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Fitting Tribute

Horse drawn hitch wagon from Kriz Bros Farm of Bethany pictured left to right William Dellacamera, driving the team of Percheron horses, Tim Kriz of Kriz Bros Farm and Pete. (Picture credit: Thomas Rak)

In a fitting tribute to lifelong resident and vegetable farmer Nelson Cecarelli of Northford, funeral services were attended by hundreds of family members and friends. He touched many people's lives throughout his lifetime. He was a steward of the Cecarelli farm and a pillar in the agricultural community.

"Humble, tough, driven, visionary, and honorable" were words used to describe Nelson at his service by his cousins Mary-Ellen Smith DiLella, Andrea Cecarelli Todd, Wendy Jannelle, and Denise Clinton, as well as his best friend, William Dellacamera.

All reflected on the farm's history, Nelson's farm revitalization strategies, and his impact on those who were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to spend time with him.

Christine Ohlman, his dear friend, sang "Forever Young." There wasn't a dry eye at St. Andrew's Church. At the conclusion of the service, a horse drawn wagon lead the procession to his final resting place, Northford Cemetery.

As stated at his funeral, "By taking on the role of third generation Cecarelli farmer, Nelson preserved for us and our children the promise that the family farm we loved throughout our lives would remain a working farm. And so it shall be... Cecarelli Farm will remain our farm, forever."

Submitted by William Dellacamera



**Giuseppe Montuori
recently stopped by
Club Napoli
to entertain
his friends.
Guiseppe is
88 years young.**

Photo by Nick Carlino

Be a Part of a Special Community Event

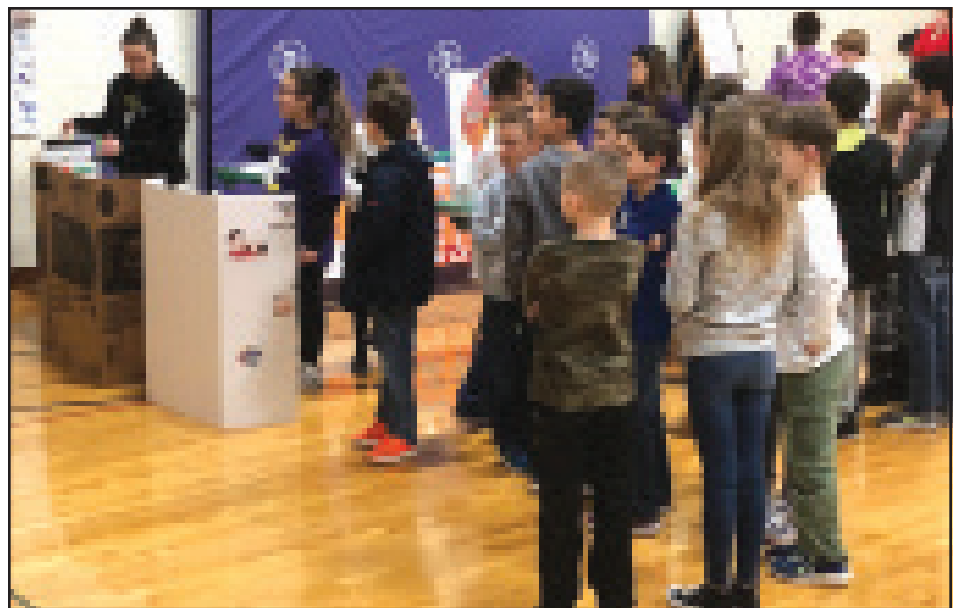
As North Branford Recognizes some of its Finest

Woodwinds in Branford, will be the site of the greatest community event in town. On Wednesday, March 21, 2018 the North Branford Education Foundation will recognize some of our town's finest. The evening will begin with cocktails and appetizers. The program will start by remembering the legendary school administrator Alan Davis as the Foundation officially names the dinner and the award, "The Alan Davis Shining Star".

Following a great meal provided by Woodwinds, the group will recognize John Calamita, Kathy Granfield, Lou Paternoster and Cliff Potter, for their outstanding community involvement.

Tickets are only \$45 and you can purchase them at NBIS, North Branford Park & Rec or by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

For more information or to recognize an honoree in our ad book you can call Frank as well.



TVES Hosted Health & Wellness EXPO

Totoket Valley Elementary School in North Branford hosted their annual Health and Wellness Expo on Friday, 1/26 in the gym. Students in third, fourth, and fifth grade all participated by leading class presentations/interactive exhibits about aspects of health and wellness. Topics presented by the students included healthy foods, the danger of too much sugar, dental hygiene, benefits of hydration, yoga, meditation, physical activity and heart rate, recreational games, cup stacking, basketball, concussions, pet therapy, seeing eye dogs, growth mindset, more. Students and classes presented and taught throughout the day to visiting parents, community members, teachers and students. Visitors were very impressed by the creativity, research skills, presentation skills, and knowledge demonstrated by TVES students. The event was also supported by the TVES "Dream Team", which is a committed group of North Branford High School students that serve as mentors to TVES students and their classes. Their leadership and support for the event was an amazing addition appreciated by teachers and students. Several community members supported or participated in the event including local orthodontist Dr. Douglas Rollins who shared the importance of dental hygiene and dental care. The Health and Wellness Exposition was supported and organized by physical education teacher Dave Carpenter and all TVES teachers. The goal of the event



is to increase awareness and education around health and wellness and to give students another way to showcase their learning and presentation skills in partnership with the community.

