

Loving What They Do, GHH Celebrates 100 Years Of Quality & Accuracy



Pictured (L-R): GHH's Staff gathered at their office in North Haven, Jeff Plourde, Zach Weingart, Marcus G. Pattuck, Adam Hoffman, Maria Latella, Conrad Brejwo, Calvin Weingart. (Not in photo - Keven Gallagher, Farmington's survey manager)

North Haven: Godfrey Hoffman Hodge LLC (GHH), a full-service land surveying and civil engineering firm is standing strong and pleased to announce that 2024 marks their 100th year in business. How does a company sustain and thrive for a century? According to GHH's owner and land surveyor Adam Hoffman, it's a rather straight forward proposition: "Love what you do and continually strive to exceed client expectations." It's an ethos that has guided the company since its founding.

GHH's roots date back to 1924 when two young engineers, recent Yale graduate Lewis Stein and Constantine "Gus" Giordano met while working for the City of New Haven Engineering Department. Together, they set out on their own and forged a partnership in New Haven, laying the foundation for a legacy of "quality and accuracy" in land surveying.

While still in high school Hoffman's uncle Bernard Godfrey apprenticed with Stein and Giordano, and his life-long passion for the field was ignited. Bernard went on to study forestry, marry Stein's niece and take over the firm in 1960. Following in his uncle's footsteps, Hoffman interned at the firm and recounts "I did not know what I wanted to do after high school, so I took a year off and in that time my uncle had one employee who got hurt. I was hired to shlep the equipment through the woods. I always loved the outdoors, so I stuck with it. I worked for him for a year and then went to Paul Smith's College and majored in forestry with a

minor in surveying." He went on to become a partner in the firm in 1988 and the firm rebranded as Godfrey-Hoffman Associates.

Bernard Godfrey retired at the turn of the century. Keeping things moving forward Hoffman then restructured and diversified offerings by adding civil engineering to its services - technological advances played an integral role in the allowing the firm to further its mission of providing "quality and accuracy" to their clients. "Between the advent of GPS, Robotic total stations, and CAD (Computer added design) I believe my generation has seen the major strides in survey technology. I'm guessing but I bet we can do 10 times the amount of work today that we could have done 40 years ago with the same number of staff," said Hoffman. "It is much better now since we can easily process much more information in a much smaller amount of time so I believe we can get better results."

In 2010 Godfrey-Hoffman Associates acquired Hodge Surveying, a Farmington Valley mainstay since 1925 and in 2019 the firm rebranded into its current iteration of Godfrey Hoffman Hodge, LLC. Hoffman and his crew are busier than ever serving clients throughout Connecticut. How does he and his team plan to celebrate this momentous anniversary? "Work, work, work... And don't compromise our standards. Maybe take a vacation or two," he said with a smile and added "It's been my pleasure working with some of the tops in our profession for all of these years. I know my team really loves what we do and how we do it. They say the most important thing to a business is its clients, but I believe it's the employees. If you do right by them, they will do right for the clients and that's why we are still standing strong at 100. Here's to the next 100!"

Help Us Celebrate Heaton Field!



North Haven: On Saturday, June 22 from 10 AM to 12 noon the North Haven Historical Society will host the unveiling and dedication of a stone marker indicating the original site of Heaton Field. Please join us as we gather to celebrate Little League's roots in our town! This event will be held on the front lawn of the Memorial Library at 17 Elm Street. After brief remarks at 10 AM by First Selectman Michael Freda and honored guests, the marker will be unveiled. Everyone will then be invited to attend a reception and view exhibits in the Cultural Center next door.

Heaton Field was the first home of the North Haven Little League; it was located on land now occupied by the North Haven Memorial Library. This plot of land was donated to the Library Association by descendants of the Linsley family - sisters Delia Linsley Viles and Olivia Linsley Heaton, whose home stood just to the south of the ball field. One portion of this land remained vacant after the build-

ing of the first library, so the association graciously allowed the Little League to build a ballpark there until it was needed for the present library building.

Here's how you can help - spread the word about this event! We want everyone to know about the significance of Little League's roots in our town - how it represents investment in our young people, support for the community good, and the generosity of businesses and individuals.

