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Social Media and Instant Access to Information



Last Friday as I was getting ready for bed, I received a text from my son that his college had gone into lockdown over an active shooter. He and some fellow students locked down the building and went into the basement, and for the next two hours we texted back and forth. He listened to updates on the police scanner; I went on Facebook and

Twitter to follow the moment by moment updates from the school and other students. The student reports ranged from multiple gun shots heard around campus and reports of a couple people injured. When the night was over, a suspect had been apprehended for firing a single shot hitting a nonstudent on the sidewalk near a campus building.

As I now reflect on this experience, I have mixed emotions about social media and the impact, both positive and negative, that it brought to this incident. I was grateful that the school provided updates to the parents and quickly put the school into lockdown to protect them, and I had instant access to my son via texting. As I trolled through twitter to try and get information, students and parents posted wild versions of what was actually occurring on campus. My son said that the officers were following so many false reports of other shootings around campus, they were actually delayed in tracking where the shooter went.

Social media has given people platforms and allows us to participate in arenas that we normally would not have access. The actual event of the shooting was traumatic for the students that witnessed it. The remaining trauma developed through two hours of twitter and Facebook reporting that exaggerated stories, were politically charged, and unnecessarily critical of a situation before it even played out. I wonder how many people were traumatized from the social media posting as opposed to the incident itself.

Our society has become so emotionally charged these days over politics and current events, and I think social media has ignited it. People need to figure out when to be spectators versus participants. Legislation won't help

this issue, but I think there is a connection between all the school bullying, emotionally charged people and social media.

Let's Be "Frank" - A Message from Beyond

This being our Thanksgiving issue, I would like to reprint a piece that my brother wrote many years ago in an online newspaper. It was called "Tony Talks Turkey". I hope you enjoy it.

Believe it or not, it is turkey time already, a time to reflect on some of the things for which we can personally be thankful. I am thankful for my father, his five brothers and two sisters who gave me my love of sports. On Friday nights, they would meet at the family homestead on Water Street in New Haven. If the weather was good they would hang around outside. If the weather was bad, they would assemble in their sister's kitchen and sit around and drink coffee. The discussion was always centered on sports. At 10 p.m. religiously, they assembled in my aunt's living room to watch the Friday night fights. Obviously their favorites were Marciano, Pep, Pastramo, Basilio and Giardelli. But they appreciated good boxing and they loved Sugar Ray Robinson, Kid Gavilan with the bolo punch and Chico Vejar. It was a rite of passage to attend these sessions as I got older. I learned more about sports and life in general there than I ever learned in a classroom.

I am thankful for my mother's family, who showed me what charity and love are all about. Uncle Red helped the veterans. Uncle Al gave my family his car when he went into the Army. Aunt Tessie just gave and gave to anybody who needed help.

I am thankful for the Yale-Harvard football rivalry.

I am thankful for my recently deceased friend Gloria Sandillo. If she thought I was acting like a jerk she told me and I did the same to her. That's what a real friend is about.

I am thankful for the Yankee-Red Sox rivalry. Of course, if you are a Boston fan, it's the Red Sox-Yankee rivalry.

I am thankful for the Hamden High hockey team, especially the yearly games against Fairfield Prep, ND-West Haven and West Haven High.

I am thankful for all sports, but especially baseball.

I am thankful for Bassett Field on Ridge Road. Sometimes four baseball or softball games are going on at the same time.

I am thankful for Brooksvale Park and the Canal Trail, truly the gems of Hamden.

I am NOT thankful for having diabetes and having to poke myself with needles four or five times a day. But I am thankful that these needles let me live a somewhat normal life.

I am thankful for provolone, pepperoni, cappicola, salami, sopressata. My doctor is not thankful for these things, but every once in awhile you have to go for the gusto.

I am thankful for the traditional Italian Christmas eve meal of the seven fishes. I am thankful for Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny.

I am thankful for my family, especially my wife who is everything to me, my two sons and daughter-in-law because anytime I really need them they are there.

I am thankful for my brother and his wife whose house is the hub of most family activities, and my sister who dedicates her life to her family. I'm also grateful for my sister-in-law, Donna, who has a true love for animals.

I am thankful for pizza, because you can eat it for breakfast, lunch and dinner. That's right, breakfast. You can eat it as an entrée or side dish or as a snack any time of the day. It's truly the perfect food.

So, if you are sitting around feeling down, think of all the things you are thankful for and you will feel much better.

My brother inspired me in many ways. I am thankful for my brother who took this upbringing and love of family, sports and life and passed it on to me.

I am thankful for the people in my life who put up with me for better or for worse (most times worse).

