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## First Selectman's Corner

In 2013 The State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) awarded Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) for Connecticut waterways. These were funded through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service with the intention of improving transient recreational boating access for vessels 26' and larger. East Haddam was among those that had applied and was successful in its application. That dock has been installed. It is located between the Goodspeed Airport and Goodspeed Opera House parking lot. On June 19th the dock was officially



opened. Congressman Joseph Courtney, DEEP Commissioner Robert Klee and other distinguished guests participated in its dedication followed by a scenic boat ride on the river, provided by S & S Marine of Old Saybrook. For East Haddam this new transient visitor dock has been a welcome and needed addition to

our village. We have a long tradition tying us to the Connecticut River. From earliest exploration, to building over 400 ships in our shipyards, to bringing countless guests to our many resorts, this river has played a varied and endless role in the history of East Haddam. Our new dock adds to that history giving us new opportunities for anyone from fishermen to transient boaters, including those who might be seeking overnight access to our community. It benefits the Goodspeed Opera House, restaurants and local businesses while giving visitors the opportunity to further enjoy a very special part of Connecticut. Whether they're seeking the sophistication of the best in theatre or a quiet stroll communing with nature, it will be found here. Again we especially want to thank the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for providing the funding, which made it possible to add something so very special to our community.



Emmett J. Lyman  
First Selectman

Memorial Day was first held on May 30 in 1868. It was and remains a day for remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in our armed forces. This year's celebrations were special. 2017 marks 100 years from our entry into the "Great War to End all Wars" or as it is better known "World War **continued on page 3**

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## First Selectman's Corner... continued from page 1

I." At that time our grandfathers and great-grandfathers made a great and dangerous commitment to freedom. That war still serves to remind us that the traditions of freedom, established in 1776, have been repeatedly invoked, whenever the need has appeared, and often in places far from home. The cost has never been low, many never returned.

Ceremonies in East Haddam spanned nearly a week. On Monday, May 29th we found ourselves rained out again and gathered at the American Legion Hall. Speakers included Emily Ceceri, Ryan Brownell, Beth Garofalo, myself and a member of our community who for over 26 years has known only too well the cost of freedom, Chief Warrant Officer Four David Tozier.

On Friday June 2nd Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation Center in association with VITAS Healthcare conducted a "Veterans Generational Passing of the Flag." This moving ceremony honored the many veterans at Chestelm. The Flag being honored and entrusted from one generation to the next, as represented by a file of ever younger veterans and Scouts, while a narrative of the history of our nation was presented.



Work on our new Municipal Office Complex in Moodus is progressing well. If you have a chance, take a close look at what's happened. The demolition phase I is largely complete, cleanup is in progress and phase II is starting. The project remains within budget and we anticipate moving in during January.



I want to welcome Stephen Hedler to our Public Works Department as our new Superintendent. He is a graduate of Norwich Free Academy and is currently attending Three Rivers College. Steve has served in construction for most of his career, his background in scheduling and supervising job sites as well as overseeing safety training will be a great asset for us.



Steve has shown himself to be an effective leader and a self-starter who is eager to learn and always ready to lend a hand when needed.

Vincent Garofalo has joined us as a part-time Building Official. Vinny is a resident of East Haddam and has often helped out when our regular Building Official needed assistance. His knowledge and skills are especially appropriate and needed while we are converting the Old Middle School to our future Municipal Offices. As a Building Official and Code Consultant with over 30 years of construction experience we could not have made a better choice.



With summer well underway this is the time to enjoy our great outdoors. If you haven't visited Chapel Farm, and even if you have, it's a great destination. Conservation Commission maps are available at the Town Office Building and around town. You cross glacial features, first an esker (what is that?) and then pass kettle holes (where do they come from?). When entering from Route 82, the bridge over the Eightmile River is truly impressive and the fishing is great. There are numerous short trails to explore and if you're looking for something more aggressive the Goodwin Trail goes all the way to Salem and East Lyme. A very special and unique feature is the paved loop trail which goes from the parking area on Baker Lane to the bridge and back.

Emmett J. Lyman  
First Selectman

## Holiday Closings

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

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day  
Monday, October 9 - Columbus Day

*Regular hours will resume on the next business day.*

## From the Assessor

The Assessor's office began accepting applications for the **Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters Rebate Program** on April 1, 2017. Applicant's total income must not exceed \$35,200 for a single person, and \$42,900 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 2016. The deadline for filing is October 1, 2017.

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. Registrations may now be cancelled online by going to CT DMV On-line Services.

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.

## Save the Dates

The Comer Memorial rededication events will take place the week of September 11-17. On Wednesday, September 13, Fred Carabetta, curator from Mystic Seaport Museum will be the guest speaker at the Historical Society meeting. On Friday the 15th Miqqusaaq Benadette Dean, from Rankin Inlet, Nunavut Canada will be speaking on the Canadian perspective of Captain Comer. The East Haddam Library

System will host the program. Both programs will be held at the Historical Society Museum.

At 10:30 on the 16th the rededication will take place at the monument site on Mt. Parnassus. Captain Comer's great grandson will read the original speech given when the park was opened in 1938. Refreshments will follow at the Museum.

The public is invited to all events.

This project was done with all volunteer help and carried out by the combined efforts of the Library Board, The Museum Board, the Land Trust, The capstone students from Franklin Academy, the Ag students from Hale-Ray, the Garden Club, the state park supervisor and the special efforts of the public works department.



Tamera "T.J." Jackson  
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## Updates from the Economic Development Commission

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) is proud to announce the new 2017/18 East Haddam Visitor's Guide, a 24 page guide to the area filled with lots of useful business information. But it's not just for visitors. You will be surprised by just how many different businesses and places of interest there are in our town. It's a useful resource for both residents and visitors alike. If you're looking for a guide, they can be found at most local businesses in East Haddam and Moodus. For local businesses that would like additional guides, please email Sue Smith: [ehedcssmith@gmail.com](mailto:ehedcssmith@gmail.com).

The EDC has been hard at work discussing the options to make the East Haddam Village area more business-friendly after the Town Office moves to Moodus. Increased parking areas, additional shops, and even a river boardwalk are all being discussed at the preliminary planning stages. As further analysis of the Village area is completed, the project will change and grow in many ways, so the EDC welcomes input from citizens on what they would like to see in East Haddam Village.

