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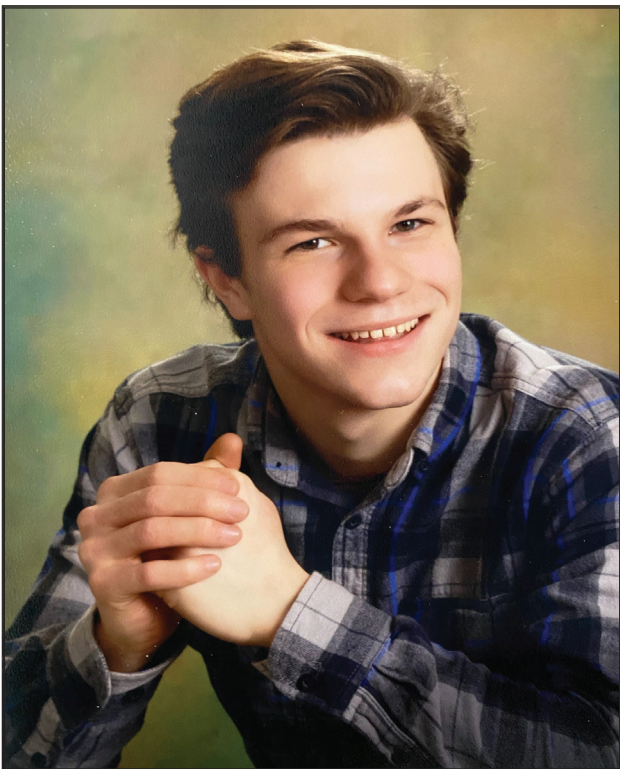
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NORTH BRANFORD LOSES A CHERISHED SON



With profound sorrow and broken hearts, we share the unspeakable news of the loss of our amazing, youngest son Jonathan Ryan Boughton. Jonathan was given to us on November 18, 2002 and lived his Happy and Full life in North Branford surrounded and utterly loved and adored by his family. He was taken from us on Monday March 22, 2021. It was a beautiful spring day and he decided to drive his moped to work. On his way home the unspeakable, unimaginable, most horrible thing happened to him and he was gone. Blessed with an unquenchable curiosity and full of life Jonny quickly became known as Tornado Baby. With boundless energy and an unstoppable drive, even as a toddler he would achieve any goal he set his mind to. A happy, playful boy, he made friends easily and had a smile that never ever faded. He spent 3 wonderful years at the Nursery on Notch Hill with teachers he loved. Jonny's bursting spirit was a pleasant challenge for his Kindergarten teachers at Jerome Harrison who learned on the first day of school that he was the kind of kid that had to be kept busy. Jonathan would happily accomplish any task they put him to. He was a great teachers' helper. Jonathan's elementary years were spent at Mauro-Sheridan Inter-district Magnet School in New Haven where he shined. He loved acting and had roles in two Shakespearean plays, Macbeth and The Tempest. Like his brothers before him, he took up the trumpet and was in the school band for four years. Too young to join the Robotics Club with his brothers', Jonny sat in the back and listened and found himself an extra kit and made his own functioning robot. Amazed by his abilities the teacher allowed him to join the club early. He spent four years competing for MA-SH in the FIRST LEGO League all over the state. Jonathan made two lifelong best friends in that class, Christian and JoAn. He graduated with High Honors and

