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Enjoying the Winter!



Braving the weather, North Branford Troop # 463 spent a snowy weekend in Vermont. Anyone interested in joining scouts, please contact Scoutmaster, Vincent Candelora at vincentcandelora@comcast.net.



It might be time for these brave souls to build another igloo as they did last year.

HEROES

*My heart turns heavy and my eyes turn wet,
When I happen to see a disabled vet.
Turned back into civilian life with a torn and broken dream,
Memories of a buddy lost, too real it did seem.
Flashback dreams and sleepless nights,
Thoughts of war and senseless fights.
His country was served by a patriotic lad,
Who entered as a teen and emerged all to sad.
The rehab road seems impossible at times
Progressing slowly, looking for improvement signs.
War is hell, projected by man,
we need a solution, A much better plan.
A Poem of Patriotism by Val Ferro*



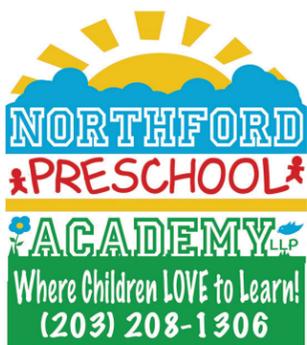
100 Years Young

Marge Eliason of Northford recently celebrated her 100th birthday. A party was hosted by her children Linda Kos and Leslie Eliason and his wife Carolyn. She celebrated with her husband Alton.

The two have been married for 78 years. Their legacy includes 5 grand children, 12 great grand children and one great great grand child.

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Eliason on Tomatoes

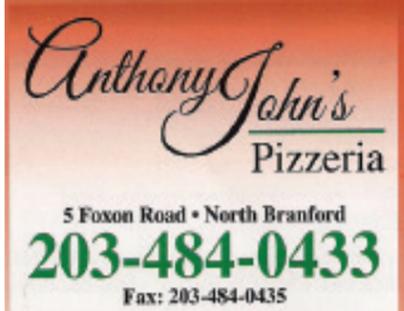
To all you who bought Watermelon Beefsteak Tomatoes from me last year I would like to hear of your opinions. Things didn't work out as had expected in that surgery on my son's shoulder forced us having to release them sooner than we would have liked. Although in excellent condition I would have liked them to be ready to be planted when you received them. I was in hopes of being there when you picked them up so I could explain these are heir-



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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Connecticut's Future Starts with Our Graduates



Connecticut has recently been given the dubious distinction of having more residents moving out than moving into the state, and we are dead last in the country for job growth. We often hear two complaints from residents, it's too expensive to live in Connecticut and our college graduates are leaving the state. This legislative session, I've

joined members of my caucus to propose two pieces of legislation that offer some relief for our recent graduates and create incentives for them to stay in Connecticut.

The first proposal provides for a personal income tax deduction for interest paid on student loans. Mortgage debt used to be the biggest expense for young couples, but now too often we hear of the crippling amounts of college loan debt. Sixty one percent of the Class of 2012 carries some sort of college debt averaging \$27,816 per student. This statistic puts Connecticut 17th in the nation. Like deductibility of home mortgage interest, the state should allow for students or parents to deduct these payments from their income. We have reached a point where people are no longer choosing education due to cost. This proposal recognizes the shift in debt obligations and provides tax relief for those paying student loans.

The House Republican caucus has championed this second proposal for almost a decade, and while it was passed into law a few years ago, it has yet to be implemented. Senate Bill 163 would require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish the Learn Here, Live Here program, which helps students save toward a down payment on their first home in Connecticut by segregating a portion of their state income tax payments for up to ten years after they graduate.

Home ownership is difficult to attain in Connecticut. Hartford often debates the issue of how to bring more affordable housing here. This proposal is a unique affordable housing program that encourages home ownership, promotes college education and helps stem the ongoing "brain drain" of young people heading out of our state. 'Learn Here, Live Here' is an initiative that creates a growing trust fund which young adults can access up to 10 years after graduating. The state would collect a portion of income taxes from college graduates who could then use that money to help buy their first home. The program would require an infusion of approximately \$1 million, but will become self-sustaining over time from the income revenue deposits.

