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UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

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

Tots and Tunes: Tuesday, March 18 & Friday, March 21, 10:30-11am. A half hour of songs, stories, and movement. Recommended for ages 18 mos. & up, with a parent or caregiver. Siblings welcome. Drop-in program; registration not required.

Get Your Grove On! Mastering Front Yard Fruit Trees, Grapevines & Berries: Thurs-

day, March 20, 6:30-8pm. Join Tri Gable Lea Farm's expert instructor Mark Gostkiewicz for an immersive workshop in creating a bountiful front yard orchard. Mark will guide you through the process of designing, planting, and maintaining a diverse and productive landscape.

Little Makers: Monday, March 24, 4:30-5pm & Tuesday, March 25, 10:30-11am. A simple craft activity that we do together. In March we will be decorating peat pots and planting seeds. Recommended ages 2-6. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: March 24, 6-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah Jongg sets.

SMITH LIBRARY CAN HELP YOU CONNECT WITH IRS TAX ASSISTANCE

Need help filing your income taxes? The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free help in preparing and filing state and federal income tax returns, for those in need.

The North Branford Public Libraries can help you connect with this IRS program. Call Smith Library for contact information of the VITA Coordinator.

VITA is not an in-person program - all returns will be completed virtually by IRS-certified preparers working remotely.

- Clients must have a valid email address to send and receive tax documents.

- The library can help you scan any documents, including last year's income tax return(s) and any forms showing income and potential deductions.

- The library will not email client documents to the volunteer tax preparers - clients must use their own email accounts.

Call Smith Library at (203) 484-0469 for the tax preparer's contact information.

The library also has copies of federal 1040 and 1040-SR tax forms, and CT-1040 state forms.

Special Olympics to Hold Annual Awards Dinner

Hamden: Special Olympics Connecticut's Annual Awards Dinner, presented by Tokio Marine HCC and hosted by the Calvanese Family, will be held at the Aqua Turf on Tues., March 25. The event is being held to honor outstanding athletes, volunteers, families and groups who exemplify the spirit of Special Olympics and have made a significant impact on the organization.

For reservations and information about sponsorship opportunities, visit soct.org, email specialolympicsct@soct.org or call (203) 230-1201.

Emcees will include WFSB's Renee DiNino and NBC Connecticut's Ryan Hanrahan and, in

Hamden Elks Comedy Show

'SATURDAY NIGHT PASTA & PARODY FOR THE PANTRY'

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Hamden Elks Lodge #2224
175 School Street, Hamden

addition to Tokio Marine, Webster Bank is an event sponsor. The Aqua Turf Club is located at 556 Mulberry Street in Plantsville and doors will open at 5pm. The program will take place from 6-9pm. Tickets are \$35 per guest and must be purchased in advance.

Honorees will include:
Susan Saint James Leadership Award - The Necci Family, Glastonbury

Eunice Murtha Award for Philanthropy - Keith Moon, Lakeville

Shriver Family Award - The Michaud Family, Ledyard

Sheila Schmidt Award - Kevin Fitzgerald, Naugatuck

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award - Robin Batchelder, Simsbury

Community Leadership Award - Mohegan Tribe, Uncasville

Low Perkins Coach Award - Amanda Renaud, Cheshire

Outstanding Special Olympics Local Program - Special Olympics North Haven

The Norman Hanenbaum Lifetime Service Award - The Ever-source Volunteer Snowmakers, Windsor

Spirit of Life Awards - Clarissa Enes - Storrs, Matthew Lengvinis - North Haven and Timothy Michaud - Ledyard

Spirit of Inclusion Awards - Bunnell High School - Stratford, Guilford High School and Valley Regional High School - Deep River

Unsung Hero Awards - Adam Coletti - Plainfield, Melissa Jacobs - Bristol, Helen King - Middlebury, Heidi Klein - Cheshire, The Zoccoli Family - Cromwell

The Majestic Pileated Woodpecker

If you have ever captured a glimpse of a Pileated Woodpecker consider yourself fortunate. I personally have only seen one and consider myself to be lucky.

A large dark bird with a red crown on its head that lives in the forest, has a diet of fruit, grubs, beetles, worms & ants. Of course, they might make an exclusive visit to your bird feeder for an easy meal as well.

One of the Pileated cousins is the Ivory Billed Woodpecker which has been extinct since the 1940s. There was a sighting in Arkansas in 2005 but turned out to be inconclusive.

Remember, if you need an answer put your faith in God and He will point you in the right direction.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

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North Haven Conservation Commission Earth Day Celebration 2025



Pictured Above: Earth Day display from 2022, and Sue Dannenhoffer and Fran Notaro at Earth Day 2020.

North Haven: Join us on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the Mildred A. Wakley Community and Recreation Center, located at 7 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT 06473, for a vibrant Earth Day Celebration. Now in its 17th year, this event is proudly sponsored by the North Haven Conservation Commission and highlights our shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

This free event invites residents and families to explore a wide range of engaging exhibits and demonstrations presented by local businesses, civic organizations, and state and local agencies. It's not just an opportunity to raise awareness about environmental issues: it's also a chance to discover ways to actively contribute to the improvement of life in North Haven.

Attendees can look forward to exciting activities and displays, with previous participants including A Place Called Hope, a bird of prey rehabilitation center, Mystic Aquarium, North Haven Garden Club, The North Haven Camera Club, the North Haven Trails Association, Peters Rock Association, the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, and many more. Come celebrate our planet and learn how you can make a difference.

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_a@comcast.net.

North Haven Garden Club is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Inc., New England Garden Clubs Inc., and The National Garden Clubs Inc.

Submitted by Cindy Golia

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Hamden Elks Lodge #2224 Donates To Community Dinner Program



Pictured (L-R): In front of the Church food truck are Andy Caporossi 1st Vice-President, Kathy Kelsey, Lodge Chaplin, Allison Batson, Program Co-Ordinator from the Church, and Jennifer Caputo, Lodge Secretary.

Hamden: Dinner was prepared and donated to Grace & St. John's Church dinner program by Hamden Elks.

On March 9, 2025, Hamden Elks Lodge No. 2224, prepared a complete traditional Sunday chicken dinner, which helped the church serve over 150 residents from their State Street food truck location. This dona-

tion by Hamden Lodge to Grace & St. John's helps support their weekly community dinner program.

Grace & St. John's church serves dinners via its food truck to individuals and families in the Hamden and New Haven communities. In cooperation with community partners, the church serves delicious, wholesome, home-cooked meals, including dessert on Sundays via the food truck and on Fridays at the church.

The Elks are dedicated to charitable and patriotic programs in our community. For membership information, contact Andy Caporossi at 203-248-2224.

Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire Presentation

Brighten up those winter blues: Please join the Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire for a presentation - *A Look at Great Plants for Winter Interest* on Wednesday, March 19, 7pm (snow date March 26) at the Cheshire Senior Center, 240 Maple St., Cheshire.

Try to envision that your winter landscape is as beautiful as your spring one.

Adam Wheeler, propagation manager at the legendary Broken Arrow Nursery will present ideas to revitalize your winter landscape.

For more information: <https://Cheshiregardeners.org>.

Garden Club Offers Scholarships

Each year the Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire offers up to \$2,000 in scholarships to students pursuing degrees at an accredited college or agricultural school with a declared major in a plant related science (e.g., hor-

ticulture, plant science, environmental science, environmental engineering, landscape architecture, forestry or related fields).

Scholarships are offered to high school graduating seniors who are residents of Cheshire, as well as Cheshire residents currently attending college. Academic performance, financial need and enthusiasm for the chosen field of study will be the factors weighed in determining recipient(s).

Scholarship award guidelines and the scholarship application form can be downloaded using the links provided on the Garden Club's website <https://www.cheshiregardeners.org/scholarships>. **The deadline for the applications is March 31, 2025.**

Cheshire High School students should apply through the Cheshire High School Guidance Department.

WANTED: Collector buying any Connecticut Brewery items for Wehle, Hulls, Wiebel, Largay or any other CT Breweries, signs, cans, bottles, etc.; call (203) 915-7662

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Hamden resident, Tegan Thomas was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Thomas enrolled in the university's McKelvey School of Engineering.

I WAS JUST THINKING..... By Sally J. Buemi Selectman, Town of North Haven

I was just thinking, again, about the budget formulation process currently underway for the next fiscal year of 2025-2026. Most municipalities, including North Haven, operate on a fiscal year basis. The fiscal year starts on July 1st.

I know that many folks are concerned about this particular budget season because of revaluation. Housing prices have gone up significantly since the last reval 5 years ago. The average house assessment increased about 37%. That is the highest percentage increase I've seen in any one reval year. The mill rate will certainly go down. But make no mistake, your new tax obligation will be related to the budget increase. Our current total budget (Town and Board of Education) is \$128.5 million. And our current mill rate is 34.64. (Please do not confuse "appraised" value with "assessed" value. The appraised value is the fair market value of your house. The assessed value is 70% of the appraised value. You pay tax only on the assessed value).

You, the taxpayers, will have the final say at the referendum in May. The initial budget recommendation from the Board of Finance will be determined at their March 19th meeting, along with a proposed new mill rate.

I think it is important for you to know exactly how much your real estate taxes will be as a result of this proposed budget. Last November, all homeowners received a notice from the Town. I hope you kept this notice. The notice told you your "prior assessment" and the "new assessment."