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April 27
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Planned Development Snubs Town's Plans for Open Space Corridor

Dear Editor;

The open spaces in North Branford—the rivers, lakes, fields, farms and woodlands—are what make our town so special. It's why a lot of young people decide to settle here and raise a family. However, open space is slowly disappearing as builders buy up large tracts of land for housing and commercial development. Finding a healthy balance between development and the need to protect the scenic beauty and natural integrity of our area is more important than ever.

For this reason, I am particularly concerned about the development proposal for 363 Totoket Road. If the town's vision is to have an Open Space Corridor around the Farm River for public enjoyment, the current proposed configuration of a new subdivision does not support this goal. There is little allowance for usable land for open space between the subdivision and the Farm River.

Most of the area currently designated for open space on the plans is composed of wetlands and watercourses, which are not viable for public recreational use. Having a subdivision so close to wetlands that has a history of flooding would endanger the organisms and wildlife that the river supports. Changes in landscape, such as developing tracts of land, can introduce pollutants, including road salt and fertilizers, that can interrupt stream and pond habitats and affect the quality of the water that we drink. Also missing from the plans is a way to safely remove dumped garbage and wood chips from the proposed site without impacting the environment, and the restoration of the riverbed and riverbank. I feel that this is a major oversight. The Town should consider carefully before approving development in such a sensitive environment.

Sincerely, Patty Meglio

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Winter Thoughts

Differentials

*Of the dreamer
and the snowman
one is bound to heaven
one to earth.*

*Both are fragile like a star
that might blink out
before its time
leaving bare
the spot it used to own.*

*We are poorer for the loss
like fallen children in a war
to whom we can't atone.*

*One is the creation of what is
the other what may be
both are made of starry stuff
to delicate to see.*

A
poem by
Charles W. Atmore

State Representative Vincent Candelora

Special Transportation Fund: Its Time for A Plan



Many of us were caught off guard when Governor Malloy announced a freeze to all transportation projects. Malloy outlined nearly 400 projects worth \$4.3 billion that would be suspended over the next five years because of inadequate funding for transportation. The legislature is left to solve this dilemma, and we are quickly hearing about

tolls, gasoline taxes and millage taxes.

I'm open for the discussion, but I think a conversation about revenue is premature and misleading. For instance, the majority of people are in favor of tolls, but I wonder if residents realize that the proposal requires tolls on all interstates throughout Connecticut, not just on the border, and would cost travelers approximately 20 cents per mile. The average family in Connecticut would be paying over \$1200 annually to travel through the state. To avoid the tolls, traffic on Route 1, Route 5 and Route 17 would only increase. In the long run, tolls may still be appropriate, but the state needs to provide a fully vetted plan before I would ever consider even voting for them.

I believe the legislature needs to discuss and implement a transportation plan before we figure out how to pay for it. Governor Malloy has more than tripled annual transportation spending. Under both Governors Rell and Roland transportation spending averaged approximately \$250 million per year with debt service payments ranging around \$400 million annually. Under Governor Malloy, annual spending increased to almost \$600 million annually with debt service increasing to \$490 million annually. In times of deficits and decreasing gas tax revenue, the Governor increased spending throughout his tenure and failed to produce any comprehensive transportation plan. Now we are in crisis.

For two budget cycles, Republicans have proposed a transportation spending plan that is balanced without any new taxes. Unfortunately, the plan failed to become law, but Democrats are committed to work together this session to provide a solution. I believe that it is time to implement a transportation authority that would make long-term recommendations on infrastructure investment. Despite the heavy congestion in Fairfield County and the difficulty in traveling expeditiously to New York from New Haven, the state focused on a busway in New Britain and high-speed rail from Wallingford to Springfield, MA. Ironically, as our casinos in eastern Connecticut fight to remain competitive against the MGM casino, Connecticut is spending hundreds of millions

of dollars to send our residents to the MGM casino on convenient high-speed rail, hardly a good investment!

I believe we will fix transportation funding this session; however, the debate needs to begin with a spending plan and long-term planning, not with a debate on tolls or gas taxes. I will not support any proposals for new revenue until we have a mechanism in place to spend it wisely.

Let's Be "Frank"

Geez, the time really does fly. I just realized that between the holiday deadlines and the smaller papers in January, it's been more than a month since we spoke. Actually, we haven't spoken since last year. Not much has happened since last year.

The readers really responded this year with the voluntary payments. I guess some of them like what I do. I appreciate it greatly as I just finished my year end finances and it wasn't good. But the support keeps me driven and I continue to the best of my ability, typos and all.

Christmas was OK. It was a little quiet without Mary and she was missed by many. We skipped the baccala salad as we three were the only ones who ate it and I wasn't making it for just me. The rest of the menu stayed the same keeping mom's traditions as well as yours.

New Year's Eve was the best. In bed by ten. It's not the same with Dick Clarke gone. The only one in the family who celebrated New Year's Eve was my mother - in - law and they start the countdown at 8PM so I'm not sure if that really counts. As I said, it's just not the same without Dick Clark. Hopefully, most of my readers still know who Dick Clark is.

After a huge show of support for Scott Schoonmaker, the BOE voted again and this time it was unanimous to renew his contract for another year. I attended the meeting and the way the information was presented, brought more manure into the room than we have in most of the farms in our community. The good news is that no matter how they did it, they finally made the right decision. A good man was kept on and it was a great thing for the students of our community.

Well, I reached my first goal. Tell Mary her death inspired me. I saw the looks on the faces of her friends and family who will miss her and I didn't want my family to have that same look. Especially seeing that I have way more friends than she did. Make sure you tell her that exactly.