was a proud member of the National Junior Honor Society. Jonathan joined Cub Scout Pack 455 as a Tiger and crossed over into Boy Scout Troup 453. He was a Life Scout and absolutely loved summer camp at BSA Camp Sequassen. Slushies and small boat sailing were his gig. He missed going last year because of the covid shutdown. Jonathan enjoyed traveling with his family to Niagara Falls and riding the speed boats; to Folly Beach, SC and learning how to surf; to Chicago to see the Bean and have deep dish pizza; Disney World with MA-SH for 8th grade graduation; skiing at Killington, VT; trips to New York and Boston with the Boy Scouts, Battleship Cove sleepovers with the Cub Scouts, and snowmobiling with his beloved Padre and brothers in New Hampshire. Jonathan's true passion and love was for technology of all kinds. Anything that moved and had a motor or made noise entranced him. He mowed the lawn just so he could drive the tractor. Jonny spent the summers and vacations working with his father and brothers at the family Fire Truck Repair business. He quickly became a talented mechanic with the ability to diagnose problems at a much higher level than expected for his young age. Jonathan decided he wanted to attend Eli Whitney Technical HS in Hamden and LOVED it. He decided on the automotive career path, following in his father and grandfather's footsteps. At Eli Whitney he excelled both in shop and in academics. While there he made a few more life friends; Gurbeer, Adam, Walter and Zoilo. Many nights Jonny stayed up way too late talking, planning, and laughing with them. They rebuilt mopeds together that they proudly pulled out of dumpsters. Christian joined them and with the rebuilds successful, they would drive around Hamden together as a pack. When they got their drivers licenses their fun switched to the rebuilding of "cool" junkers. They loved life and they were a close bunch of amazing young men. Jonny's friends plan to finish the work he started on his Prelude exactly the way he himself dreamed of doing. Jonny achieved High Honors almost every marking period, up until Covid hit. Virtual Schooling was not for him, he needed his hands on. While in shop at Eli, he mastered his skills and received numerous trade certifications from the ASE Board (Automotive Society of Engineers). As an employee at the E.J. Boughton Co. Jonathan developed his skills to the point that most customers who had known that the 18 year old had worked on their equipment, would ask for him by name. He was truly one of the most gifted technicians anyone could have known. Jonathan's potential was unlimited. He was poised to become our lead technician, and then eventually, take over the company. Jonathan applied to and was accepted into Albertus Magnus College in New Haven from whom he received an amazing scholarship. His plan was to learn everything he could about how to run and expand a successful business. Jonny's passions were both broad and simple, Vroom, tech, and boom.

If it had anything to do with a motor, a computer, or great sound, he was in... all the way! Jonny was incapable of doing anything at 99%, it was 100%, all the time, every time. If a hurdle got in his way... the best you could do was to stay out of the way. He was simply the most determined person anyone could know and believed in the individual, that no one was going to hand you what you wanted, he believed hard work paid off and free things didn't taste as good as earned things. He was wise beyond his years.

We were blessed to have him for the short time we did. LIFE DIDN'T HAPPEN TO JONNY, JONNY HAPPENED TO LIFE. Now we know with certainty, that everything in Heaven is running just a bit better.

Left to miss him forever are his friends mentioned above. His first best friends and eternal brothers Petty Officer Third Class Edward J. Boughton III and Connor Stanley Boughton and his precious and crazy kitty Leo. His grandparents Frank Lowell and Linda Majchrzak. His mimi Beverly Boughton and cousin J. Michael McDermott. Jonathan loved his Aunts who absolutely adored him; Amy Adams, Colette Bergeron, Kirsten Gunter, Susan Sibby-Forbes, Tasha Carrano and Susan Carbone. His lifelong adopted cousins ReAnna Jean, Austin, Helen and Ethan Adams; Griffin and Lexi Gunther; Jason and Cali Maggy; Luke and Eli Forbes. Our perfect bakers' dozen. They were his family, his confidants, his partners in crime and he will always be with them.

He goes to join his Poppy in Heaven, Edward J. Boughton Sr., his Nana and Jaju, Stephanie and Stanley Majchrzak, whom he loved and was absolutely cherished by.

Lastly, left forever in sorrow and pain, he leaves his loving parents Edward J. Boughton Jr. and Stephanie Lowell Boughton to carry on his name and his spirit and to make sure he is never, ever forgotten. Jonny gave the best hugs and will miss them. A memorial scholarship has been established in Jonathan's honor. Flowers are happy in gardens and gear heads are happy in garages. All donations will be given to students who have the same spirit, drive and confidence in themselves that Jonny had. He would love knowing that he will help hundreds of kindred spirits achieve their goals and make their dreams reality. Jonathan's light shined so brightly it can be seen from Heaven, it wasn't meant to shine forever on its own. By helping gifted, talented kids achieve their goals in his name we can all help keep his light burning bright for all to see.

<https://gf.me/u/znpmwc>

Jonathan R. Boughton Memorial Scholarship Fund
A celebration of Jonathan's life will be held during the summer at the North Branford Congregational Church. Details will follow on Facebook.

Funeral services were private in care of Lupinski Funeral Home, Inc. 821 State Street, New Haven. Sign the guestbook online for Jonathan at www.lupinskifuneralhome.com

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May 28	May 21
June 11	June 4
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New Republican Party & Impeachment Trial of Donald Trump

As a Registered Republican all of my voting life and as a Navy Veteran, I feel I must lash out against those in the Republican Party who have trashed our Democracy, the United States Constitution and the rule of law.

