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terrific stylists for all their efforts and heartfelt support,” said Meghan Abate, Founder and President of the JoeAbate Charitable Foundation. “It means so much to the Congenital Heart Families that we support. I can’t thank them enough”

About the JoeAbate Charitable Foundation

The JoeAbate Charitable Foundation is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established in loving memory of Joe Abate, a husband, father, son, and friend whose spirit will remain a part of all who knew him. The Foundation manages two major programs: The Family Resources Fund, in support of in-need Congenital Heart Families with a child in the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, and IgnitingTalent, a career-readiness program for Juniors and Seniors uncertain of their post high school plans.

About Captiva Salon

One of Connecticut’s top salons, Captiva Salon Paul Mitchell has developed a culture of giving back to the community and those in need. Over the past 14 years, as part the nationwide network of Paul Mitchell Schools and supporting salons, they have contributed locally to the over \$15.2 million dollars that has been raised for non-profits across the country.

CAPTIVA SALON PAUL MITCHELL HOSTS 2nd ANNUAL HAIRCUTS FOR HEARTS CUT-A-THON

Proceeds to Benefit Congenital Heart Families

Wallingford – Captiva Salon Paul Mitchell will host the second annual “Haircuts for Hearts” cut-a-thon to benefit the JoeAbate Charitable Foundation’s care and support of Congenital Heart Families, on Sunday, March 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at their Wallingford location, 930 North Colony Rd. All haircuts are \$25. Walk-ins only.

Contributions to the Joe Abate Charitable Foundation ensure continuity of care for families in financial need with a child in Yale New Haven Children’s Heart Center Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. These funds aid with basic life expenses related to loss of income, including but not limited to, mortgage, rent and car payments, utilities, childcare, and food costs, in addition to parking fees, vouchers for meals, gas and transportation needs and overnight stays, plus child-related items that the family requires but can’t afford.

“We always want to support our community and help others,” said Anna Castiglione, Captiva Salon owner. “We love that in doing so, we can be a part of The Joe Abate Foundation directly. We look forward to this annual event.”

In addition to the cut-a-thon, the salon will be collecting cash donations and selling tickets for a raffle that will take place the same day.

“We are so grateful to Captiva Salon and their



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With Regards to the off the rails letter.

Dear Editor:

The author is spot on with his concern but we must go beyond the laws themselves and ask just what is necessitating them in the first place. What are the root causes instigating them.

We are under a two prong attack. First, teachers have discovered a fresh new way to aggrandize the role in society. This is something they have done for decades step one, grossly over inflate the issue, in this case the trans/gay issue. That trans/gay children are under a constant hostile attack from haters and bigots, the uneducated and old guard who refuses to accept that society is evolving. Step two, position themselves as the only ones who realize the gravity of the situation. They are self appointed saviors of these buy try quad whatever flavor of the week is healthier and there and their noble cause must be protected. Think Holden Caulfield but only more woke. Step three, have craven politicians rubber stamp "laws" that serve only to legitimize the errant premise that teachers need to obviate the role for parental control in their children's lives in the first place. All this comes in real handy come contract time. Talk about circuitous logic.

But the real more insidious subversive ugliness is that these laws are part of the hidden agenda that is not all too well hidden. The issues that these laws seek to redress are all part of the liberal fascist continued attempt at the abject collectivization of our country. Other regimes have tried this to varying degrees in the past so it is nothing new at its base. Once you cleave away children from their parents, and in affect from their culture in history and values, you make them fertile and ripe for indoctrination into the party mind-set. The liberal fascist have told us that there is no such thing as a real woman and mothers are just the "birthing units". Reducing motherhood to a bio-

logical construct is something out of Stalin's Russia. Teachers today or the parties implementation army, akin Mao's Red Brigade. They are intellectuals, they are the learned class, they and only they can dictate how children should be raised and taught, who has sex with whom. Something so important cannot be left up to the anachronistic outmoded concept as parents. When they finally get fitted for the brown shirts is anybody's guess.

There were similar laws created to disenfranchise a class of people that were passed in the city of Nuremberg a lifetime ago. And before you register your rank indignation at the over the top analogy, just remember we have seen our attorney general the chief lawn enforcement officer of the land use his office for selective prosecution in this matter already using his office to strike fear into the hearts of concerned parents whose only desire is to have a say at what is being taught to their children, the books they read, and the agenda being forced on them is the abject opposite of the rule of law and representative government.

Maybe so there will be other laws dictating that "straights" will also have to wear some sort of badge that announces their hereto normative defect.

Rome is burning people....we need to stop fiddling around.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Solimini

Historical Society Grateful

Dear Editor:

The Totoket Historical Society (THS) wants to express our overwhelming gratitude to our town council, business leaders, NB public school students and families! We are grateful that the community is coming out to support the restoration of the Little Red School House (LRSH). Located at 3 Old Post Road, Northford on the Edward Smith Library property, the building has served our town as an operating school, library, and teaching museum for over 200 hundred years.

The campaign kicked off on September 28, 2022 with fundraising chair, Andy Bozzuto, graciously hosting the THS and community business leaders. Generous businesses that joined Millpond Gatherings to sponsor the project are DFG Electric, GSB, Sanitrol Services, Palumbo Trucking, Barbara Altieri Broker-Realtor, and Kenneth Neubig Building. With true school spirit and pride, the students of the four North Branford Public Schools have been busy hosting their own events in school to help preserve one of the very first schools in North Branford. THS Co-Presidents Mary Ellen DiLella and Donna Summers were honored to meet with students, teachers and administrators who shared their thoughts about the schoolhouse and ideas to participate in fundraising. Many families are also taking advantage of a new program by contributing and joining the Young Historians Circle.