I am thankful for a wife and children who inspire me every day and set an example for the old man as to how life should be lived.

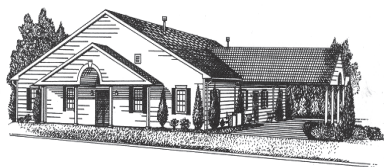
I am thankful for my two grandsons who put a smile on my face in my darkest hours and give me a reason to keep going even when I feel like being a bump on a log.

I am thankful for being able to do a few things this year that last year I would have never thought would ever be possible.

Finally, I am thankful to my readers who stop me on the street and tell me how they enjoy my column. It makes all the difference.

May God bless all of you and give you a most wonderful Thanksgiving.

And to my brother. Happy Birthday. Take care and, I will see you soon.



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BIRTH RIGHT

[know the Right from Wong]

President Trump has thrown many into fevered pitch by suggesting that he may limit birth right citizenship. Reading the law and its interpretation over the years, it’s hard to figure out why we have come to this pointed dispute. Here’s my look at the issue.

Article 1 of our Constitution gives Congress the power to establish a “uniform Rule of Naturalization.” In 1950 the Supreme Court said, “[t]he exclusion of aliens is a fundamental act of sovereignty ... inherent in the executive power.” While there are constitutional checks on these powers, there are very sound and literal interpretations of the 14th Amendment that support the President’s idea.

The landmark case heralded as the birth right progenitor is the 1898 case of U.S. v. Wong Kim Ark. It held that “a child born in the United States, of parents of Chinese descent, who, at the time of his birth, were subjects of the emperor of China, but have a permanent domicile and residence in the United States” was entitled to citizenship based on his birth on American soil. So, how would this flush with an executive order or Congressional act?

The 14th Amendment states: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.” One’s “residence” is the place where one actually lives as distinguished from one’s “domicile,” a place of temporary sojourn. Thus, a birthright is conferred only when born to a mother who has established US residency. Proof of residency requires a lease, a home address, a driver’s license, electric bill, etc. This is consistent with the Wong decision on this issue because Wong’s parents had established permanent residence in California. This rational interpretation of the law suggests that an executive order may deny the grant of citizenship to transients and alien visitors.

The precise language of the 14th Amendment also suggests that the person must be subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. What this means and whether it can apply to people living here without authorization is an issue never reached by the Court. Like the residency requirement, it stands right with the Wong decision. It could be clarified by executive order or congressional action and then subjected to judicial review. Applied even handedly to all aliens, it could withstand equal protection, due process and racism claims.

In considering such measures it is important to realize that they do not portend any automatic denial of citizenship. While they undo automatic

citizenship for some, all of the other avenues of citizenship remain available. While not being mean or heartless, these citizenship requirements would prevent aliens from taking advantage of our social welfare programs, overburdening our educational systems, or gaining a foothold for other invidious aims.

Wealthy Russians, Chinese and others have sojourned to the US for decades to give their children US citizenship. (see *Birth Tourism Brings Russian Baby Boom to Miami*, Cynthia McFadden, NBC News, 1/10/18; *US Cracks Down on Birth Tourism Industry*, Cynthia Liao, Immigration Blog, 3/7/18). Giving away citizenship to these foreigners is ludicrous. No other thinking country does this. It should be done on a case-by-case basis.