For the second year, the EDC is excited to be coordinating the Fall Weekend for East Haddam. Planned for Columbus Day Weekend, October 6th - 9th, this weekend-long celebration of the season brings together many different businesses and community organizations with a food truck festival, "Haddam Special" steam train excursions, sales and deals, and more in the works! Save the date for the East Haddam Fall Weekend and look for more information coming soon. To help out with planning, please email Kevin Staehly at [kevin@staehlys.com](mailto:kevin@staehlys.com).

East Haddam and the EDC would also like to take a moment to welcome a few new additional businesses to town:

- *Adore Furniture & Home Décor* - 4 Norwich Road, East Haddam 860-300-0998—Lydia Haney, Owner. Open Wednesday - Sunday noon to 5:00 pm. With a passion for vintage and a love to incorporate the old with the new, this is a small town shop with a big city appeal. Whether you prefer farmhouse style or shabby chic. The store offers tons of unique pieces for your home and everyday life. Priding themselves on restoring, re-purposing and reusing vintage items to adorn your home. They offer commission-based work. So if you have a family treasure that needs some work they would be happy to accommodate you. Or if you prefer something new to add to your collection, they offer new home pieces as well as vintage finds and custom restored/refinished pieces. For more information go to their website [www.adorebylydia.com](http://www.adorebylydia.com).

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Please visit the Business Directory on the homepage of the municipal website [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org) for a complete listing of East Haddam businesses. Also, check the Community Calendar section for upcoming local business events.

## Town Clerk

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

#### For Municipal Election

An elector may vote by absentee ballot due to:

- (1) the elector's absence from their town for all of the hours of voting;
- (2) illness or physical disability;
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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 Friday, October 6th absentee ballots are available from the Office of the Town Clerk for the November 7th 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.

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# East Haddam Ambulance Association



EHAA visited with a local Girl Scout Troop



Girl Scout Troop exploring the inside of an ambulance

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) recently visited with a local Girl Scout troop and discussed the proper use of 911. The girls also had an opportunity to practice using dressings and bandages. The visit ended with a tour of an ambulance.

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 ended in May. EHAA will gain new EMTs from this class. Students spent 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.

In June, EHAA members participated in mandatory training. EHAA EMTs are now able to perform blood glucose testing in the field, which adds to the skill set of procedures that are performed in the prehospital setting.

This summer, EHAA took delivery of a new Stryker stretcher. The new stretcher is easier to handle on uneven ground and ensures patient safety.

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.easthaddam-ambulance.org](http://www.easthaddam-ambulance.org). EHAA is also on Facebook. Please search East Haddam Ambulance and "Like Us."

## MPAC



Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School's MPAC had a great year! Beginning with the First Day Celebration and ending with the 8th grade Promotion Ceremony, we couldn't do it without our supporters who donate their time and money to programs and events throughout our school year! We were happy to provide additional afterschool program options this year, including: Fencing, Kid's CrossFit, Pottery, Mad Science, Sewing Club and Running Club. Our School Store will once again be open every Friday during lunch waves. And we're proud to announce the designation of a scholarship fund that will specifically support our students and families that may need help deferring the costs of field trips, afterschool activities, yearbooks, and the 8th grade D.C. trip. All donations to MPAC are tax deductible and can be submitted anytime. This year, we distributed over \$1,000 to this specific cause. Keep your eye out for details regarding the First Day Celebration on August 30th!



## 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...

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Hebron Lions Fair  
Moodus Green Xmas Decorations  
Kids' Day at the Farmer's Market  
Pumpkin Walk at Senior Center  
Bake Sales  
Xmas Tree Sales  
Memorial Day Parade  
Membership Events  
Game Nights

All proceeds from Leo Club events go to support various charitable causes & organizations around town. All community service hours count towards graduation requirements and always look great on applications! The Leo Club currently consists of over 40 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 pm 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](mailto:GilroyM@gmail.com) or pick up an application at EHFPL or Gristmill Market.

## Together We Rise

Together We Rise CT holds a silent vigil each Saturday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Two Wrasslin Cats. The vigils have been held in support of Black Rights, Women's Rights, LGBTQ rights, to collect funds for the Fuel Bank, to collect food for the Food Bank, Earth Day turned into a science fair in support of clean water, air, recycling, and supporting our undocumented neighbors. We welcome all our neighbors to join us on any Saturday to share conversation, compassion and companionship as we build bridges for justice. We periodically hold informational seminars on matters affecting our community. We hold poetry readings once a month. All our events are open to the public.



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More information will follow in the East Haddam News and on social media.

**Ride or Stride**

## Looking for fall clean up?

The EHYFS Youth Job Bank is designed to help students, age 12-17, build confidence, gain independence and provide a potential for growth through meaningful work. It is also designed to assist East Haddam residents, churches or civic groups who need help with yard work, babysitting, pet sitting or other light seasonal or temporary labor.

To add your name to our Job Bank directory, an application must be completed and returned to East Haddam Youth & Family Services (P.O. Box 572, Moodus, CT). Forms can be found online at [www.ehyfs.org](http://www.ehyfs.org), or by calling the office during normal business hours.

Please be advised that jobs are available intermittently and sometimes infrequently.

## Youth Helping Youth:

*By Sierra Cazassa and Shayna Moffatt*

Youth Helping Youth is a high school leadership group that partners with East Haddam Youth & Family Services. Members of YHY are dedicated to providing positive experiences for youth, being positive role models, encouraging others to make healthy decisions and becoming leaders in our school and community. Some of our notable events include the annual Polar Plunge Fundraiser, 4th & 5th Grade Activity Nights, and Sticker Shock programs at local package stores and the Nathan Hale Pharmacy. In the upcoming year, we hope to start a similar club in the middle school in order to give 7th and 8th graders the opportunity to gain leadership skills and help those who are younger than them.

YHY meetings occur once every two weeks during the school year and are held at EHYFS. By being a member of Youth Helping Youth you get the opportunity to help kids, develop important leadership skills, and make a difference in your community. We will be recruiting members in the Fall and hope to see lots of new faces! If you are interested in learning more about this group, please email [youthhelpingyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:youthhelpingyouth@hotmail.com) or visit [ehyfs.org](http://ehyfs.org).



# East Haddam Local Prevention Council



The East Haddam Local Prevention Council (EHLPC) is an alliance of volunteer individuals and groups, where all members work together to create a strong, safe and substance free environment for our East Haddam youth.

