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Through all this, the Times continues to print more than 85% information against less than 15% income through ad revenue, as well as countless FREE public service announcements.

Once again I am asking our readers to support their local newspaper with a voluntary payment. Many of you were kind enough last year to send \$10.00 or \$25.00 (more if you would like). Nothing is too small, nothing is too big, to help keep the presses running. Do what you can and I will continue to do what I can.

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Dear Editor

It was with great joy that I read Alexander Amici's description of the wonderful relationship he has with his grandparents who I am sure he calls Babcia and Dzaidek. I turn to The Totoket Times for stories like this, see how the high school sports teams are doing, who made the honor roll, envy where the seniors are going on their next trip and find out when is bulk pickup. What I quickly skip over is opinion pieces on national politics, vaccines, and Big Pharma, it is a shame you need to dedicate valuable page space to such drivel.

I too lament the passing of family traditions, large holiday parties, and figuring out what the Yankees need to get back to winning the World Series. North Branford is a wonderful town to live in and raise a family and The Totoket Times is a local treasure.

Keep up the good work and I'm here for you if you need someone to share an antipasto.

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Grab Bag Legislation Benefits

only those who Control the Agenda



In my last column here, I told you about action the legislature was expected to take during a special session that was ultimately held Nov. 28.

As predicted, we extended the full gas tax holiday through the end of the year—it was set to expire Dec. 1—and installed a schedule that will reimplement the tax at a rate of five cents per month until it reaches 25 cents again in May. We dedicated more money to heating

assistance for residents while continuing free bus service through March, and the bill we adopted also set aside more funds for a controversial “hero pay” program for the pandemic’s essential workers.

Details and merits of those concepts aside, little of what occurred was a surprise to many residents given the wide-ranging news coverage ahead of the vote.

What was somewhat surprising to those of us serving in the General Assembly, and Republicans in particular, was a subsequent story in the news media that highlighted an issue those of us serving in the minority have spotlighted for a while now with little success in attracting attention from the press corps.

Each of the aforementioned topics, as well as technical fix to the state’s bottle recycling policy, was included in one aircraft carrier-style bill.

Why did this matter? For one, it made it more difficult for legislators who may have disagreed with one of the very weighty proposals contained in the bill to vote against the package that included something else they supported.

For example, I backed setting aside more money for heating assistance—an issue Republicans broached in August. However, I had concerns about putting more money into the “hero pay” program that not only rendered municipal police, firefighters and EMTs ineligible, but will also fail to deliver the level of payments advertised when it was created by majority party Democrats last spring.

Floor debate on Frankenstein-style bills such as these is less focused because there’s so much in them, and in the end our constituents can’t necessarily tell which of the contained policies we supported and which ones we didn’t like.

Was extending free bus service good public policy? I’m not so sure. But continuing the gas tax holiday? Critical in these neryv economic times.

Unfortunately, there was just one vote.

As a Hearst publications journalist (uncommonly) detailed last week, it’s minority party Republicans who suffer politically in these scenarios because an opposition vote would, for example, allow Democrats to simply say a Republican representative or senator opposed heating assistance.

This is a recurring tactic inside the State Capitol, where majority party Democrats control the agenda and, ultimately, bill content.

Republicans were rebuffed that day in maneuvering to split the topics into several votes, contending each was important enough to be debated individually.

In his report, the journalist wondered whether this one-bill strategy from Democrats was necessary. After all, their party holds strong majorities in both the House and Senate chambers. They control every constitutional office too.

Given those numerical advantages, and in consideration of the sharp partisan divide that grips our state and country, wasn’t the special session an opportunity to elevate good policy-making practices ahead of politics?

Apparently not.

Rep. Vincent Candelora
House Republican Leader
86th District
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Estate Planning for Everyone

Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts: What’s the difference?

By Attorney Marc Guertin

What is the difference between a Revocable and Irrevocable Trust? The answer is easy: one trust is revocable and the other is not. But that does not really answer the question. What people really want to know is what type of Trust is right for me?

Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts are similar. Both act like a legally constructed container (a box) that holds property for the “beneficiary” of the Trust. The beneficiary can be an individual, an institution or a charity.

