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#### First Selectman's Corner

It has been a great honor to be your First Selectman since 2007, almost nine years. My main focus was always to try and listen to our community and to be a coach and leader through greater access to town information, employees and volunteers.

#### Key items that we have been concentrating on are:

Economic Growth: The East Haddam and Moodus Villages have the opportunity to become thriving downtown experiences. With the approval of converting the former school in Moodus into the new town office complex, the East Haddam riverfront will be available for appropriate development which will in turn create a larger tax base. Locating the town offices to Moodus will bring more commerce to our Moodus businesses.

Education System: There is a collaborative working culture between the town and school system which is productive and cost effective for a small town. Cooperatively working as a team is part of 21st century learning that we are teaching our students. The schools will need to continually develop their technology infrastructure and their connections with our rich local resources to ensure our students become college and career ready.

Financial Stability: Standard & Poor's upgraded our credit rating to AA+ (second best rating for communities) in 2010, we continue to maintain that rating today. This has been achieved through careful long-term financial planning. We have vastly improved from eight years ago when our audits showed multiple financial deficiencies. Residents want to live and work in a town with a stable financial base.



The past eight years have been about building that base. Expenses have been efficiently managed while at the same time we have maintained and improved services and functions. We are proud of our financial accomplishments and feel strongly that East Haddam is in an excellent position to move forward.

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#### **20th Annual Venture Smith Day**

Festivities will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 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. Displays will include African American quilts made by the "Sisters In Stitches Joined By The Cloth" a quilting group of African American ladies from eastern Massachusetts. Susi Ryan, a Venture descendant and also a member of this group, will be one of the speakers.

Spread the news to your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you at the festivities. Bring a comfy lawn chair and/or a blanket.

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The Huffington Post stated that Gillette's Castle State Park is one of 19 most beautiful places in the world, hidden in America.

USA Today ranked East Haddam as one of the eight secret towns for a perfect fall getaway.

Ron Turner has joined us as the new Director of Operations for both the town and the school system. He is a

lifelong resident of East Haddam who recently retired from the State of Connecticut after 22 years of service. Ron acted in the capacity of a Resident State Trooper for over 15 years and his last assignment consisted of a detective position in charge of evidence and seized property. Along with experience in facilities management on the State level, he has expertise in building threat assessment and mitigation and has been working with school systems and municipalities for many years on their structural and emergency plans. Ron is very excited to join the East Haddam team and assist with the town operations and upcoming capital projects.

Thank you all for your continued support and help in making East Haddam one of the best places to call our home! It has been an honor and privilege to be your First Selectman!

#### Mark B. Walter



At a recent gathering at the Gelston House Mark Walter presented Iso Dedusaj, Proprietor, with a proclamation thanking him for his civic generosity.



# Events Presents HILLTOP BBQ AND STEAK HOUSE

Looking to embark on a new adventure together, longtime Connecticut residents with strong family and friend ties to East Haddam, food aficionados Dwight and Anita Dery bought Hilltop BBQ and Steakhouse in December of 2015. With a shared passion for providing excellent food, in a fun and a comfortable environment where you can unwind and relax; these two are looking to provide East Haddam, Moodus and the surrounding areas with exactly that. Their philosophy is centered on "that the quality of food is #1 priority" and they feel "the most important ingredient in quality is time". So no fast food or shortcuts, they are taking the time to hand prepare your order using the freshest ingredients.

Hilltop BBQ and Steakhouse has been named one of the Top 100 restaurants in Connecticut by CBS CT. With their award winning smokehouse bbq and wings, great steaks and sandwiches, salads and seafood everyone will find something for their palate. Open every day of the week at 11am for lunch and dinner. Breakfast is



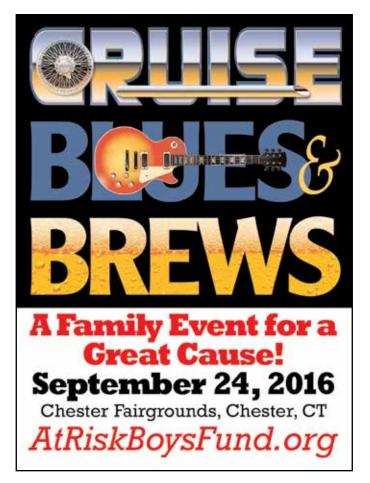
served beginning at 7am on Saturday and Sunday; they wanted to expand the focus providing a place for breakfast and conversation to include those out and about on Saturday and a place where people could go after church for a morning meal with friends and family.

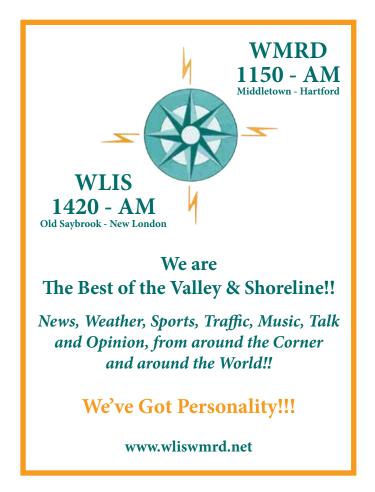
In it for the long term, they will constantly work to build on that relationship of fun, food and community. Having hosted "Tip a Waiter" to benefit the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, you can expect other community events.

Anita and Dwight hope to further enhance the outdoor patio area creating even more of an outdoor atmosphere for socializing and food. They promise small and continuous changes so be sure and stop by and see what going on. They appreciate feedback from their patrons as this really helps them tune into what the customer wants.

Whether sitting in the large dining room enjoying a meal or out on the spacious patio, or in the bar area where Keno and Lottery are available, their hope is that you leave feeling satisfied and happy!

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Congratulations to Luna, a three year old German Shepherd owned by the Knox family on her selection as this year's top



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The middle school students annually participate in an election to determine the top dog. 232 votes were cast, four spoiled ballots were recorded. Luna was the clear pack leader with 63 votes; Bella Boo was declared runner up with 33 votes. Chelsea, a Yellow Labrador puppy owned by the Evans family, came in just shy of an award with 24 votes.