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee has raised both of these bills for public hearings in March. It is my hope that these low cost items can bring some relief to our young graduates as they begin their careers in Connecticut.

Northford Women's Club

The Northford Women's Club, GWFC, will be meeting on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 PM. The meeting will take place at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center on Middletown Ave, Northford. Please join us for our popular winter Soup and Bread night. Any woman over the age of 18 is welcome to attend.

The Northford Women's Club is a community service organization with a friendly and fun loving membership which enjoys participating in charitable events in our community and is always looking for new members. If interested in becoming a member or simply looking for further information, please contact Mary Smith at 203-484-9157. You can also go to our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook!

The Let's Be "Frank" Show is back and it is featuring Mayor Anthony Candelora discussing the "State of the Town" 2015. Check Totokettv.com for schedule

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, it's been a while. It's been a cold snowy February. As I was beginning this letter, we lost power. I couldn't help but think about several years ago when we had storm threats and how comforting it was to have the town broadcast warming shelters and shelters for potential power outage. This year we got nothing. Our town is seeing many changes and at this point few of them are good. I wonder if we still have a Town Manager as I have not seen him at any town events.

We just celebrated Valentine's Day, my favorite non-holiday. I guess it's good for the economy for restaurants, flower, card and candy sales but in my house, every day is Valentine's Day.

As I write this letter, we are exactly four weeks away from the start of high school pitchers and catchers. It's my favorite day of the year as it means that spring is just around the corner and baseball will soon be on TV as well as on the local fields. Only then will the cabin fever we all suffer in the winter be over.

We just got the Lenten schedule from our Church and many of the services (in our Italian parish) are going to be bilingual (Spanish and English). Press 1 for English and 2 for Spanish. I remember as a kid in an Italian parish they use to force the Italian speaking people to learn the language of our country and they slowly did away with Italian services. Now we are going to the Spanish flavor and getting away from English. I'm so confused. The Lenten season was always my favorite spiritual time and now after a life time in the same church, I have to find another place so I can get a full service in English. God Bless America.

I remember when we were kids, we use to visit seven churches on Holy Thursday, walking to all of them. Then it broke down to five and then three. Everyone you asked had a different reason for that tradition of worship. In any case you can't get from one church to another without a car. That's a pathetic commentary on our religion.

There was moderate support in my request for voluntary payments for the Totoket Times. No matter how hard I try, I can't convince the majority that they are not giving me a donation. It is a voluntary contribution to help defray the cost of mailing 26 issues a year to their homes. The paper serves many purposes in this town, the least one being feeding my family. If I had to feed my family on revenues from the Totoket Times, I wouldn't weigh six hundred pounds.

In any case, many people were very understanding and even sent more than the requested \$10. This helps take care of some of the people who just can't afford it and some of the people who just don't care. Like anything else, the few who give a ___ must carry the ones who don't. If people forgot, they can still send the payment to Totoket Times, PO Box 313, Northford, CT.

Well everything else seems to be going fine and although when we get to this age we don't want time to fly by, I will be happy when spring steps in. Take care of things up there and I'll see you soon.

Tickets Available for Shining Star Dinner

The North Branford Education Foundation will be hosting their "Shining Star Dinner", on Thursday, March 12th at Woodwinds in Branford. This year the Foundation will be recognizing **John Florio**, **Ron Onofrio** and **Robert Ward** for their contributions to the youth in our community.

The dinner tickets are \$45 per person and they can be purchased at the Central office of the Board of Education on Middletown Ave in Northford or by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254. This event is one of the best events in our community so order your tickets now.



Florio



Onofrio



Ward

Letters to the editor..

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments. The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

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It's About the Land

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

After you 'round the corner at Bill Miller's Castle onto Notch Hill Road (Rt 22) and drive north just past Valley Road, you may have noticed a quiet stream flowing towards the highway. It flows over a sluice-like structure before disappearing through a culvert under the road where it eventually joins the Branford River southwest of Valley Road. Named after a notch in a nearby rocky ridge where Rt 22 passes, Notch Hill Brook flows the entire year, even when there has been a prolonged dry-spell.

