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Columnist hits the One Hundred Year Mark

Alton Eliason celebrated his 100th birthday with a party attended by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and, especially his wife, Marge, who celebrated her own 102nd birthday this week. They are still enjoying living in their home that they built together in the 1950's. He still orders the seeds for his organic garden, and oversees the planting, while his son and grandson do the work. They enjoy the fresh vegetables all summer long, and she insists on freezing the corn, peas, and beans every year (with some help).

As most of you know, he still writes his Wit and Wisdom columns for the Totoket Times and he never seems to be at a loss for subject matter.

His family continues to enjoy the celebrations which include the two people that started it all.

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Scholarship Applications are Available

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 graduate from are eligible. Applications must be in by March 31st, 2017.

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

Honor Our Shining Stars

Tickets are available for the Shining Star Dinner hosted by the North Branford Education Foundation. The dinner will take place on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets are only \$45 per person as we get together with the community to recognize our four honorees (left).

Don't be left out and enjoy a great evening of food, friendship and fun.

For tickets or more information please call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254. Tickets must be purchased in advance as no tickets will be sold at the door.



Judy Bannon



Marie Diamond



Pete Ramada



Gary Wall

Publication Date	Deadline
February 17	February 10
March 3	February 24
March 17	March 10
March 31	March 24
April 14	April 7
April 28	April 21
May 12	May 5



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New Recycling Program Under Way

Now that the plastic shopping bag and plastic film (poly ethylene) recycling program is into its second month, the North Branford Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee (NBSHWRC) would like to give residents an update and to keep spreading the word.

The month of January produced 45 pounds of plastic film. That was five thirty-gallon trash bags. In the first seven weeks, we have brought 85 pounds of plastic film to Big Y for shipping to the Trex Company.

First, a big thank you to Atwater and Smith Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store, and The Food Pantry of North Branford for not only allowing the collection bins, but for helping to spread the word to residents, customers, and patrons or whoever will listen. Another thank you goes out to the NB Big Y for taking all the plastic film we collect.

Plastic film is plastic grocery/shopping bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags which is quite a lot of items that are currently going into the trash that can be recycled.

The program is simple. Bring the items to one of five locations around NB and place them in the collection bin at that location. Look for bins at additional Town locations soon.

If none of these locations prove convenient for you, you can continue to bring these items to Big Y, Stop and Shop, Target, Wal-Mart, etc. All of these retail locations have a bin in the front of the store or near the Service Desk for plastic film.

However, there is a small catch with bringing your plastic film to a retail location. They simply

do not have the capacity to handle large amounts of plastic film at one time. The North Branford program will allow for larger amounts of plastic film to be collected at convenient drop off locations around North Branford, where it will be collected and then brought to our Big Y for handling.

Members of the NBSHWRC will monitor and empty the bins at the five locations, weigh the contents, and then bring to our Big Y on Route 80 to be included with the plastic film that Big Y has collected from customers and what it produces in its store. That will all be shipped to Big Y central facilities in Springfield, MA.

As an incentive, if North Branford collects at least five hundred pounds of plastic film in a six-month period, the Trex Company will donate a bench to NB. If you are not familiar with Trex, they make composite decking and the plastic film is a major component in the decking material process.

We will collect the plastic film in thirty-gallon clear plastic bags. This will allow us to see what's inside to ensure its all plastic film and Big Y will be able to verify the contents when we drop it off at the NB Big Y. All materials placed in the plastic film ins/totes must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

For more information visit the NBSHWRC at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com or like us on Facebook at North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee.

Photo: Deb Anderson, Liz Boissard, Sandy Giancola (Big Y Corporate Facilities Manager), Al Vittorio (NB Big Y Store Director), and Alison Caron meet to discuss the plastic film recycling program that the NB Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee and Big Y will participate in. (Picture by Hank Petroskey)

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Governor's Budget Relies on Municipalities and Taxpayers to Fix the State's Fiscal Woes



The governor presented his budget proposal for the next biennium Wednesday, February 8, in a joint session of the House and Senate. Governor Malloy's budget proposal aims to close a \$1.7 billion projected deficit next year by relying on nearly \$200 million in new fees and taxes. His proposal relies on municipalities and taxpayers to assume the state's budgetary responsibilities. It is another tax increase – just in a different form. Essentially, we are once again bailing out the state for its mismanagement of funds.

