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Last Tractor Pull of the Year The Augur Farm at 289 Forest Road will be the site of the last tractor pull of the year. The event will take place on October 21st with weigh in at 8am and the pull beginning at 9. Rain date has beenst for 10/22.



The North Branford Public Schools will once again facilitate the annual Community Food Drive and this year we will be working to stock the shelves of the local food pantries!

The 28th Annual North Branford Community Food Drive will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Please remember to place your donations of non-perishable food items and/or personal hygiene items in a shopping bag by your mail box on Saturday, October 28th.

Major support for the drives comes from the students of North Branford Intermediate School and North Branford High School. Teams of students collect canned goods, pasta, and personal hygiene items from all segments of the community. You can assist by placing items out by your mailbox on the morning of October 28th.

We will also accept monetary contributions. Simply make a check payable to North Branford Food Drive/NBIS. Payments may be mailed to:

> North Branford Intermediate School Attention: Keith O'Rourke, Interim Principal 654 Foxon Road - North Branford, CT 06471

Supermarket gift eards are also an ideal way to contribute to the food drive.

Animal Haven Walk-A-Thon

The Animal Haven's 23rd Annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, on the North Haven Town Green from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.Walkers may sign up now online or by mail.

To obtain a registration form call Wendy at 203-249-7355 Event activities will include: a 1-mile dog walk, vendor booths, raffle prizes, a pet parade and costume contest, with treats and fun for all members of the family. If you would like to donate or contribute raffle items please contact Donna at <u>assttreas@yahoo.com</u>. he

Animal Haven is a private, nonprofit, 501(c) (3) charitable organization serving the greater New Haven area since 1948. It is a no-kill shelter whose mission is to provide a temporary, safe, caring and humane refuge for home-less, adoptable cats and dogs, and to subsequently place those animals in quality, adoptive permanent homes.



Proceeds Benefit Rotary Projects including "Clothes For Kids" Providing Brand New Coats, Hats, Gloves & Sweaters for North Branford Children For info call: Hope Looney 203 887 3078 or email: inbotratory@yahoo.com

Teams vie for the most items collected – receiving one point for every item received. Teams with the most points receive gift certificates from local businesses. A large number of North Branford Public School employees as well as parents and community -minded individuals assist at the drive.

The drive is spearheaded by North Branford teachers, administrators and students. In addition, the Public Works Department has volunteered their services to help deliver the food to the local food pantries.

Thank you for your generous support!

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Autumn is here! Nature's seasonal change in colors makes it time to take care of your seasonal colors and Hi Lites.

New friends and Walk-Ins are always

Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:00 - 5:00 Thursday, 9:00 - 6:00 Saturday, 9:00 - 3:00

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IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE ...

With Governor Malloy and the Democrat majority's inability to produce a budget, North Branford, like so many of our communities, are facing crisis. Last year, our Republican Council Members did not support the spending and tax increases because we understand the need to find greater and smarter efficiencies so that our residents can afford to live in this great town and businesses can grow here. Difficult decisions lie ahead, and we ask the residents of North Branford to put the Republican Party candidates back in charge to make these tough decisions.

We want to serve you so that we can

- promote positive economic development through fiscal responsibility and proper town planning;
 - bring transparency to the budgeting process by prohibiting town or education spending without public hearings and voting; and
- implement and execute a town-wide plan for renovation and maintenance of town buildings, schools and land.

North Branford has heard enough talking these past two years, we will bring action!

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EDITORIAL

State Representative Vincent Candelora

Connecticut Needs A Veto Override



Governor Malloy vetoed the bipartisan budget that was recently approved by the General Assembly. While his actions are not entirely unexpected, it does not make the reality of this any easier to digest. As a legislative leader that worked to obtain bipartisan support of this budget, I must say that this is extremely frustrating. But what's

worse is that leaders on the town level have been waiting for a budget for months so that they could provide essential services.

