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NB Rotary Joins the Ice Bucket Challenge

On August 20th, members from the Rotary Club of North Branford raised \$100 from members, by taking the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Members (from left to right) President Elect Susan Visken-Diaz, President Paul Burns and Vice President Carol Small, with the assistance of Nataz Restaurant, which supplied the icy water, took the challenge after Susan was nominated by her friend Delcy Newell.

In turn, Susan, Paul and Carol nominated Nataz Restaurant and other area Rotary Clubs to join in the fun!

Open Letter Requesting Assistance

Nancy DeBrule-Clemente and her staff at Natureworks are once again helping this summer to restore the gardens at the Smith Library. This is not the first time they have come to the rescue acknowledging the need for our public places to look well maintained. However, we cannot expect that Natureworks should be the prime source of the care and maintenance of The Edward Smith Library. The Library Board is very grateful for Nancy DeBrule-Clemente's gift, of the talent of her employees and the material they are using to enhance the library property.

In North Branford we are looking forward to new economic development. The Route 80 corridor is a prime location for new building and opportunities. Likewise, Northford is expanding with the arrival of a winery and more housing near the center.

As a community, we are proud to be an agricultural center, however, much of the property surrounding our municipal buildings does not reflect that. Every year, at tax time, the hue and cry comes that we must keep our taxes low. In that effort, especially in consideration for limited income and retired residents, Fran Merola's public works budget does not allow for additional help to properly maintain these properties.

Gardening volunteers are needed for our libraries. Since the Public Works department is underfunded, public places like our libraries have to rely on volunteer help to maintain the plantings on the grounds. Presently, I volunteer for the Smith Library and a staff member at Atwater volunteers to take care of the plantings there. This not adequate to keep our public buildings' "face to the public" appealing. A core of two to three people willing to weed and prune once a month at each library would go a long way for us to proudly display our beautiful new libraries. An addition, I am sure that Fran could use volunteer help at other places. Gardening is a good exercise, keeps you young and trim. Please consider helping out. You can call either library to let us know if you are willing to help.

Carol Davidson, - Library Board Chair



North Branford Rotary

Hosting a Membership & Fellowship Event

Join us at Gouveia Winery- 1339 Whirlwind Hill Road, Wallingford on Sept. 17th from 6-8PM. Current Members, potential members and anyone thinking about joining one of the communities most exciting and philanthropic clubs, please attend. RSVP to jciszek@snet.net. Wine provided, members will bring an appetizer to share.

For more information about Rotary and for additional details visit <http://www.northbranfordrotary.org/>

Join us for these other exciting Fundraiser events too:

Sept. 27th -Poochie Costume Party/Fundraiser-
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Thank You Nancy Clow

Dear Editor;

I had no idea that North Branford was having a public hearing on allowing bulk propane storage in town. I assume I'm not the only one.

When it was tried in Guilford, I was able to follow it in the New Haven Register. When it was not allowed in Guilford, zoning regulations were changed to allow it here. I wish I had a chance to voice my opinion.

I was able to find out that there is going to be a Planning and Zoning Meeting on this issue October 2, 2014 at 909 Foxon Rd. (Town Hall) North Branford at 7:00PM, If you want to find out why it's safe in our town but was not in Guilford.

Thank you Nancy Clow for looking out for the safety of the town residents.

Sincerely,
Bob Constantinople

Last Call for Tickets



Tickets are still available for the eightieth birthday party of Deputy Mayor Joanne Wentworth. Now it's time to thank her by attending a party in her honor on September 14th from 1-4, at Natas Restaurant in Central Plaza, North Branford.

There will be a buffet dinner offered by Chef Rick and tickets are only \$25.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Save & Discount on Rte 80 in North Branford or T & J's Laundrette in Northford. There is limited seating so get your tickets now. No tickets will be distributed without payment.



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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Who's hands are in the cookie jar?



Most newspapers have avoided a recent story uncovered by Christine Stuart of the CtNewsJunkie.com which reveals that the federal government has withheld approximately \$250,000,000 of Medicaid payments pending additional information. The Department of Health and Human Services, CMS, has questioned the methodology that our Department of Social Services used in qualifying residents for Medicaid. While this money may ultimately be received, questions are being asked over who knew what when and why hasn't this issue been disclosed. In addition, I believe this shortfall of funds has other consequences.

On July 1, 2013, the Governor signed Public Act 13-239 into law. This Act, among other things, permitted the Treasurer to issue GAAP Deficit bonds in an amount not to exceed \$750 million. Section 69 of the act restricts the use of these proceeds as follows: "(b) The State of Connecticut does hereby pledge to and agree with the holders of any bonds, notes and other obligations issued pursuant to section 68 of this act, that the state shall not treat the proceeds of any such bonds, notes or other obligations as constituting revenue of the General Fund, nor shall such proceeds be available for any current or future budget appropriation." When I showed my fourteen year old son this language and asked what it meant, he said, "you can't use the money." Seems pretty clear.

On or around October 2013, the Treasurer issued bonds in an aggregate amount of \$560 million and deposited said funds into the state's checking account. I believe that the funds could not be diverted for any current budget appropriation. Coinciding with this federal Medicaid shortfall, our checkbook balance has fallen below \$560 million in the weeks of May 31, June 7 and June 14, 2014, thus, leading to conclusion that the GAAP funds of \$560 million are being used to offset our revenue shortage for Medicaid expenditures. If this is the case, I am concerned that our administration may be running afoul of bond covenants, and at the least its statutory obligations. I'm sure when asked, the Treasurer will provided some justification for the use of this money.