On January 6, 2021, an army of Donald J. Trump's followers invaded the House Chambers in the Capitol. They were following his many tweeted instructions and televised news conferences that they must get tough and fight, saying the Democrats had stolen the election from him. This was all witnessed by the Country, including all congressional members of the House and Senate, during the coverage by the various

news agencies up to and after the January 6, 2021, invasion of the Capitol.

The Oath of Office that is signed by all U.S. Senators and Representatives states, among other things, that they will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic and that they will bear true faith and allegiance to the same. The penalty for violating this oath is (1) removal from office and, (2) confinement or a fine.

On January 13, 2021, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Donald J. Trump on one article of impeachment. The article-accused him of the seditious act of incitement of insurrection. Sedition is the incitement of public disorder or rebellion against a government, and includes any action in speech or writing - promoting such disorder or rebellion. Insurrection is the act or an instance of rising in open rebellion against an established government or authority.

222 Democratic Representatives and 10 Republican Representatives voted guilty and 197 Republican Representatives voted not guilty. 4 Republican Representatives did not bother to vote. The article of impeachment was delivered to the Senate for trial.

Prior to the trial by the Senate, all Senators pledge that they will do impartial justice according to the evidence, the Constitution and the laws.

The Senate trial began on February 9, 2021, and ended on February 13, 2021. 57 Senators (48 Democrats, 7 Republicans and 2 Independents) voted to convict and 43 Republicans vote to acquit. With 67 votes needed to convict, Donald J. Trump was acquitted.

The evidence presented included the many tweets and video coverage of his news conferences that they had all witnessed ear-

lier. His actions both by word and deed showed that his intent was to incite violent action with personal injury to those defending the Constitution.

43 Republican Senators violated their oath of office and their oath to do impartial justice based on the evidence presented. They elected to support and defend Donald J. Trump rather than the Constitution. 48 Democratic Senators, 7 Republican Senators and 2 Independent Senators followed their oath of office and their oath to do impartial justice. They elected to support and defend the Constitution by voting to convict.

What did the Republican party do to the 43 Republican Senators and the 197 Republican Representatives for supporting and defending Donald J. Trump and not the Constitution of the United States? *Nothing*.

What did the Republican party do to the 7 Republican Senators and the 10 Republican Representatives for supporting and defending the Constitution. They were censured.

IF THE 43 REPUBLICAN SENATORS AND THE 197 REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVES REFLECT THE NEW REPUBLICAN PARTY, THEY CAN HAVE MY RESIGNATION.

Sincerely,
James B. Woodman

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Total Homes Sold March 2021 13 ↑ 30.0% (10) March, 2020	Median Sold Price March 2021 \$339,500 ↑ 30.0% March, 2020 Average Sold Price March 2021 \$302,408 ↑ 14.7% March, 2020
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Total Monthly Inventory
All Listing Types, March 2021
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- There will be 50/50 raffle tickets that can be purchased between April 1 & April 25!! Winner will be drawn on the 25th after we close! All house proceeds donated!
- \$2 for 3 tickets
- \$4 for 5 tickets
- \$10 for an arms-length of tickets

- We will also have 2 \$50 gift cards for local businesses (tdb) that you can buy raffle tickets to with all proceeds donated. Winners drawn on the 25th after we close!!
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State Representative Vincent Candelora A “Dumb Idea” Gains Momentum: Businesses Call for State Intervention in Unemployment Debt Crisis



As the state’s vaccine rollout continues, and with a recent loosening of state government’s COVID-related restrictions, there is perhaps a growing sense of optimism in Connecticut. The warm weather doesn’t hurt, either, and it does feel like we’re creeping toward normalcy.

For our state’s business community, however, that march toward a more prosperous period could be longer and tougher than it might seem to residents who, for example, see their favorite restaurants coming to life. That’s because Connecticut employers face a \$1 billion headache—the projected amount our state will have borrowed from federal government to pay unemployment compensation benefits during the pandemic. Businesses, as I wrote in December, are responsible for paying it back.

You might remember I told you that House Republican legislators urged Governor Lamont to use federal pandemic relief money to cut our state’s unemployment debt, reducing the burden businesses would face in the future. You might also recall the governor called it a “dumb idea,” even though more than 20 other states, such as New Hampshire and South Carolina, had taken this proactive measure.

We submitted legislation anyway, and our bill had a hearing recently in the legislature’s Appropriations Committee. A few days ago, I stood with the state’s two largest business advocacy groups, as well as the state’s restaurant association and the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, to promote the concept. A leader from the caucus of moderate Democrats participated, too, and together our message was clear: the unemployment debt crisis is the number one issue facing Connecticut employers.

