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7th Annual Pumpkin Carving Party at Parmelee Farm

Saturday, October 26th Noon - 3 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, Oct. 27th

*Hosted by: Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Killingworth Division*

Co-Sponsored by:

*MAWC, LLC, Killingworth Lions Club
Barnum Capital Management and Roberts Food Center*

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Dear Readers, Contributors and Advertisers –



Karen Milano

The Killingworth Krier has been in circulation in our town since 1993. It began out of a need for local businesses to have a vehicle to advertise their services and as a source to highlight events, Town Hall notifications and in general, townfolk doing good things. There have been three editorial and advertising teams over the years – Roy and Sue Alexander, Fiona Phelan and Sue Gumbart, and Karen Milano and Lynn Reed. All took personal care with contents and it remains an affordable, unbiased, uplifting and informative publication.



Lynn Reed

The Krier was a product of the Killingworth Chamber of Commerce until our merger with the larger Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce earlier this year. The merger took place so that our members would have a much wider range of services, events and assistance available to them through the affiliation with MCCC. The Krier remains a vehicle for these members, but the doors of advertising in our publication are now open to all.

ADVERTISING – If you are interested in advertising in the Krier, look to the MCCC website, middlesexchamber.com, where you'll find information regarding our rates and ad sizes. Or, e-mail Lynn Reed, our advertising manager, at our usual e-mail address... Krier@killingworthct.com. Deadline for ads to be designed is the 5th of the previous month, for article submissions deadline is the 10th of the previous month.

SUBMISSIONS – we're always looking for articles in your area of expertise, good news around town, your events, suggestions/nominations of Points of Light (those people doing good things), your treasured recipes, submissions for Your Voice which is our version of Letters to The Editor. The monthly Krier publication will continue for as long as area residents, organizations and businesses use it as a vehicle. Advertiser and contributor support are the backbone of the Krier's existence.

THANK YOU to all who keep the wheels of the Krier turning, we welcome your submissions.

Karen Milano, Editor

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Chamber News



Franco Piscitelli

Hello Killingworth Friends!

We hope you had a great September and are enjoying the fall weather! September was another busy month for the Chamber. Killingworth True Value hosted our monthly division meeting on September 12th. Many new businesses and members showed up to this meeting to discuss our merger progress thus far. There is some new enthusiasm in our division meetings that can only be attributed to this merger. We hope to continue this momentum in the coming months. If you are a business looking to host a division meeting and get some added exposure, please contact us! We want to give the opportunity to all.

Also in September, we concluded a successful Summer Concert Series presented by Michaud, Accavallo, Woodbridge, and Cusano, LLC. The MCCC truly appreciates their support. Empire of Light put on a fantastic show in front of a large group at Parmelee Farm. The Farm also hosted a very successful Artisan Market on September 7th, of which several of our members and residents participated. There were over 80 vendors and the crowds came out to support it. Congrats to the Parmelee Farm Committee and market managers, Linda Dudek and Karen Milano for their outstanding volunteerism and hard work.

We have an equally busy October – The MCCC and Killingworth Lion’s Club is proud to host the 7th Annual Pumpkin Carving Festival at Parmelee Farm. This event grows every year and is always one of my favorites. Please join us on October 26th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your family and come carve a pumpkin alongside your neighbors. We then display all the lit up carved pumpkins at the Farm for Halloween. Thank you to our sponsors Michaud, Accavallo, Woodbridge, and Cusano, LLC, Killingworth Lions Club, Barnum Capital Management and Roberts Food Center for their contributions.

Finally, the MCCC will host a Killingworth First Selectman’s Candidate Forum on October 17th (see ad on page 4.) It will be held at 7 p.m. at True Value Hardware Store, 228 Rte. 81 Killingworth. This is a panel discussion, not a debate. Residents will be able to ask the candidates questions. All are welcome to this important event.

We look forward to seeing you at some of these great events. As always, the MCCC appreciates all the support from the business community and residents. See you all soon!

Franco Piscitelli, Chairman
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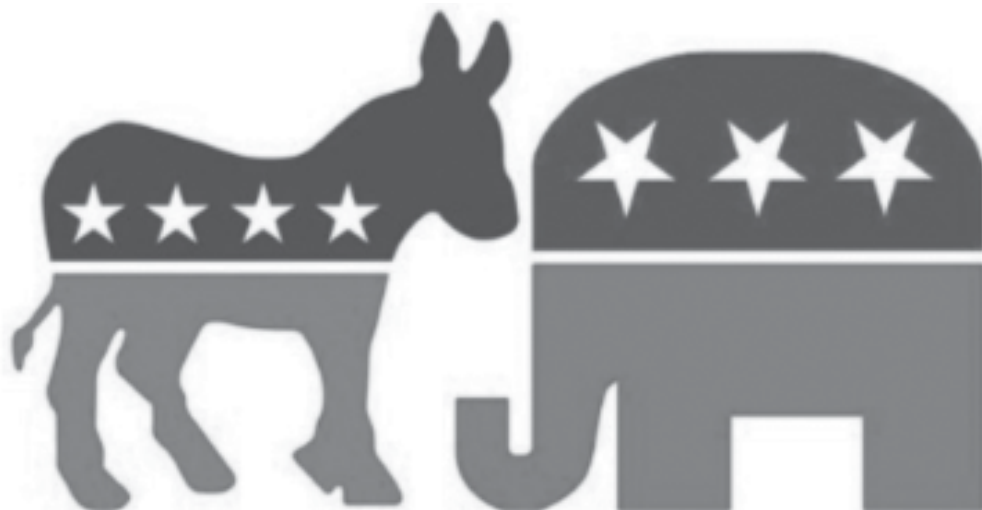
MEET THE CANDIDATES!



First Selectman's Candidate Forum
presented by the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce

Open to the Public
Questions will be taken from attendees
*this is not a debate

October 17th - 7 p.m.
Location: True Value Hardware Store
228 Route 81, Killingworth



Chamber News

Hello Killingworth!