To determine the change in your real estate taxes, first you need to know your current taxes. You must multiply your "prior assessment" by 34.64, then divide by 1000. That will tell you your current taxes. Next, you must multiply your "new assessment" by the new mill rate, yet to be determined, and again, divide by 1000. This will give you your new real estate taxes. (DO NOT MULTIPLY YOUR NEW ASSESSMENT BY THE CURRENT MILL RATE OF 34.64). Please make sure to watch the March 19th Board of Finance meeting to learn the proposed new mill rate.

I know this sounds complicated, so if you would like, you can email me at sbuemi5@comcast.net and I will do the calculations for you. However, you MUST give me accurate information, both the prior and new assessment must be accurate, otherwise, my calculations will be wrong. Therefore, look in that pile of junk mail on your counter for the notice you received in November. There are two boxes near the top which contain the "prior assessment" and the "new assessment."

I want you to know how your taxes will be affected before you vote in May. You can reach me at sbuemi5@comcast.net.

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Hamden Lions Club Comedy Night



Pictured: Past District Governor 23A Alan Sturtz, Comedian Dave Kane, Hamden Lions President Natalie Stock.

Hamden: The Dunbar Fire House was filled with laughter as comedian Dave Kane entertained the crowd. This event was well attended and a wonderful success.

The Hamden Lions Club thanks The Dunbar Hill Volunteer Firehouse for providing the venue. A "Taste of Hamden Pizza" was delicious and generously provided by Sergio's Pizza, Paul & Eddy's Pizza, Eli's on Whitney, Sorrento's Brick Oven Pizza, Odie's Place, Toninos Pizzeria and Saporì D'Italia. The proceeds from this event will benefit local charities.

The next event sponsored by the Hamden Lions Club will be on Saturday April 5, 2025 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Miller Memorial Library Parking Lot 2901 Dixwell Ave, Hamden, CT 06518.

Suggested donation: small bag 5.00 (plastic grocery bag), Large bag 10.00 (large paper bag/cloth bag) Extra Large 20.00 (banker box) 20.00 per item computers/laptops & hard drive destruction.

The Lions Club is grateful for the community's contributions.

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**Hamden Woman's Club's
 Spotlight Member Linda Bishop**

Hamden: In recognition of her dedicated volunteer service to our community, Hamden's Linda Bishop has been awarded the Hamden Women's Club's first "Spotlight Member" of this year.

Linda joined the HWC in 2017 and quickly became totally involved, working quietly on many projects and committees. Her empathy, energy, and enthusiasm are the embodiment of our HWC's motto: "The Club that Cares and Shares".

For several years now, Linda has been a Co-Chairwoman of the very important Home Life Committee, which designs different activities to address various needs of area children and residents (food, clothes, toys, books, blankets, etc). She always helps organize our annual "Trunk or Treat" event, the Holiday Food Drives, the Miller "Mitten Tree", and work with the VA Commission on the placement and removal American flags on Veterans' graves each year - just to name a few projects. Linda has worked tirelessly to keep the HWC actively involved - She is like the "Energizer Bunny", eager and ready to contribute to Fundraising activities, local Earth Day celebrations, the Hamden Fest, the HWC's Choral group, Book Club, Hospitality at HWC meetings, and International Lunch Bunch.

Our Club is honored to have Linda Bishop as a treasured member and friend. She is an amazing woman and a true inspiration to everyone in the Hamden Woman's Club!

The Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC, is open to any woman over eighteen years of age who would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! We are a civic, educational and social organization that was organized in 1950 and joined the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, Inc.(GFWC) in January, 1951. We are proud to be part of the largest volunteer organization in the world, and we continually develop new projects to improve the quality of life within our community.

You do NOT have to reside in Hamden to join - and we are very pleased that our membership has grown recently to fifty (50) members! Most meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month from September to June, at the Hamden Senior Center (located in the rear of the Miller Memorial Library).

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to attend meetings. - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 2, so PLEASE JOIN US! We urge anyone interested in learning more about the HWC to please call Sharon Nolan @ 203-248-2538. Also, please look at our Facebook page - Hamden Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. - for more information and fun photos of our friendly club!



Linda Bishop

**Spring Leaf & Brush Collection
 Begins March 24th in Hamden**

In consideration of the several downed branches from the last storm, Public Works Director Joseph Colello announces the scheduling of an early spring leaf and brush collection to begin Monday, March 24.

In past years, spring leaf and brush collection began in May. Due to the recent storm producing several downed branches throughout Town, this year's spring leaf and brush collection will begin one month earlier, on March 24, to accommodate these clean up efforts. As with all spring leaf and brush collections, only one sweep will be made through Town. Bags put out after trucks have passed will not be picked up and can be brought to the Transfer Station.

A spring leaf and brush collection routes map will be posted on the Town's Public Works website (hamden.com/219/Public-Works). This map will be updated each day to reflect progress. One crew starts their leaf and brush collection from the south end, and simultaneously a second crew starts their leaf and brush collection from the north end.

Leaves must be placed in paper bags (not plastic) and brush must be bundled and tied with string or twine. Bundles should weigh no more than 50 lbs., exceed no more than four (4) feet in length, and contain no pieces in excess of four (4) inches in diameter. Bundled brush and bagged leaves should be placed curbside separate of each other.

No items should be placed in the street or in any way block a sidewalk. Disposal of large pieces of wood, root systems, grass clippings and soil are prohibited.

Director Colello would like to remind residents of the requirement to bag all leaves and yard waste. Only those residences where all occupants are physically disabled or unable to bag their leaves, and have provided the necessary documentation to the Town, may rake their leaves to the curb (pursuant to Chapter 52 of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Hamden).

For questions regarding curbside leaf pick-up eligibility documentation, please contact the Town Attorney's Office at (203) 287-7050.

Leaves cannot be picked up from private roads or from roads that have not been accepted into the Town road system. Residents on unaccepted and private roads may bring leaves to the Transfer Station.

The entrance to the Hamden Transfer Station is located at 231 Wintergreen Avenue. Their normal hours are Mon.-Fri., 7:30am-11:30am and 12:30pm-3pm and the 1st (first) Saturday of each month from 8am-11:45am.

Hamden Public Works is offering additional Saturday hours at the Transfer Station on March 29 and April 5 from 7:30am-11:30am & 12:30pm-3pm.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at (203) 287-2600.

WANTED: Antique country store items, old tins, bins, signs, boxes or anything related; (203) 915-7662

FOR SALE: Trainer 430i treadmill, 80 lbs. \$95. Need truck to transport. (203) 917-1596

**Larry's Playground -
 A Place for Kids - Challenge**

Hamden: ***We are very pleased to report we are 75% towards our goal!***

On May 4th, 1992, Lawrence "Larry" Biller and his business partner, Bruce Horowitz, died from gun violence. Larry, like his siblings and friends, played many baseball and basketball games at Hamden's Bassett Park. Larry went on to become an umpire and managed the baseball fields.

So, when he died, in his memory, a portion of Bassett Park was turned into Larry's Playground.

Over the last 30 years, Larry's Playground has become a favorite spot for many children of all ages.

Unfortunately, the playground has lost some equipment due to age and needs help. Bearing this in mind, Larry's wife, Karen, his sister, Patti, his brother, Jon, Larry's daughters, Lauren, Bethany and Kate, his nephew, Ben, his niece, Alyssa, and all their spouses, have donated \$10,000.00 to Larry's Playground.

This donation, with Mayor Garrett and the Town of Hamden's assistance, made it possible to purchase a new swing set and a rope climb, and the children are really enjoying them.

The family is also challeng-

ing their friends, Larry's friends, those who have enjoyed the playground, and members of the community to help the children by matching other donations of up to \$10,000.00 in the hope that additional equipment can be purchased. Right now, the playground needs a replacement tire swing, a new playscape for kids aged 6 months through 23 months and new benches and tables.

For donations of over \$2,500.00, the first five donors can elect to have a memorial bench named after a loved one.

The Billers hope that you will consider donating to Larry's Playground.

IT IS ALL FOR THE KIDS; TO MAKE THEM A LITTLE HAPPIER and happy kids also make happier parents.

Please consider sending a donation to the Town of Hamden marked "Larry's Playground." You can also send your donation payable to the Town of Hamden to c/o Attorney Jon Biller, Biller, Sachs & Robert, 2750 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518.

We also have a Facebook page (Larry's Playground - A Place for Kids) which includes a GoFundMe account.

**Spring Glen Garden Club Drops Off
 Goodies For Dept. of Public Works**



Pictured Above: Members of The Spring Glen Garden Club in conjunction with The Hamden's Woman's Club continue to celebrate its 100th anniversary by dropping off goodies at the Dept. of Public Works and they were received with surprise by Joseph Colello Jr.

Hamden: The Glen Garden Club has been in service to the Town of Hamden for 100 years, please stop by our historical display in hail outside the Miller Library in front of the Thorton Wilder Auditorium.

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929.

The Garden Club ongoing projects includes gardens and planters in Spring Glen, Poppy's Garden on the Farmington Canal Trail and the Historical Herb Garden at The Jonathan Dickerman House, watering the plants at the Government Center and the Miller Library.

The Club donated 10 American Elm hybrid trees to the Hamden Center Park as a result of its successful Wreaths for Trees program.

Other projects of the Club were a Rhododendron Garden at the entry to Lockwood Cottage and the Red Oak tree (Quercus rubra) affectionately known as "Annie Oakley" planted in the Eli Whitney Park.

**Hamden Elks
 Comedy Show**

Father Dave Kane - Misgivings, is the featured performer at the Hamden Elks Comedy Show, "Saturday Night Pasta & Parody for the Pantry" on Saturday, March 22, 5pm at Hamden Elks Lodge No. 2224, 175 School St.

The cost is \$20 per person, includes pasta dinner and show (Cash Bar).

