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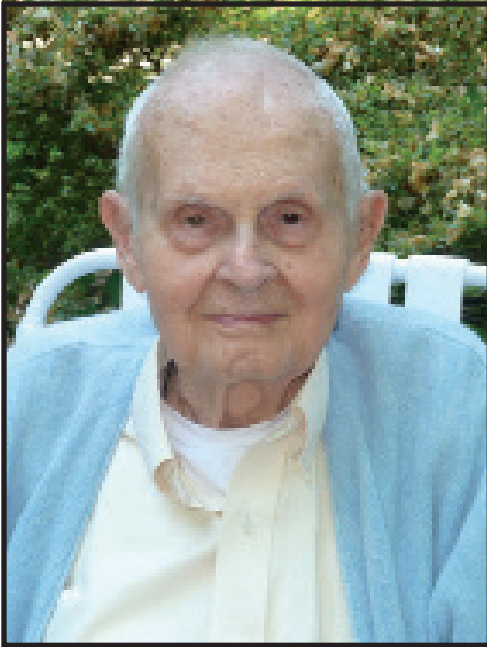
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## “Grandpa Bill” Hitting 100



Bill Burich will celebrate his 100th birthday on April 26th! He is affectionately known as Grandpa Bill to many of his friends in Northford. Bill moved to Northford 5 years ago from his home in Delaware to live with one of his sons, David and his daughter-in-law Laura. Bill enjoys playing with their two dogs, watching the birds in the garden and going out to dinner with friends. He also loves spending time with his granddaughter Kim, her husband Ty, and Bill's great granddaughter Kenzie. Congratulations on meeting this wonderful milestone!

## NB Closer to Free

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraising Campaign

NB Closer To Free is a non-profit organization inspired by the Sobask family and their desire to help other local families going through a battle with cancer. They experienced the unthinkable. At the age of 8 Cathy and Ray's son, RJ, was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on his brain, which was removed that day with emergency surgery. 6 years later he remains cancer free. They are so grateful for RJ's recovery and the help and support that got him and the family through a tremendously difficult time that they remain dedicated to helping others who face similar hardship.

NB Closer to Free is conducting its second annual campaign drive and will direct all of its support, this year, to helping the North Branford community and families that have a loved one fighting cancer. Its mission is for “Neighbors helping Neighbors” through an immensely difficult time. “We will continue to do fundraising with all monies raised going directly to families who are fighting cancer,” says Cathy Sobask. “And, not only will we help financially, we will also be organizing volunteers to provide assistance for everyday needs. We will send helping hands to a family's home to take care of chores and small projects.” If your family or someone you know, has a member that is battling cancer just contact Cathy Sobask at [csobask@yahoo.com](mailto:csobask@yahoo.com). If you would like to volunteer to be a “Neighbors helping Neighbors,” please contact Cathy.

Individuals and local businesses are encouraged to help. Plus, we will be holding our second annual benefit at Doody's on May 24th, 2015. If you would like to get involved, here are several ways to help:

Enjoy dinner at Doody's, Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 3-8 pm. 20% of check (food portion) will go to local families in need.

Visit [GoFundMe.com/NB-closer-to-free](http://GoFundMe.com/NB-closer-to-free) and make a donation

To volunteer time and services please email Cathy Sobask at [csobask@yahoo.com](mailto:csobask@yahoo.com)

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## Walk for the Cure for Cystic Fibrosis

On Saturday, May 16th, Catherine's Crew will be participating in the Great Strides walk event at the Surf Club in Madison to raise money and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Catherine Hall is a one year old from Northford battling Cystic Fibrosis, a genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of approximately 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. Please join



Catherine along with her parents, Mike and Lauren Hall, on walk day to find a cure!

Registration begins at 9AM and the walk starts at 10AM. For more information, to make a secure online donation or to register today please visit <http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/catherinescrew>

## North Branford Memorial Day Parade 2015

The North Branford Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:00AM in the North Branford section of town. The Post #8294 Veterans of Foreign Wars extends an invitation to everyone who wishes to march. The groups will form at Commerce Drive in North Branford at 9:00AM. The parade line will start at 9:30 and step off down Route 80 at 10:00 sharp.

The parade line will proceed east onto Rte. #80 toward the North Branford Congregational Church. All are invited to Comapny #1 Firehouse after the ceremony for refreshments.

Interested groups should contact Gina Cox at 203-484-6000 or [executivesecretary@townofnorthbranford.com](mailto:executivesecretary@townofnorthbranford.com).with your information so you can be included in the parade lineup. Please RSVP by Monday, May 15th or earlier as we look forward to another succesful year.