We have reached another autumn season in Middlesex County and throughout our great nation, and the chamber team continues to be on the move. October features a number of important events and activities that can be of great benefit to not only the business community, but the community at large.

On Tuesday, October 8th, our KeyBank Workshop Series continues with a session to be held from 8-10 a.m. at the chamber office in Middletown. This important workshop is titled, *Networking: Especially at a Trade Show or Convention*. Millions of dollars and countless hours are spent every year by businesses promoting their products and services at trade shows and similar events. Often, much of this time and money are wasted because too few additional sales or qualified leads are developed. Jim Jackson of the CT Small Business Development Center will cover strategic ways to sharpen your networking skills, and turn those trade shows into profits. Those who are interested in attending can visit middlesexchamber.com for more information.

Our Member Breakfast Meeting for the month of October is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at the Red Lion Hotel in Cromwell. Our keynote speaker is UConn Head Men's Basketball Coach, Dan Hurley. This event, sponsored by ConnectiCare, will be a sold out event that will feature remarks from the coach on everything from the makeup of this year's team, to his thoughts on coaching and leadership in the modern era. We look forward to welcoming Coach Hurley who is about to begin his second season at the helm of the Huskies after a very successful six year run at the University of Rhode Island (URI). Immediately following the Member Breakfast Meeting, the chamber's 2019 Energy Forum, sponsored by Eversource, will be held at the Red Lion. The Energy Forum will cover important topics such as current energy policy in the State of Connecticut, an energy focused Economic Forecast, a State of Connecticut and Middlesex County energy infrastructure update, and an update on best practices for energy efficiency. We look forward to a terrific Member Breakfast Meeting and Energy Forum on the morning of October 10.



Larry McHugh, President

On the local front, the chamber's Killingworth Division will host a First Selectman Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 17th at 7 p.m. at True Value on Route 81. All candidates that are on the ballot for the November 5th election have been invited to participate. We look forward to hosting a respectful exchange of ideas and policy visions at what is sure to be a productive candidate forum.

The Killingworth Division also looks forward to hosting the annual Pumpkin Carving at Parmelee Farm on Saturday, October 26th, with a rain date of Sunday, October 27th. Thanks to our sponsors, MAWC, LLC, The Killingworth Lions Club, Barnum Capital Management, and Roberts Food Center, the event will feature free pumpkins for carving, refreshments, face painting and many more fun and wholesome activities. We look forward to celebrating the Halloween season on October 26th at Parmelee Farm for the annual Pumpkin Carving event, and certainly hope to see you there!

One of the most important events that the chamber holds all year is Connecticut Connections, Middlesex County's premier business expo. Chamber members and other interested parties should save the date of Wednesday, October 23rd at the Red Lion Hotel in Cromwell. This full day of events and activities will include the main expo hall with over 105 exhibitors from a wide variety of industry sectors, a career fair with over 50 employers who are hiring, our annual Small Business Awards Celebration which will honor a number of Middlesex County's small business champions, the State of Connecticut Tourism Conference featuring Trip Advisor, two outstanding breakout sessions, a Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Workshop, a Women's Conference & Luncheon, an all-day Health & Wellness Fair sponsored by Middlesex Health, and much, much more. Connecticut Connections is an outstanding opportunity to grow both personally, and professionally. Please visit www.middlesexchamber.com for all of the details.

The sun always shines on Middlesex County! Have a great month.

*Larry McHugh, President
Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce*



It takes a team . . .



Cathy Iino
First Selectwoman



Lou Annino, Jr.
Selectman



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Board of Education

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Profile Andie's Cookies Cafe



Owners: Andrea and Larry Freibauer

www.andiescookies.com

Coming soon to:

176 Rte. 81, Bldg.5 in Killingworth!

Killingworth residents Andrea and Larry Freibauer have had a long-standing dream to eventually open a retail space where people can find respite, enjoy a friendly artisan atmosphere and especially a good cookie or three.

Says Andrea, "Andie's Cookies has been in business for over five years now. We have an online store (www.AndiesCookies.com) and selling cookies at events all over Connecticut (last year we did over 100!) But... the goal was always to have a storefront, a little eclectic space we could call our own. Our new location is 176 Rte 81, Bldg 5, right here in Killingworth. I'm so happy that we are able to add to the small business fabric of the town I grew up in and where we still live. We are so grateful to the many people who have supported us along the way to make this dream a reality."

Larry adds, "We plan to open what we are informally calling the Andie's Cookies Café in mid-to-late October and our menu will consist of cookies, quick breads and other baked foods. With over 21 different flavors of cookies in our lineup, I think it's safe to say there's something for everyone's taste! Everything we sell will conform to the Andie's Cookies philosophy of providing handcrafted artisan treats using fresh, local ingredients and never any artificial colorings or flavorings."

Be sure to check out some of Larry's art, which will grace the walls of the new café along with other local artists. Visit their Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/AndiesCookiesCT as well as the website at www.AndiesCookies.com for hours of operation and other information.





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Education

Meet the BOE Candidates

The Haddam Killingworth Education Association (HKEA) is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates Night for Region Board of Education candidates. This year's event will be on Tuesday, October 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium in Haddam.