D. Kirt Westfall 11/3/18

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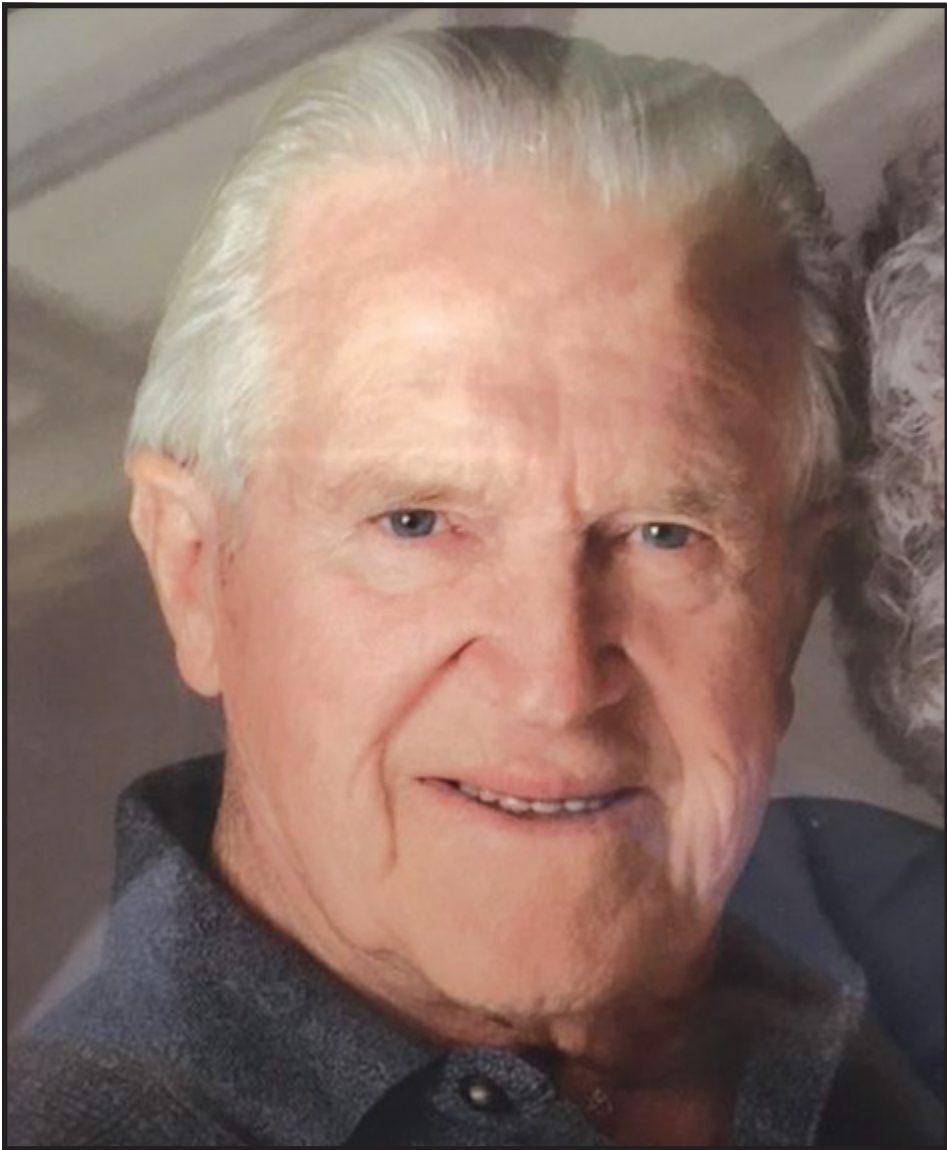
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He worked at Pratt and Whitney, owned Northford Cleaners, delivered the New Haven Register and worked at the Post Office, where he retired. His life revolved around his family and working the homestead.

He leaves his daughter, Linda Kos, son Leslie (Carolyn) Eliason, grandchildren Kim Mathew) Williams, Stephanie (John) Flanagan, Jacquelyn Kos, Sean {Allyson} Eliason, and Shilo Megill, 12 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Donations may be made in his memory to Totoket Times, PO Box 313, Northford, or Animal Haven, 89 Mill Rd., North Haven.

The History of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day, annual national holiday in the [United States](#) and [Canada](#) celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest [feast](#) shared by the English colonists ([Pilgrims](#)) of [Plymouth](#) and the [Wampanoag people](#). The American [holiday](#) is particularly rich in [legend](#) and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes [turkey](#), bread stuffing, [potatoes](#), [cranberries](#), and [pumpkin](#) pie. With respect to vehicular travel, the holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another.

Plymouth’s Thanksgiving began with a few colonists going out “fowling,” possibly for turkeys but more probably for the easier prey of geese and ducks, since they “in one day killed as much as...served the company almost a week.” Next, 90 or so Wampanoag made a surprise appearance at the settlement’s gate, doubtlessly unnerving the 50 or so colonists. Nevertheless, over the next few days the two groups socialized without incident. The Wampanoag contributed [venison](#) to the feast, which included the fowl and probably [fish](#), [eels](#), [shellfish](#), stews, [vegetables](#), and [beer](#). Since Plymouth had few buildings and manufactured goods,

most people ate outside while sitting on the ground or on [barrels](#) with plates on their laps. The men fired [guns](#), ran races, and drank [liquor](#), struggling to speak in broken English and Wampanoag. This was a rather disorderly affair, but it sealed a treaty between the two groups that lasted until [King Philip’s War](#) (1675–76), in which hundreds of colonists and thousands of [Native Americans](#) lost their lives.

The [New England](#) colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating “Thanksgivings,” days of [prayer](#) thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought. The U.S. [Continental Congress](#) proclaimed a national Thanksgiving upon the enactment of the Constitution, for example. Yet, after 1798, the new [U.S. Congress](#) left Thanksgiving declarations to the states; some objected to the national government’s involvement in a religious observance, Southerners were slow to adopt a New England custom, and others took offense over the day’s being used to hold partisan speeches and parades. A national Thanksgiving Day seemed more like a lightning rod for controversy than a unifying force.

