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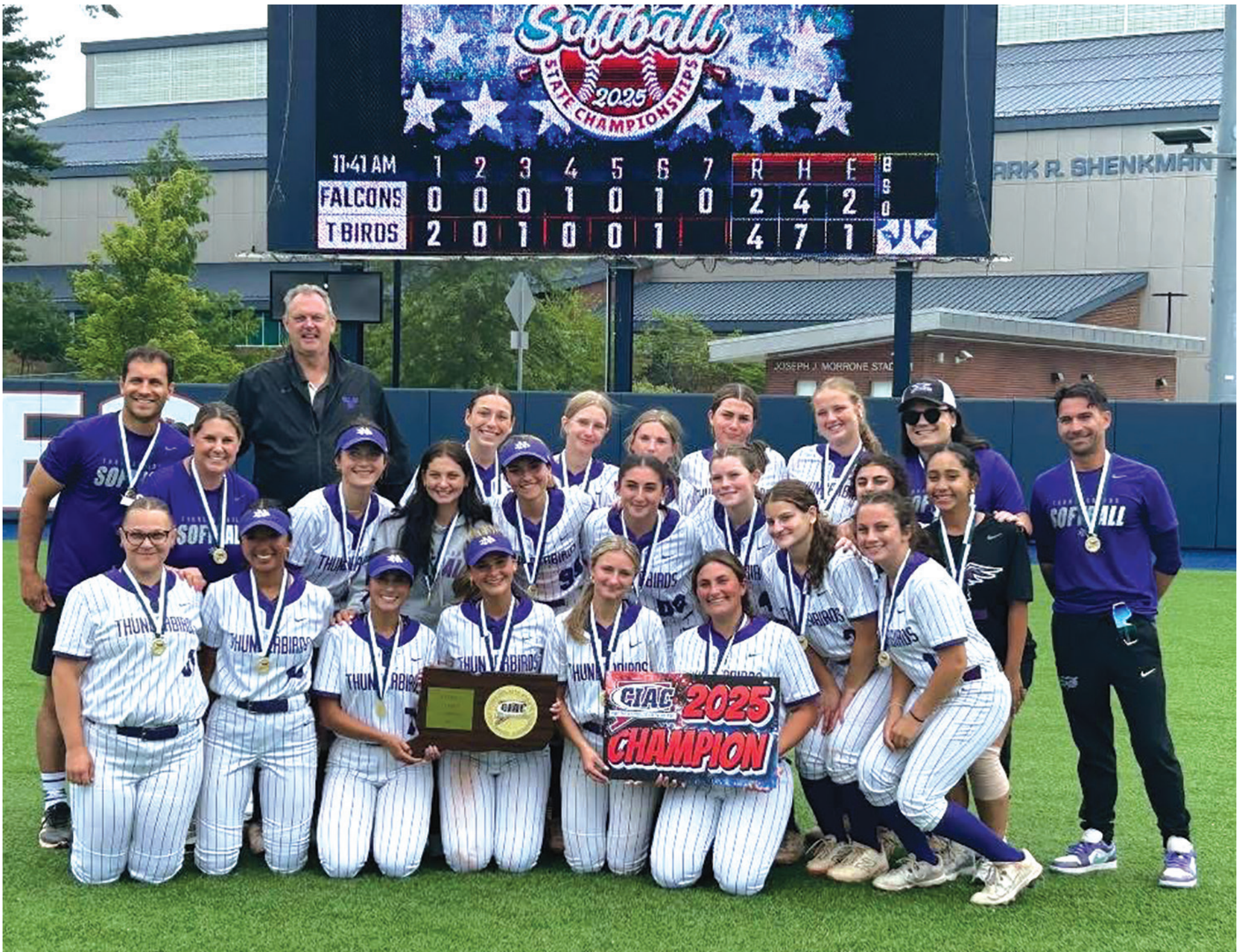
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2025 FOURTH OF JULY

Dear Editor:

Independence Day is quickly approaching. Families are preparing for a weekend filled with fireworks, cookouts, and lasting memories. As we put on our red, white, and blue this Fourth of July and raise a glass to this beautiful country we call home, Anheuser-Busch and Dichello Distributors, INC ask that you leave the keys behind if your plans include drinking. Before the fireworks are lit and you take that first sip, plan ahead for a safe ride home. Drunk driving and boating are 100% preventable, and choosing a safe ride is a simple act that helps protect the people of Connecticut. Together, we can ensure our communities remain safe and that the celebra-

tions can continue with friends and family.