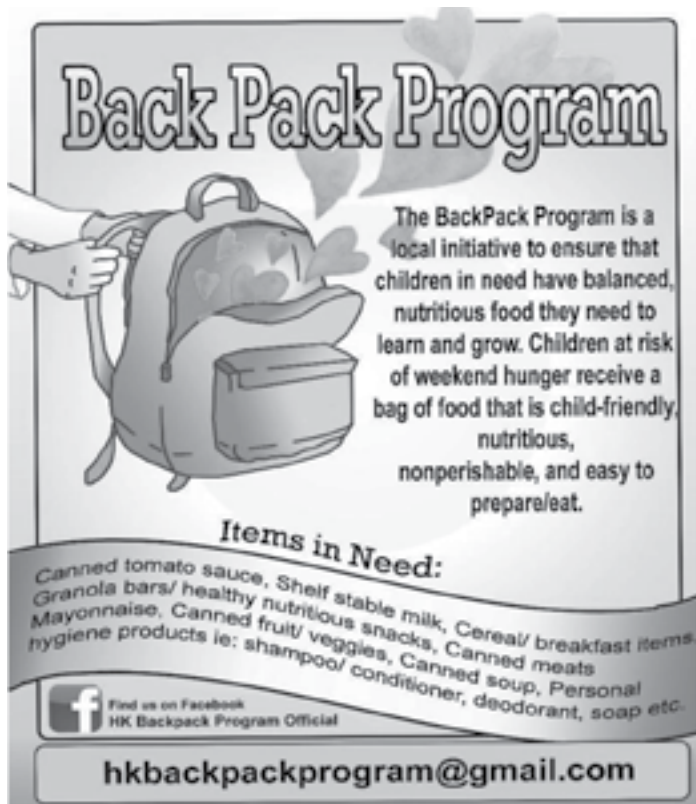
All Haddam and Killingworth candidates have been invited. The candidates' answers to a questionnaire will be distributed to the audience. Each candidate will have the opportunity to make brief remarks and address questions posed by the audience.

The program will be recorded and will air on the Valley Shore Community Television, local cable channel 18. Refreshments will be served.

Robin Duffield President HKEA

Wendy Adamczyk Vice President HKEA

Beth Gagliardi Political Action Committee Chairperson



Back Pack Program

The Backpack Program is a local initiative to ensure that children in need have balanced, nutritious food they need to learn and grow. Children at risk of weekend hunger receive a bag of food that is child-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable, and easy to prepare/eat.

Items in Need:
Canned tomato sauce, Shelf stable milk, Cereal/ breakfast items, Granola bars/ healthy nutritious snacks, Canned meats, Mayonnaise, Canned fruit/ veggies, Canned soup, Personal hygiene products ie: shampoo/ conditioner, deodorant, soap etc.

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ITEMS NEEDED:

- *Shelf Stable Milk (not powdered)
- *Canned Meats (chicken, Ham, Sausage)
- * Breakfast Items (Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Muffin Mix)
- *Healthy Snacks (Granola Bars, Trail Mix)
- *Canned Vegetables
- *Canned Fruit / Applesauce
- *Chef Boyardee / Spaghetti O's

KWO Scholarship Winner Off to Penn State

The Killingworth Women's Organization is pleased to announce that Haddam-Killingworth High School graduate and Killingworth resident, Emma Anziano, was the recipient of its 2019 Scholarship Award. Anziano is off to Penn State University to pursue her dream of a degree in biology; the first step towards her PhD in the subject.

There's no doubt Anziano will carry her H-K successes with her. She was a three-season athlete (including Cross Country captain), as well as an artist. She graduated in the top three of her class, while still being able to clock 120 hours of community service. Her work included being Head of Youth Outreach and Events Coordinator for the HK Backpack Program, a nature camp volunteer for the Platt Nature Center, fundraising for Relay for Life, and a facilitator for disabled teenagers at 1BigCircle.

We wish her all the best on this exciting new chapter!



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Your Voice

Open Communication a Priority

I am writing to support Cathy Iino for First Selectman. She has made open communication with all the residents a priority, with her monthly column here in the Krier, her regular column in the Source, her town email alerts, and her weekly coffees, not to mention her long hours and open door at Town Hall. She is a constant presence around town, showing that all parts of our community are valued. Church fairs, Eagle Scout ceremonies, Lions Club events at Parmelee Farm, senior lunches, Chamber of Commerce meetings, HK High School graduation, Killingworth Youth League opening day are just a few of the many places we see her, month after month. She has found new ways to support so many of our local volunteer groups, in addition

to carrying out the work of the town government effectively and efficiently. Cathy truly works for everyone in Killingworth, regardless of party, religion, or wealth.

Killingworth is in great shape. Even her opponent has talked about our low taxes and our strong sense of community. We have many people to thank for that, but not least is Cathy's respectful and inclusive demeanor and the incredible amount of time she devotes to her job.

We are fortunate to have Cathy Iino as our town leader. Please vote to keep her in that position!

*Joan Gay
Killingworth*

A Sincere and Community minded Person

During the last five years I've come to know Francesco Lulaj and his family and have found him to be a very sincere and community minded person. He was part of a successful restaurant business in New Haven before opening LaForesta here in Killingworth. He and his brother now manage it. After immigrating to America, Francesco became a US citizen 11 years ago, and is very passionate about our town and our country.

One of the ways he shows his appreciation for volunteers in town, is by providing dinners at all the quarterly meetings of our volunteer fire company. He's been doing

this since opening LaForesta. He also sponsors sports teams, and has contributed to Parmelee Farm by sponsoring concerts and hosting a Farm to Table dinner. He is a very hard working man who feels he can contribute his business skills and management style to make Killingworth an even greater place to live.

I hope you'll join me in supporting Francesco in his bid to become 1st Selectman in November.

*Sincerely,
Tim Gannon
Killingworth*

Road Construction – One Step Forward and Two Steps Back

I used to live on a paved road. Last summer it was freshly paved and the road crew did a great job. Now I live on a gravel road. The town calls it "chip sealing". My neighbors and I call it a gravel road and we aren't happy with it.

The town told us they chip sealed it to extend the life of the road. Our road is a dead end with little traffic. The new pavement would have lasted a long time without spreading a layer of oil and gravel on it. They told us it would improve traction in the winter. Wait until the snowplow driver scrapes off sections of the gravel – and he will. They told us the excess gravel would be swept. It was, but there is still way too much loose gravel on the street and the gravel that is mixed in with oil scrapes off pretty easily – just ask the teenagers down the road who have been doing burnouts on it. The town admitted to me that chip sealing is unpopular. Talk to my neighbors as I have and you'll find out just how unpopular it is. No one asked us. The general consensus in my neighborhood seems to be that it was a waste of taxpayers' dollars and, yes, very unpopular.

No matter how slowly one drives down the road the stone chips are flipped up at the bottom sections of our cars, sometimes causing stone chips. One neighbor with a black car showed me, in exasperation, the damage to his car already. This spring I had my driveway repaved. Now every time I drive onto the driveway from the road my car deposits stone chips all over the driveway and in my garage. I can sweep the stones in the garage, but on the recently paved asphalt driveway the stone chips get lodged into the asphalt and I have to scrape them off with a shovel.