Building a healthy environment takes a collective voice from all parts of the community. By developing opportunities or positive relationships, we decrease the risk of youth drug and alcohol use. Our main focus is on building community collaborations, the involvement of community organizations, and the prevention of youth substance use.

The East Haddam Local Prevention Council is seeking representatives from different parts of our community to volunteer their time in the service of our youth.

## East Haddam Local Prevention Council Collaborations

### Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) for Package Stores

Our continuing efforts to reduce underage drinking and other alcohol-related problems continue this year with Robin Callahan, Prevention Coordinator, who recently was certified to train TIPS Training for both package stores (retail sales) and restaurant/bar management and employees.

In May, East Haddam Youth and Family Services collaborated with both East Hampton Youth and Family Services to reach as many retail sellers in the area, and also asked Tri Town Youth Services Bureau TIPS Trainer Jen Buckley to co-train retail servers. The training includes skills-based programs designed specifically for servers and sellers of alcohol. Social drinking is a prevailing custom and generates its own special considerations that the server/seller is called upon to handle. Participation in TIPS Training demonstrates a commitment to prevent underage drinking and other alcohol related problems by using “people skills” to promote responsible drinking and purchasing behaviors.

Liquor boards and local authorities tend to look favorably on establishments that incorporate TIPS training, and the benefits for businesses include: compliance with state and local regulations and the possibility of increased protection from alcohol-related liabilities. We look forward to training restaurant and bar staff in the fall, and hopefully will be afforded the opportunity to collaborate with our neighboring towns again.

### Marc Mero, Motivational Speaker at NHRMS

On June 1, 2017, the East Haddam Local Prevention Council collaborated with Haddam Killingworth Youth and Family Services to present a Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School assembly featuring Marc Mero, a motivational speaker and founder of Champion of Choices, empowering students to make Positive Choices. The student assembly took place on June 1 at the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School, during which Mr. Mero presented a multi-media production that is powerful, moving and candid, challenging youth and adults to make meaningful choices. Marc’s personal and entertaining stories about his own positive and negative choices during his career are very inspiring and emotionally motivating.

We thank Principal Jason Peacock of NHRMS and Cristal Pietro of HKYFS for the opportunity for such a positive presentation. If you would like to know more about Marc Mero and Champion of Choices, please visit [www.championofchoices.org](http://www.championofchoices.org) for program information and links to videos.



# Nathan Hale-Ray All School All Class Reunion 2017

Save the date! The Nathan Hale-Ray All School - All Class Reunion is Saturday, August 19 at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club, Colchester Turnpike, Moodus. Festivities start at 3:00 pm. Dinner is at 5:30 pm followed by live music at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door. For only \$20 a ticket, you get delicious food and outstanding entertainment. The menu includes pulled pork, BBQ chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, tossed salad, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, and more. Please note that the Reunion is a BYOB event.

This year the Reunion is featuring open mic music. We are fortunate to have a lot of local talent, including current and former Hale-Ray students. Whether you are an established band or students jamming in a garage, we encourage you to perform at the Reunion.

You do not have to be a Hale-Ray graduate to attend the Reunion. Anyone who went to Hale-Ray or is part of the Hale-Ray extended family of parents, teachers, staff, and former teachers is welcome. Teachers who have attended include Lou Milardo, Jim Meyer, Irene Parady, Jack Salbinski, John Nahas, Ray Flaherty, Kevin and Joanne Maynard, and Charlie Boynton, just to name a few. Who will you see this year? Come and find out!

All proceeds go towards helping our students. In 2013, our first year, we gave one scholarship. Since then, we expanded to awarding two \$500 scholarships. Our 2017 recipients are Mary Pease and Cassidy Corey. The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association has also sponsored the June Thomas Art Award, which was awarded this year to Emily Ciccarello. Other Alumni sponsored and co-sponsored events include essay contests, Project Graduation, and the MPAC Walk-A-Thon.

Here is what you can do to help the Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association have another successful Reunion and raise funds for the scholarship program and our students:

1. Attend and bring your classmates, friends, and family.
2. Spread the word through Facebook, e-mail, mail, or word of mouth.
3. Supply a raffle gift. You can bring it with you or mail your raffle gift. Last year we had prizes mailed to us from as far away as Florida!
4. Bring a dessert.
5. Bring your stories, memories, and old photos – anything you would like to share about what a special place Hale-Ray is.

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For more information, e-mail [halerayalumni@gmail.com](mailto:halerayalumni@gmail.com), or call Ed Gubbins at 860-873-8012, or Roy Parker at 860-873-2367. You can also visit us at [www.halerayalumni.com](http://www.halerayalumni.com) or on Facebook at Past Students of Nathan Hale-Ray High School.

*Article submitted by Kathleen Golec*

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# East Haddam Elementary School PTO

The East Haddam Elementary School (EHES) PTO is proud to report another successful year! We have carried on many traditions from previous years including First Day Welcome for Teachers, Kindergarten Welcome, Teacher Conference Dinner, Fall Dance, Wall of Fame, Fall & Spring Book Fairs, Project Safe Halloween, Bus Driver Appreciation, After School Programs, Holiday Fair, Staff Appreciation Week, Staff Vs Parents Basketball Jam, Helen M. Thomas Scholarship, Basket Bash, & Third Grade Ice Cream Social.

Our fundraisers were huge successes: we made over \$22,000 - with Basket Bash being our biggest money maker, earning approximately \$12,700. All monies earned throughout the school year go directly back to the school to benefit our students, teachers & staff. \$9,319 was spent on the Cultural Arts Program for grade-level & school wide presentations and the 2nd and 3rd grade field trips. Another \$4,885 was spent on Teacher/Staff Disbursements in the fall & spring. We also had a wonderful author visit from Adam Lehrhaupt. He spoke to the students about being a writer, autographed books, and even had lunch with some students!

On September 13th, we will host our first ever PTO informational meet & greet for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade parents. It will immediately follow their Open House at EHES. We hope to meet all the new parents of our youngest incoming students.

Our Fall Book Fair will be held the week of September 25th. Book Fair Family Night will be on Wednesday, September 27th.

Thursday, September 28th is our first PTO meeting of the year. PTO meetings are held monthly at EHES in Room 205 at 7:00 pm.

The Mixed Bag Designs Fall fundraiser will be held from September 29th - October 13th. Mixed Bag Designs offers a variety of high quality and durable reusable bags along with a kitchen catalogue. Proceeds from our fall fundraiser fund our annual staff disbursements.