The dedication will be held rain or shine and is open to all. After the dedication attendees will be encouraged to visit the Cultural Center next door, where exhibits specially prepared for the occasion will be on display. Be sure to attend - there will be surprises on view! Themed refreshments will be served, and everyone who attends will leave with a small souvenir. There is plenty of parking, but please note that the Cultural Center is not handicapped-accessible. For more information, please call 203-239-7722 or email nhistsoc@gmail.com.



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"Let History Not Repeat Itself"

I just finished reading the book, *Five Years Under Nazi Occupation* by the author, Elisabeth Hofboer Breslav. If you want to be inspired and appreciate the perseverance of a child growing up under horrendous conditions and treatment, then you must read this book. It is a basic autobiography and documents the historical value of her life during WWII.

The cruel and inhuman treatment by the German Nazis were sometimes difficult to read, but somehow she survived and today is in her 90's, living in the US. The hardships Elisabeth, her family, and others had to endure were horrific. In her town, no less than 100,000 people were starved, tortured or sent to the Gas Chambers in her native country of Holland.

At the end of her book, Elisabeth has graciously forgiven her treatment by the Nazis and stated that this generation cannot be responsible for what happened 80 years ago. She hopes that history will not repeat itself. What a lady!

Ron Johnson, Hamden

Choral Group Invites New Singers

East Haven: We are a group of singers who meet every Thursday at 1:15pm in the Community Room of the East Haven Hagan Memorial Library. We sing for an hour and a half with a 10 minute break in between.

Our primary purpose is to bring the joy of hearing choral music to the audiences living in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.

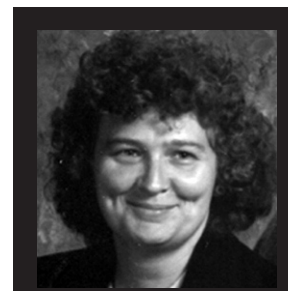
There is no charge and no audition. We provide music to our singers, so that they can have the words in front of them. We sing pleasant songs for fun.

If singing in a chorus interests you, please contact Mike Ryan at Email: mikeryan2011@gmail.com; Phone: (203) 283-5133.

FOR SALE: Morgan dollars, 50+, many dates, mints, conditions, about 25 mint rolls of Presidential dollars, 2007-2010, prices vary; call afternoons only, (203) 397-5188

FOR SALE: Coin, 1 oz. Silver Eagle, 2017, West Point, MS 70 PCG's \$95; (203) 527-8482

OBITUARIES



Helen L. Woliver Olsen, 75, a resident of North Haven for over 50 years, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Mid-State Medical Center, Meriden surrounded by family. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert H. Olsen. Helen was born in New Haven on October 19, 1948, and was the daughter of the late George and Valentina Vansak Woliver Jr. Mother of Christina (Richard) Gagne and Richard (Zuly) Copeland Jr. Grandmother of Samantha (Jaroslaw) Fraczek. Sister of Alexia (Timothy) Tassmer, George Woliver III, Sharon Beaudoin and the late Georgina Grestini. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her nephew George Jerry Novak III. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Regency House and Midstate Medical Center for all their care and compassion over the years.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson Association, P.O. Box 248, Shelton, CT 06486 or Animal Haven, 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473.

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



John W. McDonald Jr., formerly of North Haven, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2024 at Connecticut Baptist Home with his loving wife Janice beside him. "Jack" was born on December 16, 1935 in New Haven to John W. Sr. and Ruth (Farren) McDonald. He was the loving husband of 63 years to Janice Domingue McDonald. Devoted father of John (Ellen) McDonald of Durham, and Scott McDonald of Hamden. Grandfather of Tyler and Nathan McDonald, and Nina McDonald. Brother of Barbara Parsons. Jack was predeceased by his daughter Sharon McDonald Martin as well as his sisters Joan McDonald and Frances Taft.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489.

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PRAYER INFORMATION

All prayers cost \$12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O. Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.

WANTED: Antiques or collectibles, highest prices paid for paintings, furniture, glassware, pottery, documents, photographs, bottles, anything old, one piece or entire estates, cash paid; (203) 915-7662

Rosary Walk

North Haven: A Rosary Walk will meet every Wednesday evening at 6pm until Sept. 11th at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven (Rt. 17) by the main building.

We will be praying the Rosary and concluding with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for your intentions and World Peace. Programs will be provided.

For inclement weather, please meet by the Mausoleum.

For more information, please visit our website, Events calendar: www.ccacem.org or call Barbara at (203) 780-8418.

This is an outdoor event, please dress accordingly.