I voted against Public Act 13-239 and stated on the House floor that I believed that this money would be absorbed into the budget as opposed to serving as a reserve to offset our accounting deficit. In less than six months, the administration has done exactly that-spent a portion of the money. Somebody has stuck their hand in the cookie jar and should be held accountable for breaking this promise.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, it's been a few issues. On the health front, the back is much better, diabetes is under control weight is down a few pounds, blood pressure is great and things were looking rosy. Then I was driving along and couldn't catch the flies that were darting in front of me. Before long, I realized it wasn't flies but it was tons of floaters in my eye. After I ruled out a stroke or low insulin jolt, I spent several hours at the eye doctor and I now have a condition called Vitreous Detachment. One eye is filled with cobwebs and spots. They tell me in time the shadows should subside as long as the retina does not detach. So much for seeing things through rose colored glasses. Erica always use to say, "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed king rules". I guess I'll just have to find a new land. The good news is I finally have an excuse (other than fat fingers on the keyboard) for all the typos in the paper.

We're celebrating the Labor Day weekend but it's not much of a celebration anymore. I remember the big picnics at Aunt Tess's house. Basketball in the driveway, wiffle ball in the yard and football in the street. Tons of food and tons of people laughing and enjoying each other till late into the evening. Now it's a small crowd and they all disappear by 4:00. Once again, I am reminded that things change. Where the hell is Jerry Lewis?

As this paper comes out, the bride and I will be celebrating 33 years marriage (I think). Seems like yesterday I donned a beige tux (size 34" waist) and danced the night away. Did I mention how things change?

The big focus on the Town over the last few months has been a group that has come forward to start a new Food Pantry in town. I've been trying to stay out of the fracas because it has become a touchy situation. On the one hand, you have a group of people who are trying to address a need they feel we have in the community. On the other hand, you have a Town Council looking at the entire picture and worried about an expense to the town when we presently have a somewhat limited food bank that does not cost taxpayers one cent.

Also, a few years ago when the building in question was closed and the Senior Center was moved to Northford, one of the points for the move was to use this building to produce revenue. At \$1.00 a year rent, I'm sure that's not the revenue they had in mind. But with both sides being very passionate, the issue has hit Facebook, local newspapers and even TV. Personal attacks are being made and in my mind, this isn't the way it should be handled. With both sides expressing the desire to do good, it's sort of a contradiction. These kinds of things push people out of volunteer public service.

Our beloved Yankees are done. Jeter will go out without a playoff appearance in his final year. I guess Pops would be happy because even though they will not make the playoffs it looks like they will finish ahead of the Red Sox.

Speaking of Jeter, he may be the last of the true sports heroes. He has always handled himself with class and his work ethic was an example to the kids. With dances in the end zone or after a tackle, bodies filled with tattoos and everyone have a celebration display, our kids don't have anything wholesome to use as an example in sports.

Well, the peppers are jarred, the hot pepper relish is made and the tomatoes are cooking as we speak. the only thing left is the dreaded pickling and frying of the eggplants. Thank God North Branford has some of the best local farms in the state. I might even consider freezing corn this year as no-one has better corn than our local farms.

As usual, the conversation has turned to food. At least that's one Italian tradition we still have. Take care and I'll see you soon.

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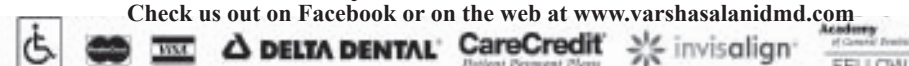
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WIT & WISDOM

Dr. William H. James

Dr. James needs no introduction or my relating of his accomplishments through his long life since relating them again here would just be repetitious as his obituary relates them so thoroughly. To most of you who knew Dr. James he was "Bill", but to me he was always Dr. James. Even when I called I always asked for Dr. James. I don't really know why unless it was in reverence to his scholastic achievement, of which I never accomplished. In hind sight it was ridiculous since Dr. James never paraded his degrees and was as interested in every person of whatever distinction, and as Virginia related, he went out to talk with the fellow pumping out their septic system with as much interest as a college president.

I relate this since ours was a close and long relationship that started when I delivered his New Haven Register Sunday mornings many years ago and he would be waiting for me to discuss the news of the day during which he always inquired as to my personal activities. This was our relationship, but our friendship really began when I wrote an article on the Federal Reserve System that appeared in one of the local news media 27 years ago.

I remember the call as though it was yesterday, since the person asked if he could visit me since my article intrigued him. Naturally, knowing of the callers credentials, I awaited the visit, which was the same day. We retired to our greenhouse where we conversed in the warmth there in and in the course of our conversation I related what a farce our monetary system was since it was based on the creation of debt and the bankers monopoly was ridiculous since our government borrowed money from the Feds, a private banking institution, and paid interest on it when our Constitution says, "Only Congress has the authority to coin money and declare the value thereof".

