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The Co-Grand Marshals for this Years Parade are Bob Zettergren & Alex Palluzzi--both were North Branford residents & friends from childhood that served from 1952-54 as Combat Veterans w/ the 40th Infantry Division during the Koean War.

In light of recent talks of Peace & a possible official end of the Korean War on that Peninsula--let's give Bob & Alex a Warm Welcome & a Big Thank You For Serving as they pass by during the Parade.



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The Northford Women's Club along with the North Branford Women's Club are sponsoring Honor Them with a Flag, a salute to our country's military personnel and veterans. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the front lawn at the North Branford Town Hall from Flag Day, June 14th to July 4th. Each flag, 12" x 18", will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier or loved one. A ceremony will be held on the Town Hall lawn on Thursday, June 14th at 7:00pm. Flags are available for collection after July 4th at the North Branford Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit local veterans' projects. To order, send information to the Northford Women's Club for \$10 per flag to: The Northford Women's Club, P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472. Order forms are available in local papers, the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, Edward Smith and Atwater Libraries, the Northford and North Branford Post Offices and online at www. northfordwomensclub.org. There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received by June 12th. For more information, contact Liz Boissard at 203-484-0708.

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A Tribute to a Friend

Dear Editor:

By the time this letter reaches publication, the news of a passing of a North Branford Founding Family member, Clarence Hyland will be dated. However, the Man himself will never be.

Clarence and I were neighbors for 30 years on Harrison Road. The Man knew as much about farming as he did about his Profession as a DOT Electrician, Mechanic and all around good guy.

Clarence's father owned a farm on Rte 22, I don't know the family's history, only that the land is still being farmed. (to the best of my knowledge). I moved away 8 years ago and Clarence was-exhibiting signs of-illness=I see those same signs in myself, Parkinson's.

I enjoyed my life in North Branford and it was greatly enhanced by being a neighbor and a friend of Clarence Hyland. Most everybody in town knew who he was and he enjoyed hanging out with Corky at Midway, another great Man in town everybody knows.

As North Branford struggles to hold onto the remnants of what once was, not in a bad way, just progress and things happening like they're suppose to, I pay homamge those families Like the Hylands, Roses, Augurs and so many (or not so many) others that made North Branford what it was and it's Legacy. All is not forgotten. **Sincerely**,

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Let's Be "Frank"

With all the commotion in the past few months, I missed a few things in my last letter. As I write this, the coaching staff and players of the North Branford High School are preparing for the Shoreline & State tournaments. With only three seniors and mostly sophomores and juniors and even a freshman on the varsity squad, no one really gave us much hope for being in either tournament. No one but the kids. We have had more talented kids but these kids have heart and they all play as a team. First year ever, we never heard about their averages or ERA's or personal accomplishments. Everything was about the team and the only goal was to make the playoffs and they did.

Credit also goes out to the entire spring high school athletic program. Girls and boys Lacrosse, girls softball and tennis all made the post season playoffs. When this paper hits the mailboxes, the softball team will have completed an undefeated season going into the tournaments.

I also misssed wishing all the mothers a happy mothers day. I have had the honor of being associated with three of the best. Mom set the standard for stay at home mom's who dedicated their lives to their families. There wasn't a lot of money but she was always there for us. Sometimes too much.

Watching my wife through the years has been amazing. She is still there for our three, talking to each one of them every night. Even when I'm trying to watch the Yankee game or a movie on TV. She is still there every day and the youngest is 28 years old.

Erica's two boys have completely different personalities but she handles all of their needs individually and it's a joy to see.

You and mom would be proud of me. After running the Saint Anthony Italian Festival for what seemed like 100 years, I retired because I no longer felt we were doing it correctly or for the right reasons. I have now joined a group at the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy and we are in the processs of bringing back a real Italian Festival on the North Haven Green. I'm getting excited and I will remember all the times you came to Saint Anthony and "tested" eveything on the extensive menu of Italian food.

