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FULBRIGHT TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMS



TVES Teacher Recieves Fulbright Grant

Totoket Valley Elementary School (Northford, CT) fifth-grade special education teacher Jackie Thurston of North Branford Public Schools has been named one of 76 educators in the United States to receive the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program grant for 2018-2019. Miss Thurston is the only educator in Connecticut to receive this distinction. The announcement was made by the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fubright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Reacting to this prestigious award, Thurston and TVES Principal Carter Welch were both humbled to be included in such an amazing cultural and educative exchange experience as well as incredibly excited to offer this global learning to all of the students at Totoket Valley Elementary School. As part of the experience, Thurston has taken preparatory online graduate level coursework from September to January and more recently visited Washington, D.C., for an orientation/global education symposium
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Future of NB's Totoket TV is in Jeopardy

The future of North Branford's community TV station, better known as Totoket TV, is in jeopardy due to a national threat by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC is proposing a DRAMATIC RULE CHANGE that could kill community TV stations across the country, like Totoket TV. Totoket TV provides coverage of important town meetings, community events and locally-produced TV programs about your community, from our new studios at 1675 Foxon Road.

We write to express our deep concern about and disapproval of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MB Docket 05- 311. This would dismantle funding for public education and government access (PEG) programming and ongoing efforts to bridge the digital divide at schools and other public buildings in under-served communities. We urge you to express support for public access and ensure the FCC takes no action that threatens the viability of PEG stations that your constituents depend on.

As you may know, PEG stations provide communities with unique opportunities to connect with each other and their local governments.

If this proposed rule is adopted, it would defund public access TV nationwide!

Under this proposed rule the FCC will allow the cable companies to deduct channels, facilities, free cable to schools and libraries as "in kind contributions" from the 5% tax they pay the state. It will therefore force the state to choose between having the money or public access TV.

PEGs (public, education and government access) are vital to the communities they serve including the televising of local elections and government proceedings.

This local presence enables the residents of our communities to watch uniquely local programming about their community and local events and issues of interest to them. And, that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining "franchise fee" in an overly broad fashion to include "in-kind" support, the FCC's proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, – something that was never the intent of the Act.

We are looking to YOU to support North Branford's Totoket TV ! Help put pressure on the FCC so the proposed ruling does not defund public access TV! Please contact Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro at 203-772-2260 and Senator Richard Blumenthal at 860-258-6940 to voice your support.

Submitted by Dan Armin, Member of Totoket TV Board of Directors.



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Town Survey

Future of Rte 22 Property

Press Release: The Town of North Branford is conducting a Long Term Visioning Process for Town-owned properties in and around Totoket Valley Park, including the Swajchuk Property, Totoket Valley Park, the Augur Property, and the existing Police Station, as part of an ongoing comprehensive planning process. These Town owned properties are currently home to the Police Department, Department of Public Works garage, the historic Augur House, and several recreational fields. The Potato and Corn Festival (PoCo) is also held on the Augur Property. In the short-term, the Town plans to address deficiencies at the Police Station and is moving forward with the conceptual design of a new Police Station to be located on Town owned property.

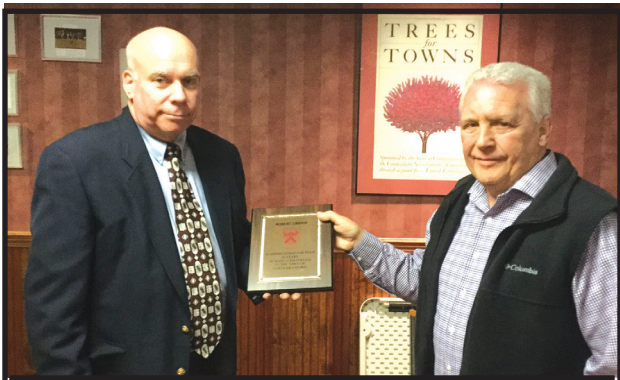
In conjunction with developing a broader community vision, goals and objectives through the ongoing Plan of Conservation and Development planning process, the Town seeks community input on the long-term future of these properties. In order to ensure the most efficient design and location for the new Police Station in the short-term, it is important to understand the desired long-term vision for use of the larger site.

The Town has launched an online survey to solicit feedback from residents and property/business owners on the future of the Town Center and other town-owned properties. **Please take the survey at <http://nbpocdsurvey.com>** Paper copies are available on request at Town Hall- Planning and Zoning Department, Atwater and Smith Libraries, and Stanley T. Williams Community Center. The survey will be available until March 22th.

The guest speaker will be Adelle Zocher, AAA Northeast whose presentation will be "New Car Technology: How to Use it Effectively."

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**Judy Thomas, Public Information Officer
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Robert Grimm Retires

Robert Grimm Retires After 30 Years of Service (L-R) Mayor Michael Doody presents North Branford Public Works Leadman Robert Grimm with a plaque recognizing his thirty years of service to the Town on the occasion of his retirement.

Photo & Info courtesy of Anthony Esposito

Earth Day Celebration in North Haven

On Saturday, April 6th, there will be an Earth Day Celebration at 10 am to 2 pm at North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street.

Sponsored by the North Haven Conservation Commission with help from Project Green students.

Includes info on composting, sunflower challenge, environmentally friendly products, children's activities. If you have gently used children's books and would like to donate them there will be a box available.

Free admission and freebies given out.

NARFE MEETING

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, April 1st, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.