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Our relatively small organization can only afford to take on a project of this scope with the help of many. We are proud to work with the town in being stewards for the LRSH. In January, the Town Council voted to share \$10,000.00 in ARPA funding from the federal government for COVID relief. The state of CT Department of Economic Development, State Historic Preservation Office has acontinued warded the **continued on page 3**





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State Representative Vincent Candelora



A spell came over the legislature recently that seemed to enchant the news media, having print and television reporters looking back into the past rather than focusing on a clear and present issue that's reshaping our future.

You may have seen or heard that there's a bill proposal that would exonerate people who were convicted of witchcraft back in the 17th century—of course, long before the words Con-

necticut and statehood were used in the same sentence. The bill had a public hearing the same week as conversation in another committee was underway about legislation that focuses not just on how state agencies manage and protect data they collect from residents, but also the use of artificial intelligence inside state government. Which got more attention?

The subject of witches presented as catnip for reporters, who covered every angle of the bill's public hearing for days. Data privacy? Not so much.

I testified on the subject during a recent General Law Committee meeting, and the central theme of the discussion was born from this question: When it comes to data privacy, shouldn't state government be held to the same standards as private sector companies? I believe so, because right now there's a significant amount of data being collected through state agencies—more and more of it in ways that haven't been contemplated before because of the growth of new, expansive programming such as state-run retirement and paid family and medical leave.

What's more, the state engages in third-party contracts with vendors that provide data collection tools that residents, in some cases, are required to use.

As it stands, there's no uniform policy on data protection across state agencies. And few decisions related to data collection and those vendor contracts happen under the spotlight of the elected legislature—the body that represents the interests of citizens.

Data collection aside, there's growing concern nationwide about how artificial intelligence, commonly called AI, is used inside government—whether it's algorithms that drive agency decisions, or those that aggregate data that's eventually used in lawmakers' decisions to enact policy or spend money on programming. For example, there are cases in other parts of the country where child welfare agencies used AI to identify at-risk children with poor results.

Naturally, advocacy groups have inquired—with limited success—about how our state uses AI. The proprietary nature of AI and algorithms can be a barrier to transparency.

Thankfully, these are issues of bipartisan concern.

Members of the General Law Committee were unanimous recently in advancing S.B. 1103. Under the bill, no state agency will be allowed to sign a vendor contract unless the business complies with applicable consumer data privacy and online monitoring statutes. Further, the legislation would not only shine light on government's use of AI, but it would also create an advisory board and to two AI-focused officers in state agencies that oversee contracting.

These emerging issues are complex. Figuring out the ingredients of an algorithm or how it's used can be as mystifying as identifying the ingredients of a witch's brew, and it's as perplexing as figuring out the impact of exonerating a conviction from the 1600s.

I hope both topics receive equal attention from my colleagues—and the news media—during the remainder of the legislative session.

Rep. Vincent Candelora
House Republican Leader
86th District
North Branford, Durham,
East Haven, Guilford

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother to steal a term from college basketball it's March madness. March has always been an active month with memories and new beginnings. For the last 30 or so years I have been coaching in some capacity and spring is always my favorite time of year to get on the field with the boys and at one time even the girls. But things change and March becomes madder. The weather's too cold the winds are too powerful and it's becoming harder to make it to and from the field with my arthritis problems. With younger coaches stepping up I no longer feel that I am needed as much as I used to be and now it seems like the need is mine.

March has always been a time also of preparation for Easter season. Setting up altars in church, preparing for the ceremonial services is something I have done since mom took me by the hand when I was five years old. That too has changed as worshipping sites are being determined by the Archdiocese and not by the individual churches. Bilingual services which aren't fully enjoyed by either denomination of people are making it very difficult to continue with a great feeling about our future parish family.

The Ides of March were always special in our family as Mary would start reminding us on March 1 about her upcoming birthday. I visited her at the cemetery and couldn't help to think what would Mary be like at 71 years old. However, being the youngest of the group I always thought she was old anyway and I never missed an opportunity to remind her of that. We always used to tease her that she didn't have a birthday she had a birth month as she celebrated seven or eight times with different groups of friends during the month of March. Being born on March 24, I often shared my birthday with Mary. Especially as kids as we would have a party at aunt Tess's house with one cake for both of us. Half blue and half pink.

I'm not interested in celebrating my birthday anymore. The older you get the less interest you have in these new dates in your life. I'm happy I wake up in the morning, but I just don't want to be reminded with a cake and clothes and people spending money on me. It's not necessary.

With that said there's still a light at the end of the tunnel. As you are reading this we are preparing to go down to Miami to see Frankie for the last week in March. The sun will do these old bones good. As you know I hate to travel especially going through airports. The plane doesn't bother me but the airports do. But once I get there I'm sure we will have time in the sun to relax and enjoy Frankie and Ana's company. They are coming home for a few days at Easter so we will probably spend close to two weeks time with them. Every time the whole family is together it's always fun. SueAnn and I are also trying to plan two or three other weeks off as she is fully retired now and she loves traveling. After 41 years of marriage I will still go anywhere with her.

So I am dealing with March madness and as I finish this letter I'm starting to enjoy it more than I did when I started the letter. Writing to you is still one of my inspirations. Let mom know that the palm crosses have been ordered and they'll be on the grave sites just as she always required (ordered) of me. Have fun and my best to everyone. I'll see you soon

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grant to hire qualified assessors to formulate a plan for the restoration project. Many thanks also go to our state legislators for voting to fund the Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut which gives critical aid to museums and the arts.

Once the restoration plan is in place, we will need an estimated \$100,000.00 to restore this iconic one room schoolhouse. We will be seeking a matching grant from the State Historic Preservation Office. We are asking you to join us in donating to this effort, demonstrating our town pride and commitment to this restoration. If you can donate to the restoration fund, please mail a check made out to the Totoket Historical Society with memo line "LRSH" to:

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This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

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Easter - Customs & Traditions

Easter, Latin **Pascha**, Greek **Pascha**, principal **festival** of the **Christian church**, which celebrates the **Resurrection** of **Jesus Christ** on the third day after his **Crucifixion**. The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century, though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection probably occurred earlier.