A main concern I have with the governor's proposed budget is that it aims to cut funding to smaller municipalities that work diligently to carefully balance their checkbooks, and instead provides aid to larger cities that have mismanaged and spent their funds irresponsibly. His proposal shifts approximately \$300 million from 130 towns, including North Branford, Guilford, Wallingford and Durham, and increases \$300 million of aid to 30 cities and towns.

The governor aims to make a total cut of \$1.3 billion, but municipalities will pay \$400 million of that amount, and \$700 million in revenue is slated to come from union concessions. His proposal includes an array of miscellaneous fees and penalties that would raise \$56 million more in Fiscal Year '18 and \$96 million in Fiscal Year '18-'19. These fees and penalties include: gun permits, criminal history record checks, record filing, cremation services, urgent care center licensing, boosting the carbonated bottle deposits (increases from 5 cents to 10 cents), and civil fines for health care facilities. I am most concerned about increasing a \$70 gun permit fee to \$300. I believe this cost increase is an infringement on our constitutional right to bear arms given the cost prohibitive fee. I only await the day that this Governor will assess a fee to vote!

If that's not bad enough, the governor's proposal makes municipalities responsible for approximately one third of the cost of municipal school teachers' pensions, which was always previously fully funded by the state – again shifting the state's burden on to our citizens. It is likely that this additional expense on municipalities will lead to an increase in property taxes. In addition, the governor takes another hit to the middle class by proposing to eliminate the \$200 tax credit for property owners, which over 1 million homeowners in the state currently take advantage of.

Education funding is not off limits either, including special education services, which are both slashed in the governor's proposal. The Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant, the state's largest program for local school aid, would be revised to provide greater funding to low-income communities and cut funding in more affluent ones – essentially picking winners and losers.

The governor's solution to fixing our fiscal crisis...passing the buck on to municipalities, taxpayers and future generations.

Simply put, this budget spends more (0.8% in Fiscal Year 2018) and is another tax increase. The Governor's budget completely ignores the state of our economy and I hope our legislators reject this proposal. The people of Connecticut need a budget that provides long-term solutions to our state's fiscal problems. I refuse to support a budget that expects municipalities and taxpayers to fix the state's fiscal woes.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother it's that time of year again when I'm tired of winter. Tired of watching my wife and daughter shoveling snow. Tired of my body aching with the usual cold weather aches and pains and tired of trying not to fall while walking on the ice.

I always get tired at this time and the above things make me focus on others things that tire me out. .

I am tired of entertainers telling us about their political viewpoints and having people hang on to them like they were Gospel. What makes them authorities on anything other than entertaining. Sing me a song or tell me a joke but I don't really care what you think about politics.

While on that subject, I'm tired of protestors. Pick a cause and do something concrete to help the community or society. Drawing up signs and traveling to march, is only filling an egotistical need to make yourself feel important. Go out and do something to help the cause. The attention you're bringing to your cause with protests is only hurting the situation. Do something tangible to help the situation. Don't just talk about it. Do it.

I'm tired of people who are suppose to be in the service business and they treat their customers as though they are doing them a favor by serving them. It's your job. If you don't want to do it than quit. You are there to serve the people so serve them.

I'm tired of listening to Yankee fans talking about how good they will be this year. I too am a Yankee fan and let's get real. They have no pitching, unproven youngsters and veterans who haven't had a good year since I was able to walk without a limp.

I'm really tired of people who are negative. All they do is complain and complain. They don't have any money but they spend like they did. They don't have time to do what they want but they waste the time they do have.

I'm tired of people referring to their animals as "their babies". Give me a break. I love a dog as much as the next guy but let's not lose our minds. It insults me when people tell me I have three grandsons. Do not compare my two grandsons to the dog.

Why can't everyone be like me. I never complain. I'm always happy. Just call me "Positive Poppy" and buy that bridge I'm selling next month.

Take care and I'll see you soon.

Coffee, Donuts & Trusts

Attorneys George and Marc Guertin of Guertin and Guertin, LLC invite the public to join them for the popular workshop, "Coffee, Donuts & Trusts" on Saturday, February 25th at 10 a.m.

Enjoy coffee and donuts while Attorneys George and Marc Guertin present an enlightening and often entertaining look at some commonly used Trusts including Revocable, Irrevocable, Asset Protection, and Special Needs Trusts.