Have you ever wondered about the brook's source? You might be surprised to learn that the source of the brook is in Guilford, about a mile away, east of residences on Ledgewood Drive and Hunter Hill Road. From Guilford the brook tumbles down a steep ridge into North Branford flowing through 119 acres of woodlands before it passes into NBLCT's 25-acre 'Notch Hill Brook' property, then to town-owned land and on to the sluice.

The 119 acres between NBLCT's property and the Guilford town line has qualities we want to conserve. This wilderness-like land, tucked away in the southeast corner of town, has at least one extended nearly vertical outcrop of ledge bedrock reaching more than 60-100 feet high from its base, a forest of oak and hickory trees, mixed hardwoods, a pond and the well-shaded stream perfect for brook trout.

Adjoining the 119-acre tract is NBLCT land through which the brook continues its westerly course. In recent years, NBLCT members marked the boundaries of this property with the round medallions you may have seen at other land trust locations. After the boundaries were marked, several of our members developed a trail with red blazes through the most scenic portions of the property. Crossing the brook at one of three locations was not a simple matter. Last year it was solved when a Boy Scout, Conner Gilbert, looking for a project to earn an Eagle Scout badge, planned, organized and constructed a unique bridge that would survive periodic flood flows of the brook.

After leaving NBLCT land, the brook continues on through a flood plain on town-owned property--a portion of which was the former town landfill before it was closed several decades ago. Bordering all this land on the north is a vestige of a former mode of public transportation, the New Haven and Shoreline Electric Railway right of way. A visible corridor of the right of way extends east from the town-owned land to the Guilford Town line and beyond. With NBLCT's parcel at its core, consolidating and conserving this group of parcels, some 160+ acres, would protect scenic geologic formations, forest, vital habitat for wildlife and fisheries, and a part of our town's history. Saving this land will not be just for our passive enjoyment. Future generations will enjoy it as well.

You can learn more about this and other properties and doings of NBLCT by joining us at our monthly meetings held at the Atwater Memorial Library, 7:00 pm, the first Wednesday of each month. You can also find us on Facebook.

Otto Schaefer, Secretary

North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Incorporated



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

Visit us on the web at TotoketHistoricalSociety.Org



Haz/Waste Notes

Thank you to all who participated at our quarterly e-waste recycling event on January 31st.

Our next quarterly e-waste recycling event is planned for April 11th; look for a new textile recycling announcement.

As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility during quarterly e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.

"Please Don't Feed the Storm Drain"

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways. Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues.

In the winter months, you can help avoid potential flooding by clearing snow and ice around storm drains. Snow, ice and debris can interfere with drainage and clog storm drains causing hazardous street flooding and freezing.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

Dudley Farm Winter Market

The Dudley Farm Winter Market will be held the first Saturday of each month March through May from 9 AM to 12:30 PM in the Munger Barn. We offer baked goods, eggs, handmade crafts, honey and maple syrup, jams and jellies, naturally-raised meats, pickles, winter vegetables and more. Craft vendors rotate during the winter months.

The 2015 Winter Market scheduled dates are March 7, April 4 and May 2; subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. The Dudley Farm is located at 2351 Durham Rd. in North Guilford. Contact 203-349-3917 or visit www.dudleyfarm.com for more information.

Sacred Heart Academy March Entrance Exam

For those who missed the fall testing, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an entrance exam for applicants to grades 9 and 10 on Thursday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Academy, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. Students who plan to take the test must submit the Application for Admission online at www.sacredhearthamden.org, with the \$60 fee, and contact Director of Admission Elaine Lamboley at 203-288-2309, x307 for an interview. Sacred Heart Academy, an independent college preparatory school founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, successfully prepares young women in grades 9 – 12 for learning, service, and achievement in a global society. Over 500 students hail from New Haven, Fairfield, Middlesex, Hartford and New London counties.

Mexican Fiesta Party

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

Join us for a delicious taco bar & quesadillas; drink specials, music, raffles & games. Tickets are \$20 each (limited tickets available); for tickets contact: Wendy at 203-249-7355 or events@theanimahaven.com

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The Animal Haven is a private, nonprofit, 501(c) (3) charitable organization serving the greater New Haven area since 1948.

Food Drive to Benefit Many

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Augur - First Robotics

North Branford resident Van Augur of Xavier High School prepares a robot for competition, as part of "First Robotics". Xavier's team "Full-Metal Falcons" will be competing in Waterbury and Hartford. The student led team is starting its third season.