Revocable Trusts are like an open box. You can put assets into and take assets out of the box. The box is like an alter ego for yourself. You have total control. In contrast, an Irrevocable Trust functions like a closed box. You can put assets into the Irrevocable Trust but give up direct control. Your designated trustee controls the assets inside the Irrevocable Trust, not you.

Revocable Trusts are good at minimizing the Probate process. They are also very good at avoiding or minimizing estate taxes. Revocable Living Trusts are beneficial in many other ways as well. Unfortunately, they are not good at protecting assets against the high cost of nursing home care, a deciding factor for many.

If the costs of nursing home care are a concern, Irrevocable Trusts can help. Irrevocable Trusts are a legal entity separate from the person who creates it. As a “closed box trust” Irrevocable Trusts insulate the assets inside the trust from the cost of nursing home care. However, they must be set up properly and well in advance of nursing home care.

If you’re not sure what kind of Trust is right for you, let’s talk about it. Call or email me to schedule a complimentary estate planning consultation. I will help you put together a plan that fits you and your family.

Marc Guertin is the principal at Marc Guertin, Attorney at Law, LLC. Located at 222 Rimmon Road, North Haven, Connecticut. Visit Attorneymarc.com Call: 203-500-0201 or email Marc@attorneymarc.com to schedule a complimentary consultation.

DEATH NOTICE



Stuart F. Maybury Jr., 82, of Northford, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at Yale New Haven Hospital with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband and soulmate of 33 years to Margaret Brezicki-Maybury. Stu was born in New Haven on July 2, 1940 and was the son of the late Stuart F. Maybury, Sr. and Adeline Krott Maybury. He was a graduate of Hamden High School Class of 1958. Stu worked as a driver for CT Poultry in Hamden, Carrano’s Express in Northford for 25 ½ years, and Plymouth Rock Transportation in Northford for 10 years. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 443 for 35 ½ years. Stu was an avid fly fisherman, enjoyed the outdoors, and ran English Pointers in Field Trials. He was also an avid UConn Women’s Basketball fan. After acquiring his English Pointer Judy (Maybury’s Missy J), Stu and his wife bred a litter of pups that would become future winners in many field trials. He took great pride in winning the New England Walking Championship with his dog Benny (Rail’s Gentle Ben) and in Region 1 (AFTCA) winning runner-up amateur horseback shooting dog championship with his dog Nicky (Rail’s High Alert). Stu also ran in many local field trials with his other dogs Maggie and Casey. Nicky also won the Futurity at Baldwinsville, NY over 62 dogs in 1997 (handled by pro-trainer Bruce Jacobs with his wife Barbara). Stu retired in 2002 and continued to enjoy fly fishing, his John Deere tractor, love of Corvettes, and his English Pointers. He also missed his cherished English Pointer (Speckles) who he adopted from Rawhide Rescue in New Jersey and leaves his faithful English Pointer Dolli, a rescue from American Pointer Rescue in Ohio and fostered in NC. He was a member of NRA and Trout Unlimited. Stu was honest, always organized, caring, and loving husband who will be deeply missed by many including his wife Margaret and fur baby Dolli. Father of Timothy S. Maybury of North Haven, Keith C. Maybury of Martha’s Vineyard, MA. Stepfather of Raymond (Kim) Hill of Bluffton, SC. Brother of Richard Maybury (Mary) of Ormond Beach, FL. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, special cousins, and many dear friends. The family would like to thank the care and compassion given by the dedicated health care professionals, especially Mary Beth at St. Raphael’s Campus and Matt and Sue at Yale New Haven Hospital. Words cannot express our appreciation.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Animal Haven, Inc., 89 Mill Road, North Haven CT 06473 or Trout Unlimited, 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22209-3801 or St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church or a charity of one’s choice.

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Aiken, Aislinn
Annunziato, Nina
Barone, Gabriella
Beardsley, Alyssa
Beecher, Nicholas
Betzner, Bridget
Bogardus, Grant
Bredbury, Noah
Bureau, Shelby
Burwell, Dylan
Candelora, Ava
Capasso, Chelsey
Carbone, Carmela
Carroll, Spencer
Chasanoff, Ryan
Collins, Jason
Cotton, Alexa
D’Amico, Cecelia
DeJesus, Jordan
DeSisto, Nicolas
Esposito, Alexander
Falcioni, Nico
Franceschi, Adriana
Gallagher, Stephanie
Gallipoli, McKenna
Gambardella, Ava
Gambardella, Sophie
Garrett, Cameron
Geist, Aidan
Girardi, Drew
Heffernan, Carolyn
Herassme, Ryan
Higgins, Nathan
Hoskins, Nathaniel
Ianniello, Alexandra
Izzo, Eric
Johnson, Alec