This informative session is being held at Guertin and Guertin, LLC's offices at the historic Center Fire House building at 26 Broadway in North Haven. Advance registration is required and seats fill up quickly. The public should call 203-234-7400 or email info@guertinlaw.net to reserve a seat.



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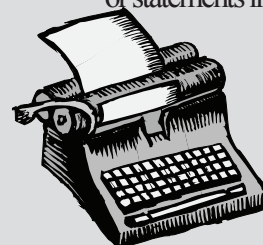
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Fake News, Fact, Fortitude and the First Amendment

by D. Kirt Westfall

The Internet is an infinite flow of information that can dazzle and confuse as well as inform. Our First Amendment protects this resource from those who seek to select our reality for us. The very chant of “fake news” suggests that someone knows better than we do, that they should be the gatekeeper, dictate our reality and silence others. But, if someone decides for us what is real, how can we fact check it?

We are now more empowered than ever to make our own determination. We can use the information highway to do our homework on what is real or fake. The information is out there, floating chaotically on the Internet, waiting for us to sort it out. But it’s easier to turn on the TV and settle for the stories told by ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC or FOX. We don’t need to wrestle with conflicting world views, do we? A recent event strongly suggests that we do.

The mainstream news reported that 150 masked agitators disturbed what otherwise would have been a righteous, peaceful protest of a racist speaker at Cal Berkeley on February 1st. But the Internet’s alt media said something else. Several days before the event, Berkeley authorities required the speaker to pay approximately \$6,500 for added security. Clearly, the authorities knew something was going to happen. And, hours before the event, before any violence, the speaker was “escorted” off campus for his “safety.” So, the speaker (Milo Yainnopoulos) was silenced and only the voice of the unruly protesters was heard. Despite protesters burning cars, assaulting several women and damaging property, the police were ordered to stand down. There was only one arrest. And the story goes even deeper, with Cal Berkeley’s president Janet Napolitano (former Secretary of Homeland Security under Obama) fighting the Trump administration on issues of free speech and her claims of a “sanctuary campus.” But we won’t see these issues discussed on mainstream media.

You won’t find Yainnopoulos’ campus speeches on regular TV either. But you will hear him referenced as a fascist, racist and intolerant bigot on mainstream media. So try listening to him through the Internet. You will be dumfounded; the only racist comments uttered at his events come from audience agitators who try to argue against his well-reasoned and comical political diatribes.

So, for truth to be told: (1) believe no one because of who they are (including me); (2) believe anyone only after doing your homework and; (3) never accept an easy explanation just because it’s easy. Our First Amendment allows flowing rivers of lies, ideological subversions, false prophesies and fake news. But without that freedom we would consume only what the gatekeepers feed us, like Huxley’s soma, a substance free people must reject. So, with freedom comes duty, a duty to investigate, search for and seek truth. The Internet is now a resource through which that truth can be gleaned. We must use it and protect its free flow of information from those who would homogenize it or try to cleanse it of what they deem fake.

“Kirt Westfall is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a major in history and sociology of science, Attorney Westfall, along with his partner and wife, Theresa Behrens, have been North Branford residents since 1994. Attorney Westfall has argued cases before all levels of court, save the U.S. Supreme Court. His early experiences in Washington D.C., working for a Fortune 500 company and the federal government under the Regan administration, compel him to keep his law practice small, focused on solving his clients’ problems rather than the those of a large organization. He and his wife appreciate the small town oasis that is North Branford and seek to offer their thoughts and insights into contemporary social issues.”

Sunday, February 19th

Annual Corned Beef Dinner!

Annual Corned Beef Dinner at the Knights of St. Patrick Grand Hall in New Haven! Come and enjoy an afternoon of great food, Irish music, and raffle prizes! Special pricing for children! The afternoon will consist of corned beef dinner, sandwiches, desserts and hot dogs for the children!

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For more information contact Seamus Bohan at 203.996-6748 or Jim McGovern 203.605-7674

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Lately, the same question has been posed to me by several of my clients “What is the difference between an Irrevocable Trust and a Revocable Trust?” On a base level the answer to the question is easy, one trust is revocable and the other is not. But that does not quite answer the question my clients are really asking. What they really want to know is what type of trust is right for my situation?

In many ways revocable trusts and irrevocable trusts are similar. All trusts act like a “legal container” that holds property for the benefit of the “beneficiary” of the trust. The beneficiary can be an individual, an institution or a charity. Trusts are legal agreements between three different parties: The Grantor, who establishes the trust, the Trustee, who administers the trust, and the beneficiary, who receives some sort of benefit from the trust.