Jerome Harrison Students - "Faction" Writing



During the month of February acclaimed local children's author, Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, has been visiting Jerome Harrison Elementary School and has worked with students in creating "faction" writing. Faction writing includes using a character to interweave a story with facts, creating illustrations, performing research around objects/props, and writing with

a focus to include details that support the topic chosen. This process has been enjoyed by students and staff alike and has assisted in deepening the students' understanding of CCSS (Common Core State Standards) literacy expectations associated with research, writing, and non-fiction. Mrs. Wallace's presence has created an excitement around reading and writing in all JHS students.

Pictured from right to left are Principal Welch, Northford Librarian Deb-Verillo, JHS kindergarten student Kate Macauley, and author Nancy Wallace. Kate is holding her gift as the All-Star Reader of the month, a signed copy of "The Valentine Express", a book written by Nancy Wallace herself.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Patrick Raynor was named to the Dean's List at Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

Kayla Stevens was named to the Dean's List at Mount St. Mary College in Newburg, NY.

Alyssa DeNardis and Meghan Vumback were named to the Dean's List at Marist College.

Eric Podbielski was named to the Dean's List at Springfield College.

Kellie Walker and Emma Vergati were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire.

Molly Johnson was named to the Dean's List at St. Joseph University in Philadelphia, PA.

Cassidy Norton was named to the Dean's List at the UCONN School of Nursing.

Miranda Vogt was awarded the President's Award for Community Service at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse.

Melissa Funaro, Stephanie Panteraa & Tessa Sidera were named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Connor Sullivan was named to the Dean's List at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

NB Scholarships Committee

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

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

NBHS Basketball Program Makes a "State"ment

After hitting a mid season slump, the North Branford High School basketball team took three out of four to get into the State Tournament for the first time in years. On the way, the Thudnerbirds Aerospace, Cromwell and Cuginchaug and qualified with a 50 - 33 drubbing of Haddam Killingworth.

with freshman Brett Lequire almost flawless in the first half, the T-Birds took a half time lead of 25-16. They came out just as tough in the third quarter outscoring the H - K 13 - 5 and the rest as they say was history.

Lequire led the Birds with 24 points and senior Mark DiLauro chipped in with 15. The unsung hero of the game might have been Marc Mongillo who played tenaciously in the middle stopping the H-K big men as well as adding 7 points and some key rebounds.

Haddam killingworth came into the game 10-6 but that wasn't enough to stop North Branford from reaching their goal of making the playoffs.



Austin DeFrancesco draws a crowd.



DiLauro goes for two (Photos by Tom Zampano)

Baseball Players Wanted:

Any North Branford boy between the ages of 13 & 15, interested in playing Babe Ruth baseball should contact John Ardito or Mike Lucibello to be placed on a team. The Shoreline Baseball League encompasses the towns of Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Essex, Durham, Haddam-Killingworth, Cromwell and Portland. The league is in its 23rd year of operation. There are two divisions of play ... 13 year old Prep League (2014 little league graduates) and the 14-15 division as well.

There is also a Senior Babe Ruth program for boys ages 16-19. Call or e-mail John Ardito at 203-483-0559 (h) 203-444-6907 (c) or ardito_john_j@sbcglobal.net or league president Mike Lucibello at 203-481-0628 (h) 203-314-6700 (c) or luc23@comcast.net for more information. No boy will be refused participation.

GNH Warriors Captures Title



The Greater New Haven Warriors Mite A team recently went an undefeated 4-0 in a thrilling overtime sudden-death championship game to win the Deep Freeze Tournament for the Mite division on Jan. 17th-19th in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire. The team rallied, coming from behind to win in honor of their sick teammate Michael Savo who was unable to participate in the tournament.