The English word Easter, which parallels the German word *Ostern*, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable **Bede** in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of **spring** and **fertility**. This view presumes—as does the view associating the origin of **Christmas** on December 25 with pagan celebrations of the **winter solstice**—that Christians appropriated pagan names and **holidays** for their highest festivals. Given the determination with which Christians combated all forms of paganism (the belief in multiple deities), this appears a rather dubious presumption. There is now widespread **consensus** that the word derives from the Christian **designation** of Easter week as *in albis*, a **Latin** phrase that was understood as the plural of *alba* (“dawn”) and became *eostarum* in **Old High German**, the **precursor** of the modern German and English term. The Latin and Greek **Pascha** (“Passover”) provides the root for Pâques, the French word for Easter.

The date of Easter and its controversies

Fixing the date on which the Resurrection of Jesus was to be observed and celebrated triggered a major controversy in early **Christianity** in which an Eastern and a Western position can be distinguished. The dispute, known as the **Paschal controversies**, was not definitively resolved until the 8th century. In **Asia Minor**, Christians observed the day of the Crucifixion on the same day that Jews celebrated the **Passover** offering—that is, on the 14th day of the first full moon of spring, 14 Nisan (see **Jewish calendar**). The Resurrection, then, was observed two days later, on 16 Nisan, regardless of the day of the week. In the West the Resurrection of Jesus was celebrated on the first day of the week, **Sunday**, when Jesus had risen from the dead. Consequently, Easter was always celebrated on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the month of Nisan. Increasingly, the churches opted for the Sunday celebration, and the Quartodecimans (“14th day” proponents) remained a minority. The **Council of Nicaea** in 325 **decreed** that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first **full moon** after the spring **equinox** (March 21). Easter, therefore, can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Eastern Orthodox churches use a slightly different calculation based on the **Julian** rather than the **Gregorian calendar** (which is 13 days ahead of the former), with the result that the Orthodox Easter celebration usually occurs later than that celebrated by **Protestants** and **Roman Catholics**. Moreover, the Orthodox tradition prohibits Easter from being celebrated before or at the same time as Passover.

In the 20th century several attempts were made to arrive at a fixed date for Easter, with the Sunday following the second Saturday in April specifically proposed. While this proposal and others had many supporters, none came to fruition. Renewed interest in a fixed date arose in the early 21st century, resulting from discussions involving the leaders of Eastern Orthodox, **Syriac Orthodox**, **Coptic**, **Anglican**, and Roman Catholic churches, but formal agreement on such a date remained **elusive**.

Liturgical observances

Learn how Christians observe Easter celebration

In the **Christian calendar**, Easter follows **Lent**, the period of 40 days (not counting **Sundays**) before Easter, which traditionally is observed by acts of penance and **fasting**. Easter is immediately preceded by **Holy Week**, which includes **Maundy Thursday**, the commemoration of Jesus' **Last Supper** with his disciples; **Good Friday**, the day of his Crucifixion; and **Holy Saturday**, the transition between **Crucifixion** and **Resurrection**. Liturgically, Easter comes after the **Great Vigil**, which was originally observed sometime between sunset on Easter Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday. Later it would be celebrated in Western churches on Saturday evening, then on Saturday afternoon, and finally on Sunday morning. In 1955 the **Roman Catholic Church** set the time for the **vigil** at 10 PM, which allowed for the Easter mass to be celebrated after midnight. In the Orthodox traditions the vigil continues to be an important liturgical event, while in **Protestant** churches it is little known.

By the 4th century the Easter vigil was well established in various liturgical expressions. It was characterized by a spirit of joyful anticipation of the Resurrection and—because of the belief that Jesus' **Second Coming** would occur on Easter—the return of **Jesus**. In the Roman Catholic tradition the vigil has four parts: the celebration of lights focused on the **Paschal candle**; the service of lessons called the prophecies; the administration of the **sacraments** of **baptism** and **confirmation** to adult converts; and the Easter **mass**. The use of the Paschal candle, to denote the appearance of light out of darkness through the Resurrection, was first recorded in the year 384; by the 10th century it had gained general usage. The prominence of baptism at Easter goes back to early **Christianity**, probably the 4th century, when baptism was administered only once a year, at Easter. In the Roman Catholic service the priest blesses the water to be used in the forthcoming year for baptism, with the faithful taking some of that water with them to receive protection from **vicissitudes**. **Lutheran** and **Anglican** churches use variations of this vigil service.

All Christian traditions have their own special liturgical emphases for Easter. The Easter sunrise service, for example, is a distinctive Protestant observance in **North America**. The practice may derive from the **Gospel** narrative of Jesus' Resurrection, which states that **Mary Magdalene** went to the **tomb** “while it was still dark” (John 20:1) or as dawn was breaking (Matthew 28:1 and Luke 24:1). It is a service of jubilation that takes place as the **sun** rises to dispel the darkness.

Estate Planning for Everyone: Estate Plan Self-Exam By Attorney Marc Guertin

Does your estate plan need a little spring cleaning? I recommend reviewing your plan at least once a year. Why not work it into your spring-cleaning routine? It is a good time of year to take a look at your plan. If changes are necessary, it is nice to get them done before summertime travel. Find some time and a quiet space and take out your estate planning documents (Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Healthcare Directives and Living Wills), life insurance policies, financial records and other important documents and read through them. When reading through your documents keep the following questions in mind:

- Do I understand what these documents do/mean?
- Do the documents still represent my wishes?
- Are the beneficiaries correct?
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- Are these Wills so old that they should be in a museum?

Make sure that your plan conforms to your wishes, if it does not, do what is necessary to make the necessary updates. If you would like to come in and talk about your plan, I offer free initial consultation. Virtual, phone and in person consultations are available. Call me at 203-500-0201 or email me at marc@attorneymarc.com to schedule an appointment.

