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Ed Foundation Dresses Band

The North Branford Education Foundation recently spearheaded a drive to purchase new uniforms for the North Branford High School Band. Along with several other contributions, Band Director Katey Trainer was able to purchase the above uniforms for all band members. The uniforms allow the students to participate in a wider variety of competitions and events.

The North Branford Education Foundation is an independent non-profit organization with the mission of awarding grants to teachers for projects which are not in the school budgets. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation to the Foundation or become a Board member, is asked to call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.



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Caruso Raises Awareness for Rare Disease Day

HARTFORD – Deputy Republican Leader Rep. Vincent Candelora (R-86) on Wednesday, February 25, joined Mary Caruso and Alex Bode, along with supporters and advocates, to raise awareness about important policy issues affecting people with rare diseases in Connecticut.

The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) hosted Rare Disease Day 2015 at the state capitol. NORD works hard to organize a day where legislators and patients can come together for a common goal.

According to rarediseases.org, nearly 30 million Americans have a rare disease and two-thirds of Americans affected by a rare disease are children.

Lawmakers in Connecticut are considering legislation to reduce the high cost for specialty and orphan medications. [Senate Bill No. 25](#) would mandate a cap on out-of-pocket costs for specialty medications; these caps range from \$100 to \$200 per month. Currently, people with rare diseases are forced to pay as much as \$1,000 per month in co-pays because these medications are labeled a “specialty tier”.

“Rare Disease Day 2015 was extremely informative,” said Candelora. “Connecticut’s economic development in the areas of bioscience puts our state in the center of developing many breakthroughs to help treat and cure many different rare diseases.”

“It’s a day of awareness and solidarity to help all patients gain strength in knowing here in Connecticut and across the country, we can focus on the needs of people living with rare disorders,” said Mary Caruso, NORD State Leader.

NORD is a unique federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare “orphan” diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service.

For more information visit: <http://RareDiseaseDay.US>

Rep. Candelora represents the 86th District communities of North Branford, Durham, Guilford and Wallingford.



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Scott Schoonmaker Cares About Our Kids

Dear Editor:

This letter is being written in support of Scott Schoonmaker. This past fall my daughter Julia was preparing to test for her 2nd degree blackbelt in Karate. I had mentioned it to him one day and he asked me to let him know when she earned it, so he could put her name on the lighted sign on Rt 80. After some technical difficulties, we got him the information and on February 6, he emailed me to say that her name was "in lights".

I have heard that some superintendents really do not care about the kids in their districts. Scott truly cares about the kids of North Branford. He goes to most of the school sports and other activities, even if it is for a few minutes. He is a true asset to the town and I support him in all his endeavors, he cares about our kids.

Sincerely, Karl Helff

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The Right To Try



On February 28, Rare Disease Day is celebrated through capitals around the country. NORD, the National Organization for Rare Disorders, held ceremonies in 32 of the 50 states. Each year the event gets bigger, and it's an important step in raising awareness because with awareness and dialogue, cures will follow. Last year, I spon-

sored a bill to require for screening of adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), which, if not detected at birth, can lead to death or an almost vegetative state. The bill became law and Connecticut is poised to be one of the first states to test and treat ALD in infants.

This year, I'm co-sponsoring House Bill 6709, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO TRY EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS*, which allows terminally ill patients to use drugs that haven't passed the decade long FDA approval process. The "experimental drugs" would only need to pass the Phase 1 stage, which includes tests for human reactions to a drug, its symptoms and effectiveness. Pharmaceutical companies are reluctant to support the legislation and site the FDA process known as compassionate use, that allows terminally ill patients to utilize potentially life-saving experimental medication outside a clinical trial. The application, however, requires hundreds of hours of doctor time to complete, 26 separate types of information and attachments. The process was originally designed for drug makers, not patients, wanting to try testing on humans.

House Bill 6709 would simplify the process. A patient with a doctor recommendation can request the use of experimental drugs. The pharmaceutical company would not be required to provided the drug, but would do so by agreement. This bill would provide greater access for patients.

Connecticut is a national leader in bioscience. The state has made major investments in Jackson Labs. Alexion Pharmaceuticals is expanding to New Haven. The University of Connecticut has expanded courses in STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Major breakthroughs are occurring in the drug world with all of these investments. It only makes sense that we provide better access to the use of experimental drugs so that patients can find a cure quicker and improve their quality of life. I'm hopeful that House Bill 6709 will continue moving Connecticut to the forefront of bioscience and compassionate patient care.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Clients often ask me if they should discuss their estate plans with their adult (or nearly adult) children. As long as your kids are not anxiously waiting for you to die or actively planning your demise, there are many benefits to discussing your plans with your children. Talking about your estate plan with your children can eliminate surprises after you die.

A quick conversation can ensure family harmony long after you are gone. Whether you have a plan in place or are considering putting an estate plan into place, family get-togethers provide the perfect opportunity for such discussions.

Communication is the key to a successful family meeting. When speaking with your children explain the: who, what, when, where, how and WHY of your estate plan. This makes it easier for your children as well as the planning professionals who may be left with the task of explaining what you were trying to accomplish through your estate plan. Some children may feel slighted because they were not named as Executor or Trustee. If you are concerned about one of your kids feeling this way, I suggest getting out in front of this problem. There may be very good reasons why that child was not named. Look for opportunities to communicate these reasons.