Thanksgiving Day did not become an official holiday until Northerners dominated the federal [government](#). While sectional tensions prevailed in the mid-19th century, the editor of the popular [magazine](#) *Godey’s Lady’s Book*, [Sarah Josepha Hale](#), campaigned for a national Thanksgiving Day to promote unity. She finally won the support of President [Abraham Lincoln](#). On October 3, 1863, during the [Civil War](#), Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26.

The holiday was annually proclaimed by every president thereafter, and the date

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The North Branford Education Foundation will be hosting their Annual Alan Davis Shining Star Dinner in late March of 2019. The dinner recognizes individuals who have gone beyond the call in service to our community, especially the young people.

Anyone who wishes to nominate an individual is asked to do so by November 30, 2018. You may do so by sending the name and a brief description of this person's credentials. You can send the information to Frank Mentone at fmentonejr@comcast.net.

We are also looking to fill several seats on our Board of Directors. The group meets at North Branford Intermediate School at 5:30 on the second Thursday of every month. The organization is an independent 501(c)3, set up to give grants to teachers who are introducing innovative programs to students that are not included in the general operating budget of their schools.

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Thanksgiving continued

chosen, with few exceptions, was the last Thursday in November. President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#), however, attempted to extend the [Christmas](#) shopping season, which generally begins with the Thanksgiving holiday, and to boost the economy by moving the date back a week, to the third week in [November](#). But not all states complied, and, after a joint resolution of [Congress](#) in 1941, Roosevelt issued a proclamation in 1942 designating the fourth Thursday in November (which is not always the last Thursday) as Thanksgiving Day.

As the country became more urban and family members began to live farther apart, Thanksgiving became a time to gather together. The holiday moved away from its religious roots to allow immigrants of every background to participate in a common tradition. Thanksgiving Day [football](#) games, beginning with [Yale](#) versus [Princeton](#) in 1876, enabled fans to add some rowdiness to the holiday. In the late 1800s parades of costumed revelers became common. In 1920 Gimbel's [department store](#) in Philadelphia staged a parade of about 50 people with [Santa Claus](#) at the rear of the procession. Since 1924 the annual Macy's parade in [New York City](#) has continued the tradition, with huge [balloons](#) since 1927. The holiday associated with Pilgrims and Native Americans has come to symbolize intercultural [peace](#), America's opportunity for newcomers, and the sanctity of home and family.

Days of thanksgiving in [Canada](#) also originated in the colonial period, arising from the same European traditions, in gratitude for safe journeys, peace, and bountiful harvests. The earliest celebration was held in 1578, when an expedition led by [Martin Frobisher](#) held a ceremony in present-day [Nunavut](#) to give thanks for the

safety of its fleet. In 1879 [Parliament](#) established a national Thanksgiving Day on November 6; the date has varied over the years. Since 1957 Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated in Canada on the second Monday in October.

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The Dorothy E. Schoelzel memorial scholarship has a maximum award of \$2,000. Candidates must have completed three or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher in the field of Education.

The Phipps scholarship has a maximum award of \$1,000. Candidates must have completed two or more years on undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher toward a Bachelor's or post graduate degree.

Completed applications must be received by February 10, 2019.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford-North Branford Women's Club website at www.northfordwomensclub.org. For further information, contact Mary Connolly at 203-484-0722.

North Branford High School Class of 1988 30th Year Reunion

Saturday, December 1st, 2018. 6 p.m.

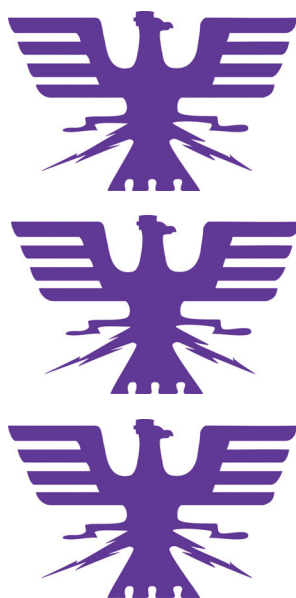
Thimble Island Brewery, 16 Business Park Drive, Branford.

\$45.00 per person. Checks can be mailed to Vincent Candelora, 405 Sea Hill Road, North Branford.