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State Representative Vincent Candelora Paid Family Medical Leave: The Wolf In Sheep's Clothing



Throughout the election cycle and into this session, Connecticut has heard a lot about Paid Family Medical Leave, a program which allows employees to take paid time off in order to care for loved ones. Who could possibly be against such a worthy program? The emotional connection to such a proposal makes this issue a political football. The details of its implementation make it very hard to support, and in its current form, I cannot.

This proposal creates a significant financial hardship for workers. First, the program is funded through a payroll tax. Initially, .5% of your paycheck will go toward funding this program whether you participate in it or not. This fee can be increased by the Department of Labor in order to keep the fund solvent. Because the benefits are capped at \$1,000, higher wage earners (those making more than \$1,000 per week), will not be receiving their full pay even though they've paid more into the program.

If you do the math, the program doesn't work well. Every covered employee has to pay .5% on their earnings below \$132,900 so persons making \$50,000 have to pay \$250 per year, persons making \$132,899 have to pay just under \$665 per year. If the Department of Labor thinks the fund is going broke, it will increase the base from \$132,900 to \$200,000. Everybody under the previous base/threshold (\$132,900) pays the same amount; *however*, those making \$132,900-\$200,000 *now have to pay more*. The \$150,000 earner, who had been paying \$665 per year now must pay \$750 per year, and the \$200,000 earner, who had been paying \$500 per year now must pay \$1000. There is no cap on the amount that earnings are subject to charge and the Department is authorized to increase the fee to any amount to "ensure the solvency of the program." Government should never be given this type of blank check. Furthermore, if the benefit amounts to \$12,000 per 12 weeks per year and an employee only pays between \$250 to \$600 per year to fund it, how quickly do we think this fund will become insolvent? The private sector would go to jail if they were to create this type of Ponzi scheme.

While the law would apply to employers with even just one employee, government is exempt from these laws. Small business would need to hire replacements for anyone going on leave no matter how burdensome or devastating it can be for the business. These replacements would only serve for the 12 weeks the employee is on leave, and would subsequently be laid off, which will trigger unemployment charges.

About four years ago, Connecticut passed a retirement security program where 3% of your after-tax pay will be automatically deducted from your paycheck and put into a retirement fund unless the employee opts out. It should not go unnoticed that this forced retirement program is not pre-taxed because the state cannot afford to provide you with an income tax deduction associated with a pretax retirement program. Sadly, in crafting these laws, our public officials insulate government workers and themselves from these onerous requirements.

If it's good enough for the general public, it should be good enough for government, and the fact that government exempts itself from these laws should give everyone pause.

The Green Footprint

The mainstream media hails the Green New Deal as the last hope for mankind as it applauds Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as our savior. Might the Green New Deal have a carbon footprint that would drastically increase our use of fossil fuels within its hyper-speed ten-year implementation period? Could the plan actually kill us all?

In 2015, Stanford scholar Mark Jacobson calculated the green energy mechanisms necessary to eliminate the United State's use of fossil fuels and nuclear energy: 328,000 onshore 5 MW wind turbines; 156,200 off-shore 5 MW wind turbines; 46,480 50 MW utility-scale solar-PV power plants; 2,273 100 MW utility-scale CSP power plants; 75.2 million 5 kW residential PV systems; 2.75 million 100 kW commercial/government systems; 208 100 MW geothermal plant; 36,050 0.75 MW wave devices; 8,800 1 MW tidal turbines; and 3 new hydroelectric power plants in Alaska. (Jacobsen, Mark Z. "100% clean and renewable wind, water, and sunlight... roadmaps for the 50 United States." *Energy & Environmental Science* (2015): 2093-2117).

As these systems go on line, the fossil fuels used to manufacture, transport, construct and implement them would be progressively eliminated, but our existing fossil fuel systems would be used to manufacture and transport the myriad parts and raw materials needed to build green factories and electric vehicles. More fossil fuels would be needed to mine, transport and manufacture solar panels, windmills, and hydroelectric plants and to maintain and modify our infrastructures to transport all this stuff to the disparate areas where needed.

Solar and wind power require batteries to provide electricity when there's no sun or wind, so the first 78-million lithium-ion batteries would be produced with our existing energy systems -80% of which use fossil fuels. The batteries won't survive the 10-year implementation period, nor will many of the wind turbines and solar panels, so we'll need to make millions more to replace them with fossil fuels and properly dispose of the old ones.

Simply put, the production of all this stuff in such a short time would cause an immense increase in our use of fossil fuels, most particularly if we don't want to freeze or starve to death while we do it. If our current carbon footprint will end the World in 12 years, the Green New Deal's footprint will kill us in 6.

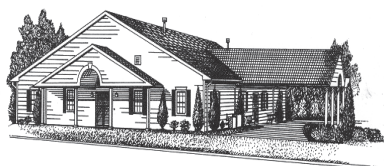
In this light I question whether this high-speed push to green is genuinely designed to get us any greener. To me it seems more like a convenient excuse - a Trojan horse - designed to end our Constitutional republic and foment tyrannical, limitless government control over every aspect of our lives.

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U.S. Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking to speak at March 19th Women's Club

The public is invited to attend the March 19th meeting of the Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC at 7:00pm at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. Paul Barszegi from U.S. Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking will be speaking about their organization. U.S. Veteran's Rowing & Kayaking Program is a non-profit volunteer organization in Connecticut that supports our military Veterans that suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and other health related issues.

For more information about the Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC, contact Stephanie Thaller at StephanieThaller@gmail.com, visit our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.