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Energize ConnecticutSM Accepting Submissions for 18th Annual eesmartsTM Student Contest

*New contest prompts encourage students to show off
their energy efficiency smarts; deadline March 31*

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. – Energize ConnecticutSM sponsors, Eversource and AVANGRID, Inc. subsidiaries United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas, announced today that the 18th annual *eesmartsTM* Student Contest is now accepting student submissions until March 31, 2023.

Updates to grade-specific prompts have been made this year to foster students' creativity and allow for new technologies and social media platforms to be used in responses. The contest is open to Connecticut students in grades K-12 and topics are focused on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability solutions.

"For almost two decades, the *eesmarts* Student Contest has engaged students throughout Connecticut and has asked them to use their imagination and knowledge to come up with solutions to address real-world energy matters," said Eversource Vice President of Energy Efficiency and Electric Mobility Tilak Subrahmanian. "Our new prompts are designed to foster creativity and empower students to leverage new technologies and tools that are readily available to them today. We are excited to see how students implement these platforms to address critical energy issues and the importance of energy efficiency in their responses this year."

"Computers, video, social media and even, gaming technology have changed how students interact with and learn about important environmental issues like energy conservation, renewable energy and energy efficiency," said Erik Robie, Director of Customer Programs & Products at AVANGRID. "Our students are our future. We hope that with these changes more students are engaged in the *eesmarts* Student Contest and inspire others to make meaningful change in our community."

Students in grades K-8 are assigned grade-specific topics and asked to submit their entries in the form of a poster (Grades K-2), narrative (Grade 3), letter to the principal (Grade 4), children's picture book (Grade 5), persuasive TikTok (Grade 6), anime or comic strip (Grade 7), or a public service announcement for social media (Grade 8).

Students in Grades 9-11 are asked to propose a community-based project to address an energy-related issue. Students may work in groups of up to three members. The winning team's school will receive funding to help make their proposed project a reality and must complete it by March 31, 2024.

Students competing in the Grade 12 category will produce a persuasive infographic that advocates for energy conservation and alternate energy sources. Infographics are eye-catching, concise overviews (typically one page) that contain images, data visualizations (charts or graphs), and minimal text. Entries will be evaluated based on scientific accuracy and concise and convincing imagery.

Finalists in all categories and grade levels will be honored at a special awards ceremony to be held in May 2023. Winners will receive a certificate and an Amazon gift card.

For more information about the contest, please visit www.eesmarts.com/contest.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com or by calling 877.WISE.USE.

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Catie Dow was named to the Dean's List at Clark University in Worcester, MA

Daniel McCormack & Rachel Vitarisi were named to the Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI.

Noah Ackerman, Brianna Annunziato, Candice Opie and Dhruvi Patel were named to the Dean's List at The University of Hartford in West Hartford.

Maxwell Siegman has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List in Burlington VT.



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NBHS Musicians Perform with UCONN Honor Band

On Saturday, February 25, Aislinn Aiken (flute- center in the photo), Alex Shadman (alto saxophone-right) and Grace Westefeld (flute-left) all performed as part of the UCONN Honor Band. This event was held at the Storrs campus and students spent the day working on four challenging pieces of music.

Students were directed by Dr. Janet Kim Director of the UConn Wind Ensemble and Commander Adam Williamson Director of the Coast Guard Band. In addition to rehearsing and perfecting their music for the evening concert, students were given the opportunity to take part in instrument specific master classes with UConn faculty and even had a Q & A with current UConn students from a variety of majors.

Photo provided by NBHS Music Educator Maria Berte

Pancake breakfast with characters from A Galaxy Far, Far Away...

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- For reservation text Ms. Raelene at 203-246-8820 or send an email to nurseryonnotchhill@gmail.com by Friday April 13
- Checks may be made payable to NONH and mailed to:
 The Nursery on Notch Hill
 Attn: Misaki Vongher / pancake breakfast
 320 Notch Hill Rd.
 North Branford, CT 06471
- Or Venmo @Neil-LeBeau-1

Enjoy pancake breakfast with family and friends

Take some pictures with characters from a galaxy far, far away

Children are welcome to dress up in a space theme costume and/or pajamas

The Nursery on Notch Hill is a non-profit preschool serving children and families in North Branford and surrounding towns since 1971

Mineral Club Scholarship Applications Available

The New Haven Mineral Club announces their annual scholarship is under way. It is open to any senior who lives in the Greater New Haven area. The \$1000. award is designed to assist a student who is going to attend an accredited college or university and who wishes to pursue an academic study in science and other related fields. There are many sciences that can be pursued. The last five winners were from Branford, New Haven, Milford and two from Wallingford.

To receive an application please send a written request to Frank Karsmarsi, 69 Woodvale Drive, Northford, CT 06472.

Applications must be completed by April 1, 2023.

TVES Celebrates Two Students

Totoket Valley Elementary School had an opportunity to celebrate two fifth graders for their ability in the arts at the annual Connecticut Association of Schools *Celebration of the Arts* on February 7, 2023 at the Aqua Turf Club.

Eden Ames was recognized for her ability in the visual arts. Eden is a very talented artist in a variety of media. She loves to draw, paint, and create three dimensionally. Her passion in the visual arts and willingness to overcome challenges is an inspiration to her classmates and will enable her to continue to grow as a well rounded artist and student.

Owen Cook was recognized for his ability in the performing arts. Owen Cook has demonstrated leadership and skill on his saxophone. He plays in the 5th grade band as well as Woodwind Ensemble. He is always up for a new challenge and even learned the National Anthem to play in front of the whole school for an assembly! Owen is a model citizen and musician.

Eden and Owen represent all of the artistic ability amongst the TVES student population, and we are grateful for their contributions to our community!



NBHS CLASS OF 2023



NEEDS YOUR HELP

Project Graduation is a committee consisting of senior parents who raise funds to provide the NBHS senior class a safe, drug/alcohol free night of celebrating after their graduation ceremony.

Please consider donating in honor of your favorite NBHS Senior or in support of the entire Class of 2023.