Proceeds to benefit Keefe Community Center.

WANTED: Collector wants to buy early historic New Haven County related items, maps, books, engravings, paintings, paper items or actual products; (203) 915-7662

FOR SALE: Ladies Quinpiac fleece, full zipper, long sleeves, slash pockets, wine color \$12; (203) 606-0932

North Haven Democratic Town Committee Hosts Successful Winter Warm-Up Event



North Haven: This past Saturday, the North Haven Democratic Town Committee (DTC) welcomed community members to its Winter Warm-Up event at the Clarion Hotel where attendees gathered to reconnect, share meaningful conversations, and focus on the future of North Haven.

The event also provided an opportunity to spotlight an important cause. In recognition of International Women's Day, the Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services joined the DTC to highlight the critical need to support those affected by domestic violence. Their work remains vital in ensuring safety and resources for survivors in our community. Community members dropped off donations including diapers, gift cards, and wipes.

"We're grateful to the 50+ community members who joined us to connect and support one another," said Tim Gabriele, DTC Chair. "Our goal is to engage meaningfully and elect leaders who prioritize education, fiscal responsibility, and community well-being. Events like this show we're on the right track."

The North Haven DTC thanks the Clarion Hotel for hosting and extends deep appreciation to the Umbrella Center for their partnership and advocacy. Events like these strengthen our commitment to fostering a more inclusive, supportive, and forward-thinking North Haven.

For more information about upcoming events and initiatives, visit www.NorthHavenDemocrats.com.

Vendors Wanted For North Haven Garden Club Annual May Market Fundraiser



Pictured Above: Vendor from previous May Market, and flowers we sell.

North Haven: The North Haven Garden Annual May Market Fundraiser for 2025 is the club's largest fundraiser. We are pleased to be adding an additional hour to our time. May Market will be held at Mildred A. Wakley Community and Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street on MAY 10th from 9am to 1pm. Weather permitting there will be some outdoor spaces available. If the market is cancelled for any unseen reason we would let you know 48 hours prior, or on Thursday.

Spots for vendors are \$30.00 each. Set up will start anytime after 7:30am. We do not supply tables or chairs so please bring your own for your display. Your reserved space will accommodate no more than one (1) eight foot table. Checks should be made out to NHGC and returned with completed form to Cindy Golia 12 Stanton Rd. North Haven, Ct 06473 to secure your spot.

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.

North Haven Garden Club is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Inc., New England Garden Clubs Inc., and The National Garden Clubs Inc.

Article and photos by Cindy Golia

WANTED: Buying older beer cans, flats, conetops, single cans or entire collections; (203) 915-7662

FOR SALE: Coffee/cocktail table, 38" round, easy clean beveled glass, wrought iron base \$100; (203) 606-0932

WANTED: WWII Vets, immediate cash for all German helmets, hats, daggers, flags, medals, uniforms, patches. Collector will beat all dealer offers; (203) 932-0750

Wallingford Garden Club At The Skyview Center In Feb. 2025

Wallingford: The Wallingford Garden Club members visited the Skyview Center in Feb with their Healing, Therapy and Senior Gardening program of 'Pots of Gold' for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day in March.

Ten residents of Skyview were at the craft table for an hour of painting craft sticks with many rainbow colors, applying glue to cotton balls to resemble clouds. A separate smaller pot was filled with cotton balls and gold coins then placed into the larger pot in front of the rainbow sticks.

A cute and fun project, designed by WGC member Jolleen Nellums. Everyone enjoyed their time together at the craft table and made beautiful 'Pots of Gold'.

Other WGC members helping with this project were Cheryl Solomon, Sue Surato, Crissy Besaw (chairperson) and Betty Wilson.

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Connecticut to Honor Living World War II Veterans in 2025 Ceremony

North Haven is seeking living World War II veterans residing in our community who have served at any time from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946.

In a heartfelt effort to honor and recognize the courage and sacrifices of living World War II veterans, Connecticut Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, in collaboration with Veterans Affairs Commissioner Ron Welch and Major General Francis Evon of the Connecticut National Guard, announced a commemorative ceremony. This event will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 11am at the Governor William A. O'Neill State Armory, located at 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT.

The ceremony marks the 80th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, a pivotal moment in history that ended in September 1945. The event aims to recognize and thank members of the Greatest Generation, whose dedication and bravery shaped the freedom and democracy enjoyed today.

State of the Town Address & Economic Development Outlook

The Hamden Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs Committee is pleased to announce Mayor Lauren Garrett's State of the Town Address and Economic Development Outlook, taking place on Fri., March 21 at Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden.

Hosted and sponsored by Whitney Center, this event provides a valuable opportunity for local business leaders and community stakeholders to hear directly from Mayor Lauren Garrett about Hamden's economic landscape, key initiatives, and future development plans.

The Mayor's budget address is scheduled for Monday, March 17, so the breakfast will provide the business community an opportunity to hear from the Mayor details of her budget, and a chance to ask questions. The program will include updates on economic growth, infrastructure projects, and business development efforts.

Reserve your seat by emailing hcc@hamdenchamber.com, online registration at www.hamdenchamber.com or call (203) 288-6431. Cost: \$25.00 includes breakfast.

FOR SALE: 53" round wood table with 3 leaves, 8 chairs, very good cond. \$400; (203) 641-5466

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Land Trust Document Shredding Event

The North Haven Land Trust will hold a document shredding event, **9am-noon on Saturday, April 5 in the parking lot of the North Haven Pool, 45 Elm Street.**

Your participation in this event will support the North Haven Land Trust in their mission to continue to acquire and preserve land for future generations as well as to engage community members in conservation actions.

The cost of a small copy box or paper bag will be \$10.00. Paper items only please. The on-site shredding truck will be provided by PROSHRED of Wallingford.

For more information about this fundraising event or our organization, check out NorthHavenLandTrust.com or email us: NorthHavenLandTrust@gmail.com.

Are You Looking for a Rewarding Volunteer Tutor Job?

New Haven: If so, become a tutor at Springs Learning Center in New Haven. We are an educational Center supported and established by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. We provide a holistic literacy program for underserved adult learners with an emphasis on English as a Second Language.

The commitment is one hour a week and the learners are most grateful for the assistance. All training and materials are provided.

To reach the Center, please call (203) 787-1025 or email annemarie.chuckrey@oppeace.org for further information. We encourage potential tutors to make an appointment and fill out an application.

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Children's Birthday Notices

Birthdays celebrated from Sun., March 23, 2025 to Sat. March 29, 2025 MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY Thur., March 27, 2025 to appear in our next issue FREE of charge. Digital photos are gladly accepted, but MUST be on CD, flash drive or emailed, NOT printed out.

HORSES FOR LEASE

RAP-A-PONY FARM has beginner horses for lease on farm. Reasonable. Call for information, (203) 265-3596.

Hamden Rotary February Student Of The Month



Pictured: With Henry are his teacher Christopher Prevost, principal Laura Rodriguez and Rotarian Betsy Gorman

Hamden: The Hamden Rotary Club has chosen Henry Capece as its February, 2025 Student of the

Month. The Dunbar Hill School fifth grader is strong academically, a hard worker and always willing to help others in his classroom, in his school and in the wider community.

Area Craft Fairs, Bazaars, Festivals, Auctions, Rummage, Flea Markets & Tag Sales

Crafters/Vendors Wanted

NORTH HAVEN

CRAFTERS AND NEW PRODUCT VENDORS WANTED FOR CHURCH FAIR: Faith United Methodist Church, 81 Clintonville Rd. (Rt. 22), North Haven, is seeking crafters/vendors for its **Annual Spring Fair** to be held on **Sat., May 10th**, 8:30am-2pm. Cost is \$30 per 8-foot table and must be reserved in advance to help us plan our set-up needs. Outdoor space is available as well for vendors who can supply their own tent and tables. The church will feature a Silent Auction, plant sale, craft table, Tag Sale, Cookie Walk, and bake sale. Breakfast sandwiches and lunch will be sold at the event. We will also be selling our homemade Chicken Pot Pie that is ready to go from our freezer to your oven. Indoor and outdoor space is limited for this popular event so vendors are encouraged to apply early. For more info, call Kim Bogert (203) 671-9897 or email kbogert52@gmail.com. Please leave your name, contact information, and what you plan to sell.

THE NORTH HAVEN GARDEN CLUB is in the planning stages of our **Annual May Market Fundraiser** for 2025. We are pleased to be adding an additional hour to our time. May Market will be held at Mildred A. Wakley Community and Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven on **Sat., May 10th**, 9am-1pm. Weather permitting there will be some outdoor spaces available. If the market is cancelled for any unseen reason we would let you know 48 hours prior, or on Thursday. Spots for vendors are \$30 each. Set-up will start anytime after 7:30am. We do not supply tables or chairs so please bring your own for your display. Your reversed space will accommodate no more than one (1) 8 to 10 foot table. Checks should be made out to NHGC and returned with completed form to Cindy Golia, 12 Stanton Road, North Haven, CT 06473 to secure your spot.

VENDORS WANTED! THE NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CRAFT & TAG SALE will be held on **Sat., May 10th**, from 9am-2pm outside on the church lawn, 28 Church St., North Haven. Set-up begins at 7:30am. There is ample parking in the church parking lot. The cost for an outside space is \$30, prepaid, non-refundable, bring your own table and chair. Limited indoor spaces with table and chair provided are available with a reservation for \$35, prepaid, non-refundable. No rain date. Please call the church office at (203) 239-5691 for information. Spaces will go fast so make your reservation soon!