Republican legislators carefully drafted this budget to erase a \$3.5 billion deficit without any new taxes because our state is in desperate need of a new direction. Unfortunately, the governor does not seem to share our sense of urgency. The draconian spending cuts that will surely follow will be the result of his actions, and we must hold him accountable as he seems to think that Connecticut is better off this way, which shows how out of touch with reality he truly is. My colleagues and I intend to fight for our bipartisan budget, which fully funds local schools and municipalities by pushing our Democrat colleagues to override the governor's veto. This budget would have moved Connecticut in a more positive direction and I am hopeful that we still have a chance.

The governor's debilitating executive order will now go into effect this Sunday, October 1st and does not account for funding to most schools and municipalities, and continues to cripple those who need help the most like our seniors and individuals disabilities and their families.

We are nearly out of time and do not have time to go back-and-forth much longer engaging in a game of politics. My colleagues and I are still fighting and will continue to push for an override of the governor's veto.

I hope legislative leaders can be convinced to reconvene quickly to move Connecticut forward.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any state or local concerns at 800-842-1423 or vincent.candelora@housegop.ct.gov.

Take a night off from cooking dinner and join the North Branford High School Field Hockey Team. Tuesday, October 10th at **Doody's Totoket Inn** 465 Foxon Rd. North Brnanford Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser and for your continued support and generosity

Our Flag and Anthem What statement is made when, without more, US citizens demonstrate against our flag or anthem? I suggest that they demonstrate ignorance, contempt and disrespect for themselves. This is because our flag and anthem are symbols of the fundamental concept of our country - "We the People."

The uniqueness of our country - the new and revolutionary ideal created by our Declaration, Constitution and Bill of Rights, was government by, for and of the people, with liberty and justice for all. We, the people, were to govern ourselves. The concept of America was the rejection of the rule of monarchs and aristocrats. So, our flag and our anthem most certainly do not symbolize a ruling class. They do not stand for Clinton, Trump, Obama or Pelosi.

Our flag and anthem represent the People. They symbolize the freedom and liberty that compelled the end of slavery in our country more than 100 years before it ended in the Muslim world. They symbolize the concepts of equality built into our Declaration, Constitution and Bill of Rights that paved the way to universal suffrage. And they most certainly stand for the doctrines of equal rights and equal justice that call for the punishment of those who would betray these laws of our land.

The key to these thoughts is "without more." And the protesters seem incapable of giving us more. By some other symbol, deed or diction they must tell us more precisely what it is that they are protesting. Is it the rulers, the government actors who would subjugate us or act as an elite aristocracy in defiance of the rights declared in our Declaration, Constitution and Bill of Rights? But without more they merely protest the very symbol of their freedom, rights and liberty, a ludicrous act causing confusion, conflict and controversy.

Without more the protest of these symbols of our American ideals is necessarily a rejection of those ideals. If the protest is a plea for something else, what? Please tell us. If you're against the concept of government by and for the people, protest the flag and anthem. If its something else you're against, please let us know what it is and maybe we'll join you.

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Voter Registration Sessions for North Branford

The North Branford Registrars of Voters will conduct the following Voter Registration Sessions for new electors to register to vote in the Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 7, 2017:

All sessions will be held at the North Branford Town Hall

Tuesday, October 10, 2017: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Monday, November 6, 2017: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm *Please note that Tuesday, October 31st is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the November election, except for those whose rights mature. Electors must appear in person with proper identification. Please also note that mail-in voter registrations must

be postmarked or received by the registrars by this date. On-line registrations will not be available after October 31st.

**This is a special session for those whose rights mature: have reached the age of 18; people who have become citizens and/or have moved into town after October 31st, 2017.

You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Identification and proof of residency is required. Should you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 203-484-6015.

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North Branford Fire

You and your family are fast asleep when the smoke alarm sounds: Do you know what to do?

October 2017 -- Consider this scenario: its 2 o'clock in the morning. You and your family are fast asleep when you awaken to the smoke alarm sounding and the smell of smoke. What do you do? If you and your family don't have a plan in place, it could jeopardize your safety, or even prove deadly.

