people attended

the ceremony and it featured Mr. Ventola breaking the ground and cutting a ribbon. NHRMS will always be grateful for the time and dedication he showed to our school and the project. Special thanks to Rob Smith and Martha Tonucci for donating their expertise this past school year by leading an information session on trees, offering advice about the trail, and helping with our opening day ceremony.

If you are interested in donating time and/or other resources to either the NHRMS nature trail or school garden, please contact Shaleen Thody at [Shaleen.Thody@easthaddamschools.org](mailto:Shaleen.Thody@easthaddamschools.org) and remember to keep kids exploring the outdoors!



*Students walking down the upper part of NHRMS nature trail.*

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- (4) religious tenets forbid secular activity on Election Day; or
- (5) service as a polling place official in a town other than their own.

Beginning October 5th absentee ballots are available from the Office of the Town Clerk for the November 3rd Municipal Election. Absentee balloting is a two step process. The ballot may not be issued until an application for the ballot has been received. Applications may be filed in advance of the ballot becoming available.

To obtain the application for an absentee ballot, call 860-873-5027 or come into the Town Clerk's Office. Forms may also be downloaded from the town's website [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org) (elections under Town Clerk) or [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) (elections & voting, voter resources, absentee ballot and procedures, application for ballot). The absentee ballot application with an original signature must be on file in order for a ballot to be counted.

Debra H. Denette

East Haddam Town Clerk

# East Haddam Community Lions



At our late June dinner meeting, the East Haddam Community Lions Club was proud to host PDG Julie Shilosky, who installed the new slate of officers for the coming year: Maryjane Malavasi, President; 1st VP, Diane Bielski; Susan Merrow, 2nd VP; Angela George, Secretary; Dan Alexander, Treasurer; Paul

Will, Membership Chair; Dena Liedke, Tail Twister; Geri Hutra, Lion Tamer; Nan Alexander, Barbara Davis and Doug Swan, 1-Year Directors; Jan Balcom, Jiffy Spencer and Donna Swan, 2-Year Directors; and Marcy Masci, Past President. The Community Lions ended their fiscal year with over \$25,000 raised and gave back to our community and other Lion-sponsored projects. Recently at the Senior Awards Night the Community Lions presented their annual \$1,500 scholarship awards each to Kelly Johnson and Josh Lake. We wish the entire graduating class success in all their future endeavors. Our active membership increased by three new members this past year and our club is planning a membership picnic in July to introduce prospective members to the Lions organization. If you are interested in Lions and would like to know more, check out our website at [www.ehcl.org](http://www.ehcl.org) and Like' us on Facebook! or call Membership Paul Will at 717-201-1431 (cell).

# Tax Collector

After the budget passed at referendum on May 5, 2015, the Mill Rate for the 2014 Grand List was set at 28.68 (an increase of .78 mills). Tax bills for the 2014 Grand List were mailed on June 30, 2015 and were due on July 1, 2015 payable by August 3, 2015 with no interest or penalty. If you recently purchased property and did not receive a tax bill, please contact the Tax Office immediately.

Tax payments may be made in person, by mail or on-line. There is a secure lock box in the front alcove, which is available 24 hours. Payments may be dropped there after hours. If you choose to pay your taxes on-line, you may do so by going to [easthaddam.org](http://easthaddam.org) and clicking the "PAY TAXES ONLINE" button. There is a transaction fee of 2.95% on all credit/debit payments and a \$2.95 for e-checks. This fee applies to both online and in the office payments.

To look up a tax bill, go to [easthaddam.org](http://easthaddam.org) and click the "Pay Taxes Online" button.

This office is for the collection of taxes only. Any adjustments to your bill must be made by the Assessor (860-873-5026) [assessor@easthaddam.org](mailto:assessor@easthaddam.org).

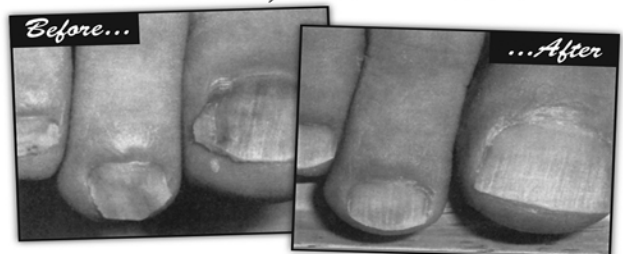
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# The East Haddam Lions Club

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On August 30th, the Lions will be hosting their annual Senior Chicken BBQ. The meal is free for seniors, tickets are available at the Senior Center.

This September, the Annual Lion's Club Golf Tournament will be held at Quarry Ridge in Portland, CT. It is \$135 per player which includes dinner, drink tickets, and the chance to win some amazing prizes. For more information, including entry forms, please visit our website at [www.EastHaddamLions.com](http://www.EastHaddamLions.com)

The East Haddam Lions would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's annual Lions Club Auction a success.