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We're proud to be a part of so many July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations and encourage everyone in the Connecticut community to prioritize safety. From all of us at Dichello Distributors, INC and Anheuser-Busch, we wish you a happy Independence Day and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Geoffrey Acampora  
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### No amount of new state spending is ever enough.



That was the unmistakable message from a recent opinion piece by a Democratic state senator, who—believe it or not—suggested that Governor Lamont should step aside because he stands in the way of growing government spending and imposing more tax hikes.

In my last column just before the legislative session ended, I mentioned that the details of the new two-year state budget

were still in flux. That budget has now passed both chambers of the General Assembly—and it weighs in at \$55.8 billion, a roughly 10 percent increase in state spending over two years.

Democrats claim there are no tax hikes, but that's not true. Businesses will pay more under a new "unitary tax" change that allows Connecticut to collect even more revenue from companies with out-of-state operations. And a new 5-cent monthly fee on every cell phone bill—to sustain the firefighter cancer relief fund—turns out to be five times more than what analysts say is needed. Even worse, wireless carriers have said they don't even have a mechanism to collect it.

Then there's the hospital provider tax. The budget assumes \$375 million in revenue from it—even though the Governor hasn't reached an agreement with the Hospital Association. Within 24 hours of House passage, lawmakers were already talking about having to revise that figure down. The issue is unresolved.

The plan is filled with gimmicks designed to bypass the state's formerly bipartisan fiscal guardrails—mechanisms that helped replenish our Budget Reserve Fund, restrain out-of-control spending, and begin to chip away at Connecticut's staggering \$80 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and bonded debt. These are the same gimmicks Governor Lamont once opposed. But this year, they helped legislative Democrats unlock an extra \$2 billion in spending.

And yet, in that same opinion piece, this was all painted as "austere." According to one of my Democratic colleagues, Governor Lamont is apparently too conservative with taxpayer money—an idea that would be laughable if it weren't so damaging.

I can think of many reasons why Governor Lamont might consider not seeking a third term. But a commitment to fiscal restraint isn't one of them.

The final product—a budget built on shaky assumptions, padded fees, and tax policy overreach—falls far short of what Connecticut taxpayers deserve. It continues wasteful and controversial programs like free health insurance for illegal immigrants, a major factor in the Medicaid budget overruns, with \$116 million earmarked to expand that policy. The plan also includes millions in earmarks for a wide variety of organizations—decisions that appear to have received little to no vetting. For example, do for-profit sports clubs need state funding? The state chapter of the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North American can't sustain itself without \$30,000 of taxpayer dollars? The list is long.

At the same time, the budget shortchanges education funding—especially special education—forcing municipalities to absorb more costs and putting local property taxpayers on the hook. Additionally, it will be hard to blame local leaders who wonder whether the budget provides enough to run early voting initiatives, a mandate Democrats insisted upon while supplying inadequate funding to run it smoothly and efficiently.

House Republicans offered a responsible alternative that addressed these issues and more (available at [realitycheckct.com](http://realitycheckct.com)). But because of our commitment to preserving Connecticut's fiscal controls—controls that Governor Lamont once called "sacrosanct"—we were cut out of final budget negotiations.

In the end, this budget is a case study in what happens when legislative Democrats' appetite for spending becomes so insatiable, they're willing to sacrifice even their own governor to get another helping.

**Rep. Vincent Candelora, House Republican Leader 86th Assembly District, North Branford, Durham, East Haven, Guilford**

## "Shutting the Department of Education Hurts Us All".

Dear Editor

It is probably true that we Americans don't like the government until we need it ourselves. After reading the Totucket Times editorial in the last issue, I found myself wondering why we shouldn't care if the Department of Education is wiped out. I asked myself "What does it DO, exactly?" Why do current polls from Fox News and others show 66% of folks oppose its extinction and want it to continue?

I quickly looked up what this department does. I suggest you do too. Its duties include overseeing grants and loans funded by Congress for our schools, helping students to move forward with learning. It collects data on accountability and fairness in these programs and research to make progress. It deals with definite individual needs.