Often children will regard unequal treatment in an estate plan as a statement of their parents love or lack thereof. This is usually far from the truth. Sometimes parents wish to provide more for a child who needs more help, and less to children who are more successful. It is imperative that you com-

Let's be "Frank"

Well brother, another two week have passed. It seems like the older we get, the quicker they fly by. It's spring training in Florida and other than the return of A-Roid, the big story is more changes in the game. The major focus point now is making the game go quicker. I remember as a kid, you telling me the beauty of baseball was that it is one of the few sports with no time clock. You play nine innings and they can last forever. It was the purity of the game that made it special.

So now all they are talking about is speeding up the game and making it quicker.. A clock on pitchers, a clock on getting ready between innings, the batter can't leave the box between pitchers and the coach can't come out of the dugout to challenge a call. Baseball is baseball. I like the cat and mouse game between a pitcher and batter. Stepping out of the box to throw off the pitcher's timing puts more thought into the game. It's something we teach the kids at the high school level. Also, the coach coming out to challenge a call makes it interesting. If you like the game, watch it. If you think it's too long, watch something else.

This social media thing still bothers the hell out of me. Every time someone gets a thought it goes on facebook or twitter or instagram. It really destroys the premise of the old fashion newspaper. What really gets me is that people put something on facebook where only their group of friends see it. If you send it as a letter to the editor, everyone in town sees it and you can tell if you have a small following of your friends, or the support of an entire group of people. Call me old school (and I know the value of google and the internet) but I'm still a newspaper guy. After more than 40 years in the business, what else can I be.

The new thing that popped up in town this week is building a new Town Hall in the area near the police department. Once again, this was discussed more than ten years ago and for some reason it was declined by the Town Council. Again, they are saying the present location will bring in more revenue to our tax base.

It will only bring more revenue if we are then able to sell the property to a developer and develop something. We still have the Wall Field and old, old Town Hall spot and we are collecting nothing there but weeds. We even had a Council member volunteering to explain the process. We have commissions in town that this should go through before it gets to the Council stage. The Council continues to discuss things at the meeting before they are brought to committee, rendering committee and commissions useless. That could be why they can't fill spots on commissions.

Well that's all for now, take care and I'll see you soon.

municate your reasoning with your children. If there is no communication, it is usually left up to the (often vivid) imagination of the child to assume why you planned your estate that way.

A decent estate planning attorney will always help you plan for dollars and cents. A good estate planning attorney also takes into account the family issues and dynamics. For many people, preserving the family unit after they are gone is a major concern. There are things that you can do today that will have an impact on the lives of your children long after you pass. We often invite our clients to bring their children in to meet with us. It is always nice to meet the people who will benefit from the planning that we do. Your children can be involved in the process by discussing Executor and Trustee selections with you. This gets them involved and makes them feel like their opinion has worth, which will reap dividends for many years to come. Your kids should know (or at least know how to contact) your life insurance representative, financial planners, accountants and attorneys. Parents should try to introduce these professionals to their children. When they do meet, note how the advisors respond. Their response to your children will be a good indicator as to how helpful these advisors will be to your children in the future.

If you have estate planning questions that you would like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net.

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Daycare Chronicles

by *Lindsay Lee Wallace*

Danielle Marissa Klaskin—her full name, which I delighted in using whenever I was feeling particularly bossy, my extra six months of life translating naturally into authority—and we had known each other all her life. We hadn't known each other all of mine, because I had existed out in the world for six months during which she was still manifesting as morning sickness. In this time, I had obviously obtained a level of life experience to which Dani would simply never be able to catch up. We existed together in a universe that was parallel to but apart from that of all those around us, occasionally visited by parents, teachers, and her younger sister Riki, who would one day chase us wailing through the house with a plastic devil's pitchfork and a wicked glint in her eye. In our universe, our evil foster mother would force us to clean until our father, an amalgam of Captain Jack Sparrow, Sinbad, and a man we'd seen doing backflips at the playground one time, would arrive to sweep us away to our true home aboard his pirate ship. We were astronauts, rock stars, werewolves, Apatosauruses. We were seventeen, getting ready for the prom with her mother's lipstick smeared across our foreheads, or forty with careworn dolls masquerading as children of our own, children who invariably ended up naked and in the washing machine, or one-hundred and thirty-two with humpbacks and wisdom-full gray beards. We were arch nemeses, or a two-person band, or conjoined twins, both named Rose. When we argued, the mystical crab who forever skittered across the ceilings of our lives would wind down his claws and give us each a pinch, haranguing us—both too strong-willed to ever admit to being wrong on our own—with his nasally voice into begrudging forgiveness, so that we could return to our games.

When we couldn't agree on what game to play, we would sprint to opposite ends of the playground. Weaving through playhouses and around seesaws and children and plastic cars, our sneakered feet would stir up the pixie-dust dirt that the preschool would one day replace with rubber mats. On my own at my side of the playground (the one nearest the road, with my back to the towering white fence that separated us from the beast-like minivans and SUVs roaring past on the river of tar) I'd blink rapidly to clear the sting of sweat from my eyes. My hair, given up on long ago by all who'd tried to tame it, whipped about my face in wild tendrils. My starfish palms would grasp skyward, and I would grab my preferred game, which according to our preschool laws of physics was a tangible object, floating overhead (other things made possible by these rules included flight, underwater respiration, and eternal ice cream). Miles away, against the chain link fence at the other end of the playground which held back the forest where dwelt witches and goblins and Voldemort, Dani was doing the same. Our eyes would lock across the vast expanse, and on unspoken agreement we would be off, legs pumping pistons burning sweetly with the sprint, arms straining above our heads as we hauled our chosen games, invisible balloons overhead. The other children knew to stay out of our way—and likely wanted nothing to do with us—as we hurtled toward one another, a pair of battle-crying tornados, startling whatever teacher had been distractedly filing her nails at her perch on the deck. Finally we'd meet in the middle, so close that I could see the scabs on her knees, and she the scrapes on mine, and then with every ounce of strength we had we would swing the games we held over our heads together, two uncommonly resilient soap bubbles colliding and then combining, melding together until like us, they were one.