For any information regarding the EHES PTO, please feel free to contact Trish Hagerty, President, at EastHaddamElementary-SchoolPTO@outlook.com.


# Essex Printing Winner In New England Regional Printing Awards Of Excellence Competition

Essex Printing has again been honored for the quality of its work. In April, the Print Industries of New England (PINE) announced Essex Printing as an Awards of Excellence winner in the Association's Awards of Excellence competition. The announcement was made during PINE's Industry Awards Gala, held at the Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA, with hundreds of industry professionals in attendance. The Awards of Excellence Competition attracted over 320 entries from 41

printing and imaging companies across New England competing in a variety of printing and graphic communications categories such as best annual report, direct mail campaign, labels & packaging, and more.

"We are honored that PINE has again selected Essex Printing for this prestigious distinction. Consistently winning Pinnacle Awards means that the company and its employees demonstrate a deep commit-

ment to the company's customers and the quality of work produced on a day in and day out basis," said William McMinn, President of Essex Printing. "We look forward to continuing to meet our customers' needs and objectives with top quality print and customer service." The competition marks the 5th year in a row that PINE has recognized Essex Printing with awards for the quality of the Company's work, for a total of 13 awards, including an International Benny Award in 2014.



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Or you might like to explore the Urbanik Reserve at the south end of the paved portion of Foxtown Cemetery Road, followed by a one mile walk to the east through a bit of East Haddam history on the dirt portion of Foxtown Cemetery Road, turning right at the T intersection onto Helon Cone Road. You will soon find yourself in the

Devil's Hopyard State Park, where marked trails abound. You could follow one of them all the way to Millington Green, a distance of about 2 miles.

You can customize many "connections" on our new prize-winning Goodwin Trail. Park at the Boot Rock Lot on Rte. 82 near the junction with the Hopyard Road and walk to one of several parking places along this 14 mile trail, such as the Eightmile Wildlife Management Area on Salem Road, a distance of 2 miles or extend your walk another 2 miles to Gungy Road in Lyme, where you can explore the many miles of trails in Lyme's Hartman Park.

The best part is that maps for all our marked trails are available by logging onto the East Haddam town website, seeking out the Conservation Commission under Boards and Commissions, and clicking on Trail Maps. At many of our reserves, you will find a kiosk with maps and a handy QR-Quick Response code, if you have the phone app. If we can help in any way, please contact Sue Mellow at Amerrow@snet.net. We would love to hear your "connections" stories.

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# 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 2017/2018 school year is just around the corner and the prospects of this new year at EHPS are truly exciting. From pre-K students to our seniors in high school, our students will experience new opportunities to learn. For this article, I use an example from the middle school to highlight some of the exciting work taking place in our school communities.

In the 2017/2018 school year, we will experience the second year of National History Day. While encyclopedias provided earlier generations of students with the most recent information, today, technology provides a wealth of information that is up-to-date and more voluminous than could ever fit in an encyclopedia. Preparing for National History Day (NHD) involves many lessons about how to research information and to check if information is legitimate and factual. Students learn to identify different viewpoints, cause and effect, and bias in their research materials.

Another exciting change that the NHD process represents is connecting students' learning with their interests and passions. The research students conduct is the result of asking them to develop their own questions about events in history and craft their own thesis statements about the historical events and their outcomes. This approach increases student engagement leading to deeper learning and jumpstarts their process of learning lessons from the past.

The NHD process is completed when students present their information by creating a video documentary, website, or display board that supports their presentation in addition to their written work. These formats allow students to share information in ways that were never possible before. For example, a presentation may have video segment speech delivered 40 years ago. The student may choose to insert digital pictures or videos of letters signed by our founding fathers or manifests created at Ellis Island, or other artifacts available to them online found at places like the Smithsonian Institute. The depth and authenticity of these presentations is stunning.

We are very excited about the upcoming year and encourage you to experience a drama production, a sports event, or student presentation event like NHD.

Sincerely, Brian S. Reas, Superintendent of Schools

## Accepted colleges and universities from our NHRHS Class of 2017!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 29**  
MEET & GREET  
2:30-3:30

**August 30**  
First Day of School

**September 4**  
Labor Day/No School

**September 20**  
Picture Day

**September 13**  
PK, K, 1st Grade  
Open House

**September 19**  
2nd & 3rd Grade  
Open House

**October 6**  
Early Dismissal/Professional  
Development

**October 9**  
Columbus Day/No School

**October 18, 19, 20**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences



## East Haddam Elementary School



East Haddam Elementary School parents and staff collaborated to purchase specific playground equipment. Students enjoy their recess fun and, after school hours, these additions have been a joy to the community, as well!

During the school's June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day Assembly, the community recognized Mrs. Theresa Mazzaferro, Music Specialist, for her years of service to our district as she retires from teaching this year. The high school's Tri-M Music Honor Society purchased and planted a tree at the elementary school in loving dedication to Terry, as noted on the plaque placed by the tree. Those involved were Bridget Haines, Chapter President and Katie Barbi, Committee Chair, with Carson Hemphill, Tri-M Singer who created the plaque with the assistance of Mr. Freeman the Tech. Ed. Teacher. Alyssa Petty Tri-M Vice President, Kara Izzo Tri-M Secretary, Jake Lanning, Historian, and Isabelle Hajek supported the process. Mrs. Heidi Pease mounted the plaque, Mrs. Evans was the Recognition Coordinator, and Ballek's Garden Center planted the tree.



### 2017 Summer Reading Challenge!

The EHES Summer Reading Challenge began as of the last day of school. Families received a brochure outlining various events planned at the town's libraries. Students are encouraged to build their reading skills by reading every day and every word counts toward this reading challenge. In the fall, students completing their reading logs and summer math packets will participate in a special summer reading reward event.





# Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

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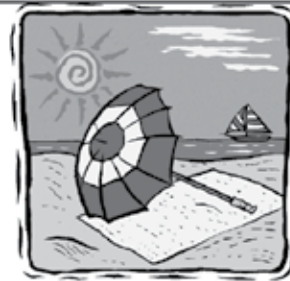
August 30  
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September 21  
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October 6  
Early Dismissal/Professional  
Development Day

October 9  
Columbus Day/No School

October 18, 19, 20  
Parent/Teacher Conference



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 Performs at the Sub Base in Groton, CT



On Friday, June 16th, a group of NHRMS singers braved the elements to sing at an "Honor and Remember Ceremony" that took place on the grounds of the Submarine Force Museum at Groton. Despite truly torrential rain, "gusty" winds and last minute changes, the middle school students never lost their poise and focus. They performed beautifully for an audience of veterans & their families, military men and women, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Sean M. Connolly and several state senators - overall an audience of over 300 people. They won praise for their maturity, musicality and patriotism, highlighted by Marisol Chupas singing her beautiful song, "America, My Home".