I reached my first goal. I have lost fifty pounds. The doctors thought my goals were too aggressive but I met them. Can you imagine someone telling me I was exercising too much and not eating enough. I bet you never thought you'd hear anyone telling me that.

I have passed up pizza, pasta and cake. I do have an occasional treat at

the club but I can have a glass of wine now and then. I just had a bout with the stomach bug as did the rest of the family and I was the only happy one of the group. I lost six pounds and was hoping it lasted a few more days.

I gotta say, I really miss you guys but not enough to plan on joining you right away. There will be plenty of time for that down the road.

Take care of yourself and say hi to the group. I'll see you soon.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

On behalf of all of us at Guertin and Guertin, LLC, I'd like to wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. The beginning of a new year is always a great time to reflect on the past and look forward and make plans for the future.

Last year we were able to help a lot of your friends, family and neighbors to get on the right path to protecting their assets and ensuring a legacy for their children and grandchildren.

As we start this New Year, we are excited to continue to help our clients protect their assets, and ready to face the challenges that can and do arise. Some challenges can be avoided however, and now is the perfect time to give your estate plan a quick, New Year checkup (skip the gym membership this year and instead invest some time in planning your estate). Take out your estate planning documents, life insurance policies, financial records and other important documents and read through them. When reading through your documents keep the following questions in mind:

- Do I understand what these documents do/mean?
- Do the documents still represent my wishes?
- Are the beneficiaries still correct?
- Are the people I have put in positions of power (executor/guardian/trustee/power of attorney) still the right people for the job? Are they still alive?
- Are these Wills so old that they should be in a museum?

Make sure that your plan conforms to your wishes, if it does not, do what is necessary to make the changes you desire. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

If you are having trouble getting started or just don't know where or how to start, we would like to help you with this and are currently offering a no-cost estate plan consultation. We'll look over your plan and make any necessary recommendations or we'll work with you to develop a plan. All too often people come to us too late, waiting until after something tragic has happened to start planning. Many headaches and heartaches can be avoided with advanced planning. That is why an estate plan checkup is so critical.

Please call my office to schedule your estate plan check up and let us help you make sure your estate plan still works for you. Law changes and life changes could affect you and you might not even know it. Make 2018 the year that you get your affairs in order. Call us at 203-234-7400 to schedule your no-cost estate planning consultation.

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All Along the Watchtower

Isaiah 21:6 - "Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth." Dylan wrote of him and Hendrix covered it with profundity.

The "Office of Inspector General" (OIG) is that part of government that investigates the investigators, the folks who keep law enforcers in line by investigating and revealing the illegal or corrupt doings of those who would otherwise wield evil power over us. Our federal government's OIG was principally founded by laws written in 1978 in the aftermath of the abuses of the Nixon administration.

There are actually 73 separate inspectors general, each specific to a federal agency, but a single chairman oversees them all while also serving as the inspector general of our Justice Department. Since 2012 that man has been Michael E. Horowitz.

Horowitz is an Obama appointee, but he battled the Obama administration for 4 years over his right and ability to access DOJ records. Simply put, the Obama administration refused to give Horowitz the unfettered access to Executive branch records in accordance with what had been the law since 1978. My review of his war with the Obama administration reveals that he has focused on two important areas: (i) gun running and; (ii) wiretapping. The Obama administration's secrecy becomes all the more interesting in light of the breadcrumbs leading from the Holder era's DOJ to the current state of affairs. (pun intended)

Recent reports strongly suggest that Horowitz is aiming to bring to justice those in our federal government who have been illegally running guns - not to Mexican gangs - but through Mexico to Hamas. In addition, the OIG may be taking aim at illegal surveillance conducted by our FBI.

Horowitz is tasked with being our watchman. We should hope and pray that he is resolute in an unbiased quest to follow any trail of corruption to its logical end, no matter who or how powerful any sinister figure might be at the end of that trail. Once our watchman declares what he has seen we cannot turn a blind eye to it. It is our duty to keep eyes open, discern the right from the wrong and hold accountable those who would otherwise do wrong to our brothers and sisters. © D. Kirt Westfall 01/23/18 all rights reserved, permission to Totoket Times for republication.

North Branford Fire Department

2017 Statistics

North Branford Fire Department continues to provide the highest quality of emergency and non-emergency life safety services to the citizens and visitors in our community. Through the department's commitment to continuous improvement, staff development and implementing new and innovative programs to create greater economic efficiencies and improve emergency service effectiveness to North Branford residents. In compliance with National Fire Protection Standards (NFPA) 1720, Standards for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments, the North Branford Fire Department **exceeds** the national consensus standard, on scene within 8 minutes after dispatch.

During 2017 North Branford fire department personnel answered **1840 calls for service**. The dollar loss related to fire damaged property during this period was \$596,500. Property saved was in excess of 24 million dollars.

Types of Calls:

Fire	42
Emergency Medical	1348
Motor Vehicle Accidents	97
Explosions	2
Hazardous Conditions	47
Public Service	185
False Alarms	118
Plane Crash	1

Total Calls for 2017 1840

As a cooperative and collaborative partner with our contiguous jurisdictions, North Branford Fire Department provided and or received mutual aid for **119** Fire/EMS incidents during the year, including the towns of East Haven, Branford, Guilford, North Haven, Hamden, Durham, Wallingford and the City of New Haven.

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Extreme Weather

When I was a kid we hoped for snow. Blizzards were fun. We didn't make up fancy names for them, lament and whine about "bombogenesis" and "extreme weather. Where I grew up (New York) they allowed cars to use chains and studded snow tires because they didn't plow the roads right away. We were safer because of this and the fact that no sane person drove in blizzards.