And with good reason. It took Connecticut’s job creators five years to pay off its unemployment debt resulting from the Great Recession. Wendy Traub, owner of a small construction business in the state’s Northwest Corner, told reporters it cost her a whopping \$8,000 over that period.

That type of expense, business leaders agreed, would slow our state’s economic recovery to a crawl just as it did after our nation’s last economic crisis.

Connecticut will have money to do this. It’s expected that \$10 billion in new federal aid will flow into our state, and \$2.6 billion of that, we contend, can be used for discretionary purposes such as this.

After our news conference, Gov. Lamont took a softer tone than December’s dismissive jab at Republicans. Maybe it’s because the business community has signaled its support. He’s left the door ajar on the issue while stating his preference for using the relief money for other purposes, clutching a rabbit’s foot hoping federal officials will simply reclassify the loans as grants.

While I appreciate that optimism, I know that certainty is an indispensable ingredient in the success—and in this case, the survival—of businesses. They need to know what their state government will do to address this looming crisis before it hits, and that’s why taking action now is so critical.

Spring is Here- Summer on the Way

Enjoy the season and get out in the beautiful sunshine. This is also an excellent opportunity to visit our local merchants. April has three issues of the Totoket Times and it’s a perfect chance to meet your neighbors.

The April 30th issue of the Times will not be mailed. Instead you can pick one up at one of our friends below.

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By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

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Thank you for recycling responsibly

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Micheal Madoule was named to the Dean’s List in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences at Boston College.

Meagan Hanratty was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, CT,

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Confidential records of former students who received Special Education services from North Branford Public Schools, who have a birth date between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1993, will have their confidential records destroyed on May 15, 2021.

Former students who wish to pick up these records may contact the Special Services Office at 203-484-1230, to make arrangements, before

May 10, 2021. Destruction of these records is permitted in accordance with Section 7-109, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

North Branford Fire Department

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Here’s what you need to know!

A closed door will slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.

Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.

Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

Test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

Today’s smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.

When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.

Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.

Carbon monoxide alarms

Although the popularity of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms has been growing in recent years, it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim’s health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body’s ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be.

A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

In 2016, local fire departments responded to an estimated 79,600 carbon monoxide incidents, or an average of nine such calls per hour. This does not include the 91,400 carbon monoxide alarm malfunctions and the 68,000 unintentional carbon monoxide alarms.

Data from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) National Center for Health Statistics shows that in 2017, 399 people died of unintentional non-fire carbon monoxide poisoning.

Fire extinguishers

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for residents is to get out safely.

Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

Safety tips

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**: Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.

Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.

Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.

- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

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North Branford Public Schools Summer Camp 2021
The Future!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another school year has almost passed and it is hard to believe it is time to prepare and plan for summer camp! The summer of 2021 marks the 19th year of the North Branford Summer Camp Program!

We are excited to announce this summer's theme "The Future!" Several new camps have been added as we continue to offer popular camps all designed to entertain, enrich and inspire our summer campers! You can expect to see some old favorites including Fizz, Bubble, Goo and Adventure Climbing! We are pleased to offer some new camps this year including Youtuber Baking, Duct Tape Creations, and Out Of This World Crafts! You can expect to see this futuristic theme incorporated into many of the camps we will be offering this summer.



This year we are pleased to welcome Mr. Ryan Dombrowski as the new Co-Director with Miss Amber Lake. Ryan is a science teacher at North Branford High School and Amber is a grade two teacher at Jerome Harrison Elementary School. They both have been employed by the summer camp for many years and are very excited to lead campers through a fun-filled, exciting summer!

The North Branford Summer Camp Program employs many certified teachers as enrichment camp instructors. The staff also includes many returning camp counselors who are always excited to be a part of your child's summer experience and memories! The goal of the North Branford Summer Camp Program and staff is to help campers develop life-long friendships and a passion for learning!

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, there will be adjustments to the camp schedule and activities and health and safety protocols put in place, in accordance with the East Shore District Health Department and the Office of Early Childhood.

For more information, please visit the camp website: <https://summercamp.northbranfordschools.org>.