Finally, I missed the years of Memorial Day parades and then picnics at Aunt Tess's house. So this year with an extended family The Sons & Daughters are marching with the statues of angels (one being St. Michael) your favorite) in the parade. I also came up with the idea of all parade marhers joining in for a picnic after the parade.

Many of my memories are great but I miss the family gatherings and now I aam re-creating them with my own family as well as a whole new set of friends. Mom taught me right.

Take care and say hello to Mary. I'll see you guys when I get there.

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Another Bipartisan Budget Is Reached



The legislative session came to a close on May 9th. I am pleased to report that the legislature passed a bipartisan budget for the second time in a year. Unlike last fall, this budget did not constitute a full budget, rather the legislature made adjustments to certain line items based upon revenue shortfalls and changing expenditures. Regardless,

however, Connecticut's budget is balanced for Fiscal Year 2019 without raising taxes.

The adopted budget restored funding to the Husky A and Medicare Savings Program, which was slated to expire on July 1st for many of our seniors. We returned all the Governor's holdbacks to municipal and educational aide so towns, including North Branford, are fully funded. I also coauthored legislation that prohibits the Governor from making midyear budget cuts to our cities and towns' education and municipal grants. Not only do these types of cuts place towns and schools into financial turmoil, they inevitably translate to a tax increase at the property level. Thankfully, cities and towns can take a sigh of relief with the passage of that legislation.

The budget makes certain spending reductions in various agencies. While the original Republican proposal sought to make reductions in our unfunded liabilities, such as pensions, the bipartisan agreement leaves \$1.2 billion in our rainy day fund so that those type of decision can be made next session. It also accelerates the transfer of the sales tax on automobiles into the special transportation fund so that projects can move forward and the state can avoid bus fare and rail hikes proposed by the Governor. We also added \$5 million for residential placement of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In separate legislation tied to the budget, the legislature passed a bill that reverses the Hartford bailout in part. While Connecticut will still offer its full faith and credit in helping Hartford refinance its bond debt, Hartford is required to pay substantially all of the debt payments, rather than the state. The city will also be placed under the control of the Municipal Accountability Review Board, which must approve Hartford's budgets and expenditures going forward.

In the next few months, I will continue to provide updates on other pieces of legislation that passed the General Assembly. Overall, I believe this session continued on a good path of bipartisan cooperation with legislative leaders. Political parties or organizations may disagree on policies and vote differently, but ultimately mutual respect and dialogue is important to get the best product passed into law, even if you don't agree with it. This

> year, I found myself working on many different pieces of legislation that I ultimately voted against, but people who opposed my point of view wanted my input to see how the legislation could be made better. The process has given me more hope that Connecticut can continue to move toward better fiscal health.

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Join The Sons & Daughters of Italy Enjoy Family Fun & Spread the Word of Your Culture

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy is looking for new members. "Our group seeks to perpetuate cultural identity and solidarity within the Italian American community and to propagate unity and cooperation among Italian Americans," explained Presidnet Lenny Ricciardelli. "All events put on by the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805 are intended to embody the attributes of generosity and goodwill that define the Italian spirit.

While we maintain many of our Italian traditions, we are now an ethnically diverse family, striving to best use the vitality of our youth, the talents of our adults, and the wisdom of our senior members."

He continued to clarify, "We feel that this Lodge will provide an important community service to the Town of North Haven and our surrounding communities. As well as sustain the social vitality and cultural vibrancy of the Italian American heritage by strengthening family life, uplifting human services, binding together the diverse historical traditions of Italians, and honoring the legacy of Italian immigration to the United States."

The Lodge holds meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at St. Frances Cabrini Church. many of the meetings are preceeded by pot luck suppers. They hold many social functions such as movie night, bocci nights, dominoes, Comedy Night, Fashion Show and much more.

The Lodge is presently making plans to bring back the Festival of Angels on the North Haven Green. The Festival will be filled with Italian Culture, food, entertainment and fun things including an Anginette contest, raffle, craft vendors and more.