In the last issue of the Krier, the town leaders wrote about their effectiveness and proven leadership claiming that our quality of life is among the highest among similar towns. In my opinion, chip sealing our road was an unnecessary, ill-conceived project and a waste of taxpayers' dollars. My quality of life is a little lower now than it was last summer.

*Brian Jones
Killingworth*

Events

Are Boo Ready for Halloween?

Dress up the kids, trick out your trunk, and get ready for a scary good time at the Killingworth Women's Organization's annual Trunk or Treat event!

Date: **October 26th**

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: H-K Middle School, 451 Route 81

Parking starts at 6 p.m. No cars admitted after 6:20 p.m.

Goodies available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit www.kwoct.org. *See our ad on page 18!*



Events at the Congregational Church

Sunday Autumn Afternoon Music Series in the Sanctuary Starts October 20th, 4 p.m.

Autumn Afternoon Jazz: with local Jazz Duo Russ Becker/Stephen Roane on woodwinds guitar, and string instruments. Russ has performed, composed and recorded in a broad musical genres from jazz to symphonies to chamber ensembles. He has performed on radio and television, universities, churches, and concert halls throughout the world. Guitarist/bassist Stephen Roane is musician, teacher, and landscape artist. The Duo recorded two acclaimed CDs of original music, Stephen Roane's "Long River Place" and Russ Becker's, "The Black Foal", and their holiday album "Helping From the Shadows", and their latest recording, "Russ Becker and Stephen Roane Play the Music of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn". Opening by Alyson and Marcella before the performance. Tickets are \$12 per person; \$20 for couples and include seasonal refreshments and a 50/50 raffle.

All proceeds will support the church's Preservation 2020, a fund-raising effort to raise money for much-needed church renovations. For questions, please contact Preservation 2020 co-Committee Chairs Rachel Schemmerling (203) 500-9500 or Charlie Smith (860) 663-1583. For more information visit: killingworthchurch.com or (860) 663-1789

Sunday Afternoon Music Series (all at 4 p.m.)*

November 17: Skunk Misery Ramblers Fiddlers Group with the Shoreline Singers Chorus Group.

December 15: Christmas Concert: The Anna Filosi Trio, CT Yankees Barbershop Quartet and the Killingworth Middle School Choir.

Church festival listed on page 12

Owl-O-Ween Event

Hosted by A Place Called Hope

Parmelee Farm

465 Route 81, Killingworth

Saturday, October 26th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Owl-O-Ween will be here soon! This is our annual fundraiser that celebrates our native Owls along with the Halloween Holiday traditions! Come out for an all ages two hour Meet and Greet to be introduced to some of our States native owl species to learn about ways to lessen some of the conflicts these birds face living so closely to mankind. Meet live birds at different stations in the outdoor pavilion at the Parmelee Farm. This is a great place to preview holiday costumes before the holiday and take photos near live owls! You'll be supporting APCH and the many birds in our care. Dress according to weather as this is an outdoor event.



Events



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Events

Congregational Church Fall Festival

Saturday, October 12th – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us for family-friendly events, food, bake sale, vendors and for the first time, a selection of children's clothing (ages 0-12). Highlights include a Goods and Services Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle, Attic Treasures Rummage Sale, Plant Sale (mums), homemade soup, grilled cheese, baked goods and other treats. Events include children's activities, Green Hill Martial Arts demonstrations and a scarecrow exhibition. For more info and entry form/rules for the scarecrow

exhibition, please call the church office at (860) 663-1789 or visit killingworthchurch.com. The Scarecrow form is due by October 4th.

*Fall Festival Vendors Wanted!: Please contact the church office at (860) 663-1789, email kwcongchurch@yahoo.com or visit our website for booth information and a vendor application.

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Events

Witches in Connecticut – Local Event

The harrowing story of the hanging of witches in Colonial New England continues to haunt our present-day imagination. The trials and executions of witches in Connecticut predated the more famous Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories of some of the women and men accused, tried, and executed as witches and learn how Connecticut successfully controlled the spread of

witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence.

Date: **Thursday, October 17th**, Time: 7 p.m.,
Location: Killingworth Firehouse, 333 Rt. 81
Presented by: Killingworth Historical Society



Senior Expo Hosted by Youth & Family Services of HK

Join us on **Wednesday, October 16th** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an informative Seniors Expo with vendors, flu shots, Health demos and more. Located at 95 Little City Road in Higganum. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. and Pizza, Salad and dessert from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call (860) 345-7498.

Senior Expo at the Beechwood Clubhouse November 2nd

All are welcome to attend the Senior Expo on **Saturday, November 2nd** at the Beechwood Clubhouse located at 18 Swan Lake Trail from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Discussions and demonstrations by Professionals will include eye care, window wrap treatment for winter, retirement, pension and estate planning, Medicare plans, footcare, a blood pressure clinic and hearing impairment product demonstration. Flu shots will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served, join us!



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Events

Land Trust Announces Annual Cranberry Harvest

The Killingworth Land Conservation Trust welcomes all land trust members and town residents to its annual cranberry harvest, on **Saturday, October 12th**, from 9 a.m. - Noon. The event will take place at the land trust Paper Mill Road property, between Green Hill Road and River Road. Cranberries can be hand-picked and participants are welcome to bring their berries home. Come explore this interesting site – land trust Directors will be on-hand to discuss this and other local preserves. Bring the family!



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Events

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Oct. 12th

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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The hall is open to drop off clean useable clothing & household items on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 8 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct.9, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct.10, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Baked goods are accepted on Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or early Saturday before 10 a.m., and many thanks to all our wonderful bakers.

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My father, Meko Lulaj, still lives there. He's visited me and my family here in Killingworth and there's no doubt he's impressed with the beautiful town where my wife, Cassandra, and I are raising four of his grandchildren. He's told me many times that he's happy that we live in a place of opportunity where we can pursue our dreams as he never could.