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North Branford Field Hockey

Repeat as Shoreline Conference Champs

The North Branford Field Hockey team defeated Valley Regional on Tuesday night, October 30, 2018 after triple overtime play in the semi-finals of the Shoreline Conference Tournament. The Team went on to win the Shoreline Championship for the second straight year with a 2-0 victory over Westbrook on Thursday November 1, 2018.

Courtesy of Bill Galdenzi



Band Takes First Place One More Time

On Oct 31, the EHHS/NBHS Co-op Marching Band traveled to compete in USBands New England Championship at Veterans Memorial Stadium in New Britain. For a second year in a row, the Co-op Marching Band won First Place for Group IIA, with a score of 92.913. The Co-op was named the 2018 Connecticut and New England Champions, and received caption awards for Best Overall Effect, Best Visual, and Best Percussion!

Pictured: NBHS members of the Co-op! (Members include, from left to right, Griffin Geist, Emma Schreiber, Alex Shadman, Sophia Ouellet, Morgan Bailey, Emily McCormack, Caroline Shadman, and Marlena Karsmarski. along with their coaches Katie Trainer of NBHS and Matt Laudano of EHHS

Field Hockey Players Named All Conference



First Team Amy Raucci and Ava Galdenzi



Photos & info compliments of Bill Galdenzi
Second Team Ali Barrett & Kelli Jacobson



Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
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Mancini Set Career Tackles Record In North Branford Loss

The North Branford High School Football team dropped to 2-5 with a home loss to Haddam Killingworth. The T Birds led 6-3 at half time but the second half saw HK rattle off 24 unanswered points to take the 27-6 victory.

North Branford was forced to play catch up with sophomore quarterback Brandon Fratta throwing 40 times for 211 yards but he also threw five interceptions. He connected with classmate Tyler DiNapoli 5 times for 85 yards and senior Lou Raffone 4 times for 66. North Branford ran the ball just 14 times for a dismal 83 yards.

Nick Mancini was the big story on defense with 13 tackles. His 4th tackle of the game broke the school record for most career tackles. The previous record was 376 set by Joe Stone. Sophomores Marquis McFadden and Alex Clinton pitched in with 8 each while senior RJ Sobask and freshman Ryan Vaspasiano added 6 each for the freshmen and sophomore heavy T Birds.

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North Branford Soccer Club

Presents

NBSC WINTER CLINIC

FRIDAYS (10 week training and game play program)

December 7, 2018 - February 8, 2019

For Boys & Girls Ages 3-12

\$115 Per Person

Located at the Connecticut Sportsplex Field House

216 Foxon Rd, North Branford, CT 06471

6:00pm - 7:00pm - Boys & Girls U4 & U6 divisions

7:00pm - 8:00pm - Boys & Girls U8 & U9-U12 divisions

Training conducted by professional coaches provided by Victory Soccer School

Learn Skills & Techniques including: Shooting, Passing and Dribbling. We will also work on ball control, teamwork, and have mini games

Register Online at www.nbsoccer.com

For More Information Contact the Club President Al Johnson at president@nbsoccer.com

"Never Go Through Life Without Goals"

Like us on Facebook | Instagram: @northbranfordsoccerclub

Visit Us On The Web @ www.nbsoccer.com

North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford
www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017
Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



BUS TRIPS

Radio City Christmas Spectacular - #49001
When: *Thursday, December 6* Cost: \$115
Description: Come enjoy the Rockettes and the story of Christmas. Orchestra seats to the 2:00 p.m. show. Fun for the whole family. See the show, the Rockefeller Center Tree, so much more and still have time for shopping!

Westchester Theater: A Christmas Carol - #49002
When: *Thursday, December 13* Cost: \$85
Description: Board our senior vans to see this new musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens Classic features an original score as well as many of the traditional carols we love to sing! See Scrooge and Tiny Tim and all of the timeless characters we've all grown to know & love. And this version includes a surprising new twist! With a large cast, look for colorful production numbers and lots of dancing! Dinner is included in the ticket price.

ACTIVITIES

Youth Ski Club at Mt. Southington - #36008

Who: Grades 6 -12
Session: January 4 - February 1
Time: Fridays, 2:15 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: Lift Only \$255
Lift & Lessons \$295
Lift & Rental \$325
Lift, Lessons & Rental \$350

Description: Enjoy the evening skiing at Mount Southington!! Packages available for either skiing or snowboarding. Supervision as well as roundtrip school bus transportation with a pick up and drop off at NBIS and STW Community Center. **Registration needs to be done by Nov. 16.** Call for further information (203)484-6017.