## Library to Host Annual Book & Bake Sale

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries will be hosting their 12th Annual Book & Bake Sale. The event will take place on Friday, June 12th, 6:00 - 8:00, Saturday, June 13th - 8:00 - 3:00 and Sunday, June 14th, 1:00 - 4:00 at the Atwater Memorial Library at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford.

Thousands of gently used books for sale including: history and mystery, cooking and gardening, fiction and non-fiction, childrens' books and vintage.

Donations of used books for the sale accepted on Saturdays thru June 6th from 9:00 to 3:00 at both the Atwater Memorial and Edward Smith libraries.

Volunteers are needed to sort and to assist on the sale days. Please call (203) 481-2730 for further information.

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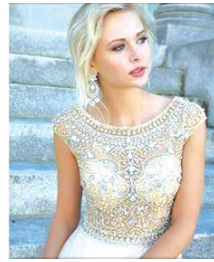




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## “We Have to Work Together”

Dear Editor:

Towns and cities struggle to find ways to increase their revenues without increasing taxes. Our town is no exception. One tool our town can use, is to find ways to expand our tax base. This practice can have its advantages and its consequences.

On the one hand, revitalizing or ‘recycling’ existing developed land can be a huge boost for the town coffers. A ‘fix what’s broken’ approach, encouraging landlords to update properties left vacant or in disrepair. Improving our appearance will attract new business and businesses - thus increasing tax revenue.

On the other hand, there is the lure of new development. There are those who believe development will increase our tax base and solve our money problems. More residents and more businesses = a balanced budget.

This couldn’t be further from the truth. If it were so, our town would have been wealthy a long time ago. We wouldn’t be raising the mill rate every year - trying to meet an ever growing budget. The reality is, dollar for dollar, developed land usually costs a town *more* than it takes in. Your first thought might be “that can’t be right”. But when you think about it and consider all the services a town needs to support development, spending is the harsh reality.

Believe it or not, the farms, fields and woodlands that seem so tempting and ripe for development are actually *profitable* for our town. For every tax dollar a town takes in, undeveloped land can cost as little as 18 cents to maintain. There are several studies that support this. They may vary in scope, but they have the same result. Fields, farms and woods = a town’s most economical asset.

Yes, our town has plenty of room for development. But development should be appropriate or it will have its costs. Our town’s future rests in the hands of those planning it and land owners who have a stake in it. We have to work together, making thoughtful decisions that put our town’s vision and economic health first. It is possible to prosper and preserve our scenic rural character.

Sincerely

David Sargent

## “We Need More Transparency”

Dear Editor:

Clearly, the amount of work to create an annual town budget is extensive. I certainly appreciate the vast amount of time that town employees and the council have poured over the various aspects of the budget.

However, I listened to our fire chief defend the reasons why our volunteer fire department should be funded. I listened to the fire commission question why the updated communication system had been left out of the budget. I listened to several people speak about the importance of recreation space appropriate for our youth programs.

I did not hear where in the budget are the tens of thousands of dollars that DEEP will be charging because of the town’s inability to resolve the IWWA issue. I did not hear a plan to change our ranking as one the highest debt per capita towns in the state. I did not hear how the contingency account will be adequate to cover legal fees and unpredictable town expenses. I did not hear a strategic economic plan in place to be implemented.

I am disappointed that our town forces those who provide public safety, community bonds, and education to plea their importance. I am disappointed that our town forces the citizens to defend our quality of life.

The Town Council requests to be addressed as one unit: Why are you doing this to our town? Why are you creating situations that are bad for families, the budget, and for public safety?

There have been years of questionable decision making practices. We need more transparency and community interaction. I urge the citizens of North Branford to attend Town Council meetings, and your respective party committee meetings.

It is an election year- We need to make some changes, and we need to work together to make those changes.

Sincerely,

Krista Surprenant

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## Let’s Be “Frank”

Well brother, it’s been a few issues since we chatted and it’s been a busy time. Palm Sunday saw a full house at the dinner table. Your family joined us for dinner and it was the usual food fest. Nothing like the whole family together. Two kinds of soup (some people just like it plain), lasagna(spaghetti for Mark), ham and a roast (some aren’t ham eaters), a full antipasto, veggies and more. Everybody has their own preferences but my wife make’s sure they all have what they like. On the Church front, it was the first time in 50 years I was not either on the altar or singing. It wasn’t the tradition we are accustomed to but everyone keeps saying, “things change”. Some things don’t have to or need to change but they do anyway.