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. That's why home escape planning is so critical in a fire situation. It ensures that everyone in the household knows how to use that small window of time wisely.

"Developing and practicing a home escape plan is like building muscle memory. That pre-planning is what everyone will draw upon to snap into action and escape as quickly as possible in the event of a fire."

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" works to better educate the public about the critical importance of developing a home escape plan and practicing it. The North Branford Fire Department is working in coordination with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of the Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, to reinforce those potentially life-saving messages. Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14, 2017.

"Home escape planning is one of the most basic but fundamental elements of home fire safety, and can truly make the difference between life and death in a fire situation," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

In support of Fire Prevention Week, North Branford Fire Department encourages all households to develop a plan together and practice it. A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home.

NFPA and the North Branford Fire Department offer these additional tips and recommendations for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.

Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.

Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them. Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.

Close doors behind you as you leave — this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

For more information about Fire Prevention and what you can do and this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out" and home escape planning, visit firepreventionweek.org.

Operation Save A Life

NEWS 8, Kidde and The Home Depot, has teamed up with Connecticut Fire Departments for Operation Save A Life, to promote fire safety.

Fire fatalities are often preventable through education and the use of working smoke detectors.

Recycling News

Please note: Change in Bulky Waste Pickup*

Effective **July 1, 2017** <u>bulky</u> waste pickup is now **monthly** (instead of weekly). Monthly bulky pickup will take place the **2nd full week** of each month:

	Nov	Dec
Oct 9 th	13 th	11 th

*No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Garage on Route 22 from 9:00am to

3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Fall: October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

Ewaste & North Branford Recycles Day Collection: Saturday Nov 4th 9AM until Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte 22)

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks*, tires*, uncontaminated waste oil, vehicle batteries and rechargeable batteries.

Please remember that we will not accept paper of any type; place in recycling barrel for curbside pickup.

*Charge for helium tanks (\$5), size-based charge for propane tanks (\$1 up to 100 lbs) and tires (\$7 for tires up to 17" rim, \$25 for tractor tires)

Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091 As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility <u>during</u> quarterly e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.

Can't wait until our town's November collection? Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents to bring your electronics for recycling. Located at 295 South Leonard

The Home Depot has donated Kidde-brand smoke detectors and CO alarms to the North Branford Fire Department.

NBFD has a limited supply of new battery operated Smoke detectors. If you don't have a working alarm, call or email us @ 203-484-6016 or <u>deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com</u>

Open Letter to the Community

Have you ever thought of about hiking, skiing, white water rafting or ziplining? In Boy Scout Troop 453, we do it all-from historical trips to Virginia, to upstate New York, to the mountains of New Hampshire and Vermont. We learn, work, laugh, and grow together, but most of all we have fun. Troop 453 is right here in North Branford, we have earned Camp Sequassen Super Troop, 2 years running. If you are between the ages of 11 and 18, come share the experience. Also come find out what becoming an Eagle Scout will do for your future.

If you and your boy wants to have fun as well but your son is under the age of 11. Don't worry. If they are in kindergarten or 5th grade (5-10), they can hang out in the Cub Scouts. It all starts here in scouting and grows into a close-knit group. Some of our boys have been together since the beginning. You don't have to be athletic, you don't have to be a musician, you

Street in Waterbury: Hours are Mon - Fri from 7AM to 3:30PM, Saturdays from 8AM until Noon. No charge.