From this our friendship grew, since Dr. James called me many times and I he, as often as several times a week. I learned much from Dr. James and confess, in all my humility, he from me. I was his informant of all financial news he didn't know since I was, and still am, a reader of the other less known, but often more honest than the New York Times and Wall Street Journal, captive journals of our banking system, that tell only what they want you to know, that he read. In all the 27 years of our friendship I thought, and suggested, he make his book, *The Monetarist and the Evolving Crisis*, a continuation of 2 former books, written when he was 100, a much shorter version. That with peoples time so filled with other activities were unlikely to read his long epistle. But, I think this was one time when his degrees influenced his actions and he felt the necessity to publish a substantial book to justify his academic credentials and to attract the people capable of understanding his message, while I felt it was more important to reach the average man and by being cheaper, it would attract a larger readership and prove more influential in spreading his messenger.

With no one to discuss the events happening so rapidly these days, I am sad and lonesome with no one to turn to. I'm to old, and there is no other awaiting my call. We had so much in common.

A story you might find musing; As I was standing in line behind my brother Harold to enter services for my brother Chester (who had died at 97), the gentleman seating us greeted Harold with, "And who are you?". Harold in his fry humor said, "I'm next". The man evidently confused, stuttered, "no, no, I mean what's your name?"

My answer now is, "I'm next",

Alton Eliason

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Revocable Living Trusts serve many functions. One of the most useful functions of a revocable living trust is that if properly funded, it enables a person to avoid the probate and the time and expense that goes along with it.

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A Trust acts as a legal container that holds property for the benefit of the beneficiary of the Trust, who is usually a person, an institution or a charity. Trusts are legal agreements between three different parties: The Grantor (sometimes called a Trustmaker or Settlor) who establishes the Trust, the Trustee who administrates the Trust, and the beneficiary, who receives some sort of benefit (usually income) from the Trust.

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Revocable Living Trusts are a great method of avoiding probate and the costs, lack of privacy and time associated with probating an estate. By using a Revocable Living Trust you can put your assets into your beneficiary's hands in days instead of months, minimize the cost of transferring the assets, and do so privately.

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If you have estate planning questions that you would like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net.

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Dog Nail Trimmings

At East Haven Animal Shelter

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Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the North Branford Scholarship Association, the Watershed Fund, the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs/CT state project Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center and other charitable club projects.

On the day of the walk, buses will be available for transporting participants to the Lake Gaillard property from Jerome Harrison School on Route 80 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Access to the Beech Street entrance will be by bus or on foot only. Parking will be prohibited on Beech Street and Poms Lane where posted. No bicycles, roller blades or pets will be allowed on the trail.

The distance around the lake is 7 miles but participants, as always, may choose any distance with which they are comfortable. Distance markers will be posted around the lake. Water and comfort facilities will be available. No participants will be allowed on the trail after 11am.

Registration fee is \$8.00. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! Participants may also register on site the day of the walk.

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Think about how heavily you or your children sleep. As loud as smoke alarms can be, sometimes children sleep through it. Research has shown that some children don't wake up from the loud beep of a typical smoke alarm.

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There have been many advances over the last 10 years in home smoke alarms. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are electrical devices and the do have a life limit. It's a good idea to replace your detectors every 10 years. We also want to emphasize the need to continue planning and practicing home fire escape plans and to insure everyone in your home can be awakened by the sound of the smoke alarm. We will continue to reinforce the importance of developing and practicing a home fire escape plan during which the smoke alarm is activated so all family members know its sound.

September is School Safety Month

Parents are reminded to discuss safety issues with your children. This should include bus and school safety. Members of the North Branford Fire Department are conducting inspections of all town schools, K-12 during August.

If you have any questions about bus or fire safety, you can contact your child's school or the fire marshal's office.

Please Display Your House Numbers

Please help us help you. Sometimes it can be difficult to find the proper address when responding to an emergency. Please have proper house numbers that can be viewed from both directions on the street.