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Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments. The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

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The Editor

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To the Editor:

I offer a different point of view in response to the letter, “Is this the United States of America.” Please, ask a mother how she feels when told in her last trimester of pregnancy that her baby has developed without a brain stem or has a fundamental defect that would consign that baby to die an excruciating death after an impossibly brief life. Suppose carrying your much-wanted pregnancy will end your life? Have you walked that mile in those shoes?

Women don’t CHOOSE to have third trimester abortions because they have an unwanted pregnancy. They make a horrible decision based on the best medical advice to cause the least suffering and harm.

Most women who have third trimester abortions very much want their babies. Targeting their horrific dilemma to demonize them – or to demonize a political position serves no good end.

Many people who rant against abortion in general also seek to defund the only provider for reproductive education and affordable contraception. That provider is largely responsible for the REDUCTION in unwanted pregnancies and the broad decline in abortion.

And many who oppose a woman’s right to determine if and when to have a baby are among the first willing to cut support for children and families. It’s just fine to protect the unborn, but once that baby is here, the mother who couldn’t afford that baby is treated as a burden on society and it is the child who suffers.

I am proud to be a liberal leaning American who believes a great country supports its less fortunate members. I pay my taxes without complaint because it is my obligation as a participating member of a nation and state that educated me, maintains public amenities, and supports the defense and the common good.

I stand in opposition to ripping children out of their mother’s arms when families seek asylum, and I support our country’s best qualities – not always in evidence – of welcoming the downtrodden and refugees fleeing oppression and war.

Before I harshly judge another, I’ll consider that I haven’t walked a mile in their shoes.

Sincerely, Susan DeSilver

“...We Should Push for Term Limits...”

To The Editor:

A shout out and thank you to Jack Hearn, Jr. for correcting the error in my article “Hide the Fine China.” I incorrectly referenced Elemental Technologies as “a Chinese company.” The reality of the matter is identified in the 10/4/18 Bloomberg Businessweek article entitled “The Big Hack; How China Used a Tiny Chip to Infiltrate US Companies.” My nitwit editing aside, the point is no less profound: Elemental’s servers had a microchip “inserted at factories run by manufacturing subcontractors in China.” Most devastating in this instance of Chinese hacking is that the computers were used at the Department of Defense, the CIA and in US Navy warships.

The question my article posed was, “why is everyone so upset at Russia for allegedly stealing DNC information when the most devastating culprit and threat is China?” Whether or not you’re willing to admit it, you know the answer.

Neither my wife nor I is a registered Republican or Democrat. I find both sides of the political isle useless dolts who fight over inane issues, wed solely to their cause of re-election. We should push for term limits via a Constitutional amendment and run these crooks and nitwits out of town.

As to whether there is any doubt that China is the far Left’s closest political and ideological ally, one need only assess who the “far Left” is for the answer. The far Left consists of Socialists and Communists. China is still a Communist regime, but its policies have become considerably Socialist of late. Those who push for the Green New Deal seek a Socialist/Communist government takeover of every aspect of our lives. While one should be embarrassed to admit to the affiliation, it is nonetheless true. So, yes, if you consider yourself a member of the far Left, you can rant for green like AOC or imitate Bernie Sanders and vacation in Communist countries like the former Soviet Union and Castro’s Cuba.

Sincerely, D. Kirt Westfall

“...There should be no room for hatred...”

Dear editor:

How much of the taxpayer dollars have been spent on these investigation of President Trump so far? I thought the original purpose was Russian collusion.

I am sure millions of dollars have been spent already. Now the liberal Democrats are planning to spend millions more still trying to discredit our President. After two years there seems to be no collusion.

What right do these Democrats have to investigate his business dealings way before he decided to run for President, Or even associates of the President?

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

In the past few years my firm has conducted hundreds of educational workshops that focus on estate planning. We discuss everything from very basic planning to complicated issues like how to avoid the financial devastation that comes along with a nursing home stay. Whatever the topic being discussed, the most often asked question is “What is the difference between a Will and a Trust?”

The fundamental difference between a Will and Trust is that they contemplate different things. A Last Will and Testament usually contemplates one thing: death. It has no power until you die. Until the “Testator” (the person who executes a Will) dies, the Will is just a powerless piece of paper. It has no legal power. The Will gets its power through the Testator’s death. Once the Testator is deceased and the Will is proved to be valid, then and only then, does it have any legal power.

Trusts on the other hand contemplate much more. Different trusts contemplate different things. Revocable Living Trusts, for example, get their legal power as soon as the document is signed. Living trusts contemplate much more than do Wills. There are certainly provisions to handle the distribution of your assets at your death, but it also contemplates what happens if you become incapacitated. It is more focused on your life verses focusing on your death, while still efficiently handling your post mortem affairs.

Trusts are also your best shot at minimizing the time consuming and very public process of probate. Whereas, a Last Will and Testament, is a “ticket to probate.” Most of the time Wills are all about going to probate court and trusts are all about avoiding any major contact with the court. Why do people want to avoid probate? Most of the time it is because it is an expensive, time consuming and public process.

Some trusts are narrowly pointed at specific problems in life. Irrevocable Asset Protection Trusts, for instance, are utilized to shelter assets that represent a lifetimes worth of work from the financial devastation that comes along with a stay in a nursing home.

If you would like to learn more about trusts, Guertin and Guetin, LLC will be hosting a workshop on March 23rd at 10am at our office located at 26 Broadway. Please call us at 203-234-7400 to reserve a seat.

Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. Visit Guertin and Guertin, LLC on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com.

I Support Conveniency to Exercise Voting Right

Dear Editor:

As a 96 yr old mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, voting has always felt like one of the most important civic duties that I have. I have rarely, if ever, missed an election. But now, my age limits my mobility. Now I rely on my daughter, a mother and grandmother herself, to arrange to take me to my polling place on election day.