The Town Clerk's Office thanks the families of Aldo, Belle, Bella Boo, Bozena & Sophia Rose, Chelsea, Coco, Daisy, Ede, Findley, Ginger, Harry, Luna, Max, Mia, Roxie, Stewie, Tripp and Zoila for their entries. Additional thanks to the staff and students of the Nathan Hale Ray Middle School.

All dogs over the age of six months are required to be licensed in the State of Connecticut annually. 2016 licenses are issued at the Town Clerk's office that began on June 1, 2016. A valid rabies certificate is required. The cost is \$8.00 for a dog that

has been altered, and \$19.00 for one that has not. Late fees of \$1.00 per month per dog are also assessed.

Additionally, Animal Control advises that it will be conducting spot door-to-door searches to verify compliance pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 22-349 beginning in July.



#### Land Trust's Musical Bridges Concert



Music, friends, family, food, and fun at the Musical Bridges concert supports East Haddam Land Trust.

East Haddam Land Trust invites you to celebrate summer at its second annual Musical Bridges concert, Monday, August 29, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. Picnic on the Goodspeed Theatre lawn along the picturesque Connecticut River with friends and family while listening to the tunes of local musicians.

Donations from this year's concert support East Haddam Land Trust's Stewardship Endowment Fund. This Fund insures we have ample dollars to maintain existing and create new trails for hiking, wildlife observation, and personal revitalization - the preserve trails you and others enjoy.

Since East Haddam Land Trust is growing - we now protect nearly 500 acres of land - we have a continuous and increasing need for trail building and maintenance. The Stewardship Endowment Fund insures dollars to cover supplies, signage, and necessary contracted work so Land Trust volunteers can maintain and improve public access to its preserves. The Stewardship Endowment Fund is also a necessary step in East Haddam Land Trust's march toward accreditation by the nationally recognized Land Trust Alliance - a step that makes your Land Trust a stronger organization now and into the future.

At last year's Musical Bridges nearly 500 people enjoyed the talents of 28 local musicians, and generously donated \$3,500 to help build the Eightmile River footbridge. The now completed footbridge spans the Eightmile River at the East Haddam end of the newly opened Richard H. Goodwin Trail that wanders over 14 miles from East Haddam, through Lyme and Salem, to East Lyme.

Join your friends and neighbors on August 29. Enjoy the talents of local musicians and support your Land Trust's ongoing mission to preserve East Haddam's natural areas for you and future generations to experience. Find event updates and trail info at www.ehlt.org.

#### **East Haddam Library System**

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If you're having trouble, the libraries offer one-on-one tech help, including how to setup and use digital library materials on your laptop, phone, or tablet. To make an appointment, call either EHFPL (860-873-8248) or Rathbun (860-873-8210) or email Library Director Mike Gilroy at MGilroy@ easthaddamlibrarysystem.org. The East Haddam Leos are also available to help solve your technological woes on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 4:30-6:00 pm at EHFPL.

#### **East Haddam Youth & Family Services**

Last year, EHYFS partnered with our high school leadership group, Youth Helping Youth (YHY), to launch the "MEAN IT, EAST HADDAM" campaign. The intention was to bring awareness to the fact that each of us has a role in creating a community where everyone feels connected and valued and that being a positive role model ought to be intentional rather than incidental. This year, we partnered with a newly formed parent leadership group, Parents Helping Youth (PHY), to develop the "BE YOUR BEST SELF" (BYBS) campaign. The PHY mission has been to focus on the vital role that parents and other adults play in the lives of East Haddam's youth and the importance of modeling healthy choices and positive behaviors. Their campaign is intended to build on the "Mean It" initiative and challenges us to be mindful that kids are watching, whether we realize it or not - that they are listening to what we say and learning from what we do.

You have seen the symbols (lawn signs, T-shirts, banners, magnets, posters,

place mats etc.). These are the things we use to heighten awareness. Hopefully, they create curiosity and invite you to ask questions like "What does it mean?" or "Why does it matter?" The answer is this: Preparing our youth to become responsible and contributing adults requires more than building relationships at home or within schools and programs. It requires strengthening those relationships throughout the entire community, reaching beyond the boundaries of families and organizations. The idea that it takes a village to raise a child is not a new one. But it can get lost in the stress and "busy-ness" of our everyday lives, and it might be more important now than it has ever been.

The world that our children are growing up in is very different from the one we experienced. Technology has given them unbridled access to both positive and negative influences. They are bombarded with messages and images from television, movies, music, games, social media, websites, and advertising.

All too often, they are exposed to the use of alcohol and drugs being glamorized, violence becoming commonplace, racist and sexist remarks being acceptable. All too often, they see political figures bullying one another and celebrities and athletes behaving badly with little or no consequence. All too often, they are confronted with texts, posts or pictures within their own peer group that make them uncomfortable.

Growing up in this world must be overwhelming, confusing, and even frightening for kids at times. This is a time when they are most vulnerable, trying to figure out who they are, where they belong and what they believe. They need us to be present. They need responsible, caring adults in their lives who will reach out and help them talk about and understand what they're seeing and hearing. They need a community where they feel safe, included and respected. They need us to be mindful of how we treat them and one another. It matters.





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

To look up a tax bill, go to easthaddam.org and click the "Pay Taxes Online" button.

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

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#### **East Haddam Community Lions**

Colchester Lion PDG Julie Shilosky installed the 2016-17 Board of Directors for the East Haddam Community Lions at their dinner meeting on June 28th:
Diane Bielski, President; John Bradshaw, 1st VP; Angela George, 2nd VP; Barbara Davis, Secretary; Dan Alexander, Treasurer; Janice Nowik, Membership Chair; Dena Liedke, Tail Twister; Doug Swan, Lion Tamer; Jiffy Spencer, Donna Swan and Jan Balcom, 1-Year Directors; Geri Hutra, Betsy Barney and Debi Ryczek, 2-Year Directors; and Maryjane Malavasi, Past President.