It's likely I place a greater value on democracy and personal liberty than most Killingworth voters. I can tell you that I will never, ever, miss the opportunity to vote. If my body can take breath, you'll see me at the polls on Election Day.

November 5 is Election Day. I'm on the ballot as the Republican candidate for First Selectman and I humbly ask for your vote. And if I'm elected I promise you this above all other things: I will cherish the trust that you have placed in me and I will work hard every day to preserve the promise of this town where our kids are still free to pursue their dreams.

Thank you!



Francesco Lulaj

FOR KILLINGWORTH FIRST SELECTMAN 

Vote Tuesday, November 5th

Printed by Francesco for Killingworth, Loretta Dery, Treasurer. Approved by Francesco Lulaj.



Francesco with his father, Meko Lulaj.

Landslide win for Lulaj In Republican Primary

In a Republican primary in September, political newcomer Francesco Lulaj received a clear message from voters, winning over his opponent, Robert “Corky” Sassi, with an overwhelming 81.6% of the votes. “Frankly, I had some confidence that I would win,” said Lulaj. “But I am both heartened and humbled by a win of this magnitude.”

According to reports, 505 votes were cast for First Selectman. 409 votes were for Lulaj and 92 were for Sassi. (Four were left blank.) Turnout was 35%. (There were 1,419 active registered Republican voters in the last general election, held on November 5, 2018.) Of note, in the most recent municipal party primary held in Killingworth in 2015, turnout was 25% which means that turnout on primary day was 40% higher.

Lulaj attributed much of the success of his campaign to old-fashioned hard work. He noted that from the 4th of July weekend when he started going-to-door to meet with the voters, he knocked on some 2000 doors and visited every street in Killingworth. He adds “I can tell you that

meeting with the voters face to face has been an energizing experience for me. My message about protecting our town’s quality of life for future generations and bringing more transparency to decision-making is clearly resonating.”

About Francesco Lulaj: Born and raised in Albania, where he attended the military academy and was an accomplished athlete, Francesco arrived in the U.S. in 2002. He quickly built a string of successful businesses. He married his wonderful wife, Cassandra, in 2007. Two years later they moved to Killingworth. After extensive renovation of a building on Route 81, in 2014 they opened the popular restaurant La Foresta, which has earned worldwide awards and recognition. Francesco proudly became a U.S. citizen in 2008. He and Cassandra have four beautiful children and make their home on Jacob Lane in Killingworth.

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Library Notes

Library Book Clubs

Tuesday Book Discussion - 2016 novel "The Noise of Time" by Julian Barnes. Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich struggles to preserve the integrity of his music while keeping himself out of the violent clutches of the Stalinist regime. Discussion takes place in the library On Oct. 8th in the meeting room at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

The October Mystery Book Club

Read for the Killingworth Library is Call From the Dead, by John LeCarre. The book club will meet Thursday, October 19th, 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The books will be available at the desk. All are welcome

Declutter & Redecorate: Preparing Your Home For Sale

Presented by Killingworth Library

In 2019, preparing your home for sale involves much more than just clearing out the clutter and depersonalizing your space. Today's digitally-savvy buyers will make a decision to see your home BEFORE they even step foot in your driveway.

On Tuesday, October 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Killingworth Library, 301 Route 81 in Killingworth, Realtor Fay Abrahamsson and Interior Design Consultant Rachel Schemmerling will help you prepare to sell your home in their presentation, "Declutter & Redecorate: Preparing Your Home For Sale".

Learn how to turn your everyday living spaces into marketable images and make the absolute best first impression online and in person. Join us to hear more about readying your home for today's real estate market and staging it to highlight its best features. You'll leave with solid take-aways you can begin implementing right away. Whether you plan to sell in two months or two years, this is a presentation not to miss!

The event is free but advance sign up is required. Please call the Killingworth Library at (860) 663-2000 or visit killingworthlibrary.org for additional details.

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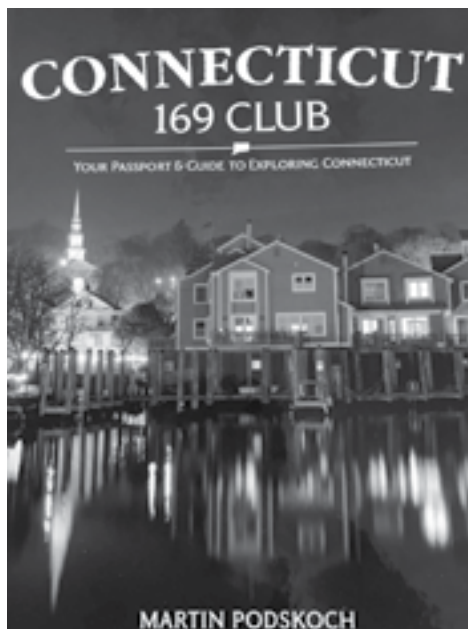
Library Notes

Book Talk & Signing of The Connecticut 169 Club

On Tuesday, October 15th at 7 p.m. at the Killingworth Firehouse, 333 Route 81, the Killingworth Library will host a Power Point presentation and book signing by author and historian Marty Podskoch and his new book, *The Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring Connecticut*.

The book encourages travelers to visit all of the towns and villages of our beautiful and unique state. The 169 Club will be in the same format as Marty's popular *Adirondack 102 Club*. The idea for the travel club guides began after Podskoch read about Dr. Arthur Peach in an issue of *American Profile Magazine*. Dr. Peach, in a story in *Vermont Life* magazine, suggested the idea of an informal group, the 251 Club, to veer off the beaten path "...to discover the secret and lovely places that main roads do not reveal." He felt that every part of Vermont had its beauty, history, attractions, traditions, and interesting people. After writing five books about the Adirondacks he decided to do a travel book to get people to visit all 102 towns in the Adirondacks. The result was his *Adirondack 102 Club: Your Passport and Guide to the North Country* in 2015.