WIT & WISDOM

The calls for our Watermelon Beefsteak Tomato have been so complementary, we've decided to provide them again. It was heart warming so many had excellent production and were especially elated with the flavor. One gentleman said, he hadn't had a tomato or even seen one like that since he was a kid when his father had a garden. He said they were huge and kept coming and coming and he was able to make sauce and was still using some he froze. The unusual convoluted shape was no detriment to he using them for sandwiches or, salads. We will keep them until planting time so you can plant them as soon as you pick them up. To order, please call 203-484-0730.

We were especially pleased with Marge making the front page, especially since she said it didn't show her wrinkles too prominently, but wished our daughter had mentioned how she bowled(duckpins) until she was 95 and mowed the lawn until she was 98. I scolded Linda for not mentioning the party was for my 98th also. Marge said you'll just have to live 2 more years to make the front page.

It is with much sorrow we bring you this message. Our beloved-Banty died Sunday December 28th". Just a few short weeks since I introduced her as probably the oldest chicken to have ever lived. Research both before and after failed to support otherwise. It was as though my eulogy was her death knoll. In her usual good health and normal from every perspective other than her failure to lay any eggs or seek any to set on, both activities she had never failed to fulfill in her 23 years aroused concern. It wasn't until Saturday it was evident the end was near. Sunday, Les found her gone to Chicken Heaven. So short was her retirement.

Banty was special. Every morning she was first at the door to greet us. First at the exit door to be let out in the large fence enclosure, unless her hopes of becoming a mother surpassed all other interests. Sometimes content to spend the day with her comrades, but usually the call of the wild was more than she could resist and over the fence she flew like a bird to who knows where. We were never able to find her destination and for the first few years worried less she fall victim of some predator, but most often she returned in time to be safely enclosed for the night. As she grew older more and more she stayed out all night carousing with who knows what and we were forced to leave her out, but next morning as faithful as the sun rose there she was by the door waiting to be let in to dash for some food and water and then to the nest to lay her egg.

What troubles me most is my failure to have a picture so you could all see her in all her majesty, but the ravages of old age forbid my doing so and no one else seemed to know how much she meant to me and so she went to her reward just a memory.

Banty was someone special and if I was religiously inclined would have had a High Requiem Mass at her interment, but Les laid her to rest in, a substantial burial plot beyond the reach of any creature bent on disinterment.

Alton Eliason

Mexican Fiesta Party

A Mexican Fiesta Party to benefit The Animal Haven Will be held on Wednesday March 18, 2014 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Aunt Chila-da's Restaurant 3931 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT

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Before You Enter

Take a good look around. Is the main entrance wide and do the doors open outward to allow easy exit? Is the outside area clear and unobstructed? Any outside exits blocked?

Plan a Meeting Place

If you had to get out in a hurry, have a place planned for you and your party to meet.

When you Enter

Locate exits immediately. When you enter a building, you should look for all available exits. Some exits may be in front and some in back of you. Be prepared to use the closest exit. You may not be able to use the exit that you entered.

Check for Clear exit path

Make sure aisles are wide enough and not obstructed by chairs and furniture. Check to make sure your exit door is not blocked or locked. If there are not at least two exits or exit paths are blocked, report the violation to the management and leave the building if it is not immediately addressed. Call the local fire marshal to register a complaint.

Do You Feel Safe

Does the building appear to be overcrowded? Are there fire sources such as candles burning, pyrotechnics or other open flame sources that make you feel unsafe? Are there safety systems in place such as sprinklers and smoke alarms? Ask the management about your concerns. If you do not feel safe, leave the building immediately.

During An Emergency

You need to react immediately. If an alarm sounds, you see smoke or fire, or some other unusual disturbance, immediately exit the building. Get out and stay out. Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building.

Concerns or Questions

In 2003, a fire at The Station nightclub in Rode Island claimed 100 lives. Fire and building codes are in place to protect you.

Contact the local Fire Marshal if you have any questions or concerns. North Branford Fire Marshal can be reached @ 203-484-6016 or email deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com.

Wood and Pellet Stove Fire Safety:

With the extended cold weather, we want to remind everyone to keep your stove and heating appliance clean and in proper working condition. You’re annual cleaning and servicing may not be enough to keep you warm and safe. Also please check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation.

Many of us use fireplaces, wood and pellet stoves, and other fuel-fired appliances to heat their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks associated with wood and other fuels.