In the event of inclement weather, I don’t want her out driving and I don’t want to risk falling or slipping on wet ground. If voting times were more convenient with more flexibility then we could plan around the weather forecasts and go out in dry weather or a day of our choosing. A weekend, a day when the roads are dry, a day when I feel well and can walk into my polling place with the dignity of having my voice heard and of participating in our democracy. Early voting is important and necessary for the elderly so that we can exercise our right to vote. I am writing in support of the important

legislation in Hartford now that will make it more convenient for all of us to exercise our right to vote.

If you agree with me, please contact Representative Candelora at (800) 842-1423 and let him know that this matters to you!

Thank you, Ruth F Cook

People better think because if these politicians can do this to a sitting President just think what they can do to any American citizen. These Democrats started trying to discredit Trump from the first day he announced he was running. Are they still crying because he beat Hillary or have they been promised monetary rewards by Trump’s enemies?,

I think two years of constant harassment by the opposition and all the liberal news channels is enough. I thought when someone was elected to Congress they were there to help our country be better, to have a strong military, to fix the immigration laws, to correct the medical system, to control illegal drugs, to provide more and better jobs for all Americans, In a nutshell take care of the American people.

With all the money spent on “investigations” maybe there would be more money for us , the American people.

There should be no room for hatred when serving our country, but the Democrats have made “hatred” their main goal in their positions in Congress .They have forgotten what they were elected for or what their main duties are.

They’re blinded by hatred because Hillary lost.

Sincerely, Alice W. Lehr



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MAR 28	1:00PM ATWATER LIBRARY	Join the International Film Club presented by Pat Cochrane for a viewing of the 2006 Spanish film, <i>Volver</i> . Snacks and beverages will be served.
MAR 19	4:15-5:15 ATWATER LIBRARY	KIDS! Science Kids: Butterflies & Pollinators. Learn about butterflies and other pollinators in nature. For ages 5 to 10. Call to register 203-315-6020
MAR 19	6:30PM SMITH LIBRARY	KIDS! After School Activity. Mr. & Mrs. Potato "Grass" Head. Decorate a cup, plant and watch the grass seeds grow, then style it the way you want. For ages 5 & up with the help of a parent
MAR 30	9:00-3:00 SMITH LIBRARY	KIDS! Spring into Writing with an All-Day Write-In! Pencil and paper will be available. Food and drinks will also be provided. For sixth grade and up. Call to register 203-484-0469
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Carter, Gianna
Carusone, Christiana
Cassella, Nicholas
DeFrancesco, Joseph
DePino, Lucian
Dion, Taylor
Goodmaster, Marco
Holzer, Callie
Jacobs, Joseph
Kunz, Cassidy
Lucibello, Morgan
Lucibello, Natalia
Maley, Jack
Martinik, Brady
Mascari, James

Mone, Patricia
Mullins, Kiley
Munck, Cassandra
O’Brien, Mikella
Onofrio, Lindsey
Patel, Jay
Pearson, Nicolas
Peterson, Lars
Prato, Matthew
Senerchia, Gabrielle
Small, Noelle
Toto, Sophia
Tynes, Bianca Fey
Vongher, Frederick
Wilson, Desiree

Grade 6 High Honors

Albrecht, Noelle
Allen, Noah Patrick
Amendola, Ashley
Anderson, Kyle
Aneiro, Christina
Ardito, Lily
Artaiz, Mercedes
Battista, Isabella
Beauduy, Joi Marie
Cahill, Olivia
Chopus, Justin
Colantonio, Cassidy
Collett, Carys
Danner, Nathan
DeLucia, Ryan
Dion, Gabrielle
Esposito, Shane
Falcioni, Alexa
Famiglietti, Nico
Ferraro, Samantha
Godoy, Noah
Graver, Kara
Hannan, Catherine
Higgins, Joshua
Hills, Adriana
Hoskins, Mallory
Izzo, Tanner
Lewis, Lindsay
Mann, Julia Rose
McCullough, Giana
Melillo, Karma
Melillo, Samantha

Mercuriano, Edmund
Minnocci, Brody
Monde, Jack
O’Connor, Jason
Onofrio, Isabella
Ozoria, Arianna May
Patel, Preet Chirag
Proto, Natalia Grace
Riggione, Michael
Rodican, Andrew
Sadlon, Ana Carol
Segui, Gioia Cipriana
Spanier, Sofia Bean
Torok, Caitlin Mary
VanDerMaelen, Sophia
Vongher, Miles

Grade 8 Honors

Amendola, Andrew
Ananiatis, Dayna
Annunziato, Nina
Barone, Gabriella Rita
Betzner, Bridget Ann
Carbone, Carmela
Carroll, Spencer Lynn
Castellano, Richard
Chasanoff, Ryan
Collins, Jason William
D’Onofrio, David
Defaranos, Elias
Dolzani, Robert
Dow, Gavin Christian
Gallagher, Stephanie
Gary, Jayla Christina
Gary, Jaylisha DeAnn
Geist, Aidan Gabriel
Girardi, Drew Sutton
Hannan, Sean
Huisman, Alexander
Kennedy-Fujah, Dylan
Krista, Cassidy Jordan
Lacroix, Molly Jane
Powell, Carly Deanna
Raymond, Maiah
Rojas, Cristian
Russo, Bernard
Sabine, Daniel Glenn
Wessoleck, Christin
Westefeld, Grace Elissa