Marty Podskoch was a teacher in the Catskills and came to Conn. in 2005. He decided to write a book on the Connecticut CCC camps. He traveled to over 100 towns in Conn. where he gave talks on the CCC and people shared their stories and photos. His *Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: History, Memories & Legacy of the*



CCC was published in 2016. As he traveled throughout the state and gathered info from regional residents, he marveled at the great diversity of villages, cities, rivers, lakes, mountains, and seashores and eventually created a book to be a guide and a passport.

There is no membership fee, just a desire to experience all of Connecticut. Adults and children of all ages can be members. What a great adventure for families, grandparents, and their grandchildren, or go by oneself. Most members will travel by car while others might use a bike, motorcycle, or maybe a canoe! People who visit all 169 towns will

receive the "Leatherman Award" patch at a luncheon or dinner held at a different town each year. The award is named after the vagabond who lived in caves and traveled a route regularly (approx. 34 days) from the Connecticut River to the Hudson River during the late 1800s.

After Podskoch's talks he and some of the writers and co-writers of the book will be available for a book signing. The hard cover 8.5 X 11 book has 376 pages with hundreds of photos & maps and sells for \$24.95. All are welcome to attend the talk. The event is free but advance sign up is required. Please call the Killingworth Library at (860) 663.2000 or visit killingworthlibrary.org for additional details.

Bats of Connecticut

Presented by Killingworth Library

Please join us at the Killingworth Fire Department on Tuesday, November 19th at 7 p.m. for "Bats of Connecticut," presented by Richard L. Taylor, Jr., Master Wildlife Conservationist. The program will include species and types of bats found in Connecticut, the economic value of bats, bat migration and hibernation, decline and disease, and what the public can do to help bats.

Richard Taylor is a retired Human Resources executive with a passion for education and continuous learning. Having served as a Chief Learning Officer, a member of the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship and Rhode Island

Vocational Council, he has a degree and certifications from SCSU, RPI and Cornell. He has had an interest in wildlife and fisheries his entire life and since his retirement, completed Connecticut's Master Wildlife Conservationist program, and is now active volunteering and presenting programs on wildlife to libraries and nonprofit organizations.

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Killingworth Community Fund Welcomes Annie Stirna



The Killingworth Community Fund (KCF) is pleased to welcome its newest committee member, Annie Stirna. Annie, an accountant by vocation, is truly a fan of “All Things Killingworth”. She previously served on the Killingworth Foundation Board of Directors and welcomes the opportunity to join KCF’s dedicated volunteers working to assist their friends and neighbors through grants from the KCF Fund.

Annie has been very active in the community, whether through the Killingworth Refugee Resettlement Coalition, the Board of Directors of the Estuary Council of Seniors, or by serving on the town’s Board of Finance. In addition to her multiple volunteer activities, Annie finds time to run Stirna Business Services which provides accounting, bookkeeping, tax preparation, budgeting and business analysis to individuals and mid-size businesses.

Says Annie .. “These activities represent my personal commitment to my town and the surrounding area. I love my work and I also love to give back”.

Our thanks to Annie and all KCF volunteers – Wally Jones, Joan Gay, Ed and Mary Anne Lisk, Mary Meixell, Cathy Iino, ex-officio (and now Annie). They are truly “Great People Doing Great Things”!

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An Important Message from the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company

If it seems like you've heard a lot of sirens in recent weeks it's not your imagination - it's been an unusually busy stretch for the KVFC. We've been responding to many calls for service, much more than our average of about one per day. Calls include motor vehicle / motorcycle accidents (including one with the vehicle on fire), traumatic injuries from falls, allergic reactions, hazardous materials investigations and medical emergencies. A huge shout out to our dedicated volunteers for the time away from their families and jobs to respond to this high volume of calls.

There are two themes from recent incidents that we'd like to point out and ask for everyone's support:

1. Be sure your driveway is clearly marked with your house number. If you have a shared driveway it's important

that you identify which driveway leads to your residence. If you're calling for help from an area that's not associated with a street address (hiking area as an example) it's always helpful to send someone to the street to meet us and / or identify a landmark to assist us in finding you.

2. Be patient with and respectful of our detours at accident scenes. We do our best to minimize the impact of our detours but the safety of our firefighters, EMS and State Police are the #1 priority. Remember - the volunteers directing traffic and on the scene of the emergency are just as eager to get back to their families as you are. We will always re-open the roadways as soon as it is safe to do so.



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We are women from Killingworth, Deep River, Essex, Clinton and even as far away as West Hartford. Meetings are held the first Tuesday in February, May, August and November.

Ready to join, or want more information:
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Youth and Family Services HK

Women's Empowerment Group - Meets over the course of four weeks to discuss topics that include: how to combat negative self-talk, understanding and overcoming the barriers to true self-care, maintaining healthy boundaries, and guided imagery for wellness and stress/anxiety relief.

Classes to be held in the Killingworth Library from 6 – 7 :30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 8th and 15th and November 19th and 26th. Contact Katy Kennedy, Clinical Director and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist for more info and to RSVP by 10/7. Phone (860) 345-7498 or e-mail ClinicalDirector@HKYFS.org.

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Notes from the Town Hall

First Selectwoman Cathy Iino



Eastern Equine Encephalitis. In late August, EEE-carrying mosquitoes were found in routine sampling in Killingworth. Eastern Equine Encephalitis is a rare but very serious disease. A vaccine is available for horses but not for humans. EEE-carrying mosquitoes will be a threat until the first hard frost. The only human case that has occurred in

Connecticut, back in 2013, was contracted at the end of October.

The most effective ways to reduce the risk of acquiring EEE is reduce the risk of being bitten. Avoid outdoor activities at dawn and dusk; wear protective clothing; and use insect repellents containing DEET. Maintain window screens, and prevent stagnant water from collecting in containers or elsewhere on your property.

The management of mosquitoes in Connecticut is a collaborative effort involving the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), and the Department of Public Health (DPH), together with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Connecticut (UConn). We are staying in close contact with the state and following its recommendations for responding to this region-wide issue.