North Branford Fire Department encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps:

1. Have your chimney or wood stove cleaned and inspected annually
2. Keep the area around your fireplace or stove clear of flammable decorations or materials
3. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces, and keep your glass doors open
4. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
5. Use only seasoned hardwood
6. Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke
7. Never burn cardboard, trash or other debris in your fireplace or wood stove
8. Never leave a fire unattended and extinguish before going to bed or leaving the house
9. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside and away from your house
10. Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester
11. Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home
12. Have your oil or gas furnace service at least once a year
13. Provide proper venting for all heating appliances

HAZ/WASTE News

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Connecticut \$9 Mattress Recycling Fee Collection

Beginning May 1, 2015, Connecticut businesses selling mattresses must collect a \$9 recycling fee on each mattress and each box spring sold to Connecticut consumers regardless of mattress size to fund a statewide recycling program for mattresses discarded in the state.

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High Honors Gr. 12

Annunziato, Gabriella
Bale, Marissa
Burke, William
Bush, Nancy
Castillo, Juliana
Cirivello, Melissa
DaCunto, Rachael
Fair, Morgan
Giardina, Alexis
Gillis, Matthew
Gleason Olyvia
Hagewood, Dayna
Hinckley, Jessica
Iuteri, Christian
Laudano, Lauren
Levine, Jennifer
Longo, Aren
Martone, Alec
Martone, Kyeana
Mastriano, Carly
Mauro, Gianna
Mavani, Jay
McMahon, Thomas
Munck, Jessica
Rogers, Caitlyn
Romanella, Nicole
Sagnella, Nicholas
Santamauro, Victoria
Severino, Austino
Silva, Emanuel
Skerritt, Justin
Stevens, Katie
Trang, Lisa
Vergati, Maggie
High Honors Gr. 11
Augur, Gabrielle
Burkle, Adam
Calamita, Sarah
Cristante, Vittoria
Currie Eilidh
DellaRocca, Chelsea

Dulak, Holly
Dulak, Maggie
Giammattei, Gabrielle
Golia, Lindsay
Golia, Meghan
Grandpre, Kaylea
Kruser, Jillian
Martone, Leah
Messore, Nicole
Moran, Catherine
O'Neill, Taylor
Pollick, Mara
Razouki, Wissam
Rezendes, Zachary
Sauro, Rachel
Scala, Michael
Stephens, Ashley
Taft, Christina
High Honors Gr. 10
Chan, Winnie
Chime, Tenzin
Czarkowski, Stephanie
DeFrancesco, Tyler
Franco, Jordyn
Gibilisco, Austin
Joiner, Peyton
Jorgensen, Peter
Lombard, Morgan
Muzyka, Emily
Nemergut, Carolann
Pawlak, Victoria
Randolph, Emma
Raucci, Abigail
Seymour, Stephanie
Sgambato, Deanna
Sudusky, Julia
Tang, Jessica
Young, Hali
High Honors Gr. 9
Calabrese, Nadia
Candelora, Christopher
Castelan, Bianca

Colavolpe, Matti
Criscuolo, Sarah
DePalma, Sierra
Despres, Ethan
DiNapoli, Julia
Esposito, Abigail
Fillion, Katelyn
Galdenzi, Zelda
Ghobrial, Benjamin
Gibilaro, Cheyenne
Harrison, Makayla
Johansen, Alex
Kennedy, Vanessa
Leko, Mia
Madoule, Michael
Maenza-Scarano, Kayla
Mattson, Lydia
Norton, Emilia
Powers, Brooke
Sauro, Cole
Vitarisi, Sarah
Honors Grade 12
Acker, John
Avallone, Marcello
Bergeron, Emily
Blair, Joshua
Clark, Maria
Cuevas, Emily
D'Angelo, Alessandra
Dautaj, Ersela
DeFrancesco, Austin
Delaney, Taylor
DeRosa, Cheyanna
Diaz, Evan
Didiano, Sophia
DiLauro, Mark
Franco, Alyssa
Gallo, Deanna
Galluba, Alexandra
Gullo, Dean
Haag, Hannah
Halligan, Sean

Hemstock, Sarah
Hogan, Stephanie
Johnson, Justine
Korn, Charles
Krawec, Justin
Kruglik, Christopher
Lavorgna, Gabriella
Lopez-Prinskowski, Jen
Lovelace, Kara
Lucatino, Briana
Mase, Bryce
McManus, Ashley
McMorrow, Jessica
Mongillo, Marc
Murphy, Ryan
Ney, Mia
Odell, Kevin
Olsen, Sara
Perrotti, Cole
Rawson, Amber
Rawson, Bradley
Rogers, Brianna
Rubino, Alexandra
Russo, Christopher
Sanzari, Alexandra
Saroka, Bryana
Sokoloff, Rachel
Tirollo, Alessandro
White, Kaitlyn
Zampano, Alexandra
Zurolo, Crystal
Honors Grade 11
Ablondi-Olivo, Lauren
Balzano, Theresa
Basil, Haley
Browne, Tim
Carangelo, Michelle
Clough, Lauren
Combs, Kristen
Cotton, Alana

Doody, Julia
Farkash, Alexa
Ferency, Samantha
Fisher, Patrick
Klemme, Benjamin
Kruglik, Kyle
LeMere, Sabrina
Levine, Nickolas
Opie, Tanner
Pantera, Michael
Romanella, Patrick
Romero, Frances
Stiegler, Erin
Turner, Jessie
Honors Grade 10
Baldwin, Abigail
Curran, jack
Damiani, Jillian
DeLucia, Anthony
Gagliardi, Makena
Gargano, Jazzmine
Garrett, Emma
Giatrelis, Nicholas
Hoyt, Michael
Johnson, Meredith
Kusmit, Shaun
Lucibello, Alexi
McKee, Brian
Miessau, William
Mingione, Pasquale
Mirabella, Felicia
Nadeau, Parker
Nuterangelo, Alexa
Oliver, Kelly
Pappolla, Austin
Querfeld, Robert
Sagnella, Cara
Sibley, Matthew
Slubowski, Jamie
Tirollo, Giovanni
Vecchio, Tyler
Wilson, Patience