No amount is too small and would be greatly appreciated.

Use the QR Code to make an electronic donation or feel free to mail a check made out to:

Project Graduation
 This can be mailed to
 North Branford High School
 49 Caputo Rd.
 North Branford, CT 06471
 Attention: Project Graduation



North Branford High School Ladies Basketball SENIOR MOMENTS



Senior Tessa Juniver was recognized at the final regular season home game.



Junior Nicole Timario drives against Lyman Memorial.



Junior Calie Holzer takes the shot.



Tessa for the score



Junior Keana Criscuolo soaring above the rest.



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of
Tom Zampano*

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Some weeknights available

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or

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Easter customs

Easter, like [Christmas](#), has [accumulated](#) a great many traditions, some of which have little to do with the Christian celebration of the Resurrection but derive from folk customs. The custom of the Easter [lamb](#) appropriates both the appellation used for Jesus in Scripture (“behold the lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world,” John 1:29) and the lamb’s role as a sacrificial animal in [ancient Israel](#). In antiquity Christians placed lamb meat under the altar, had it blessed, and then ate it on Easter. Since the 12th century the Lenten fast has ended on Easter with meals including [eggs](#), [ham](#), [cheeses](#), [bread](#), and sweets that have been blessed for the occasion.

Easter egg

The use of painted and decorated [Easter eggs](#) was first recorded in the 13th century. The [church](#) prohibited the eating of eggs during [Holy Week](#), but chickens continued to lay eggs during that week, and the [notion](#) of specially identifying those as “Holy Week” eggs brought about their decoration. The egg itself became a symbol of the Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshell. In the Orthodox tradition eggs are painted red to symbolize the [blood](#) Jesus shed on the [cross](#).

Observe the preparation of chocolate Easter bunnies

The custom of associating a [rabbit](#) or bunny with Easter arose in Protestant areas in Europe in the 17th century but did not become common until the 19th century. The [Easter rabbit](#) is said to lay the eggs as well as decorate and hide them. In the United States the Easter rabbit also leaves children baskets with toys and candies on Easter morning. In a way, this was a [manifestation](#) of the Protestant rejection of Catholic Easter customs. In some European countries, however, other animals—in Switzerland the [cuckoo](#), in Westphalia the [fox](#)—brought the Easter eggs.

Hans J. Hillerbrand

DEATH NOTICE



Faith Augur McCarthy, 95, of Northford, the beloved wife of the late Robert E McCarthy for 60 years, passed away peacefully with her daughters at her side on February 26, 2023. Faith was born in New Haven, Connecticut to the late Anna and Joseph Augur. She lived in the home she and Bob built 65 years ago until the time of her death. Faith earned her Bachelor’s degree from Albertus Magnus College, her Master’s degree from Middlebury College, and her 6th Year in Educational Administration from Southern Connecticut State University. Faith spent most of her teaching career as a Spanish teacher and Foreign Language Department Chair at Branford High School. She was the district liaison for the New Haven Yale International Studies Center. She served as a consultant for the Yale Center for International and Area Studies and also coordinated its Cooperative Language Program. Upon her retirement from public school teaching, she served as an instructor of Spanish at Albertus Magnus. Faith’s contribution to public education was recognized with her induction into the Branford Education Hall of Fame in 2012.

Faith and Bob enjoyed many travels, including three generation trips with their family. Faith especially enjoyed visiting countries where she could use her Spanish language skills. She was a member of The Owenego in Branford for over 70 years, where she enjoyed friendships, sunshine and swimming. Faith served her church community of St. Augustine as a lay lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Faith is survived by her daughters, Patrice Kirshbaum and her husband Donald of Wallingford and Joann Oleynik and her husband Kenneth of Woodbridge and her grandchildren, of whom she was very proud: Lynn and Sara Kirshbaum and Colleen and Ryan Oleynik. She is also survived by her sister and 6 nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Albertus Magnus College, Office of Advancement 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511, or to Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. www.northhavenfuneral.com

Easter at JCakes
Featuring Assorted Bunny Themed Cakes and Cupcakes



JCakes

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5 Foxon Road, North Branford (Farm River Plaza)

Recycling News

The Electronics Waste Drop Off is Rescheduled for Saturday March 25th

Public Works 290 Forest Road – 9am – noon

Take2Recycling is collecting electronics including TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. We cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C’s or dehumidifiers.

We will also be taking mattresses and box springs (clean and dry), batteries and used oil for free.

When you bring us your mattress, you are creating jobs for those who take them apart to recycle the components.

There is a small fee for recycling propane tanks in reusable condition.

**1 lb. = \$1; 5, 10, 20 lb. = \$3; 30, 40 lb. = \$5
Cash Only**

Scrap Metal Pickup will be the week of April 3rd – 7th on your normal trash day.

Scrap Metal includes: Small and large appliances, metal lawn furniture, hot water tanks, tools, metal fencing, furnaces, non-riding lawn mowers with gas removed, outdoor grills, small machines, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

Bulky Waste will be the week of April 17th – 21st on your normal trash day.

Bulky Waste includes rugs and tree branches (no thicker than 4”) if less than 4’ long and tied into bundles. Also included are couches, mattresses, wooden furniture and most items that won’t fit in your toter.

Bulky Waste will NOT take:

Electronics including TVs and computers, construction waste, grass clippings, tires, hazardous materials or scrap vehicle parts. It is also not meant for total home cleanouts.

For a complete list please refer to your pink recycling card. Check the town’s website for information regarding Fall 2023.

The leaf drop off will be opening on Saturday April 1st

The location is located around the field to the left of the police station.

