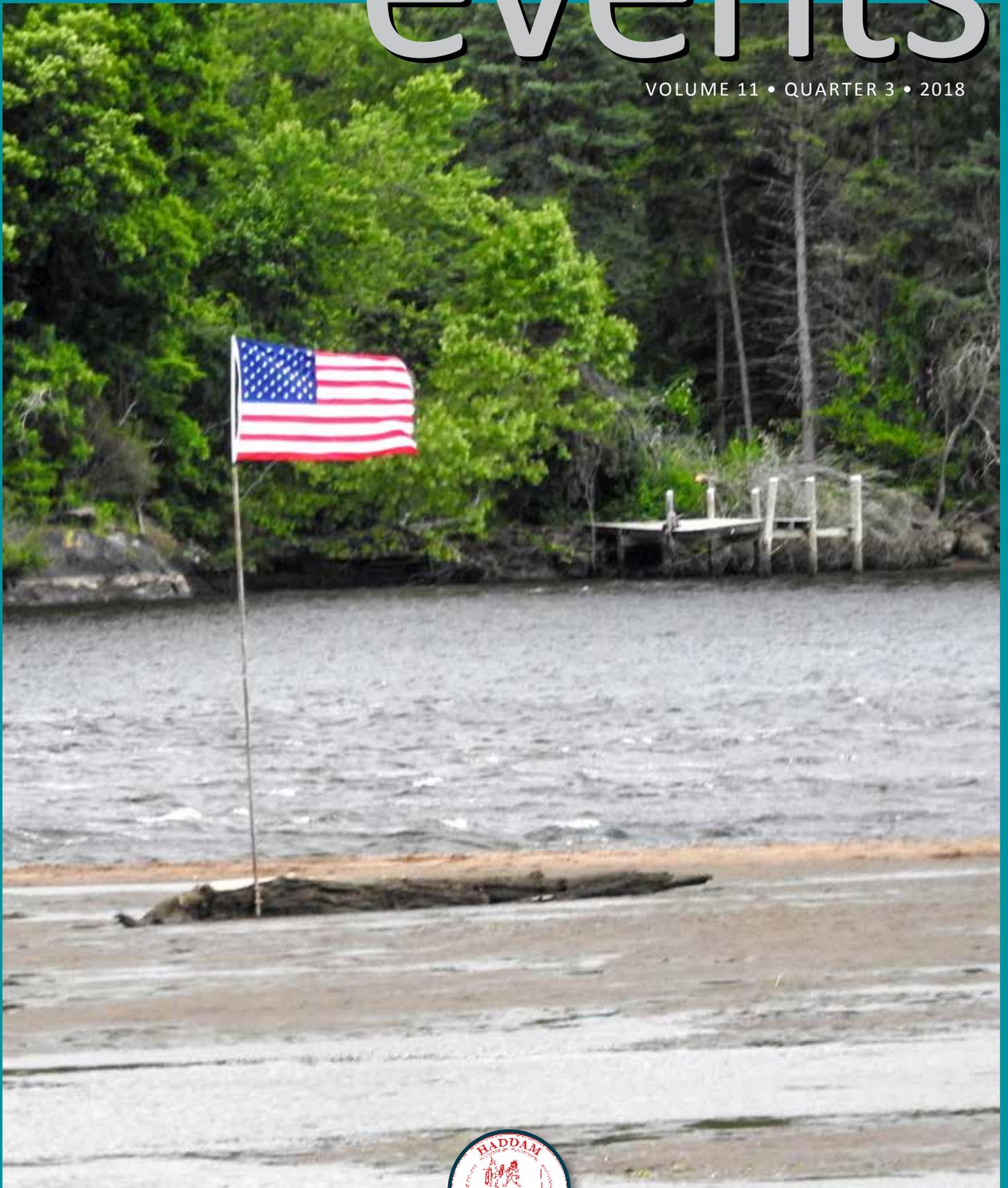


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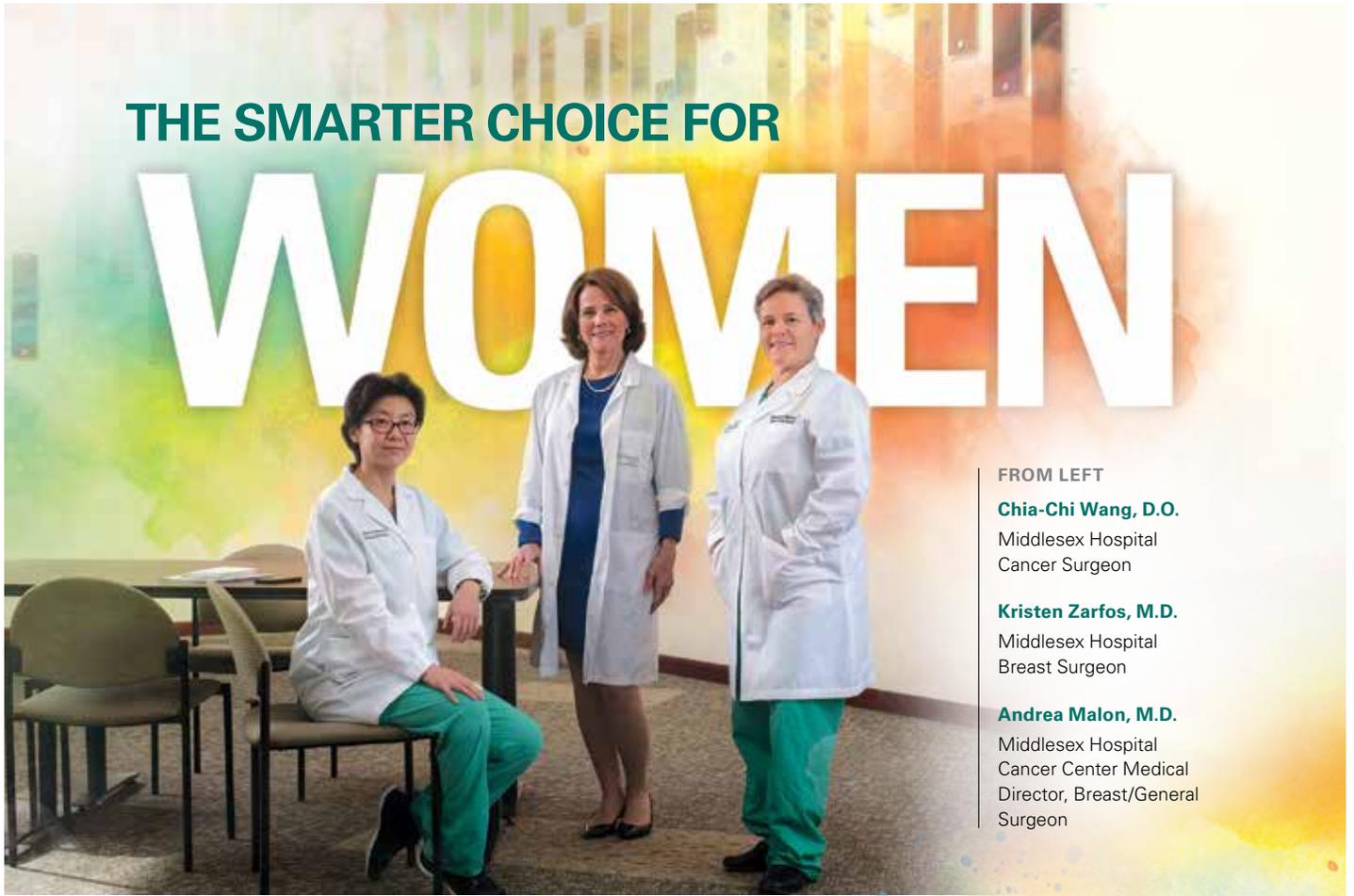
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First Selectwoman's Corner

As I write this article to you I can't help but think about these past 6 months and the activity that has occurred. I enjoy this opportunity to update you on the town quarterly as I do not always have the time as the days go by very quickly. I just want to highlight a few items:

Road Improvements

VHB has finalized the road report for Haddam, a condensed version is on the town website, Haddam.org. This report has identified each as to the type of work needed for repair and has rated the condition. This will be a great tool for the town to work from in the future. This year we will finish the roads that were approved under our bonding in addition to a few others. These are Cove, Injun Hollow, Rock Landing, McTigh, Barman, Pokorny, Christian Hill and Nason. If the season and weather cooperate we will continue to add to this list per the data from the report.

Town Budget

I am happy to report that the mil rate for 2018-2019 will remain the same, with no tax increase and capital projects will be funded as needed to allow us to maintain and improve our capital assets. We have been utilizing additional venues and opportunities for

competitive bidding and this had helped us save along with reviewing department operations and finding efficiencies.

Infrastructure

The town has accepted the funding from the state via town meeting for the Tyler-ville Water, and CT Water has started engineering plans along with identifying the location of the wells for those properties that are covered by the funding. Construction is expected to start next spring. The Infrastructure Committee has recommended that the town vote on sewers for Higganum Center as this has been an important topic to the town for over 20 years. We will provide information as this continues to unfold. The plans for the Dublin Hill bridge are 90% complete and being finalized at this time. Due to the timing of the project (with detours) this project will also start next spring.



Lizz Milardo,
First Selectwoman

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Overview

A few other projects we are working on for the community:

- The ADA bathroom for the Senior Center has been completed and the new ramp and parking lot will be completed.
- Siding repairs on the Veterans Museum
- Vendor markets on the town green are the last Thursday of each month May to September
- A grant application for a pedestrian walkway on the Swing Bridge with East Haddam
- Haddam has become involved in Sustainable CT and more details to come on this.

Enjoy the summer!