The Community Lions ended their fiscal year raising and donating over \$18,000 back to our community and other Lionsponsored projects. Recently at the Senior Awards Night the Community Lions presented their annual \$1,500 scholarship awards to Elizabeth Ryan and Matthew

Tung. We wish the entire graduating class success in all their future endeavors. Our active membership increased by one new member this past year and our club is planning a membership picnic in July to introduce prospective members to the Lions organization. We thank the East Haddam Leos for their help with many of our fundraisers over the past year. If you are interested in Lions and would like to know more, check out our website at www.ehcl. org and Like us on Facebook! Or call Membership Chair Janice Nowik at 860-873-9609.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - FREE! The Community Lions want to thank everyone in town for their support and generosity this past year. Please join us, again this year, as the summer winds down and we prepare for the school year at our annual Ice Cream Social to be held on Thursday, August 25 at 6 pm at the Moodus Sportsman's Club. We will provide ice cream, toppings, cookies, brownies, floats, popcorn and more! There is no charge! There will also be face painting and live music! FREE!

Be on the lookout in early September for our Annual Eye Fund Drive request letter. We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization and your donation is tax deductible. With your support, we returned over \$13,000 back into OUR community this past year ending June 30. We also donated over \$8,000 to Lionsponsored programs. We love to write checks and hand them out to local and statewide organizations at our night of giving in May. Please be generous again this year and help us to help you.

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

Two forms of proof are necessary to pro-rate or remove a vehicle from the grand list. Residents must bring a copy of the plate

receipt issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles at the time of cancellation of registration, and a copy of one of the following; bill of sale, transfer of title, receipt from junkyard, notification of total loss, trade-in papers, or some other document showing the date on which the vehicle was disposed.

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

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#### First Church of Christ in East Haddam



## 21st Annual Quilt and Needle Arts Show

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made by members of the Studio Art Quilts Association, and members of African American quilting guild from Massachusetts, "Sisters in Stitches: Joined by the Cloth."

Please join us for the exhibit of unique, one of a kind works of art. We'll also have many vendors and a boutique for your shopping pleasure. Bring your appetite to enjoy homemade soups and pies in our café. Be sure to buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win this year's 21st addition "Sunset Stars" queen size quilt.

If you would like to enter your quilt or needle art in the show, please go to ehquiltshow.com to download an entry form. Vendors can also find information on the website if you're interested in reserving a space.

#### **Show Hours:**

Saturday 10/8/16 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday 10/9/16 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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#### **Town Clerk - Fall Election President**

Mark your calendars - Election Day is Tuesday November 8th

You will be voting for: Electors of President and Vice President United States Senate Representative in Congress (2nd district) State Senator (33rd district) State Representative (34th district) Registrars of Voters

ABSENTEE BALLOTS for Presidential Election Available October 10, 2016

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;
- 3. active service in the US armed forces;
- 4. religious tenets forbid secular activity on Election Day; or
- 5. service as a polling place official in a town other than their own.

Beginning October 10th, absentee ballots are available from the Office of the Town Clerk for the November 8th Presidential 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 (see elections under Town Clerk) or www.sots.ct.gov (click on 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 Leo Club**

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

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

Arcade Nights

Apple Festival

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EH Lions Auction

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Moodus Green Xmas Decorations

Lions Club Volunteer Work

Pumpkin Walk

Bake Sale

Xmas Tree Sales

Memorial Day Parade

Membership Parties

Teen 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 35 of East Haddam's finest young citizens.

Any East Haddam Teen (grades 7-12), is welcome to join the Leos. The Leos meet the First Thursday of the Month and the Third Tuesday of the Month from 7:00-8:00 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 or pick up an application at EHFPL or Gristmill Market.

#### **East Haddam Lions Club**

Not in the Lions phonebook? Please email Lion President Mike Gilroy at GilroyM@ gmail.com with your name, address, and phone number and we will do our very best to get you in the next edition.

On August 28th, 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.

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 Second 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.

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

#### **Hale-Ray Connections - High School Parents Group**

"Connecting parents, staff and students for academic success."

In the winter and spring of 2016, HR Connections met monthly and covered several topics. We discussed technology, homework, student stress and general education issues that are encountered by teachers, administration, parents and more importantly the students. We had updates by the BOE and presentations by teachers. The parents celebrated our appreciation for our great high school staff by providing sweets during the parent/teacher conferences and breakfast during teacher appreciation week. During teacher appreciation week, each teacher and staff member received an appreciation letter along with a quote related to education and a key charm. As a group we support our students by attending events. We welcome any agenda items from students, teachers, other staff members and parents which we will bring up at our monthly meeting. We work with East Haddam Youth and Family Services as well as the Local Prevention Council. Our group also works together with other parent groups to keep communication flowing. Connections will be sharing a table with Project Grad at Youth and Family Service's Summer Palooza. We will also be attending the First Day celebrations at the Middle School. Any high school parent should stop by and get some information. We are a small but mighty group. For more information about Connections please contact Chris vanValkenburg at cvvalkenburg@snet.net.

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#### Nathan Hale-Ray All School - All Class Reunion 2016

Save the date! The Nathan Hale-Ray All School – All Class Reunion 2016 is Saturday, August 20 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.

The band is The Michael Cleary Band. The band is considered "a Hartford institution." They are celebrating their 25th year of making original Groove/Funk/Rock music with a twist. In 2014 MCB took home the award for Best Jam Band in the CT Music awards. In 2009 MCB was voted Best Jam Band in the Hartford Advocate Readers poll, and they are previous winners in the Best Rock and Best Blues category. Their performances have been described as "great songs, monstrous solos, epic jams, funky grooves, wacky humor; all in all a diverse, joyous musical stew played and sung by talented musicians who love what they do." (www.michaelclearyband.com)



You do not have to be a Hale-Ray graduate to attend. Many Vinal, Mercy, Xavier, and alumni from other schools attend. Family members are welcome, too. Anyone who went to Hale-Ray or is part of the Hale-Ray extended family of parents, teachers, staff, and former teachers is welcome. You might even catch up with a favorite teacher. (Hint: A few of our teaching "legends" will be there!)