Easter was relaxing as the usual crowd went in different directions. We went from 15 at dinner for Palm Sunday to 5 for Easter. It was just as well as this cold I have been battling for weeks finally got the best of me. I actually took two sick days for the first time in the two and a half years I have been at this part time job.

Well the town goes on as usual. I have complained about this on several occasions and been given a number of reasons but it never gets fixed. I went in line to catch up on minutes of meetings and most of the Boards and Commissions don’t have anything from February, March or April. It’s hard for people who can’t attend every meeting but in this day in age they should be able to keep up on line.

Baseball has started. The Yankees are claiming they have the team that could win. I’m confused. They use to have a shortstop and second baseman who both hit over .300. The new guys are in the low .100’s. The first baseman is 5 years older than the last time they won. They got rid of an all-star catcher to bring in one who bats .200 and the pitching staff would do well on my son’s softball team.

On the high school front, we have come out of the gate 3-0. Most teams were held back because of the terrible weather but we are fortunate to have the CT. Sportsplex. The Candelora family continues to be very generous to our town athletic teams with the use of their indoor and outdoor facilities and it puts us ahead of the pack.

While on the subject of baseball, we lost a good man this week. Don Grannis died at the young age of 69. Don was very active in the North Branford Youth

baseball program. Not only was he a great teacher but as a Little League Board member Don did anything he was asked and then some. Don took care of Fall ball and the fields for many years.

I remember one day it seemed like it was 100 degrees out and we were cleaning out the concession stand. With sweat pouring down our faces and me ready to throw in the towel (you know how I get), Don looked over to me with a smile and said, “this is great isn’t it”. He loved doing stuff for the kids no matter how difficult it was.

He left behind a wife and four children. Of his children I only knew and coached his son Justin.

After our Little League days, Don would often show up at our high school games and whenever I asked him about Justin he would beam with pride and tell me, “He’s at UNH and he has a 4.0 GPA. He must have gotten his brains from his mother,” He was so proud of Justin and rightfully so.

He was one of the good ones, brother. I’m sure you remember him, so when you see him, take care of him, show him the ropes and watch the Yankees and Giants together. I’ll see you soon.



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**The Editor**

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State Representative Vincent Candelora  
Domestic Violence Reform



This week the Judiciary Committee is finishing drafting and voting on bills. While the Committee passed out a controversial measure known as Second Chance Society which eliminates the 1500 foot drug free zones around school and makes drug possession a misdemeanor, the Committee will not be voting on the assisted suicide bill. The Second Chance Society will now go to the Senate, but it's fate is uncertain since it only made it through the Committee by a 22-20 vote.

Another controversial bill seeks to remove weapons from a person who is subject to a temporary restraining order. Under current law, a person subject to a permanent restraining order cannot possess, own or purchase weapons. While extending this prohibition to those subject to a temporary order sounds simple, it's not.

A temporary restraining order is granted ex parte, meaning without a hearing. A court, therefore, will grant a 14 day restraining order based upon a sworn statement that the applicant is exposed to imminent harm by a family member or spouse. This application, if granted, lasts only 14 days, because, in order to meet due process requirements, the parties must then appear in court to be heard in order for a more lengthy one be imposed.

While everyone wants to see weapons removed from a volatile situation, the legislature is struggling with creating a law that passes due process requirements. Even though a temporary restraining order lasts only 14 days, if someone's weapons are taken, it could take up to two years to get back. Hence, some people subject to a restraining order may be found non-violent, but still would be unable to get their weapons back due to the construct of Connecticut's gun laws. We are in talks with the Governor's office to cure this problem.

I also worry about the individual who wants to get their spouse out of the house prior to the service of divorce paper. Those times can be volatile, and if it is mandatory that someone's gun permit be taken every time an order is issued, it may have the potential for a volatile situation to get violent.

This bill will likely pass this year, and some reform of our restraining order laws make sense. I hope we continue to work in a bipartisan fashion to ensure the due process rights of our resident and protect people from violence. Neither concept should be mutually exclusive.