The leaf drop off will also be open on April 8th, 15th, 22nd. There will be curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the week of May 1st to May 5th

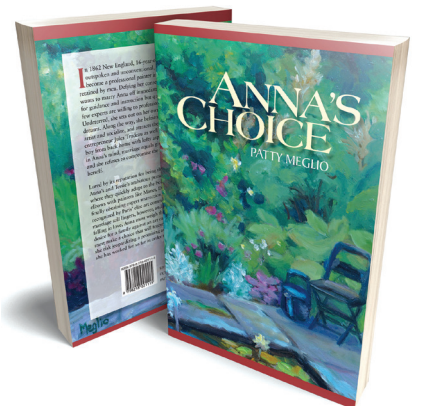
SCRCOG (South Central Regional Council of Governments) is having a sale on composters and rain barrels. Please visit <https://scrcog.compostersale.com/> for pricing and pick-up locations.

For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford’s Recycling Committee’s website: townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Thank You for Your Participation

Art Exhibit and Book Talk

Patty Meglio will be at the Edward Smith Library on Sunday, March 26, from 1:30 to 3 pm to talk about her novel, *Anna’s Choice*. As part of Women’s History Month, this talk will center around the struggles of women at the brink of the Women’s Suffrage movement. The book chronicles the adventures of a young girl in the late 19th century as she pursues a career as an artist at a time when women were mostly delegated to raising children and running a household. Her journey starts in Connecticut, but eventually takes her to Paris, where she is thrust into the revolutionary birth of impressionism. Hear about her journey rocked by struggles and triumphs, and the difficult choice that will change her life. There will also be an exhibit of Patty’s most recent paintings at the library throughout the month of March. Meet the author and artist and enjoy some light refreshments. For more information, go to www.pattymegliostudio.com.





Sons & Daughters of Italy Welcome new Board

The North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy recently voted in new Board members for the 2023-2024 year.

Pictured left to right front row; Marybeth Madigan, Gale Iannone, Susan Velleca, Joya Dolzani, Marianne Ciarleglio and Regina Najarian. Back Row: Sally Gill, Len Ricciardelli, SueAnn Mentone, Angela Vitti, Frank Mentone, Mark DeFranco, Sharon Ricciardelli and Jon Nejarian,

Sons & Daughters of Italy Puzzle Contest

Our 1st Yearly Puzzle Contest: Saturday April 22, 2023 @10:30 am sharp! (doors open at 10:00) Sponsored by Sons & Daughters of Italy, North Haven Lodge 2805. This will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall (57 Pond Hill Rd, North Haven).

Teams of 4-6 will compete to be the first team to complete the same puzzle as other teams (1,000 pieces). \$10 per person. Water and snacks will be offered during intermission. There will be no walk-ins allowed. Please contact Sally Gill to register as a team or possibly be assigned to a group. 203-645-8177



Sons & Daughters of Italy Helping Families

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy recently delivered meals to Fisher House.

The Fisher House in West Haven, a part of the Veterans Hospital, gives families visiting our veterans a place to stay and dine. The Community Outreach committee from the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy worked together to prepare six dinners for two. They were very happy to receive them as they had two families expected that day. We will continue to provide meals as part of our commitment to serve the community.

In addition to our outreach projects, there are many events scheduled. The profits from these fund many charitable contributions.

If you would like to join our wonderful organization, we would love to welcome you. We meet on the first Tuesday each month. Meetings take place at Saint Elizabeth of Trinity Church on Pond Hill Rd. North Haven at 7:00 pm. or visit our website at northhavenlodge2805.club

Pictured left to right Georgianna Hull, Judy Feather & Donna Casciello

Porchetta Dinner

Join us for a Porchetta Dinner on Saturday, May 20 at 6:00 at Saint Frances Cabrini Church 57 Pond Hill road in North Haven.

Enjoy porchetta, stuffed shells, salad, vegetables, bread and a host of desserts for only \$20. There will also be entertainment. Anyone who comes to the dinner and signs up as a member will get free membership for the 2023 year.

For information or tickets call SueAnn at 203-710-4186 or e-mail Sueann.mentone@yahoo.com.



Time to Dine with Friends & Family

**JOIN THE NORTH HAVEN
SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
FOR DINNER AT GIOVANNI'S PIZZERIA & RESTAURANT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 FROM 4-9PM**

**ANYONE WHO WISHES TO DINE IN,
TAKE OUT OR GET DELIVERY
SHOULD MENTION THIS AD AND GIOVANNI'S
WILL GENEROUSLY DONATE 20% OF YOUR BILL
TO THE SONS DAUGHTERS OF ITALY**

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**NORTH HAVEN SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY
5th Annual Richard M. DeCrosta
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Sunday, Spetember 24, 2023
Hunter Golf Club
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203-634-3366.
\$150 per person Incudes Lunch & Dinner.
Prizes will be awarded.
For moe information or to sponsor,
Call Tim at
203-843-7157.**



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning: 10:00 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 10:30 11:00 Announcements and Music Ministry, 11:00 -11:45 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. Nursery provided. Vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church "A Place to Belong". 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us.

Nursery Care is available. To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: nobdcong@sbcglobal.net, website: www.northbranfordcongregational.org Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey; you will always be welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email: northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. John Vigneri, Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two churches. St. Augustine Church is located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church is located at 1321 Middletown Avenue in Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Friday Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM at St. Monica. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday evening at St. Augustine at 4:00 PM (English Ordinary, no incense) and Sunday at St. Monica at 9:00 AM and St. Augustine at 11:00 AM (Latin Ordinary, with incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all Masses excepting Sunday and by appointment by calling the office. The Parish Office is located at 30 Caputo Road and is open M-F from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Wednesdays until 6:00 PM). You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails at our website NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish to join or a homeschool co-op, please visit us!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue - The White Church On The Hill In The Heart Of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Network (MACM Network), along with St. James (Higginum) and Emmanuel (Killingworth). Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are welcome! St. Andrew's is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, boots, belts, purses, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot, available 24x7. Visit our website at <https://www.saintandrewsnorthford.org> Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266; or MACM office, 860-345-0058.

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller's Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. "The Church on the Rock," led by Pastor Kent Jackson. We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God's love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God's word, and stay connected.