Imagine that a trust acts like a cardboard box that holds your assets. Revocable Trusts are an “open box trust.” You can put assets into the box and you can take assets out of the box. The box is an alter ego for yourself. You have total control. On the other hand, Irrevocable Trusts function like a “closed box trust.” You can put assets into the trust, you just cannot get them out. Your trustee controls the assets inside the Irrevocable Trust, not you.

Revocable Trusts are very good at avoiding the probate process (although not necessarily the probate fees charged by the state of Connecticut). They are also very good at avoiding or minimizing estate taxes, and are beneficial in many other ways. What a Revocable Trust will not do is protect assets against the high cost of nursing home/skilled nursing care.

If my clients are concerned about the costs associated with spending time in a nursing home we usually discuss the power of an Irrevocable Trust. Irrevocable Trusts are a legal entity separate from the person who creates it. As a “closed box trust,” irrevocable trusts insulate the assets inside the trust from things like the cost of nursing home care. In order for an Irrevocable Trust to work it must be set up well in advance of anticipated nursing home care.

If you would like to learn more about how Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts work to protect your assets, Guertin and Guertin, LLC offers a free consultation on asset protection. Give us a call at **203-234-7400** to schedule your appointment today. We also will be hosting an informational workshop on this topic on Saturday, February 25th at 10am at our offices located at 26 Broadway in North Haven. If you’d like to be added to the guest list please call for a reservation or send an email to info@guertinlaw.net.

HAZ /Waste Corner

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Augur, Alessandra
Callender, Christopher
Conboy, Jeremey
DeAngelo, Samantha
Frandsen, Logan
Kilburn, Jessie
McKee, Sean
Miconi, Patrick
Pavic, Ana
Phabmixay, Joanna
Pietrogallo, Julia
Raccio, Brianna
Sabetta, Rebecca
Sellitto, Anthony
Slubowski, Ashley

HIGH HONORS
9TH GRADE
Blomster, Lily
Bureau, Karlee
Candelora, Juliana
Cassista, Julia
Cirivello, Jennifer
DeLucia, Joseph
El Kharraz, Youssef
Galdenzi, Ava
Gall, Jenna
Gargano, Jesse
Gildersleeve, Brittny
Kwalek, Rachel
LeBeau, Avonlea
Marcarelli, Calley
McIntyre, Carlie
Norton, Melanie

Olsen, Emily
Pappolla, Jordan
Pearson, Annika
Pedersen, Katy
Roof, Erika
Schreiber, Emma
Spayd, Jenna
Sudusky, Stephanie
Sweetapple, Bryce
Teodoro, Amanda
Vitarisi, Rachel
Waligroski, Alyssa
Wang, Allison

HONORS
12TH GRADE
Alexander, Shaina
Blake, Dillon
Chime, Tenzin
DeJesus, Neycha
Drummond, Keith
Felten, Jillian
Garrett, Emma
Giatrelis, Nicholas
Haeckel, Julia
Hughart, Amanda
Lichtenberger, Tyler
Lombard, Morgan
Luke, Samantha
McKee, Brian
Mirabella, Felicia
Nadeau, Parker
Nuzzo, Elissa
Palma, Katerina
Querfeld, Robert
Ruggiero, Samantha
Seymour, Stephanie
Slubowski, Jamie
Testa, Stephanie
Tirollo, Giovanni
Weaver, Andrea
Wilson, Patience

HONORS
11TH GRADE
Albrecht, Rae-chelle
Ash, Nicholas
Beisaw, Aaron
Bookman, Sydnie
Carr, Gloria
Cirivello, Jessica
Dewitt, Julia
DiEdwards, Hanah
Fee, Jonna
Fillion, Katelyn
Gall, Matthew

Giglietti, Gabriella
Guadagnino, Theresa
Jablonski, Jeffrey
Lovelace, John
Mone, Joseph
O’Neil, Thomas
Ramada, Danielle
Smola, Zachary
Streeto, Joselyn
Sullivan, Sarah
Zampano, Marie
Zumbo, Paul

HONORS
10TH GRADE
Aaron, Aaliyah
Anastasio, Colby
Annunziato, Brianna
Ash, Jason
Augur, Hannah
Bailey, Morgan
Brennan, Ashley
Buffone, Rachel
Chan, Alvin
Chironno, Jenna
Cook, Sarah
Cosenza, Julianna
Craig, Carlton
Cristante, Alexina
Diaz, Alyssa
DiMartino, Bella