WIT & WISDOM

To continue Obama's chicanery let me relate how just a couple of weeks ago there was much ado about the Republicans threatening to shut down the government unless Obama agreed not to execute an executive order giving millions permission to remain here that abided by and qualified to certain stipulations. It was such a poorly kept secret that the Republicans would not dare do this again since the last time had been such a catastrophe, with they losing support of thousands, maybe millions, of workers dependent on their Federal checks not to mention all the businesses dependent on their government contracts, made the Democrats confident it wouldn't happen. Especially with the 2016 presidential election weighting heavily on the Republicans and they needing every vote they can get. That there would be negotiations with the Democrats and certain factors such as legislation that would negatively affect retirees pensions from 30 to 60 percent would be removed from the bill. When Obama suddenly announced he was accepting the Republican Budget as it was, stunned the Democrats. Many of them rising in anger and ready to withdraw their support of Obama were hit with the announcement the next day that Obama was renewing friendly relations with Cuba.

This has been an important part of the Democrats wish list for years and came so unexpectedly, even to them, they forgot the Budget fiasco completely, and weighing the disappointment over the Budget to their leader finally renewing relations with Cuba decided to embrace him once again and forget the Budget. This left him free and clear from both Republican and Democratic disappointments, but left those depending on their promised and paid for pensions he promised so faithfully, during the campaign, to take care of, worrying about their old age.

Don't now be duped by a person by the by the name of Hillary. Despite my contempt for Obama I have to give him credit for keeping us from going to war against Iran. Unusual courage to stand against the warmongers and the military industrial complex with their need to have wars continually, despite that it is bankrupting our country with our debt now over 18 trillion dollars and the Republicans using every effort to not only deny the poor what they worked for, social security, medicare, medicade, food stamps, and the social benefits they spent their lives earning when a 10 percent cut in military spending could provide all the funds to pay for these. The idea that Iran could or would attack us is the epitome of stupidity.

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Kids for Kids - Dancing For Life

Kids for Kids, Dancing for Life, Inc. has announced that its 22nd Annual Performing Arts Competition will be held on April 16 thru the 19th at the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven.

According to KFK President Richard Branigan, "It is just amazing that this is our twenty-second year of holding a dance competition from which all the proceeds benefit children's charities." (It is widely accepted that the Kids for Kids competition continues to be, in fact, one of the few if not the only dance competition run totally for the benefit of sick and needy children.) Since 1994, Kids for Kids has raised well over \$1 million for children in need in the Greater New Haven area and beyond.

Kids for Kids has also been recently recognized by Dance Studio Life Magazine as one of only four national winners of the prestigious Generous Heart Award.

Kids for Kids is expecting over 600 entries from dance schools from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and even California making it one of the most popular and prestigious performing arts competitions in the region. The all-volunteer KFK Board estimates that by the end of the weekend nearly \$100,000 will be given away to a wide variety of children's causes. Included will be support for children's charities designated by the North Haven Rotary Club, who continue to work along side KFK volunteers to produce this unique four-day event, and the annual Bryan Velez Courage Award given in honor of the memory of a young man from Waterbury who was born with cerebral palsy and fought a courageous battle against the effects of the disease from the seat of his wheelchair for his whole life.

According to Branigan, "some of the donations to children's charities are spread around to reflect the home communities of the competitors and to further reinforce the KFK message of paying it forward while others remain focused on the needs of this area." "The need is so great," he added, "and we are honored to try to do our part on behalf of the dance competitors, their families, and the many sponsors of our organization." In addition to the charities receiving support at the competition, there will also be funds set aside for the annual KFK Kommunity Chest which supports children and their families in need throughout the year.



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Robert G. Rodriguez  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist - New Britain

Celebrate Earth Day in North Branford  
Saturday April 25th from 8:45am to noon – rain or shine  
North Branford Parks Cleanup

Volunteers needed to take part in our annual North Branford parks cleanup in conjunction with Earth Day. Meet at the North Branford Public Works area at 290 Forest Rd, sign a waiver and help clean up one of our parks/school areas: Totoket Park, Northford Park, North Farms Park, NB High School or NB Intermediate School. This is a great community team building activity for students and all groups.

~ Students can earn 3 hours of Community Service Credit ~

Please join with volunteers from the North Branford Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee to help clean up our town.

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North Branford Spring Leaf Collection

Spring into raking! North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00 p.m. on the following remaining Saturdays this Spring: April 18 and 25.

Follow the signs. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground. As a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the drop off center.

