

Sons & Daughters Of Italy Deliver Single Serve Snacks To West Haven VA Hospital



Pictured (L-R): Lodge 2805 members Charlene Logan, Denise Mazzotta Krause, Kathie Fleischauer (Past President CT VFW Auxiliary), Lodge 2805 members Ralph and Donna Casciello.

North Haven: The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805 recently held a collection of single serving snacks to benefit the patients of the West Haven VA Hospital. The drive

was very successful, and members of the Community Outreach Committee delivered these snacks to members of the Dept. of CT VFW Auxiliary, who in turn will distribute them to patients at the WHVA on a regular basis. Our Lodge was proud to partner with the VFW Auxiliary for this mission. Thanks to all our Lodge members for the generous donations.

Wonderful Couple Will Be Celebrating Their 56 Years Of Marriage

Pictured: Gail and Jack.

North Haven residents, Jack and Gail Parillo will be celebrating their 56 years of marriage in October of 2026. The couple knew each other when Gail was thirteen years old and Jack was nineteen, Gail was in Jack's sister's class. Jack went into the Army, when Jack came home from the Army he was 26 years old. WELI was sponsoring a trip to Puerto Rico, Gail asked Jack's sister June and Jack's cousin Fred if they're going, they said yes and Jack said he was going too, and so was Gail. Gail had broken up with her boyfriend, and Jack had broken off with his girlfriend, this is when Jack and Gail started dating in Puerto Rico, Gail was nineteen now and Jack was twenty six. Gail's mom said "you know how those older men are ha ha!" They have respected each other, worked out things, they have made it last all these wonderful years. Such a great couple, God Bless you Gail and Jack for many more years to come. Have a very Happy 56 Anniversary.

Story and photo by Jo Ann Buccetti



OESP Honors North Haven Resident With National Industry Awards

Pictured: Larry Moon - Lifetime Achievement Award - Carlin/Hydrolevel, North Haven, Conn.

North Haven: The Organization of Energy Service Professionals (OESP), an organization of hundreds of dedicated industry professionals in the Northeast, announced the winners of its 2026 industry awards at the annual Eastern Energy Expo.

"OESP is fortunate to be supported by an exceptional network of volunteers who devote their time and expertise to strengthening the association and the energy service industry," said Matt Spink of Platinum Energy Group, East Meadow, N.Y., chair of the OESP Awards Committee and a 2026 award recipient. "My fellow award recipients embody excellence in our field, and we are honored to celebrate their achievements and dedication."

"It is a privilege to be part of an organization filled with such talented and committed professionals," added Bob O'Brien, president of OESP. "This year's award winners reflect the dedication, integrity and spirit that define OESP and advance our profession. We are delighted to celebrate their achievements."



Edward Smith Library

3 Old Post Rd., Northford

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: <https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/> or call (203) 315-6020.

TEMPORARY CLOSING: Smith Library, located in Northford, remains closed for a major HVAC system replacement. All library programs will be held at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road, North Branford.

Tots and Tunes: Tues, June 23, 10:30-11am. Young children ages 18 months and up and their siblings can enjoy 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

Unearth a Story: Wed., June 24, 10:30-11:30am. Write your own story as we examine a variety of real fossils and learn about Connecticut's state fossil and dinosaur. Registration required.

3D Printer Drop-in Event: Wed., June 24, 4-7pm and Thurs., June 25, 12 noon-3pm. Registration not required.

Wildlife Conservation in America with CT's Beardsley Zoo: Thurs., June 25, 10:30-11:30am. For kids entering 1st-6th grade. Registration required.

Colonial Kids: Thurs., June 25, 4-5:15pm. Recommended ages 5 & up. Registration required.

Black History in CT: Thurs., June 25, 6-7pm. Registration required.

Pop-In Storytime with Teachers: Fri., June 26, 10:30-11am & Mon., June 29, 4-4:30pm. No registration required.

Drop-In Tech Help: Fri., June 26, 1-4pm & Mon., June 29, 4-7pm. No registration required.

Monday Night Mah Jongg: June 29, 6-8pm. Participants should bring their Mah Jongg sets.

Benjamin Franklin's Charged Up STEM Birthday Bash: Tues., June 30, 4:30-5:30pm. Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration required.

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Question & Answer - Dr. Richard Durocher

Q: I think I have a hammertoe. What is the condition and what can I do about it?

A: A hammertoe deformity is a condition where the toes curl at the joints. This can occur in one toe or several toes. As this condition progresses, the affected toe joints can become enlarged and deformed. The hammertoe can also cause painful corns and calluses on the toe from abnormal pressures in your shoes. This can make walking difficult.

Heredity, injury and certain diseases such as arthritis are some causes of this deformity. Tight pointed or small shoes as well as a muscle imbalance are also causes. In the early stages of this deformity, especially in young children, the podiatrist might treat the hammertoe by altering the footwear or prescribe orthotics. Orthotics are shoe inserts that will help correct the muscle imbalance and position of the foot. In advanced cases where the toe is unable to straighten conservatively and the toe is very painful, surgical management of the toe might be necessary.

Contact Dr. Durocher for an evaluation of this condition. Doctor is fluent in French & Spanish



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