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 2016 recipients are Everest Peacock and Matt Tung. The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association has also helped fund students with unique situations, such as providing financial assistance to a gymnast who was able to compete in Florida at a national-level competition. Future plans involve scholarships for advanced studies for past graduates of our school system and sponsoring guest speakers to inspire our students.

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:

- 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. It can be anything from a bottle of wine to a gift basket to gift certificates. 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. Become a member of the Alumni Association. You do not need to be a member to attend the Reunion.

Please bring your stories, memories, and old photos – anything you would like to share about what a special place Hale-Ray is.

The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association is a not-for-profit organization, so your donation is fully tax deductible.

For further information, e-mail 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 or on Facebook at Past Students of Nathan Hale-Ray High School.

Kathleen Golec



#### 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 summer of 2016 is looking like a busy and productive time. The picture at the bottom of the screen represents an architect's digital drawing of the East Haddam Elementary School's new parking lot that will be in place for the students starting this fall. The new design addresses all of the safety and ADA issues of the original parking lot. In addition, new (asbestos free) ceilings will be installed in the school below a new (leak free) roof. Our students will enjoy these additions while sitting in rooms heated by new efficient boilers. We are very appreciative of the town for supporting these renovations for our youngest students.

While it seemed like the entire town was in attendance at Hale Ray's Graduation on June 10th, we thought there may have been a few of you that missed it. Don't fret, you can view by typing the following URL into your browser. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XjkOl3NDUk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XjkOl3NDUk</a> We are very proud of our graduates as they head off to college, armed forces and other exciting opportunities. Check out our website to see where our students are going after graduation.

With the onset of the 2016-17 school year, we will be unveiling an updated and more efficient website for the district that will support our students, parents and community to be more informed and active in the life of the schools. The same URL will work with the new website at www.easthaddamschools.org.

Stay tuned for a list of this years' musical, theatrical, and sporting events. We have such gifted students in a full variety of talents.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely, Brian S. Reas Superintendent of Schools

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

> August 9, September 13, October 11

Regular monthly board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the

Nathan Hale-Ray High School

Cafeteria

A complete listing of the Board's regular and Subcommittee meetings can be found on our website:

http://

www.easthaddamschools.org/





Principal Joanne Collins

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31 Meet and Greet (pending completion of summer construction) 2:30-3:30

September 5 Labor Day/No School

September 6 First Day of School

> September 20 Picture Day

September 21 PK, K, 1st Grade Open House

September 29 2nd & 3rd Grade Open House

October 7
Early Dismissal/Professional
Development

October 10 Columbus Day/No School

October 19, 20, 21 Parent/Teacher Conferences



#### **East Haddam Elementary School**



Students and staff participated in our summer reading challenge "kick-off" assembly in the gym. To add to the excitement, our school's eagle mascot, Easty, and our Reading Specialist glided in on scooters for a special surprise skit, in support of our enthusiastic readers. As the school year ended, our elementary school community assembled to celebrate a year of learning, with special student awards and all third graders being recognized for their accomplishments, as they transition to the middle school. On the last day, the buses beeped loudly as they rolled away with children cheering and shouting out their summer good-byes to the school staff standing on the sidewalk for this annual farewell-wave!

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

Please join our staff in congratulating Mrs. Lauren Cryan as she is recognized as our school's Teacher of the Year! Amongst her many outstanding accomplishments, she created our school mural along with the members of our school community. It is mounted on the back wall of our stage and depicts town landmarks such as the Goodspeed Opera House, Gillette Castle, the Swing Bridge, and our school.

The elementary school's summer construction project is underway. Our principal, office staff, and summer programs have been re-located to the middle school. We are grateful for the renovations, included in this project, which will increase safety and provide us with much needed updates.

Best wishes for relaxation and summer fun whenever possible!





#### Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Principal Jason Peacock

Assistant Principal Roy Parker

Telephone: 860-873-5081

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6 First day of school for students

September 22 4/5th grade Open House

September 22 6-8th grade Open House

October 7 Early Dismissal/Professional Development Day

October 12 Columbus Day/No School



The Administration and Staff wish all the students a safe and funfilled summer vacation.

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



Middle Level Scholar Leaders Honored at CAS Banquet

East Haddam students, Brooke Siani and Jonathan Perry pictured here with, from left to right, keynote speaker A'ric Jackson, Connecticut Department of Education Chief Operating Officer Charlene Russell-Tucker, and Connecticut Association of Schools Executive Director Dr. Karissa Niehoff were honored as outstanding scholar-leaders from Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School. They were among 252 scholar leaders from 126 middle schools honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools Middle Level Scholar Leader Banquet on May 22, 2016 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

The award honors one girl and one boy in each Connecticut middle school whose record of academic achievement and

leadership are truly exemplary, whose personal standards and accomplishments are models for others, and who possess high levels of integrity, self-discipline, honesty, and courage.

Mr. A'ric Jackson is an internationally known presenter and facilitator who prepares generations of students to create a leadership legacy in their schools, within their communities, and globally.

The Connecticut Association of Schools sponsored the banquet, with 1,210 students, parents and educators in attendance.

The photo is provided courtesy of G & B, the official CAS photographers.



Calling all Middle School students! Our middle school library will be open Wednesdays! We have thousands of books, loads of magazines, movies at 10, quiet places to read - fun! The library will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. August 3, 10, 17, and 24. Come on in! We hope to see you often!



# Nathan Hale-Ray High School NOISES NEWS Summer 2016

Principal Eric Spencer Assistant Principal Michael Regan 860-873-5065

Seniors Tessa Smith and Alex Wright attended the Annual CECA Expo at the state capitol

Wednesday, April 27, where they shared the work they have accomplished in their technology classes using 3D Printers. State Representative, Melissa Ziobron, stopped by for the presentation.



#### NHRHS TENNIS TEAM!

Did you know we have a girls tennis team?