For information on joining the Lodge or participating as a sponsor, vendor or volunteer for he Festival, pelase call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.



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Hungry Like the Wolf

"Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch." That's how Ben Franklin described a pure democracy. Connecticut and eleven other states bring themselves very close to being someone else's lunch.

Our State legislature recently voted to give our presidential delegates to the winner of the nationwide popular vote. Other states - California, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and D.C. (all reliably Democrat) - enacted similar popular-vote laws. Hillary Clinton won those states in 2016, so these laws would have had no affect on the 2016 election. Could they have an unintended disenfranchising effect in 2020? Just four states make up a third of the US population and 54% of the US resides in just ten states. The most populous state outnumbers the second largest state by seven million votes. In 2016 Hillary Clinton won that state (California) by 4.3 million votes, but won the nationwide popular vote by only 2.9 million votes. In a pure democracy, Hillary - the duly elected president of California - would be elected president of the entire country. Yet a lopsided win in one or two other large states could significantly alter the national numbers. Trump won Florida by only 100,000 of its 13 million voters. And, of the 15 million votes to be had in Texas, Trump's margin was only 800,000. Voters in Texas and Florida could coalesce around their special interests - the Second Amendment and border security - effectively cancelling out or even surpassing the massively pro Democrat turnout in California. A small nationwide margin for Republicans generated by the special interests of Texas and Florida would flip the 12 popular-vote states from Democrat to Republican, throwing 167 delegates to Republicans and utterly negating the will of the states with "popular vote" schemes.

Who is the wolf and who is lunch, really? Those who willingly give away their vote are certainly on the menu. They give away their voice in the executive branch and, since the president appoints the judiciary, they lose their say there as well.

There were only 1.9 million registered voters in Connecticut in 2016. Despite the power of the popular vote in Texas or California, our 7 delegates – if generated by the actual will of the people - can impact the election, forcing candidates to at least recognize Connecticut's unique interests. But our State legislature has ended our ability to ever again have any independent choice. Popular vote schemes serve to focus presidential campaigns on the special issues unique to the massive voting sway of California, Texas, New York and Florida. The ideology, economy and social interests of the large states is set to dominate the political landscape, no matter how different their economy, ideology, needs or culture may be from our own.

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Budget Passes Once again, North Branford did not get the 15% voter turnout to send the

Once again, North Branford did not get the 15% voter turnout to send the Council back to the drawing board for a new budget. The total of registered voters in the town is 9620 and total voting number was 782. this was only 8.1% of the town, far short of the 15% needed.

Here's the tale of the tape:

District 1 - 393 (7.4%)

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Question #1. Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$52,269,377, which will require a mill rate of 33.39 mills, be adopted?

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North Branford Loses a Legend Joanne B. Wentworth, the mayor



of North Branford from 1983 - 2003 died peacefully in the hospice care section of Saint Raphael's Hospital on Sunday, May 20th, 2018, after a short illness. Joanne was 83 years old and spent her last days in the presence of her loving family. She is survived by her four sons Bruce, Bryon, Barry and Robert William Wentworth, three daughters in law Lorraine Misbach Wentworth (Bruce) Ann-Margret Pitts Wentworth (Barry) and Denise Durante Wentworth (Robert William), 7 grandsons, Kevin (Perry Band), Justin, Paul, Christopher, Jared, Zachary, and Jake Wentworth, two granddaughters, Julia and Jordan Wentworth, five nephews, Frederick, Robert, Charles,