For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website take2recycle.com

don't have to be a scholar, everybody is welcome. You really just have to have fun, and if you have fun with scouts, invite your friends to join and hang out with you. Inquires can be sent to Vincent Candelora, Scoutmaster, <u>vincentcandelora@comcast.net</u>. Yours in scouting,

Zechariah Ford Troop Scribe

Food Drive and Spay/Neuter Fundraiser to Benefit Feral Cats



- Branford Compassion Club will hold its annual fall food drive and fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 14 at its Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road. This event coincides with National Feral Cat Day, which promotes awareness of and com-

passion for feral cats throughout the United States. Many feline rescue organizations nationwide will be hosting special events in observance of the day. Branford Compassion Club is in dire need of cat food to get it through the fall and winter seasons, as well as monetary donations to fund spay/neuter programs which reduce the feral cat population. Volunteers from BCC take care of multiple feral colonies in the surrounding area every day, 365 days a year. Monetary donations and/or donations of unopened canned (pate) and dry cat food can be dropped off at the Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue and Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road in North Branford, on Saturday, Oct. 14 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For more info about BCC: www.branfordcompassionclub.org.



Get your costumes ready! Tell your friends and family! We will have:

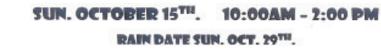
5:00-8:00 pm- Food Trucks in the Parking Lot Caseus Grilled Cheese Truck, Sugar Bakery Cupcake Truck (More trucks to be announced) And:

5:30 pm- "Sing Me A Spooky Fairy Tale" for ages 3-8. Michelle Urban sings Hansel and Gretel.

7:00pm- "Scary Stories" with Maleficent, ages 8 and up. Dark room and scary stories for brave children.

RSVP at 203-484-0469.







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New England Fair Coming Soon

The Women's Fellowship of the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT, will hold their annual "New England Fair" on Friday November 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday November 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come browse through our "Hand Crafted" items and our "Nearly New" room. Take the "Cookie Walk" and shop in "Grandma's Kitchen" and "Bakery." Check out the "Jewelry", "Doll Clothes", "Yarn Boutique", and "Hand Crafted Items". Many beautiful items will be available in "Grandma's Attic Treasures". A special treat will be "Children's Room with Face Painting". On Friday evening a variety of homemade soups, lasagna, and macaroni and cheese will be available, eat in or take out. On Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00 egg and cheese sandwiches will be sold; lunch will be available for purchase from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For directions and more information call the Church Office at 203 239-5691. Ample free parking, handicapped accessible. Come join us!

North Branford/Northford Holiday Programs **Office of Social Service** 1332 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT Phone: 203/484-6006

www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

Over the years many community members, religious and civic organizations as well as businesses, large and small have been integral members of the community through their time, donations and generosity.

Some participate just one year or through one program. Others participate each year. Every effort is appreciated.

If you are interested in assisting someone, family or a child in the North Branford/Northford Community, we encourage you to do so through a variety of programs. The extent of your participation is entirely yours; no involvement is too small.

Programs, which may be of interest to you, are:

Thanksgiving Basket Share - You may choose to adopt a family and provide a food basket for Thanksgiving dinner or a gift certificate to a supermarket. You may do this alone, with another family or co-workers. The family name will not be disclosed to you, but the number of persons in the family will be disclosed. We will distribute them identifying you or your organization as the donor.

Donor Drop Off: Monday, November 20th, 2017 (9:30 AM -11:00 AM)

Recipient Pick-up: Monday, November 20th, 2017 (11:30 AM-1:00 PM)

Last Day to be part of the Program: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Christmas Basket Share - Same as Thanksgiving Basket Share, although the donor may choose to include gifts for children.

Donor Drop Off: Tuesday, December 19th, 2017 (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

Recipient Pick-up: Tuesday, December 19th, 2017 (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

Last Day to be part of the Program: Friday, November, November 3, <u>2017</u>

Join the Shoreline Men Over Sixty Group

If you are 60 or older and would like to get out once a month for an enjoyable meal and interesting talk, the Shoreline Men Over Sixty (SMOS) may be just what you are looking for.

WIT & WISDOM

What I'm about to reveal now that the so called authorities are finally starting to, I've been writing of for at least 2 years. That global warming is all man made caused by carbon is miniscule in it's importance. Don't be fooled by the fossil fuel people delaying the change to photovoltaic energy creation while India, China Russia and Germany .particularly are far out distancing us in the race to the future.