Gallagher, Matthew
Galluba, Stephen
Mancini, Nicholas
May, Caitlin
McClure, Nina
McKee, Sean
McNelis, Joseph
Montanaro, Jacob
Rabuffo, Michael
Ramada, Angelina
Souza, Kaitlin
Stoner, Brendan
Taylor, Noah
Testa, Ashley
Torgerson, Mary-Kate
Velez, Kaylee

HONORS
9TH GRADE
Aiken, Mairead
Aucapina, Ariadna
Barrett, Alexandra
Camp, Gerald
Capasso, Tyler
Carbone, Joseph
Cavalier, Sofia
Cognata, Xavier
Cole, Emily
Cucinotta, Sally
D’Aria, Vincenzo
D’Onofrio, Bianca

Dautaj, Briana
DeBarros, Charles
DeSisto, Isabella
Despres, Kayla
Diaz, Enrique
Helff, Marisa
Huisman, Victor
Klemme, Katherine
Lawson, Brian
Lucibello, Justin
Lucibello, Sean
Maenza-Scarano, Nicholas
Montesanto, Marissa
Mott, Izabella
Muzyka, Megan
Palmieri, Teresa
Patel, Krish
Pompano, Janessa
Powers, Jetta
Pragano, Sean
Ricardo, Julia
Rosado, Alexie
Sarmento, Gabriella
Schanz, Isabella
Sheehan, Emma
Smola, Ava
Sorrentino, Carly
Tomaso, Christian
Tropiano, Alliyah

D’Amico Named Student Leader of the Year

NBHS Junior Marisa D’Amico was recently named the SLTP Student Leader of the Year. The Student Leadership Training Program is held at Nichols College in Massachusetts with weekly training sessions held each summer and daily sessions each month during the school year. Marisa was one of 70 students nominated with over 1000 students eligible. Marisa is currently enrolled in Honors Level classes and is taking one Advanced Placement course at NBHS. She is member of the NBHS Cheerleading Program and serves as a model citizen within the community.

Rotary Names January “Student of the Month”



Jillian Damiani was recently honored as the North Branford Rotary Student of the Month for excellence in English. She is pictured above with Mukund Nori. (Photo by Laima Nori)

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 Tuesday, March 7 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.

THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Dante Tomassini was named to the Men’s Hockey Team at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.
William Tobin was named to the Dean’s List at Paul Smith’s College in Paul Smiths NY.
Hannah Albert, Kristen Combs and Matthew Edwards were named to the Dean’s List at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.
Jana Ferraro was named to the Dean’s List at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD.
Sean Halligan was named to the President’s List at Western New England University in Springfield, MA,
Riley Stone was named to the Dean’s List at Delaware Valley University..



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Senior Pride

North Branford High School seniors from the girls basketball team have led the T-birds to a 9-9 record (at presstime) and entrance into the State Tournamnet. Pictured above left to right are; Stephanie Seymour, Kelly Oliver and Nicole Yeager. (Photo by Mike Violette)



Little Takes First in League Meet

The North Branford High School Boys/Girls Indoor Track Team competed in Shoreline League Meet #2 recently held at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven on Friday, January 27th. This was the final meet of the season prior to the Shoreline Conference Championship scheduled for Saturday, February 4th. Girls results for the relays are as follows: 4x200 Relay 7th at 1:58.34 (Jenna Bryden, Grace Little, Lydia Mattson and Sarah Criscuolo) and Sprint Medley Relay Team 8th at 5:12.8 (Caitlin May, Sarah Criscuolo, Gabbie Sarmento and Jordyn Franco).

