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Dear Editor:

On May 5th, Donna passed away suddenly. To say this was a shock would be an understatement. That night, we lost a wife, a mom and a daughter. For 53 years, North Branford has been a special place for my husband and me. Both our children were raised and educated here. We were completely overwhelmed by the love and support that has been shown to our family. I wish it were possible to thank each and everyone of you personally.

However, there were so many that have touched our lives, I wouldn't know where to begin. Please know we are grateful to each one of you. I especially appreciate the way the community wrapped their arms around Christopher, Ryan and Joelle. The love shown to them from not only the school system, but also from complete strangers, was beyond belief. It is a comfort knowing that so many will be watching out for them as they grow up. Our heartfelt thanks to each one of you. You have touched our lives deeply.

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Connecticut State-Run Retirement System- Who Are We Really Helping?



Public Act 16-29 establishes the Connecticut Retirement Security Authority (CRSA), a quasi-public state agency governed by a board of directors, which may be supported from administrative fees charged to participating members. The authority is tasked with establishing and implementing the

Connecticut Retirement Security Program (CRSP). A subsequent amendment, which passed both chambers, allows for an exchange in which the private sector supplies these benefits.

I ultimately did not support this legislation. The bill was premised on the fact that individuals, especially low-wage earners, do not have retirement plans. The law requires that employers must automatically enroll each employee in the program no later than 60 days after the employer provides the employee with the informational material on the program. If the employee does not affirmatively opt in, the employer must enroll the employee with a contribution of at least 3% but not more than 6% of the employee's taxable wages. A covered employee may opt out of the program by electing a contribution level of zero.

In its original form, this bill offered 401k type plans where pretax dollars are used for the retirement vehicle, hence, income taxes are deferred until the money is withdrawn in retirement. This vehicle is the preferred method of saving for retirement and certainly should be used for low-wage individuals since it leaves more money in their pockets. The majority party in the legislature eliminated this option when they realized it would cost the state \$10 million in income tax revenue. So sadly, they protected the interests of government at the expense of our workers. The state, therefore, is promoting these Roth IRAs, not because they are the best retirement vehicles, but because it protects the states' interests. Unsuspecting and uninformed individuals will only be educated on one option, which in most cases, is a bad decision for them.

The private sector already provides retirement plans for individuals whose employer does not offer them. When I met with Guilford Savings Bank this past winter, they explained that they offer these 401k type programs already, free of charge and if the government offers this "opt out" program, our community banks cannot compete with government and Connecticut could see more job losses. The public is much better served by opting out of this state plan and visiting a community bank to explore your options.

Although the employers have no control over these retirement plans, do not administer the plan and do not receive any paperwork on the plans beyond the initial enrollment, the state makes them potentially liable for anything that goes wrong with the investment while the quasi-government administrators are immune from liability. It's an astounding policy when you think about it, but no surprise as the entire law elevates the protections of government at the expense of the people it governs.

There is no question that Connecticut residents do not save enough for retirement, but rather than force them to do so under an ill-conceived government plan, maybe the legislature should ask themselves why people don't save for retirement? Could it be that we are the most expensive and tax-burdened state in the country to live in? The legislature has done an exceptionally poor job of managing its money and we certainly should not begin micromanaging the money of its people. I recommend employees opt out of this program and visit your community banks.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, a lot has gone on since we last spoke. Memorial Day weekend was a bit of a bust but still okay. I got up early Saturday to put the AC in the family room. As I was walking into the garage I saw my favorite son pull in next door as he was coming home for a golf day with his buddies. He asked me what I was doing and I told him I was taking the big AC up, he yelled over and admonished me to be careful. He didn't volunteer to help, but he did want me to be careful. I was pretty careful until I got a back spasm and SueAnn and Gina had to save me for a minute. Thank God he was there to help.

Next was SueAnn's birthday weekend for her mile stone birthday or as she calls it, "The beginning of the end". After I shared my point of view on the beginning of the end being the day you are born, she lightened up. On Friday just her and I went out to dinner shared some reflections, enjoyed an ice cream at Rose's Orchard and added one of Gina's homemade boconotto (don't ask about my sugar numbers. That's why God made insulin).