Pictured are (front row) Connor Stoner (from Northford), Alex Rodriguez (Wallingford), Luke Braverman (Guilford), Liam Kelly (North Haven), James DeAngelis, (Madison), James Mascari (North Branford), Louis Allanson (Wallingford), Isabelle Desrosiers (East Haven); (middle row) Nathan Ponzio (Guilford), John Montesanto (North Branford), Nicolo Ryszczuk (North Branford), Michael Matteo (North Branford), Marco Goodmaster (North Branford), Brady Martinik (Northford), Dallas Potter (Madison); Not Pictured Michael Savo (East Haven); (back row) assistant coaches Jeff Kirschner (North Haven), Justin Lavorgna (Milford), and Head Coach William Sweet (Middletown). Photo and information courtesy of Mark Goodmaster

SENIOR MOMENTS



North Branford High School girls basketball recently recognized their senior players. Pictured left to right: Brynn McClure, Alyssa Franco, Nancy Bush, Justine Johnson, Deanna Gallo, Kyeana Martone & Morgan Fair.



North Branford High School hockey team recently recognized their senior players. Pictured left to right; Jordan Glenn, Alec Martone, Will Burke, Chris Russo & Cameron Reshotnik. (Photo by John Opie)

Indoor Track Takes 6th & 9th Places

The North Branford High School Boys/Girls Indoor Track Team recently competed in the Shoreline Conference Indoor Championship Meet. The girl's team came in 6th place scoring 38 points and the boy's team came in 9th place scoring 17 points.

Scoring points by taking 3rd place was Katie Stevens in the High Jump at 4'8". Taking 4th place were Sara Olsen in the 600 Meters at 1:43.76, Rachel Sokoloff in the 55m Hurdles at 9.56 and Bryce Mase in the 1000 Meters at 2:48.17. Maggie Dulak placed 6th in the 1000 Meters at 3:21.07. In the 55m Dash, Rachel Sokoloff placed 6th at 8.0, Jess Zumbo placed 7th at 8.04, Shelby Franklin 7th at 7.04 and Andrew Sarmiento 8th at 7.06.

Relay Teams scoring for the boys were the 4x200m Relay Team of Shelby Franklin, Christian Iuteri, Exavier Santiago and Andrew Sarmiento taking 6th place at 1:42.27, the 4x800m Relay Team of Pat Fisher, Isaac Cammarata, Austin Gibilsco and Michael Madoule taking 6th place at 10:24.52 and the 4x400m Relay Team of Bryce Mase, Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilsco and Michael Odell taking 6th place at 4:01.22.

Relay teams scoring for the girls were the 4x800 Relay Team of Holly Dulak, Maggie Dulak, Jillian Damiani and Marissa Bale taking 5th place at 10:57.84, Sprint Medley Relay Team of Katie Stevens, Sara Olsen, Jess Zumbo and Maggie Dulak taking 5th place at 4:44.05, and the 4x200m Relay Team of Katie Stevens, Olivia Hemstock, Sara Olsen and Rachel Sauro taking 4th place at 1:57.31.



A League of Her Own

North Branford girls basketball team surround coach Chris Webster who was recently honored for her 500th win. A large number of former players attended the game for a brief ceremony recognizing her accomplishments.

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Winter Lacrosse Clinics begin Sunday, January 4th.

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North Branford Family Team Contest

ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to all North Branford families with children of all ages (K-12)! All families are limited to one entry.

JUDGING

Judges will consider factual and scientific accuracy, originality, clarity of thought, readability, persuasiveness, creativity and appearance. Entries depicting violence or content of inappropriate nature will be disqualified.

LENGTH & FORMAT

Keep written entries to two pages or less – they must be typed or written neatly in ink. Videos must be under 2 minutes. Entries will be accepted via email at FamilyTeamContest@gmail.com or drop off (via flash drive for videos) at **Atwater Memorial Library** or **Edward Smith Library**.

DEADLINE

Entries should be delivered or emailed no later than 3/2/2015.

WHERE TO SEND ENTRIES

Drop off entries by 3/2/2015 to

Atwater Memorial Library

1720 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT 06471

or Edward Smith Library

3 Old Post Rd., Northford, CT 06472

Or submit YouTube, Vimeo, or Flipagram URL via email at:

FamilyTeamContest@gmail.com

Note: UI and CT Solar Challenge reserve the right to reproduce any entry, in whole or in part, or to display entries as a public exhibit. Students are not eligible if a parent or guardian serves as a judge for the contest.