- Need a Pell Grant to help you or yours go to community college or other schools after high school?
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- Like dealing with educated staff when we need help with our services and businesses?
- Like to feel the US runs a separate department to deal with what may be learned in a changing world?

I suggest we follow the money trail after education programs drain into other parts of the government. I respectfully suggest shuttering the Department of Education hurts us all.

Respectfully, June Davison

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**The Editor**

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NORTH BRANFORD INTERMEDIAT SCHOOL PERIOD IV HONORS

Grade 8 High Honors

Podzikowski, Sophia  
Adhikari, Ashmi  
Alves, Mya Lyn  
Bello, Brynn  
Bernardo, Bella Mia  
Brigance, Evangeline  
Brochu, Landen  
Burke, Siobhan  
Caffalette, Avery  
Camejo, Hannah  
Caso, Caisey Jenna  
Corso, Gianna Rose  
Dagliere, Ellie Reese  
DeLucia, Tessa Lyn  
Demiroz, Ekin  
Diaz, Max Avery  
DiMeo, Jaxson John  
Downes, Alexandra  
Dowson, Lauren  
Fusco-Cuneo, Lucy  
Giannotti, Brinleigh  
Gwiazda, Macey  
Hannon, Carli May  
Heon, Nora Jane  
Jaracy, Jack Thomas  
Karim, Fatima  
Kavanaugh, James  
Levix, Caroline Rose  
Loomis, Ana Marie  
Lucibello, Tessa  
MacDougall, Kendall  
Malkin, Riley Theresa  
Manning, Avery  
Manske, Gunner  
Marino, Gia Caterina  
Mazzucco, Gianna  
Muravnick, Ashlyn  
Onofrio, Christian

Poston, Tyler Mason  
Potocsky, Addison  
Rolston, Brielle  
Romano, Luca  
Rubino, Leah Marie  
Salvati, Gianni  
Salz, Arianna Isabelle  
Sandagata, Luciano  
Santiago, Giana Nicole  
Savo, Lucas Dominic  
Spanier, Elisia Belle  
Speringo, Gabriell  
Timario, Nathan  
Toto, Lia Morgan  
Yanza, Jaquelyn

Grade 7 High Honors

Allen, Cameron Sean  
Altland, Noelle  
Ames, Eden Maci  
Aneiro, Hayden  
Bayreuther, Harrison  
Behrens, Annaliese  
Bernardo, Talia Rose  
Bonaldo, Brooke  
Borgia, Nicholas  
Brown, Aubrey  
Brown, Randall  
Calvo, Allison Rose  
Carolla, Giuliana  
Carter, Liviana  
Casella, Matteo  
Casteel, Jerimiah  
Ciancola, Tyler y  
Claude, Mason Noah  
Cleary, Molly May  
Connelly, Emma  
Constantinople,a

Cook, Owen Paul  
Coplin, Rya Nicole  
Cretella, Sofia  
Doughty, Eli Joseph  
Elliston, Aden John  
Ercolani, Aubrey  
Esposito, Lily Amelia  
Frani, Gabriella  
Furtak, Lilliana  
Gauvin, Presley Jude  
Gularte, Madison  
Hurley, Aishlyn  
Izzo, Leon Paul  
Kleckner, Zoey  
Leete, Norah Shea  
Lucibello, Amalia  
Martinelli, Nathaniel  
Martinez, Emma Rose  
Maybury, Myla Blake  
Mendez, Angelise  
Mickiewicz, Emma  
Morrell, Reagan  
Murphy, Madeline  
Nocereto, Brooke  
O’Grady, Molly Aliza  
Paul, Emma Elizabeth  
Pelczar, Anna  
Pizarro, Liangeliz  
Ritter, Joseph Russell  
Rosado, Isabella L  
Saccu, Mason Joseph  
Saja, Austin Martin  
Salvati, Isabella Anne  
Savo, Andrew  
Sciuto, Abbey Lynn  
Sorensen, Benjamin  
Swanson, Kevin  
Tobias, Julia Isabelle

Toti, Giuliana Lidia  
Velasco, Samantha  
Venturini, Nino  
Wheaton, Mara  
Wyatt, Coltyn Jason