Tag Sale Space Available

NORTHFORD/NORTH BRANFORD

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL, 1382 Middletown Ave., the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford will hold an **Indoor Tag & Bake Sale** on **Sat., May 10th**, 9am-1pm. All are welcome to participate! Clean out your cupboards and share your treasures! Tag Sale tables for rent for only \$25. Tables and chairs available for your use. Can set up the day before. To reserve a table, please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.

Tag Sales/Thrift Shops

NORTH HAVEN

MONTOWESE BAPTIST CHURCH BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP, 201 Quinpiac Ave., North Haven. Hours: Friday & Saturday, 10am-2pm. We wish everyone a lovely spring. **For the month of March, we are having a Buy One Get Half Off Second Item. The week of St. Patrick's Day is our BOGO Sale!** All clothing is Buy One Get One Free! Thank you for your participation in our little shop during the holidays. We are still accepting donations. Contact Pauline for questions, (203) 824-1170. All proceeds help pay the bills at Montowese Baptist Church! Worship hours are: 10:30am on Sunday. Please join us. All are welcome.

Eggstravaganza Celebration

Presented by the Town of Hamden Community Services, Youth Services and Parks & Recreation, the Eggstravaganza Celebration will be held on **Thursday, April 10, 6-8pm** at Keefe Center, 11 Pine St.

This free event will offer pictures with the Easter Bunny, Snacks, Crafts, and Music.

For more information, contact (203) 562-5129, ext. 1113.

The Greater N.H. Cat Project, Inc.

Cats & Coffee Fundraiser - April 6th

Cat lovers and coffee enthusiasts, mark your calendars! On Sunday, April 6, from 1-3pm, The Greater New Haven Cat Project (GNHCP) is hosting **Cats & Coffee** at One World Roasters (967 N. High St., East Haven). The **admission cost of \$20** will include a workshop by renowned feline behaviorist and care consultant **Sally Bahner**, who will share expert insights into cat behavior

WANTED TO BUY:

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MOHEGAN SUN CASINO: Monday, March 31st. Pick up at Miller Library, Hamden at 8:30am, leaving the Casino at 3:30pm. Cost is \$35. Please call Arlene at (203) 248-8936 for information and reservations.

Upcoming Area Shows

CLASSIC SHOWS LLC will hold a **Spring Train & Toy Show** on **Sun., April 6th**, at Warsaw Park, 125 Pulaski Highway (Route 243), Ansonia. The final show of the season will run from 9am-2pm. Admission is \$6 for adults, children 15 & under are Free with adult. The Valley T Track and Valley HO clubs will have operating layouts, along with other operating layouts. Thousands of trains of all gauges, die-cast vehicles, and toys, old and new, will be available for collectors and fans to purchase. American Flyer train parts will be for sale. There will be a test track. The venue is handicapped accessible. Free railroad & toy magazines will be offered to those in attendance. For information, call (203) 926-1327 or visit www.classicshowslc.com.

and live techniques with her own cat.

Seating is limited, and tickets must be purchased in advance at www.gnhcp.org/cats&coffee. Proceeds will support GNHCP's ongoing mission to help local cats and the people who care for them.

The Great Give® 2025 Fundraiser

The Greater New Haven Cat Project (GNHCP) is proud to participate in **The Great Give®**, a 36-hour online fundraiser to be held May 7-8. Every dollar raised helps GNHCP provide vital care, medical treatment, and loving homes for stray and abandoned cats. Through matching funds and prize incentives, The Great Give makes your donation go even further, maximizing its impact on vulnerable cats in our community.

Make your gift count! Visit www.thegreatgive.org on May 7-8 to support GNHCP and help us save even more lives.

For more information, contact rise@gnhcp.org or (203) 782-2287.

The Greater New Haven Cat Project (GNHCP) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that is committed to humanely addressing feline overpopulation in the Greater New Haven area.

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WHEN GRIEF TURNS TO ANGER

Grief involves a variety of emotions that can feel unwanted or unhelpful. Anger is common when things feel out of our control, as is often the case with death. Anger in grief may manifest as feeling robbed or abandoned by your loved one. You may feel angry toward them, family members, medical staff, or yourself for not doing enough in time. It is normal to feel anger as envy toward others who still have their loved one. Anger is a natural part of the human experience, and it can be positive and constructive. Helpful ways to express anger while grieving include stream-of-consciousness journaling, intense exercise, writing a letter to the deceased, punching a pillow, and screaming from a mountaintop.

When a loved one dies, grief comes and it needs to be shared. Expressions of sympathy and the offering of yourself to help others following the funeral are welcomed. Your local funeral director can help family and friends locate available resources and grief recovery programs in your area. For more information, please call 203-239-1179. We are located at 36 Washington Avenue.

Quote: "Grief is a normal and natural response to loss. It is originally an unlearned feeling process. Keeping grief inside increases your pain."

Anne Grant

North Haven Funeral Home, Inc.



Gary Morgan, passed away at home on the morning of March 6th, 2025. Gary Lee Morgan was born on September 16th, 1933, in Fairmont, West Virginia to Mabel Vivian Stewart and Ernest Eugene Morgan Sr. On December 21st, 1957, he married Annette Emmel in West Virginia. Together, Gary and Annette had three sons, Christopher, Todd, and Carl. After starting their family, they moved up to Naugatuck, Connecticut in 1968 as Gary joined the Navy and was stationed at the Naval Submarine Base in New London. He served his time on the USS Fred T Berry where he did two tours of duty from 1952 to 1956 and then 1959 to 1963 and was awarded multiple medals of honor. After Gary's time in the service, the family moved to Brookview Ave in Wallingford. After Annette's passing in 2003. In 2005, he found love again. Gary met Nancy Michaud and they married on June 23rd, 2007 in Meriden, CT surrounded by family and friends. They lived, laughed and loved for 17 years.

Gary is survived by his wife, Nancy Morgan; children, Todd Morgan (Stacy Catalano Morgan), Carl Morgan (Erin Moll); daughter-in-law, Diane Morgan; and stepson, Edmond Michaud Jr (Lisa Fowler). Gary also leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Stacy Morgan, Jason Morgan (Catherine Morgan), Christopher Morgan, Lexie-Sue Morgan, Annalee Morgan, Graylen Morgan, Miguel Moll, Madelyn Moll, and Shane Kelly. Gary also had 4 great-grandchildren: Alan Lohman Jr, Ashley Lohman, Henry Morgan, and Grant Morgan. He also had many beloved nieces and nephews.

Gary joins his brother Ernest Eugene "Pete" Morgan Jr, his sister Jacqueline Rae Morgan, his first wife Annette Morgan, his son Christopher Morgan, and stepson Matthew Michaud in life eternal.



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Hilda (Rodrigues) Cachucho, 94, of Wallingford, loving wife of the late Jack Cachucho for 73 years, passed away peacefully Monday, March 10, 2025. She was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, May 29, 1930, a daughter of the late Antonio and Ana (Ferreira) Rodrigues.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Evangelista; many nieces and nephews; and her dear friend, Laurinda Ramos. She was predeceased by her sisters, Alice Bernardes, Irene Rodrigues and Ida Machado; her brothers, Joe Rodrigues, Daniel Rodrigues, Arnold Rodrigues, John Rodrigues, Alfred Rodrigues and Amadeu Rodrigues; as well as her nephew, Paul Machado.

Should friends desire, donations be made in her name to the Shriner's Hospital for Children (Shriners Children's, Attn: Shriners Children's, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394).



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Gerrilynne Biondi, 73 of Hamden, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2025, after a courageous six-year battle with lung cancer. She was surrounded by her loving daughter, Adriana Betancourt, and Ozzie Biondi, her husband of many years and life long friend. Daughter of the late Germain and Josephine Orteanu. She was an avid animal lover, having had many dogs throughout her life, all of whom held a special place in her heart. As she neared the end of her journey, Gerrilynne found comfort in knowing she would soon be reunited with the pets she had lost over the years at the rainbow bridge. Above all, Gerrilynne's greatest joy in life was her beloved grandchildren, Josephine (7) and Nicholas (4). They were the light of her life, and she shared a deep, special bond with them. Jojo and Nicky cherished their visits to Nana's house, where they spent countless happy moments together. Gerrilynne's love for her grandchildren was immeasurable, and they will miss her dearly. Gerrilynne is survived by her daughter, Adriana (Julian) Betancourt, her friend of many years, Ozzie Biondi, her sister Suzanne Dolan, brother-in-law John Dolan, great-aunt Rita Severino, and her nieces Kara (Lisa Fowler), Gary also leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Stacy Morgan, Jason Morgan (Catherine Morgan), Christopher Morgan, Lexie-Sue Morgan, Annalee Morgan, Graylen Morgan, Miguel Moll, Madelyn Moll, and Shane Kelly. Gary also had 4 great-grandchildren: Alan Lohman Jr, Ashley Lohman, Henry Morgan, and Grant Morgan. He also had many beloved nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter (www.branford-ct.gov/departments/animal-shelter/donation)

Services were held at the **Peter H. Torello & Son FUNERAL HOME, INC.** www.TorelloFH.com



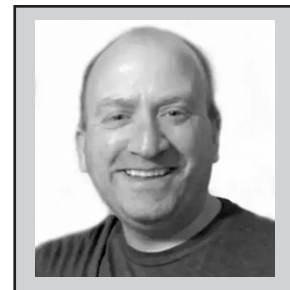
Joseph Kenneth Evitts, 90, of Wallingford, beloved husband for 67 years of Joan (Bishop) Evitts passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at Midstate Medical Center. He was born in Waterbury on October 26, 1934, son of the late Clifford and Antoinette (Marciano) Evitts.