Wray, Dana Melanie

Grade 7 Honors

Chittenden, Aidan
Criscuolo, Keana
D’Aria, Samantha
DeCola, Luke Anthony
Dodge, Lauren Nicole
Gott, Samuel Frederick
Lin, Sabrina
Massaro, Alexander
O’Brien, John Thomas
Ramada, Peter Joseph
Riordan, Michael
Rish, Adeline Maria
Smith, Avery Leigh
Stadolnik, Emma
Stoner, Connor
Vogt, Lucy Jean
Woodin, Delani Grace
Yacono, Mia

Grade 6 Honors

Bergstrom, Arien
Dell’Aquila, Vincent
Dievert, Larson
Durkin, Kaleigh
Esposito, Benjamin
Forslund, Brianna
Frost, Kevin Charles
Galasso, Gregory
Hannan, Mary Susan
Hansen, Thomas
Kamienski, Daytona
Krebs, Marley Mae
Kundrath, Kyle Mark
LaCerva, Giuseppe
Lamot, Joanna
Lin, Tina
Manske, Griffin
Merry, Natalie
Montesanto, John Paul
Nuzzo, Megan
Onofrio, Julianna
Papa, Anthony
Sandagata, Antonio
Scalia, Matthew
Schmidt, Alivia
Sinski, Kyla Lynn
Virginelli, Adam



NBHS Participate in Honor Band

Six NBHS Musicians were selected to participate in the 2019 UConn First Chair High School Honor Band! Students were selected for the Honor Band based on “first chair” qualities, meaning the top of their school groups in reference to musicality and leadership skills.

On Saturday, February 23rd, students selected from 15 schools traveled to the UConn Storrs campus to prepare two pieces under the direction of the UConn Wind Ensemble director Dr. Vu Nguyen, participate in Master Classes with UConn Music Faculty, and perform that evening in concert with the Uconn Ensembles.

From left to right: NBHS Band Director Katie Trainer, Ava Raymond, Emma Schreiber, Marlena Karsmarski, Morgan Bailey, Toby Bourdeau, and Emily McCormack.

Photo & information submitted by NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler.

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this past week with educators from around the world. Later in the summer, she will travel either to India — for several weeks to finish the year-long grant. The dates for her trip abroad are during the months of June and July.

The Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program is described as “a year-long professional development opportunity for U.S. elementary, middle, and high school teachers to develop skills for preparing students for a competitive global economy.” Its goal is to equip “teachers to bring an international perspective to their schools through targeted training, experience abroad, and global collaboration.”

A universally liked and respected educator for 12 years in North Branford, Miss Thurston has served students in resource and inclusion settings as well as supported district efforts in special education. Miss Thurston is also the after school enrichment coordinator for TVES planning and supporting a variety of recreational, academic, and cultural experiences for students in addition to their daily curricular experiences. Thurston also brings certification and training in Project Adventure to TVES and students across Connecticut with experiences in cooperative education and leadership development. Thurston also spends free time traveling the world, playing Ultimate Frisbee, hiking, rock climbing, and attending plays and musicals. Principal Welch describes Thurston as “an infectious personality in the school and district that is constantly working to enrich students’ lives, build their awareness of life and social issues beyond North Branford and Connecticut to the entire world, and to develop their confidence and leadership so that they too can become positive change agents in the world...simply stated...she is an inspiration and visionary and such a great role model for students and adults alike”.

Information & photo, courtesy of Principal Carter Welch

High Honors for Kilburn

Jessie Kilburn a senior at NBHS received High Honors for Marking period II. Unfortunately she was left off the last in our last issue.



Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
- Extracurricular activities at no extra cost including Yoga, Music, Library visits, and Science classes

Openings currently available.

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Westbrook Elks Take Senior Title

The Westbrook Elks won the senior seventh and eighth grade in the North Branford Park Rec basketball seventh and eighth grade division.
Pictured above: Bottom Row left to right; Chris Olson, Evan Rice, John Onofrio, PJ Ramada. Top Row; Coach Pete Ramada, Cole Ramage, Jake Johns, Bernie Russo, Luke Blomster and Coach John Onofrio. Missing from Photo is Alex Massaro.

Know a Senior or an 8th Grader?

Send them congratulatory 17" mylar balloons that will be delivered to their house with your personalized note!
Purple balloons for seniors, white for 8th graders.
Balloons are \$5.00 each and are inscribed with a North Branford Graduate logo
All funds raised will help support the North Branford High School Girls Soccer Team
If you do not know a graduate, please consider making a donation so that all graduates can have a balloon during this special time.
NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 5/30
WHY WAIT ORDER TODAY!!!

Sender Name and Email _____
Address _____
Sender Phone # _____
Graduate's Full Name _____
Check off which grade – Senior _____ 8th Grader _____
Donation _____
Graduates Address – Street and Zip Code _____
Note to Graduate (limit 3 lines) _____
Total Balloons Ordered _____ Total Due (# of Balloons x \$5.00) _____

After you fill out the form

**Please make checks payable to
North Branford Girls Soccer
c/o Patricia Sarmiento, 21 Doral Farm Rd
North Branford, CT 06471**

If you have any questions, please call/text 203-214-5368.