ABC's for 2's and 3's - #36101

Who: Ages 2 - 3
When: November 13 - December 11 (no class 11/27)
Time: Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$80
Instructor: Kidscapades

Description: Children will be introduced to letters and numbers, days of the week, seasons, and holidays through hands-on activities. They will participate in art, sensory play, songs, science and movement. Designed to foster independence for the child not yet enrolled in a preschool or child care center. Also, for the child who needs an extra day of structured activities.

Archery - #36515

Session: November 14 - December 19
Who: Grades 4 - 8
Time: Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Who: Grades 9 - 12
Time: Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$50
Instructor: Debbie Gibilaro

Gentle Yoga - #32108

Who: Ages 13+
When: November 28 - January 16
Time: Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff

Yoga to Release the Week - #32106

Who: Ages 13+
When: November 29 - January 17
Time: Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m.
Check out the menu at www.nbparkrec.com



Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am
Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.



Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents
Please call by 9am

ACTIVITIES

Journeying Through Grief Together with Jean Hadley - Wednesday, November 14, AND November 28, 10:30am, FREE

Family and togetherness are key themes for the holidays. That can make the holidays awfully difficult for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Come journey through grief together with Jean Hadley.

East Shore Self Care Group - Wednesday, November 14, 1:00, FREE

Healthy Conversations - Men and women are invited to attend these East Shore Nurse Educators to facilitate conversations on various relevant health topics.

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon - Thursday, November 15 ~ 12:00pm

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast (cost is \$5.00) with your friends at the Senior Center.

AAA- How to go on Ice & Snow, - Friday, November 16, 11:00am

Join Adelle Zocher from AAA as she presents safety tips for driving in bad-weather, pedestrian safety and distracted driving.

Shoprite Cooking Series w/ Marisa McCoy - Friday, November 16, 1:00pm, FREE

Join Shoprite dietician, Marisa, as she prepares healthy, seasonal snacks.

Cupcake Decorating - Wednesday, November 21, 10:30am, FREE

Make some seasonal sweet treats with friends!

Holiday Shopping Trip - Friday, November 30, 10:30 .FREE

Get some of your holiday shopping in with a trip to the Meriden Square Mall.

Trees of Hope - Maritime Center - Monday December 3, 10:30am

Tour the beautifully decorated trees and shop for the perfect gift in the holiday boutique. We will then choose a spot to stop for lunch.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone in our community that came out to our Trunk or Treat event! We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Thank you to DeFrancesco Farm for the beautiful flower display, Country Paint and Hardware for the popcorn machine, John & Anthony Leone for the amazing decorations, Shoreline Chamber for sponsoring the trunk prizes, the Little Lunch Box food truck, our volunteers, all of our trunk decorators, our Scarecrow Contest participants, and the most adorable group of trick or treaters!



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, 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 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: ncchurch@snet.net. 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 Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am at St. Monica Church, Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment 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! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

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). We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! 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, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew’s as well as Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.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; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

Hope Christian Church 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT Sunday Service 10AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. ‘Real People, Real Hope, Real Life’ www.hopeag.com 203-234-7328. Our Pastor, Rev Jim Detweiler, is the Chaplain for the North Haven Fire Department. If you are looking to find Hope in Christ and” A Place to Belong”, this is the first place to try! Looking forward to meeting you!

Military Whist

Get your tickets for a Patty Meglio Military Whist Party on November 30, 2018 at 7PM at St. Augustine Church Hall at 30 Caputo Rd. in North Branford.

Doors open at 6:15PM and the game will begin at 7:00. There will be light refreshments, raffles and prizes.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased by calling Saint Ambrose Parish office at 203-484-0403. No tickets will be sold at the door. The event is sponsored by Malawi Farmers Inc. a 501c3 organization whose purpose is to fund raise to dig deep water wells for Malawi villages.

Ordination of Reverend Madelyn (Downer) Foster

Please join us for the Ordination of Madelyn Foster. Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 3:00 PM to be held at North Branford Congregational Church 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471

RSVP to Fran @ 203.488.8456

Let us all come together to show Maddie how proud her Church family at NBCC is that she will now be a Minister serving our Lord and His people.

Fall Craft Show at St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Parish will be holding their annual Fall Craft Show on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at St. Monica Church Hall, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford. The show will feature handcrafted items by local artisans. There will be a bake table and breakfast and lunch will be available. Come and enjoy great food, interesting crafters, raffle baskets and more. Sponsored by the St. Ambrose Ladies Guild. Tables are still available, for an application contact Lucille at 203-484-9737.