In addition to his wife, Joseph is survived by his son, Ken Evitts of Manchester, CT; his daughter, Loren Anderson and husband Eric of Oakland, NJ; his granddaughters, Ryan Anderson and wife Adrienne Turner, Lindsay Evitts and partner Mike Batease, Cameron Anderson and partner John Bozzella, and Sidney Anderson; and his great-granddaughter Ciana Batease; additionally survived by sister-in-law Lilliane Evitts and multiple nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Stephen Evitts, sister Midge Fusco, and brother Clifford Evitts.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association - www.diabetes.org/donate



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John C. LaPenna, passed away peacefully on February 27, 2025 after a short, difficult battle with cancer which he fought valiantly. He was beloved son of Loretta (Santillo) LaPenna and the late Anthony M. LaPenna Jr. John was born August 4, 1970, only minutes after his identical twin Christopher. John grew up in Wallingford, CT, he was a graduate of Sheehan High School and attended Shepherd College before moving to the D.C. area.

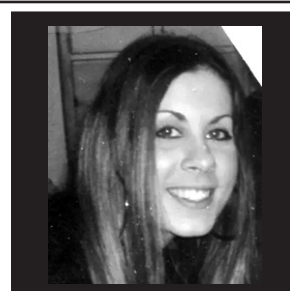
Along with his mother and Chris, he is survived by brothers, Tony, Jay, and Matt (Ashawnta Jackson), and sisters Noel (Eric) Mills, Danielle (Billy) O'Malley and Lisa (Chris) Jensen.

His many nieces and nephews, Ant (Ingrid) Notaro, Allie Notaro, TJ Jensen, Brendan (Talore) LaPenna, Dan Jensen, Cassidy LaPenna, Bobby (Susy) Jensen, Claudia (Warren) Bickers, "Jibbers" Jensen, Connor O'Malley, Ryan O'Malley, Kaitlin O'Malley, Oliver Mills, Zoe, Domenic and Victoria. They were all deeply loved by "Dude John" who was always proud of them. He was an uncle, friend and mentor to them.

John will also be sorely missed by friends Carlos, Jeff and Lynn.



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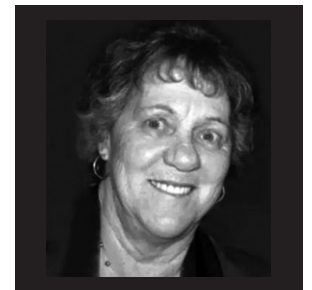


Courtney Marie Worthington, passed away suddenly at the age of 37 on March 7th, 2025. Courtney was born on March 21, 1987 in New Haven, CT. She grew up in North Haven and Branford most of her life. Courtney is survived by her father and step-mother Richard W. Worthington Sr. and Cara Worthington, and her mother and step-father Maria D'Amora Brennan and Thomas F. Brennan. She is also survived by her brother, Richard (Richy) W. Worthington Jr., her sister, Blair S. Worthington (Justin), her step-sister, Tracy Hunt (Dan), her step sister, Jennifer Brennan, her step-brother, Kyle Gambardella, and her nieces Arianna Khali Rose Frederick and Kinsley Smith Hunt. In addition to her immediate family, Courtney is survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins who also loved her very much. Courtney was predeceased by her loving grandparents, Frank and Mary D'Amora and Anita Worthington.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to BHcare at bhcare.org.

Services were held at the

NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME www.northhavenfuneral.com.



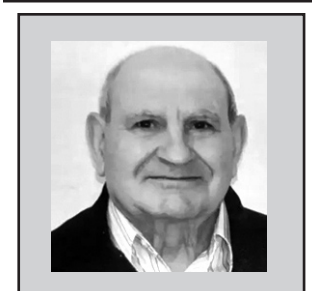
Angela M. (Tronolone) Sgambati, 87, of Wallingford, died Saturday, March 8, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was the loving wife of the late Robert Sgambati of 57 years. Angela was born in Brooklyn, NY, November 13, 1937, a daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Figliuolo) Tronolone.

Angela is survived by her children, Stephen A. Sgambati, Michael R. Sgambati, and Patricia A. Sgambati; her daughter-in-law, Josephine Sgambati; her grandchildren, Skye-Marie Sgambati, Stephen Sgambati Jr. (Sabrina), Sheyenne Riotte (Tyler), Santino Sgambati (Cynthia), Antonio Sgambati and Nico Sgambati; her great granddaughter, Angelina Sgambati; her brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Pat Tronolone; several nieces and nephews; and her caregiver Vera, who was very special to her. She was predeceased by her twin sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Robert Doria.

Should friends desire, gifts in Angela's memory may be sent to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517.



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João Ribas, 73, of Wallingford, passed away Saturday, March 9, 2025, at Hartford Hospital, with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of almost 50 years to Maria E. (Barros) Ribas. João was born in Padroso Montalegre, Portugal, December 12, 1951, the son of the late João and Rosa Ribas and moved with his family to the United States in 1991.

In addition to his wife Maria, he is survived by his children, Domingos Ribas and his wife Rhiannon Ford, and Ana Isabel Salvador and her husband Peter; his grandchildren, Lilliana, Jaxson and Charlotte Ribas, and Shaine and Austin Salvador; his three sisters, Dores Ribas, Albertina Seara and Ilda Lavaredas; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Ana de Fatima Ribas and Maria Augusta Alves.



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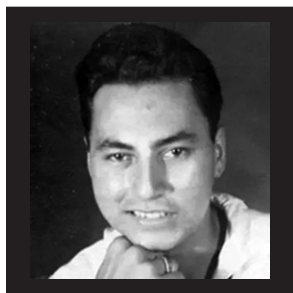
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PRAYER INFORMATION

All prayers cost \$12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's Issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O. Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.

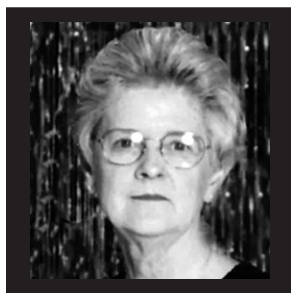
OBITUARIES



Donald John LaBanca, 96, of Northford, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at Wadsworth Glen Health & Rehabilitation Center, Middletown. He was the beloved husband of the late Grace Crossley LaBanca. Donald was born in New Haven on July 12th, 1928, and was the son of the late Dominic and Mary Puglisi LaBanca. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1949.

Father of Donald (Karen) LaBanca and Donna (Vincent) Ferrie. Grandfather of Gregory (Katharine) LaBanca, Kevin (Ashley) LaBanca, Vincent Ferrie III, and Dominic "DJ" Ferrie. Great-grandfather of William, Daniel, and Ruby Grace LaBanca. Donald was predeceased by his brothers James and Joseph LaBanca.

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.

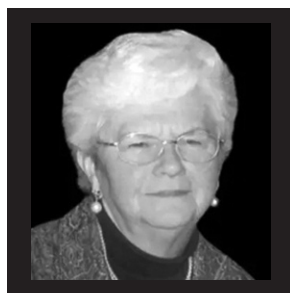


Virginia "Ginny" M. Ryan, 85, beloved wife of the late Russell J. Ryan, of Hamden, passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at St. Raphael Hospital in New Haven. Ginny was born in Worcester, MA on February 21, 1940, daughter of the late William and Marion McLaughlin.

She is survived by her brother, Rev. Paul F. McLaughlin of St. Petersburg, FL and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by her sisters, Frances M. Mason and Fay E. Kennedy; and her brother, William T. McLaughlin.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org or the Shriners Children's Hospital at donorrelations@shrinersnet.org or the Tomahawk Club, P.O. Box 622, North Haven, CT 06473.

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Eleanor Fahey Mitchell, 88, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, at St. Raphael campus/Yale-New Haven Hospital with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 67 years to William Mitchell. Eleanor was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on October 1, 1936, to the late Dorothy Burns Rose and Joseph "Mickey" Fahey. Mother of William Mitchell, Thomas (Liz) Mitchell and Brian (Christine) Mitchell. Grandmother of Kailey Mitchell, Brittney (Andrew) Caron, Deidre (Joe) Vallone, Thomas (fiancé Valerie) Mitchell, Brendan, Kyle and Tate Mitchell. Great-Grandmother of Mitchell and Anderson Caron, J.T. Vallone. Sister of Robert (Rhudine) Fahey, John (Jean) Fahey, Paul and Pauline Rose, Deborah (Joseph) Strazzere and the late Barry Fahey and Dorothy MacDonald. Predeceased by her stepfather Manuel Rose.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org or the Shriners Children's Hospital at donorrelations@shrinersnet.org or the Tomahawk Club, P.O. Box 622, North Haven, CT 06473.

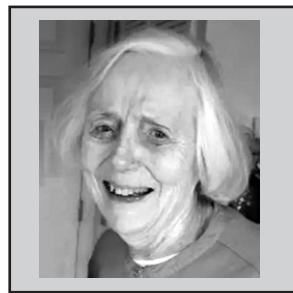
Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Beth A. Leonardo, 65 of Hamden died suddenly March 10, 2025 at home. She was the loving daughter of Elizabeth Cavallaro Leonardo & the late Richard Leonardo. Born in New Haven, Beth worked for many years as an Aide in the Hamden Public Schools. She formerly worked at Spring Glen School and was currently working at West Woods School. In addition to her mother, she is survived by brothers Richard Jr. (Donna) Leonardo of South Carolina, and John Paul Leonardo of Hamden.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann's Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church (www.hamdencatholic.org/food-pantry/)

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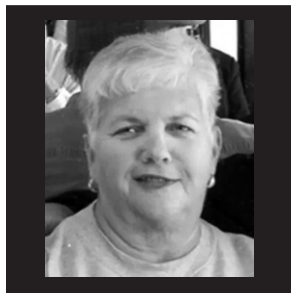
Eva Maria Etter, age 87, of Wallingford passed away on March 6, 2025. Born in Düren, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Eva Etter Schnitzler. She is survived by her cousin, Lucia K. Hengstmann. In addition to her mother, Eva is also predeceased by her stepfather and brother Willi Schnitzler.