We are very proud of their outstanding efforts! The students who participated are:

6th graders: Vicky Wang, Marisol Chupas, Yianna Kariotis, Ella Rogerson

8th grader: Zach Ricard

Calling all Middle School students! Our middle school library will be open Wednesdays! We have thousands of books, loads of magazines, quiet places to read - fun! The library will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 16, 23 Come on in! We hope to see you often!



# Nathan Hale-Ray High School

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### Hale-Ray Softball

There are many traditions that are a part of Hale-Ray softball, winning being one of those traditions. When in attendance at one of the games, the spectator may witness strange group formations and throwing patters, may hear loud and catchy chants or interesting and unique sayings, and the spectator will feel the presence of alumni, family and community members caught up in the fever of Hale-Ray softball! The Hale-Ray Softball team's slogan "Tradition Never Graduates" represents so many aspects of the game, the team, and the town of East Haddam.

Over the winter, Hale-Ray Softball continued another tradition as they enthusiastically volunteered with the East Haddam/Moodus Little League softball players. As opening day approached and as tradition indicated, the Hale-Ray softball players created the 2017 motto "Leave It All, Take It All" in order to propel their season goals. This season the girls truly have left everything on the softball field. From improving their hitting and fine tuning their swings, to being disciplined in the completion of individual drills working on core strength, timing, and skill development, the softball players work tirelessly to attain their goals. At the midway point in the season, they focused on the second half of their slogan which is to "take it all" as they set their sights on the Shoreline League Championship and Class S State Championship. The girls ended the season with a strong showing in both the Shoreline and State Championships, making it to the finals of the Shorelines and to the Quarterfinal round of the States.





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# Building Bridges Between People and Wild Spaces



Photo of Musical Bridges 2015: East Haddam Land Trust's Musical Bridges 2015 Concert



Photo of Musical Bridges 2016: The Goodspeed Theatre lawn is a perfect venue for EHLT's Musical Bridges 2016

Musical Bridges grew from a seed of an idea in the creative mind of East Haddam Land Trust's Pete Govert. As a musician himself, Pete envisioned a gathering of local musical talent, jamming in an outdoor setting in front of area residents. But he also envisioned this get together highlighting East Haddam Land Trust's mission ... to preserve and protect land in perpetuity for the public benefit.

Pete's vision became a reality in 2015 with the first Musical Bridges concert, when the Goodspeed Theatre lawn was filled

with hundreds of people enjoying the sounds and songs of local musicians while learning about and supporting East Haddam Land Trust's ongoing work. The Land Trust oversees 500+ acres of preserved land, maintains miles of trails for public use, builds footbridges, installs signage, and otherwise keeps preserved land useable for both people and wildlife.

Now in its third year, Musical Bridges 2017 is scheduled for Monday evening August 28. Local musicians will create pick-up jam bands and improvise with tunes old and new while the



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use. As in 2016, an anonymous donor will match your donation, doubling the value of each dollar given.

Concert admission is free. Bring a picnic dinner or purchase food at the concert. Other details are at [www.ehlt.org](http://www.ehlt.org), on East Haddam Land Trust's Facebook page, and on posters around town. We hope to see you at our town's last outdoor riverside concert before Labor Day.

## Registrars of Voters

A Referendum held on June 6, 2017 for approval of a Town Budget failed. On July 25, 2017 another Referendum was held and the Town Budget passed. A total of 1,258 votes were cast by registered voters and property owners. (668 Yes votes to 590 No votes).

Our major party Town Committees held Caucuses at the end of July to endorse candidates for municipal offices.

If a Primary for a municipal office is to be held, such Municipal Primary will take place on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You must be a registered voter of the Party holding the Primary to vote. An unaffiliated voter may become a member of a major party up to 12:00 noon on the day before the Primary, but unaffiliated voters may not vote in the Municipal Primary. June 12, 2017 was the

last day an enrolled voter was able to transfer from one party to another to be eligible to vote in the Municipal Primary of the new party.

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## East Haddam Lions Club

On August 27th, 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 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 \$10,000 for the community. 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 Third 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. And congratulations to local resident, Jon Bennet, winner of this year's raffle.

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# East Haddam Community Lions

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(Left to right) Betsy Barney, Geri Hutra, Diane Bielski, Chris vanValkenburg, Dena Liedke, Donna Swan, Linda Bradshaw, John Bradshaw, Maryjane Malavasi, Angela George, Dick Gerber, Dan Alexander. Missing from Photo: Debi Ryczek, Karan Conover, Marcy Masci.

The East Haddam Community Lions installed the new slate of officers for the coming year: John Bradshaw, President; 1st VP, Angela George; 2nd VP Daniel Alexander; Linda Bradshaw, Secretary; Maryjane Malavasi, Treasurer; Christine vanValkenburg, Membership Chair; Donna Swan, Tail Twister; Dena Liedke, Lion Tamer; Geri Hutra, Debi Ryczek and Betsy Barney, 1-Year Directors; Dick Gerber, Karan Conover and Marcy Masci, 2-Year Directors; and Diane Bielski, Past President.

The Community Lions ended their fiscal year with over \$25,000 raised and given 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 Samantha vanValkenburg and Owen McLean. We wish the entire graduating class success in all their future endeavors. Our active membership increased by two new members this past year and our club is planning a membership picnic in August 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 Chair Chris vanValkenburg at 873-2655.

## 2 NEW LIONS!

In a moving ceremony at the Community Lions June 27th dinner meeting, Past District Governor Ken Tucker inducted 2 new Lions to add to our growing roster. These new Lions have pledged to uphold the Lions motto 'We Serve.' Welcome Felicity and Tammy!



(left to right) Tammy Charbonneau, PDG Ken Tucker and Felicity Grzemski

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Contact us to hear more about the Research Foundation and the KidSight program: John & Linda Bradshaw at bradshaw751@sbcglobal.org or (860) 873-8933.