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at 203-484-4091

Branford Compassion Club’s Spring Fundraisers

“An Evening in Roma” Italian dinner at Pompeo’s Restaurant (485 West Main Street, Branford) will take place on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Doors will open at 6pm. The evening will include a silent auction and cash bar. A buffet dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30pm; the menu includes salad, stuffed breads, eggplant, roast beef, potatoes, sausage & peppers, chicken Francese, and baked ziti. Italian pastries and coffee will round out the evening.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, located at 2037 Foxon Road in North Branford, on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm, or you can email [bccspecialevents32@gmail.com](mailto:bccspecialevents32@gmail.com) to arrange for tickets to be mailed to you.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Branford Compassion Club’s homeless felines. So, why not join us for a glass of Chianti, the music of Bocelli, and a great Italian meal – truly an “Evening in Roma”. Seating is limited, and tickets may not be available at the door, so get yours soon!

For more information, please visit [www.branfordcompassionclub.org](http://www.branfordcompassionclub.org)

The second event, “Phantoms for Felines” paranormal evening with the Ghost Hunter’s Guild of CT, will be held at the James Blackstone Library (758 Main Street, Branford) on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Doors will open at 6:30pm.

Members of the Ghost Hunter’s Guild will be giving a talk and slide-show presentation on some of their most interesting investigations, types of hauntings, and the equipment used in their work. So, whether you are a believer or a skeptic, it is sure to be a fascinating evening. Desserts and coffee will be served.

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Ninety percent of the proceeds will benefit Branford Compassion Club’s homeless felines. So, why not join us for dessert and perhaps find the answer to the age old question: Do ghosts really exist? Seating is limited and tickets may not be available at the door, so get yours soon!

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**Emily Reynolds** received a BS in Health Science at Philadelphia University. Emily a Physician's Assistant recently received the University's inaugural Elsie H. Hillman Award for Student Public Service

**Bryan Bennica** participated in an internship in the State of Connecticut Toxicology and Controlled Substances Lab at the University of New Haven. Bryon is a senior, majoring in Forensic Science.

**Christopher Stanio, Christopher Stankiewicz, James Blakeslee, Benjamin Hassen, Andrew Kendrick, Stephen Stanio, Hunter Stankiewicz & Matthew Langone** received first honors at Notre Dame High School in West Haven.

**Anthony Czarkowski and Frederic Montz** received Second Honors at Notre Dame High School in West Haven.



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## How Studying Abroad Changed My Life

**By: Jana Ferraro**

It wasn't until I was sitting in the dining room in my house in Brussels, on our "American Thanksgiving" surrounded by empty plates and glasses, listening to everyone say what they were thankful for that it finally hit me just how much those past few months meant to me. I spent the fall semester studying abroad in Brussels, Belgium enrolled in a European program. I was expecting the typical American abroad experience filled with traveling, drinking, and exploring all kinds of new things, but what I had was 10x more than that.

I am not an extroverted person by any means. I generally keep a small group of friends around me and don't venture out far past them, but going abroad completely changed that. To say going abroad changed me is an understatement. At the ripe age of 19 I feel as though going abroad gave me the ability to completely reinvent myself for the better and I can only imagine what it would do for all of the students who are currently feeling stuck in their lives. According to National Association of Foreign Student Advisers, only 2% of American undergraduate students study abroad. This statistic is mind-boggling. There are drawbacks and problems with studying abroad that I think everyone worries about, but the personal gain one gets makes it all worth while.

To me, and many other students that have spent time studying abroad, it was the most memorable college experience. You go to whichever country you choose having certain thoughts and values and then a few months later leave with a whole new perspective. So much of everything I thought I once valued was changed. Although it was a scary realization to have, I now know how important it was for me to have said realization.

I no longer fear change, I embrace it. New strange food, I'll try it. Whatever gets thrown in my direction I have learned to deal with it and try to make the best of the situation. Before going abroad I was so focused on the plan I had set up for myself back in high school: go to college, get my degree, get a job, start my life. By going abroad, I have realized that my life is already started and I need to stop thinking that it won't start until I am done with school.

It's safe to say that everyone wants to have an amazing college experience, but how to get that takes a lot of different steps. Not only is it about finding clubs and organizations to be a part of and a good solid group of friends to spend nights studying with, but it's about getting out of your comfort zone. So to the seniors graduating from high school, and any current college student, I urge you to find all of those wonderful things and more by going abroad. If it wasn't for that first experience, I would never even think to start planning out a trip to Zimbabwe for next year!