Zion Episcopal Church 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395. Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. Sunday Worship at 9:15, coffee and fellowship follow. Masks are required in worship while North Branford is in the 'red' zone for COVID positivity. Worship is also accessible through Facebook Live. ALL are invited. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. www.zionepiscopal.org

Sunday Services at NCC

Please join Pastor John and our church family every Sunday at 10 a.m. for our weekly church service. In addition, we will have coffee, tea, and snacks for everyone immediately following our service. ALL are welcome.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Check us out at www.northfordcongregational.church. Like us on Facebook.

Fatima, Lourdes and Montserrat October 16, 2023 - October 25, 2023

Come join St Ambrose Parish and Father Turner to see the Famed religious icons of Fatima, Lourdes and Montserrat on a 10 day tour October 16, 2023 through October 25, 2023. The trip starts with overnight air to Lisbon Portugal visiting the famed site Fatima, then on to Salamanca to see the the University city and 13th century architecture. From there to Valladolid and Burgos. Next will be the famed site of Lourdes where the miracles occurred. Lastly travel to Barcelona and experience the mountain monastery of Montserrat and spend a night there before descending into Barcelona for day of site seeing before returning to the United States.

Please call Mary and Jim Lovelace to reserve a spot or answer your questions on a once in a lifetime trip from Mount Carmel Travel, at 203-494-8202. Link to the brochure is listed below.

<https://www.etstours.com/jimlovelace/xp23101623q37706#.ZAYyJy2B0Us>

Flower/Plant & Bake Sale to Benefit the Church

Northford Congregational Church will have an Easter weekend flower/plant sale to benefit the church on Fri. and Sat., April 7-8 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., April 9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will also be a bake sale on Saturday and chocolate candy bars for sale. There will be pony rides on Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be helping.

In the event of inclement weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Like us on Facebook.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

St. Andrew's, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, welcomes all to worship services, held at 10:00 every Sunday. Lent began with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 24th. Bible study sessions led by Rev. Bryan Spinks will be held following services for each Sunday through Lent, except for March 19th. Coffee and fellowship always follow worship services. Please join us, we'd love to get to know you! Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10 a.m.; Maundy Thursday service will be held at 6:30 p.m. with a simple Agape Supper, April 6th; Good Friday service 7:00 p.m., April 7th; Easter Sunday service April 9th, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Hold Food Drive

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, is holding a Food Drive to support Food Pantry of North Branford. The drive-through food drive will be held Sat., April 1st, from 9 a.m. to noon. Items needed include: Chef Boyardee, juice, jello & pudding, pasta, baked beans, jarred sauce, canned fruit. Please help us help others!! Stay in your car, we'll take your donations. One-way traffic - enter St. Andrew's driveway from the North, exit to the South. Thank you for supporting this important town resource. 1382 Middletown Ave., Northford. Any questions please contact Nan Monde, 203-710-7005.

		ST. AMBROSE PARISH St. Augustine Church 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford St. Monica Church 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford
MASS HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper April 6 7:00 AM St. Augustine	THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU RECONCILIATION Every Monday 5-6:00 PM St. Augustine 1/2 Hr. before all daily Masses Good Friday 2-2:45 PM St. Augustine Holy Saturday 12-1:00 PM St. Augustine Special Penance Service on March 29 6:30p St. Augustine Church <i>Several priests will be available to hear confessions</i>	
GOOD FRIDAY The Lord's Passion April 7 3:00 PM St. Augustine	EVENING PRAYER March 26 5:30 PM St. Monica MORNING PRAYER April 6, 7, 8 8:30 AM St. Augustine	
HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil April 8 8:00 PM St. Augustine	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT MONDAY EVENINGS 5:00-6:00 PM St. Augustine	
EASTER SUNDAY Resurrection of Our Lord 9:00 AM St. Monica 11:00 AM St. Augustine	STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY March 31 6:30PM St. Monica GOOD FRIDAY Noon St. Augustine	

Easter Bake Sale

April 8, 2023

on the
Branford Town Green
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Home-baked goodies for sale!
You never know what you might find — cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies..... OH MY!

All proceeds benefit
Branford Compassion Club's
Feline Rescue & Adoption Center





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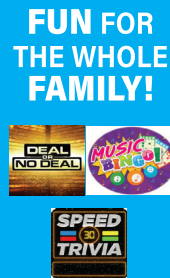
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FRIDAY MARCH 31
6:30-8:30PM
STW Community Center
1332 Middletown Ave



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FEELING LIKE YOU NEED A GETAWAY? Check out some great cruise opportunities on our website! Panama Canal with Costa Rica and Caribbean - November, 2023 Alaska - September, 2023 northbranfordct.myrec.com/info/activities Department Info -> Trips - Grand American Cruises

— SENIOR CENTER —

BLOOD PRESSURE/ VITAL SIGNS SCREENING

These monthly blood pressure & vital signs screenings will take place at the Senior Center. Those who attend will receive a small wellness give away as well.

April 18, 2023
12:00pm-1:00pm - STW Classroom

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Beginning Monday, June 26th, we will be offering 8 consecutive weeks of summer camp for campers entering grades 1-6. \$130res/\$150 nr per week *Lunch and field trips not included.

UNIFIED COOKING & GAME NIGHT This inclusive "Cooking with Friends" class is a great opportunity for young adults to develop skills needed to live on their own in an accessible environment. Participants will learn to follow a recipe, measure, chop, combine ingredients, learn team building, and operate a burner to cook a simple meal. After making the perfect dinner, participants will eat together and have fun socializing, playing board games and enjoy a movie. **Monday April 17, 2023 5:00-7:30pm** **Chicken Alfredo Shells** **STW Gym/Cafe \$30 res/nr Ages 18+** Register by 4/10/23

Mary's Culinary Classes

Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on culinary experience that will engage children in preparing delicious creations. They will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques!