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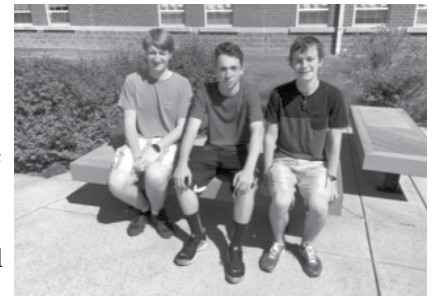
# East Haddam Garden Club

The East Haddam Garden Club is committed to working closely with the younger generation to encourage and support the future caretakers of our planet. To that end, we participate in the Elementary School Arbor Day program, dig in the dirt with the Middle School, and sponsor an annual scholarship and a photography contest at the High School level.

After the musical Arbor Day celebration by the elementary school students, club member Nancy MacKinnon presented the school with a witch hazel tree. She spoke about the economic importance of that indigenous tree in our local history, the witch hazel factory in East Hampton, and the therapeutic value of witch hazel. At the Middle School level, club members are in their third year working with science teacher Shaleen Thody and her students in the ever-expanding butterfly and vegetable gardens at the school. Committee Chair Dora Lyman reports that the whole school has taken ownership of these gardens and plans to have several events in the courtyard that they have helped beautify.

At the High School level, club member Shea Jezek presented awards for our third annual "Art is Nature, Nature is Art" photo contest on Awards Night at Hale-Ray. Any interested student was asked to photograph a moment in nature they believed supported this theme. First place winner (\$75) was Thomas Barlow; second

place (\$50) was Tyler Levesque; and third place (\$25) was Jack Rogerson. The winning photos will be featured on sets of note cards, which will be available for purchase at the two town libraries. Special thanks to Deborah Batt, Hale-Ray Visual Arts Coordinator, and Mike Gilroy of the Library System for their assistance with the photography contest.



Winners of this year's East Haddam Garden Club photo contest (left to right): Jack Rogerson, Tyler Levesque, and Thomas Barlow

Shea also presented the club's annual scholarship (\$1,500 this year) at the Awards Ceremony to 2017 graduate Samantha van-Valkenburg. Samantha will be attending UConn with a double major in English and Education. Coordinating this year's scholarship process were Committee Co-Chairs Dora Lyman and Ginny Turner. There were 10 well qualified applicants.

This year, we had a special program that included students' help. Our club was one of the 78 garden clubs in the Federated Garden Clubs of CT that participated in planting an oak tree in their communities. Nancy Borge led this charge; the Hale-Ray Vo-Ag students planted and mulched a new oak in Heritage Park (on a hill in the northeast corner of the park) under the direction of their teacher Heidi Pease.



Hale-Ray Vo-Ag students plant an oak tree at Heritage Park.

*Beautifying Our Town:* We work hard to beautify East Haddam through our seasonal plantings and weekly maintenance. Take a look at the seasonally-decorated Urn just over the Swing Bridge, the three planters across from Two Wrasslin Cats and The Town Tavern, and our most recent project, the Blue Star Memorial in front of the old Town Hall.

*Thank You for Your Support:* Thank you to everyone from town and beyond who supported our Annual Plant & Bake Sale held annually alongside the Historical Society's tag sale. The proceeds make what we do possible.

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Garden Club currently has 44 members. New members are always welcome. Check out our Face Book page

(The East Haddam Garden Club) or call Maureen Gillis (860-287-6228) or any club member for more information.

## Moodus Reservoir Lake Harvester Program

Moodus Reservoir is experiencing increased encroachment by native and invasive aquatic plants. The Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group (MRPG), a 501c(3) nonprofit charity, is dedicated to preserving the lake for continuing enjoyment of the town beach, fishing and boating.

Several studies by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) have kept track of the growth of these plants. Numerous methods of control have been studied by MRPG and, with town and environmental group support, MRPG conducted an herbicide pilot study. Based on independent evaluation of the pilot study, herbicide treatment is not an effective control method for further treatment. "Raking" methods presently in use by private contractors and individual property owners can result in plant fragments escaping and re-rooting in other parts of the lake, increasing the problem.

The most affordable and effective control method is "harvesting," via a machine that pulls up the aquatic plants, trapping them and depositing them on land. An affordable and environmental enhancing method of disposal is available. The Eco Harvester machine will cost approximately sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000). A volunteer is

already available to operate the harvester. Raising the funds will require support of the community as well as outside grants and special events. This will improve the lake for use by all and extend its life for future generations.

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 6, 10:00 am at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club, East Haddam/Colchester Turnpike. Future plans and fund raising will be discussed. Greg Bugbee of the CAES will review past studies. Benthic Barriers for waterfront weed control will be explained and offered for sale. All East Haddam residents are welcome to attend. New members may join and current members may pay \$25 annual dues anytime via our website, as well as at the meeting. All dues and donations are tax deductible.

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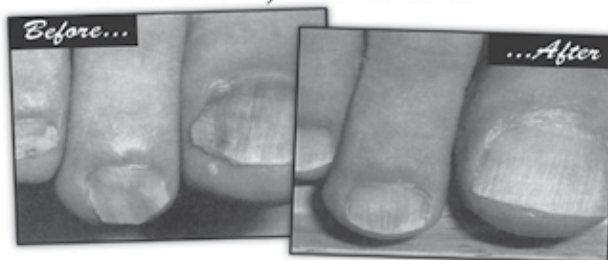
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## The Ray FFA Chapter



Left to right: Haddie Walters, Alexis Stanley, Susan Cormier and Emily Forsyth

Ray FFA Members represented their chapter at the 88th Connecticut State FFA Convention held Saturday, June 3rd at Suffield High School. Haddie Walters received recognition for her 2nd place award in the state Livestock Judging Contest that was



Left to right: Adviser Mrs. Matthewson, Susan Cormier, Emily Forsyth, Alexis Stanley, Pam Walters and Haddie Walters.

held last fall. Susan Cormier competed in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest and earned 4th place with her speech on honeybees. The students had a great time meeting state and national officers and FFA members from all over Connecticut!

## Rep. Ziobron's CT Trails Day Hike



Photo (L-R): Rep. Melissa Ziobron, Barbara Kiley, Larry Johnson, Rebecca Hoy, Ray Churchill, Laura Linnea Carlson, Anthony Zemba, Margaret McCutcheon Faber and Danielle Bogucki-Binzer. Photo courtesy of Gary K Phillips, East Haddam News.