#### Ray FFA Wall of Paws Fundraiser

In February of this year, the Ray FFA Chapter became aware of a tragedy in the neighboring town of East Hampton. 32 horses had been seized from Fairy Tail Equine as part of a cruelty investigation by the Department of Agriculture that eventually led to criminal charges against the owners. Other animals such as dogs, rabbits and chickens were also taken away. In response to this, Ray FFA partnered with State Representative and East Haddam resident, Melissa Ziobron, to raise money to help with the neglected horse's care and veterinary expenses. The students created a Wall of Paws by accepting donations from the East Haddam community in exchange for a message of hope written on a paper paw. The wall in the Nathan Hale-Ray High School cafeteria proudly displayed all the paws that were collected. In the end, over \$700 was collected and given to the Go Fund Me page that Representative Ziobron had created.

As a thank you for raising the money, Representative Ziobron invited the Ray FFA members to visit the now recovered horses at the "Second Chance" Large Animal Facility in Niantic, CT which is run by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. The students had an amazing day meeting Connecticut's Commissioner of Corrections, Scott Semple, the Supervisor of Connecticut's Animal Control Division, Raymond Connors, many people dedicated to the daily care of the horses and most importantly, they met the horses that they had helped. After changing from the FFA official dress to barn work attire, the FFA members pitched in for the day cleaning stalls, grooming horses, sweeping aisles and doing other routine stable tasks. Some students put their horse skills to work and other students were learning by doing. In the end, the FFA members were tired and dirty but were very proud of what they had accomplished with the fundraiser. Next year another cause will be selected, and the Wall of Paws will be put to work again!



Well, we do...and just like the motto, small but mighty, we are doing great things..Playing as part of a co-op with Portland Girls tennis, junior Sofia Collas and freshmen Kayla DelloIocono have been tearing up the courts...Playing in the top 2 positions for Portland, our young ladies qualified for the Shoreline Conference Championship which was scheduled for May 25th at Old Saybrook HS. The coach is David Kraszewski, a town resident who teaches at PHS but is also our Cross country coach in the fall. We look for great things in the future from our two young stars.



#### Top of the Class!



Congratulations to the Class of 2016 Valedictorian, Meghan Quinn, and Salutatorian, Jordan D'Addeo.

#### **East Haddam Elementary School**

The East Haddam Elementary School (EHES) PTO is proud to report another successful year! We have carried on many traditions from previous years including Kindergarten Welcome, Teacher Conference Dinner, Wall of Fame, Fall & Spring Book Fairs, Project Safe Halloween, Bus Driver Appreciation, After School Programs, Holiday Fair, Teacher Appreciation Week, Staff Vs Parents Basketball Bash, Helen B. Thomas Scholarship, Basket Bash, & Third Grade Ice Cream Social. We have also started some new traditions such as the Someone Special Dance and First Day Welcome for Teachers. To promote school spirit, students voted on a school mascot. As a result "Easty" and EHES Eagle t-shirts were born!

Our fundraisers were huge successes: we made over \$21,450. Basket Bash was our biggest money maker, earning approximately \$11,355. All monies earned throughout the school year go directly back to the school to benefit our students, teachers & staff. Over \$10,800 was spent on the Cultural Arts Program for grade-level & school wide presentations and the 2nd and 3rd grade field trips. Another \$7,485 was spent on Teacher/Staff Disbursements in the Fall & Spring. We also had a wonderful author visit from Rachelle Burk. She spoke to the students about the day in the life of a writer, autographed books, and even had lunch with some students!

Our Fall Book Fair will be held the week of September 26th. This year, the PTO will be hosting a PTO Meet & Greet in conjunction with Book Fair Family Night on Wednesday, September 28.

The Mixed Bag Designs Fall fundraiser will be held from October 5-19. 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 EastHaddamElementarySchoolPTO@outlook.com.

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#### **East Haddam Stage Company**



The East Haddam Stage Company is very proud to announce that our 8th summer season of live theatre at Gillette Castle State Park is our original comedy / drama William Gillette: Senator's Son to Super Sleuth, and will be running twice a day, at 1:00 pm and again at 2:30 pm on Saturdays and Sundays from July 9th through August 14th. We are also very happy to announce that our major sponsor this year is East Haddam's own Staehly Farm and Winery, 278 Town Street, East Haddam. And with support from another East Haddam business, Eddie's Auto Body, at 2 Matthews Drive, along with H & R Block of Old Saybrook, we can offer another season of professional outdoor theatre at the castle FREE to the public. Bring a picnic, blanket and / or a lawn chair and enjoy the show! More info at www.EHSCO.org or call EHSCO at 860-873-3521.

Kandie Carle Producing Artistic Director East Haddam Stage Company

#### **Holiday Closings**

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

Monday, September 5, Labor Day Monday, October 10, Columbus Day

Regular hours will resume on the next business day.

#### **Calling All Businesses!**

MARC Community Resources (MARC) has advocated for the rights of people with disabilities since 1955. Since that time MARC Community Resources has grown into a multi-service agency with nearly 100 paid staff and over 100 volunteers. Today we serve more than 200 people with disabilities throughout Middlesex County and the Greater Hartford area by providing choices for housing, employment, advocacy and social/recreational life.

MARC's largest program is its Group Supported Employment Program. Small Group Supported Employment crews provide a vast array of companies with eager and enthusiastic employees capable of a multitude of tasks.

We provide a low cost work force while improving productivity. "The Crew from MARC has been an integral part of our Connecticut operation since 1996, and has contributed to our company's growth here during this period. They are a pleasure to work with; they have become family. There is no Greenwald

without MARC," said Helmut Henry, Traffic Supervisor, Greenwald Industries (Chester).

Hiring a work crew from MARC provides companies with many benefits including increased profitability, employees who happily accept repetitive tasks without complaint, lower insurance risks, and a richer work environment for their own employees. "The MARC crews are a valuable part of our stores, not only do they keep our stores clean and safe, they brighten the experience of our staff and guests. They bring inspiration, cheer and good work ethic everyday they are here," said Gino Pacitto, Facilities Maintenance Manager, Shop Rite East Hartford/Manchester.