Grade 6 High Honors

Bevilacqua,  
Bronit, Mila Cataleya  
Buontempo, Mila  
Byrd, Jeremiah  
Cahill, Cooper Flynn  
Camp, Geneviese  
Cousino, Giuliaanna  
Dotson, Natalie  
Estrada, Valentina  
Falcigno, Luciana  
Farotti, Jackson  
Forsyth, McKayla  
Fusco-Cuneo, Gavin  
Girardi, Taylor  
Gularte, Emma  
Mazzucco, Jason  
Melillo, Anderson  
Peterson, Tristan  
Piekarski, Hayden  
Rapuano, Topanga  
Romano, Ella Marie  
Sciuto, Brooke Helen  
Sermabekian, Victoria  
Shove, Carter Michael  
Skinner, LilyAnn Grace  
Smith, Mason Allan  
Sorrentino, Nicholas  
Stadolnik, Peter John  
Tracz, Bennett Reide  
Weld, Emmy Bree  
Wenzel, Isabella

Wood, Fiona Elizabeth

Grade 8 Honors

Anderson, Nico  
Atwood, Caden  
Brustman, Owen Ryan  
Conroy, Jesse James  
Deleo, Maddox John  
DiBenedetto, Gianni  
Duffy, James Pasquale  
Freeman, Sophia Marie  
Gentile, Lola  
Gilkes, Blake Patrick  
Grimes, David Thomas  
Guercia, Oakleigh  
Horotan, Alfred Victor  
Iamunno, Santino  
Knowlton, Benjamin  
Leigh, Ava Scott  
Macauley, Jack  
McLain, Jerimaiah  
Montero, Christian  
Morales, Alaysia  
Oyanedel, Emma  
Pascale, Sophia  
Patel, Misha Sandeep  
Perez, Yandel Josue  
Scasino, Marie Beth  
Stavrides, Nicholas  
Tracz, Tanner  
Tynes, Jason Antonio  
Zolnik, Gavin Smith

Grade 7 Honors

Blotney, Cooper  
Budd, Lillian Mary  
Cardenas, Toby Iker  
Cerrone, Santino  
Cramp, Matthew

DiLungo, Gennaro  
Duggan, Cashel Sean  
Ferraro, Eliaz  
Haggerty, Richard  
Lavoie, Brooklyn  
Mullen, Liam  
Muratti, Luciana  
Nargi, Olivia Marie  
O’Donnell, Ronin  
Ramage, Brody James  
Richardson, Breanna  
Santa Maria, Ava Joy  
Sekelsky, Jakson Jace  
Troqe, Joni Erdet  
Walston, David

Grade 6 Honors

Amendola, Madelyn  
Anderson, Rocco  
Bernier, Ava  
Brindisi, Livia Joy  
Brown, Adriana  
Caffalette, Preston  
Casteel, Jaire  
Connellan, Emma  
Falconi, Erick  
Flynn, Christian  
Fortier, Daniel  
Fryer, Avery Carol  
Horn, Aubrey Claire  
Kokorus, Alexander  
Longley, Preslie  
Page, Cody Robert  
Sherwood, Logan  
Sommo, Louis  
Tracz, Parker  
Vitale, Michael  
Yarnall, Travis

Students Release Classroom Raised Salmon

Students in Mrs. Golia and Mrs. Reyher’s classes at Totoket Valley Elementary celebrate the culmination of their science project by releasing classroom-raised salmon into the Salmon River at Salmon River State Park this past May. As part of an extended science curriculum, the students learned about ecosystems, life cycles, and conservation through hands-on experience raising salmon from eggs to fry. Thank you to the North Branford Education Foundation for their support in making this program possible for our students.





NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL PERIOD IV HONORS

High Honors – 12<sup>th</sup>

Allen, Noah  
Amendola, Ashley  
Anderson, Kyle  
Ardito, Lily  
Bigio, Gabriella  
Cahill, Olivia  
Cosgrove, Jason  
Danner, Nathan  
DeFrancesco, Alexa  
Dell’Aquila, Vincent  
DeLucia, Ryan  
Dion, Gabrielle  
Esposito, Benjamin  
Falcioni, Alexa  
Franco, Willie  
Hannan, Mary  
Higgins, Joshua  
Hills, Adriana  
Izzo, Tanner  
Kamienski, Daytona  
Krebs, Marley  
Lamot, Joanna  
Lin, Tina  
Lucero Sanchez, Idalis  
McCullough, Giana  
Melillo, Samantha  
Minnocci, Brody  
Nay, Emily  
Nuzzo, Megan  
Onofrio, Isabella  
Onofrio, Julianna  
Patel, Preet