With your support, the club raised over \$15,000 for the community. Donations are accepted year-round, and there is always a need for "big-ticket" items such as vehicles and lightly used furniture. Donors receive a tax-deduction for helping a non-profit organization. Without the support of families and estates, the auction would not be possible. 100% of the money from the auction is used in East Haddam to help various town organizations, charities and efforts such as the Food Bank, Fuel Bank, and Nathan Hale-Ray Senior Scholarships. A special thanks to all the Lions for their hundreds of volunteer hours and especially to Lion Joe Busher for his outstanding efforts in organizing this annual town tradition!

The First Annual Lions Club Car Raffle was a massive success thanks to Lion Vin Garofalo. Thank you Vin for the hours

of hard work in transitioning this annual tradition from the East Haddam Rotary Club to the East Haddam Lions Club. Thanks also to the Rotarians for entrusting the Lions with the much-beloved Car Raffle.

The Lions would also like to thank all the businesses, sponsors, and participants who helped make the Golf Tournament, Memorial Day Parade Float, Phonebook and Senior Chicken BBQ a success – and a special thanks to Lions Bill Nelson, Scott Goodspeed, Zac Jezek, Don Goss, and Tim Curtis for organizing these events.

Lastly, after three years of outstanding service, Lion President Dave Carpenter is stepping down and passing the torch to incoming president, Lion Mike Gilroy. Thanks Past-President Dave and best of luck, President Mike!

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# Fifth Grade Medieval Wax Museum

Friday, May 22 was not your typical day at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle school. At 8:30 a.m. the doors to the gym were opened and countless medieval characters took their places under buildings, among the mills, and inside the castle. Friday, May 22 was Medieval Day!



*Jennafaye Haentjens trades with Sabrina Kaupp & Cameron Liberty.*

In March, fifth grade students began working on scenery and props every day after school to be used during our Medieval Day Wax Museum. Students worked in groups of 15 using a great deal of donated cardboard to make post and beams for structures, a castle, a cathedral, mills, town houses, stables,

and siege weapons. These structures were brought to the gym by over 50 willing parent volunteers and set up Thursday evening. By morning, the gym had been transformed into a medieval village.

Students began learning about medieval times in April, and by the time May 22 arrived they were ready to transform. Each student researched a medieval character or character's class and wrote a speech from their character's point of view. Students assembled electric buttons that they wore on their wrists. During wax museum time, students in costume would freeze and wait for a patron to



Medieval characters visit the Alex Duval and Brady Higgins at the herbalist's home.

push their button. Once pushed, the wax character would come to life acting out the researched role and delivering their speech. They were quite entertaining.

When not in wax museum mode, students participated in a live joust and mock trials, danced at the may pole, traded medieval objects, watched puppet shows and medieval theater, cheered on the high school fencing team, threw sponges at the poor souls in the stocks, pet the animals in the courtyard, danced medieval style, or attempted to use some of the home made siege weapons.

There was overwhelming community support for this event. Parents donated countless cardboard and paint. Ballek's Garden Center loaned many shrubberies for decorating and lining the medieval streets. Grist Mill Market did an incredible job catering a medieval lunch. Finally, all the teachers and students came together to make this day an incredible experience for anyone who happened to pay a visit. If you missed it this year, be sure to stop by May 2016.

## East Haddam Democrats



*Vote Democratic this November!*

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## I-Park Events



*Birdcage, Bonggi Park, Environmental Art Biennale, Sept. 2009*

This summer, I-Park (i-park.org) will open its doors to the public for two special programs, its Environmental Art Biennale and Composers + Musicians Collaborative Residency.

Established in East Haddam in 2001, I-Park is a secluded retreat for artists to focus, undisturbed, on their individual, creative pursuits. Traversed by the pristine Eightmile River, I-Park spans 450 protected acres and borders the Devil's Hopyard State Park. The sprawling grounds and free form/adaptive programming encourage artists-in-residence to embrace experimentation and a sense of limitless creative potential.

I-Park's format involves a series of 4-week, fully-funded residency sessions, each with 6 individuals from various creative disciplines working on their personal projects. In contrast, the Environmental Art program entails a 3-week residency with an international group of 12 highly credentialed artists – all working in the field of site-responsive environmental art. In addition to sculptural installations, there will be examples of sound and performance art. The program culminates, on September 20, in a free exhibition of the works developed during the residency.

An evening fundraiser on September 19 will feature an exclusive preview walk of the environmental art trail, an engaging dinner with the artists and some other surprises. The I-Park Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The Environmental Art Biennale has been partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Composers + Musicians Collaborative Residency is an experimental program that will bring together 6 performers from a New York-based ensemble and 6 composers. The idea is to enrich the traditional creative process involved in bringing a new composition from concept to concert. The program will encourage collaborative exchanges of ideas and inspiration, entail numerous 'readings' of the new works-in-progress and result in a series of 3 concerts, including one at St. Stephen's Church in East Haddam



on August 23 and another later in the day at I-Park.

*Clytie, Tatiana Ferahian, Environmental Art Biennale, Sept. 2013*

# East Haddam Ambulance Association

Over the past few months, members of East Haddam Ambulance Association (EHAA) have been busy with various training sessions and community events.