Flu Shots. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone over 6 months of age get vaccinated against the flu. Over the coming weeks, flu shots will be offered at several convenient locations:

- Thursday, Oct. 3, 2-6 p.m. Killingworth Elementary School, age 4+; for info call (860) 661-3300
 - Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2-6 p.m. HK Middle School, age 4+; for info call (860) 661-3300
 - Thursday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., HK Youth and Family Services Senior Expo, HK High School, age 18+, (860) 345-7498
 - Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2-6 p.m. HK High School/Central Office, age 4+; for info call (860) 661-3300
 - Saturday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Jensen’s Beechwood Community, age 18+; for info call (860) 767-0186
 - Most days, Killingworth Family Pharmacy, 183 Rt. 81, 18+; call ahead (860) 452-4275
- VNA Community Healthcare, Inc. also runs clinics in nearby towns; for info, call (203) 458-4200.

If you see something, say something to the trooper. If you want to report someone who is driving dangerously or behaving in a way that threatens others, or an incident of theft or other crime, please call Resident State Trooper Rich Mulhall first, and as soon as possible, at (860) 663-1132. If he does not answer, the call will go to the Troop F Barracks, where you can speak with a trooper on duty. You are welcome to call my office as well — (860) 663-1765, ext. 501—but the most effective way to report is to call the trooper directly.

Road sign and traffic cone take-back. Sad to say, many of our road signs and traffic cones and barriers have been taken in the last few months. Not only does this create dangerous situations; it is also quite expensive for the town to replace these items. For the month of October, if you find any of these items and bring them to Town Hall, we won’t ask any questions, and we will be grateful. Do not remove traffic cones that are currently in place; they are there for a reason!

Coffee with the First Selectwoman. Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Copper Skillet on October 4; Dunkin Donuts, October 11; Cozy Corner Bakery, October 18. And a new addition to our town and to the schedule: Andie’s Cookies, in the Killingworth Courtyard, 176 Route 81, at 9 a.m. on October 25. I hope one of these days works for you; if not, please don’t hesitate to call, write, or stop by the office.

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Thurs. 10/03 7:00 PM	<i>Parmelee Farm Committee</i>	<i>Pond Room, Parmelee Farm</i>
Mon. 10/07 7:30 PM	<i>Killingworth Park & Recreation Commission</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Tues. 10/08 7:00 PM	<i>Board of Finance</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Tues. 10/08 7:00 PM	<i>Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Wed. 10/09 7:00 PM	<i>Public Health Agency</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Thurs. 10/10 7:00 PM	<i>Killingworth Conservation Commission</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Mon. 10/14	<i>COLUMBUS DAY – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED</i>	
Tues. 10/15 7:00 PM	<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Tues. 10/15 7:00 PM	<i>Planning & Zoning Commission</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Tues. 10/15 7:00 PM	<i>Board of Fire Commissioners</i>	<i>Killingworth Fire House</i>
Mon. 10/28 7:00 PM	<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Mon. 10/28 7:00 PM	<i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>

Weds. – Senior Lunch Café – Noon at the Killingworth Congregational Church parish hall. The cost is \$3 for those 60 and older. Call (860) 388-1611 by 11 a.m. on Tuesday to sign up for the next day’s meal.

Haddam-Killingworth Rotary Club – meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 at June’s Outback Pub, 184 CT-81, for more information contact Hedy Watrous (860) 526-1337

Killingworth Women’s Organization – second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Killingworth Library, 301 CT-81. New members welcome. For info, contact (860) 663-2244 or info at kwoct.org.

Helping Hands, the Killingworth food pantry, is open by appointment to residents in need of food assistance. Call (860) 663-1765 x 401. The Pantry is supported by local contributions and is for Killingworth residents only. Donations can be sent to Helping Hands, c/o Town Hall, 323 Route 81. The Killingworth Library has a collection bin for non-perishable food.



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News From Parmelee Farm

Welcome Fall! The Parmelee Farm Committee would like to extend our Thanks to the many volunteers who lend a hand throughout the year for mowing and other farm maintenance, for staging and staffing many of the events as well. None of it is possible without community support.

The Car Cruise and Concert series for the Summer of 2019 has come to a close and we are thrilled that so many have come out to take advantage of these great community events. The Artisan market doubled in size and received many accolades from vendors and patrons alike.

October is a very busy month here at the farm - **The Sleepy Hollow Lantern Tour and Owl-o-ween** will be held again, and the Annual Pumpkin Carving Party hosted by the Chamber will take place here too, look for details in this issue of the Krier. We hope you'll join us!

The Historical Society invites you to join us for our annual meeting on October 17th, 7 p.m. at the Killingworth Firehouse, 333 Rt. 81. "Witches in Connecticut" will tell the story of witches in Colonial New England. The speaker, Taylor McClure is a museum Educator at the Connecticut Historical Society. The program is free and refreshments will be served, so come enjoy the evening with us. A perfect way to get in the Halloween spirit! Copies of "The Early Gravestones of a Colonial Town: Killingworth Connecticut" authored by Thomas L. Lentz will be available. Be

sure to get your copy of this documentation of gravestones in our town and local communities.

The Community Gardens were beautiful this year and the gardeners are still working and harvesting. All plots were taken and busy all season. Shared Harvest Garden to date has shared over 500 pounds of fresh produce with 200 community members at the weekly Wednesday market with all remaining produce going to the Clinton Food Pantry. Many thanks to other Killingworth gardeners for contributing produce including peaches and apples as well as beautiful flowers. The new fencing on both gardens this year is a great asset, thank you to John Byrne and the many volunteers who constructed it. The beehives are doing well and we hope that next year will bring honey for sale.

Event Booking - All events should be booked well in advance with the Parmelee Farm Committee event coordinator, Peg Scofield at (203) 641-2341 or webmaster@parmeleefarm.org

Want to volunteer? Many hands make light work and volunteers of all ages, skill levels and time availability are welcome. Call or e-mail Tim Gannon at: tim@gannonphoto.com or (860) 395-9887, to find out how you can participate and/or contribute. - Hope to see you at the farm!



The community gardens beautifully maintained.



The Bride's horse was a guest at this wedding on the farm.



It was a great day for vendors and patrons of the 2019 Artisan Market.