To read more about my experiences, check out my blog: [janaferraro.wordpress.com](http://janaferraro.wordpress.com)

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# Pitching is the Key for Thunderbird Baseball

Senior Sean Halligan struck out 9 and went the distance in the home opener to defeat Hale Ray 3-1. Halligan held the “Noises” to 4 hits and the one run allowed was a questionable safe call at third base. Although the T-Bird bats were a bit on the quiet side in the first game of the year, junior center fielder Chris Raynor had two hits and two RBI which was all the Thunderbirds needed to win their first game of the season.

In the second game, the boys traveled to Griswald where pitcher Tyler (T) Hawk got a lot more offensive support but needed very little. Hawk threw a 3 hit complete game shutout, striking out 6 and allowing no free passes.

This game saw Halligan staying hot at the plate with two doubles, a single and three RBI giving him an .800 average for the first two games. Catcher (X)avier Santiago, junior Matt Chamberlain and sophomore Derek (Jetes) Candelora all added 2 hits each. Santiago also threw a rocket to second nailing a would be base stealer and shortstop Nick Candelora and Raynor in centerfield made some key defensive plays.

## BEST GAMES IN TOWN

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Monday	4-20	Coginchaug	3:45
Wednesday	4-22	@Cromwell	3:45
Thursday	4-23	Lyman Hall	3:45
Monday	4-27	@Portland	3:45
Wednesday	4-29	Valley	4:00
Friday	5-1	H - K	3:45
North Branford High School Softball			
Saturday	4-18	@ East Haven	2:00
Monday	4-20	@Old Lyme	3:45
Wednesday	4-22	@Old Saybrook	3:45
Friday	4-24	@Portland	3:45
Monday	4-27	Westbrook	4:00
Wednesday	4-29	@Hale Ray	3:45
Friday	5-1	East Hampton	3:45

Check out casciac.org. for other North Branford High School sports schedules!

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Softball Teams Starts Season with Two Wins

First year head coach Nick DeLizio has the girls off to a strong start with victories over Valley and Bunnell.

Junior Sabrina LeMere was 3 for 5 with a grand slam and 8 RBI and scored 2 runs to lead a potent offensive attack against Valley. Steph Hogan was 3 for 3 with an RBI and 3 runs as Sarah Hemstock added 2 hits, 3 RBI and a run. The Lady T-Birds took that one 18 - 4.

Against Bunnell the girls came back with a 10 - 2 victory. Lindsay Golia got her second win of the season and led the offensive attack with 3 hits. LeMere was 3 for 4 and socked another homerun giving her 10 RBI in the two games. Steph Hogan was 3 -4 with an RBI double and Emily Muzyka was 2 -4 with a double and 3 RBI.

First year coach Delizio had been an assistant to retired coach TJ Schatz for eight years. DeLizio a graduate of North Branford has added assistant coaches Dante Palazzo amd Sarah Bevins (NB 2010) to beef up the staff.

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Johnny Lampert is considered one of the premier comedians in the country. He is a regular at New York City's and Los Angeles' best comedy clubs including Carolines on Broadway, The Comic Strip and The Improv and has also made numerous television appearances on MTV, A&E, NBC, HBO "Comedy Showcase" a multitude of shows on Comedy Central. Johnny has also headlined the main room at Connecticut's Mohegan Sun and Atlantic City's Borgata Hotel & Casino.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**WALK - RUN YOUTH GROUP Train for Matt’s Mission**  
April 26<sup>th</sup> - May 24<sup>th</sup> (no class on 17<sup>th</sup>) - Sundays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$25  
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CHILDREN’S KARATE

**Who:** Ages 6 and up  
**Session:** April 25<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** Saturdays, 1:00 –1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Tom Smith’s Chinese Kempo Academy  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Description:** *Children will learn respect for self and others, self-defense, balance, flexibility, discipline, focus, and healthy habits.*

YOUTH MMA

**Who:** Ages 8 and up  
**Session** April 25<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** Saturdays, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.  
**Where:** Tom Smith’s Chinese Kempo Academy  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Description:** *Learn Mixed Martial Arts skills you have seen on TV including: striking and grappling in a fun and safe environment.*

BABYSITTER’S CERTIFICATION

**Who:** Ages 11 - 15 girls & boys welcome!  
**Session:** Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Ambulance Co. #4 – Northford  
**Fee:** \$65 (bring lunch and beverage)  
**Description:** *Ideal class for current and future sitters. This training gives you the knowledge, skills, and confidence to care for infants and school-aged children. This course addresses safety issues, preventing injuries and illnesses, basic childcare, and first aid. Students learn by doing and will be required to demonstrate first aid and other skills. They will be certified by the American Safety and Health Institute. (CPR is not included in this class).*