Sixty Minutes last week decided it had better disclose the further down they go in the arctic the warmer the water temperature gets. A certain indication of volcanic eruptions. Possibly and probably a re-enactment of our planet millions, may be billions of years ago when they erupted creating land in the arctic and probably affecting the rest of the planet. Are we experiencing this all over again?

Not even those scientists claiming global warming was all man made can predict. They and the rest of us can only hope they stop their activity and go back to sleep again.

We are sitting by watching these and much of the rest of the world building and installing photo voltaic panels at a feverish pace except for California where Jerry Brown has disregarded the federal government and is negotiating with China for help in making CA the leader in self sufficiency. We had the lead in photovoltaic production, but our fossil fuel industry saw the treat to it's monopoly and bought it up knowing even then, the early 70ties, that was where the future laid, but stymied every effort to promote green energy. Here we are with gas guzzling vehicles, oil heated homes and all the rest of our economy based on fossil fuels almost as antique as the horse age.

There are probably greater advances in the conversions of farm equipment to electrical propulsion than any other segment of our society. A search through the internet will amaze you with the number of electrical engineers converting everything from small lawn mowers to hugh tractors.

What surprised me were the ones converting old gas mowers and small tractors to electrical power. Once done you are virtually guaranteed a lifelong mower or what ever facility was converted free of any further expense. With self generating generators incorporated in the rebuild even charging will be free.

Deere and manufacturers of hugh farm tractors, many in Europe are far ahead of our vehicles for road transportation. Some of these farm vehicles return automatically when finished with their designated task.

It is up to us to make these vehicles available to us by delaying our purchases of the present gas burners,

Alton Eliason

The Mission of the Shoreline Men Over Sixty is to create an opportunity for senior men along the CT shoreline to enjoy friendship, brotherhood, and a variety of interesting programs. Men from East Haven to Essex make up the bulk of the group's membership.

Meetings take place on the first Friday of every month from October to June. There are no dues to join. You just attend one or more of the nine meetings during the year and enjoy a lunch prepared and served by the culinary students from Emmett O'Brien Tech School and listen to a forty-five minute talk. Talks could be on science, military, health, finance, to almost anything. Cost for each meeting is \$12.

The first program for the 2017-2018 season will take place on Friday, October 6 from noon-1:30pm. It features a meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, gravy, and dessert.

Following the meal, there will be a presentation by Charlie Fischer, former Madison CT teacher and coach on the growth and emergence of the US as a world power.

All meetings are held at the First Congregational Church of Madison at 20 Meetinghouse Lane.

For more information, please call Hank Petroskey at 203-484-9002.

Join us for a visit into the paranormal! Sat., Oct. 7 @ 2:00 p.m.

Atwater Memorial Library

Established in 2000 and based out of northeastern Connecticut, the CTPRT is a volunteer research group headed by Christine and Daniel Peer. The goal of the organization is to investigate and document paranormal phenomena to determine whether a residence and/or establishment are, in fact, haunted. They try to find natural causes for what may be perceived as paranormal activity before jumping to the conclusion that a place is haunted. They do this by using a scientific approach and various forms of equipment to capture evidence of any paranormal activity. In addition, as of March 2013, the Connecticut Paranormal Research Team became an official member of the Ghost Adventures Crew (as seen on the Travel Channel), allowing the team to be included in the Ghost Adventures network.

TOYS FOR TOTS Office of Social Service 1332 Middletown Ave.203.484.6006

www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

Each year this Office of Social Service offers a toy program for children that live in Northford or North Branford. The Program allows parents to see the toys that have been donated and choose the toys that they feel their children would enjoy. The Program also allows grandparents living in the community to choose toys for their grandchildren. All toys are new and unwrapped. We ask that you show proof of residency, such as a photo ID with your address and two (2) utility bills in your name and that you be reasonable. Toys will be distributed at the Stanley T. Williams Community/ Senior Center located at 1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, Ct.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 6th, 2017 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon Parents Only

<u>Thursday</u>, December 7th, 2017 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon Parents & Grandparents

If you are interested in donating a toy for the program, we offer two dropoff sites. You may do so at the North Branford Police Department, and the Stanley T. Williams Community/ Senior Center. All toys should be new and unwrapped. Toys may be dropped off in the Collection Boxes located at all sites between November 2nd, and December 4, 2017.