TIMELINE

1/9/2015	Send out and contest begins.
3/2/2015	All contest submissions are due.
3/9/2015	Winners will be announced.
3/23/2015	Winning family banquet and prize handout.

PRIZE FOR EACH CATEGORY

Drawing Contest	\$100 AMAZON GIFT CARD!
Commercial Contest	
Picture Collage Contest	

RETURN POLICY

Entries will not be returned.

LABELING

Each drawing and collage should have the following information typed or neatly printed on the back (or in a credit scene for the commercial contest).

Family Team Name

Email, Phone Number and address

Entries without correct labeling will NOT be considered. If you email your entry, please provide the aforementioned content in the body of the email as well as in a credit scene in the video.

ALL PARTICIPANTS CAN CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONTESTS. EACH PRIZE WILL HAVE ONE WINNER. HAVE FUN AND BE CREATIVE!

DRAWING CONTEST

Draw a picture that shows what a clean energy North Branford neighborhood or house may look like in the year 2025. Make sure the poster showcases energy efficiency practices. Drawings may include but are not limited to solar panels, windmills, ENERGY STAR® appliances, etc. Be creative and show your smarts in saving energy.

RULES:

- Poster paper must range between 11" X 17" and 18" x 24" in size.
- Posters may be created in any medium (crayons, watercolor, markers, and pastels).
- All entries must have a label on the back lower right corner that includes (typed or printed): family's name, phone number and address.

COMMERCIAL CONTEST

Create a short video such as a commercial, movie trailer or an interview showcasing energy efficient practices as well as clean energy. The number of practices showcased is up to you! Have fun and show your smarts on clean energy!

RULES:

- Videos must be shorter than 2 minutes long.
- Leave a credit scene that includes: family's team name, email address, phone number and address as well as the aforementioned content in the body of the email.
- Videos must be on a flash drive, YouTube or Vimeo.
- All email submissions must send YouTube or Vimeo URL. Emails sent with the video as an attached file will NOT be judged.

PICTURE COLLAGE CONTEST

Go on an adventure and take photos with clean energy practices, appliances, or machines. Pictures may include but are not limited to solar panels, windmills, ENERGY STAR appliance, clean energy museum exhibits, etc. Make a collage of the collected photographs, and explain under each photo in a few short sentences the benefits of the clean energy practice, appliance, or machine. Collages made online through Flipagram will also be accepted.

RULES:

- All pictures require at least one family member.
- Poster paper must range between 11" X 17" and 18" x 24" in size.
- All entries must have a label on the back lower right corner that includes (typed or printed): family's team name, phone number and address. Emailed submissions must leave a credit scene in the video that includes: family's team name, email address, phone number and address as well as the aforementioned content in the body of the email.
- Emailed online made collages must send URL. Emails sent with the video as an attached file will NOT be judged.

QUESTIONS?

All questions can be sent to FamilyTeamContest@gmail.com from 1/9–2/28/15



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Sat., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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February 26 – April 2

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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March 20th - June 19th / Fridays

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

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

Instructor, Margaret P. from the V.N.A.

CHAIR YOGA

April 9th - May 14th

Thursdays, 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. \$30

Increase your flexibility, range of movement and improve your balance safely and effectively with Chair Yoga. You will be guided through a complete series of seated and standing yoga postures which were specifically designed for seniors and for those with physical limitations.

This 45 minute class will also incorporate breathing exercises and guided meditation to help relieve tension and stress.

Instructor, Rebecca Santillo

TRIPS

Saturday, March 14th

Salem Cross Inn

Cost: \$100 resident / \$105 non-resident

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Friday, March 20th

Meriden Square Trip

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

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

Thursday, March 26th

Annual Senior Citizens Day Luncheon @ NBHS

Cost: \$2

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

EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email: ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

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

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

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

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



Children's Easter Party Open to the Community Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae Association

Spring is in the air, Easter is just around the corner, and it's time for the Annual Children's Easter Party, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae Association. This year's event, one of its kind in the area, will be held Saturday, March 21, rain or shine, from 10:00 am until noon on the Sacred Heart Academy campus, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. Activities include face painting, games with prizes, raffles, three separate Easter candy dashes, and of course professional photos with the Easter Bunny. There will be "Coffee and..." for the parents and children will enjoy Easter snacks and treats. Best suited for toddlers to age nine, the Easter Party is open to the community. The fee is \$10.00 for children; adults and children one and under are complimentary. Spread the word to your families and friends, but don't wait to make your reservation as this event is always a sell-out.