Without any cars or plows on the road entire neighborhoods took to the streets, the bigger the hill the better. First on toboggans, then on sleds with runners, carefully crafting the roadway with packed snow and ice to achieve maximum velocity, racing like wintertime road warriors, often continuing into the twilight and even darkness. Bitter cold and frostbite be damned.

The winter storms of my youth were quite like those last ten years. And those of my youth were challenged my parents' memories of theirs and their parents alike. Now the mainstream media unceasingly complains and warns us of "severe weather." Yet, other than cold weather patterns caused by the solar minimum (look it up), there is nothing new.

So, prepare for the expected, take caution with ear to Earth and frolic with the exuberance your parents and parents' parents knew.

D. Kirt Westfall, 01/09/2018

Attorney Westfall graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a major in history and sociology of science. He and his wife and law partner, Theresa Behrens, settled in North Branford in 1994 and have run their law practice from here since 2010. They appreciate the small town oasis that is North Branford and offer their thoughts and insights into our contemporary social issues.

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Joseph Folz to Wed Tara-Lena Certo

Franz & Jackie Folz of North Branford and Cheryl & Tom Certo of Meriden announce the engagement of Joseph Folz to Tara-Lena Certo. Tara is attending Gateway Community College pursuing an Associate Degree in Administrative Assistance. She is currently working for BYK USA, contracted through Robert Half. Joe is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the University of Bridgeport, and works as an electrical engineer for United Illuminating. A November wedding is planned.



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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE II

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Many of my clients have what I would call an “If I die” attitude (at least in the beginning of our relationship). They plan or don’t plan based on the fact that they “might” die (that’s where the “if” comes in). The conversation typically goes something like this: “Well, *if I die I would like my house to go to my daughter.*” I chuckle a little bit and usually say something like, “*If you die... Oh, you are going to die!!*”

In a way we are no different than a carton of milk in that we all have an “expiration date.” Ironically, many people plan more for the expiring carton of milk than for their own expiration date. I have a few clients who honestly believe they are not going to die at all. They seem to be quite rational in all other ways but on the question of death they are swimming in denial. My question to them usually is “If you are immortal, why have you chosen New Haven county to live... forever?”

Death should not be dealt with as a distant abstract possibility, a dark horse candidate or a long shot. Your estate plan should reflect what happens **when** you die, not **if** you die.

So... what happens if you like swimming in denial and you don’t make a plan? Fear not, the State of Connecticut has a plan for you. Because you left no direction, the State’s intestacy laws will dictate where your assets go; and your assets may not go to who you think they would.

Assuming that you do not want the State of Connecticut to do the planning for you, a properly drafted Last Will and Testament or a Trust will ensure that your final wishes (regarding what happens to all of your *stuff*) are honored. It is important to acknowledge that you have a finite amount of time in this world and to plan accordingly.

A well-crafted estate plan contemplates more than you dying. It also contemplates what happens if you don’t die and are just incapacitated. In the absence of a plan, it becomes very costly and time consuming to gain the legal power to help someone who is incapacitated. However, a well-prepared estate plan plans for these events, which makes it easier and more cost effective for all.

Looking for a way to get started? Call our office and set up a no cost consultation. You can come in for an hour and we can help you get started. We are also hosting a Workshop on Trusts on February 10th at 10am at our office located at 26 Broadway, in North Haven. Please call my office (203) 234-7400 to schedule your appointment or sign up for the workshop!

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North Haven Camera Club

North Haven Camera Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven. This meeting will feature a video on portrait photography, with a possible Q and A session afterwards. North Haven Camera Club welcomes new members at all bi-weekly Tuesday meetings. The club offers workshops, field trips and competitions at all skill levels. For more information about North Haven Camera Club, visit the club’s website at NorthHavenCameraClub.com.



Rotary Students of the Month

North Branford High school seniors Christopher Candelora, Lydia Mattson and Jonathon Buckley were nominated by the English, Math, and Music Departments at NBHS respectively as the Rotary Students of the Month.



Musicians Perform in Regionals

On January 12th and 13th, 9 NBHS Musicians performed in the Southern Region Music Festival Band, Choir, and Orchestra! Acceptance to Regionals was based on auditions back in November against hundreds of students throughout Southern CT. The Festival concluded with a public performance on Saturday at Middletown HS.

Photo provided by Band Director Katie Trainer. Back row; Allie Cristante, Brook Powers, Johnathan Buckley, Ian McLay and Collin Quellet. Front row; Brandon Stimpson, Ashley Slubowski, Morgan Bailey and Cheyenne Gibilaro.

Vinal Tech Announces Events

1- Vinal Technical High School is still accepting applications for the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022. We offer 10 exciting Career Technical Education programs including Carpentry, Collision Repair & Refinishing, Criminal Justice & Protective Services and Culinary Arts. Please call (860) 344-7100 if you have any questions. Visit www.cttech.org/admissions to obtain an application today!

2- Teens for Tech:

Vinal Technical High School invites 8th and 9th students interested in applying to join us for this informational event on February 23, 2018 from 8 AM -9:30 AM. There will be a brief presentation by the Department of School Counseling paired with light refreshments. You are then invited to take a tour of the facility with our knowledgeable senior mentors. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP with Nicole Dionne at 860-344-7100 x313 or nicole.dionne@ct.gov no later than February 21, 2018.

If you have already applied to Vinal Technical High School and would like to request a tour, you may contact Nicole Dionne as there are other dates scheduled for current applicants.