1. At least 4 inches in height, in a contrasting color to the background
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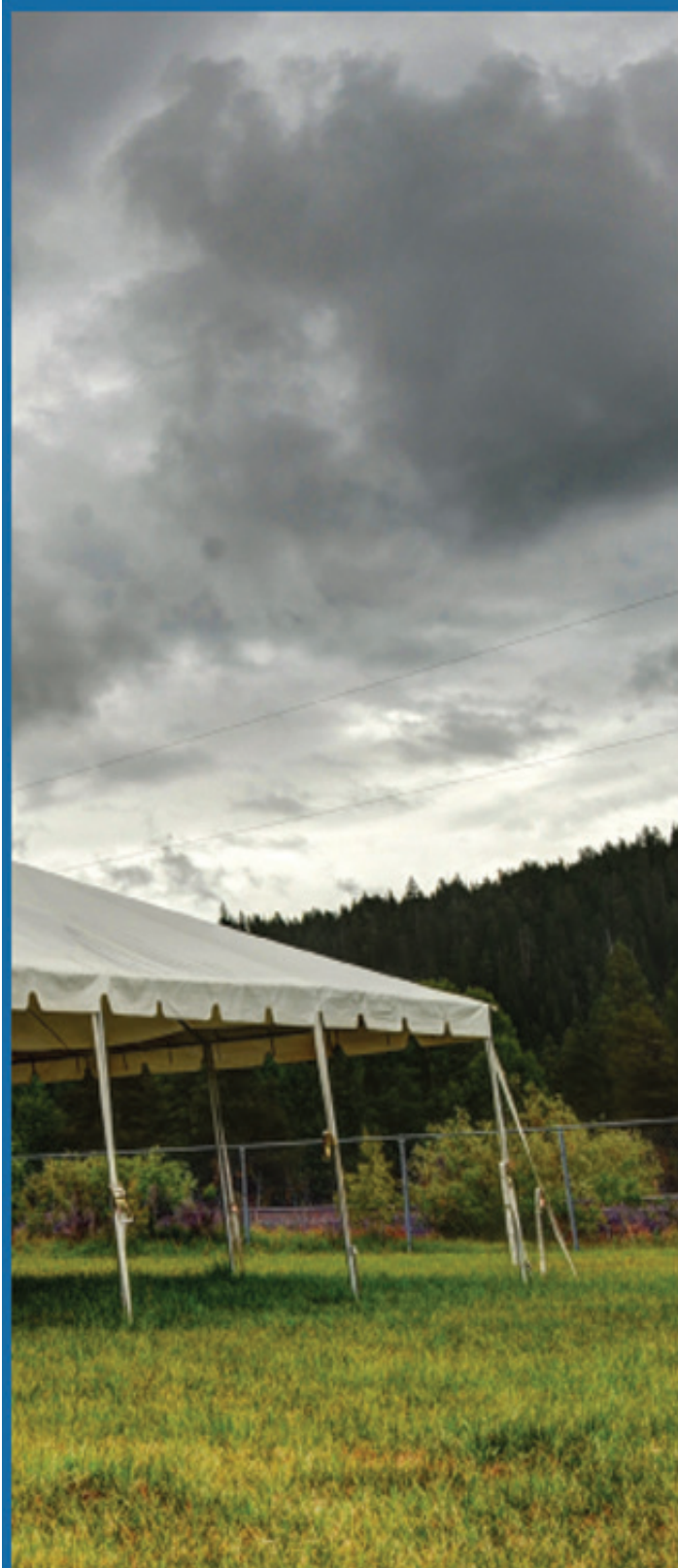
Call the fire marshal's office with any questions at 203-484-6016
Or e-mail at: deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com

Special Event Coming to the Dudley Farm Farmers' Market

On Saturday, September 13 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM, there will be a Fairy Festival at the Dudley Farm Farmers' Market. Children (accompanied by adults) are invited to follow the Fairy Trail, build a Fairy House, decorate a wand, or create a crown with guest author, Cheryl Kling.

The Summer Market is held every Saturday through October from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. It takes place on the picturesque grounds of the historic Dudley Farm Museum, located at 2351 Durham Road in North Guilford. The Market provides the opportunity to purchase local and organic seasonal produce and handmade arts and crafts, while enjoying the beauty and serenity of the Farm as it was in the year 1900.

Contact 860-349-3917 or visit www.dudleyfarm.com for more information. The market is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.



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Missing: Wisdom

by *Lindsay Lee Wallace*

I do not mean to alarm anybody, but I think I should spread the word: it seems that the oral surgeon has stolen all of my wisdom. This would not be a problem—after all, how often do I, as a teenager, really use said wisdom anyway? My family would tell you not often—except I am sure that my readers have come to expect a certain degree of life-altering brilliance from me, which I am now concerned I can no longer deliver. If only I had been able to keep my wisdom intact, we would not find ourselves in this mess.

Nevertheless, the show must go on even in its current state, at least for as long as it takes to locate my wisdom. In the interest of finding my wisdom and having it returned to me as soon as possible, I will now provide a brief description.

My wisdom is contained in four white-ish, lumpy objects that may or may not resemble teeth. It was last seen on Tuesday morning, as I was being set adrift under the influence of the drugs used to incapacitate me for wisdom removal. Little did I know, as the room began to sway around me, and I blearily asked the doctor and/or ruthless wisdom-stealing scalawag beside me whether it was “normal for the walls to look like they’re melting like that?” By the time I had my wits about me once again, it was too late; my four tooth-like wisdom containers were gone.

As a member of the unhappily unemployed, I am not in a position to offer a monetary reward for my wisdom’s safe return. However, I can promise that if you help me regain my wisdom, I will be forever grateful to you. I cannot imagine a time when I would need my wisdom more than I do now, in the throes of college applications, teenaged angst, and a particularly challenging game of Clue.

However, there does seem to be some hope that I might eventually recover some of my wisdomful capacities, even without what was stolen from me. As I was sitting on the sofa after the excision, gripped with horrible nausea, I somehow managed to feel completely alone while also being surrounded by caring family members. Although in that instant I was busy contemplating the depths of the plastic bowl I clutched, in front of me, I eventually began to realize the significance of the moment.

My family loves me very much. In order to make sure that no harm befell me after my surgery—whether it be a miscalculation of pain medication, or a foolish walk into the street now that I did not have my wisdom to stop me—my father, grandmother, aunt, and cousin were all present. They had come equipped with movies, puzzles, and peanut butter ice cream. And yet, despite all of their preparation and best intentions, there was not a thing they could do about the stormy seas inside of my stomach.

Sometimes, although everybody wants to help you, there is nothing anybody else can do. Sometimes, you have to face your problems alone, and figure out a solution by yourself.

Or, sometimes, your father will remember that there are anti-nausea pills in the medicine cabinet. Sorry there was no life lesson there, but what do you expect? They’ve stolen all my wisdom.

Lindsay Wallace is a local student. This column through the eyes of a student will hopefully be entertaining & beneficial to students & parents.