Top individual places for the girls were: 55 M Dash – Grace Little 1st at 7.58 and Jenna Bryden 6th at 7.72, 300 Meters – Grace Little 1st at 44.64, and Jenna Bryden 2nd at 44.98, High Jump – Winnie Chan 1st at 4’10”, Joselyn Streeto and Deanna Sgambato tied for 8th at 4’2”, Pole Vault – Deanna Sgambato 5th at 6’6”, 55M Hurdles – Winnie Chan 10th at 10.34 and Jessica Tang 15th at 10.61, 600m Run – Erika Roof 9th at 1:57.75 and Caitlin May 11th at 2:00.26 and 1600m Run – Jillian Damiani 15th at 6:23.86, Boys results for the relays are as follows: 4x200 Relay Team 7th at 1:47.3 (Jacob Marshall, Pat Miconi, Aaron Beisaw and Bryce Sweetapple) and 4x400 Relay 3rd at 3:56.85 (Austin Gibilisco, Michael Madoule, Michael Rabuffo and Parker Nadeau). Top individual places for the boys were: High Jump – Michael Rabuffo 4th at 5’4”, 300 Meters – Michael Rabuffo 4th at 39.78 and Michael Madoule 5th at 40.0, 55M Dash – Jacob Marshall 6th at 6.92 and Bryce Sweetapple 10th at 7.0, 1600m Run – Parker Nadeau 11th at 5:28.58, Shot Put – Nick Ash 11th at 32’03.5” and 600 Meters – Tony Pavic 15th at 1:44.11.

Pictured above in team photo: front row; Lydia Mattson, Jenna Bryden, Grace Little and Sarah Criscuolo. Back row; Jacob Marshall, Michael Rabuffo, Deanna Sgambato, Winnie Chan, Austin Gibilisco, Jocelyn Streeto, Michael Madoule, Emily Muzyck and Parker Nadeau. (Photo by Brandi Little)



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NBHS PROJECT GRADUATION 2017

MILITARY WHIST
CARD PARTY

No experience necessary to play, instructions will be given

Friday, March 10, 2017

St. Augustine Lower Church Hall
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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 parish office @ 203-484-0403 or stop by the parish office M, W, TH, FR 9am-1pm or Tues 9am-6pm

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Activities

Gentle Yoga and Meditation

Who:18+

Session:Feb 16 - April 6

Location:STW Community Center

Time:Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Fee:\$75 res/\$80 nr

Description:Relax and unwind with an hour class that will include some basic yoga to unlock tightness and tension in the body. Guided meditation will help the mind to slow down and release stress. You will leave feeling invigorated and refreshed!

Jazz & Hip Hop

Who:Grades K-4

Session:March 15 – May 3

Location:STW Community Center

Time:Wednesday, 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Fee:\$40 res/\$45 nr

Description:This fun style of dance incorporates upbeat music while learning the style of the dance. We will learn different dance combinations, work on flexibility, and some beginner breakdance steps. Wear comfortable clothing, appropriate shoes (sneakers are okay) and bring water.

Archery

Who:Grades 4-8

Session:March 8 – April 12

Location:STW Community Center

Time:Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
(beginner)

Fee:\$45 res/\$50 nr
6:30-7:30 p.m.(advanced)

Description:Learn Basic skills using the classic recurve bow. Practice great shooting habits and learn to put your arrow in the bullseye every time, all in a sage and supportive environment.

Ballet n’ Rhythm

Who:Ages 2-4

Session:March 8 –April 26

Location:STW Community Center

Time:Wednesday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Fee:\$45 res/\$50 nr

Description:Introduce your toddler to the basics of dance through pre-ballet, rhythm exercises, and creative movement. This class will incorporate music, movement, imagery, and props to develop motor skills and imagination. Dance clothing and ballet shoes are required.

STW DiLungo Fitness Center

North Branford’s Best Kept Secret!

Stop and check us out!

Bus Trips

Wednesday, April 12th. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Description:STEP INSIDE A WORLD OF PURE IMAGINATION! Roald Dahl’s most treasured tale is coming to Broadway in a delicious new musical. Show is at 2:00p.m. Enjoy a wonderful day in the city during April Break.\$135 res/\$140 nr (\$45/\$50 for JUST the bus, NYC on your own).Seats:Orchestra

Wednesday, April 12th. Beautiful: The Carol Kind Musical

Description:“Timeless” and one of the “Best musicals on Broadway,” this Grammy Award winning show is sure to please. RT motor coach transportation and 2:00 p.m. show time. \$135 res/\$140 nr (\$45/\$50 for JUST the bus, NYC on your own). Seats:Mid-Mezzanine

We’re proud to announce that we are now offering

OPEN GYM for multiple activities at the

STW Community Center!

Pickleball: Mondays *and* Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Basketball: Fridays 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Table Tennis: Fridays 4:30 – 8:00 p.m

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North Branford Senior Center

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

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*Now offering a different hot soup weekly

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Tuesday at 12:30.

Come by or call the Senior Center to register.

Game Day, Friday, February 17, 12:30 p.m.