What is estate planning?

Believe it or not, you have an estate. In fact, nearly everyone does. Your estate is comprised of everything you own— your car, home, other real estate, checking and savings accounts, investments, life insurance, furniture, personal possessions. No matter how large or how modest, everyone has an estate and something in common—you can't take it with you when you die.

To ensure your wishes are carried out, you need to provide instructions stating who you want to receive something of yours, what you want them to receive, and when they are to receive it. You will, of course, want this to happen with the least amount paid in taxes, legal fees, and court costs.

Please join Mike Alimo at this workshop where you will learn :

Instructions for passing your values (religion, education, hard work, etc.) in addition to your valuables.

Instructions for your care if you become disabled before you die.

Naming a guardian and an inheritance manager for minor children.

Providing for family members with special needs without disrupting government benefits.

Providing for loved ones who might be irresponsible with money or who may need future protection from creditors or divorce.

Life insurance to provide for your family at your death; disability income insurance to replace your income if you cannot work due to illness or injury; long-term care insurance to help pay for your care in case of an extended illness or injury.

Providing for the transfer of your business at your retirement, disability, or death.

Minimizing taxes, court costs, and unnecessary legal fees.

Understanding your plan is an ongoing process, not a one-time event. Your plan should be reviewed and updated as your family and financial situations (and laws) change over your lifetime.

Wednesday October 18th 1pm @ Edward Smith Library

Wee Care of North Branford. Inc.

19 NBHS Musicians accepted into the 2017 Shoreline Music Festival!

The 10 NBHS Band students include:

Morgan Bailey, - tuba, Toby Bourdeau - flute, Matti Colavolpe - tenor saxophone, Hayley Ernest - flute, Cheyenne Gibilaro - trumpet, Makayla Harrison - piccolo, Collin Ouellet - baritone saxophone, Courtney Ouellet - flute, Ethan Sabetta - clarinet & Emma Schreiber - clarinet.

The 9 NBHS Choir students include:

Jonathon Buckley - tenor, Nadia Calabrese - soprano, Jenna Fama, - soprano, Nicholas Federico - bass, Ian McLay - tenor, Morgan Odice - alto, Ashley Slubowski - alto, Brandon Stimpson - tenor & Alyssa Walters - alto.

The Shoreline Music Festival ensembles are comprised of the top musicians from the 12 schools in the Shoreline Conference with a public performance at Coginchaug High School at 7 pm on Thursday, October 12th

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, it's been a few issues since I sent you a substantial letter and this one will be no exception. After taking care of our sister, though I miss her terribly, I thought I would take a few months to settle down and get some much needed rest.

Unfortunately, I have battled several different health issues and I am writing this letter from a hospital bed (the paper must go out). Since Mary's illnesses and now mine, I must admit the medical profession and our healthcare is becoming a bigger joke. The good news is after talking to many doctors with various opinons, they all say I should be fine.

It's the various opinions that make a man with high blood pressure get more aggravated by the minute. I was good. I was bad. I was going home. I was not going home. I needed a procedure, I didn't need a procedure. I needed one type of medicine. I shouldn't take that type of medicine an yada yada yada.

By the time you read this letter, I should have a nice knew pacemaker. My heart is very good and strong but the electrical system is a bit screwed up. Pacemaker will make mejust as good as new.

It's funny as I am writing this letter about the craziness of the entire situation, the doctor just walked in and told me they will re-schedule the procedure for tomorrow because the hospital cannot get the anesthesia. So they have rescenduled me for four different days and I in the hopsital as insurance companies are taking a beating to pay for four days of nothing being done. I can't believe there is no anesthesia i the hospital. I wonder what Mr. Trump will have to say about that.