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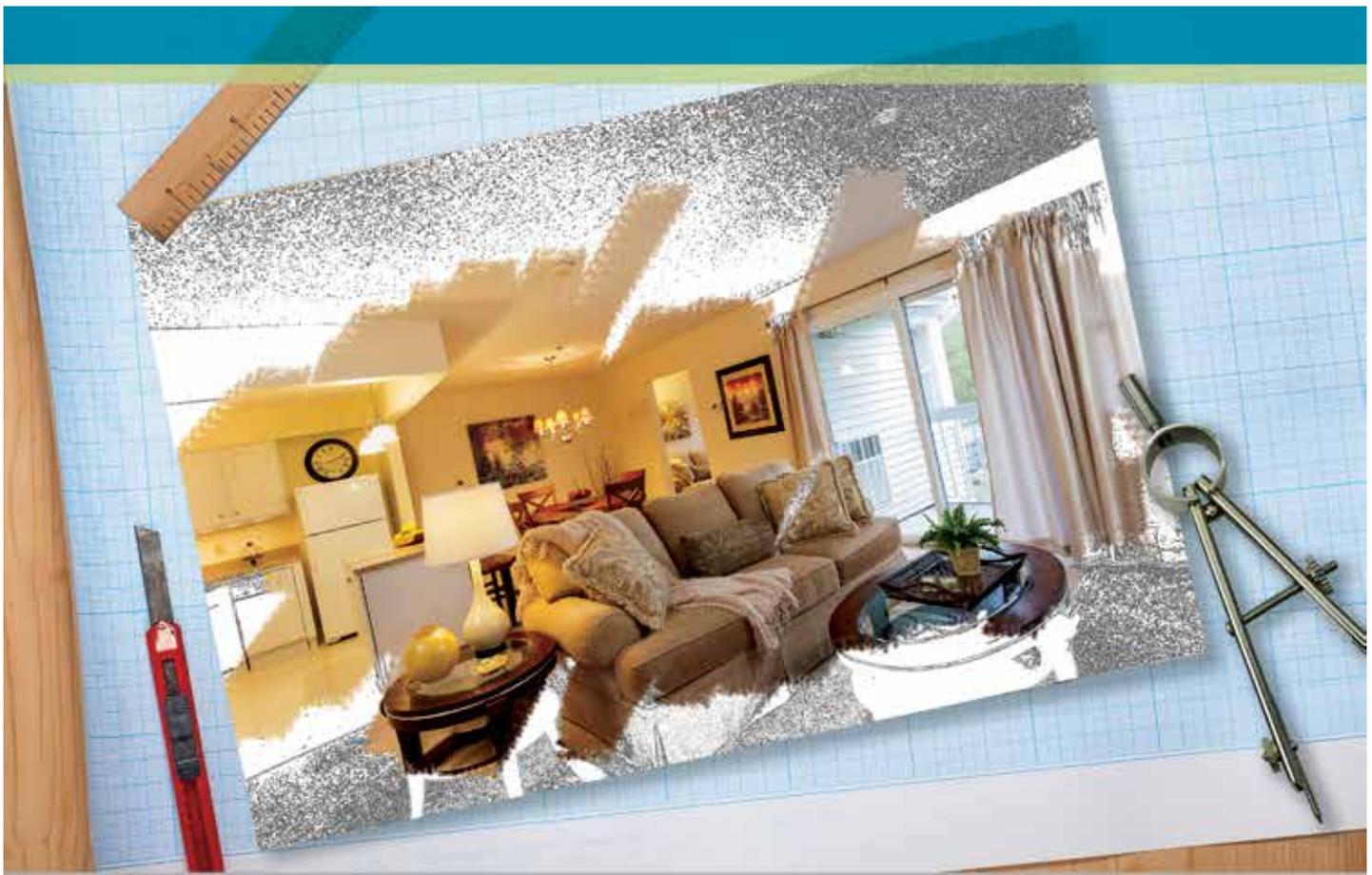
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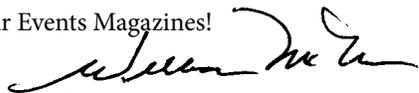
Dear Readers & Advertisers...

It is with great excitement that I announce the launch of Events Magazines' inaugural "The Last Word" segment.

"The Last Word" is a new feature article that will appear on the last page of all of our 13 magazines. Each quarter there will be a story about someone with Connecticut ties who has made major accomplishments not only in his/her professional field but also in the community. Our inaugural "The Last Word" segment for the third quarter of 2018 highlights NASCAR professional driver Joey Logano, who is a native of Middletown, CT. It touches on his racing career milestones as well as his work in Connecticut and around the country through the Joey Logano Foundation.

What's Next? Well, I can't really give that away just yet. We've got some ideas in the works for the 4th quarter issue of Events Magazines.

Comments and Feedback? As always, we welcome your input and insights on how we can continue to enhance the magazines for the benefit of readers and advertisers alike. All of us at Events Magazines hope you enjoy our first-ever "The Last Word" feature. We look forward to continuing to serve the community through our Events Magazines!



William McMinn, Owner

July in the Tax Office

By this time, you should have received your new tax bills. They were mailed June 29th. These new bills are for the 2017 Grand List. This covers from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The mil rate stayed at 31.69, the same as last year. The first installments for Real Estate, Personal Property and the total Motor Vehicle bills are due by August 1, 2018. The interest rate set by the State of Connecticut on delinquent taxes is 1.5% a month or 18% a year and the interest is calculated from the

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Two years ago we began using a lock box to help process payments more efficiently. It has been working very well! We have included in your bills, an envelope with the lock box address in Hartford. The lock box is used from July 1st to August 1st. After that time, all payments should be sent to the Tax Office to process. If you want to mail your payment to us directly or stop in for a visit, that is fine too.

If you are looking for a receipt please send your payment with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Town Office Building, Tax Office C/O Kristin Battistoni, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438. Checks can be made out to the Town of Haddam.