Piccirillo, Gennaro  
Pitcher, Madison  
Raynor, Catherine  
Regino, Nicolette  
Rizzuti, Aaliyah  
Scalia, Matthew  
Schmidt, Alivia  
Sinski, Kyla  
Spanier, Sofia  
Wray, Denise

High Honors – 11<sup>th</sup>

Aiken, Bree  
Beecher, Zachary  
Berardesco, Ashley  
Brustman, Leah  
Budd, Michael  
Budeit, Aijalyn  
Carusone, Justin  
Ciampi, Luca  
Cioffi-Smith, Chase  
Connelly, Tyler  
Crane, Abigail  
DePino, Payton  
Esposito, Alexa  
Haeckel, Jason  
Heffernan, Tyler  
Ianniello, Gianna  
Lacroix, Cameron  
Ludington, Sofia  
Navarrete, Cassidy  
O’Brien, Charles  
Papa, Samantha  
Pienkosz, Olivia

Poston, Jacob  
Preiss, Emma  
Ryszczyk, Ava  
Sargent, Brock  
Sigel, Anthony  
Sudusky, Kyle  
Tang, Meghan  
Torres, Sury  
Traill, Gavin  
Urbina, Mateo  
Valente, Jonna  
Venturini, Leo  
Vitarisi, Lauren  
Warren, Isabella  
Westefeld, John

High Honors – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ahmed, Afran  
Aucapina, Isabella  
Biehler, Aiden  
Caffalette, Talan  
Chasanoff, Ella  
Dolzani, Steven  
Dowson, Marina  
Duggan, Finn  
Esposito, Ava  
Ferraro, Myles  
Forgione, Matthew  
Johnson, Samantha  
Kilstrom, Mason  
Kleckner, Kayla  
Kundrath, Brianna  
Lahun, Baidu  
LeBeau, Autumn  
Magazzi, Marcus  
Miller, Craig  
Nargi, Joseph  
Paolini, Natalia  
Patel, Vedi  
Pereira, Alexander  
Perrelli, Mya  
Peterson, Leif  
Podzikowski, Siena  
Sigal, Alexandra  
Sigal, Michael  
Wang, Natalee  
Weld, Aubrey  
Wojciechowski,

Emma  
Wright, Carly  
Zulawski, Kathryn

High Honors – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Acampora, Justin  
Allan, Taylor  
Anderson, Matteo  
Behrens, Greta  
Biolzi, Sadie  
Camarco, Logan  
Castro, Lance  
Cereni, Mariela  
Cicarella, Gianna  
Collins, Andrew  
Connelly, Kylie  
Cook, Quinn  
Cronan, Alexander  
Hench, Clifford  
Kirmali, Layla  
Knoob, Tyler  
LeClaire, Isabellla  
Lorenti, Olivia  
Merry, Jacob  
Murphy, Ryan  
Negron, Ellexis  
Parisi, Francesca  
Pavic, Marin  
Pelczar, Carson  
Redman, Colby  
Smith, Broden  
Traill, Ian  
Vitale, Liliana  
Wyatt, Adilyn

Honors – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Chopus, Justin  
Cole, Riley  
Farina, Natalia  
Fortier, Aidan  
Galasso, Gregory  
Godoy, Noah  
Gualtieri, Michael  
Guerrero, Aleksander  
Hoskins, Mallory  
Keil, Jordan  
LeCerva, Giuseppe  
Monde, Jack  
Riggione, Michael

Torowus, Calyncia  
Trindade, Michael  
Virginelli, Adam  
Yu, Archie

Honors – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Blyschak, Gabriel  
Brittall, Avery  
Brockett, Jack  
Cenotti-Green, Jasmine  
Colon, Atum  
DeFelice, Madelyn  
Estrada, Nylis  
Falcigno, Nico  
Falconi, Jair  
Ferraro, Gregory  
Iamunno, Benicio  
Knowlton, Jack  
Krista, Christopher  
Longo, Brandon  
Marino, Alyssa  
Nastri, Jamie  
O’Rourke, Ashlyn  
Piercey, Christopher  
Raymond, Caleb  
Rivera, Jayden  
Snedeker, Alexa  
Sorrell, Sophia