Scholarship Applications & Donations

The North Branford Scholarship Association announces that applications for scholarship awards are available at the town libraries and the North Branford High School Guidance Office. Graduating high school seniors living in North Branford regardless of what school they graduate from are eligible. Applications must be in by March 29th, 2019.
Our fund drive is also being run at this time. If anyone would like to make a donation or help us raise monies for the students please call Lars Selander at 203 483-1311.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Hosted by:
NB T-Birds Baseball Team
Sunday, March 24th - 8:30-10am

Eli's on the Hill, Branford
Tickets - \$8

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Anastasio is Scholar Athlete

The 59th anniversary of the Casey -Obrien Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, March 29 at Fantasia, on Washington Avenue in North HAvEn. A reception will begin at 5:30 PM with the march to the head table at 6:30. Twenty-nine high school and prep school athletes who play football will be honored for academic excellence, leadership and citizenship. In addition, the chapters Distinguished American Award will be presented to Senate republican Leader Len Fasano. Fasaon was a former Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete out of Hamden Hall. The Chapter Award of Merit will be presented to Southern Connecticut Conference Commissioner Al Carbone. Carbone has served as commissioner for the past fifteen years and has grown the number of member schools to 23. Other award winners include Sheehan coach John Ferrazzi who was chosen the Chapter Coach of the Year for leading the Titans to a 10-2 record including a first round victory over Wolcott, 43-2o in the Class M Palyoffs and Scott Kelly an 18 year member of the New Haven Football Officials Association that has officiated in eight state playoff games. Daniel Hand High School will be presented a plaque for winning their second consecutive Class L State Championship. Colby Anastasio was NBHS’s schloar athlete. He is shown with L-R his parents Ralph and Cindi and coach Mark Basil (R), Tickets can be purchased for \$50 by sending a check payable to the NA-tional Football foundation to Donna Limone, 10 Ludlow Court, Branford, CT 06405 or calling her at 203-481-8375.

Photo & information courtesy of Willaim O’Brien

Nick O’Rourke - Going to the Nationals

Local athlete, Nick O’Rourke, earned an invite to compete in the 2019 USASA National Snowboarding Championship at Copper Mountain in Colorado the first week of April. This is Nick’s first season competing and he is already an accomplished medalist, currently ranking #33 in the Nation in his age group in the Boardercross (SBX) event. To add to this accomplishment, he has earned this invite without the support of a sponsor and training coach. He joined the USASA in December 2018 and competed in his first Boardercross competition in January where he took 2nd place in his first and second race in the Massachusetts Regional Series. A few weeks later, he took 1st place in a competition held at Whiteface Mountain in Wilmington, New York under the Adiron-dack Regional Series. During February break, he attended a boardercross camp at Windham Mountain in Windham, New York and competed the next day earning a Silver Medal and 2nd place. Nick also competed at Mount Southington in the final two Boardercross races of the Massachusetts series earning two 2nd place finishes and two additional Silver Medals. The USASA is the largest snowboard and freeski community in the world and the first step in the Olympic pipeline. In fact, all 26 athletes named to the 2018 Olympic Snowboarding Team got their start at USASA. The National Championship kicks off at Copper Mountain on March 30th with the opening ceremony parade and festivities welcoming competitors from 33 regions across the United States. Nick will complete in the Board-ercross event on April 1st. Follow him on Instagram “Nourke_snowboarding”



Story & Photo compliments of Colby O’Rourke



North Branford Soccer Club



SPRING 2019 PROGRAMS

SATURDAY MORNING CLINIC

TINY FEET JR

BOYS/GIRLS DOB 1/1/15-12/31/16

TINY FEET SR

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/13-12/31/14

8 SATURDAYS

EACH 45 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 9:00AM-9:45AM

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

IN-HOUSE PROGRAM

JUNIORS

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/11-12/31/12

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

INCLUDES PRACTICE & GAME

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

MID-WEEK: TBD

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

DEVELOPEMENTAL TRAVEL

SENIORS

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/09-12/31/10

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

MID-WEEK: TBD

TEAM PRACTICE / GAME DAY: TBD

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

TRAVEL TEAMS

U11-U19 TRAVEL TEAMS - BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/08 - 12/31/00

PLAYING TEAMS FROM OTHER CT TOWNS WITHIN THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Saturday Morning Clinic & In-House Program Conducted by Professional Coaches from Victory Soccer School

REGISTER @ <http://northbranford.cjsalive.org/home.php>

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Like us on Facebook: North Branford Soccer Club | Instagram: @northbranfordsoccerclub

Visit Us On The Web @ www.nbsoccer.com

North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford
www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017
Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



Register and be paid in full by April 26th to be entered in a raffle to win a free week of camp!
Includes before care, after care, lunch and the trip of the week.

ACTIVITIES

SIZZLING SCIENCE - #36102

Who: Ages 4 - 8
When: March 19 - April 2
Time: Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$40
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will become junior scientists with our engaging hands-on experiments. Each class features a different experiment, some experiments will have an eruption component!

STRENGTH TRAINING - #32144

Who: Ages 18+
When: March 19 - May 7 (No class 4/16)
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Deb Vita
Description: Designed to help you get strong and healthy, this class combines strength training with low-impact cardiovascular exercises to benefit your heart, strengthen your bones, improve balance, flexibility, and endurance. Build long lean muscles to rev up your metabolism and add tone to your physique. Strength training also has many mental and emotional health benefits as well.

DRONE FLIGHT SCHOOL - #12116

Who: Ages 16+
When: April 13 - April 27
Time: Saturday, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: FREE
Instructor: Skyline Aerial Images
Description: Bring your drone! This course will teach you how to make sure your drone stays safe while it's in the air. You will learn how to properly take off and safely land your drone, hover, do 360° shots and more. Participant is responsible for bringing drone to class and responsible for loss or damage of drone during flying.