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We do not mail bills again in January so hold on to the remainder bill stub. If you are looking for a copy of your tax bills, go to Haddam.org under the Tax Collector link. If you have any questions please call or email. We can be reached at:

Kristin Battistoni, taxcollect@haddam.org or 860-345-8531 X 207
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Upcoming programs will include pre-school programs and camps such as:

Curious Campers Pre-School Camp

Adventureland (July 9 - 13)

Little Scientists Week (July 16 - 20)

Under the Sea (July 23 - 27)

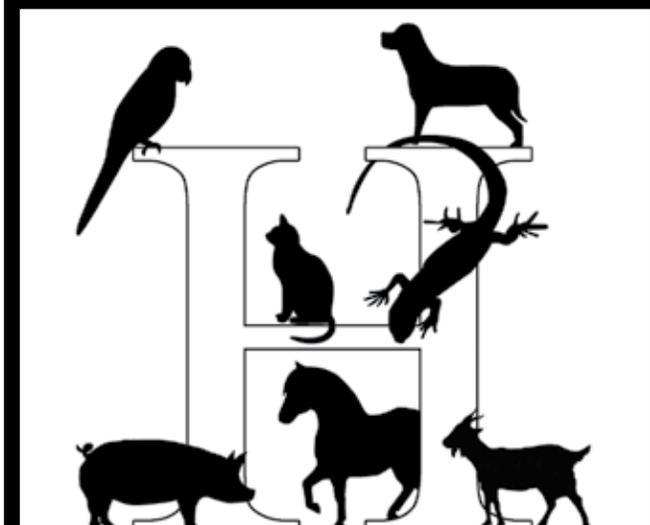
Land Before Time (July 30 - August 3)

Skyhawks Teddy Tennis (June 25 - July 23)

Everson Soccer Clinic (Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning July 10 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm)

A variety of Youth / Teen programs will be offered such as:
HK Summer Camp / Extended Care (June 26 - August 10)

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Karate Kids (Mondays and Wednesdays starting July 23rd)

Horseback Riding (Tuesdays or Wednesdays beginning July 31st)

Babysitter's Training
(July 17th & 19th, 5:45 – 8:45 pm / August 10th, 8:30 – 1:30 pm)

Everson Soccer Clinic
(Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning July 10 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm (ages 5-7, 7:00-8:00 pm (ages 8-14)

Specialty Camps include:
Play-Well Minecraft Camp (July 9 – 13, 9:00 – 12:00 pm (ages 5 – 6), 1:00 – 4:00 pm (ages 7 – 10)

Performing Arts Camp
(July 9-13, 9:00 – 2:30 pm)

Casablanca's Modeling/Fashion Camp
(July 16 –20, 9:00 – 12:00 pm)

Really Cool Science Experiments
(July 23 – 26, 2:00 - 4:00 pm)

Animation Flix
(July 30 – August 3, 9:00 -12:00 pm)

Minecraft Movie Flix
(July 30 – August 3 from 1:00-4:00 pm)

Sports Camps include:
Skyhawks Golf Camp (July 2 – 6, No 7/4)

Skyhawks Basketball Camps
(July 9 – 13)

Skyhawks Lacrosse Camp
(July 16 – 20)

Chris Corkum's Baseball Camp
(July 16 -20)

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk for ages 4 – 7
(July 16 – 20 or August 6 - 10)

Skyhawks Field Hockey Camp
(July 23 – 27)

Skyhawks Flag Football Camp
(July 30 – August 3)

Skyhawks Tennis Academy
(July 23 – July 26, July 30 – August 2)

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp for ages 7 - 12 (August 6 – 10)

CT Elite Basketball Camp
(July 30 – August 3, Boys)

UK International Soccer Camp
(July 23 - 27)

CT Elite Basketball Camp
(August 6 – 10, Girls)

Academy International Field Hockey Camp (August 13 – 17)

Aquatic Programs
Children's Swim Lessons
(ages 4+) beginning June 25th – August 10

(M – F morning classes, 2-week sessions and one-week sessions) / evening classes (M/W, June 25 – July 23, no 7/4)

Parent/Tot Swim
(Thursdays from 12:30 – 1 pm, June 28 – August 2)

Pre-School Swim for age 3
(July 2-6 (No 7/4) or July 23-27, 9:00 – 9:30 am)

Aqua Aerobics
(Thursdays, June 28 – August 2, 6:45 – 7:45 pm)

Lifeguard Training
(June 18, June 26, 28, July 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 & 19)

Summer Swim Team
(June 25 – July 19) (No 7/4)

Adult Programs include:
Horseback Riding
(Thursdays, session 1, June 21 – July 19, session 2, August 2 – August 23)

Fitness Yoga
(Tuesdays & Thursdays , June 21 – August 2; 7:00 – 8:15 pm)

Zumba
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July 11 Johnny Peers & The Mutville Comix
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August 3 - Nightshift

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For more information about any of our programs, please call the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Dept. at 860-345-8334 or visit www.hkrec.com.

Haddam Historical Society

2nd Annual Croquet and Chardonnay Tournament

Saturday, July 14, 2018 4 pm to 7 pm (rain date is July 15, 2018).

Join the Haddam Historical Society for a lovely summer afternoon of croquet, wine and appetizing nibbles at the beautiful Nestledown Estate on Walkley Hill.