On the brighter side I have read about all these different diets and how much weight people lose with certain programs. I have surpassed the number in all the advertisements as I have gone on the "Mary died diet". This wake up call has helped me to lose 31 pounts in less than two months. Perhaps when the day comes that I finally kick the bucket I will die healthy.

The town politics still reaminin the scary category. Rumors and inuendos are destroying our town. When asked why I don't do a complete coverages on all the reidiculous issues coming up, I refuse to get involved. I know it's the town newspaper but I can't offer credibility to some of this craziness so I wil just remain silent.b

I would like to offer to my readers my apology if thi issue is not filled with its uusla brillaince. aI findthat it is veery difficult to type with introvenous lines in my hands and doing this on a small screened laptop makes it even harder. God willing the last few months of setbacks will fall behind mewith this proceduer and I will move on.

Say hi to Mary, and I'll see you soon.



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The Thunderbirds came back from a lopside loss to Cromwell, to defeat Nonnewaug High School .

The T-Birds started the scoring when senior Jeff Jablonski hooked up with freshman Tyler DiNapoli for a 13 yard score. In the second quarter North Branford went to the ground game with junior Nick Mancini scoring on runs of 15 and 1 yard.

In the third quarter, Nonnewaug closed the gap to 21-14 but senior Sydney Franklin returned a punt for a forty yard score. NB closed out the soring with a 34 yard pick 6 by the freshman DiNapoli and a 12 yard run by junior Lou Raffone.

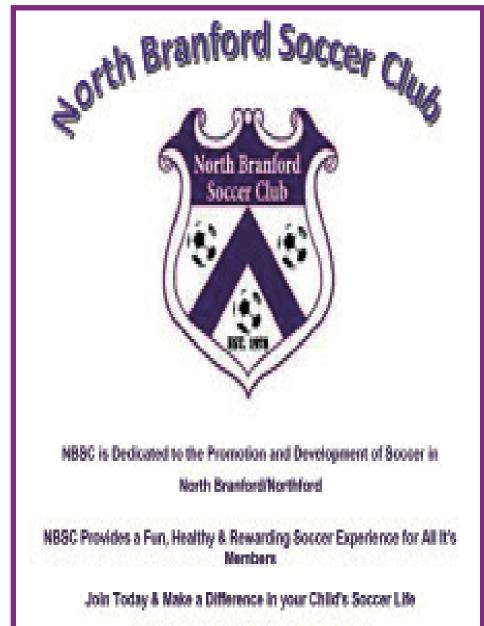
Mancini handled the bulk of the carries with 142 yards. Franklin had 47 yards on just 2 carries while Jablonski had 38 yards on the ground and Rafone chipped in with 32.

Defensively Mancini led the charge with 12 tackles, and a sack while freshman Jamieson O'Brien had 10 with a sack. Franklin added 9 including a sack and junior RJ Sobask with DiNapoli, Nick DeNegre and Eric Pruin all added sacks.

North Branford picked up where they ledt off with a 41-2 pummelling over Morgan. Jablonski threw for 159 yards completing 10 passes, Mancini rushed for 77 yards with 2 touchdowns, while Raffone added 43 yards.

Raffone caught 3 passes for 40 yards while fresman Alex Clinton had 35 yards in receptions.

Mancini had 16 tackles while Sobask and Obrien had 8 each.



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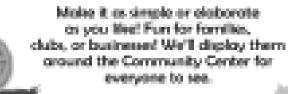
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Instructions begin promptly at 7:15 p.m.

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sales and go to the bottom of the page and hit "start".

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3. Competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a mandatory break of an hour for lunch (11 - 12) and end promptly at 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided by the "Friends of the North Branford Libraries".

4. All teams will put together the same 1,000 piece puzzle.

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