DRONES 101- #12115

Who: Ages 16+
When: April 16
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: FREE
Instructor: Skyline Aerial Images
Description: Learn all the basics of using your drone. This class will include how to register your drone, safety regulations, what is legal and what is not, and when and where it is okay to fly your drone. No flying will be done during this program, it is strictly informational.

MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES

Self Defense Training - Krav Kempo-Jitsu Students will be taught modern self-defense techniques and will work fun fitness and coordination drills in this well rounded martial arts program of Krav Kempo Jitsu. Classes are professionally taught in a friendly environment and strive to instill respect and determination

Where: Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy
Instructor: Tom Smith & Staff
Fee: \$45

Pre School KJ - #16516

Who: Ages 3-4
When: April 4 - April 25
Time: Thursday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Child KJ - #16517

Who: Ages 5 - 6
When: April 6 - April 27
Time: Saturday 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Youth KJ - #16518

Who: Ages 7 - 12
When: April 6 - April 27
Time: Saturday 10:50 - 11:30 a.m.

Youth Brazilian JiuJitsu - #16509

Who: Ages 7 - 9
Time: Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:10 p.m.
Who: Ages 10 - 15
Time: Wednesday, 5:10 - 5:50 p.m.
When: April 3 - April 24

Adult Brazilian JiuJitsu - #12013

Who: Ages 16+
When: April 2 - April 25
Time: Tuesday, 8:05 - 9:15 p.m.
OR Thursday, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

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

Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.



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

BUS TRIPS

Magic Wings/Yankee Candle Village - Wednesday, April 10

Time: Departs 9:00 a.m.
Fee: \$18 res / \$23 non res
Description: Enjoy a tour of the 8,000 sq. foot glass conservatory filled with butterflies, moths and tropical vegetation. Then head over to the Yankee Candle Village aptly named the “Scenter of the Universe”. Lunch stop to be determined.

ACTIVITIES

Cards w/ the TVES 5th Graders - Wednesday, March 27, 10:30 am

5th grade students from TVES will be coming for their monthly visit to play cards! Any senior who participates in this program will receive a free lunch.

High School Culinary Lunch– Thursday, March 28, 11:30 am, \$3

Kindly register by March 18. Enjoy a delicious lunch provided by the culinary students at the high school. Entertainment will be provided by the NBHS Chamber Ensemble.

CLASSES

Live Well with Diabetes Program

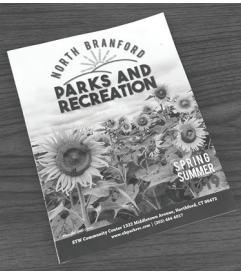
When: Tuesdays, April 2 - May 7
Time: 10:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: Free
Instructor: East Shore Health District Nurse Educators
Description: This class is for people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, or those who live with or care for someone with diabetes and may help you make better nutrition and exercise choices. Small changes can make a happier, healthier life!

Books on Wooster Square

When: Thursday, April 18
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: Free
Presenter: Rich Biondi
Description: Join local author and member of the Wooster Square Italian American community, Richard Biondi, as he shares his strong passion for the famous New Haven neighborhood. He will discuss his series of books in this interactive presentation and will have books available for purchase.

Healthy & Active Aging

When: Friday, April 26
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: Free
Instructor: George Norden
Description: Join George Norden, exercise physiologist and owner of Joint Effort Exercise in Branford, Guilford and Old Saybrook as he shares his knowledge and experiences in the fitness industry. He will describe the importance of regular exercise, specifically strength training, on the aging body. As well as the types and quantity of exercise that are best to stay as healthy and active as possible during your aging years!



Did you get your copy of the 2019 Spring Summer Brochure yet?! If for some reason it didn't show up in your mailbox there are lots of places you can get a copy! We have plenty at the STW Community Center, Town Hall, The Libraries and many of the businesses around town.

North Branford Land Conservation Trust Hike

Saturday, March 30 9:30 - 11:30 am - Farm River Walk

Explore the largest town-owned open space in North Branford. This will be an easy 2-mile walk for all ages. It is a very scenic area of flood plain, woodland, and farming along the path of the Farm River. Meet at Totoket Valley Park, 290 Forest Road (Rte 22).

Pre-registration is APPRECIATED - (203) 484-4566

Rain date, same time Sunday, March 31

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 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. Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

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.

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). We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's as well as 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; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

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 Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zioneiscopalchurch.com.

Hope Christian Church 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT Sunday Service 10AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. 'Real People, Real Hope, Real Life' www.hopeag.com 203-234-7328. Our Pastor, Rev Jim Detweiler, is the Chaplain for the North Haven Fire Department. If you are looking to find Hope in Christ and" A Place to Belong", this is the first place to try! Looking forward to meeting you!

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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Spaghetti and Clam Friday, April 5, 2019, 5:30 pm, prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. A meat free Lenten Dinner. \$9.00

Please call Sandy 203-387-1935l.

Annual Chicken Pie Supper

North Branford Congregational Church invites you to their Annual Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM .

The cost is \$18 for each adult dinner, dinner for children 7-14 years old is \$9.00 and children 6 and under dinner is free. Take out dinners are also available and must be picked up between 5:00 & 5:30 the evening of the supper.

Please make your reservations to join us for our delicious Chicken Pie Supper no later then Tuesday, March 19.To eat in or to take out please call Carol Sabia at 203.488.5746.

Journey Through Grief Together

Join us March 13 through May 1 for an eight week bereavement program. North Haven Funeral Home is offering a bereavement support program designed to help those who have lost a loved one and finding it difficult to cope with their loss.