Zargo, Kari
Honors Grade 9
Albrecht, Rae-chelle
Ash, Nicholas
Beisaw, Aaron
Blythe, Natsha
Bookman, Sydnie
Bryden, Jenna
Cacopardo, Jarrett
Cirivello, Jessica
DaSilva, Veronica
Dewitt, Julia
DiEdwards, Hanah
Esposito, Sean
Fair, Bayley
Fama, Jenna
Fisher, Kaitlyn
Gall, Matthew
Giglietti, Gabriella
Goeman, Sahdalia
Graham, Douglas
Guest, Adriana
Hammond, Brianna
Jablonski, Jeffrey
Korn, Meridith
Mastroianni, Angela
Molnar, Nicolette
Mone, Joseph
Monge, Carly
Muller, Kaitlyn
Odice, Morgan
Otfinoski, Joshua
Ouellet, Courtney
Palma, Francesca
Pollick, Connor
Ramada, Danielle
Smola, Zachary
Streeto, Joselyn
Sullivan, Sarah
Wilkinson, Emilie
Wilson, Madeline
Zampano, Marie



Northford Preschool Academy Celebrates Dental Hygiene Month

The Northford Preschool Academy recently celebrated Dental Hygiene Month with a vist from Miss Farrah and Mr. Molar from Life Long Dental

NB Scholarships Committee

The North Branford Schoalrship Association announces that applications for scholarship awards are available at the town libraries and the North Branford High School Guidance Office. Graduating high school seniors living in North Branford regardless of what school they attend are eligible. Applications must be in by April 1st, 2015.

The fund drive is also being run at this time. If anyone would like to make a donation or help raise funds for students, please call Lars Selander at 203-483-1311.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Brie Gershoni was named to the Dean’s List at Simon’s Rock Fall in Great Barrington, MA.
Kelly McGovern was named to the Dean’s List at the UCONN School of Nursing.
Brittany Young was named to the Dean’s List at the Business School at Southern Connecticut State University.
Michael Forgione was named to the Dean’s List at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA.
Brittany Bonito was named to the Dean’s List at Goodwin College in East Hartford.
Ryan Dombrowski was named to the Dean’s List at Quinnipiac University.

Sacred Heart Academy Names Town Honor Students

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ has announced the Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 2014 – 15 academic year. The following students from **North Branford** and **Northford** have been named to the SHA Honor Roll.

HIGH HONORS Sarah Anastasio, Madison Blakeslee, Marissa Czarnecki, Elena Milone, Kristen Austin, Juliana Harrison, Margaret Mirabella, Alisyn Narracci, elisa Palmieri & Olivia Pietrogallo.

HONORS Sianna Milone, Nicole MontaltoEmily Velez, Megan Wells, Rachel Wells, Colby Carlo, Serafina Cordero & Deanna Sintay.



NBIS Interact Club Valentines for Veterans

The North Branford Intermediate School Interact Club spent some time making Valentines for Veterans as a way of thanking them for their service to our country. The valentines were sent to an organization entitled "Homes for the Brave".

The Interact Club would like to thank science teacher, Ms. Kathleen Granfield, for recommending the organization and for bringing the Valentines to the veterans.

Author Visits NBIS



Author George O'Connor recently visited NBIS for a presentation on his Olympus Book series. the Illustrator and cartoonist spoke before a captivated student body as the studens were able to see how he brought to life the process of writing, drawing and creating a graphic novel.



North Branford Girls - Part of Championshhip

Congratulations to NBHS girls who combined with the Branford and East Haven Co-op Team, captured the second consecutive SCC Hockey Title with a 2-0 win over Hand. At press time, the girls were preparing for the CIAC Tournament. Pictured left to right: Kaitlyn White, Morgan Odice, Emmy Norton, Erin Sheehan, Sydney Hogan & Emilie Wilkinson. (Photo by Kory Kevorkian).



Totoket Valley Karting Club Looking for Track

Memembers of the TVK Club made an unofficial presentation to the Town Council discussing their desire for a go kart racing track. "Racing is a sport that brings families together" was the basis of their presentation.

The group is looking to establish a not for profit organiation and bring people to the community which will "provide exposure for the town and local businesses...bringing money to the local economy".

They are presently requesting a twenty year renewable lease at a site near the Public Works Department on Rotue 22.



Connecticut Sportsplex

Winter Lacrosse Clinics begin Sunday, January 4th.
\$200 per 5-week session

Winter Baseball Clinics begin Saturday, January 3rd.
\$100 per 4-week session (Jan., Feb., & March Sessions)
Rookie & Advanced Rookie—Saturdays 3pm—4pm
Hitting—Sundays 1pm—2pm
Pitching—Sundays 2pm—3pm

For more information
203-484-4383
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North Branford Hoops Club Sponsors Fundraiser for 2015 Project Graduation

Chipotle, Hamden Sunday, March 15, 2:00 - 7:00

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Bring this flyer or show it on your smart phone or tell the cashier you are supporting the cause and make sure that

50% of the proceeds will go to Support Project Graduation.





Track Team: Impressive in Tournament

The North Branford High School Boys/Girls Indoor Track Team competed in the Class S State Championship Meet on Thursday, February 12th at the Floyd Little Track and Field Center. The Boys placed 17th by scoring 10 points and the girls finished in 21st place with 1 point scored.

Scoring points for the boys was Bryce Mase placing 3rd in the 1000 Meter Run with a personal best by two seconds and breaking the school record at 2:42.66. Also scoring for the boys was the SMR Relay Team of Shelby Franklin, Christian Iuteri, Andrew Sarmiento and Bryce Mase taking 4th place at 3:56.25. Sara Olsen for two consecutive years was the lone scorer for the girls by taking 6th place in the 600 Meter Run at 1:44.11.

The SMR Relay Team of Katie Stevens, Jess Zumbo, Sara Olsen and Maggie Dulak came in 7th place at 4:40.05. The 4x800 Relay Team of Maggie Dulak, Holly Dulak, Marissa Bale and Jill Damiani took 10th place at 10:58.26. The 4x200 Relay Team of Shelby Franklin, Christian Iuteri, Exavier Santiago and Andrew Sarmiento placed 16th with a time of 1:42.32.

In the 1000 Meter Run, Maggie Dulak placed 12th at 3:21.78 and Holly Dulak placed 24th at 3:32.14. In the 55m Hurdles, Rachel Sokoloff placed 13th at 9.73 and Catie Moran placed 16th at 9.89. Shelby Franklin placed 21st in the 55m Dash at 7.02.

Also competing for the T-Birds was Joe Ferreira in the Shot Put with a throw of 36'6.25". In the 55m Dash Andrew Sarmiento finished at 7.19, Jess Zumbo at 8.13 and Rachel Sokoloff finished at 8.27. The 4x200 Relay Team of Katie Stevens, Sara Olsen, Rachel Sauro and Olivia Hemstock finished at 1:59.52.

Left to right in above photo: Christian Iuteri, Shelby Franklin, Sara Olsen, Bryce Mase & Andrew Sarmiento. Compliments of Coach Parness)

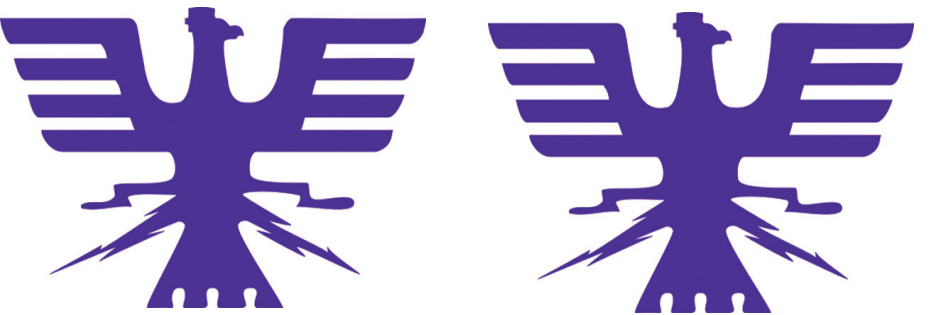
SENIOR MOMENTS



Senior basketball players were recently recognized in their final home game. Left to right: Matt Jerominek, Austin DeFrancesco, Nik Candelora, Jason Quido, Evan Abbagnaro, Jake Sidle, Marc Mongillo and Mark DiLauro.



Senior girls Cheerleaders were also honored at the boys basketball game. Front row left to right: Gianna Mauro, Alex Galluba, Mia Ney & Cheyanna DeRosa. Back Row: Carly Mastriano, Olyvia Gleason, Rachel DaCunto & Kathleen Yotsavath. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Kruser)



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CLASSES

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Train for Matt's Mission

April 12 - May 3

Sundays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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Learn skills and drills for walking/running that will allow you to push boundaries, test your limits and exceed what you're currently able to do. Simply by pushing through mental and physical barriers.

SAFE BOATING/ PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

April 6, 8 & 13

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$10

An easy to understand classroom format certification course. Successful completion will allow you to obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. Pre-registration is required.

YOUTH CONDITIONING

March 25 - April 29

Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

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Program includes cardio activities, fitness room, strength training, kickboxing, obstacle course, games and more! Bus transportation NBIS to STW Community Center included.

TOTAL CONDITIONING

March 31 - May 19

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

\$70 Deborah Vita

This class is designed to help you get strong and healthy. Instructor leads a small friendly group and offers encouragement.

AARP "Smart Driver Course"

May 19

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

\$15 AARP members w/ AARP card

\$20 non - AARP members

Checks only payable to "AARP"

Four hour classroom course teaching preventive measures to use when driving. Refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques that save lives. Please bring your drivers license to class.

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS

March 20 - June 19 / Fridays

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$20

Come and enjoy this low-key Tai Chi class with Margaret from the VNA. The class size is limited to 15 people only. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended.