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The Vet's Corner

by Julie Berman, DVM, Lynda Perry, DVM, Michelle West, DVM



Have you heard of Leptospirosis?

It seems that most people haven't. Leptospirosis (a.k.a. "Lepto") is an infectious disease that has been around throughout history, but seems to be relatively unknown to most pet owners. It can infect dogs as well as many other species of animals, and is zoonotic, which means it can spread from animals to humans. In fact, according to the CDC, each year over 1 million cases of Leptospirosis in people occur worldwide, with over 60,000 human deaths due to this disease. Recently in our practice we have been seeing cases of Leptospirosis in dogs, including "Duffy", the Cairn Terrier, who never leaves his own back yard! It is a disease that is in our area and deserves better awareness from dog owners.

Leptospirosis is caused by a corkscrew-shaped bacteria that likes to live in damp soil and standing water. In our area, the most common carriers of the disease are raccoons, skunks, opossums, and rats, and these animals spread the bacteria in their urine. Deer, horses, pigs, and other livestock can also be carriers. Outbreaks tend to occur after heavy rainfall and flooding, and the disease enters its host through drinking of contaminated water, as well as through skin abrasions and contact with mucus membranes. Traditionally Leptospirosis has been associated with dogs living on farms or rural environments, but in recent years as more wildlife seem to be happily living in our yards and neighborhoods, suburban dogs are now at higher risk.

When dogs become infected they tend to run a high fever and can initially have vomiting or diarrhea as well as lethargy and lack of appetite. The organism goes to the kidneys, liver and sometimes the lungs, and can cause severe damage to these organs. Other symptoms include excessive drinking, jaundice, coughing, or difficulty breathing depending on which organ system is affected. Infected dogs can pass the bacteria in their urine and potentially expose their owners to the disease, so precautions should be taken when handling or cleaning up an infected dog's urine.

Leptospirosis can be tricky to diagnose as it can have variable symptoms and can look like other diseases. Blood tests are needed to confirm the infection and to check for internal organ involvement. If the infection is caught early many dogs do well with antibiotic treatment and supportive care, and they can recover as long as there is not severe organ damage.

The good news is dogs can be vaccinated to help prevent leptospirosis, and the current vaccines cover four of the most common strains of the bacteria. Nearly all dogs are at risk of infection, especially those who swim in ponds or swamps and spend a lot of time outdoors. If your dog is not vaccinated against leptospirosis, or if you are not sure, talk to your veterinarian about getting him updated, and enjoy the outdoors with one less thing to worry about!

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By Rachel Schemmerling

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Girl Scouts Come Through For Kids In Need

This past Winter, Anna Simoniello and Erin Marica, members of Haddam-Killingworth Girl Scout Troop 62749 conducted a backpack drive for children being removed from their homes by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Erin and Anna created this venture as part of their Girl Scout Silver Award project. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn and is a community service project: requiring 50 hours of service addressing a need in the community. Both girls have been in the Girl Scout program since Kindergarten. Anna and Erin contacted a local DCF worker, Mrs. Doreen Parmentier. After speaking with Ms. Parmentier, they learned that every year hundreds of children are removed from their homes by DCF due to suspected abuse or neglect. Erin and Anna conducted research on the topic of children being displaced from their homes. They learned that children from the ages of 6 months to 18 years old are sometimes removed from their homes without notice and

the children do not have bags to put their belongings in.

In order to fulfill this need, the girls realized that they could make a difference through a backpack drive. For three months Anna and Erin collected backpacks for these children. They worked with area schools, churches, dentists, and business donors from their communities. At the end of the drive they had collected 117 backpacks and were able to fill each bag with shampoo, toothbrushes, tooth-

paste, and assorted hygiene supplies. The filled backpacks were delivered to the Middletown DCF office on April 18th. The bags were then dispersed among other DCF offices to be used by workers throughout the state when removing children from their homes. Erin and Anna hope that this project will "help make a difficult situation for children a little easier".



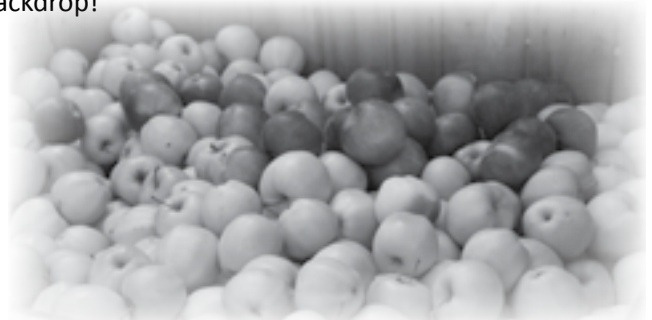
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In Loving Memory - Peter H. Houpert

Peter Henry Houpert passed away in the early morning hours of Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Born March 28, 1957 in Baltimore, MD he was a beloved son of the late Helen and Richard Houpert. Pete grew up in Clinton, CT, graduating from The Morgan School, Class of 1975, where he was offensive guard on the undefeated '75 football team. He attended Bethany College in West Virginia, and then began his adventures throughout the United States. He was a lumberjack, fisherman and nanny in Alaska, an oil rigger in North Dakota and Wyoming, and kayaked and bicycled whenever possible. He came back to Connecticut to put his amazing digital pre-press talents to work, and settled down with the love of his life, Jane Taylor. Pete loved to collect good wine, share stories on astronomy or history, cook with family and friends, and to



give great bear hugs. He could just as easily be found at the Opera as a Grateful Dead concert. Pete will be sorely missed by his devoted brothers, Richard Houpert (Francoise Rosset), James Houpert (Jude), Tom Houpert (Ann Pellegrini), and David Houpert (Judi). Pete is also survived by beloved nephews Pierre-Andre Houpert (Peter's godson), Alexander Houpert (Jennifer Walts), Matthew Houpert, his Aunt Vera, and many cousins to whom he was very close. He is also survived by Jane's family including her son Jason Paschke (Kimberly) and her grandchildren Camden, Zachary, and Rylan, whom Pete loved like his own.

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