Our knowledgeable course designers have devised both traditional and challenging layouts including the infamous Heartbreak Hill.

There will be both single and double tournaments, and the top three winners will earn the coveted bronze, silver or golden mallet. Croquet whites are optional, and there will be a hat decoration contest. The afternoon will also feature a silent auction fundraiser. Tickets are \$35 per person and more information is available at www.haddamhistory.org or 860-345-2400.



Russ Pekrul, Bill Schneider and Pat Hartman enjoy an afternoon of croquet.

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Nature Writing Exploration

Saturday, July 14th 10:30 to 1.



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Agenda

10:30-10:50 Slide show

10:50-11:05: Reading from book followed by Q and A/signing

11:05-11:10: Brief break to regroup (assuming some attendees may leave, or others show up)

11:10-11:40: Overview of nature writing - I will share some favorite books, a workbook I wrote.

11:40-12:30: Group has time on their own to be in nature and experiment with some writing.

12:30-1 pm: Group reconvenes; discusses experience and shares work.

Music on the Lawn with Samantha Goodman

Wednesday July 25th at 7 pm.



Bring your chairs and picnic dinner to enjoy some music on our lawn. If the weather is inclement or too hot, we will hold the concert indoors. Samantha Goodman is a singer-songwriter native to Connecticut. Growing up in West Hartford, CT, she starred in several musical theater projects at Conard High School and studied voice at the HARTT School of Music. Her next adventure took her to Boston University as an opera major, where she promptly fell in love with her new guitar and gave up opera for folk and country music. Years later, Samantha returned to Connecticut and began singing in vocal competitions, including becoming the 2007 New England Regional Female Vocalist of the Year for Talent Quest and competing nationally in Las Vegas, NV. Upon her return, she decided to turn her attention to live music and began fronting local bands, including her most successful project, Bad Penny, which will have some return engagements this summer. Samantha has mastered many genres throughout her career, and seeks to move her audience through music, no matter what

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the occasion. She is equally at ease singing standards, show tunes, arias, folk music, country, pop, rock, jazz, and blues. In particular, her training with nationally-recognized vocalist Christine Ohlman helped her develop her signature soulful sound. Her original works reflect her eclectic taste, ranging from rockabilly to punked-pop to blues ballads.

Children's Department of the Brainerd Memorial 2018 "Libraries Rock" Summer Reading Program Kickoff Marissa Lehmacher, Children's Librarian

On Wednesday, June 27th at 6:30 pm, Celebrate the kickoff to our Summer Reading Program with an interactive performance by Sunny Train. Performing a happy blend of original and traditional music, Sunny Train connects the community through song, yoga, and hands on instruments for everyone to join the fun! Shake eggs, bang on drums, twirl hula hoops, explore yoga poses or play with the world's biggest bubbles; Sunny Train is sure to delight! This event is free and is appropriate for children of all ages. Summer reading packets will be available on this day.

Preschool Storytime

Join us for themed stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Preschool Storytime takes place every Wednesday at 10:30 am. Appropriate for children ages 3 and up, but younger siblings are always welcomed.

Saturday Storytime

Can't make preschool storytime during the week? Join us on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 am, for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 3 and up, but younger siblings are always welcomed.

Toddler Tunes

Toddler Tunes is a music and movement program for toddlers and their caregivers. Join us to sing nursery rhymes, dance, make music, and read a simple story. In July, Toddler Tunes will take place on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Appropriate for children ages 1 to 3, but younger and older siblings are always welcomed.

LEGO™ Club

Like playing with Legos? Come build with us! Each month will feature one unique theme and one free build. Lego creations will be put on display until the next session. Lego Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Appropriate for children ages 5 and up.

Paws to Read

Bring your favorite book to the library, and spend some time reading to a certified therapy dog. Dogs are great listeners! Paws to Read takes place on the third Saturday of every month from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Paws to Read is appropriate for children and teens in Pre-K through 12th grade. Registration is required as space is limited. Call 860-345-2204 and ask for the Children's Department to receive your 15-minute time slot.

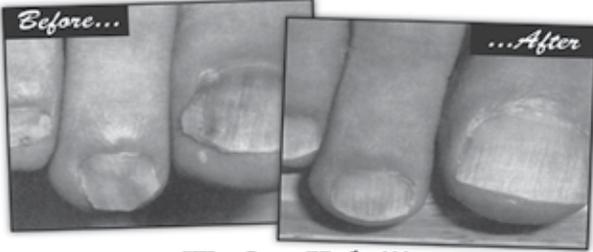
2018 "Libraries Rock" Summer Reading Program Finale and Ice Cream Social

Science Tellers: "Wild West: The Mystery of the Golden Piano"
On August 16th at 6:00 pm, grab your spurs and journey with us to the Wild West, where a legendary bank-robbing outlaw is back in town, about to strike again! After the Sheriff mysteriously vanishes, two young kids must saddle up to foil the great heist - but not before stopping a runaway train, escaping an abandoned mine shaft and discovering how a mysterious piano can play an 'instrumental' part in putting a rotten cowboy back behind bars. Throughout this absolutely wild adventure story, volunteers from the audience will help us explore the fascinating science behind chemical reactions, acids and bases, combustion, air pressure, inertia and more. Don't miss this classic action-packed western with 'notes' of science! After the program, please join us for an ice cream social! This event is free and is appropriate for children of all ages.