DOG OBEDIENCE

**Who:** Ages 16 and older  
**Session:** May 4<sup>th</sup> - June 15<sup>th</sup> (no class May 25)  
**Time:** Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** North Farms Park, RT 139  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Description:** *Sit, stay, and heel are some of the commands taught. Train your dog to be welcomed by all! Dogs must be at least four months old and have all their shots. Please, no chain or retractable leashes. Proof of Rabies Certificate needed. Wear sneakers or low sole shoes. Only one person per dog. Bring lots of dog treats with you ... your dog will want to come to class!*

CPR/AED TRAINING

**Who:** Ages 11 - Adult  
**Session:** May 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Ambulance Co. #4 – Northford  
**Fee:** \$45  
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Time on your own to explore Artisan’s Park will be offered as well.  
**Finding Neverland on Broadway - Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cost: \$80 resident/ \$85 non-resident**  
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**Les Miserables on Broadway - Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
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EVENTS

PIZZA WARS 2015

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Seating 1: 6 p.m. Seating 2: 7 p.m.**  
**TICKETS: \$5 ~ Tickets are limited and available for purchase at the STW Comm. Center**

FROZEN PARTY!

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$20 w/ parent**  
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**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC.** 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or [nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net) or [www.northbranforducc.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com)

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**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](http://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 Marennia. 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](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org).

### ***Military Whist Card Party - St. Frances Cabrini***

Military Whist Card Party sponsored by St. Frances Cabrini Church Women's Club to be held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall, 57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven. Card Party starts at 6:30pm with coffee & desserts and Card Game starts at 7PM. Price is \$8.00 per person. Tickets can be obtained by calling St Frances Cabrini Rectory at 203-239-5700 or after 5pm call Sharon at 203-234-0215. Instructions on how to play the game will be given. Come for lots of raffles and prizes and a fun evening!

## Flower and Bake Sale

Northford Congregational Church will have a Mother's Day weekend flower and bake sale to benefit the church. The bake sale will be held on Sat., May 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The flower sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., May 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sun., May 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

## Bereavement Support Program

Dealing with grief and loss can be a difficult task alone. Sharing with others who understand how you feel can make the journey easier. Our 8-week bereavement support program/discussion group is for any adult coping with the death of a person who was significant in his or her life (such as a child, spouse, parent, sibling, friend). The purpose of our group is not to teach, but to allow participants to feel less lonely, identify and discuss the challenges associated with grief, and provide a safe, welcoming space to work on our grief together. The program is not faith-based, but we might discuss how our faith has been affected by our grief.

The 8-week program begins April 27 and will run every Monday evening, 6 - 7:30 pm for 8 weeks. The sessions are held at Faith United Methodist Church, 81 Clintonville Road, North Haven, CT. Registration is required because space is limited. Please e-mail the facilitator, Cathy DellaValle, at [faithgrief@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithgrief@sbcglobal.net) or call 203-239-2469 to learn more about our program or to register.

## Mayko Speaks to NARFE



North Haven: The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Chapter 257, hosted Fran Mayko at their April meeting. Mayko, the Public Affairs Manager and Traffic Safety Educator for AAA Northeast described the smart vehicle features that can keep drivers safe.

She provided a Safety and Resource Guide for experienced drivers, and information on free AAA Driving Improvement Classes. A Q&A followed.

## Handcrafters' Spring Craft Show

Once again St. Monica's Rosary Society will be sponsoring the Northford Handcrafters' Guild Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Monica's Church, Rt 17 in Northford. The show will feature handcrafted items by local artisans. There will be a bake table and breakfast and lunch will be available. Come and enjoy great food, interesting crafters, face painting and more. Tables are available. For info call Lucille (203) 484-9737.

## News From Totoket Historical Society

### ***Civil War Comes to Life for North Branford and Northford***

Breakwater Books and The Totoket Historical Society are pleased to present Connecticut's own Jane Peterson Bouley as she reads and signs copies of her book, *Civil War Soldiers of Branford: North Branford and Northford*, Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00PM at the Atwater Memorial Library, 1720 Foxon Road, North Branford.

*The Civil War Soldiers of Branford, Connecticut* is the first comprehensive history of the soldiers from this shoreline town east of New Haven. Using pension records, original letters, diaries, regimental histories, cemetery records, family genealogies, newspapers, and other resources, the author has compiled the military service and biographical record of nearly 450 soldiers associated with Branford, North Branford, and the village of Northford. The soldiers are brought to life beyond the dates and battles, using their own words and those of their comrades to enhance our understanding of their service and its effect on their lives after the war.