NBHS Reunion Class of 1989

The class of 1989 is looking for classmates for their upcoming reunion in November. If you would like to join the big 25th Reunion contact Debbie at 203-738-8244 or Ylliereibbed@yshoo.com or Bonnie at 203-230-9066 or abyoun@comcast.net. Leave a message with your full name, address and preferred method of contact.

Please pass this information on to everyone you know so this can be an event to remember.

Branford Chorale Rehearsals

The Branford Chorale is starting rehearsals for their winter concert on Monday, September 8th, 7PM at Walsh Intermediate School, Branford. We are excited about our “Christmas with the Choral” themed concert which will be held on December 6th and encourage all interested singers to join. We are a 4 part mixed chorus who have the pleasure of singing under the direction of Michael Carnaroli alongside accompanist David Bell. If you love to sing, this is the group for you. We meet Monday evenings at 7:15 PM, see you there!

THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Mark Farat, Cassandra Laudano & Saverio Varca were named to the Dean’s List at The University of Rhode Island.

New Club Forming for Kids

Who Build With LEGOS

With support from the Edward Smith Library, 6th grader Ethan Sabetta is hosting a club for kids who like building with LEGOS. The first meeting of the club will be at the Edward Smith Library on Monday, September 8th, and will then take place on alternating Mondays. It will start at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 7:30 p.m. Suggested ages are 8 years old and up. Bring your LEGOs!

Author Nan Rossiter to Visit Smith Library

The Edward Smith Library is proud to present Connecticut resident author, Nan Rossiter, to our library for a visit on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7 pm. Nan is a Connecticut author who began writing and illustrating books for children and is now writing adult fiction. From her website:

“Nan’s adult fiction is often compared to the work of Nicholas Sparks—especially her first novel, “The Gin and Chowder Club”. Nan hopes readers who enjoyed this will look for the same characters in the Christmas anthology, “Making Spirits Bright”. Nan’s second novel, “Words get in the way” is an uplifting story about a single mom whose young son has autism. Her third novel, “More than you know” touches on the bonds of sisterhood and the tragedy and despair of Alzheimer’s. And her new novel, “Under a summer sky”, will tie all of the books together.

Nan is offering to come and visit us for free. Her request to those who attend her program would be to have read at least one of her books. Perhaps you or someone you know is in a book club and would like to make this your “assignment”

Register in the library or by phone (203) 484-0469. The Edward Smith Library is located at 3 Old Post Road, Northford, CT.

“Cookbook Club” at the Atwater Library

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

For our first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27, prepare a recipe from any cookbook available at the Atwater or Smith Libraries. Bring your own place setting (plate, silverware, etc.) and one regular-sized recipe so that everyone can taste. The recipe should be prepared at home prior to the meeting. All meetings will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoons.

Call the library at 203 315-6020 to register or come in to sign up! The library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford.



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Saturday	9/20	Branford	2:00
Monday	9/22	H - K	6:30
Saturday	9/27	Westbrook	9:30AM
Monday	9/29	@Morgan	3:45
Thursday	10/2	Old Saybrook	3:45
Friday	10/3	Sacred Heart	3:45
Tuesday	10/7	Valley Regional	6:30
Friday	10/10	@H - K	3:45
Monday	10/13	@Amity	9:30AM
Wednesday	10/15	@Westbrook	3:45
Thursday	10/16	Mercy	3:45
Wednesday	10/22	@Waterford	3:45
Friday	10/24	Morgan	6:30

Football

Friday	9/12	Cromwell	6:30
Saturday	9/20	@H - K	7:00
Saturday	9/27	Lewis Mills	6:00
Thursday	10/2	@Valley Regional	6:30
Friday	10/10	Nonnewaug	6:30
Friday	10/17	Avon	6:30
Thursday	10/23	OS/Westbrook	6:30
Saturday	11/1	@Coginchaug	1:00
Saturday	11/8	@Gilbert	1:00
Friday	11/14	@Morgan	6:30
Wednesday	11/26	Hyde	6:00

Boys Soccer

Tuesday	9/9	@H - K	3:45
Friday	9/12	@Hale Ray	7:30
Tuesday	9/16	@Old Saybrook	3:45
Friday	9/19	Morgan	3:45
Tuesday	9/23	@Westbrook	3:45
Saturday	9/27	E. Hampton	11:00
Monday	9/29	Old Lyme	6:30
Thursday	10/2	@Coginchaug	3:45
Monday	10/6	Portland	6:30
Thursday	10/9	Valley Regional	3:45
Saturday	10/11	@Windham	11:00
Monday	10/13	@Cromwell	6:30
Thursday	10/16	H - K	6:30
Monday	10/20	Cromwell	6:30
Thursday	10/23	@Morgan	6:30
Saturday	10/25	Two Rivers Magnet	11:00

Girls Soccer

Wednesday	9/10	@H - K	3:45
Friday	9/12	@Hale Ray	5:30
Monday	9/15	@Old Saybrook	3:45
Thursday	9/18	Morgan	6:30
Saturday	9/20	HaleRay	6:00
Monday	9/22	@Westbrook	3:45
Wednesday	9/24	E. Hampton	3:45
Saturday	9/27	@Valley Regional	11:00
Tuesday	9/30	Old Lyme	6:30
Friday	10/3	@Coginchaug	3:45
Tuesday	10/7	Portland	3:45
Friday	10/10	ValleyRegional	3:45
Tuesday	10/14	@Cromwell	6:30
Friday	10/17	H - K	3:45
Thursday	10/21	Cromwell	6:30
Friday	10/24	@Morgan	6:30