Prom Season is Around the Corner

With prom season around the corner, check out the Facebook page [formalattire/promdressconsignment](https://www.facebook.com/formalattire/promdressconsignment) for formal attire prom dresses.

NBHS Recognized nationally

The NBHS Kaleidoscope Magazine has been recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English for Excellence in Student Literary Magazines publications. The NBHS Kaleidoscope Magazine was selected to receive a rank of Recommended for Highest Award.

NBHS English teacher Ms. Chelsea Dodds is the Faculty Advisor and the NBHS student editors for the 2017 publication are , Tabitha Stone, Jillian Damiani, and Lydia Mattson

Mercy to host Seminar on Human Trafficking

Tuesday February 6th (snow date: Feb 7th) from 6:30-8pm, the Mercy Alumnae Association is hosting a seminar at Mercy High School at 1740 Randolph Rd. Middletown to inform the local community on the dangers, risks, and signs of human trafficking. Panelists, including an FBI agent, Middletown Police Officer, and representative from DCF, will discuss local occurrences and provide advice to local youths and adults. Following the panel, the audience will be invited to ask questions. After the program, the panelists as well as a registered therapist will be available for audience members who would like to speak confidentially. Contact Barb Miller, Director of Alumnae at bmiller@mercyhigh.com or 860-347-8957 for more information. The event is free and open to the public.

PRESS RELEASE

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Scott Schoonmaker, Superintendent of North Branford Public Schools, announces that Kindergarten registration for North Branford residents with children eligible to enter school in the fall of 2018 will be held as follows:

Jerome Harrison Elementary School

335 Foxon Road – North Branford, CT

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon *and* 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Registration from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Please call the school office (203) 484-1235 for a registration packet. This will need to be completed and brought to kindergarten registration at Jerome Harrison School.

Your child does not need to be present at the time of registration.

In order for a child to be registered in Kindergarten, the following requirements must be met:

1. Child must be five (5) years of age on or before January 1, 2019.
2. The birth record or other evidence of the child's age has been examined by the principal or designee.
3. Your child must have a current physical exam date; one that was completed after August 28, 2017. The physician and the parent must complete the blue Health Assessment Record provided by the school. This form must be filed with the school **prior** to the first day of Kindergarten unless alternative arrangements have been made with the building principal.
4. Proof of residency has been examined and approved by principal or designee such as: deed to home or dated rental agreement, escrow papers or signed mortgage commitment, current utility or telephone bill, and/or notarized letter from landlord or owner acknowledging parent/guardian's and student's residence.

In addition, if you have specific concerns about your preschool child's development, please call (203) 484-1235, for further information.

In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, day and evening registration will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the same times noted above.

The North Branford Board of Education policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability (including pregnancy), or gender identity or expression, or against homeless children and youth.



NBIS Interact Club Holds Successful Coat Drive

During the month of January, the NBIS Interact Club held a Coat Drive in school to collect donations for BHcare Clothing Bank. The donations will be used to help those in need in the local area. The project culminated with a Community Coat Drive held on Sunday, January 21st, during which many residents dropped off items. A grand total of 154 coats and several bags of hats, gloves, scarves and personal care items were collected. The NBIS Interact Club would like to thank everyone who helped make this project a success.

Pictured above: left to right; Joelle Herassme, Brendan Fruin, Mila Iuteri and Kiley Mullins.

North Branford Preschool Fair

Calling all parents of preschool age children! If you are a North Branford/Northford resident and are enrolling your child in preschool this year, come and see what your options in town are.

On 2/13, North Branford Public Schools with the Family Resource Center are hosting a preschool fair at the Stanley T. Williams Building in Northford from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

HAIR CUTS
MEN \$12.00
SENIOR & KIDS UNDER 10 \$10.00

TUES. 8:30 - 5:30 WED. 8:30 - 5:30
 THUR. 8:30 - 5:30. FRI. 8:30-5:30
 SAT. 8:30-3:30 CLOSED SUN. & MON.

~WALK-INS ONLY~

Owner - Robert Viglione
1179 Foxon Rd. North Branford - 203-484-6789

There will be tables set up by Nursery on Notch Hill, Northford Preschool Academy, North Branford Family Resource Center Preschool, North Branford Preschool at Jerome Harrison Elementary School, Project Pride, St. Therese Nursery School, Families in Training and more!

Meet the staff, check out their curriculum and get information on tuition, etc. *This is preschool information only, not day care*

Please call 203-484-4243 for more information.

Preschool Role Model Screening

Project PRIDE is a special education preschool located at Jerome Harrison School, North Branford, CT. The program incorporates children without disabilities to model appropriate social, language and play skills within preschool activities. This program meets four days a week (Monday through Thursday) with two sessions (morning 9:00-11:30, afternoon 12:45-3:15). The program is seeking three and four-year-old children with typically-developing skills to serve as role models in our classes for the 2018-2019 school year.

To be enrolled as a role model peer, children must pass a preschool screening which assesses cognitive, speech-language, motor and social skills. Role model peers must be toilet trained. If parents are interested, please contact Mrs. Kohler at 203-484-1235, to schedule a screening appointment. The screening will take approximately 30 minutes.

The names of children who pass the screening will be placed in a lottery that will take place in February or as soon as enough candidates have applied. Parents will be notified by phone in February if their child is selected. Children who are selected will participate at no cost. However, transportation must be provided by the parent.

THEY MAK US PROUD

Meghan Augur, Evan Cordova, Jillian Damiani, Anthony Lucibello and Jessica McMorrowere named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.

Lauren Modoule was named to the Dean's List at Husson University, in Bangor, ME.

Jessica Raucci, Kevin Odell & Deanna Heine were named to the Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

Blake Rice was named to the Dean's List at Wooster Polytech Institute in Worcester, MA.

Holly Dulak, Stephanie Hogan, Bryce Mase and Angelica Reilly were named to the Dean's List at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Dante Tomassini was named to Hockey Team at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Nicole Bruno was named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Cindy Taylor received a Master of Science in Nursing at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Daniel Cassidy, Erika D'Angelo, Courtney McNelis & Taylor O'Neil have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

Riley Stone was named to the Dean's List at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, PA.

Elisa Palmieri and Sarah Flanagan were named to the Dean's List at the University of Scranton in Pa.



COME SUPPORT
NBHS PROJECT GRADUATION 2018

MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY



No experience necessary to play, instructions will be given

Friday, March 2, 2018

St. Augustine Lower Church Hall

30 Caputo Rd, North Branford

Doors Open at 6:15pm, Card Party Starts at 7:00pm

Dessert, Coffee/Tea

Limited Seating Available, Get Your Tickets Soon!

Tickets are \$10 per person

To purchase tickets call the St. Ambrose parish office

@ 203-484-0403 or stop by the parish office

M, W, TH, FR 9am-1pm or Tues 9am-6pm

(snow date Sat March 3, watch WTNH Channel 8 for St. Augustine Closings)

This event will benefit North Branford Project Graduation, a substance-free safe event for the seniors on graduation night.

Thank you for your support!



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.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
- Extracurricular activities at no extra cost including Yoga, Music, Library visits, and Science classes

Openings currently available.

1680 Foxon Road (Rt. 80)
North Branford, CT
203-481-3909

www.weecarenb.com





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 diagnostic testing at
 additional charge.

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FREE TOWING

To our shop for any
 North Branford customer
 within 20 miles.

\$15 OFF any Flush Service

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Not valid with other offers. For a limited time only. Most cars & light trucks.

FREE TIRE ROTATION With any Oil Change.



Bobby's Gang Ready for Golf

Member's of "Bobby's Gang" recently met for lunch at Club Napoli, to prepare for their spring golf league.

Pictured above, front row left to right: Jim Brosnan, Chuck Page, Fred Starno, Ron Pantelena and Ray Taupier. Back row; Nick Carlino, Angelo Polzella, Ken DeAngelis, Al Buono and Walt Layman.

Missing from photo is Jim Sommo.



Connecticut Sportsplex

"All You Can Play All-Day"

Monday, February 19th

Tuesday, February 20th

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Unlimited

Cyber Sport, Laser Tag, Playscape & Soft Drinks!!

Only \$20.00 per person!!

**NEW DOME
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For more information
 Call 203-484-4383 or visit www.ctsportsplex.com

NBHS Winter Sports Excellence

North Branford High School winter sports activities are going quite well.

All teams have already qualified for the State Tournament:

Boys Basketball 8-5

Girls Basketball 8-3

Boys Hockey 9-2

North Branford
Parks & Recreation and Senior Center
STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford
www.nbrecreation.com • call (203)484-6017

***NEW* Classes and Programs
coming soon in our
Spring/Summer brochure!
Keep your eye out in March!**

ACTIVITIES

Strength Training - #32144

Who: Adult 18+
Session: Feb 27 - Apr 24 (no class Apr 17)
Time: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m
Location: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$75 res/\$80 nr
Instructor: Deb Vita
Description: This class combines strength training with low-impact cardiovascular exercises to benefit your heart, strengthen your bones, improve balance, flexibility, and endurance. Strength training also has many mental and emotional health benefits as well.

Tai Chi - Chi Guang - #13100

Who: Adult 13+
Session: March 27 - May 15
Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m
Location: STW Gym
Fee: \$70 res/\$75 nr
Instructor: Rich Dicine
Description: Bring balance and harmony to your life while you strengthen your body. Students practice relaxation, balance and body flexibility while learning to understand the body/mind relationship.

Winter Wonderland
FATHER
daughter
DANCE

Friday, February 9th
6 ~ 8 p.m.

\$20 per couple (Girls grades K - 7)
\$10 each additional child

Attendance is limited, so please register in advance.

Share a fun-filled evening with your little girl!

Music by
DJ Anthony Esposito

Refreshments
Hot Finger Foods
NEW - Hot Cocoa Bar
NEW - Snow-cones!

Photographs
Free giveaway
Games & Prizes
and a dance off!!



Stop in or register online! www.nbrecration.com

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

Soup option now available for lunch!
Lunch orders must be placed by 10:00 am

As a reminder, we offer a
weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.

Stop by the community center and pick up a copy
of our monthly Senior newsletter for upcoming
trips and activities!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

LOVE Movie - Friday, February 2, 11:00, FREE
Join us for light refreshments and the classic love story,
"Somewhere in Time" with Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour.

Shopping Trip - Meriden Square Monday, February 5, 10:30 - FREE
Use those gift cards or make returns with a trip to the Meriden
Square Mall.

Cake Decorating with Hope - Wednesday, February 7, 1:00 - FREE
Use those gift cards or make returns with a trip to the Meriden
Square Mall.

Potato Day - Friday, February 9, 10:30, FREE
Join us for some spud-tacular fun. A potato chip bar, games and
much more!

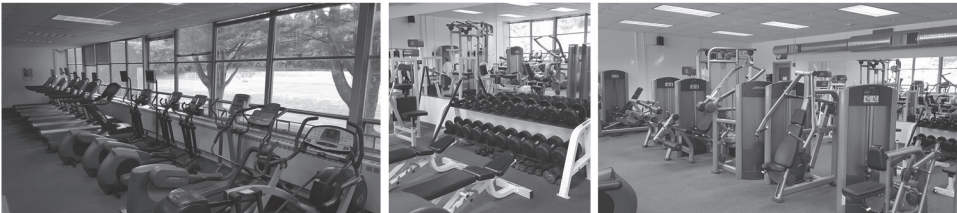
East Shore Self Care Group - Wednesday, February 17, 1:00, FREE
Healthy Conversations - Men and women are invited to attend
these East Shore Nurse Educators to facilitate conversations on
various relevant health topics.

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Saturday & Sunday - 6:30 a.m. - 12:00

Family includes two adults in the same household & one child between the ages of 12 – 26. Under 15 needs to be accompanied by an adult.

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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. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service at 10am and Sunday school.. 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.northfordcongregational.church
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). Celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's, 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; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

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.

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.org.

BINGO NIGHT

Please join us for a night of Bingo at the North Branford Congregation Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, to be held on **Friday, February 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm**. Just bring a new wrapped gift that not only will be used as a prize but is also your admission ticket. Fill a table with your family and friends for a night of Bingo Fun. Any questions please call 203.645.3107

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14TH.

*Teach us to sit still
Even among these rocks,
Our peace in His will
And even among these rocks'*

T.S. Elliot

DEATH NOTICES



Robert Myron Sr., loving husband of the late Virginia June Myron, passed peacefully in his home on December 22, 2017. Robert was born on May 7, 1939 in New Haven, Connecticut to the late George and Stella Myron. He leaves behind his son Robert (Jamey) Myron Jr., Stepsons Thomas (Linda) MacDonough and Edward MacDonough, grandchildren Amanda Michaela and Alyssa Marie, step grandchildren Michael (Jhenna) MacDonough and Thomas (Jaime) McDonough, and step great grandchildren Ayden and Jace. He also leaves behind many cousins, nieces,

nephews and longtime friends.

Robert, also known as Bob, was a man who lived a hard life. In his younger years he was a painter of houses, bridges and church steeples. He was a United States Air Force Veteran who worked in the motor pool. He was diagnosed with MS during this time. After being Honorably Discharged for medical reasons, he went on to learn about television repair. Later he became an accomplished woodworker where he pursued his hobby of woodworking from a wheelchair for the last 37 years.

Robert Jr. remembers his dad for all he taught him about carpentry, auto mechanics, hunting, fishing, boating, integrity and life. His fondest memories are spending time with his dad on Lake Champlain in Vermont.

Although Thomas did not have the opportunity or pleasure to have the quantity of experiences that Robert Jr. had, he did benefit greatly from the time they spent together making it very easy to love him and call him pop. His humor, stamina, guidance and love are forever in our minds and hearts.

The family wishes to thank Bob's caretakers for their love and concern for his comfort and CT Hospice in Branford.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.



Antonietta DeLuca DiPalma, 82, of Northford passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Yale New Haven Hospital with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 57 years to the late Pasquale DiPalma. Antonietta was born in Naples, Italy on July 10, 1935 and was the daughter of the late Gennaro and Immacolata Campagnuolo DeLuca. She moved here from Italy in 1966 making Connecticut her home. Antonietta was a loving mother and grandmother who enjoyed cooking, sewing and looking after her family. Survived by daughter and son-in-law Maria and

Tom; son Tony; daughter Tina; son Mark; granddaughters Christina and Catherine, 11 brothers & sisters and her favorite dogs Enzo and Bella. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Predeceased by a sister.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Haven, Inc., 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473. www.northhavenfuneral.com.

Pierpont Concert and Dinner Saturday, February 24, 2018

Pierpont Concert – North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal Ensembles – Saturday February 24 at 7pm The North Haven Congregational Church's Pierpont Concert Series continues with an annual treat from the stellar music department of North Haven High School. The award winning North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal Ensembles will entertain us with their musical talents. Adult tickets are \$10 at the door and will benefit both the school musicians and the Pierpont concert series; children under 12 free. The church is located at 28 Church Street.

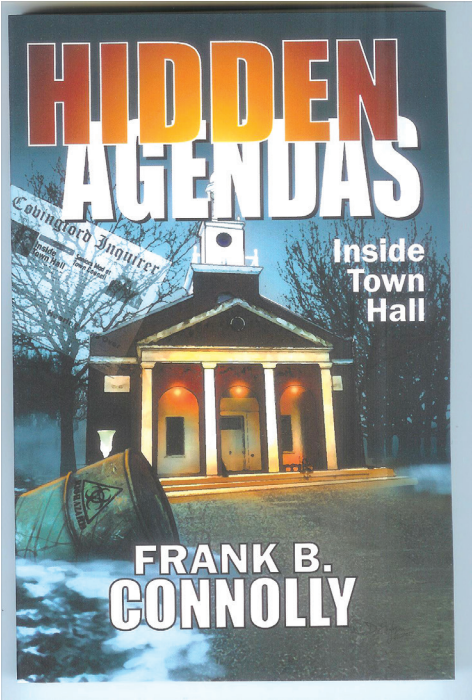
Pre-Pierpont Concert Dinner

A Dinner will be held at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, before the Pierpont Concert on Saturday February 24, at 5:30 p.m. in Carroll Hall. The Women's and Men's Fellowships will prepare a pork loin dinner with applesauce, potato, vegetable, bread, garden salad, beverage, and dessert.

Reservations should be made with the church office, 203-239-5691. The cost of dinner with a reservation: \$12.00 adults and children under 12 years old \$5.00. (\$14.00 for all without a reservation.) Please call the church Office (203 239 5691) to make a reservation.

Join us for a delightful evening of food and wonderful music. You are welcome to attend the dinner, the concert, or both events. Ample free parking, handicapped accessible. All are welcome!

Former Town Manager Publishes Novel on Local Government



Frank Connolly, North Branford’s former town manager, has just published a novel on local government. He served as North Branford’s Town Manager (1991-2001), and as its Community Development Action Plan Coordinator (CDAP 1968-1970). His career also included serving as Town Manager of Newington and Coventry. He was Coventry’s first Town Planner when that Town faced a proposal to build a massive “New Town” within its borders in the 1970s.

His novel, *Hidden Agenda: Inside Town Hall*, reveals just how tangled and involved small-town politics can become. It follows the volatile trail of a proposed land use development in the fictional Connecticut Town of Covingford. The novel touches on the roles of numerous boards as well as town staff.

The novel opens with a heated town meeting as residents rise up against the developers who are proposing a new shopping center on vacant land, adjacent to their established residential neighborhood. As a result of the proposal, the citizens of Covingford become split into bitter factions and experience a crash course on the murky world of local politics.

Out-of-town developers quickly get a taste of local government in the small town of Covingford. They know they need approval of the local planning and zoning commission and the support of local politicians. They underestimate however, the force of an aroused and angry neighborhood, and a little old lady who attends every meeting. On the surface, the proposed development sounds like a simple straightforward matter. Not everyone in Covingford embraces the new shopping center. The proposal quickly turns out to be anything but, starting with a rip-roaring New England town meeting where many angry residents are not afraid to express their feelings.

To help grease the skids to ensure local approval, the developer makes agreements with local politicians, hires a prominent local lawyer, and brings in an nefarious enforcer to put pressure on Dom “the Bomb” Columbo, head of the town’s political committee. The “Bomb” is expected to exert his influence to assure the center receives approval. He soon discovers that influence is a double-edged sword. Louie the “Enforcer” suddenly appears on the scene to make it ominously clear to Dom that the proposal had better get approval, since Louie’s employer “pays for results, but also pays for no results”.

Tension builds. Janet Johnson, local news reporter, provides keen insight into the many political shenanigans as she shines light on several hidden agendas. As this inquisitive local reporter digs, her articles raise questions on the vacant land, adding fuel to the enraged neighbors. Letters to the editor further accelerate the charged atmosphere as Covingford becomes a battleground. Everyone has a side, and every side has its own hidden agenda. The stakes rise, and drastic maneuvers are undertaken. The surprise ending stuns everyone.

Mr. Connolly has written several articles on local government and is an adjunct faculty member in the Public Administration program at the University of New Haven. He is also the author of the textbook *Local Government in Connecticut*, currently in its 3rd Edition. This book won the 2013 Wesleyan University Press Driftless Award for an outstanding book in any field on a Connecticut topic or written by a Connecticut author. Both books are available on Amazon.com. *Hidden Agendas: Inside Town Hall* is also available as a Kindle version on Amazon.

The internationally acclaimed African Children’s Choir

The Internationally acclaimed African Children’s Choir will perform at the Hope Christian Church at 211 Montowese Avenue in North Haven, The event will take place on Sunday, February 11th at 10:00AM. The African Children’s Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children’s songs, traditional Spirituals and Gospel favorites. Concerts are free and open to all. Donations will be accepted at the performance to support African Children’s Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.

Music for Life (The parent organization for The African Children’s Choir) works in seven African countries such as, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa. MFL has educated over 52,000 children and impacted the lives of over 100,000 people through its relief and development programs during its history. MFL purpose is to help create new leadership for tomorrow’s Africa, by focusing on education.

The African Children’s Choir has had the privilege to perform before presidents, heads of state and most recently the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II, for her diamond jubilee. The Choir has also had the honor of singing alongside artist such as, Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox, Keith Urban, Mariah Carry, Michael W. Smith, and other inspirational performers!

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Applications are available on-line and Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT. Applications due to the Town Manager’s Office by **Friday, February 9, 2018 by 4:00 pm**. No fax or emails please. EEO/AA.

Part-time COOK–Responsibilities include operating various kitchen appliances such as grill, oven and coffee machine; ability to follow instruction in cooking and delivering well-presented food and work independently in a fast paced environment. Must be adaptable and work well with the general public. Requires High School Diploma, supplemented with one year of food preparation experience, or equivalent combination of experience and training that demonstrates ability to perform duties. Starting wage \$10.10/hr, 17.5 hours a week. No benefits
Applications are available online and Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours or online. Applications due to the Town Manager’s Office by **Friday, February 9, 2018 by 4:00 p.m**. No fax or emails. EEO/AA

Valentine’s Day Drivers Wanted

Petals2Go Florists is looking for Valentine Day drivers. Own vehicle preferred. New driver sign on bonus with a bouquet for that special someone in your life.
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“Paws to Read” Stories with Mason

Smith Library, Wednesday: February 21st at 6:30 pm



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The Smith Library invites young readers-in-training (**ages 4-8**) to improve their reading skills by reading to a licensed therapy dog. Choose to read together in our story circle or just to Mason.

Come say hi and share a story at the library with our new furry friend! Space limited. Please register in the Children's Room or call: 203-484-0469 . <http://nbranfordlibraries.wixsite.com/home>

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 10th 2018**. (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, name tags, 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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