Ages 5-14 at STW Community Center
5:00 - 7:00pm (Please note the new time)
Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non-res per class
TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2023
APRIL FOOL'S MEATBALL CUPCAKES AND HAMBURGER COOKIES
WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 2023
PERSONAL PIZZAS AND EASTER PEEP CUPS

ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL North Branford Parks and Recreation Department is excited to be offering Adult Co-ed Softball again. Join us at Totoket Valley Park beginning June 13 for a fun, recreational league! Two games will be played each Tuesday, one at 6:15 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. Potentially one Thursday night game will be added depending on registrations. Additionally, please contact the office if you do not have a full team but are interested in playing! Team Captains must register your team (minimum 8 players) at nbrecreation.com, submit a roster to the Assistant Director, Kerry Haynes at recreationsupervisor@townofnorthbranfordct.com

Celebrate Italia
AQUA TURF CLUB
Tuesday July 11, 2023
Bus departs STW: 10:15am Returns: Approx 4:00pm
\$57res \$62nr
Featuring: *The Sam Vinci Band has been an Italian-American staple at numerous Italian festivals throughout CT. Sam and his band know how and what to play to please a crowd!!* Special Appearance by: Aaron Caruso Aaron's operatic voice brings his Italian songs to life! Meatballs & Sausage/ Chicken Parmesa
Register by: 6/16/23

Summer Stock At the Goodspeed Opera House Enjoy lunch at the Gelston House before the show! **August 23, 2023 \$110res/\$120nr** Departs 10:15am Returns: 5:00pm Please register by July 19th to reserve your ticket to lunch and this fantastic show! Goodspeed Opera House policy is that our audience is strongly encouraged to wear a mask inside the Goodspeed, but it is not required. Our staff will continue to wear masks. The trip leaves from the Senior Center. If you need transportation to the Center, kindly let us know when you register. Lunch at the Gelston House is at 11:30 a.m. Lunch choices are: *Parmesan Encrusted Cod *Pasta Cavatappi *Gelston Chicken *Kobe Beef Burger *Bistro Steak Lunch includes Mixed Green Salad and dessert. Coffee & tea are not included, but each can be purchased for \$3.50. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased and paid for during lunch. Forget your troubles—come on, get happy! The tradition of turning a barn into a theater finds fertile new ground in a joyous world premiere inspired by the classic Judy Garland-Gene Kelly movie. When theatrical Gloria invites fellow troupers to the family farm with the idea of putting on a show, her practical sister Jane is stubborn as a mule but relents because the farm needs work—and workers. Sisterhood, budding romance and a Broadway-bound musical are all at risk. But there's nothing like the sunshine of hits from the American songbook to chase all your cares away!

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For more information call 203-410-4254

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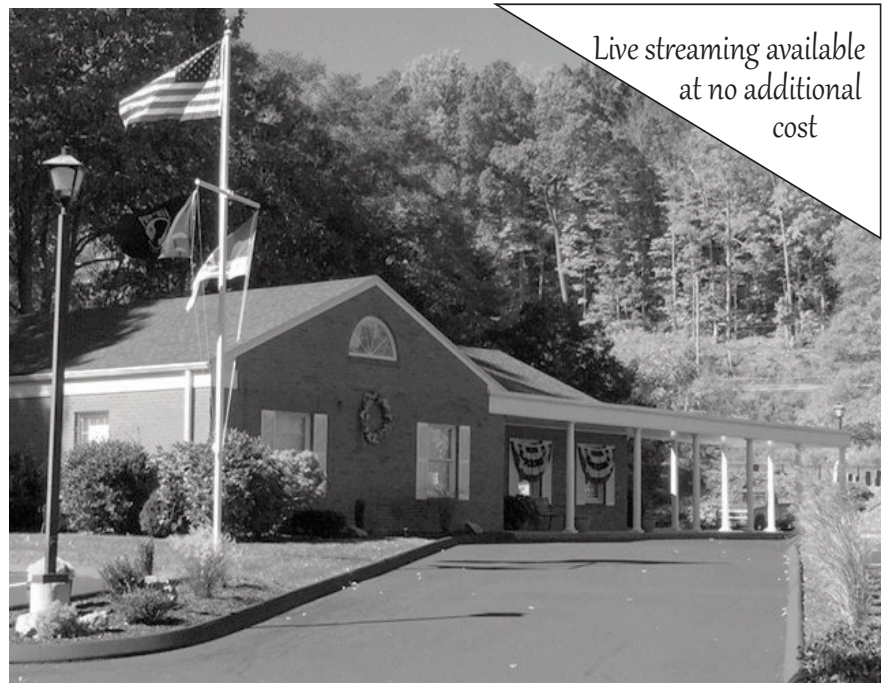
NARF April Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, April 3, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers and retirees are invited to attend.

Guest speaker Registered Dietitian Marisa McCoy will present Foods That Boost Your Immune System.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: <http://www.narfe.org>

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TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

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LEGAL NOTICE OF SEWER USER FEES AND SEWER ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENT CHARGE DUE April 1, 2023

Property owners of the Town of North Branford are hereby notified that the Second installment of Sewer User fees and Sewer Assessment charges are due on April 1, 2023. Payments not received or postmarked by May 1, 2023 will be considered delinquent and statutory delinquent interest charges will apply. Interest will accrue at the rate of 1 1/2% per month with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 for Sewer Use and \$5.00 for Sewer Assessment.

The annual Sewer User fee of \$500.00 was set by the North Branford Water Pollution Control Authority at its September 20, 2022 meeting. Bills may be paid at the North Branford Town Hall, Tax Collector's office Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. Payments can also be made online at the town website: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com, under Online Services. There is a fee for this service: 2.5% for any balance paid: \$3.95 for Visa Debit and \$2.00 for an ACH check withdrawal. If you have lost or misplaced your bill, call the Tax Department for a replacement at 203-484-6011. If remittance is made by mail and a receipt is requested, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Checks should be made payable to the Tax Collector, Town of North Branford.

Dated this 17th Day of March 2023
Michael Downes Town Manager

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