Honors – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Balliu, Jayden  
Budeit, Alana  
Cameron, Peyton  
Carbone, Armani  
Famiglietti, Gabriela  
Fusco-Cuneo, Aden  
Gauvin, Cameron  
Gildersleeve, Dustin  
Guerrero, Gabriel  
Harper, Mallory  
Harper, Mia  
Hoskins, Jacob  
Iitli, Semih  
Jara, Javier  
Keil, Brianna  
Landau, Brian  
Marashi, Edmira  
Martone, Alia  
Martone, Santino

Meneo, Makayla  
Montero, Justin  
Pinette, Eliza  
Plano, Luca  
Plano, Matteo  
Porcu, Juliana  
Rish, Aesop  
Rivera, Luis  
Rosado, Haylee  
Stimpson Juliana  
Troqe, Iris  
Velasco, Matthew  
Yarnall, Dylan

Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Abanoz, Eda  
Altland, Gabriel  
Amendola, Sophia  
Beisaw, Mia  
Brennan, Dalton  
Budd, Ellie  
Cantore, Nicholas  
Chittenden, Shelby  
Dahlheimer, Logan  
Daley, Erin  
DeMetro, John  
DiStefano, Mason  
Dudek, Cooper  
Durkin, Alexa  
Ferrucci, Ava  
Fryer, John  
Gambardella, Lilah  
Getman, Lyllianah  
Intravia, Natalie  
Jaracy, Jake  
Kingsbury, Riley  
Lake, Evan  
Leonard, Quinn  
Luangsay, Natalie  
Lucibella, Dessa  
Mann, Emily  
Martinez, Andrew  
McDermott-Miliano, Gabriella  
Patel, Dhanvi  
Patel Risha  
Pitcher, Payton  
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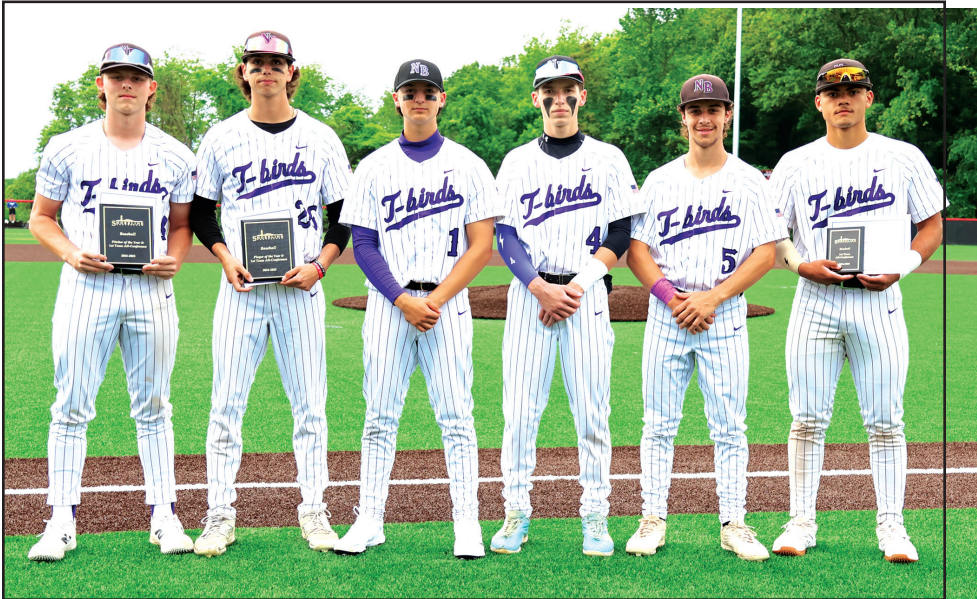