Girls Volleyball

Tuesday	9/9	Hale Ray	5:30
Friday	9/12	E. Hampton	5:30
Monday	9/15	@E. Hampton	5:30
Wednesday	9/17	@Coginchaug	5:30
Friday	9/19	Cromwell	5:30
Monday	9/22	@Old Lyme	5:30
Tuesday	9/23	Valley Regional	5:30
Saturday	9/27	Two Rivers	11:00
Monday	9/29	Hyde	5:30
Wednesday	10/1	@Morgan	5:30
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Monday	10/6	@Hale Ray	5:30
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ADULT PROGRAMMING

CHAIR YOGA

Who: Adults / **Fee:** \$30
Session I: Sept. 18th - Oct. 23rd
Time: Thursdays, 10:45 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Description: Increase your flexibility, range of movement and improve your balance safely and effectively with Chair Yoga. You will be guided through a complete series of seated and standing yoga postures which were specifically designed for seniors and for those with physical limitations. This 45 minute class will also incorporate breathing exercises and guided meditation to help relieve tension and stress.

LEARN TO MAKE A QUILTED TOTE BAG

Who: Adults / **Fee:** \$20
Session: Sept. 22nd - Oct. 20th (no class 10/13)
Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Description: Quilted tote bags are great gifts or as a unique item for you! Learn how to make a simple but striking 16 "by 14 "quilted tote bag, using a variety of fabrics. The finished bag will be lined with 2 handles. Directions will be supplied so you can even make multiples! Basic sewing skills required, either hand or on a machine. Only 4 sessions and you will have a completed project just in time for the Holidays!

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS

Who: Adults / **Fee:** \$15
Session: Sept. 26th—Dec. 19th (no class 11/28)
Time: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Description: Learn about Tai Chi practice. This class will help to increase balance and stability, maintain bone density, and improve circulation and flexibility.

AARP "Smart Driver Course" FOR DRIVERS 50+

Who: Drivers 50 and over
Session: Wednesday, October 15
Time: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$15 AARP members \$20 non AARP members
 Checks payable to "AARP"
Description: Four hours of classroom instruction teaching preventative measures to use when driving. Refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques that save lives. Please bring your drivers license to class. Newly redesigned course makes learning more interesting.

INTRO TO YOGA

Who: Adults ~ All levels welcome
Session: September 18 – October 23
Time: Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55
Description: Stretch, strengthen and relax the body and mind. You will learn classical poses to help improve your balance and increase your flexibility. Breathing exercises and guided meditation will help you release tension and stress. No experience necessary.

QUILTING FOR BEGINNERS

Who: Beginner Adults
Session: October 2, 16, 30 Nov.13, Dec. 4
Time: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$40
Description: Join us for a fun and easy way to learn basic quilting techniques, using a banner pattern called *Belle Noelle*. From start to finish, this class will give you the necessary skills to complete your holiday project!! Whether you like to sew by hand or by machine; we have a place for you. Come join us for 5 weeks of fun in the company of other fellow quilters. *Supplies and pattern will need to be purchased in addition to the class fee*

TAI CHI / QIGONG

Who: Adults
Session: Current enrollment
Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Description: High quality traditional Tai Chi/Qigong instruction taught by an instructor with 30 years of martial arts experience, and is a Tai Chi Chuan National Gold Medal Winner. Health benefits include: relaxation, stress reduction, greater balance, and increased flexibility.

TRIPS

MOHEGAN SUN TRIP - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

Cost: \$30 resident/ \$35 non-resident
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SPOT OF TEA & TOUR / WADSWORTH MANSION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th (*this is a late afternoon trip)
 Cost: \$5 resident / \$10 non-resident
 Enjoy an afternoon with the docents as they sweeten their accounts of the Wadsworth family with some dainty goodies and a cup of tea. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

MINI GOLF / LUNCH / ICE CREAM - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th

Cost: \$18 resident / \$23 non-resident
 Join us as we head to Farmington Mini Golf and enjoy a fun round on their course! Afterwards you can enjoy a hotdog, chips and a beverage and then top it off with a cup or cone of ice cream!

EVENTS

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR & FLU SHOT CLINIC

When: Thursday, October 9th
Where: STW Community Center Gymnasium
Time: 12:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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

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

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

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

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

NBCC Announces Fall Schedule

Homecoming Sunday is September 14, 2014 all are welcome. This is also our Second Sunday brunch Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, prepared by the men of the Church after an inspiring sermon at Worship at 10:00 AM.

*In the evening of September 14 there will be a Vesper service at Lake Gallard at 5PM

*A Taize service will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the chapel.

*A Healing Service will also be held on the third Sunday of each month at 2PM

*Bible Study begins Sunday, October 5th at 5PM through November 23. This is an eight week study program.

Please join as we begin a new season. There are many rewarding experiences to be enjoyed by participating with our Church family. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School at Northford Congregational Church

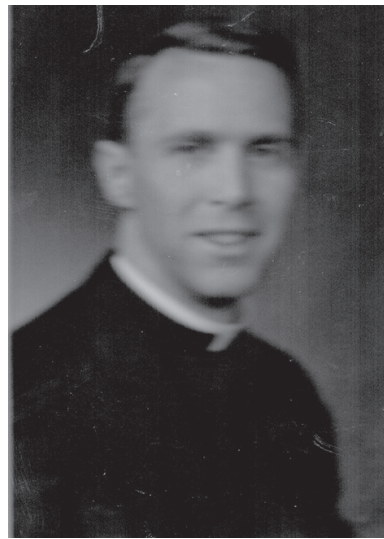
Sunday School will kick off on Rally Sunday, September 7. Pastor Kathryn King and Northford Congregational Church welcome all families to attend their weekly worship service, which returns to 10 a.m. starting Sept. 7.

