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Understands the Reality of Education

To The Editor:

June 24, 2026

Not every student follows the same path after high school, and our state should stop pretending otherwise.

Some students pursue four-year degrees. Others build successful careers through apprenticeships, trade schools, and technical training programs. All deserve support.

One of the reasons I support Brandi Mandato is her commitment to expanding educational and workforce opportunities for everyone.

Connecticut faces workforce shortages in healthcare, construction, manufacturing, and skilled trades. At the same time, many young people are struggling to find affordable pathways into good-paying careers.

Investing in job training and workforce development isn't just good for workers. It's good for businesses, communities, and our economy.

We need leaders who understand that education doesn't end at high school graduation and that success can take many forms.

Brandi Mandato understands that reality, and that's why she has earned my vote.

Sincerely, Genevieve Cabrera, North Haven

GFWC Women's Club Holds Its Final Meeting Of The Club Year And Looks At Its Many Community Activities



Pictured: Some Members of GFWC Women's Club of North Haven at Final Meeting of Club Year.

North Haven: On Friday June 12, 2026 the GFWC Women's Club of North Haven held its final meeting of the club year – an enjoyable luncheon at Grand Apizza North on Washington Avenue in North Haven - after a very busy year of activities. The next Club year officially begins in June going to the end of May 2027, but meetings start up again in September and run till June. The General Federation of Women's Clubs was founded in 1895 and has grown over the years to become an International organization with member clubs in all 50 states and in many foreign countries. GFWC is committed to community service. This past club year was very busy, eventful and important in terms of community service to North Haven and the State of CT.

Club members provided regular food donations to CT Foodshare, The Food Pantry of the Churches of North Haven, North Haven's Community Services and other groups.

Additionally, each month the Women's Club was involved in various major service projects.

This past club year through our Furry Friends Raffle, with much community support by buying

tickets, the club was able to turn over \$3200.00 from the raffle to North Haven's Animal Control Program.

This summer club members will be selling raffle tickets for our Furry Friends Raffle again. This one has even more prizes and each day's prize is worth \$100.00 or more. Members will be out selling in front of the North Haven Stop and Shop on August 1st and on August 15th from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. Check out our Facebook page at GFWC Women's Club of North Haven for tickets SOON.

During the year, our club has many projects to help support various causes that are important to those in our community. Please consider joining us in our efforts to this end. Each meeting has a short business meeting and discussions of projects and some social time. We meet at the North Haven Senior Center on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 am. If you would be interested in helping the community and have an hour or 2 once a month, you are encouraged to join us. Contact Pam Lerner at (203) 281-3090, or 203-671-5911 for additional information. Like us on Facebook at GFWC Women's Club of North Haven. You may also contact us at gfwcnh@gmail.com. We are a group of very friendly members who welcome new ideas and friendships.

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Upcoming Reunions

LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

Wallingford: The Lyman Hall High School Reunion Committee is pleased to announce plans for the 60th Year Reunion to be held on **Sat., Sept. 19** at the **Traditions Golf Club** in Wallingford.

A full luncheon will be held from 12 noon until 3pm in the Banquet Room but classmates may choose to "linger beyond" with friends enjoying the scenic public terrace, bar, and dining room. **Deadline for reservation returns is Sept. 1st.**

An invitation, info, and reservation form was mailed to the currently known classmates' addresses via an internet search nationwide. Those interested classmates who are aware of the event via classmates or postings but did not receive their information by **June 20th**, should email info requesting a remailing to **Regina:**

To: **regae1948@yahoo.com**
Subject: LH 66 Remail Request

HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971

The Hamden High School Class of 1971 will hold their 55th Reunion on **Friday, Oct. 23** at Anthony's Ocean View; \$70 per person.

For more information, please call Ken Mahoney at (203) 903-3257.

WILBUR CROSS H.S. CLASS OF 1976

New Haven: Wilbur Cross High School Class of 1976 will hold their 50th Class Reunion on **Sunday, Oct. 4**, from 5-9pm at The Woodwinds.

For more information, please call Calvin at (203) 503-1253; Deb, (203) 619-1445 or Gloria, (203) 668-5018.

Edward Smith Library

3 Old Post Rd., Northford

UPCOMING JULY 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 in Northford remains closed for an HVAC system replacement. We anticipate re-opening in early August. Patrons can return books to our sister facility, Atwater Library, or any Connecticut library. Atwater will serve as the pickup location for all holds throughout this closure. All library programs will be held at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Rd., North Branford.

Independence Day Stories and Craft: Wed., July 1, 10:30-11am. We'll be painting - please dress appropriately. Recommended for ages 2-8.

3D Printer Drop-in Event: Wed., July 1, 4-7pm and Thurs., July 2, noon-3pm. Drop in to see our 3D printer in action. Registration not required.

Bowties and Books: Thurs., July 2, 10:30-11am. Recommended for ages 6 months to 4 years with a parent or caregiver. Registration not required.

All-American Dessert Tween Cooking Class: Thurs., July 2, 5:30-6:30pm. For ages 10-14. Recipe is nut free but may contain dairy and gluten. Registration required.

Holiday Closing: Fri. & Sat., July 3 & 4. Atwater Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen at 10am, on Mon., July 6.

Drop-in Tech Help: Mon., July 6, 4-7pm. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration required.

Pop-In Storytime with Teachers: Mon., July 6, 4-4:30pm. No registration required.

Monday Night Mah Jongg: July 6, 6-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah Jongg sets.

Wacky Wildlife - Killer Whales: Tues., July 7, 5:30-6pm. Learn about killer whales and make your own killer whale craft to take home. Recommended for ages 6-11 years. Registration required.

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First Friday Chess Social - July

Hamden: Unwind from the week with fellow chess enthusiasts on Fri, July 3, 2026 from 5:00-6:30PM at Play More Chess Academy, Home of the Hamden Chess Club, 1227 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06517.

Rousing games on the big screen, music, free cookies, hot tea, coffee. Water/soft drinks/juice available for \$1.

Open to all ages and chess levels - Whether a casual player or serious competitor, this is a great space to meet new people, test your skills, and enjoy a shared love of the game.

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