Johnson, Charles
Juniver, Tessa
Kamienski, Payton
Katz, Avery
Lacroix, Molly
Langelo, Dominick
Luciano, Edwardo
Manning, Ashley
Mansi, Heather
Marashi, Sara
Martinez, Nevaeh
Martone, Isabella
Park, Mia
Patel, Anuska
Podoloff, Pete
Powell, Carly
Raffone, Paul
Raymond, Maiah
Rojas, Cristian
Rojas-Ojeda, Luisa
Sabine, Daniel
Shadman, Alexander
Sim, Paulyнна
Sorrell, Jaiden
Teodoro, Alexa
Tranquilli, Nathan
Vincent, Vada
Wang, Marissa
Westefeld, Grace
Wray, Dana

HH 11TH Grade

Augur, Collin
Barrett, Logan
Blomster, Luke
Brigance, Sienna
Cappetta, Aidan
Carusone, Christiana
Cepeda, Destiny

Criscuolo, Keana
D’Aria, Samantha
DeAngelo, Kaleigh
Dion, Joshua
Hutchinson, Aiden
Jacobs, Joseph
Lin, Sabrina
Martinik, Brady
Mullins, Kiley
Onofrio, Lindsey
Patel, Jay
Peterson, Lars
Rish, Adeline
Senerchia, Gabrielle
Stoner, Connor
Vogt, Lucy
Vongher, Frederick
Yacono, Mia

HH 10TH Grade

Allen, Noah
Amendola, Ashley
Cahill, Olivia
Cappella, Robert
Danner, Nathan
DeLucia, Ryan
Dion, Gabrielle
Falcioni, Alexa
Higgins, Joshua
Hills, Adriana
Kamienski, Daytona
McCullough, Giana
Melillo, Karma
Melillo, Samantha
Meneo, Jeremy
Monde, Jack
Nay, Emilyn
Nuzzo, Megan
Onofrio, Julianna

Patel, Preet
Raynor, Catherine
Rizzuti, Aaliyah
Spanier, Sofia
Virginelli, Adam
Vongher, Miles
HH 9TH Grade
Berardesca, Ashley
Bliven, Alyssa
Cantore, Taylor
Carusone, Justin
Cioffi-Smith, Chase
Colon, Atum
Colon, Sitareh
Connelly, Tyler
Crane, Abigail
Haeckel, Jason
Heffernan, Tyler
Lacroix, Cameron
Mansi, Giavana
Marino, Alyssa
Peinkosz, Olivia
Poston, Jacob
Preiss, Emma
Raymond, Caleb
Sigel, Anthony
Sudusky, Kyle
Tang, Meghan
Vitarisi, Lauren
Warren, Isabella

HONORS 12TH GRADE

Brindisi, Dradon
D’Onofrio, David
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Jackson, Carl
Kamienski, Ian
Krista, Cassidy
McIntyre, Cameron
Molleur, Anastasia
Palma, Gianna
Provencher, Mason
Ramos, Teaghan
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Rispoli, Jake
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Serenson, Tyler
Solomon, Tyrek
Stannard, John
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Allen, Caleb
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Ferrucci, Te’a
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Nuzzo, Giana

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Small, Noelle
Smith, Avery
Sommo, Gianni
Thomas, Sean
Timario, Nicole
Toto, Sophia
Urrata, Michael
Vaspasiano, Katie
HONORS 10TH GRADE
Anderson, Kyle
Ardito, Lily
Bigio, Gabriella
Boardman, Sean
Caso, Nicolas
Cepeda, Raul
Chopus, Justin
Christie, Destiney
DeFrancesco, Alexa
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Onofrio, Isabella
Perrelli, Ava