Saturday, the kids took us all on a day trip to Newport. The hour and a half ride takes much more time with a full car load. My son-in-law is addicted to coffee so that is the cause for a few stops. Erica has a baby pushing on her bladder and my grandson only has to go when his mom & dad are done and we are back on the road. It's funny, the two old people in the car never have to go. I just go all night so I guess there isn't anything left during the day. We took a boat ride, hung out at the beach and had a great dinner.

Sunday was the final day of the birthday tour. Once again Frankie came to the rescue. It was pouring when we left the restaurant and he was concerned as I told him I was going to get the car for his aunt and grand mother. "Don't run he offered. You're not young anymore".

On the baseball side, we lost the semi's of the Shoreline's to the team that won it all and we lost by one run in the State's to the team that was in the semi finals at press time. We recently had our team banquet and in reflection, this is the most fun I have had in my ten years coaching at the high school. At the banquet, our freshmen coach pointed out that this was not the most talented team we have coached. I disagree. Talent is getting the most out of your ability and everyone of these kids did, especially the seniors. They left it on the field every game and they had fun doing it. In many ways they were the most talented team I've coached.

I have coached honor students who have done little after graduating. I have coached the Eddie Haskell types (I hope our readers remember him) who told you what you wanted to hear but couldn't be trusted beyond their smokescreens. But this group of kids were honest, fun to be around and to coin an old school expression, "they had each others backs". It is always my intention to teach each kid at least one thing to take with him beyond baseball. It doesn't necessarily have to be about baseball but something they will remember. I hope I did that this year because this group of young men taught me a few things that will make an old man a better person.

Moving on to Father's Day. It's not a special day for me to think of the old man. He has been gone more than 25 years and not a day goes by when I don't think of him. Like most, I didn't appreciate him until he was gone. But to think back now. He was a man who worked ten to twelve hours every day, in a factory job that would make the kids of today walk out in a minute. He was truly amazing. He never complained about his job because he didn't want pity. He had a wife he adored and he made sure the bills were paid and there was food on the table. That would not be enough for most people but for him it was. He made sure his three children all went to college, follow

his work ethic and add to the community and the strength of their families.

At the death of Muhammad Ali, I remembered today when I was eight and we watched the Clay (that was his name then) Liston fight on the radio which was on top of the refrigerator. I was dancing all over the house when Liston didn't answer the bell in the 7th and you and Pop weren't so happy. But simple memories like this, are what made his life and ours so special. Take care my brother Happy Father's Day to you & dad and I'll see you soon.

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The Editor

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BOE Forced to Make Cuts for 2016-2017 School Year

Recently, The Board of Education presented the Town Council with its budget for 2016/2017 school year.. The budget called for \$1,454,148 or 4.8% increase over last year. The increase was primarily based on contractual salary and medical benefit increases as well as a literacy coach for grades six through twelve, a certified librarian for Jerome Harrison School, the increase of a Jerome Harrison Special Education teaching position from half time to full time and new athletic uniforms.

After consideration by the Town Council it was determined to give them \$300,000. and up to \$165,000 in Special Education grants. This left a shortfall of almost \$1,000,000. With the new number in mind, the BOE was forced to go back and make some cuts to reach that figure.

On May 19, 2016, Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker sent a letter home to the parents, addressing the changes that would be necessary to meet the required budget numbers. Some of the items he addressed are as follows:

The Literacy Coach and certified librarian were eliminated from the budget as were new athletic uniforms were eliminated from the budget.(It should be noted that these items were not eliminated from previous year, only as budgeted requests).

Eliminated from the previous year to compensate for contractual increases were the following items:

- **Reduction of one professional development day for teachers.**
- **The reduction of one student day from the calendar.**
- **Four teaching positions have been eliminated.**
- **Four paraprofessionals have been eliminated.**
- **Reduce a clerical position from 12 month to 10 month.**
- **Eliminate one custodial position.**
- **Activity fee added to grades 6-12 reducing the athletic budget by 15%.**

North Branford form of government puts the responsibly of the number on the Town Council, but the actual cuts are left up to the Board of Education. During a recent interview with the Times, Mr. Schoonmaker pointed out, “Obviously any time we lose personnel who provide services to our children, it is a great loss. Other options were to shorten the school year by one day or eliminate more teachers. The activity fee will save two more teaching positions which would have eliminated programs and increased class sizes”.