Families can register for Sunday School that morning, and some fun games and activities including a scavenger hunt will be held for the children. Sunday School classes are held at 10 a.m. each Sunday while worship services are being held. A Rally Day Picnic with hotdogs and hamburgers will follow the church service. For information please contact Kathy Grant, Christian Education Coordinator, at 203-823-1023.

Holiday Fair at Evergreen Woods

Evergreen Woods, 88 Notch Hill Road, North Branford, holds its 20th annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9am to 2pm. The fair features arts and crafts, soaps, stained glass, baby clothes, jewelry, maple syrup, and much more. Proceeds from our Food Court, Cookie Walk, White Elephant and Raffle sales will benefit Camp Rising Sun and the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet programs. For more information or to be a vendor, contact Jaclyn Martinelli at 203.483.3231 or jmartinelli@evergreenwoods.com <<mailto:jmartinelli@evergreenwoods.com>>

Father Casey Celebrates 50 Years



On September 10, 2014, Reverend Thomas J. Casey, OSA will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his Religious Profession. Father Casey, the oldest of four children was born in Fair Haven, CT. He attended Notre Dame High School and Villanova University. Upon graduating from college he worked for several years at the Western Electric Company in West Haven and he had a stint in minor league baseball for the Pittsburg Pirate organization.

At the age of 28, young Thomas Casey got the calling and joined the Seminary. He has served at various parishes throughout New York State and continues to serve

Mass as a retired priest.

Father Casey's brother Larry has lived in North Branford for many years and served on the North Branford Board of Education for 21 years.

'Raisin' Bell' Charity Motorcycle Run

A "Raisin' Bell" Charity Motorcycle Run on Saturday, September 20, will help raise funds for Northford Congregational Church's bell tower. The ride will start from Northford Center and go to Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream in Salem, Connecticut, with a possible stop at Gillette Castle or other suggested location. Participants can register at 10 a.m. at the church on the day of the ride. A breakfast sandwich will be provided to each participant. Donation is \$20 and additional rider is \$5. "Save the Bell Tower" T-shirts and mugs will be available for purchase prior to the ride.

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 section of North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net.

Elderly Rental & Totally Disabled Programs

Applications are now being accepted in the Assessors' Office for the Renter Tax Relief Program for those 65 & older or for the Totally Disabled, of which there is no age requirement.

Income limits for calendar year 2013 cannot exceed \$41,600 for a married couple or \$34,100 for a single person. Please bring all forms of income and expenses to the Assessors' Office, Town Hall, Monday - Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. April 1 through October 1, 2014.

Did You Know



Did You KNOW? That Northford was once "The Christmas Card Capital of the World?" In earlier times Northford was a center of industrial activity producing articles such as buttons, pins, nails, tin ware, brushes, silverware, paper, cards of all sorts, coconut dippers, desiccated coconut, hooks and eyes, hay rakes, rivets, gimlets and other items.

There were blacksmith shops, a tannery, a dye house, and saw mills, a creamery, fulling mills, a grist mill, limekiln, a carriage shop and other manufacturing facilities. All of these were located along the Farm River. There was even a hotel in 1852.

Come see these cards and much more at the Reynolds Beer Museum next to the Atwater Library.

K of C to Host Fish Fries

The fabulous Fish Fries are back at the Guilford Knights of Columbus at 390 South Union Street in Guilford. The fish feast will run on Friday, September 26th and the first four Fridays in October, from 5:00 to 7:30PM. Fried or baked fish, clam chowder, stuffed clams, brownie squares and much more will be on the menu.

Profits will benefit local charities. For more information call 203-453-2801.

Inside the Doors of Pine Orchard

Sunday, September 21, from noon to 4 p.m., St. Therese Church of Branford is welcoming visitors "Inside the Doors of Pine Orchard," a tour featuring seven beautiful homes in this lovely waterfront community. The ticket price, \$40 purchased prior to the day of the event or \$45 the day of the event, includes a buffet lunch at The Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club. In addition to the homes that will be open, is a serene Six Petal Rose Garden that was inspired by the six petal rose on the floor of Chartes Cathedral in France. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact St. Therese Parish office at 203-488-2998 or office@sttheresebranford.org.

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Sweet Child of Mine Home Daycare is now accepting new children. Please contact 203-584-3765.

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RUMMAGE SALE

Northford Congregational Church will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit the church. Items for sale will include articles of clothing, household items, books, children's toys, knick knacks, and kitchen items.

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 section of North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: nchurch@snet.net.

K Of C Looking for Vendors

The Knights of Columbus, Totoket Council 6801 is looking for vendors to fill 86 spaces 15' wide by 28' deep at their Annual Fall Giant Tag Sale/ Flea Market on October 4th, at Doody's Field at 465 Foon Road in North Branford. It will run from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Admission is free and there is off road parking.