Have fun with friends and join us for some cards, Jenga and Yahtzee!

Movie & Popcorn, Friday, February 24, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a movie and popcorn at the senior center.

Target, Monday, February 27, 12:30

Come stroll with us through Target or relax at Starbucks with a beverage.

Ballroom Line Dancing, Tuesdays, February 21 – March 28, 1:30 - 2:30p.m.

Learn to samba, cha cha, mambo, merengue and more *without* the need for a partner. This class is designed to teach basic ballroom patterns and steps while dancing in a group.

Fee: \$30 res/\$35nr. Sign up required.

Cooking with Sarah, Wednesday, March 8, 15 & 22, 1:00

Come join Sarah Vacher, Shoprite dietitian, for 3 FREE workshops. Topics covered include nutritional cooking demonstrations and healthy eating. Please sign up in advance.

Please sign up for activities in advance.

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The 2017 North Branford Potato and Corn Festival

Will Be Held August 4, 5, and 6 at

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Did you have a great time at the Potato and Corn Festival this year? Are you an empty nester looking for ways to keep busy? Recently retired? Do you like to volunteer and help your community? Then the 2017 Festival Committee is looking for you! The Festival Committee meets monthly throughout the year to plan for this wonderful community event. Making this event happen requires the commitment of many people but the fun and friendships made far outweigh the work! Please consider joining your neighbors this year and volunteering for the Festival Committee.

If you have any questions about the Festival or the Committee, or for additional information, please contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator, at admin@nbpotatofest.com or by calling the Recreation Department office at 203-484-6017.

8th Annual

St. Patrick’s Parish Neighborhood Reunion

Communion Breakfast

Sunday Morning - March 12, 2017

St. Bernadette Church Hall

385 Townsend Ave., New Haven

Mass at 8AM

Buffet style Breakfast to follow

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Catered by Scarpellino’s Restaurant

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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

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, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). 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 10:00am. We have a rotating clergy during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

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 and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am 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. Sunday Holy Eucharist services 8 & 10AM ealing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two babysitters available downstairs during the service. Coffee hour after the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

NORTH BRANFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES DURING LENT AND EASTER

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.

March 1, 2017 @ 7pm - Ash Wednesday/Taize Service - Providing centering and peace through contemplative prayer. Taize Services will continue throughout Lent on each Wednesday @7pm. (March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 – Taize dates).

April 9, 2017@ 10am - Palm Sunday Service - Join in the hallelujahs and waving of the palms.

April 13, 2017 - Maundy Thursday@ 7pm - Recount Jesus' Journey to providing human kind with salvation.

April 14, 2017 @ 12 noon - Good Friday - An opportunity to walk with Jesus to the cross.

April 16, 2017 @6:00am - Easter Sunrise Service @ Lake Gallard - Celebrate the Resurrection as the sun rises. Coffee hour at NBCC after the service.

April 16, 2017 @ 10am - Easter Sunday Service - A celebration of new life through Jesus, Our Savior.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Fundraiser

The community is encouraged to come and enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner to help raise funds for Northford Congregational Church's Bell Tower Fund. The dinner at 5 p.m., Sat., Mar. 11, is limited to 50 people in the church's social hall. Take-out dinners will also be available if ordered in advance. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dessert, coffee, and tea.

The **deadline for reservations and advance payment is March 4**. Adults are \$18 and children under age 12 are \$12. For reservations and questions, call 203-234-7794 or 203-484-0794. Checks payable to Northford Congregational Church should be mailed to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Ct., North Haven CT 06473-2892, before the Mar. 4 deadline. All meals must be paid for in advance.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net.



Northford Women's Club GFWC

Donates to Trees of Hope

The Northford Women's Club GFWC purchased and decorated two wreaths for the Twenty-Seventh Annual Trees of Hope, a project that benefits children and families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Over 140 beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and holiday baskets decked the halls of the Maritime Center in New Haven in December. Enjoyed by more than 4,000 people each year, Trees of Hope is a dynamic and festive holiday spectacular. This is the third year that the club participated. The Northford Women's Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs. For membership information, please contact Michele Nilson at 203-717-2203 or michelehanah00@gmail.com. You can also go to our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook..

Pictured from left to right: Northford Women's Club members Mary Smith, Kim Wollman, and Patty Meglio setting up the Winter Wonderland wreath at the Maritime Center.