### *An Overwhelming Success Thanks To Volunteers*

As part of the 2017 Connecticut Trails Day Weekend, State Rep. Melissa Ziobron hosted an educational walk in East Haddam earlier this month. The hike, led by Larry Johnson, formerly of Sunrise Resort, taught over 60 hikers about the long history of the property which was once the home to three very successful resorts. "It was wonderful to hike the grounds of Sunrise State Park with so many constituents," said Rep. Ziobron. "Larry did such a fantastic job teaching everyone about the history of the property that he really brought it all back to life. In addition a dozen former staffers shared their unique and colorful tales."

Attendees walked along the existing paved roadway, referred to fondly by staff as "around the world" and spoke about the historic

sites and former buildings, experiences, and stories from the resorts heyday with former employees and guests. One story about a WWII couple who honeymooned there before the husband shipped overseas was especially poignant. Friends of Machimoodus & Sunrise State Parks also participated in the event to explain their organization, the future hopes for the park and its current offerings. Currently the roadway is open for folks to bring their kayaks to the waterfront or drive down and rent

one from local business Quiet Kayak. "Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this event such an overwhelming success," continued Rep. Ziobron. "Without them, this could not have been at all possible."

Connecticut Trails Day is sponsored by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA), which has been a devoted advocate of Connecticut's state park system and natural resources for quite some time. The tour was also included in DEEP's "No Child Left Inside" program.

This was Rep. Ziobron's fourth annual CT Trails Day walk – each year at a different location within the 34th district. Stay tuned for 2018 events!



# EVENTS PRESENTS ~ BALLEK'S



**Ballek's Garden Center - Passing on the Tradition**  
by Nancy Ballek Mackinnon

Ballek's Garden Center is a family business set in the middle of our farm that has been in the family for 354 years. Continuing stewardship of the land has remained an important part of the business philosophy that has sustained the land and us for fifteen generations.

From a traditional family farm including diversified fruit, vegetable, and livestock production, the land became a premium dairy operation with 150 milking Holsteins. In the 1960s, a 4-H project selling bedding plants expanded into cold frames and greenhouses that continued to offer more diverse plants for sale. The dairy herd was sold in 1970 and the family focused on cultivating a wide selection of herbs, vegetables, perennials, trees and shrubs. Today we offer over 10,000 distinct species of indoor and outdoor plants.

The greenhouses are full of color and fragrance throughout the year including unusual tropical plants. In addition to our diverse plant offerings, we feature thousands of garden appropriate hard goods not only in our store but also tucked into our outdoor plant displays. Lawn furniture, garden ornaments, wind chimes, bird baths, hummingbird feeders, bee and bird houses are just a glimpse of the items displayed to encourage and inspire plantings that support and revere our natural environment.

Ballek's landscape installation crews create home landscapes that include walls, patios, and fences and offer a great diversity of plant material to build and plant garden spaces that suit our client's desires. Our customers receive individualized consultations to help them create the garden of their dreams and can choose from a diverse selection of perennials, trees, shrubs, herbs and annuals, as well as custom designed planters.

With the resurgence of interest in edible landscapes, we offer over 350 varieties of herbs for health and beauty. The Garden Center hosts the East Haddam Farmer's Market from June through September on wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m.

Throughout the year, our floral department offers cut flowers and arrangements for birthdays, weddings and special occasions. Hand-made wreaths and roping are a specialty for the holidays. Visiting the farm for cut-your-own and pre-cut Christmas trees has become a regional family tradition.

In June of 2017, development rights for 52 acres of our farm were donated to the Connecticut Farmland Trust ensuring the continuation and viability of our agricultural heritage. For inspiration and information, the Garden Center has become a mecca for horticulture and garden enthusiasts. Visit us soon and be prepared for a stimulating gardening experience.

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# Summer Eye Health

Summer brings numerous eye problems such as burnt corneas, chemicals in eyes, and many more. There are studies that show that long-term exposure to bright sunlight may increase the risk of cataracts and growths on the eye, including cancer. Also, UV rays reflected off sand and water can cause eyes to sunburn, potentially resulting in temporary blindness in just a few hours. Here are a few tips to ensure eye health during the summer months:

**Wear sunglasses with UV protection:** Most people already know to use sunscreen during the summer to protect their skin against UV rays but our eyes need the same protection. The best way to protect against harmful AVA and UVB rays is to wear sunglasses with protection from both. It's also important to note that sunglasses need to be worn even on cloudy days.

**Use goggles at pools:** The chlorine that is in most pools is designed to protect you from germs, but has the potential to

be harmful for your eyes.

**Wear eye protection doing home projects:** It is important to remember to shield your eyes even during simple home improvement and maintenance, like mowing your lawn. Rocks and other debris commonly fly up and into your eyes.

**Use eye drops:** to soothe dry and tired eyes during the summer, it is best to use artificial tears. Despite best attempts sometimes your eyes are irritated or in discomfort

**Give your eyes a rest:** If you spend a lot of time at the computer or focusing on any one thing, you sometimes forget to blink and your eyes can get fatigued. Try the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look away about 20 feet in front of you for 20 seconds. This can help reduce eyestrain.

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# Weighing In

Middlesex Hospital's Center for Weight Loss Surgery can help patients reduce the risk and severity of their weight-related problems and improve their quality of life.

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history to determine if it's the best option for you.

Morbid obesity is a serious, chronic disease that affects more than 25 percent of American adults and 14 percent of American children. Every day, more than 1,000 people in the United States will die from obesity and related health conditions. People who are obese also have an increased risk of developing diabetes, heart disease and respiratory illnesses.

Middlesex Hospital's Center for Weight Loss Surgery has earned the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery's Center of Excellence designation for its demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes following bariatric surgery procedures, a designation that gives patients extra peace of mind.

The center recognizes that having weight loss surgery is a big decision. In addition to providing high quality medical care, the center facilitates support groups. This gives patients a chance to gain insight from a dietitian and psychologist before having surgery. It also allows them to connect with other patients after surgery.

For more information, or to find a weight loss surgeon, visit [www.middlesexhospital.org](http://www.middlesexhospital.org) or call 860-548-2394.

## 21st Annual Venture Smith Day

Festivities will be held on Saturday, September 9th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Venture's grave in First Church Cemetery on Town Street, (Route 151) in East Haddam, Connecticut.