Autac Inc. Celebrates 70 Years with an Open House

Autac Inc. will be hosting an Open House/Re-launch Party on June 16, 2016 from 1pm-4pm at their Branford location. The event is to celebrate 70 years in business and the launch of their new website and catalogue.

“Technically Autac was founded in 1945 and incorporated in 1947. All the literature over the years has paid homage to the incorporation date or I guess the day when Dad moved the company out of his garage to an actual place of business in 1947” laughs the CEO, Marie-Louise Burkle. “Since we are launching our new website and catalogues this year I just figured why not split the baby and make 2016 the 70th Anniversary? Plus we have so much to celebrate. The company has been doing really well the last year. And to finally be healthy enough to return to running Autac is something I’m personally celebrating! It was a rough run from 2010-2015. My illness, the collapse of our company headquarters in the Blizzard of 2011 and of course the economic issues specific to manufacturing in Connecticut; it’s a miracle we survived. 2015 was a real turning point for me and for Autac. It’s time to recognize this fresh start and revel in a new life for Autac and myself.”

The event will begin at 1pm. The plant will be running live for tours from 1-2:30 but the facility will have an open house from 1-4. Also from 1pm-4pm Autac will have food trucks, music, libations, games and extensive networking opportunities. They will be assisting customers and vendors from afar to “make a weekend out of it” and take advantage of Autac’s proximity to NYC, Boston, Newport and the Casinos along with other festivities in the area such as the Branford Festival.

“We are looking to promote our town, our state, our vendors as well as ourselves. I am often asked why we still do business in CT. I say come to this event and let me show you.” declares Marie-Louise, “Branford is a great town to do business with; Connecticut has so much to offer. It’s been our home for 70 years and we want to show it off.”

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Thursdays at 10:30am: July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4

LOCAL HERO DAY!

Thursday, July 7th at 1pm - Celebrate our local heroes! Join us on **in** the ATWATER Library Community Room for an afternoon with some of our LOCAL HEROES! Meet Sgt. Bernardo and his K-9 partner, Hanz, a Firefighter and an EMT! Learn about their jobs and examine their work vehicles in the library parking lot!

CHANGE THE WORLD BEFORE BEDTIME!

Monday, July 11th @ 10:30am

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Shamp's "Dewey" is new "Library Cat"

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries



Nick Shamp, a 2011 North Branford High School graduate poses with the "Library Cat" poster he recently designed for the North Branford public libraries. It was decided to name the Library Cat "Dewey" after a naming contest was held at each of the Town libraries. Look for "Dewey" to appear as the new library logo! Nick recently completed his Masters degree in chemistry at UCONN.



Calabro Cheese Kicks Off Food Pantry Fund-raiser

With a generous donation of \$2,500.00, Calabro Cheese Corp. has jump-started a fund-raising drive to benefit The Food pantry of North Branford

Inc. Since opening its doors in June of 2015, The Food Pantry has provided hundreds of people in North Branford with food at no cost.

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Please check your mail for a donation request and consider contributing to The Food Pantry of North Branford Inc. The food Pantry of North Branford Inc. is a nonprofit. 501(c)(3). The mailing address is: The Food Pantry of North Branford Inc., PO Box 403, North Branford, CT 06471

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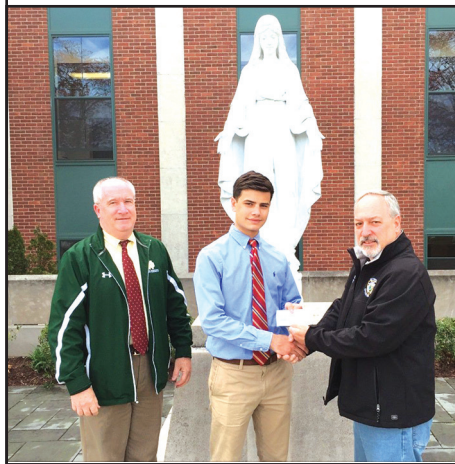


K i n - dergarten students from Je - r o m e Harrison School participated in a year-long program in partnership with the N o r t h Branford P u b l i c Libraries. The children got their own library cards, and visited the

library throughout the year to borrow books and participate in programs.

This program also included a field trip to the Edward Smith Library and a visit from local author, Nancy Elizabeth Wallace. All participating students were invited with their parents to a celebration of reading on Tuesday May 31. They received a signed copy of Nancy Wallace's newest book *Water, Water, Water* and a book bag to tote books to and from the library this summer.