Covenant to Care, Renewed in Northford

Through the Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) Covenant to Care's "Adopt a Social Worker Program," the members of the Northford Congregational Church and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church recently celebrated and renewed the covenant that they formed approximately six years ago. Present at Northford Congregational Church during the renewing of the covenant were (left to right) Nancy Tipping, liaison from NCC; Nancy Monde, representing the liaison from St. Andrews; and Anyssia Blue, the church's adopted social worker with the Milford DCF. Also present were NCC church member John Lenox and Interim Pastor Robin Blundon.

Everyone present witnessed and promised to support the covenant and to commit themselves to serving children in need through the program.

Other joint missions in which Northford Congregational Church members participate are Abraham's Tent with North Haven Congregational Church and Midnight Run with North Branford Congregational Church.

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Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

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Please be sure to bring your Federal Tax Return, if you file one, and Social Security Statement (1099). If you do not file a return, you must provide proof of all forms of income, including your 1099 statement, pension income, annuity income, interest, etc.

ADDITIONAL VETERAN PROGRAMS:

The qualifications are the same as the elderly programs; however if 100% disabled, the income maximum is \$18,000, for a single person, and \$21,000 for a married couple, excluding Social Security.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Assessors Office at 203-484-6013.

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**Colin's Crew Hosts Fourth Annual Night of Hope
Benefiting Children with Cancer**

Colin's Crew, a local nonprofit organization devoted to providing support to families with children battling cancer, is hosting its fourth annual Night of Hope to raise funds for its charitable programs and celebrate the courage of children battling cancer. The event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 6-10 p.m. at the Ill Monticello's located at 577 South Broad Street in Meriden, Conn. The cost of admission is \$60 per person or \$500 for a table of 10.

Night of Hope will include a cocktail fare with beer, wine, a signature cocktail, entertainment and a silent auction. Connell McShane, news anchor for *Imus in the Morning Show* and *Fox Business* anchor will be the emcee for the event. A special live auction with Chaz and AJ from WPLR radio as the auctioneers, will feature "hero" artwork from children at local treatment centers.

All proceeds from the event will benefit three Colin's Crew programs:

Meals4Kids joins Colin's Crew with local restaurants to deliver meals to the in-patient oncology children and their families during their hospital stay. Last year, Colin's Crew made 16 meal deliveries, serving more than 300 families.

Snacks4Kids collects and prepares snack bags for children to enjoy during their in-patient or outpatient treatments. In 2016, Colin's Crew delivered more than 1,000 snack bags.

Fun4Kids provides activities for families to enjoy in a group setting since children battling cancer often have compromised immune systems, which prohibit them from participating in open and populated events. Activities include Films4Kids and Games4Kids where Colin's Crew makes these events possible by providing safe and clean environments.

"The dedication of local charities like Colin's Crew are vital to our community and to helping families during tough times," said Connell McShane, News Anchor for *Imus in the Morning Show* and *Fox Business* Anchor. "Being emcee for the Night of Hope gives me the opportunity to provide my support as well."

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased online at www.colins-crew.org or by mailing your payment to P.O. Box 4097, Wallingford, Conn. 06492. Members of the press are invited to attend.

Colin's Crew is a local 501(c)3 organization focused on bringing moments of comfort and joy to families affected by childhood cancer. Colin's Crew was originally inspired by Colin Westbrook who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) in October 2009, just days after his second birthday. Today he is our biggest advocate. To learn more about Colin's Crew visit www.colins-crew.org or on Facebook.



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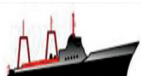


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Compassion Club Celebrates Anniversary



The Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center will celebrate its 6th shelter anniversary with a winter food and supply drive to benefit shelter and feral cats on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Unopened canned and dry cat and kitten food, paper towels, kitchen trash bags, Tidy Cat clumping litter, laundry (HE) and dish detergent are especially needed.

Join the volunteers for cake and refreshments at the BCC Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Rd.

For more information on the kitties' wish list, visit the website at www.branfordcompassionclub.org.

Also, SAVE THE DATE for Branford Compassion Club's 20th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, May 19, 2017.

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Northford Women's Club GFWC Soup and Bread Night

The Northford Women's Club GFWC will be holding its annual Soup and Bread night on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. Any woman over the age of 18 is invited to attend.

The Northford Women's Club GFWC 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 Michele Nilson at [203-717-2203](tel:203-717-2203). You can also go to our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook!