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Local Resident Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

North Haven resident, Raquel Belfonti was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Belfonti was initiated at University of Bridgeport.

Belfonti is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

New York Institute of Technology Recognizes Student Leader

New York Institute of Technology is proud to recognize the students who help to lead the university's many clubs and student organizations.

This dedicated group includes Amy Ummacheril from Wallingford, who serves as an officer for the LI Hands for Leukemia.

FOR SALE: Buffet, mahogany, 6 drawers, 2 doors, exc. cond. \$100; Steve, (860) 573-3210, Hamden

Dragonflies

When I was growing up, there was a myth about "darning needles" which is what we called Dragonflies, that if they landed on you, would sew up your ears. These darting insects can fly up to 60 mph, upside down and even backwards, because of their two sets of wings which move independently and in a swirling fashion.

Fossils have indicated that Dragonflies have been around for some 290 million years and at that time some had wing-spans of 2½ feet. They are beneficial to man by consuming up to 300 mosquitoes per day, along with flies, gnats and termites. They also have the highest kill rate of any predator, 95% of the time.

The Dragonfly is a fascinating insect, having a life span of only a few months. Presently, there are about 300 species of Dragonflies, but many species are in danger because of lost habitat, pesticides, and temperature changes.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

FOR SALE: AIIFit HD 54" tow behind leaf collector, like new \$99; call (646) 339-4678

FOR SALE: Aluminum extension ladder, 28 ft., good cond. \$75; (203) 562-0161

WANTED: 1900 thru 1960 cars & trucks, parts, tools, road signs & memorabilia; (203) 265-2530, no texts

FOR SALE: Utility sink, exc. cond. \$25; (203) 907-8464

Get To Know Your Soccer Referee

North Haven: At North Haven Soccer Club, we're dedicated to building a positive and respectful atmosphere for everyone involved. In support of this commitment, we're excited to continue our 'Get to Know Your Referee' series! This initiative shines a spotlight on the local youth referees who work hard behind the scenes to keep our games running smoothly. By sharing their stories, we aim to inspire appreciation for their efforts and reinforce our zero-tolerance stance on referee mistreatment. Join us in recognizing these young officials and the important role they play in our community!

For the latest installment of the series, we're thrilled to introduce you to Braden!

Referee's Name: Braden, Age: 15, School: NHHS, Grade: 10. Favorite School Subject: Math, Favorite Soccer Team(s): USMNT, Favorite Soccer Player(s): Lionel Messi, Other Sports/Hobbies: Tennis, Favorite Food: Pizza, Favorite Movie or TV Show: World War Z, Favorite Book: Maze Runner.

Fun Fact or Unique Talent: My juggling streak is 424 juggles.

What does he enjoy most about being a referee?: Meeting new people involved with soccer. Why did he become a referee?: I love the game.

When you see Braden out on the pitch this weekend, take a second to thank him for the dedication and enthusiasm he brings to every game. His commitment helps keep things running seamlessly week after week, and we're lucky to have him!



Edward Smith Library
 3 Old Post Rd., Northford

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: <https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/> or call (203) 484-0469.

Community Helper Storytime: Tues., Nov. 12, 10:30-11am.

Learn about different helpers in our community. We will read stories, sing-a-long to music, and have dramatic play activities. In November we are learning about chefs, waiters, and food service workers, and the role they play in our community. Recommended ages 3-5.

Support Group for Dementia and Alzheimer's Caregivers: Thurs., Nov. 14, 10:30am-12:30pm. Join facilitator Karen LaBanca for our Monthly Drop-In Caregiving Support Group.

Library Teen Advisory Board: Thurs., Nov. 14, 2:30-4:30pm. Students in grades 7-12 can join the North Branford Public Libraries Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.). Give back to your community and have a say in what your library offers teens.

Digital Defenders: Thurs., Nov. 14, 5-6pm. Join us for a fun, interactive session for kids to learn more about online dangers through engaging games and activities. Recommended for ages 6-12.

Navigating the New Landscape of Long-Term Care: Thurs., Nov. 14, 6-8pm. Topics include: Understanding long-term care needs, evaluating financial strategies, the benefits of early planning, and essential legal and financial documents.