Books may be purchased in advance at Breakwater Books, 81 Whitfield Street, Guilford, as well as the evening of the event. Please call 203-453-4141 or stop by the bookstore to register for this FREE event.

## RACE TO SCOUTING CUB SCOUT RALLY

Come join us Wednesday, April 22, 2014 from 6:30 p.M. To 8:00 P.M. At the Connecticut Sportsplex - Fieldhouse, 150 Foxon Road, North Branford, Connecticut. Find out what scouting is all about: camping, new skills, fun activities. Cub scouting is open to all boys currently in kindergarten through age 11. All boys can have fun playing in the playscape while their parents talk to representatives from the North Branford and Northford Cub Scout Packs.

Light refreshments will be available.

For questions contact: Joan Furr at 203-640-5339.

## Public Stargazing at Young's Pond Park in Branford

the Astronomical Society of New Haven will host a public observing event on Saturday April 25th between 7pm and 10pm at Young's Pond Park in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All members of the family are welcome to look through the telescopes and have a closer look at the stars and the planets. This month, telescopes will be pointed at Jupiter with its four moons, Venus and the Beehive Cluster. Members will also point out the constellations and satellite passes. Dress for cool weather. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, [www.asnh.org](http://www.asnh.org) or call 866-808-ASNH.

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

### ***Military Whist Card Party - NBCC***

There will be a Military Whist Card Party at the North Branford Congregational Church on Friday, April 24th starting at 6:45pm. The church is located at 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford.

For tickets, call Sheila at 203-481-2677 or Ginny at 203-488-8259.



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Natureworks Garden Center Free Garden Walks

**Early Blooming Plants in the Garden** - Stroll through the Natureworks demonstration gardens and let Natureworks owner, Nancy DuBrule-Clemente introduce you to the plants that are blooming at this time of year. Come and enjoy the glorious daffodil displays and learn how our bulb plantings effectively double the color in our April garden beds. Bring your specific questions about what to cut back and how to identify emerging plants.

Saturday, April 18th, 9:30 - 10:30

**Growing Figs in Connecticut** - Dan Furman of Cricket Hill Garden in Thomaston, CT visits Natureworks where he will discuss the challenges and rewards of growing figs in Connecticut. Edible fig trees are native to the Middle East, a climate very different from ours, and yet, with the right care will produce bounteous crops of delicious fruit. Both container and in-ground growing techniques will be explored.

Thursday, April 23rd, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Natureworks Celebrates Earth Day

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 4:00 and Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 4:00

**GARDEN WALK:** We are All Connected 9:30-10:30 am  
We start our Earth Day celebration by exploring with Natureworks owner, Nancy DuBrule-Clemente the many layers of connections between the plants in our gardens, the life in the soil, and the creatures that we share this special piece of land with. Learn how to enhance the habitat for beneficial insects, provide larval food plants for butterflies, and combine food and flowers together to create bountiful, beautiful, and productive gardens.

Caring for our Planet Fair 10 am-4 pm

Multiple informational and activity tables set up to celebrate with you!  
Local Beekeeper Mark Creighton presents everything you’ve been buzzing to learn about bees.

Pumpkin and Sunflower planting---for kids! We’ll provide children with a seed and pot for planting.

“Ask a Natureworker” Table – Natureworks staff will be on hand to answer gardening questions.

**Sunday, April 26th**


GARDEN TALK: Organic Lawn Care 11:00- 11:45 am

You can have a safe, healthy lawn for your family and pets and Natureworks Store Manager, Diane St. John will discuss how.

Caring for our Planet Fair 11 am-4 pm (see description above)  
Natureworks is a garden and landscape design center located at 518 Forest Road in Northford. For additional information go to the Natureworks website at [www.naturework.com](http://www.naturework.com) or call 203-484-2748.

Comedy Night Fundraiser – Back by Popular Demand

The North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Comedy Night fundraiser dinner on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Wallingford Elks Club, 148 S. Main Street, Wallingford. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm, and show at 8:15pm. The event includes a 3-course sit-down family-style dinner, dessert, cash bar, raffles and more. A new line-up of stand-up comedians from Treehouse Comedy Productions will be the main entertainment. We also have planned pre-show entertainment and will have a fun photo corner to add to the frivolity. Tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds will benefit the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy scholarship and charity programs. For more information or tickets, call Gale at 203-239-0454. Advance tickets only.



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**93 Deming Road**  
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