Should friends desire, a donation can be made to Animal Haven, 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06474 as she had an affinity for animals. Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Kang Cha (Kim) Bellucci, 82, of Hamden, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Gaylord Hospital, Wallingford with her loving family by her side. Kim was born in Yokohama, Japan on June 20, 1942, and met her husband of 60 years, army veteran Eugene Bellucci Jr. when he was stationed in Korea. She became a US citizen in 1969. Mother of Christopher Bellucci and Laura Follo and beloved "Bema" (grandmother) of Ryan Bellucci, Trevor and Sage Follo. Sister in-law of Elaine and William Silengo and also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Linda Ann Orr Serafin, 77, of North Haven, passed away peacefully from complications from a stroke on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Yale New Haven Hospital. Loving wife to the late Eugene D. Serafin and mother of Michael D. Serafin (Jennifer) and Christopher J. Serafin. Born February 12, 1948, Linda from an early age developed compassion and responsibility from caring for her siblings.

Should friends desire, a donation can be made to Animal Haven, 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06474 as she had an affinity for animals. Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Linda A. (Gaunya) Loesche, 77, of Southington, formerly of Hamden, died Tuesday, March 11, 2025. She was the widow of Gerald H. Loesche to whom she was happily married to for 52 years. Linda was predeceased by her beloved son, Gerald R. Loesche. Linda was born in New Haven, August 8, 1947, a daughter of the late Daniel H. and Beatrice (Hunt) Gaunya.

Linda is survived by her children, Carissa Loesche-Bruno and her husband Steven Bruno, and Christopher Charles Loesche and his wife Graziella Molluzzo-Loesche; her 5 grandchildren: Addisyn Bruno, Juliana Loesche, Nathaniel Loesche, Christian Loesche and Lucas Loesche; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Denise and Ralph Nied, Jacqueline and Wade Petroskey, and Deborah and Chester Grabowski as well as her many nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, the family requests that donations be made in Linda's memory to one of the following charitable organizations: Connecticut Humane Society; make a wish foundation; Alzheimer's Association.

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.

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Audrey Reardon Tilley, 96, of Ashlar Village, Wallingford formerly of North Haven for many years, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 10th, 2025, at the Masonicare, Wallingford. She was the wife of the late James F. Reardon and George P. Tilley. Audrey was born in Hamden on November 12th, 1928, and was the daughter of the late Arthur A. and Bernice A. Bryan Olesen. Mother of Jeanne C. Reardon, James F. Reardon, Jr., Lynn D. Reardon and Neil J. Reardon. Stepmother of Dianne Smith and Joel Tilley. Grandmother of Sean Reardon and Caitlin Reardon. Step grandmother of Joann Johnson, Jaimeson Tilley and Christopher Tilley. She was predeceased by her sister Jacqueline Sigersmith.

Should friends desire, a contribution in Audrey's name may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital at donorrelations@shrinersnet.org. Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



William C. Taylor, age 90, of Wallingford, passed away on March 11, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones. For 62 years, he was the loving husband of Karen Simpson Taylor. William or "Bill" was born in Honeoye Falls, NY, son of the late George and Helen Cartmell Taylor. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children: Terry Carbone and her husband Gerry, Tim Taylor and his wife Lisa, Tammy Napoli, Tracy Carim and her husband Barry, all of Wallingford, and Tricia Richardson of Glastonbury. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jason Carbone and his wife Gina, Marissa Hayes and her husband Alex, Sam Carbone and her fiancé Russell Edeen, Ashley Taylor, Zach Taylor and his girlfriend Leah Strycharz, Devin Napoli, Sydney, Lexi, and Zoey Carim, and Ty Richardson, as well as great-grandchildren Gennaro and Giuliana Carbone, and Luca Hayes. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and was predeceased by his two sisters, Elizabeth Taylor and Eleanor Kuczkowski.

Should friends desire, donations can be made to Connecticut Hospice or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Services were held at the **WASHINGTON MEMORIAL Funeral Home** North Haven.

Memorial Day Mass at All Saints Cemetery 2025

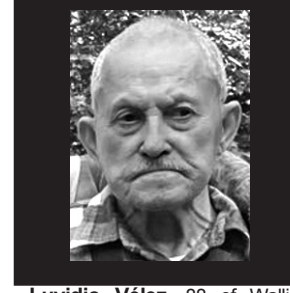
Memorial Day Masses held at the Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA). Join us for Mass on Mon., May 26 (Memorial Day).

If you would like to honor a Veteran, please visit our website at www.ccacem.org and select the Blog & News Tab, and click on Events to open the calendar. Select May 26th on the calendar and fill out the form included. All Veterans names will be honored at all the masses held at our cemeteries.

Below is a schedule of masses offered on Mon., May 26th, Memorial Day in the local area:

All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum - North Haven, 700 Middletown Ave. (Rt. 17). Celebrant: Rev. Ajeesh Ouseph. Time: 10:30am. Office: (203) 507-9213.

Mt. St. Peter Cemetery Mausoleum - Derby, 219 New Haven Ave. Celebrant: Rev. Jeff Gubbiotti. Time: 10am. Office Tele-



Luvidio Vélez, 88 of Wallingford, CT, formerly of New Haven, CT died peacefully at Complete Care of Meriden on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 with his loving family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Alicia (Cruz) Vélez. Luvidio was born in Utuado, Puerto Rico on April 14, 1936, a son of the late Marcelino and Carmen (Morales) Vélez and had resided in New Haven for most of his life before moving to Wallingford four years ago.

In addition to his wife Alicia, Luvidio is survived by two daughters, Carmen (Ray) Morales of Meriden and Virgin Vélez of West Haven, eight sons, Luvidio "Pete" (Lucy) Vélez, Jr. of Texas, Wilson (Janet) Vélez of Waterbury, Daniel, Heorito, Marcelino Vélez and Xavier Vélez of Wallingford, Orlando (Nancy) Vélez of Arizona and Roberto Vélez of New Haven, one sister, Teresa Olivera of Florida, eighteen grandchildren, and many loving great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by two sisters, Vanhella and Carmen Cordero and three brothers, Basilio, Margaro and Rosario Vélez.

Services were held at the **WASHINGTON MEMORIAL Funeral Home** North Haven.

phone: (203) 735-8026. Questions? Please call our Outreach Assistant, Barbara at (203) 780-8418. Please visit our website for more masses being offered across the Archdiocese at the CCA. Thank you.

Lenten Walk

North Haven: Join us for the Lenten Walk as we gather for the Stations of the Cross beginning on March 25th, Tuesdays at 5pm (also April 1, 8 and 15) at the All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, 700 Middletown Ave. The Walk will continue for 4 weeks ending the Tuesday of Holy week. Please mark your calendar to SAVE THE DATES. There is no registration required.

Please wear "weather-appropriate" clothing. This event will take place outdoors. Walking is of moderate intensity. We will be walking up and down hills and stopping to stand at each Station to pray.

Those interested in taking on a more responsible role, please reach out to Barbara at (203) 780-8418 or email her at bgode@ccacem.org. Visit our website often for any scheduling updates at www.ccacem.org



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CALENDAR EVENTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH

Mon., 3/17: AARP Tax Preparation. 9am: Fitness Classes Registration - Members.
Tues., 3/18: 9:15am: Trip Sign Up for Saratoga; **10am:** ShopRite Dietitian - OILS.
Wed., 3/19: AARP Tax Preparation. 10am: Moses Y. Beach Presentation.
Thurs., 3/20: 9:30am: Reiki Certification (1 hr.); **1:30pm:** Book Club Discussion Group; **2pm:** Talent Show Auditions.
Fri., 3/21: 9am: WCOA; **1pm:** Walmart Bingo.
Mon., 3/24: AARP Tax Preparation; **10:30am:** Wills, Trusts and Probate; **1-3pm:** Hearing Services. **9am: Fitness Classes Registration - Members.**
Tues., 3/25: 9:30am: Veteran's Coffee House.
Wed., 3/26: AARP Tax Preparation. 10am: Long Term Care Presentation.
Thurs., 3/27: 9:30am: Reiki Certification (1 hr.); **11am:** Cardio Drumming.
Fri., 3/28: 10am: iPhone Workshop, Parkinson's Support Group; **12:30pm:** Movie: "The Pursuit of Happyness."
Mon., 3/31: AARP Tax Preparation. 10am: Fire Safety Presentation.