Peter and Patrick Swan, 2 nieces Robbyn Swan and Tracy Swan Quale and sister-in-law Terry Swan. Joanne was predeceased by her husband, Royal William Wentworth, two brothers, Robert and Francis Swan. Joanne was born in New Haven on July 25th, 1934 to Francis Swan and Edna Robertson Swan and graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1952. She then became an x-ray technician at Saint Raphael's Hospital, where she was to eventually meet her husband in January of 1958. They were married on June 28th, 1958, and 14 months later greeted the first of their four boys, Bruce. As the next few years produced Bryon and Barry, Joanne and Roy made the choice to move to North Branford in the spring of 1963. By December of 1964 when the family welcomed its final son, Robert William, they had settled in and begun to send their children through the North Branford school system, which all four would end up graduating from between 1977 and 1982. Joanne would become a stay-at-home mother until, as the last of her children began attending Cedar Lake School in September of 1969, she took a job as the North Branford editor for the Branford Review, which she held until 1977. Having reported North Branford's transition from a Board of Selectmen to a Town Manager/ Town Council form of government, she then chose to make a difference by running for Town Council, and thus began a career that would last 38 years, with four terms as a town council member, five terms as a deputy mayor, and 10 terms as Mayor of North Branford. After battling various illnesses in her last few years, Joanne retired from the Town Council, after a gallant effort to garner a 20th term in 2015. Her final years were spent in senior housing, at the Carmen Romano Apartments in North Haven, with her son Bryon as her caregiver. She had lived a very full, courageous and productive life, until recent illnesses diminished her capacity for activity, which led to the untimely end to an otherwise remarkable life. If you wish to pay personal tribute to Mayor Wentworth online please visit <u>https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.</u> com/?url=www.keenanfuneralhome.com&data=02%7C01%7C%7C2ba7596 489f64ebdfe0f08d5bebd9b80%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaa%7C 1%17C0%7C636624643919440332&sdata=fM%2B%2b22jnYTFGvVvbjD <u>06vlQ1TWmFMj4ACvoTfqfxBOg%3D&reserved=0</u> Calling hours will at the Keenan Funeral Home, thursday, May 24 from 3 - 7PM.

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Week 5:	July 16 - July 20	\$95	Nomad's Adventure	\$30
Week 6:	July 23 - July 27	\$95	Quassy	\$30
Week 7:	July 30 - Aug 3	\$115	POCO - price included in fee	
Week 8:	Aug 6 - Aug 10	\$95	Discovery Museum	\$30
Week 9:	Aug 13 - Aug 17	\$95	<u>No Trip – At camp party</u>	

Register online nbrecreation.com or download a registration form from our website nbparkrec.com Call with any questions (203)484-6017

ACTIVITIES

Ballet & Tap -	<u>#16110</u>
Who:	Ages 3 - 6
When:	June 23 - July 28
Time:	Saturday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Where:	STW Gym
Fee:	\$35 res / \$40 nr

Instructor: Brittni D'Urso, Owner of Revolution Academy of Dance **Description:** Learn the basic techniques and fundamentals of both ballet and tap as well as the vocabulary of each style. There will be creative movement along with learning basic skills. Wear dance-able clothing, appropriate shoes and bring water. Children learning to dance while having fun is a plus. North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m.

Check out the menu at www.nbparkrec.com Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am



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

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

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

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents

Please call by 9am

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<u>Aqua Turf/Celebrate Italia</u>

Who:	Adults
When:	Tuesday, July 17th
Time:	Departs 10:30 a.m.
Fee:	\$45 res / \$50 nr

Description: Featuring Dominic DePasquale & Orchestra Romanza. Enjoy a family style meal of fruit, salad, penne with meatballs & sausage, chicken parmesan, vegetables and spumoni. Includes a complimentary glass of beer or wine.

Nelson Hall/Jimmy Buffet Tribute

Who:	Adults
When:	Thursday, July 26th
Time:	Departs STW 11:30 a.m.
Fee:	\$40 res / \$45 nr

Description: Join us for Changes In Latitudes, a Jimmy Buffet tribute. Complete with a full tropical stage set-up of palm trees, surf boards and tiki-totems! Lunch on your own prior to the show. These tickets sell out fast, early sign up required.



Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra AND memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more! This hilarious musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles! See what millions of women worldwide have been laughing about for 17 years!