We will be using FamilyID for registration this summer. Please visit our FamilyID portal to begin the registration process: <https://www.familyid.com/north-branford-public-schools-summer-program/north-branford-summer-camp-2021>

Directions on how to use FamilyID can be found here: [FamilyID Registration Information Page.pdf](#)

I am very pleased to be able to offer the children of North Branford and surrounding towns this amazing opportunity while providing a safe, fun-filled summer! Thank you for your continued support of our summer camp program!

Sincerely,

Scott Schoonmaker
Superintendent of Schools

Please direct all summer camp inquiries to:
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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 Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. 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. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting 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 church locations; St. Augustine, 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Temporarily all Masses are being held at St. Augustine during the pandemic to accommodate as many parishioners at each Mass as capacity allows. Weekday Masses are celebrated at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (English Ordinary, no incense) and on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all daily Masses and by appointment by calling the parish office. The parish office is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in the parish center and is open M – F from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Mass is live streamed each Sunday morning on our St. Ambrose Facebook page. You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails on our website at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, 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). St. Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry (MACM) Network, along with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church in Higganum. Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-in Charge at St. Andrew’s. Due to the COVID pandemic, services are currently held on-line via Zoom, and may also be viewed on St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford CT Facebook page. St. Andrew’s is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford, located on the lower level of the church’s parish hall. And, the Community Dining Room utilizes our kitchen and parish hall to prepare and deliver meals to the homebound in Northford and North Branford. These are 2 vital community resources serving families in need in our community. 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, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed located in the church parking lot. Like us on Facebook: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford CT. For more information contact Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; or MACM Network office, 860-345-0058; or Rev.Spinks, 860-304-5266.

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. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND FLOWER SALE TO BENEFIT CHURCH

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will have a Mother’s Day weekend flower sale to benefit the church. The flower sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., May 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sun. May 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

Masks and social distancing will be required for everyone’s safety.

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. Email address: northfordcc@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook.



Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC

Participates in Diaper Drive

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC recently donated diapers and wipes to help support the Law Enforcement Diaper Drive that the North Branford Police Department was participating in. Bare Necessities, Inc. is a diaper bank in Clinton, founded in 2015, that has served over 270 families and distributed over 396,000 diapers and 809,000 wipes. For women’s club membership information, contact Kathy Tobin at ktgfwcct@gmail.com , visit our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.

(Pictured from left to right: Kathy Tobin, Officer Jeff Leiby, Sgt. Brian Hanson, Michele Nilson, Officer Chris Miserendino, Officer Tom Pacelli and Ivey Susan Cooley)

Luke Izzo Helping the Community

In the midst of the pandemic, the best of humanity has been revealed in the many and varied faces of first responders, those individuals freely giving of themselves to help others. One such first responder is 16-year-old Luke Izzo from North Branford, a junior at New Haven Academy. Luke is a moderator for the New York / Connecticut Vaccine Hunters and Angels Facebook (vaccineangel.com) page, and in that role, has guided and assisted thousands in booking vaccine appointments, including many who have been struggling to find appointments or are not tech-savvy. His efforts have benefitted both friends and strangers, extending well beyond his Northford community and the North Branford Congregational Church, where he is an active member.

Luke has also started a separate initiative, which includes a vaccine appointment hotline for people that do not speak English. The hotline consists of bilingual speakers in Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic. An article about Luke can be found here: [COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available for Ages 16 and Up](#)

Luke desires to continue “spreading the word” and would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about his efforts, hopeful he could help more and more people schedule vaccine appointments. Luke can be reached at 203-507-1421.

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BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION

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Saturday, May 15, 9:00 - 2:00pm

Instructor: Ambulance Co. #4

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DOG OBEDIENCE - BASIC LEVEL

Ages 18+ — STW Field

Wednesdays, April 21 - May 26, 6:00 - 7:00pm

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Department Info -> Trips - Grand American Cruises



FALL PREVENTION AND HOME SAFETY

APRIL 21, 2021 10AM

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That is going to discuss home safety and fall prevention in and around the house via zoom. Please call to register ZOOM link will be sent via email.



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TAG SALE

There will be a tag sale Saturday, April 24 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. to benefit the Branford Compassion Club feline rescue and adoption organization. Proceeds help BCC defray veterinary, cat care and administrative expenses. The event will feature housewares, furniture, jewelry, toys and more, at 184 Stone House Lane, rain or shine. Masks are required, and visitors are asked to observe other pandemic protocols in effect at that time.

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Salary range: DOQ, plus benefits. Send application, cover letter, resume and references to: Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471, no later than **Friday, April 30, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.** EOE/AA

Job Description and application on the Town’s website: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

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