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This festival features hundreds of antique and unique cars on display, performances by Connecticut's top blues bands, a food court with a variety of up-scale food trucks, locally brewed craft beer on tap, a marketplace of vendors, a kid's play area full of activities, trophies, games and prizes.

All proceeds from Cruise Blues & Brews Festival support the At-Risk Boys Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Established only five years ago, The At-Risk Boys fund has awarded over \$75,000 in grants to organizations throughout Middlesex County. These grants have helped hundreds of boys and young men achieve success and a better life.

The 4th Annual Cruise Blues & Brews Festival will be held Saturday, September 29, 2018, 10 am to 4 pm (rain or shine),
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at the Chester Fair Grounds. Admission: \$5 donation, children under 12 are free and tickets can be purchased at the gate during the Festival. To learn more about this fun-filled event or to make a donation please go to www.atriskboys-fund.com.

Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of severe vision loss in adults over the age of 50. This eye disease occurs when there are changes to the macula, a small portion of the retina that's located on the inside back layer of the eye. Commonly, older people develop macular degeneration as a natural part of the aging process. AMD causes loss of central vision and it can occur in two forms: wet and dry.

With macular degeneration, you may experience symptoms such as blurriness, dark areas or distortion of your central vision, or permanent loss of your central vision. It usually does not affect your peripheral vision. For example, with advanced macular degeneration you could be able to see the outline of a clock, yet you may not be able to see the hands of the clock to tell what time it is.

The majority of people with macular degeneration experience the dry form, which does not have a known treatment, but many people benefit from a vitamin regimen. Unfortunately, vision loss cannot be reversed. The less common wet form may respond to lasers and medical injections if caught and treated early. Smoking and high blood pressure are often associated with the wet form of macular degeneration.

If you have been diagnosed with dry macular degeneration, you should use a chart called an Amsler grid every day to monitor your vision. Dry macular degeneration can quickly change into the more damaging wet form. If you notice any change of vision, you should contact your ophthalmologist immediately.

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First Congregational Church of Haddam & the Higganum Congregational Church

The Shared Ministry of the First Congregational Church of Haddam and the Higganum Congregational Church Worship is at 9:30 am all year around. Services are in Haddam for July and August 19th & 26th. Services are in Higganum for August 5th & 12th and September. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events: Summer Worship - July and August. Join us Sundays in July and August at 8 am at the Gazebo in Higganum for Brief Summer Worship of Morning Praise (rain or shine). We gather for a contemplative time of prayer, readings from the Psalms and singing hymns. Communion is celebrated almost every Sunday. All ages and dogs on leashes are welcome. Bring your own chair!

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Cherokee

At our regular, family friendly, Summer Worship at 9:30 am on Sundays we will be exploring what it means to Be the Church through a series of statements and scripture, ie. Protect the Environment - Love God - Forgive Often - Embrace Diversity.

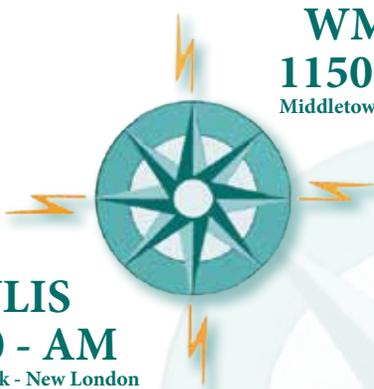
Our Bread Ministry - We will be selling delicious homemade bread at the East Haddam Farmers' Market at Ballacks Garden Center on Wednesdays 4-7 pm June - September. All proceeds go to the Haddam Fuel Bank.

Haddam Elderly Housing

Haddam Elderly Housing Corp. held its annual meeting on May 22, 2018. The following officers were elected; Treasurer, Kathleen Lundgren, secretary, Tanja Moiarity, Vice-President, Brenda Buzzi and President Jo Ann Woickelman.

Also, there are several new board members, Lorelee Woods, Mary Lou Heger, and Sue DeCarli. Reva Hickey had served as the resident representative, but recently moved. She will be replaced by Fran Kosalski.

The board is working on a capital plan for High Meadow. Improvements will be made to the grounds and upgrades to the facility.



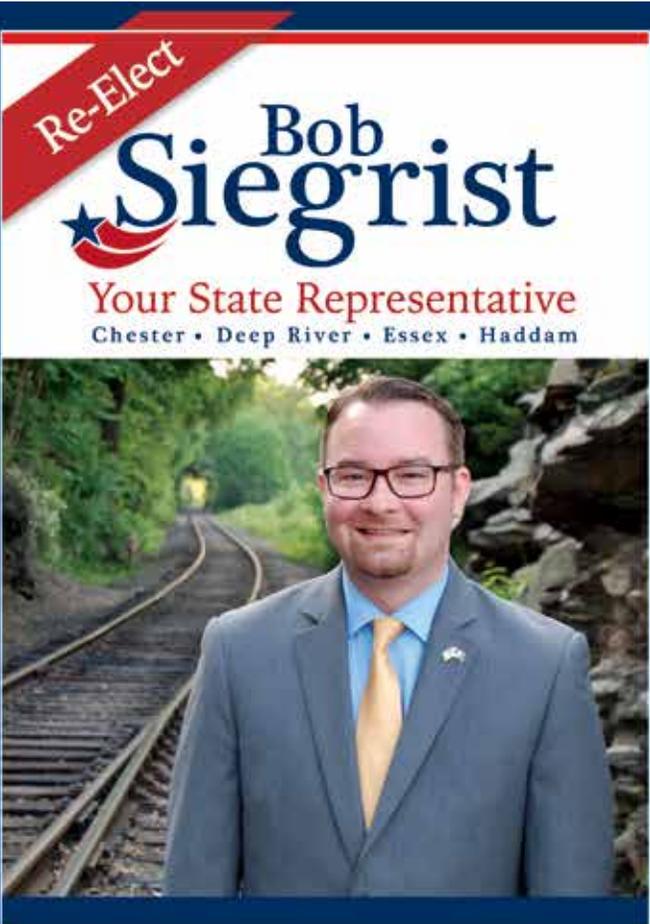
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Joey Logano – Inspiring others to do for others