Tots & Tunes: Fri., Nov. 15, 10:30-11am. 30 mins. of songs, stories, and movement. Recommended for ages 18-months & up with a parent or caregiver. Drop-in program; registration not required.

Movie Matinee - Ezra: Fri., Nov. 15, 1-3:30pm. A 2023 comedy-drama, starring Bobby Cannavale, Rose Byrne and Vera Farmiga. Light refreshments will be served.

Photo Tour of The Sopranos: Welcome to the Family Sat., Nov. 16, 1-3pm. Third and final event in a 3-part TV history series. Join author Stephen Spignesi for

the ultimate illustrated lecture on this brilliant literary TV drama.

Harm Reduction - Free Narcan Training: Mon., Nov. 18, 3-4pm. Presented by Jon Marquis, harm reduction specialist of the East Shore District Health Dept.

Little Makers: Mon., Nov. 18, 4:30-5pm. A simple craft activity recommended for ages 2-6. We will make watercolor monsters and practice our counting by adding eyeballs to our mini monsters. Registration required; visit northbranford.library.com or call (203) 484-0469.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

For more information or to register for the following programs, please contact Cynthia, Community Services Librarian at (203) 468-3890 or email Cynthia at: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

Film Night - The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) (PG): Thurs., Nov. 14 at 5pm. Featuring Danny Elfman, Chris Sarandon, and Catherine O'Hara. Pizza and drinks will be available

for movie-goers starting at 5pm, with the film beginning at 5:30pm. This free event is open to all.

Internet Basics Workshop: Tues., Nov. 19 at 2pm. Learn how to set up an email account and how to download, save, edit, print and attach documents. Practice time will follow the session and there will be time for Q&A. Registration is required.
Ask-A-Lawyer Legal Consultation Clinic: Wed., Nov. 20, from 5:30-7:30pm. Get a free consultation with an attorney from the New Haven County Bar Association. No need to register. Consultations are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

North Haven Garden Club Announces Winners of The Scarecrow Contest



Pictured: Gedrim Family Scarecrow, Goodwill Industries Scarecrow, Aces of Mill Road Scarecrows.

The North Haven Garden Clubs 5th Annual Scarecrow Contest has concluded and we would like to share with you the winners of the contest. But first we want to thank all the families, businesses and civic organizations for their participation. Without you, our contest would not be possible. Here is the list of donors- we can't thank you enough. North Haven Funeral Home, Domani Transportation, North Haven Pharmacy, Gas Guys, Ferraros Painting, Quinipiac Physical Therapy, Centone Family, Arnolds Jewelers, Ava Nails, Smithland, Crazy Toast House, Dino's, Stop & Shop, Dairy Queen, Flower Nook, Pop Centric, State Street Cafe, Sports Plus, Classic Car Wash, North Haven Health & Racquet, North Haven Education Association, Ludals, Bellinis, Miniotti Music, Just Tumble, Punch King Fitness, Barkers Specialty, Stellatos Deli, Christoforos Farm-mums/pumpkins, Brian Augur-cornstalks/hay bails, Ravello Farm-pumpkins, Gerard Adinolfi-corn stalks.

Special thanks to NH Public Schools Art Director Diana Blythe, and art teachers Brittany Hansen and Michelle Fogarty for taking time to judge our scarecrow contest. For their participation North Haven Garden Club presented each with a handmade birdseed wreath. Look on our Facebook page for all the photos of the Scarecrows!!

The winners are by category:

BEST THEME RELATED SCARECROW- Tosilano Family- Magician Scarecrow

BEST IN CLASS-Tots Learn & Explore-Clown at Circus. Tweens- Cameron Centone- Skeleton Crime Scene, Teens- Clarissa Kumar-Hanging Mummified Corpse Family- Gedrim family- Popcorn Vendors, Business- Aces Mill Road- Joy/Anger/Sadness scarecrows

SCARIEST SCARECROW- Giordano Family-Grimming Skeleton Scarecrow

MOST CREATIVE SCARECROW- Feldman Orthodontist- Hay Bale Lego holding hands

SILLIEST SCARECROW- Goodwill Industries-Goodwill Employee at the Circus

TRENDIEST SCARECROW- Harper Centone-Swiftie in the Ticket Booth

CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS- St. Theres Nursery School, Kumar Family, Just Tumble, Peckham Family, Jacqueline Jermine

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

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