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Wednesday, June 20, 2018 12:00 - Lunch at Brazi's Italian Restaurant (On your own) 2:00pm - Long Wharf Theatre 222 Sargent Dr., New Haven, CT 06511

NEW Learn to Inline Skate - #16113

Who:	Ages 4 - 8
When:	June 30 - July 28
Time:	Saturday, 11:00 - 11:45
Where:	STW Courts
Fee:	\$20 res / \$25 nr
Instructor:	Steve Torino
strengthen t including; sk	For the beginning skater/hockey player that wants to heir skills off the ice! Must bring all own equipment kates, helmet, knee pads, elbow pads. Skates must have
pavement w	heels and no stoppers.

NEW Mike Papale Basketball Camp - #16203

Who:	Ages 9 - 17
When:	July 23 - July 27
Time:	Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.
Where:	North Branford High School
Fee:	\$155 res / \$160 nr
Instructor:	Mike Papale & Mike Lombardi

Description: Coached by college and high school basketball coaches, The Mike Papale Basketball Camp gives each camper the chance to develop their own personal skill set. This is obtained by working directly with our staff of knowledgeable basketball coaches and players. Through contests, games, drills and guest lectures, we make camp enjoyable and fun for all campers while still allowing for development and instruction.

Cost: \$51 res/ \$56 non res

MUST REGISTER BY JUNE 4th

Departs: 11:30am - Senior Center - 1332 Middletown Ave. Returns: Approx 5:00pm - Senior Center

Senior Picnic with the Sin Sisters!

Co-sponsored with the North Branford Rotary

Thursday, June 28, 5:00-8:00pm Meal served 5:00-6:00pm Totoket Valley Park

Our seniors celebrate summer right! Nothing says summer like hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings, live music and lots of friends. Bring a lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a summer's evening.

> *Free to town residents, \$5 for non residents Please register by Thursday, June 18th.*

CHURCH

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church "A Place to Belong". 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

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

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service at 10am and Sunday school.. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill, in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). Celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at http://standrewsnorthford.org. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am at St. Monica Church, Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford. Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Chruch trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.

DEATH NOTICE



Nancy Bulnes Marinuzzi was born on February 13, 1942, to Clarence and Edna Bulnes in Syracuse, NY. Always a true Aquarius, Nancy loved to be surrounded by family and friends and rarely passed up a chance to attend a party or get together but also relished her freedom and independence. Nancy was never afraid to speak her mind (just ask any of her children) and lived a life of persever-

ance and self-determination. Oma, as she was known to her grandchildren, spared no expense when it came to showering them with unconditional love on the holidays or simply when they came to spend time visiting her and Opa at their home. She loved a good laugh and a great meal but held a lifetime of loathing for Mercury in retrograde. It was these characteristics that made Nancy such a humorous, unique and remarkable wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Left to continue her loving legacy are her husband of 36 years, John Marinuzzi; sister Helen Martin; children Michele Rossi, Deanna Valentine and David Heg; grandchildren Christopher and Nicholas Rossi, Scott Greiner and Keerigan Heg; brother-in-law Jack Westwood; her niece, nephews and many dear and beloved friends. Nancy was predeceased by her parents and her sister Carol Westwood.



"Unity" Prayer Breakfast "The 2018 Annual North Haven Community prayer breakfast sponsored

by the churches of North Haven took place at the at the Best Western Hotel on Washington Avenue, Thursday May 3. This was the morning after the horrific explosion and fire that injured 9 Police officers.

The theme of our 2018 breakfast was "Unity". The unified prayer of the overflow group of 88 individuals that gathered that morning was powerful as we lifted up the officers and their families in prayer for healing of their wounds as well as healing for our community. Prayer and thanksgiving was also made for our elected and civil and educational leadership within our Community.