by Sigrid Kun

Professional NASCAR driver Joey Logano started his racing career right here in Connecticut racing quarter midget cars and quickly made a name for himself. Starting at the age of six, the Middletown, CT native started winning championship after championship – to the point that, by the time he was 15, he was already on the radar with NASCAR racing legends. Now, he's always to be reckoned with on the NASCAR racing scene, competing full-time in the Monster Energy NASCAR series and part-time in the NASCAR Xfinity series.

THE STATS ARE IMPRESSIVE.

- Youngest driver to win a NASCAR Xfinity Series race - winning at Kentucky Speedway in 2008 when he was just 18 years, 21 days old and in only his third Xfinity Series start.
- 2009 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Rookie of the Year
- Won the Daytona 500 in 2015 - Second youngest driver to win this race.
- 49 combined wins in NASCAR's top-three series

There is, of course, the glitz and the glamor that pervades NASCAR as a whole. And there's the occasional race-action controversy. And there are the ups and downs. After early successes (leading to the nickname, "Sliced Bread") and nearly winning a championship in 2016, Joey failed to make the playoffs in 2017. This year could mark a turnaround. Joey notched a win at Talladega Superspeedway in April, which ended a nearly year-long winless streak and, as of press time, he is fifth in the NASCAR Championship Point Standings.

But there's more to the 28-year-old than that. Joey and his wife Brittany, whom he married in 2014, welcomed their first child into the world this past January. Joey and Brittany have also been very committed to giving back. In a previous conversation, Joey mentioned, "If we can touch a few people's lives and help them become contributing members of our community and the world, it's really going to make a difference and it starts one person at a time." That's the crux of the Joey Logano Foundation that invests in organizations offering second chances to children and young adults during times of crisis and works to inspire others to live a life of generosity.

WHY SECOND CHANCES?

First, there was a life-changing visit to Joplin, Missouri in 2011 where Joey helped to rebuild a home for a local family following the tornado that devastated the area. That family needed a second chance. Little did Joey know that he would soon need his own second chance. He had been driving the No. 20 Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing since the 2009 season, but that ended in 2012. He received his second chance when he was picked up by Penske Racing in 2012. The following year, the Joey Logano Foundation was established.



Upper right: Joey Logano. Middle photo: Number 22 on the track. Bottom left: Joey and his wife Brittany at a Meet and Greet. Photos courtesy of the Joey Logano Foundation.

Since 2013, the foundation has invested almost \$2.7 million in various organizations across the country. Programs include inviting children who are facing tough situations (whether physically and/or emotionally) annually to a NASCAR race to be part of the crew for the day, supporting non-profit organizations during the 10-week NASCAR playoffs in each playoff race market, assembling and donating comfort care backpacks to foster and/or terminally ill children, and an annual fundraiser in Connecticut, called Driving Hope Home. A portion of the Driving Hope Home proceeds are donated to The Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut with the remaining proceeds donated to reputable charities the foundation supports to offer children in need a first or second chance. In its 5th year, Driving Hope Home will be held at Foxwoods Resort in Mashantucket, CT on July 18th and 19th. "It's our responsibility. You have to do it. If we're not going to do it, who else is going to be an advocate for these kids," says Brittany, who notes that first chances are important too. "They need a first opportunity in life. If we can shed light to this and inspire others to do the same, we can have a bigger impact than the two of us. That's our goal."

There is no doubt that Joey is a fierce competitor and a pure NASCAR racing talent. But don't overlook the other side. "When you are able to make a difference like that, you can see it in that person's face, how much it affects their lives - there's no better feeling than that," he observes. "I can talk about race wins as much as I want and how great that is but there's nothing better than that win - when you're able to affect something. That's a bigger win than any racetrack can get you."