THEY MAKE US PROUD



Michael Pino, a Notre Dame High School senior, is the recipient of the West Haven Police Retired Officers Association annual Scholarship Award. The award goes to a high school senior planning on majoring in Criminal Justice in college. Michael will be attending Salve Regina University in Newport this fall, majoring in Administration of Justice. Pictured with Michael are Notre Dame Principal, Patrick Clifford, and WHPD-ROA Vice President, Lt. John Jarvie (Ret.)

Kristen Austin delivered the Honors Convocation Address at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden. Kristen was a National Honor society Student who will attend Villanova University in the fall.

Michael Matthews received a BS in Architecture at Keene State College in New Hampshire.

Alecia Canfield received a BA in Communication-Studies at Keene State College in New Hampshire.

At Eastern Connecticut State University: **Samson Amendola** received a BS in Business Administration. **Melissa Hayes** received a BS in Business Administration. **Ronald Kaiser** received a BS in Biology.

Joseph Perez received a BA in Visual Arts. **Samantha Perrelli** received a BS in Accounting & **Joseph Staffa** received a BA in Theatre.

Stephanie Pantera was named to the Dean's List and graduated from Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Danielle Hottin received a BA in Law & Public Affairs and was named to the Dean's List at LaSalle College in Newton, MA.

Michael Matthews was named to the Dean's List at Keene State College in New Hampshire.

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

Tyler Roberts received a BA and graduated Magna cum Laude in Theatre/Speech at Wagner College in Staten Island.

Jesse Walters starred in "Legally Blonde the Musical" to sold out audiences at Western New England University in Springfield, MA.

Ashley McManus was named to the Dean's List at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Andrea Canavan graduated Magna cum Laude from Roger Williams University in RI.

Samuel Boissard was named to the Dean's List and graduated from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.

Alisyn Narracci received the Trinity College Book Award at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden.

Michael Funaro, Stephanie Hogan, Kyle Hottin, Bryce Mase & Nicole Romanella were named to the Dean's List at Eastern Connecticut State University.



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Library Board Honors “Team Freshmen”

On May 24, the Library Board honored “Team Freshmen”, three students who raised \$790 for the library in the NBHS Big Give. Pictured are (standing) Board members Joan Candelora, Debra Falvey, Carol Davidson, Virginia Fallon, Theresa Frandsen, student advisor Jessica Barbato, and Library Director Robert Hull, (kneeling) team members Rebecca Sabetta, Logan Frandsen, and Chris Callender.

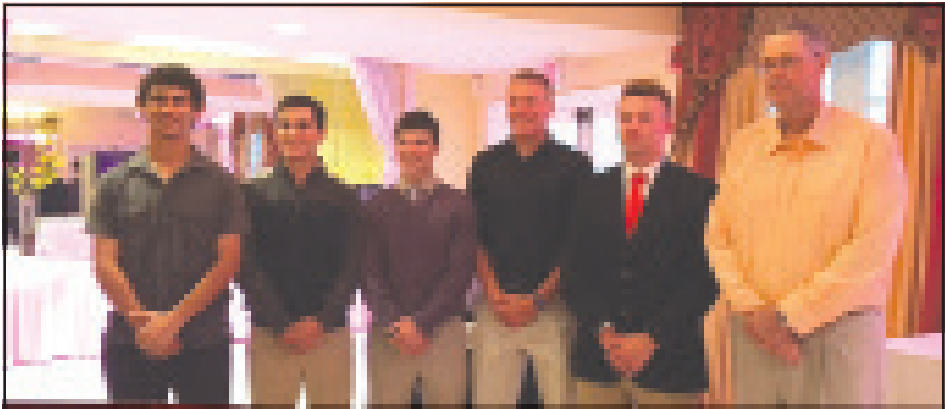
The highlight of Team Freshmen’s efforts was a Read-a-Thon at the Smith Library, attended by people of all ages who took pledges to raise money by reading all day at the library. With advice from members of the team, the library will use the funds they raised for programs and services for young people.



Jerome Harrison Supports Matt’s Mission

The winners of the annual Matt’s Mission raffle, celebrated by flying kites with their principal, Dr. Carter Welch and six members of the NBHS Dream Team. These students have volunteered in classrooms at JHS under the direction of high school teacher, Nicole LaCroix and kindergarten teacher, Lauren Barry.