MARCH 2025 WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday: 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; **9am-4pm:** Club 60 Plus, Billiards; **9:30am:** Texas Hold'em, Canasta Lessons, Body in Motion; **10am:** Canasta; **10:15am:** Beginner Tai Chi; **10:45am:** Workout with Sue-ZOOM; **11am:** Total Fitness; **12:00 noon:** Healthy Moves, Art Appreciation; **12:45pm:** Chair Yoga; **1pm:** Cards/Nickel-Nickel, Chess Club, Harmonica Club.
Tuesday: 8:30am: Workout with Sue - ZOOM; **9am-1pm:** Lake View Café; **9am-4pm:** Club



60 Plus, Billiards; **9:30am:** Total Fitness, Basic Social Dance; **10am:** Bocce, Ballroom Dance Lessons; **11am:** Strength and Balance; **12:00 noon:** Bridge; **12:30pm:** Bingo; **1pm:** Quilting, Parkinson Fitness, Mah Jongg; **2pm:** Silver Sneakers Classic.
Wednesday: 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; **9am-4pm:** Club 60 Plus, Billiards, Cards; **9am:** Setback; **9:30am:** Body in Motion; **9:45am:** Guided Meditations; **10:15am:** BOOM Silver Sneakers; **11am:** Shuffleboard; **12:30pm:** Acting Club, Dominoes; **1pm:** Cribbage, Cards; **2:30pm:** Basic Group Drumming.
Thursday: 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; **9am-4pm:** Club 60 Plus, Billiards; **9:30am:** Total Fitness, Basic Social Dance; **10am:** Bible Discussion; **11am:** Total Fitness; **12:30pm:** Bingo, Artists' Studio; **1pm:** Parkinson Fitness, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Crafters Corner; **2pm:** Silver Sneakers Classic; **3pm:** Gentle Yoga.
Friday: 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; **9am-4pm:** Club 60 Plus, Billiards; **9am:** Tap Dance; **10am:** Mah Jongg Lessons, Tai Chi, Mah Jongg; **10:30am:** Workout with Sue - ZOOM; **11am:** Strength and Balance, Bridge; **12:30pm:** Pinochle, Movie Matinee; **1pm:** Knit & Crochet, Cornhole; **2pm:** Senior Jammers.
Subject to Change. We will make every effort to reschedule any activity that has been cancelled.

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The following programs are held at the Joyce C. Budrow Senior Center and are available for North Haven Residents only. View our Senior Center Newsletter online at www.town.north-haven.ct.us.
WEEK OF MARCH 17-21
Mon., 3/17 9:30am: Fitness

Fun; **10am:** Canasta; **1pm:** Bingo.
Tues., 3/18: 9:30 & 10:45am: Better Balance Begins; **10:30am:** Viva Italia! Celebrate Italian Culture & St. Joseph's Day with Zep-pole; **12:00 noon:** Oil Painting Class; **1pm:** Mahjong.
Wed., 3/19: 9:30am: Fitness Fun; **11am:** Cardio Drumming, Diamond Art Painting; **12:00 noon:** Pinochle; **12:30pm:** Bridge; **1pm:** Bingo; **2pm:** Pool School.
Thurs., 3/20: 9:30 & 10:45am: Better Balance; **10am:** Knitting/Crochet Class; **1pm:** Make & Take: Design Your Own Greeting Cards with Donna, Balance Through Strength, Dominos, Mahjong.
Fri., 3/21: 8:30am: AARP Free Tax Prep. (last appt. at 11:30am); AARP Smart Drivers Course; **9:30am:** Fitness Fun, Scrabble; **12:30pm:** Bridge; **1pm:** Bingo.

Senior Center Activities

Senior Center Open House: **Thurs., April 3** from 4-6pm. Stop by the Center to meet the staff and other members; tour the building; and learn about the programs, services and activities that we offer! Do you have a neighbor or a friend who has been talking about joining the Center? Now is the time to bring them by! Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you!

Make & Take Wreath with Oak Street Health: **Thurs., April 10** at 1pm. Join us to create a beautiful spring wreath! Make your wreath unique to your taste with options for different flowers and embellishments. **Register by Friday, March 28** on the program sign-up board or call (203) 239-5432.

Lunch Bunch at the Hard Hat Café: **Thurs., April 17** at 12:00 noon. Known for their amazing buffalo wings, the Hard Hat has delicious American fare in a great atmosphere! Come get to know your fellow members, make new friends and enjoy great food! This is a drive on your own/pay on your own event. Please register on the program sign-up board, or call (203) 239-5432. **Registration ends April 10.**

DIY Mini Greenhouse: **Tues., April 22** at 1pm. Create and take home your own mini greenhouse in honor of Earth Day. Choose from several different herb seeds to grow in your personal mini garden. You'll be able to brighten up your summer dishes with your very own garden herbs.

AARP Car Fit: **Sat., April 26** from 9am-1pm. Developed by AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association, Car Fit offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles 'fit' them. The program provides information and materials on community-specific resources that could enhance their safety as drivers and/or increase their mobility in the community. Assessments are by appointment ONLY. Call (203) 239-5432 or stop by the office to register now thru **Fri., April 18.**

Spotlight Activities: Have you ever thought about playing drums? It's never too late to learn!! Cardio Drumming has taken off in a BIG way at the Senior Center. Led by our own talented

drummer and Senior Center Director Paulette, our cardio drumming classes are a fantastic way to improve coordination, relieve stress, improve cardiovascular health, all while listening to great music! It's a great way to socially interact, elevate your mood and feel empowered. Feel free to stop by and watch our drummers in action. **Registration for the next session begins April 14.** Class will be held every other Wednesday from May 7-July 16 at 11am.

Enrichment Class
Better Balance: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am-10:30am or 10:45-11:45am. Better Balance will focus on strength training and stretching, safe & effective exercises, flexibility and balance training. Exercises can be modified for each person's fitness level and can be performed seated or standing. **Next Session will begin March 20 - June 12.** No class on April 24. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost is \$30 payable by CHECK ONLY to Yale New Haven Health. VERY FEW SPOTS REMAIN for the upcoming session and will fill up. Call (203) 239-5432 for more information.

*Non-Resident guests are asked to complete a Non-Resident Guest Agreement for all classes, as well as completing a Non-Resident Guest Application. Both documents need to be on file before registering for a class. Checks are payable to Treasurer-Town of North Haven, unless otherwise indicated. A class with insufficient enrollment will be cancelled prior to the start date and participants will be notified and receive a refund. Once a class is in session, there are NO refunds or adjustments to the required payment, as instructors are based on payment once class is filled.



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QU Accounting Students to offer Free Tax Help

Hamden: Quinnipiac University accounting students will once again offer free income tax preparation services at a series of sessions organized by the university's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Services are available to taxpayers from the area with annual household incomes of \$68,000 or less.

The sessions will take place at the M.L. Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine St., from 3-8pm every Thursday now through April 10. In addition, every other Tuesday now through April 1 (March 18, and April 1). Those who are interested may walk in; no appointments are necessary.

The students also will offer a Tax-a-Thon Day from 9am-3pm on Saturday, April 5. The Tax-a-Thon Day is by appointment only.



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Those who are interested may contact Advancing CT Together (ACT) or the Connecticut United Way to schedule an appointment.

This year, over 50 accounting students are expected to volunteer for the program.

Matthew Maron, assistant teaching professor of accounting and VITA program coordinator at Quinnipiac, and other professors from the School of Business will review each tax return before it is e-filed.

For each session, taxpayers must bring the following documents:

Social Security card or ITIN numbers for themselves and each person listed on the tax return; a copy of last year's (2023) Federal and State tax returns; a valid photo ID; documentation for all income from work, Social Security or pensions, including (but not limited to) forms W-2, 1099-R, SSA-1099, 1099-G; education expenses; total amount paid for child care (along with the daycare provider's name and address and Tax ID number; their bank routing and checking or savings account numbers; a copy of their mortgage 1098 form; 1 receipt of property taxes paid; and Access CT form 1095A (if the taxpayer has purchased medical insurance through the Marketplace Exchange).

Quinnipiac's VITA program is part of the United Way of Greater New Haven's VITA coalition. For more information, contact Maron at (203) 582-7623 or Matthew.Maron@quinnipiac.edu.

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New Haven Area Surgeon Pioneers New Treatments for Foot and Ankle Disorders with Old School Approach

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Dr. Christopher M. Yardan, founder of the Center for Foot and Ankle Surgery in Wallingford and Branford, indicated that his practice is different. Now in its tenth year, Dr. Yardan said when patients come to his practice, they "will see the doctor." As an independently owned practice, there is no red tape to deal with.

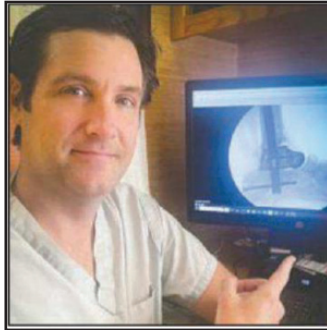
Dr. Yardan pointed out that he and his office manager, Julie, go above and beyond for their patients - getting to know them and even transporting them to the hospital on an occasion.

Beyond the personal touch, what truly sets Dr. Yardan apart are his innovations in both the medical and surgical treatment of the foot and ankle. Having been at the forefront of 3D printed custom surgery, Dr. Yardan completed the first 3D printed custom designed implant for podiatry in Connecticut in February 2019.

"This type of surgery is primarily used in salvage type cases where all other conventional surgical options have been exhausted. When I started exploring the use of 3D printers and custom designed implants, it was to combat osseous defects that were too large for effective allo-grafting," he said.

"Whether the problem was caused by previous surgeries or trauma, this treatment is aimed to prevent amputation when all other attempts have failed."

By Susan Shultz



Dr. Christopher Yardan

Dr. Yardan is currently one of only a handful of physicians around the country successfully implementing this type of complex surgery in the foot and ankle. He also fully supports and has integrated regenerative medicine into his practice.

"Regenerative medicine has absolutely changed how I treat tendon pathology specifically. It has prevented the majority of my patients from having to undergo surgery," he said.

Dr. Yardan explained this works by replacing/regenerating the injected native tissue, but cautions it is not a one-size-fits all treatment.