Holiday Bazaar at St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Church will again be sponsoring their annual Holiday Bazaar on Friday, November 9th from 5-8pm and Saturday, November 10th from 9am-6pm in St. Barnabas Church Hall at 44 Washington Ave., North Haven. We will have local vendors selling items for your Christmas gift giving as well as items for sale from our Country Store Table, Book Sale, Yesterday’s Treasures and Christmas Items Sale, Gently used Costume Jewelry Sale, Religious Items, and Homemade Baked Goods. Come to do your holiday shopping and have lunch from our kitchen. We will also be selling our church raffle tickets and will have basket and afghan chances to take part in. Plan on stopping by for all your holiday gift giving! For more information you can phone Sharon at the church office at 203-239-5378.

Totoket Historical Society Holiday Bazaar

The Totoket Historical Society, Inc. of Northford/ North Branford will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the historic Reynolds-Beers House located at 1740 Foxon Rd. in North Branford. The bazaar will feature “attic treasures”, costume jewelry, linens, handmade articles, baked goods and condiments.

All proceeds from the Bazaar will go towards expenses and maintenance of the building under the Society’s care: the Reynolds-Beers House, the Little Red School House, the Miller Barn and the Little White Gas Station. For further information you may call 203 481-5268.

NBCC Annual Holly Fair

North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford will hold their Annual Holly Fair on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Raffles, White elephant, Jewelry, Café Noel for breakfast & lunch and so much more!

For questions, please call 203.488.8456

HOLIDAY TEA PARTY

Come have fun and food with friends and family to celebrate the season in a traditional Holiday High Tea! Menu: Seasonal Soup, Scones, Tea Sandwiches, Desserts, Black, Green, & Herbal Teas, Coffee. When: Saturday December 1, 2018 Food served from 12:00 to 4 pm. Where: Trinity Episcopal Church 1109 Main Street Branford, CT 06405 Suggested Donation \$20, \$70 for group of 4. Seniors and children \$15 Reservations: teabycrew@gmail.com or text/call 203-376-2819 gluten free & vegan available; nut free event. Fundraiser for Boy Scout Venturing Crew 424

MISSION YEAR IN REVIEW

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” is self governing, mission driven, and child safe. We have been serving the community since 1750. Please consider joining our church to help the community. Church services are at 10 a.m. every Sunday. During the past year, the following missions have been accomplished:

1. **Midnight Run** (240 lunches were made for the homeless).
2. **Covenant to Care for Children** (adopted social worker) – six back-to-school backpacks (with hygiene items, etc.); Christmas – winter clothing, books, toys, and gift cards; three Easter baskets with clothing and oral hygiene items; 14 cloth bags filled with items for emergency needs; moving bags for children relocating in foster homes.
3. **Support for Service Members** stationed overseas – coupons for families.
4. **Box tops** for schools.
5. Can tabs for **Shriners Hospital** continuously collected.
6. Donations to local **Food Bank**.
7. **Scarves & hats** to those in need.
8. **Abraham’s Tent** participant.
9. **Thank you signage** to many local groups.
10. **Thank you outreach** – eight baskets of cookies delivered locally.
11. **Partner with Jerome Harrison Elementary School** – character development.
12. **Partner with Totoket Valley Elementary School** for support.
13. Brought **Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification** to town – 110 people certified including North Branford Middle & High School staff.

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.



999 Foxon Road, North Branford
203-484-0330

THANKSGIVING DAY MENU

Pies

Pumpkin Pie	\$14.50	Pumpkin Turtle Pie	\$14.50
Apple Pie	\$14.50	Apple Crumb	\$14.50
Chocolate Lemon Pie	\$14.50	Cannoli Cream Pie	\$20.00
Banana Cream Pie	\$15.50	Coconut Cream Pie	\$15.50
Coconut Custard Pie	\$14.50	Chocolate Cream Pie	\$15.50

Cheesecakes (8” \$22.50 10” \$30.00)

Pumpkin Cheesecake
New York Style Cheesecake with Strawberries
Apple Cider Cheesecake

Breads

Snowflake Dinner Rolls \$5.25 Doz.

Assorted Stuffed Breads

Antipasta	\$11.50	Buffalo Chicken	\$10.00
Pepperoni & Cheese	\$10.00	Broccoli & Cheese	\$10.00
Eggplant Parmesan	\$10.00	Spin, Saus.& Cheese	\$11.50

Full Stuffed Bread Menu is also available.

Desserts

Cannoli Chip Platter- Cannoli Chips with a tub of Cannoli Cream
(Small serves 8 \$20.00. Large Serves 16 \$40.00)

Cannoli Cake - Chocolate or Vanilla cake filled with Pastry Fusions
signature cannoli cream and frosted with whipped cream.

Assorted Italian Pastry

Holiday Cookie Platters \$14.00 per pound.