Once again, Lynn Riordan, generously donated this year’s race shirts to all the winners. Pictured below are all who participated in this memorable event!



High School Baseball Players Recognized at Team Banquet

The North Branford High School baseball team recently held their team banquet. The team celebrated a 12 - 8 record with a trip to both the Shoreline & State Tournaments.

Pictured above left to right are: Ryan Savio who was recognized with the Dedication & Desire Award. Derek Candelora who was recognized as a Second Team All Shoreline player and was named a co-captain for the 2017 team. Gio Tirollo who was also named as a Co-Captain for the 2017 team. Matt Chamberlain who received the team MVP, was named as the Shoreline Player of the Year and received the “No I in Team Award” from the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club. Chris Rayner who also recieved the team Desire & Dedication award. Coach Billy Mitchell (far right) handed out the awards at the dinner.

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NBIS Softball Team Remain Undefeated

On May 23, 2016, the NBIS Girls Softball team remained undefeated after beating Portland 22-0. This years team has 8th grade Tri-Captains; Katy Pedersen, Ava Galdenzi & Rachel Vitarisi, leading the charge. The team was lead offensively by 7th grader, Kelli Jacobson who hit **2 Grand Slams** (over the fence at Northford Park- 8 RBI's) to power the offense past Portland Middle School. The defense was anchored by Mairead Aiken on “the mound” by pitching a full game and having 11 strikeouts. The entire team contributed to the win as all players in attendance, performed above standard.

First year Head Coach, Chris Piercy, continues to carry on the Softball Legacy of North Branford set before him by previous Coach Pete Ramada.



Photo: Kelli Jacobson & Team celebrating after her second Grand Slam of the game.



High School Artists add Beauty to Baseball

Three artists from NBHS recently painted the baseball logo on the back of the dugout at the High School baseball field. Pictured with Coach Bill Mitchell are Rachel Pierpoint, Michaela Tiani and Mara Pollick.

Boys Track & Field Compete is Shorelines

The North Branford High School Boys Track & Field Team traveled to Durham to compete in the Shoreline Conference Championship at Coginchaug High School. The T-Birds scored twenty one points placing them 10th among thirteen schools. Placing 5th in their individual events were Jacob Marshall with a PR in the 200 Meter Dash at 24.03 and Michael Rabuffo in the High Jump at 5'6". The 4x100 Relay Team of Jacob Marshall, Michael Odell, Jason Alaska and Frank Laudano placed 4th at 46.54. Also placing 4th with a time of 3:40.37 was the 4x400 Relay Team of Jason Alaska, Michael Odell, Jacob Marshall and Michael Madoule.

In the 100m Dash, Jason Alaska placed 7th at 11.73, Jacob Marshall 9th at 11.78 and Frank Laudano 28th at 12.18. In the 400m Run, Michael Madoule placed 8th at 54.92 and Michael Odell 17th at 58.23. Austin Gibilisco had a PR in the 800m Run placing 13th at 2:11.20 and Zach Jamieson placed 26th at 2:28.22. In the 3200m Run, Richard Hernandez clocked in at 11:07.98 for 13th place and Parker Nadeau finished in 17th place at 11:34.72. Frank Laudano placed 12th in the Pole Vault at 10'6". Sydney Franklin placed 11th in the Triple Jump at 36'7", 13th in the High Jump at 5'2" and 15th in the Long Jump at 17'1.75". The 4x800 Relay Team of Zach Jamieson, Jared Jamison, Parker Nadeau and Austin Gibilisco placed 10th at 9:57.62

First Annual Golf Tournament

North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, July 18, 2016 at Traditions Golf Club, Wallingford CT. This tournament is open to members and non-members; pre-registration is required. The registration fee is \$115.00 per golfer, and will include range balls, greens fees and cart for 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes. Tee Sponsorships are available for \$50.00.

This tournament will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation as well as Lodge 2805 and its Scholarship Program. The Lodge has a long history of giving many scholarships to deserving graduates to support their post high school education. Epilepsy is as common as breast cancer and claims more lives each year, leaving many children with severe cognitive deficits and brain damage.