No job is too big or too small for MARC's work crews. Work crews are available Monday through Friday from 10 am-1 pm. If you are interested in receiving more information on hiring a MARC work crew, contact Erin Gasparini, Vice President of Vocational & Leisure Services at (860) 635-5151.







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#### **Preparing for a Hurricane**

Hurricane readiness should begin long before the event occurs. If you live in a hurricane-prone area, you can prepare far in advance for the possible dangers to health and safety resulting from a hurricane by learning about your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes, and locations of emergency shelters.

- identify potential home hazards that could develop during a hurricane, such as those involving gas, electricity, chemicals, and structural damage
- install a smoke detector
- buy a fire extinguisher and make sure your family knows where to find it and how to use it
- conduct an evacuation drill for at least two ways out of your home
- provide escape ladders for multi-story structures
- establish an assembly point where the family meets in the event of fire or if a disaster occurs when the family is not together at home
- give your relatives and friends the name of a contact person who will know where you are and how you are doing
- know the location of your important papers, such as insurance policies, wills, licenses, stocks, etc.
- instruct family members about how to shut off the gas, water, and electric mains
- post emergency phone numbers at every phone; inform local authorities about any special needs, i.e., elderly or bedridden people, or anyone with a disability
- properly dispose of all chemicals, pesticides, and solvents not being used

You should stock your home with supplies that may be needed during the emergency period. These supplies should include:

- several clean containers for water, large enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (about five gallons for each person)
- a 3-5 day supply of non-perishable food
- a first aid kit and manual
- a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries
- sleeping bags or extra blankets
- a large supply of non-breakable spoons, forks, knives, cups, plates, etc.
- water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine or iodine tablets or unscented, ordinary household chlorine bleach
- prescription medicines and special medical needs
- baby food and/or prepared formula, diapers, and other baby supplies
- disposable cleaning cloths, such as "baby wipes" for the whole family to use in case bathing facilities are not available

- a portable toilet, and toilet paper; personal hygiene supplies, such as soap, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, etc.
- alternate heat and cooking sources, such as a kerosene heater and a camp stove use these only in well-ventilated areas
- shovels and hand tools
- candles and matches
- a mop, bucket, and towels
- one or more rolls of plastic sheeting, a staple gun with staples, and duct tape
- plastic trash bags and ties
- an emergency kit for your car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, sleeping bags, etc.
- a citizens band radio or a cellular phone, if possible
- extra cash
- pet food
- insect repellent
- rubber boots/rubber gloves

#### **During the Storm**

To get through the storm in the safest possible manner:

- monitor the radio or television for weather conditions, if possible
- stay indoors until the authorities declare the storm is over
- do not go outside, even if the weather appears to have calmed
   the calm "eye" of the storm can pass quickly, leaving you outside when strong winds resume
- expect the loss of electricity, gas, and water
- stay away from all windows and exterior doors, seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement. Bathtubs can provide some shelter if you cover yourself with plywood or other materials
- prepare to evacuate to a shelter or to a neighbor's home if your home is damaged, or if you are instructed to do so by emergency personnel
- if you should lose electrical power, eat perishable food first.

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#### **Tick Borne Illnesses**

Summer is the time for picnics, hiking, outdoor concerts, and just relaxing in your back yard. It is also the time for ticks to come out and feed. In Connecticut there are several illnesses caused by a tick bite. The common deer tick, Ixodes scapularis, can transmit Lyme disease, Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis (Ehrlichiosis), and Babesiosis. Symptoms of these illnesses include fever, body aches, headaches, and in the case of Lyme disease an expanding red rash. Symptoms may begin from 3-30 days after the bite.

The American dog tick, Dermacentor variabilis, can transmit another illness Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

Symptoms include the sudden onset of fever, headache and muscle pains followed by a rash. These symptoms may appear 3-14 days after the tick bite.

All of these infections can be treated with antibiotics, but without prompt treatment they can cause serious or even fatal illness.

After spending time outside it is important to do thorough skin survey to find any ticks. The longer a tick remains attached the more likely it could transmit an illness. An infected deer tick can transmit one or even more illnesses at the same bite.

The Connecticut Agricultural Station estimates that about 25-30% of deer ticks are infected with Lyme disease. But not every tick bite will transmit the illness. If you find a tick it is important to remove it promptly. Use tweezers and grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible. Using steady pressure, pull the tick upward. After removal wash the area with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Write down the date it was removed. If you develop a rash at the bite site and/or symptoms of a flu like illness contact your physician immediately.

#### Are You The Parent of a Child Living With Epilepsy?

The Epilepsy Foundation of CT invites you to join their newly added support group in Branford CT. This will be a gathering of parents to talk about the challenges, fears, and coping tactics in caring for a child with epilepsy. The support group will be held

the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 pm. Location will be at St. Therese Church Parish Center, 105 Leetes Island Rd, Branford, CT. For more information please call the Epilepsy Foundation of CT at 860-346-1924.







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#### **Harvest House**

## Community Dinner at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The best kept secret in town is the dinner served every Sunday at 5:00 pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Top area cooks from different organizations or families take turns preparing the meals which are served in the parish hall. The dinner, which is free and open to all, is an opportunity to have a delicious meal while meeting with others in the community.

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

Harvest House served its first meal in 2009 and by the end of 2015 has served a total of 12,306 meals.

Stop in to join us!!

The team is: Ladies Book Club



Ladies from left to right they are: Debby Duncan, Maureen Gillis, Claire Maeder



Ladies from left to right are: Julie Benoit, Shea Jezek, June Plecan, Maureen Gillis, Debby Duncan



# **Conservation Commission Spectacular New Hiking Opportunity**



Take a hike! That phrase has special meaning for those of us who live in East Haddam because we have many miles of marked, mapped trails through acres and acres of publicly owned open space. Well your hiking horizons have just gotten a major broadening. With some quiet fanfare on a recent suitably beautiful June Saturday, our Conservation Commission Chair Rob Smith helped cut the ribbon on the latest

addition to your hiking opportunities, the 14 mile Richard C. Goodwin Trail. It starts in East Haddam, winds across the Eightmile River and through forests, and ends three towns away in East Lyme. Now a trail through four towns does not happen without a lot of work and a high level of cooperation among hiking activists from all four towns. A route must be planned,

property owners brought on board, trail cleared and marked, and in this case, a substantial bridge had to be built right here in East Haddam to take hikers over the Eightmile River. Kudos are owed to all who worked on this, especially our indefatigable Chair, Rob Smith. Also special thanks to Commission member, Joe Zaid, who built and installed a handsome kiosk at the trail head (which can be found at the Patrell Preserve on Baker Lane between Route 82 and Route 156), and to Commission member, Marilyn Gleeson, who has mapped this and every other East Haddam trail. If you like to hike, you know that hikers love connections, and plans are already in the works to connect up the Goodwin Trail all the way to the Airline Trail in Colchester. Think of the possibilities! Meanwhile, your Commission is already at work on other connections. Already the Hatch Lot connects nicely to the Dean Easement, and soon we expect these to connect with the Harris property. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, check out our website by going to the East Haddam Town site, clicking on Town Boards, clicking on Conservation Commission and then on the trail maps button. And for more information or help, please email Commission member Sue Merrow at Amerrow@snet.net.



# **Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group**

The Moodus Reservoir Pilot Study of the effectiveness of herbicide treatment on invasive aquatic plants was completed last year. It involved the application of EPA and DEEP approved Clipper and Reward in an isolated 25 acre section of the upper reservoir. These are the most effective and safe treatments to attack the two major invasive aquatic plants, Variable Milfoil and Fanwort, that cover 80% of the lake bottom. The study was sponsored by the Moodus Reservation Preservation Group (MRPG) and financed by MRPG with grants from the Town of East Haddam, CT DEEP and other groups.

The results were analyzed by an independent limnologist and found initially to be very effective. However, after a short time, the significant new growth indicated that effective control by this method would not be practical. The Group is now exploring alternative methods and complementary programs, such as Benthic Barriers (lake bottom blankets), Eco Harvesters and Boat Launch Monitors. MRPG is currently conducting a trial of Benthic Barriers to test their effectiveness.

MRPG, a 501c3 non-profit, welcomes anyone interested in healthy water. Dues are \$25 per year and all are welcome. Donations are always welcome and are tax deductible, as are dues. For information contact Jeff King at 860-873-1957 (jeffwk@sbcglobal.net) or email us at Moodus.Reservoir@gmail.com. Also visit our website at www.moodusreservoir.org and on Facebook at "Moodus Reservoir."

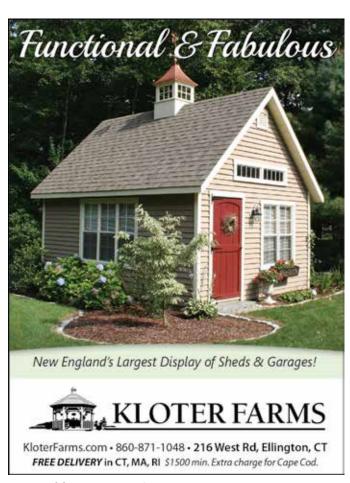
#### **NHRHS Project Graduation 2017**

The first day of school evokes many emotions for students and for parents. No first day is more bittersweet for a parent than a child's first day of Senior year of High School! We know this will be a busy year for us and our students as they investigate their interests and pursue their dreams for the future. All their work culminates on Graduation Night and with the celebration that follows...Project Graduation, a safe, substance-free, all night party organized by parents to provide an opportunity for ALL graduates to participate in one last celebration together, our gift to the Class of 2017. It is our hope as the Project Graduation 2017 Committee, that our fellow parents, our students and our Community can join forces to share in fundraising efforts that are both fun and successful! Please join us and celebrate the Class of 2017!

Project Graduation is proud to be Sponsored by East Haddam Youth and Family Services.

Saturday, October 1, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Project Grad 4th **Annual Car Show at Heritage** Park, Moodus. Vehicle Registration Fee \$10. FREE Admission for spectators. This year's Show will feature: Celebrity Guest Wayne Carini of Chasing Classic Cars, Contestant Trophies at 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase along with raffles, toucha-truck and more family fun for all ages!! Vendor/Promo spaces are available for businesses & non-profit organizations. Please contact Irene Haines @ ihaines20@gmail.com or Lenore McLean at 860-873-2434 or lmclean70@sbcglobal.net for more information.











# Ray FFA Chapter Had Great Times This Spring!



Ag Olympus - Left to right back row of kids: Trinity Giersz, Dylan Hutra, Matt McPherson; left to right bottom row: Alexis Stanley, Emily Forsyth



Heidi Pease is with the big fish.

Members of the Ray FFA Chapter at Nathan Hale-Ray High School participated in many fun and exciting activities this spring! In early May, Ledyard FFA hosted members from the Ray, Killingly and Lebanon FFA chapters for the Aggie Olympics. Members participated in unique competitions such as donut on a string eating, goat milking, egg tossing, pie eating, duck racing, hay bale tossing a,nd the very popular freestyle mud sliding. FFA members from all the chapters had a great time getting to know one another and participating in this well-organized event.

Later in May the Ray FFA Chapter members along with parents and FFA Alumni members chartered the Sunbeam boat out of Waterford and went fishing in Long Island Sound. The weather was perfect, the crew was cheery and the seas were smooth. Everyone had a great day on the water! Although most people caught fish that day, Mrs. Pease boasted the largest catch of the day reeling in a 40.5 inch,

29 pound striped bass! This is an annual trip so please contact an FFA advisor if you are an FFA Alumni member or FFA parent and wish to join us next year!

By Cheryl Matthewson Ray FFA Advisor

#### Save A Life; It Could Be Your Own

Brain trauma, paralysis, broken bones, lacerations, death. These don't describe the injuries of war, a drunk driving accident, or a natural disaster. These are the consequences of a horse riding or driving accident on the road, whether caused by a motor vehicle, bicyclist, or even a jogger.

When you meet a horse and rider or a horse and carriage on the road, it is important to know three basic things: slow down, give the horse a wide berth, and look to the rider or driver for hand signals or potential trouble. If you see the horse begin prancing in place, suddenly veering into the road, or rearing up on its hind legs, the rider may not be able to give a warning signal as they are trying to safely regain control. If in doubt, slow down and pass wide or stop if the situation requires. Never sound your horn; it's illegal! Try to remember when

riding a bike, jogging, or walking a dog and approaching the horse from behind, give the horse and rider a "heads up!" to let them know you're there. A bicycle or jogger can be more surprising to a horse as the horse and rider may not hear them approaching. Talking loudly to announce yourself lets the horse know that you are a human, not a potentially dangerous predator.

Above all, it is important to remember that although horses are very large, they are prey animals and are always prepared to react to escape from a perceived predator. Know that you put your life in jeopardy if you don't understand or care about how to safely share the road with horses. Do the right thing. Slow down. Pass wide. Save a life, it could be yours.

Bethany Powell

#### **East Haddam Garden Club**

#### **Scholarship Awarded**

The East Haddam Garden Club has awarded its annual scholarship (\$1000) to Nathan Hale-Ray Class of 2016 graduate Matthew Tung. Matthew will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study computer science and engineering. Congratulations, Matt!

Coordinating this year's scholarship process was the EHGC Scholarship Committee: Dora Lyman and Ginny Turner (cochairs), Berry Honore and Nancy Seaman. There were 16 well-qualified applicants!

#### **Photo Contest Winners**



Winners of this year's East Haddam Garden Club "Art is Nature, Nature is Art" photo contest (left to right): Jack Rogerson, Veronica Wilson, Nicole Ringuette. One of the many goals of the East Haddam Garden Club is to highlight both the beauty and vulnerability of nature. To that end, we work with the younger generations who will one day be caretakers of our beautiful planet. With this goal in mind, the EHGC sponsored its Second Annual Photo

Contest, "Art is Nature, Nature is Art." Any interested student was asked to photograph a moment in nature they believed supported this theme. The club would like to thank Hale-Ray art teacher Deborah Batt for her assistance. The EHGC coordinator of this project is Shea Jezek. Other club members helped with judging.

The club received many wonderful entries, but the submissions of three students stood out.

First place winner (\$75 award) was Nicole Ringuette; second place (\$50), Veronica Wilson; and third place (\$35), Jack Rogerson. Congratulations to all!

Their photos will be featured on note cards which will be available for purchase at the two town libraries.

Shea asks all Hale-Ray students to look and plan ahead. It's going to be a beautiful summer and a fabulous fall, so polish those camera lenses and start taking those prize-winning photos! Be a part of next year's excitement! Will you have THE photo?

#### **Check Out The Flowers**

The club hopes residents and visitors alike are enjoying the seasonal plantings at Gillette Castle State Park, Goodspeed green, and Shagbark triangle. Club member Anita Ballek designs the annual display at the Castle, and club members spend a morning planting. The beds are maintained by Castle staff, and the floral displays are a colorful backdrop to the many weddings held



Anita Ballek at Gillette Castle at the annual planting day of the East Haddam Garden Club. Anita plans the colorful palette of annuals for multiple Castle gardens every year.



Carefully following Anita Ballek's plan, garden club members spent a morning planting annuals at Gillette Castle.

there. The plantings at Goodspeed green and Shagbark triangle are maintained by club members throughout the seasons. During this summer, you'll see members hard at work every week, weeding and watering at both locations.

#### Thank You From The EHGC

Thank you to everyone from town and beyond who supported the club's Annual Plant & Bake Sale. Proceeds enable us to continue our many projects. In addition to those described above, the club assists students at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School with two gardens; supports the annual Arbor Day tree planting at East Haddam Elementary School; sponsors memorial tree plantings, public presentations by knowledgeable speakers, and much more.

#### Looking Ahead To Fall ... Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, October 19, club member Maureen Gillis will present "Scape to the Wonderful World of Garlic." This presentation will be open to the public, and will be at the East Haddam Senior Center at 7:30 pm. Her program will be preceded by a members' business meeting at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

#### Want To Know More About The EHGC?

The East Haddam Garden Club currently has 43 members. New members are always welcome! Sample a program or two and get to know us! For example, in June we visited the beautiful rose gardens of Master Rosarian Marci Martin, President of the Connecticut Rose Society. Future programs include presentations on flower arranging and creating greeting cards as well as a visit to the Connecticut College Arboretum. Interested? Check out our Facebook page ("The East Haddam Garden Club") for contact information, call Betty Gross (860-873-8732) or find out more from any club member. Our mailing address is PO Box 193, East Haddam CT 06423.



#### **East Haddam Transfer Station**

Nichols Road (off Route 149) Moodus, CT 06469 (860) 873-5030

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Please No Plastic Bags!

#### **Transfer Station Permits**

Permits are available for East Haddam/ Moodus residents only.

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June 4, 2016
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
William J. Johnston Middle School
380 Norwich Avenue, Colchester
Augus 27, 2016
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Griswold Highway Garage
1148 Voluntown Road, Griswold

June 18, 2016 September 10, 2016
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Norwich Public Schools Superintendent's Office
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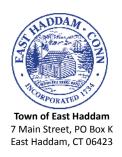


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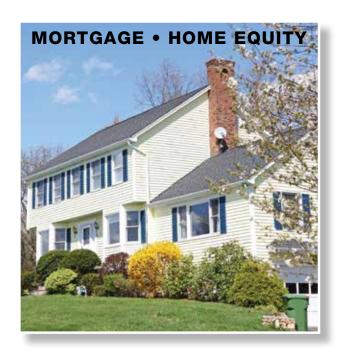
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