Hamden, Miller Library Sr. Center,2901 Dixwell Ave. Hamden, CT
Wednesday, 6-8PM. There is no charge to participants.

For Information call Jean M. Hadley (Facilitator), 203-433-4552



Bishop Visits St. Andrew's

On February 17th, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, was honored and delighted to welcome The Right Reverend Ian Douglas, PhD, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, for a pastoral visitation. It was inspiring to hear Bishop Douglas preach God's Word and celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the people of the parish. Regular pastoral visitations are one of the principal responsibilities of the Bishop's ministry, and a wonderful time to build up our common call to participate in God's mission. Pictured, left to right: Ray Bishop, Nan Monde, Bishop Douglas, Carol Larsen, Jane Maxwell, James Valteau, Toni Foucaud, Gertie Heath, The Reverend Jim Bradley.

Submitted by Barbara Stone

NCC Invites Community to Support A Connecticut National Guard Unit

The Northford Congregational Church is "adopting" a National Guard unit from Connecticut that will be deploying in mid-March, for one year in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. We are inviting anyone or any group from the community to join us in this project. We will be helping the soldiers as well as their families with any needs they have. There are 120 guardsmen, approximately 91 men & 29 women. They are leaving 60 children behind and 4 babies are expected to be born while they are deployed. Our first projects will involve sending letters of thanks and support once they are deployed and collecting items for the babies being born during the deployment.

Information about their needs and how to donate will be available during our Community Workshop, every Thursday from 4 – 6 pm in the church Social Hall (side door near route 22). During March, Tom Waggoner, a new State Farm Agent in town will donate \$5 to our project for every free insurance quote (new customers only) if you mention "Quotes For Good" and the National Guard project. His office is 1411 Middletown Ave., Northford and phone is 203-208-4883. Please stop in or call him for a free, no obligation quote to support this project.

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Rt. 22 and Rt. 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. The church is mission driven, self-governing, and child safe. We want to help the less fortunate, and we welcome all to join us in helping others.

Flower/Plant Sale to Benefit Church

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," will have an Easter weekend flower/plant sale to benefit the church on Fri. and Sat., April 19-20, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., April 21, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be helping.

In the event of inclement weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church.

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Friday April 12, 2019

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Girl Scout Troop Helping the Diaper Bank

. The Diaper Bank of CT provides free diapers to families in need through existing service providers such as the food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and daycares. Girl Scout Troop 60033 will be leaving boxes for collecting diapers at the Atwater Library, Edward Smith Library and The North Branford Community Center. There will also be coin canisters throughout local businesses. Troop 60033. Nicolette, Daytona, Megan, Ashley, Marley, Mallory, Cat, Sophie (Lily & Gabby not in photograph) *Photo& information, compliments of Denise Regino.*

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HELP WANTED

(Part Time) Potato & Corn Festival Coordinator - The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of a part-time Potato & Corn Festival Coordinator. The year-round position requires up to 1,000 hours of work per year with varying hours per week depending on need with up to 40-hour workweeks as festival approaches. The Coordinator will work with the Parks & Recreation Department, Potato Festival Committee members, and other members of the public to support the production of the festival event, overseeing budget and finances; securing food, craft, and business vendors, sponsors, entertainment, and volunteers; record-keeping; and communicating with the committee, town, Recreation Department, volunteers, and others. Must have strong communication and organizational skills, ability to problem solve and prioritize, and experience with event planning, budgets, social media and marketing. Rate \$18-20 per hour DOQ. No benefits. Applications are available on the Town’s website www.townofnorthbranfordct.com and at the Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours. Please submit application and other materials in person or by mail (no faxes or emails) to the Town Manager’s Office by **Friday, March 29, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.**



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Please contact

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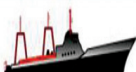


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Public Stargazing at Young's Park in Branford Fun STEM event for the family!

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing session on Saturday March 16th starting at 7pm at Young's Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. The telescopes will be pointed at the Orion Nebula and you will learn how to find it when you get home. There will be many beautiful star clusters including the Pleiades. Mars should still be visible and the features of moon can be easily seen through the scopes. The other 2019 dates are April 27, May 25, June 8, October 19 and November 2. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASN. H.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

A Northford Legend Returns...

Revolutionary Barn Leader George David Senerchia II celebrates his 60th barn raising this year in 2019!

George, along with his tireless, dedicated, Northford Timber Frame group of over 100 volunteers, build timber frame barns in New England utilized as homes, workshops, garages, sheds and more. All work is joyfully donated and recipients of barns donate to those in need . . . George's way of giving back and paying it forward as he is a heart recipient, grateful for 14 additional fulfilling years from the generosity of his donor whom he calls his "Boston Girl". George has been a Northford resident 45 years and has built 12 barns in just Northford, CT alone.

George passes on his unique knowledge of history and timber framing experience to others once a year at a 3 day workshop held each April for a maximum of 50 fortunate students who sign up months in advance and travel to the class from all over the world. Building a wooden sculpture with no nails or iron has run fairly unchanged through the centuries.

These giant puzzles have been deconstructed and the time old tradition of timber framing is passed on! The workshop delivers simple, straight to the point concepts. Each year the class sponsor chooses a plan and provides all the beams. This plan is the class project and the student's introduction to square rule timber framing! Students learn how the detailed plan was created and how everything fits together.

Like many former students, once you complete the 3 day course, you will have the design concept, skills, and knowledge to complete your own timber frame structure. Whether you want to build a small shed or a 3 story home, it's all possible with timber framing.

Come join us for our Annual Timber Framing Class sponsored by the Northford Timber Framers!

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