To ensure availability please place order by Monday, November 19th.

Store Hours: Monday - Wednesday, November 19th - November 21st -
7:00 - 5:00. Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd- Closed.
Saturday, November 24th 8:00 - 4:00. Sunday, November 25th 8:00 - 1:00

TOYS FOR TOTS
Office of Social Service

Each year this Office of Social Service offers a toy program for children that live in Northford and North Branford. The Program allows parents to see the toys that have been donated and choose the toys that they feel their children would enjoy. The Program also allows grandparents living in the community to choose toys for their grandchildren. All toys are new and unwrapped. We ask that you show proof of residency, such as a photo ID with your address and two (2) utility bills in your name and that you be reasonable. Toys will be distributed at Stanley T. Williams Community/Senior Center located at 1332 Middletown Ave., Northford, CT.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 5th, 2018 9:30 am – 12:30 Noon

Parents Only

Thursday, December 6th, 2018 9:30 am – 12:30 Noon

Parents & Grandparents

If you are interested in donating a toy for the program, we offer three drop-off sites. You may do so at the North Branford Town Hall, North Branford Police Department, and Stanley T. Williams Community/Senior Center. All toys should be new and unwrapped. Toys may be dropped off in the Collection Boxes located at all sites between November 1st and December 4th, 2018.

Public Stargazing
Fun event for the Family

This is the last public viewing event for 2018! The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday November 10th at 7pm at Young’s Pond Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. Mars and Saturn can still be seen. Also, telescopes will be pointed at the Andromeda Galaxy and the Hercules star cluster. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

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Part-time Assistant Town Clerk – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications for a part-time Assistant Town Clerk. Position assists in administration of Town Clerk’s Office including maintain Town records, vital statistics and land records. Also serves as the Assistant Registrar of Vital Statistics. Requires extensive knowledge and experience in office management and practices and procedures of a Town Clerk’s Office; minimum of 3 years of progressively responsible experience in maintaining real estate records and heavy public contact with at least 2 years of experience in a Town Clerk’s Office at the level of an Assistant Town Clerk or higher or equivalent combination of training/experience that provides demonstrated ability to perform duties. This position is 19 hours per week with flexibility; starting wage is \$22.00-\$26.00 per hour, DOQ, no benefits. Job description available on request.

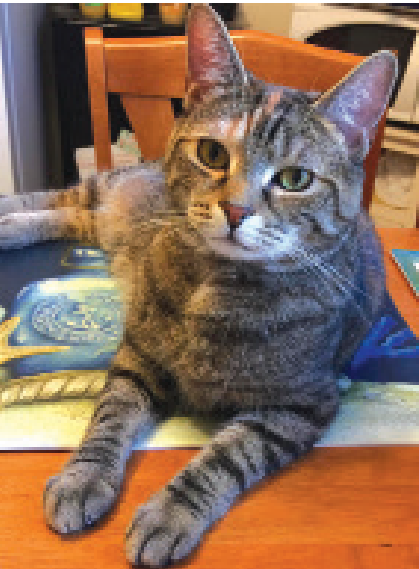
Applications are available on the Town’s website [www.](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com)

townofnorthbranfordct.com and at the Town Manager’s Office, 909

Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours.

Please submit application and other materials in person or by mail (no faxes or emails). Applications are due to the Town Manager’s Office by

Friday December 7, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.



MISSING CAT!

Her name is Pumpkin and she went missing on October 1st in Marshfield Apartments on Foxon Rd. North Branford.

She is a brown/grey/orange tiger cat with an orange patch on the top of her head.

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We ID. Guests must be at least 21 years of age or older to purchase alcohol. Not responsible for any typo errors. Product offers and limitations may apply. All purchases are subjected to state & liquor laws and availability of products. Don't Drink & Drive.



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GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10th, 2018
12:00 PM TO 8:00 PM



JOIN OUR COMPLIMENTARY LOYALTY CLUB

BIGGEST SELECTION OF WINES ON SHORELINE

FEATURING EARLY HOLIDAY GIFTS & GIFT IDEAS
HIGH END WINE & SPIRITS
HAND PICKED BARREL "GARRISON BROS" BOURBON TASTING
ROCKY PATEL CIGARS EVENT
CUSTOM BOTTLE GIFT LABELING (\$1 GOES TO CHARITY FOR LABELING SERVICE)

Ribbon Cutting



12:00 pm

CHIEF GUEST
Vincent Candelora — State Rep
Michael J. Doody — NB Mayor
Earl Norwood
John Castlevetro
Robert Anderson

Need to know product availability or price? Latest events? Ask us anything!
Text START to 203-422-9420

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