Come and celebrate the life of famed African slave/freeman, Broteer – Venture Smith (1729-1805) who spent the majority of his freedom years in East Haddam and on Haddam Neck. Venture's grave is one of the original sites on the Connecticut Freedom Trail. Among the Speakers will be Dr. Karl Stofko, East Haddam's Municipal Historian and a Venture Smith researcher and family genealogist since the 1970s. This year's focus will be on Charles Holt, publisher of Venture Smith's Narrative in 1798. The Keynote Speaker will be Russell Shorto, author of the Best Seller, *The Island at the Center of the World* the history of Manhattan. Mr. Shorto is a contributing writer to the *New York Times Magazine* and is soon to publish *Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom*. The book will contain biographies of six Americans of the Period, including Venture Smith.

Displays will include African American quilts made by the "Sisters In Stitches Joined By The Cloth." Displays and refreshments will be in the Parish Hall of the Church. In case of inclement weather, festivities will occur in the Sanctuary. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets.

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# Our Boys, Our Community

It's easy to see that we live in a culturally rich and beautiful community. It's not as easy to see that our communities are also home to boys and young men who are in at-risk situations.

That's why the At-Risk Boys Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County is so important. Through the Community Foundation, the At-Risk Boys Fund has provided grants that have helped sixth-grade boys find their self-worth and success in school. The fund helped teenage boys and police build positive interaction instead of skills confrontation. The fund has even provided temporary shelter for boys and their families.

These are just some examples of how the At-Risk Boys Fund and the people who support it have improved the lives of boys and young men throughout Middlesex County.

You too can help at-risk boys when you attend the At-Risk Boys Fund's biggest fundraising event of the year – the third annual Cruise Blues & Brews Festival on Saturday, September 30th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Chester Fair Grounds.

You and your family will enjoy a great fall festival and you will be helping the At-Risk Boys Fund do its incredible work assisting boys and young men to achieve a better life.

How many boys we can help is up to you.



By Bill Guerra, Volunteer Chair  
At-Risk Boys Fundraising Committee

### Festival Details:

3rd Annual Cruise Blues & Brews, Saturday September 30 at the Chester Fair Grounds from 10 am to 4 pm (rain date October 1st). A fun-filled family event featuring antique and unique cars, the area's top blues bands, craft beer, up-scale food trucks, marketplace of vendors, kids play area, games, prizes and surprises. For additional information and to purchase tickets at \$5 (kids under 12 free) go to [www.atriskboysfund.org](http://www.atriskboysfund.org).

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## Town Clerk - Top Dog

Thank you to the Middle School students for selecting the recipients to sport this year's #1 and #2 East Haddam dog license.



### MOCHA

Proving campaign literature can be misleading, Mocha Cocoa McGahee was awarded tag Number 1. Mocha is an eight-year old Chocolate Labrador Retriever to whom the McGahee family belongs. Another benefit to winning the number 1 tag is the invitation for the winning dog to walk his family in the Memorial Day parade. Mocha declined this invitation as loud parade noises are not his thing.

Tag Number 2 was awarded to Max. Max campaigned to his target audience sporting headphones. The Savage Family belongs to Max. Max is an 11-year old cross mix Labrador.

Honorable mention goes to Riley Perry, a black and white cocker spaniel. He came in a close third to Max. Unfortunately, only the number one and number two tags are issued pursuant to this contest.

There was a large ballot with 30 candidates for top dog. Thank you to all entrants.

Principal Peacock advised that there were 300 eligible voters (grades 4-7). The eighth grade was on a field trip on voting day;

## 22nd Annual Quilt And Needle Arts Show

The First Church of Christ in East Haddam is proud to announce the upcoming Quilt & Needle Arts Show on October 7th & 8th. It promises to be another spectacular event with a variety of beautiful works of art! Hours are Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday, October 8th from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. This year's show will have one-of-a-kind pieces designed and made by Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill of 'Whole Circle Studio'. She lives in the New Haven area and is part of the new "Modern Quilt Guild". Other exhibitors will be members of an African-American Quilt Guild and quilters from East Haddam and many parts of Connecticut and beyond. Check our website: [ehquiltshow.sc43.org](http://ehquiltshow.sc43.org) for more info and forms to be an exhibitor or vendor. Our tradition continues with another beautiful quilt to be raffled off, with the drawing on October 8th at 4:00 pm.



### MAX

perhaps absentee ballots will need to be available for next year's vote. Two hundred seven ballots were counted. Four ballots were rejected, one due to an over vote, two due to under votes, one write-in vote was cast, however, in the absence of a verified write in candidate, it was rejected.

The Clerk's Office mails renewal notices to all holders of dog licenses that expire 6/30/2017. It is a State law to license all dogs over the age of six months. So PLEASE remember to TAG YOUR WAG. Not only is it the law, but it is also a ticket home for your pet should he become lost. Failure to license may subject a wandering dog's owner to considerable fines. A late penalty is assessed on dogs licensed after June 30. The cost of licensing is \$8.00 for a spayed or neutered dog. The cost is \$19.00 for dogs that are not. A large portion of the licensing fee goes to the Animal Population Control Program and the Connecticut Humane Society. Proof of rabies is required to license.

Congratulations to Mocha and Max and to all of the other runner-ups.





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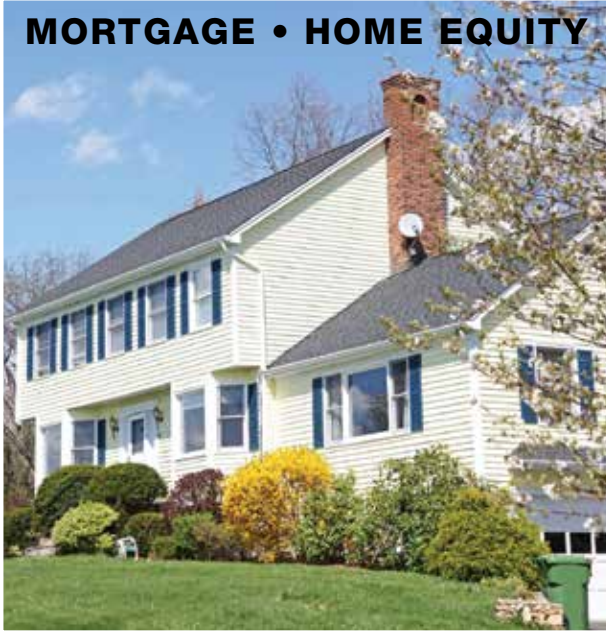


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