To reserve a space, call 203-484-9737. The cost is \$29, per space paid before 9/29 as there is a \$5. late fee after that date. Vendors must provide their own tables.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

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, after 20 words

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Send ad along with your check to: Totoket Times P.O. Box 313 Northford, CT 06472 For more information call 203-410-4254

Table with 3 columns and 6 rows for classified ads.



Dr. William H. "Bill" James, age 104, of North Branford, Connecticut, died peacefully on August 19, 2014. Blessed with long life, good health, and a strong work ethic, William was possibly Connecticut's oldest military veteran, serving in May this year as Grand Marshall of his town's Memorial Day events, at which he gave a speech. He leaves a record of accomplishment, drive, intelligence, and widespread friends and affiliations. Born in 1910 to John and May James, William came of pioneer stock and spent his childhood on rural farms. Starting in the 1920's, he and his mother traveled to Europe where

each pursued educational opportunities, with William studying at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, before returning to the U.S. to attend and graduate from Brown University in 1933.

William held a variety of jobs before, during and after college. He began his professional career during the Depression, working as a public school teacher in New Canaan CT. Three years later he switched to the school system in Easton CT, where he began as a Teaching Principal in 1936 and advanced to increasing responsibility until interrupted by WWII, for which he volunteered and served in the Air Force (chiefly in India, China, and on Tinian Island), ultimately retiring as a Major. Returning home after WWII, William resumed his work with the Easton schools while using the GI Bill to obtain his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University.

William also married after the war, taking as his bride in 1950 the former Virginia Stowell of New Britain, CT, daughter of Austin and Doris Stowell of that city. Promoted to Superintendent of Schools for Easton in 1953, William in 1958 relocated to the larger school system of Branford CT to become Superintendent of Schools there. It was at this time that he, Virginia, and their daughter Hillery moved to Northford CT where Hillery attended public schools and Virginia taught in the Wallingford school system. In 1966 William became an Associate Director of the Connecticut Commission for Higher Education, from which he retired in 1977. He had also begun part-time college teaching in 1949 and continued until 1993 as an adjunct professor for several universities. A long-time writer, William wrote newspaper columns during the 1930's, writing about political and economic affairs, and he is the author of several books: "The Monetarists and the Current Crisis" (1975), "The Monetarists and the Continuing Crisis" (1997) and "The Monetarists and the Evolving Crisis: Wake Up, Americans, We are Losing our Great Nation" (2011). From 2011 forward, William published occasional commentaries on public affairs. Besides writing, William stayed active with educational organization, Rotary International, the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution), the American Legion, and the VFW, among others. He was also an avid follower of local, national, and world events, enjoying several newspapers each day. In addition to his work and writing, William enjoyed small-town America and invariably became "Bill" during his many decades of visiting Lyme CT, Halifax VT, or New Harbor, ME. Some of his greatest pleasures were talking with friends, meeting new people, telling stories, working outdoors, or enjoying nature and wildlife. Well remembering his own struggles with early poverty, the chaotic '20's, the Depression, and WWII, Bill was sympathetic to those who struggle against forces larger than themselves; at the same time, he was a strong advocate of hard work and continuous self-improvement, believing that such effort gave any individual his or her best chance for a good life.



Paul Richard Olovson, 50 of North Branford died suddenly at home on August 19, 2014. Paul was born on April 14, 1964 son of Doris F. Olovson and the late Carl O. Olovson. Paul attended Branford High School and worked for DeMars Landscaping. Paul's specialty was brick work and he was a craftsman in his field.

Paul enjoyed anything to do with the outdoors. He especially enjoyed fishing and camping. His favorite thing to do was to spend time with his family and friends. Paul was well known for his sense of humor and big heart.

He is survived by his children, Austin and Ariel Olovson, Kirk Latella, Cadence and Hayleigh Olovson; his sisters, Gayle McKernan of Branford and Kristen Smith (Richard) of North Branford; his brothers Erik and Mark Olovson of North Branford and Todd Olovson (Denise) of Guilford. He is also survived by his nieces, Kendra Wells (Ian), Kelly & Kasey McKernan, Kirsten Smith and Kaiya Olovson; his nephews Kyle and Nicholas Olovson, Kevin McKernan and Cameron Smith. He recently welcomed his great niece, Emma Wells. Paul was a nephew to Joan D. Fair and cousin to Linda Packard, Kathy Galuski (Ed), Tracy Merola (Fran), Susan Campbell (Brian), Tom Fair, Jennifer and Jason Olovson and Laura Bergeron. Also, he leaves behind numerous friends whom he considered family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Branford Elks on Friday, September 5, 2014 from 4-9 pm. A prayer, sharing and good-bye will be at 6pm. Please come and spend some time with the family and bring along your stories!

Monetary donations can be made to "Children of Paul Olovson Fund" c/o Kris Smith 31 Valley Road, North Branford CT 06471 or bring to the Celebration. Further information will be provided on Facebook and the Celebration. Donations in his name can also be made to Narcotics Anonymous. NA World Services PO Box 9999 Van Nuys, CA 91409 or @ www.NA.org.

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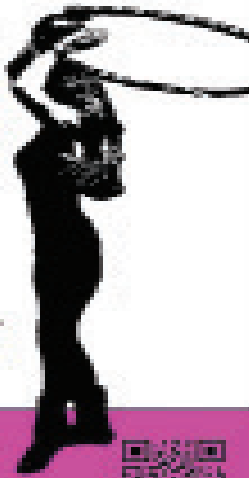
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