The churches that sponsored our breakfast this year were: Hope Christian Church//Pastor Jim Detweiler, North Haven Congregational Church//Pastor Scott Morrow, Mt. Carmel Christian Church//Pastor Don Rivers, City Church (North Haven Campus)//Pastor Jim DeAngelo, Pond Hill Baptist Church//Pastor Mike Carbaugh and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish//Rev Michael Santiago.

The date for next year's Breakfast is set for Thursday May 2, 2019."



lected as the most qualified for the job.

Due to the higher costs, donations are still being accepted for the Bell Tower Fund. Completion of the bell tower and steeple, which was put on hold until the base was finalized, is expected to be finished out of state in the near future before being shipped to Northford.



K of C Flea Market & Tag Sale

The Knights of Columbus, Totoket Council 6801 is looking for vendors to fill 86 spaces 15'w x 28'd at their annual spring giant 80,000 sq. Ft. Tag Sale - Flea Market on June 2rd. (Rain dates june 9th, 16th & 23th.) At Doody's Field 465 Foxon Road, North Branford.

It will run from 8:00am To 3:00pm. Free admission and off road parking. To reserve a space, call 203 484-9737. The cost is \$30 per space paid before 5/28, after this date +\$5 late fee. Vendors must provide their own tables.

All donations of any size are gratefully accepted and appreciated. In recognition of donations of \$750 or more from individuals, organizations, businesses, and groups, a bronze plaque with the name of the donor(s) will be permanently placed on a monument at the base of the tower. Taxdeductible donations can be made payable to NCC Bell Tower Fund, P. O. Box 191, Northford CT 06472. For any questions or more information, call 203-234-7794.

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.

Totoket Historical Society Tilcon Tour

The TOTOKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY is sponsoring a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry at the corner of Route 80 and 22 in North Branford on Wednesday, June 20. The cost of the tour is \$20. Checks should be made payable to the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. and mailed to Box 491, Northford, CT 06472. For further information and reservations, call Florence at 203-484-5072; or Cappy at 203-484-2133 during the day. Reservations are confirmed only upon receipt of payment.

Join NBLCT for 50th Anniversary



Join the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) on Saturday, June 2 at North Farms Park as we celebrate our 50th year preserving and protecting open space in North Branford. As part of Trails Day, we will sponsor a hike at on North Farms Trail from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Afterwards, we will be serving refreshments under the pavilion. Horizon Wings, a non-profit Wildlife Rehabilitation Center specializing in Birds of Prey, will be there with several of their rescued birds. For the

kids, there will be fun craft projects and games and there will be free giveaways for all. Music will be provided by The Last Hayride, a North Branford acoustic music group playing Folk, Bluegrass and Americana music.

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. If you are interested in helping to preserve and protect open space in North Branford and for more information about NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook. *Recharge, Explore, Discover!*



NBLCT receives gift of Harrison Farm Preserve

Tucked away at the end of North Street in North Branford's Historic District is the Harrison Farm. The proud owners, Dudley and Vicky Harrison, were probably best known for their maple syrup. In the open end of one of their barns next to a hayfield was the "Store". Here you could buy jugs of light and dark syrup. It was all on the honor system. A wooden box for cash and a clipboard for writing your name and what you purchased lay on the table. The "Store" was truly a hidden treasure.

Originally, they owned about 7 acres. When an adjacent parcel became available, they just had to buy it, adding another 19 acres to their farm. "I grew up playing Cowboys and Indians on that land" Dudley reflected; "back then, it was owned by the Holabirds." The Harrisons loved the land so much, they promised each other they would always keep it in a natural state for people and animals to enjoy. Most of this land is wooded and it was perfect for making walking trails. So they did just that; they created the Red, the White and the Blue Trails.