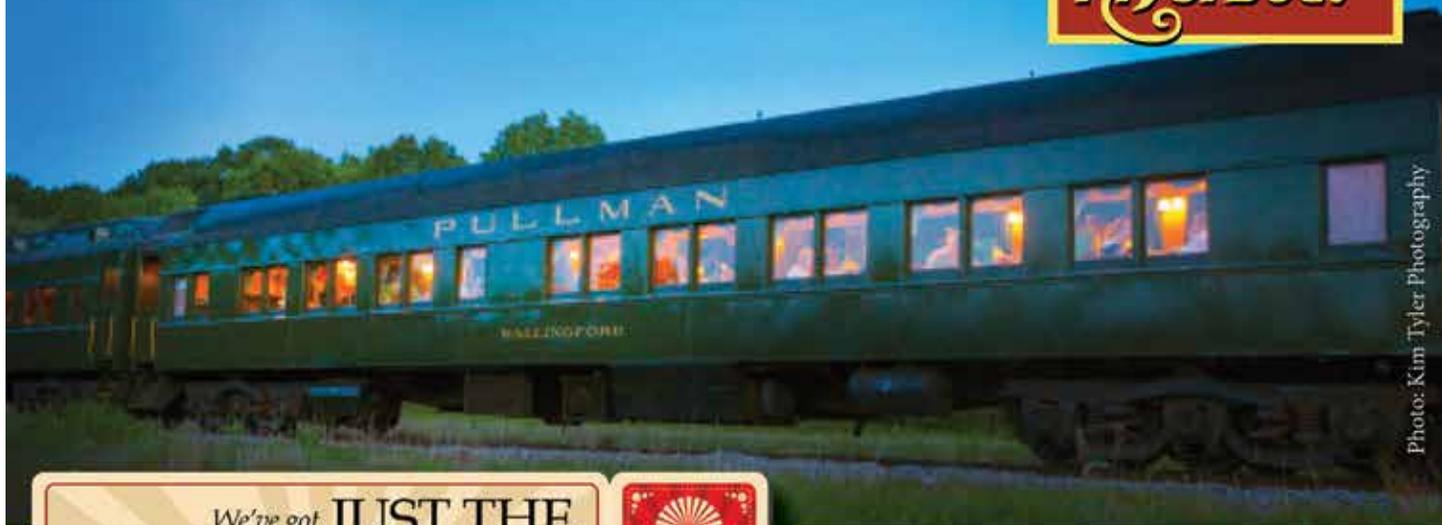
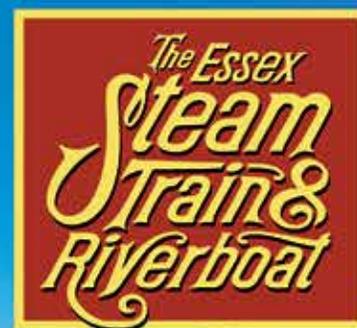


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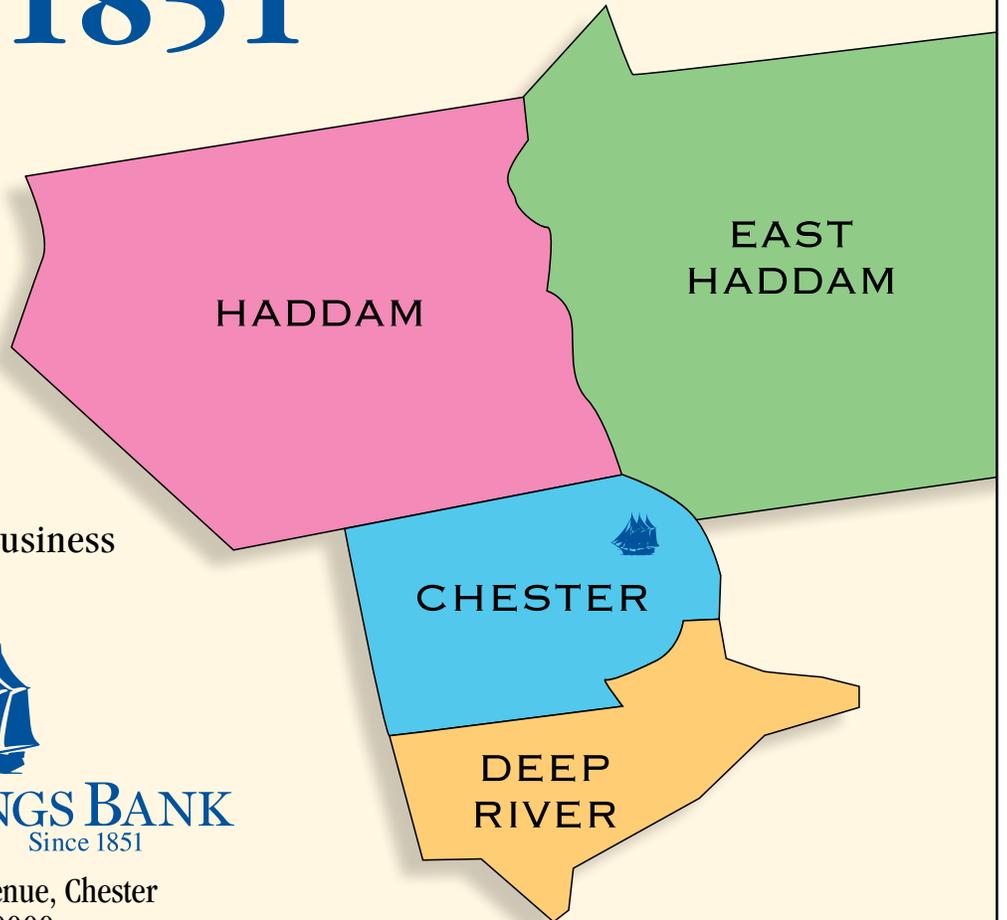
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