Pitcher, Madison
Proto, Natalia
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Riggione, Michael
Scalia, Matthew
Schmidt, Alivia
Sinski, Kyla
Stegina, Kyle
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Baxter, Caleb
Beecher, Zachary
Bliven, Gary
Brockett, Jack
Brustman, Leah
Budd, Michael
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Cenotti-Green, Jasmine
Ciampi, Luca
Criscio, James
DePino, Payton
Falcigno, Nico
Ferraro, Gregory
Iamunno, Benicio
Ianniello, Gianna
Intravia, Luca
Klouman, Matthew
Knowlton, Jack
Landino, Luca
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Brigance, Reese
Caffalette, Talan
Carbone,Armani
Chasanoff, Ella
Dolzani, Steven
Dowson, Marina
Forgione, Matthew
Frost, Adrienne
Gierla, Gavin
Graham, James
Harper, Mallory
Harper, Mia
Ilitli, Semih
Johnson,Samantha
Juniver, Tyler
Kleckner, Kayla
Kundrath, Brianna
LeBeau, Autumn
LeMay, Peyton
Macauley, Kate
Magazzi, Marcus
Marashi, Edmira
Martin, Jake Tyler
Martone, Alia Jo-Ann
McCullough, Joseph
Meizies, Tyler James
Miller, Craig Clyde
Montero, Justin Joel
Page, Ava Leigh
Paolini, Natalia Faith
Patel, Vedi Nilesh
Pearson, Luciano
Pereira, Alexander
Peterson, Leif
Podzikowski, Siena
Ramage, Mae
Rish, Aesop Orion

Rivera, Luis Manuel
Rosado, Aliyah Marie
Rosado, Haylee Marie
Salvati, Nicolas
Sigal, Alexandra
Stewart, Savannah Rae
Troqe, Iris Arjeta
Wang, Natalee
Weld, Aubrey Drew
Wojciechowski, Emma
Wright, Carly Evaline
Yarnall, Dylan Parker
Zulawski, Katheryn

Grade 7 High Honors

Abanoz, Eda
Acampora, Justin
Adinolfi, Ava Marie
Allan, Taylor Susan
Altland, Gabriel
Behrens, Greta
Biolzi, Sadie Rose
Biron, Isabella Luisa
Brindisi, Nadia Elle
Budd, Ellie Catherine
Camarco, Logan
Caporale, Kaydence
Castro, Lance
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Luangsay, Natalie

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Merry, Jacob Robert
Murphy, Ryan
Negron, Ellexis Paige
Patel, Dhanvi Nilesh
Paul, Liam David
Pavic, Marin
Pearson, Antonio
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Prato, Emilia Lyn
Redman, Colby Paul
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Rodican, Natalie Ann
Smith, Broden Joseph
Taylor, Quincy
Traill, Ian Leland
Vander Wyk, Noah
Virginelli, Sophia
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Alves, Mya Lyn
Anderson, Nico
Apuzzo, Jake Thomas
Atwood, Caden
Baker Roussat,
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Balg, Will Mahoney
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Brigance, Evangeline
Brochu, Landen John
Brustman, Owen Ryan
Burke, Siobhan Briella
Caffalette, Avery
Cahill, Austin Phillip
Camejo, Hannah
Cappetta, Nathan
Caso, Caisey Jenna
Crane, Samantha
Criscuolo, William
Cucinotta, Jackson
Deleo, Maddox John

DeLucia, Tessa Lyn
Demiroz, Ekin
Diaz, Max Avery
DiMeo, Jaxson John
Dowson, Lauren
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Dynderski, Marlie
Fusco-Cuneo, Lucy
Giannotti, Brinleigh
Gilkes, Blake Patrick
Guercia, Oakleigh
Gwiazda, Macey
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Hansen, Emma Rose
Heon, Nora Jane
Horotan, Alfred
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Ilitli, Sercan
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Kavanaugh, James Joseph

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Levix, Caroline Rose
Lucibella, Gary Joseph
Lucibello, Tessa
Luong, Genevieve
Macauley, Jack
MacDougall, Kendall
Malkin, Riley
Manning, Avery
Manske, Gunner Luke
Mazzucco, Gianna
McLain, Jerimaiah
Montero, Christian
Morales, Alaysia
Muravnick, Ashlyn
Onofrio, Christian
Osegueda, Elias
Oyanedel, Emma
Ozoria, Harlen
Page, Gavin Arthur
Pantano, Mason
Pascale, Sophia
Podzikowski, Sophia

Poston, Tyler Mason
Potocsky, Addison
Reep, Brian John
Rodriguez, Maya
Rolston, Brielle
Romano, Luca
Rubino, Leah Marie
Salemme, Bailey
Salvati, Gianni
Salz, Arianna Isabelle
Sandagata, Luciano
Santiago, Giana
Saulino, Nicolas
Savo, Lucas Dominic
Scasino, Marie Beth
Sinski, Emma
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Timario, Nathan t
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Cruz, Christopher
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Ercolani, Jacob
Esposito, Mason
Famiglietti, Gabriela
Ferraro, Myles
Frani, Daniel Artur
Fusco-Cuneo, Aden
Gauvin, Cameron
Gildersleeve, Daerik
Keil, Brianna Rae
Landau, Brian
Martone, Santino
Perrelli, Mya Isabel
Plano, Matteo
Porcu, Juliana Lynn
Sheridan, Evan
Sibley, Chloe Peyton
Small, William James

Spinelli, Valentina
Trindade, Tyler
Urbano, Mario
Wright, Christian
Grade 7 Honors
Brennan, Dalton
Caffalette, Matthew
Cantore, Nicholas
Cappetta, Donato
Cuzzo, Nicholas
DeFelice, Louie
Durkin, Alexa Grace
Fekieta, Justyna
Ferrucci, Ava Rose
Getman, Lyllianah
Hench, Clifford
Intravia, Natalie
Landino, Marco
Lorenti, Olivia Eva
Lucibella, Dessa
Mann, Emily Grace
Minnocci, Cole Mark
Muratti, Michael
Pitcher, Payton Emily
Rivera, Joel Anthony
Siminausky, Anthony
Tilton, Zoey
Grade 6 Honors
Bello, Brynn
Chilmark, Kaitlyn
Colafati, Damien
Collins, Natalia
Conroy, Jesse James
D’Amato, Anthony
Davino, Olivia Carol
Dennis, Lilianna
DiBenedetto, Gianni
Downes, Alexandra
Gentile, Lola
Karim, Fatima
Knowlton, Benjamin
Laboy, Jayci Ann
Loomis, Ana Marie
Pearson, Mia Bella
Sabetta, Ayden James

SALVATI HELPS RAISE MONEY FOR TOMMY FUND FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER



Being caring citizens who take action in their communities to help the lives of others is part of the mission of North Branford Schools and the vision of our graduates. Throughout the year and especially during the holiday season students participate in a number of community service and awareness campaigns to meet this goal. Recently students in North Branford Public Schools participated in a “Hats of Hope” campaign to support the Tommy Fund. Students raised money and awareness for this great cause and

were unified in wearing hats to school to support Childhood Cancer. The Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer, supports families whose children are undergoing cancer treatments at Smilow Cancer Hospital, Yale-New Haven and they provide financial support so parents can take time off from work to tend to their child. What many students and families in North Branford may not have known about this particular effort, was that it was spearheaded by one of their own students. North Branford Public Schools 8th Grader & Childhood Cancer Survivor, Nicolas Salvati, led the organization, communication, and efforts for this event. Although Nicolas was the leader of this event, he preferred to be in the background and not make the campaign about him. However, through his leadership over \$1,000 was raised in the “Hats for Hope” 2022/2023 campaign for Childhood Cancer. Those close to the Salvati family will remember just a few years ago Nicolas was faced with battling Cancer, and the Tommy Fund helped their family participate in his fight and triumph over Cancer. Now as an eighth grader Nicolas makes sure he does not forget those who helped him and he makes it his mission to continue to give back to Smilow and all those that fight cancer day in and day out. Pictured below is Nicolas with the proud donation to Tommy Fund, and Nicolas with a visitor from the Tommy Fund, who came to his school to thank him. Nicolas was so excited and happy to be able to give to this organization! Nicolas is a wonderful example of the success in how programs like Hats for Hope directly help families and kids battling cancer. Further, Nicolas is a shining example of realizing the mission to be a caring citizen who gives back to the community and raises awareness for the betterment of others. The entire community is so proud of Nicolas, and as a school community we thank our students and families for their generosity in giving to this great cause. During this Thanksgiving season, we are both grateful and thankful for our community and leaders like Nicolas Salvati.