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Week 3-Jul 19: Farmington River Tubing July 21: Ocean Beach

Week 4-Jul 26: Roger Williams Zoo July 28: Sonny’s Place

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Week 6-Aug 9: Jump and Climb Zone August 11: Six Flags

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Session 1: July 18-22 M, W, F 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Session 2: July 25-29 M, W, F 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

British Soccer Camp. June 27-July 1

Learn UK Football from the source! British soccer coaches here in North Branford to teach fundamentals and advanced foot work and other skills.

First Kickers Camp (3-4yrs) 9-10a \$96 res/\$101 nr

Mini-Soccer Camp (5-6 yrs) 10:30-12p \$110 res/\$115 nr

Half-Day Camp (7-14 yrs) 9a-12p \$148 res/\$153 nr

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Slamma Jamma Basketball. June 27- July 1

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Ages 6 – 8 9a-12p \$125 res/\$130 nr

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Bus Trips

Boston on your Own. Saturday, July 2, 2016

Cost: \$55 resident/\$60 non-resident

You’re on your own to discover all that this wonderful city has to offer. Visit New England Aquarium, Faneuil Hall, the North End and more.

Boston Duck Tour. Saturday, July 2, 2016

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Yankees v. The SF Giants. Saturday, July 23

Cost: \$130 resident / \$135 non-resident

It’s off to Yankee Stadium to see the Bronx Bombers take on the Giants. Watch this evening game (4:05) from the Main Level Section 232A. Includes motor coach transportation.

Saratoga Raceway. Thursday, August 18

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Evening Thimble Island Cruise and Lobster Bake

Friday, August 26. Cost: \$65 resident / \$70 non-resident

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Red Sox v. The Kansas City Royals

Sunday, August 28

Cost: \$121 resident / \$126 non-resident

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North Branford Senior Center

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Brunch & Bowling. Tuesday, June 21

Cost: \$2 transportation/\$7 bowling

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Please contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator at admin@nbpotatofest.com or by calling203-484-6017. The easiest way to volunteer is to go to our website – nbpotatofest.com – click on “Volunteers” and to the online sign up.

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During the months of July and August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday worship services at 9 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

On Sunday, July 17, there will be a 9 a.m. joint worship service with North Branford Congregational Church at the Farm River in Northford instead of in the church building. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, bug repellent (and boots if it has rained). The location is behind the municipal buildings and ball field at Totoket Park.

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

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CookBook Club

This month’s book at the Cook Book Club was titled “Oh Gussie! Cooking and Visiting in Kimberly’s Southern Kitchen” by Kimberly Schlapman and the variety in members selections led to a memorable meeting.

Apple-Tomato soup, luscious with cream and basil, was followed by Southwest Tortilla Roll-ups, corn casserole, stewed summer squash and a spaghetti casserole with fennel. Accompanying were a refreshing cucumber and tomato salad, Golden Delicious Coleslaw and a beautiful citrus salad with poppy seed dressing (using blood oranges). Dessert was fresh glazed apple cake and Hummingbird Cake (with bananas and pineapple).

Everyone’s initial reaction was how colorful and appetizing each recipe appeared. Almost everything was described as reasonably easy and members were anxious to both repeat their own recipe and try out several others. Several members shared possible modifications that might be tried.

The Cookbook Club of North Branford meets monthly at the Atwater Library on Route 80. Membership is co-ed and part of the fun is to try out recipes with unfamiliar ingredients or techniques at no risk. Another great aspect is being able to bring home some leftovers from recipes other members made to see how your own family members might like them. You could join! Expand your menus! New food! The next meeting will be on June 18th. Stop by the Atwater Library to sign up or learn more information.

North Branford
38 Montgomery Drive
Montgomery Village 55+



This free standing condo is nestled within the beautifully landscaped Montgomery Village, 55+. Condo features an open floor plan in the kitchen with sliding doors out to a deck. Living room with marble fireplace, crown molding throughout the downstairs, den, master bedroom suite, half bath and laundry room all on the first floor. Master bedroom contains two walk-in closets and bathroom with walk-in showers and whirlpool bath. Open staircase leads to a large sitting area with full bath and bedroom with walk-in closet. Hardwood floors throughout the first floor and carpet upstairs. Full basement with two windows and French doors leading outside. Two car garage. **Offered at \$399,000. Dir:** Route 22 (Clintonville Rd.) coming from North Haven. Take a right on Montgomery Drive and continue straight.

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