Advance reservations are required by March 14 and can be made online @ www.sacredhearthamden.org/easterparty. Questions—Contact Sr. Mariette Moan @ 203-288-2309, x313 or alumnae@sacredhearthamden.org

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

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

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

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

North Branford Congregational Church Offers Special Lenten And Easter Services

NBCC hopes to provide an oasis of peace, love, and welcome to all in the community. Come and worship at 1680 Foxon Road (Rte 80), North Branford, CT. For more information please call the church office at 203.488.8456.

February 18, 2015 @ 7pm – Ash Wednesday/Taize Service – Providing centering and peace through contemplative prayer. Taize Services will continue throughout Lent on each Wednesday @7pm.

March 29, 2015 @ 10am – Palm Sunday Service – Join in the hallelujahs and waving of the palms.

April 2, 2015 – Maundy Thursday @ 7pm – Recount Jesus' Journey to providing human kind with salvation.

April 3, 2015 @ 12 noon – Good Friday – An opportunity to walk with Jesus to the cross.

April 5, 2015 @6:30am – Easter Sunrise Service @ Lake Gallard – Celebrate the Resurrection as the sun rises. Coffee hour at NBCC after the service.

April 5, 2015 @ 10am – Easter Sunday Service – A celebration of new life through Jesus, Our Savior.

Bible Study at NCC

The Northford Congregational Church and Rev. Kathryn King welcome everyone to their weekly Lenten Bible Study beginning on Wed., February 25, and continuing for five weeks through Wed., March 25. It will be held in the church social hall on the lower level beginning at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Sunday worship services are held at 10 a.m. every Sunday in addition to Sunday School. Holy Communion is held on the first Sunday of each month. Family/Mission Sunday, with contemporary music, is held on the third Sunday of each month.

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

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Are you "Puzzled" about what to do this winter?!?

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

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

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



Did you know.....that the Warham Williams House, formally located where the Rite-Aid Pharmacy is now, was built in 1750? It was an architectural treasure! If you have lived here more than 35 years you may remember it. Ever wonder what happened to it? Read the document "Warham Williams: A Country Parson and

his Northford Home" by Elizabeth Livingston.

This document can be read online by going to our "Research Documents" page. At the end of the document is a hyperlink which will take you to a 2008 article in "Antiques and Fine Art" Magazine. You will be AMAZED! Visit us on the web at TotoketHistoricalSociety.Org



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Michael A. Draper holds a master's degree in teaching from Saint Michael's College in Vermont. He is the author of "*Splattered Blood*," which has many of the same characters who appear in his new book "*Three Strikes and You're Dead*."

Michael spent four years in the Air Force, achieving the rank of captain. Currently agent emeritus in the field of life insurance and retirement planning, Mr. Draper found a great deal of inspiration for this novel while working with law enforcement personnel. He is also an avid book reviewer and is among the top Amazon reviewers. Michael retired in 2013 and devotes much of his time to writing and book reviewing.

Join us at the Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Rd., in North Branford as he discusses his new book, *Three Strikes and You're Dead*.

For cookbook lovers and food enthusiasts!

Do you like browsing cookbooks and cooking magazines? Trying new recipes and techniques? Our Cookbook Club is looking for new members. Each month we will highlight a certain cookbook title which will be on display at the library. Everyone will pick and cook a recipe from that book to bring to the next meeting. We will sample the dishes and discuss ingredients and cooking techniques, etc. It's your chance to get new ideas and share your cooking tips while tasting fun, new recipes and making new friends!

For our first meeting on Saturday, Mar. 7, prepare a recipe from any magazine available at the Atwater or Smith Libraries. Bring your own place setting (plate, silverware, etc.) and one regular-sized recipe so that everyone can taste. The recipe should be prepared at home prior to the meeting. All future meetings will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoons. Call the library at 203 315-6020 to register or come in to sign up! The library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford.

NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 1:00 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Tax Advisor Sangeeta Makhijani of H&R Block. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: www.narfe.org



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