CHAIR YOGA

April 9 - May 14 / Thursdays

10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$30

Increase your flexibility, range of movement and improve your balance safely and effectively with Chair Yoga. You will be guided through a complete series of seated and standing yoga postures which were specifically designed for seniors and for those with physical limitations. This 45 minute class will also incorporate breathing exercises and guided meditation to help relieve tension and stress. Instructor, Rebecca Santillo

TRIPS

Friday, March 20th

Meriden Square Trip

Cost: \$2 resident / \$4 non-resident

Spend the day doing a little shopping. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Enjoy lunch there as well (cost is on your own). Trip leaves STW @ 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 26th

Annual Senior Citizens Day Luncheon @ NBHS

Cost: \$2

This luncheon is sponsored by the NB National Honor Society and a delicious meal is provided by the NBHS Culinary Students followed by wonderful entertainment by the NBHS Musicians. Begins at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1st

Middlebury Consignments & Fascia's Chocolates

Cost: \$8 resident / \$13 non-resident

Enjoy a fun day out and about. First stop: Middlebury Consignment. Afterwards you will head to their cafe for lunch (cost is on your own). From there it's off to Fascia's Chocolates in Waterbury for some yummy treats. Sign-up is required. Trip leaves STW @ 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 15th

IKEA / Greek Olive Trip

Cost: \$5 resident / \$7 non-resident

Enjoy an afternoon out shopping at IKEA and then over to the Greek Olive for lunch on your own. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Wednesday, April 22nd

Bowling & Luncheon

Cost: \$2 resident / \$4 non-resident (lunch and bowling costs are on your own)

Van departs Center @ 10:15 a.m. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at Colony Lanes in Wallingford! No bowling experience required! Afterwards head over to the North Haven Diner for a bite to eat.

Saturday, April 25th

Country Day in Vermont

Cost: \$85 resident / \$90 non-resident

Visit the Vermont Country Store in Rockingham where everyone can find a treat from penny candy to specialty foods. Enjoy lunch at Windsor Station, a cozy New England Tavern. Then take in the fascinating craftsmen glass blowing at Simon Pierce. Time on your own to explore Artisan's Park will be offered as well.

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The 2015 North Branford Potato and Corn Festival

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The Augur Farm ~ 298 Forest Road

Mark your calendars now ~ the Potato and Corn Festival is fast approaching! Application forms are now available for Craft Vendors, Food Vendors, Non-Profit Organizations and Volunteers. Making this event happen requires the commitment of many people but the fun and friendships made throughout the four-day weekend last a lifetime!

Interested in being a SPONSOR? Please contact us directly as we have many sponsorship opportunities available ~ both large and small.

Check out our website at www.nbpotatofest.com or contact the Recreation Department at 203-484-6017 or by email at admin@nbpotatofest.com.

We Look Forward to Seeing you the first weekend in August!

Women's Club Meeting

The North Branford Women's Club, Inc., GFWC/CT will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., at the Zion Episcopal Church's hall located on Notch Hill Road in North Branford. It will begin with a business meeting and refreshments. At 8:00 p.m. our program will feature wine tasting with Mr. Keith Bishop from Bishop's Orchards in Guilford, CT.

If you are new to our town, this would be a great opportunity to learn about our community and to meet other women. The North Branford Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club's founded in 1890. We are a volunteer group who donate our time and talents helping our community and surrounding towns.

We are involved with Veterans, Atwater Library Story Hour, Local Schools, Ronald McDonald House, Food Banks, Midnight Run, Scholarships and more. For additional information on the North Branford Women's Club, please contact Ms. Barbara LaFrance at (203) 444-9998.

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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. 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; ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church. The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and Deacons are John Hart & Robert Macaluso. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm & 11am on Sunday mornings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30PM In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or visit us online at www.staugustinenobfdct.com

St. Monica Roman Catholic Church. The Church is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and the Deacons are William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marenga. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:00AM. In addition, you can make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling our parish office. You can contact the parish office by calling 203-484-9226 or fax 203-484-1189 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm. You can contact the Education Center at 203-484-2434 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:00am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

Northford Congregational Church

Bible Study - The Northford Congregational Church and Rev. Kathryn King welcome everyone to their weekly Lenten Bible Study which continues through Wed., March 25. It is being held in the church social hall on the lower level beginning at 12:30 p.m. Soup and bread are provided. All are welcome.

Flower Sale to Benefit the Church - Both Easter weekend and a Mother's Day weekend flower sale to benefit the church. The Easter weekend flower sale will be held on Fri., April 3, and Sat., April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Mother's Day weekend flower sale will have the same hours.

Holy Week - Palm Sunday traditional service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, followed by coffee hour in the social hall. All are welcome.

There will be an annual Maundy Thursday service on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a soup and bread dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the social hall.

The Easter Sunday service on April 5 will be at 10 a.m., and flowers will be added to a large wooden cross to welcome and represent the new life offered by the Easter promise. All are welcome. There will be no Sunday School class on Easter Sunday.

Sunday worship services are held at 10 a.m. every Sunday in addition to Sunday School. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

Friday Family Fish Fries

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Dinner served 5:00 - 7:30 pm. (Takeout Dinners available)

Fish Dinner (fried or Baked) \$12.00

Caesar salad W/ Shrimp or Chicken \$8.00

Mac & Cheese \$6.00.or Hot Dog & French Fries \$5.00.

Available; Brownie Sundae, Clam Chowder, Stuffed Clams, Shrimp Cocktail , soda, water, coffee.

DEATH NOTICE



Elizabeth "Lizzie" Janet Drummond, 16, of Northford passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2015. She was the loving daughter of Barbara "Bunny" Drummond-Bellacicco and the late Keith R. Drummond. She was the beloved step-daughter of Paul Bellacicco and sister of Eddie Drummond, Cassandra McNeil and Sarah Bellacicco. Lizzie was the granddaughter of Janet James Petry and the late Robert E. Petry, James & Elizabeth Drummond. She is also survived by her cousins Ian and Kaitlyn Cooke, her uncle Jim E. Petry of Waltham, Massachusetts and great uncle Henry Petry of Madison. She leaves behind a special aunt, Sharron Ellis of Brooklin, Maine, and a special friend, Jessica McKoskey.

Lizzie lived in Northford most of her life. She was a member of the North Branford Recreation Basketball team for five years and the First Congregational Church of Wallingford youth group.

She was a junior at Lorraine D. Foster Day School in Hamden after having attended North Branford High School through her sophomore year.

A caring young woman who enjoyed playing the guitar and fixing gadgets, Lizzie also loved and cared for animals, especially her cat Wren and her tortoise Thomas. She most enjoyed spending time with her family who cherished and appreciated greatly the time they had with her. To those who knew her well she had an outgoing personality and a real thirst for knowledge. Lizzie wanted to grow up to be a writer and tell great stories. Many described her as an "old soul" who was wise and insightful beyond her years. Lizzie will be profoundly missed by her loved ones. They will miss her hugs, her smiles, her caregiving nature, and the kindness she always showed to everyone she encountered.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Wallingford Mission Trip Fund. Please make checks out to First Congregational Church with "*Mission Memorial Drummond*" written in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to the church at 23 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492. Lizzie adored her mission experiences and the spiritual connection and comradery she felt at church was very meaningful to her.

Timothy F. Gallogly To Lead The Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade As The 2015 Grand Marshal

A well-deserved Congratulations to Mr. Timothy F. Gallogly of North Branford, CT for his many years of hard work and dedication while volunteering and working with the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. We wish you the best of luck as you lead the largest, single-day, spectator event in the State of Connecticut, the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade! Thank you to all who participate, attend, and support the Parade. Tim is helping to finalize the 2015 Parade which will take place Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 1:30PM in New Haven. For more information and the history of this great tradition, please visit our website at www.stpatricksdaysparade.org



That \$10,000 Winning Ticket is Calling You!

Be a \$10,000 winner! Sacred Heart Academy is sponsoring a \$10,000 Cash Raffle as part of its annual signature fundraising event—The 2015 Live and Silent Auction! Take a chance and be the lucky winner of \$10,000 by purchasing a \$20 ticket. Visit www.sacredheartamden.org/auction to download the ticket form or contact the Main Office at Sacred Heart Academy, 203-288-2309.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Auction on Saturday evening, March 28. Winner need not be present. For information on the \$10,000 Cash Raffle or the Auction— "Under the Tuscan Sun"—contact Maryanne Pisani at mpisani@sacredheartamden.org or 203-287-8181, x372 or visit www.sacredheartamden.org/auction. All proceeds from the \$10,000 Cash Raffle and the Auction directly benefit the students of Sacred Heart Academy.

Sacred Heart Academy, an independent college preparatory school founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, successfully prepares young women in grades 9 – 12 for learning, service and achievement in a global society. There are 500 students hailing from New Haven, Fairfield, Middlesex, Hartford and New London counties.

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For questions on this position or copy of the job description, contact Town Manager, Michael Paulhus at 203-484-6000, by email at Townmanager@townofnorthbranfordct.com;

All letters of interest should be sent to the Manager via email or by mail at 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 no later than March 20, 2015 before 4:30 p.m.



Totoket Historical Society

Did you know.....that in 1777, Col. Jonathan Meigs led an expedition to Long Island and burned 12 British ships and captured 90 prisoners. The prisoners were later marched to Hartford through Northford where they were encamped one night. Some were guarded in the Episcopal Church and the rest in a nearby meadow on Old Post Road.

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The Branford MS Support Group will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at the Blackstone Memorial Library, 758 Main Street, Branford. The meeting will run from 5:30 - 7:00. For information call 203-488-1441.

Join the Fun & Experience Girl Scouts

All girls in grades 1-6 who have not yet experienced Girl Scouts this year, “Spring Day” at Camp Murray. The fun activiites will include: The outdoors, hiking, nature activities, swaps and other fun crafts. The last meeting will be a ceremony with special snacks. Girls are asked to bring a water bottle to each meeting.

The five week program will be on Tuesdays, March 31 - April 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The cost is \$30 per girl and it includes supplies, mebership fee and patch. Please make checks payable to GSOFCT and send them to Anita Silvestro, Membership & Marketing Manager- Girl Scouts of CT., 20 Washington Avenue, North Hven, Ct 06473.

Register now as spots are filling up. You can call or email Anita with questions. 203-239-2922 Ext. 3334 or asilvestro@gsfct.org.

Are you “Puzzled” about what to do this winter?!?

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries will sponsor our annual **“Puzzle-Off” Contest** at the Edward Smith Library in Northford, CT. (3 Old Post Road) on **Saturday March 14th 2015**. (Snow date will be Sat. 3/21)

Teams (with between 4- 9 people on each team) are welcome to sign up. If you would like to sign up as an individual player, we will match you with a team. Team names are welcome and teams in the past have coordinated the following: hats, nametags, necklaces, outfits, etc. Have fun with the “preparation”. Most teams are able to finish their 1000 piece puzzle by the end of the timed contest which runs from 9:45 until 2:30 with an hour lunch break from 11-12. Food and drink may be brought in, but there is no puzzle work allowed during the break.

We look forward to once again “piecing” together a fun time! You may sign up in the library or by phone **(203) 484.0469**. Sign-ups will end when our lists are filled or by February 28. (Car-pooling is recommended due to limited parking space on this day.)



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