Submitted by Carter Welch Director of Curriculum and Instruction



Playoffs - First Time in Seven Years

With a 51-18 victory over rival Coginchaug in the annual Rt 17 Thanksgiving Bowl game, North Branford High School football team finished with a 6-4 record, good enough to put them in the Class S State playoffs.. NB broke out to a 36-0 half time lead and never looked back. Sophomore Tommy Hansen had 151 yards on only 13 carries with 4 touchdowns. Senior Ian Kamienski had 3 carries for 83 yards. and senior Jack Meehan had 4 carries for 78 yards and a TD. Jace Kamienski also had a rushing TD as the T-Birds churned out 367 yards. Senior quarterback Mason Provencher chippe in with 54 yards on 2 carries and threw for another 65 yards.

The Defense swarmed all night long. Leading the way was senior Ty Serenson and junior Luke Blomster with 9 tackles each. Seniors Jack Meehan and Dradon Brindisi, and junior Lucian Depino added 7 tackles each. Blomster had 2 QB sacks and senior Charlie Johnson, Dradon Brindisi and Lucian Depino all had 1 sack each. Ian Kamienski had a PICK 6 interception TD as well!

The team lost in their State Tournament appearance. However, an appearance in a State Tournment game is always a win and something to be proud of.

Many of the T-Birds garnished post season accolades: **Tommy Hansen**, running back, First Team All League. **Lucian DePino**, offensive lineman - First Team All League. Quarterback **Mason Provencher**, first team All League. Punter **Eli Defaranos**, first team All League. Defensive back **Jack Meehan**, first team All League. Linebacker **Tyler Serenson**, first team All League. Defensive lineman **Luke Blomster** first team All League. Wide receiver **Ian Kamienski**, honorable mention. Offensive Lineman **Charlie Johnson**, Honorable Mention.

Above photo of seniors, courtesy of Todd Ingarra.



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Recycling News

“Please Don’t Feed the Storm Drain”

Now that most of the leaves have fallen, please take a look at your storm drains and clear them of leaves so they can work properly.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

Holiday Recycling

Please recycle the packaging that your holiday shipments arrive in. The cardboard goes into the recycle bin, but the **Styrofoam goes into the trash**. Styrofoam does have a recycle symbol on it but we don’t have the equipment to recycle Styrofoam yet.

Any bubble wrap is considered plastic film and can be brought to a plastic film drop off location. Get out your frustrations by popping it first. **Plastic shipping envelopes are also considered plastic film**. These are the ones that are plastic on the inside and outside. The ones with paper on the outside need to go into the trash because they are mixed materials. Holiday wrapping paper is mostly not recyclable because most of it has metallic, glitter or velvety flocking on it. Also, the ribbons and bows cannot go into the recycle bin.

Holiday Donations

For items that still have some life in them, consider posting them on the Facebook page: [North Branford & Northford Free Items](#).

Help someone else out, unclutter your house and help the environment at the same time.

For a larger audience check out [Freecycle.org](#) in East Haven or New Haven.

You can also look up your item in the New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide. It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just search for ‘New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide’.

Plastic Film Recycling

Plastic bags cannot go into your recycling bin.

To recycle them, please drop off **clean and dry** bags at our town’s collection bins or at many grocery stores. All of our collection sites have received free Trex benches because of the amount of plastic film they have collected. The following locations are collecting plastic film for our town: Country Paint and Hardware, TJ’s Launderette, Town Hall, Atwater and Smith Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and The Food Pantry of North Branford.

Plastic film includes: grocery bags, newspaper sleeves, wood pellet bags, salt bags, and zipper bags. They also accept plastic wraps from water bottle cases, diapers, bathroom tissue, and paper towels, as well as bubble wrap and shipping pillows.

Plastic bags with recycling symbols #2 or #4 **ARE** accepted. Plastic bags with recycling symbols #5 or #7 (i.e. salad and grape bags), crinkly snack bags (potato chips, popcorn, and candy wrappers), pet food bags, frozen food bags, and any bags with food residue are **NOT** accepted.

Plastic bags and wraps get recycled into products such as new grocery bags, benches, and decking.

Are you interested in getting involved on a town committee?

Does it upset you when you see littering?

Do you wonder where the trash goes and how recycling works?

Next year is full of possibilities and we could use some new ideas.

The Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is looking for new members.

Please call the Town Manager if you are interested.

North Branford Congregational Church 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Nothing says Christmas quite like a traditional Christmas pageant! Join the little angels and shepherds at North Branford Congregational Church on Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 am, as we retell the story of Christ’s birth. All are welcome.