EHAA Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) provided medical coverage for the East Haddam Community Lions Road Race in April. Technicians also participated in the Memorial Day Parade.



EMTs and EMRs participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

Over the past few months EHAA EMTs and EMRs have continued with ongoing education and training.

An EMT course sponsored by East Haddam Parks and Recreation recently ended. Fourteen students, including four students from East Haddam spent



(L – R) Michael Davis, Kevin Cavallo, Jiffy Spencer, Dean Anderson, Paul Michael Ross – Provided medical coverage for the East Haddam Community Lions Road Race in April.

four months learning about patient assessment, cardiac arrest management, airway management, patient immobilization, diabetic emergencies, respiratory emergencies and trauma. Students are currently going through certification testing. On June 3, the class participated in a Lifestar Safety Program. After a lecture by a Lifestar crew member, students were given a tour of the helicopter and a chance to ask questions. Special thanks to East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department for setting up a landing zone.

Please visit our new and improved website. Our website has information about the history of EHAA, how to become an EMT or EMR and a course listing of CPR/First Aid classes held monthly right here in town. Please visit [www.easthaddamambulance.org](http://www.easthaddamambulance.org). EHAA is also on Facebook. Please search East Haddam Ambulance and “Like Us”.



East Haddam EMT Certification Class sponsored by East Haddam Parks and Recreation. EHAA will gain four EMTs from this class. Students in the Spring '15 class came from East Haddam, Lyme, Chester, Colchester, East Hampton and Portland.

# Nathan Hale-Ray High School Agricultural Education Program



Students from the Agricultural Education Program at Nathan Hale-Ray High School volunteered to help set up for Connecticut Valley Driving

Club's Regional Horse Driving Competition at Haddam Meadows in early June. The students and club members had a fantastic day building the event obstacle course.

"This spring, students from the Nathan Hale-Ray High School's Wildlife Management class assisted the Connecticut DEEP in stocking trout in preparation for fishing season. Students enjoyed the hard but important work of getting nets full of fish from the hatchery truck safely to the Salmon River."





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This historic meeting house established in 1704 is a great backdrop for the beautiful quilts and wall hangings – old and new. Some will be available for sale.

Two well-known artists will be doing demonstrations. Susan Varanka from Meriden will teach about hand quilting and Barbara Chojnacki from Six Gables Designs in Rhode Island will show Kanzashi technique (Japanese fabric flowers).

Throughout the show, refreshments will be served including homemade soups, chili and desserts.



Our raffle quilt shown here is called “Delectable Mountains”. It is a classic pattern. There are 2388 pieces in the quilt. It is machine pieced and all hand quilted.

The weekend show on October 10th and 11th is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at 499 Town Street, East Haddam.

Quilt is call “Delectable Mountains”

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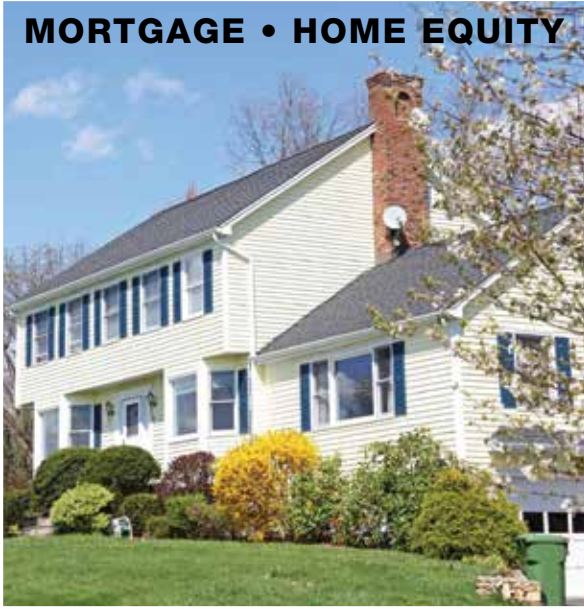


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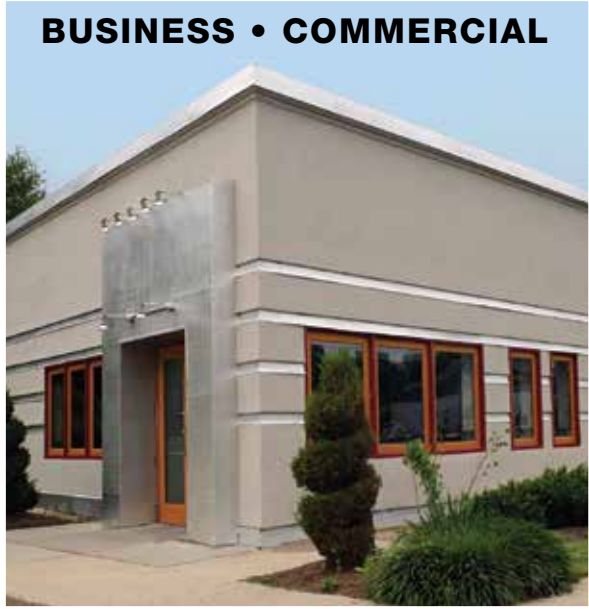
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