Now retired and the "Store" closed, the Harrisons wanted to protect this land that is so dear to their hearts. So they asked the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) if we would be willing to be its new stewards. We were honored the Harrisons chose the NBLCT and delighted to accept it as a gift! Opening this land to the public will be a wonderful addition to our town's open space. One thing our town really lacks is walking trails and the Harrisons created more than two miles of them on this property! It took over 3 years of hard work and on May 4th, we finally closed on the land. In the end, we created a 21.5 acre open space parcel now called the *Harrison* Farm Preserve. It was a complicated transaction involving four parcels, two houses and several rights of way; all of which had to be carefully reconfigured and surveyed to make it work. We are very thankful for all the support provided by Attorneys Theodore Fretel and Linda Francois, the surveying firms of Criscuolo Engineering and Godfrey Hoffman Associates, and the town of North Branford, all of whom happily contributed to create the new open space parcel. I am also very proud of the hard work of the many NBLCT volunteers who have a vision for our town. They put in countless hours to make this new space open to the public and are dedicated to making it a valuable resource to our townspeople. We need a little time to spruce it up. Then, we will have an official opening ceremony. Dudley & Vicky, the NBLCT thanks you for your generous donation!

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Personal, For Sale, Help Wanted, Tag Sale, and all non-business classified 1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00 20 words or less, not including phone #. \$.05 per word, per run,

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TAG SALE INFO

TAG SALE:North Branford Congregational Church. 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford. June 2 from 9 am to 2 pm (raindate June 9) Donations are now being accepted so if you are spring cleaning remember what you no longer want becomes someone else's treasure. All items can be dropped off at the church office. Also, if you bring your own tables you can rent a space for \$30 by calling the church office at 203.488.8456

The North Haven Congregational Church Women's Fellowship will hold their Annual Craft and Tag Sale on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the church lawn and inside in Carroll Hall, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Many vendors, including The Connecticut Record Club and a large variety of crafts and merchandise will be available for your shopping pleasure. There is ample parking in the church parking lot. Morning Coffee and Lunch will be available. A few spaces are still open for vendors. To reserve a space please call the church office at 203-239-5691 for information. The cost for a space is \$25.00 (non-refundable). Bring your own table and chairs. Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. Space is limited so make your reservation soon. No rain date.

Photo: David Sargent (NBLCT), Dudley Harrison, Vicky Harrison, Attorney Theodore Fretel, Attorney Linda Francois, and Scott Small (NBLCT),

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish/St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave. North Haven will be having their annual Carnival on June 20-23, 2018. This year we are happy to announce we will be looking to add craft vendors on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23from 6-10pm. We are offering a 10'x10' outdoor space for \$100 fee. A tent and some lighting as well as a table and chairs will be needed by each vendor. If you are interested in renting a space at the Carnival, please contact the office at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity at 203-239-5378 for a rental contract.



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Nature Photography Seminar



and author Roman Kurywczak, on Saturday June 9 at Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Dr., Hamden.

The morning session, from 9:00 until 11:30, will include topics "Photographing the Nighttime Landscape", and "Taking Your Macro Photography to the Next Level". Afternoon topics, from 1:00 to

North Haven 4:00, will be "Photographing Wildlife: From Por-Camera Club traits to Flight", and "For the Love of Landscapes".

> Roman Kurywczak has given countless lectures and hands-on workshops across the country, with topics covering landscape, macro, bird, and wildlife photography. As the author of several instructional eBooks on nature photography, Mr. Kurywczk says he strives to share his passion for photography as others have shared with him. For more information about Roman Kurywczak, visit his website at roaminwithroman.com. Cost for the full day seminar is \$30 for North Haven Camera Club members, and \$40 for non-members. Registration and payments by PayPal, credit or debit cards are required in advance at the club's events page: NorthHavenCameraClub.com/events. For more information about this all-day nature photography seminar, call 203-640-

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NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 257 monthly meeting will be held Monday, June 4, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. A luncheon is planned; a \$6 pp charge will be collected at the door. Members planning to attend are asked to contact Judy at (203)239-9234 by May 28. The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget, BC/BS Federal Employees Program Consultant, who will discuss the Medicare Part B partial premium reimbursement for 2018. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: http://www. narfe.org/