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FLASHLIGHT CANDY CANE HUNT!

Thursday, December 15th
Northford Park—\$5 \$2 off sibling discount

**Join us for our second annual Flashlight
Candy Cane Hunt at Northford Park!**

Participants will use flashlights to find candy
canes hidden at Northford Park.

There will be 3 separate times for 3 separate
age categories.

Please bring a flashlight
& bag to collect your
candy canes!

Ages 2-4—4:30 - 4:45pm

Ages 5-7—4:50 - 5:05pm

Ages 8+—5:10 - 5:30pm

Please register by 12/9
nbrecreation.com

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT DECEMBER 16, 2022 STW COMMUNITY CENTER

4:30pm to 8:30pm

Leave the kids with us (at STW) and take this opportunity to finish
up holiday shopping, gift wrapping or just enjoy a night out!
The evening will include a holiday activity from Cool-ology and a
cheese pizza dinner. Please register by 12/14 at nbrecreation.com

\$20_{res} \$25_{nr}

Mary's Culinary Classes

Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on culinary experience
that will engage children in preparing delicious creations. They
will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques!

Ages 5-14 at STW Community Center

Tuesday 5:30 - 7:30pm

Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non-res per class

DECEMBER 13, 2022

**CUSTOMIZABLE CALZONES & HOLIDAY
TREE STACKABLE COOKIES**



Kristin Cafferty Kid Art

Local artist and educator Kristin Cafferty brings beautiful, fun,
one-lesson projects to ages 7 to 11.



STW Community Center Cost \$20 res/ \$20 non-res

December 15, 2022 4:30-5:45pm

Birch Trees and Cardinals

Learn about movement in art while creating this
stunning watercolor and printing piece.

Winter Break

DAY CAMP

Winter Break just got a little bit COOLER! Come join us for 3 days
of fun! Each day will offer a different theme with corresponding
games, activities and crafts! Full details to come on our website!

December 27- 29, 2022

8:30am - 4:30pm

STW Community Center

\$30 per day or \$75 for all 3 days Grades: K-6

Light Up North Branford
HOLIDAY LIGHT DECORATING CONTEST
Tuesday, December 20th
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
FREE

Get into the holiday spirit with a fun and festive competition!
REGISTER TO GET YOUR HOUSE ON THE MAP!
A map of display locations will be available on our website on December 20th.
Registration required by 12/16 www.nbrecreation.com

— SENIOR CENTER —

Senior Center Gifting Tree



Remove an ornament tag
from a tree and purchase
a gift card to either Big Y,
Rite Aid, or Dollar General.
Return the tag with the gift
card taped to it to one of our
Gifting Tree Locations by
12/12/22.

Find our Gifting Trees at:

STW Community Center -1332 Middletown Ave. Northford
Atwater Memorial Library -1720 Foxon Rd. North Branford
Edward Smith Library - 3 Old Post Rd. Northford

MOHEGAN SUN BUS TRIP

Monday, December 19 - 8:00am - 4:00pm

\$15 res / \$20 nr

If you are meeting at the STW Community Center, we will be leaving at
8:00 a.m. Per Mohegan Sun, the buses are not being greeted by staff and
no packages are being issued out. Please register by 12/12

Please join us for some fun holiday activities!

Hot Cocoa & A Christmas Movie

Monday Dec 12, 1:00-2:30pm Senior Room

Join us to watch "White Christmas" and warm up with
some hot cocoa and eggnog.

Yankee Swap Gift Exchange

Wednesday Dec 14, 10:30-11:30am Senior Room

Bring a wrapped gift worth \$3 and join in on the fun!
Yankee Swap is a gift trading game that is fun and full of
laughter!

Holiday Mingle w/ NBHS Student Council & Chamber Choir

December 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

STW Community Center

Join us for a special Holiday Mingle with the North Branford High
School Student Council & the NBHS Chamber Choir!

The NBHS Chamber Choir will do a special performance at 10:45 a.m.!

FREE - Please register by 12/16

SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 \$5 RES \$7 NR

Join us for a traditional holiday luncheon and a special visit from Santa!

Lunch served at 12:00 pm Kindly register by 12/16

Holiday Menu Includes: Salad, pasta, choice of pork

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