"I have not seen significant clinical response with injections to joints or ligaments. However, patients with common tendon pathology such as Achilles or Posterior Tibial tendinosis have demonstrated remarkable improvement of function with equally remarkable reduction in pain," he said.

He also cautions that depending on the specific treatment modality chosen, it may not be covered by insurance.

Dr. Yardan is a long-time member of the community. His current office in Branford served as his late father's dental office.

His mother is a retired Branford High School teacher.

Dr. Yardan graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven, his bachelor's degree in biology from Boston College and his doctorate degree in podiatric medicine from Kent State University in Ohio. He then completed his three-year foot and ankle surgical residency affiliated with Nova Southeastern University, training under fifty podiatric and orthopedic surgeons in Broward County Florida.

Dr. Yardan is Board Certified in foot and ankle surgery and is currently the acting section chief of Podiatric Foot and Ankle Surgery at Midstate Medical Center. He is a member of the Connecticut Orthopedic Institute and is certified by the State of Connecticut to perform advanced reconstructive foot and ankle surgery. He is an attending for the Yale Podiatric Surgical Residency Program as well as the Vice President of the Northeast Alliance Surgery Center in Hamden.

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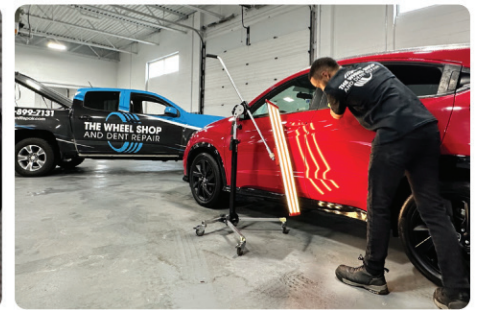
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North Haven Memorial Library 17 Elm Street, North Haven

March Programs

To register for a program at North Haven Memorial Library (17 Elm St.), visit our website at www.northhavenlibrary.net or call us at (203) 239-5803. **Registration is required for all programs except for those noted otherwise.**

Parent Playdate: Mondays, March 24 and March 31 10am-11am. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 years. **No Registration Required.** Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones, and check out all that the library has to offer!

Minecraft Meetup: Mon., March 24, 6-6:45pm. Age Group: 6-11 yrs. Join us and watch your creative vision take shape. *We will be using the Minecraft Bedrock Edition and have limited ipads so please bring your own device if you can.

Dance Party: Tues, March 25, 10:30-11am. Age Group: 12-24 mos. to 5 yrs. Join us for this loosely structured dance party to burn off some energy, sing, dance & play with instruments.

Junior Debate Club: Tues., March 25, 6pm-6:45pm. Age Group: 6-11 yrs. Share your thoughts about serious and silly topics, as well as everything in-between while you learn to express your own opinions, respect all viewpoints and build confidence in your own public speaking skills!

Silent Book Club: Tuesday, March 25, 6:30-7:30pm. This is a "bring your own book" activity—no assigned reading and no pressure. Come for refreshments and an hour of quiet to focus on your latest read. Afterwards you are welcome to chat and share

titles, but the hour of reading time is strictly sweet silence.

Toddler Time: Wednesday, March 26, 10:30am-11am. Age Group: 2-3 yrs. Parent/Caregivers and their toddlers will interact with books, learn fingerplays, and sing.

Magic - The Gathering Meet Up: Wed., March 26, 3pm-4pm. Grades: 6th-12th. **Registration Encouraged.** Bring your deck(s) to compete or your favorite cards to show and tell. Teens are welcome to browse and keep some cards from our Take Home box.

Lullaby Library Tales: Wed., March 26, 6pm-6:30pm. Age Group: 2-5 yrs. Put on your coziest PJ's and head over to the library for some soothing stories, songs, and goodnight stretches.

Romance Book Club: Wed., March 26, 6:30-7:45pm, Community Room & Zoom. For the month of March, we will be reading and discussing *The Things We Leave Unfinished* by Rebecca Yarros.

Online Author Talk - Jennifer Weiner: Wed., March 26, 7-8pm, Virtual. Hearing from the queen of fun herself, we'll chat with the author about her New York Times bestselling novels, *Good In Bed*, *In Her Shoes*, *Big Summer*, *The Breakaway* and many more. Additionally, Weiner will briefly discuss her forthcoming novel (due out on April 8) *The Griffin Sister's Greatest Hits*.

Baby Rhyme Time: Thurs., March 27, 10:30am-11:15am. Ages: 0-24 mos. **No Registration Required.** This program brings caregivers and babies together to nurture bonds and increase awareness of the child's development.

TAB Officer Meeting: Thurs., March 27, 3-4pm. Grades: 6th-12th. **Registration Encouraged.** This meeting is for current Teen Advisory Board Officers and club members who would like to help plan next month's TAB meeting.

Creation Station - Salt Art: Thurs., March 27, 4-5pm. Ages: 3-10 yrs. with an Adult. **No Registration Required.** Did you know you can make color-filled jars with just two ingredients? By rubbing different colored chalk on top of salt and then slowly pouring that salt in layers, we will create beautiful jars filled with color!

Leave It To Beavers: Thurs., March 27, 6pm-7pm. Join DEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple for an insightful talk on beavers as a keystone species. Discover their fascinating biology, behavior, and history, as well as the vital role these "nature's engineers" play in shaping North American landscapes.

Booktime Boogie: Friday, March 28, 10:30am-11am. Age Group: 2-5 yrs. We'll read some groovy stories, sing songs and play instruments in this loosely structured rockin' storytime.

Readers and Writers for Homeschooled Teens: Friday, March 28, 10:30am-12 noon. Age Group: Teens 13+. We'll share our favorite books, chat about our latest writings, and get those creative juices flowing with fun activities.

Ask Me Anything - A Talk with New York Times Bestselling Author Kristan Higgins: Sat., March 29, 2-3pm. Kristan has written more than two dozen novels, which have sold millions of copies around the world. Kristan loves engaging with readers and offering advice to aspiring authors so don't miss the chance to hang out. There will also be books for purchase.

Tai Chi with Debbie: Mon., March 31, 11am-12 noon. You will be taught the Sun style which is the youngest form. If you cannot attend all 4 sessions please do not register. No equipment required. Reminder: Upon registration you are automatically registered for each session in this 5-week series.

Hagaman Memorial Library 227 Main Street, East Haven

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES PART 1: MEMOIR WRITING

Join retired writing teacher and author Carla Stockton for a free two-hour workshop on writing memoir at the Hagaman Memorial Library, Wed., March 26 from 6-8pm.

Ms. Stockton will introduce improvisation techniques that anyone can use to warm up the writing process and will explain how to create intriguing stories and compelling characters from your selective memory.

Carla is the author of *Too Much Of Nothing: Notes on Feminism, Identity, and Womanhood* (October, 2024).

Limit of 15. Please call the library at (203) 468-3890 to sign-up. You may also sign-up by sending an email to Cynthia, Community Services Librarian at: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org.

SEE THE METEORITE COLLECTION OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW HAVEN

Al Washburn of the Astronomical Society of New Haven will discuss where meteorites come from and what types of meteorites are commonly found at the Hagaman Memorial Library, 227 Main Street on Wed., April 2 at 6:30pm. Meteorites from the Astronomical Society of New Haven will be on display for you to see (and hold!)

Mr. Washburn is a retired high school Earth Science, Astronomy and Planetary Astronomy teacher of 38 years. He is a member of The Astronomical Society of New Haven.

This program is free and open to everyone. Please register

ahead by calling the library at: (203) 468-3890 or by sending an email to Cynthia, Community Services Librarian at: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org.

ACES Education Foundation Annual Gala

New Haven: "Lottery of Dreams: Investing in Students" is the theme of the ACES Education Foundation Annual Gala to be held on Thurs., March 27, 5:30pm at Anthony's Ocean View, 280 Lighthouse Rd., New Haven.

The Foundation has been raising money for the last 22 years to enhance educational experiences for the students that attend their many diverse programs and schools.

The Annual Gala is the main fund-raising event for the foundation to augment programming for students and consumers that attend ACES programs. During this festive evening both live and silent auctions are held, performances by student musicians, and recognitions of community members. The Foundation Gala is also supported by sponsorships of area businesses and community members. A full buffet and open bar are included in the ticket price. Participants will be privy to bid on Almani coast villa vacation, an African safari, and airline tickets to name a few...

All of the items in the live and silent auctions are donated by many local and national companies.

For more information about the foundation visit and to support this gala and order tickets: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Gvq/>

To learn more about the Foundation or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Janice Saunders at jsaunders@aces.org.

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron

BOATING WITH CONFIDENCE: HANDLING YOUR BOAT UNDER WAY

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club, will hold a 2-hour seminar about handling your boat under way.

Gain confidence, knowledge, and skills that you need for a variety of boat-handling situations.

Learn about basic operations; trimming your boat; operating on plane; handling seas and waves; dealing with bars, rivers, and bends; and other situations you will encounter along your cruise. And you'll have a better understanding about issues you can control and how to handle them. Understand the issues that the environment will present and how to react in a timely manner. Class will be held from 9-11am on Sat., March 29, at Indian Neck Yacht Club, 87 Harding Avenue, Branford.

All students must sign up by Wed., March 26. People can sign up online and charge it to a credit card. The class costs \$10 per person. To register and pay online, use the Zeffy link that follows: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/boating-with-confidence>

There is no processing fee. Or, contact Squadron Education Officer Peter DePascale at (203) 671-2420 and leave a message, or email him at bathworksinc@gmail.com.

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in boat handling, navigation, and related subjects.

For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhsp.org.