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Get To Know Your Soccer Referee

North Haven: As part of our ongoing effort to promote a positive and supportive environment within the NHSC, we've launched a series called "Get to Know Your Referee." This initiative aligns with our zero tolerance stance on referee abuse and aims to highlight the fact that our referees are kids from within our community. Our goal is to help the community get to know our referees a bit and celebrate their contributions and their hard work.

For the latest installment of the series, we'd like for you to get to know a little bit more about Ava!

Referee's Name: Ava, age 15, North Haven High School, grade 10. Favorite school subject: math, favorite soccer team(s): U.S. Men's National Team, favorite soccer player(s): Lionel Messi, other sports/hobbies: Track and Field, favorite food: Pizza, favorite movie or TV show: Hunger Games, favorite book: Wonder.

What does she enjoy most about being a referee? I love watching the games and watching the players play.

Fun Fact or Unique Talent: I have played soccer in North Haven since I was 5 years old.

Why did she become a referee?: I became a referee to help support the youth soccer players in North Haven.

When you see Ava on the pitch this weekend please say hi and thank her for her dedication and contributions to the NHSC Community!!



North Haven Garden Club Junior Garden Club Last And Final Update Week 17



Pictured: The last harvest, the growing pumpkin, and one last watermelon.

North Haven: Members of the North Haven Garden Club who worked with the Junior Garden Club kids have had a wonderful season this year. We all look forward to seeing the kids, who are so enthusiastic every week, they never complain about doing garden chores, and bring smiles to our faces with their inquisitive attitudes. We can't believe how fast the season went. Club members who participated this season were Cindy Golia, Maria Yankura, Poonam Karnwall, Carmen Sealy, Lee Fermo, Noreen Adley, Marge Quinn and Dianna Ramadei. The ladies volunteered their Saturday mornings and without their help it would not have been as successful a season. Special thanks go out to Mom Julie, Dads Tim and Ken for their help and support and to the wonderful group of kids- Mackenzie, Logan, James, Joseph, Regina and Eric for their hard work.

There are very few things still growing in the garden. We have a pumpkin and some yellow squash, basil, parsley, oregano and 1 last watermelon- we don't know if it will ripen. We will keep checking on the garden until the first frost and then we will put her to rest until next year. See you all next year we hope!!

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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Elks Lodge #25 Hoop Shoot

North Haven: The New Haven Elks Lodge #25 Hoop Shoot will be held on Sat., Nov. 2 at the North Haven Park & Rec., 7 Linsley Street, from 8am-12 noon. Times (by age group): 8 & 9 year olds: 8-9am; 10 & 11 year olds: 9:30-10:30am; 12 & 13 year olds: 11am-12 noon.

The Elks National Hoop Shoot is a free, free-throw program for children ages 8-13. It starts at the lodge level, the first-place winners will then proceed to the district level, state level, Regional

level, in Maine, and finally the national level in Chicago.

Youth ages 8-13 are invited to compete in three age groups, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13, with girls and boys competing separately. Participants can only compete at ONE Lodge contest per year. Then, they must win at each level along the way before stamping a ticket to the National Finals.

For more information, go to: elks.org/hoopshoot or contact, Jacqueline Tatro, Hoop Shoot director at (203) 715-6345 or stop by the lodge 80 Old Broadway, North Haven.

Grand Events Celebrating Slate Upper School Opening in North Haven

Slate School will be celebrating the grand opening of its Upper School on October 18 and 19 during a Ribbon Cutting and a Starry Night Gala. Local officials will join Slate School students, family, and community, as well as representatives from the design, construction, and building teams.

The Ribbon Cutting will be a ceremonial event at 9:30am on Friday, October 18, convening all of Slate School's students, families, educators, and the local community.

The next day, on **Saturday, October 19 at 6pm,** Slate School and the local community will join together in celebration for the **Starry Night Gala**, an evening of delicious food, music, dancing, and a silent auction in a space that has been years in the making.

Sponsored by Gilbane Building Company, M&T Bank, Patriquin Architects, Southern Connecticut State University, and Performance Plumbing & Heating, Slate School's event includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dancing, and opportunities to tour the new 20,000-square-foot Upper School. Gala participants will meet the visionaries and artisans who brought this unique school to life, and hear stories of students who are benefitting from this incredible opportunity.

"At Slate School, education is focused on cultivating creativity, fostering ingenuity, and inspiring a deep passion for lifelong learning," says Julie Mountcastle, Head of School and Chief Innovator. "Through joyful curiosity-driven, nature-based, interdisciplinary and project-based learning, our learners develop the skills and

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Wallingford Garden Club's Youth Program At WPL



Pictured Top: Josh with his uke, and Alberta Flynn with featured book.

Wallingford: On Oct 1, 2024 the WGC in conjunction with the Wallingford Public Library presented the fall children's program 'Night Animals' based on the book by Gianna Marino, in the Children's Room of the Library.

Josh LeBlanc, program coordinator engaged the children with songs and his ukulele including fun dances. Alberta Flynn, WGC Youth Chair read the

books 'Night Animals and Nocturnal Animals' to the children.

Crafts included decorating binoculars made from cardboard tubes. Goodie bags were given out at the conclusion of the program by WGC members Shirley Hall, Judy Sirois and Betty Wilson.

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knowledge to boldly and positively impact the world."

Slate Lower School opened in Fall 2018, and Slate Upper School for Grades 7-12 opens in September. Slate School's building and campus are among the most environmentally friendly schools in the country. Both the Lower and Upper Schools are located together on the same 40-acre nature conservancy.

"We are excited to celebrate the opening of our Upper School that expands our innovative education model through to Grade 12," shares Slate School's Founder and Executive Director, Jennifer Staple-Clark. "With more than 80% of our students receiving significant financial, our Gala will raise funds to support our student scholarships."

Community members interested in attending the Daytime Ribbon Cutting, or the Starry Night Gala Evening Event, are invited to contact Kelly Campanelli at (203) 872-5900 or kcampanelli@slateschool.org

WANTED: Antiques or collectibles, highest prices paid for paintings, furniture, glassware, pottery, documents, photographs, bottles, anything old, one piece or entire estates, cash paid; (203) 915-7662

FOR SALE: Utility plastic sink, great shape \$25; (203) 907-8464

FOR SALE: China hutch, light wood w/tile top, glass doors \$100; (203) 710-7260

FOR SALE: Little Tikes bench type picnic table, 36Wx35Lx21H, plus chair \$12; (203) 467-6433

Children's Birthday Notices

Birthdays celebrated from Sun., October 20, 2024 to Sat. October 26, 2024 **MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY Thur., October 17, 2024 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.**



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