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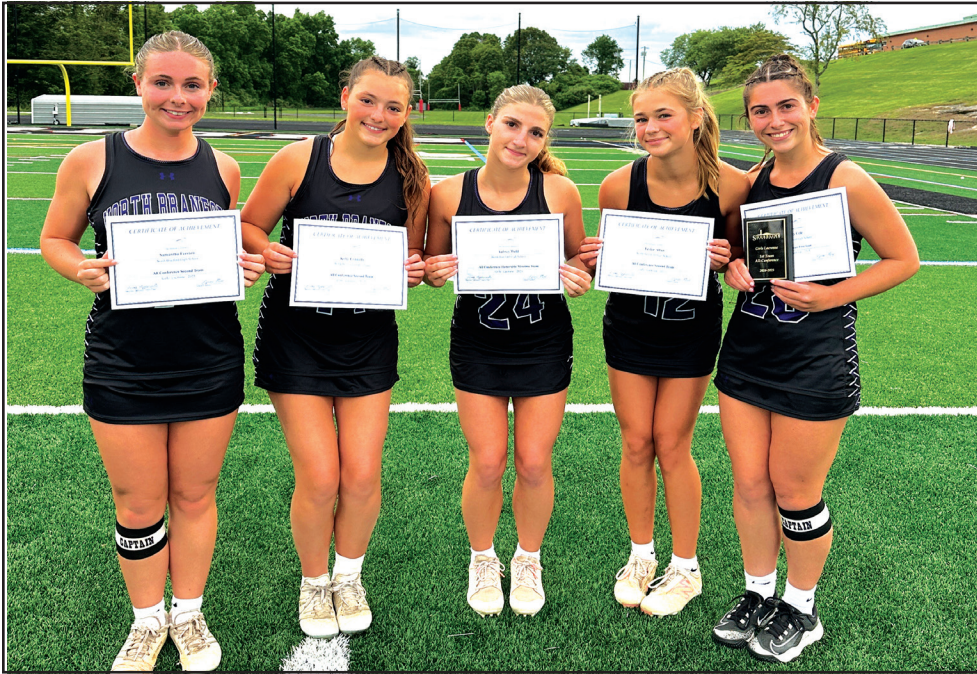
# ATHLETIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



**Boys Baseball Team All -Shoreline**  
Left to right: Kyle Stegina, Matt Scalia, Gavin Leone, Adam Verginelli, JJ O'Connor and Yamil Perez. Stegna was also named Shoreline Pitcher of the Year and Scalia was named the Player of the Year.



**ALL STATE BASEBALL**  
Kyle Stegina and Matt Scalia were chosen as all state players. They will represent North Branford at a Senior all star game as well as an all state banquet hosted by the CIAC.



**Girls Lacrosse All - Shoreline**  
Left to Right: Samantha Ferraro, Kylie Connelly, Aubrey Weld, Taylor Allan and Riley Cole.



**Girls Softball All Shoreline**  
First team: Lexi Falcioni (also Shoreline Player of the year), Adriana Hills, Alia Martone and Lauren Vitarisi

*Photos Courtesy of  
Gina Cosgrove,  
Dina Falcioni &  
Karen Martone*



**Second Team** Lily Ardito and Adrienne Frost

**Honorable Mention:** Gabby Bigio

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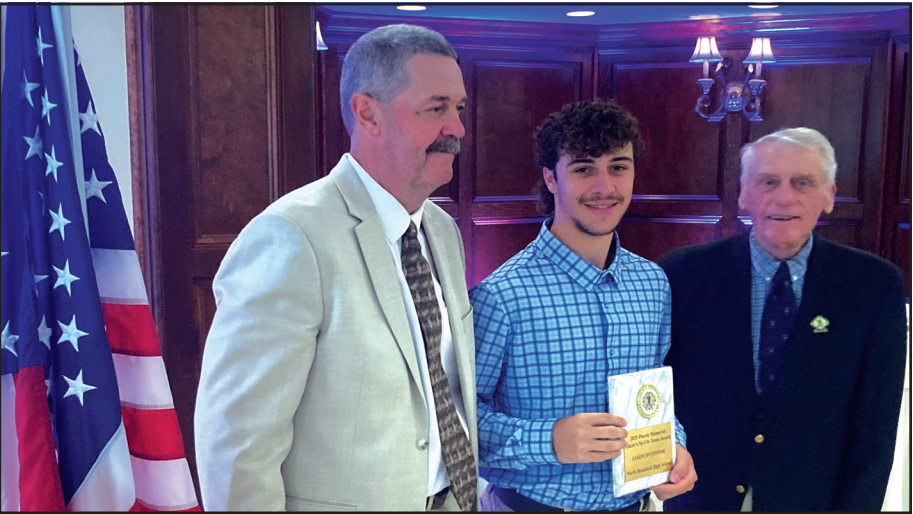
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**Diamond Club Honors Mitchell and O'Connor**  
The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club representing close to forty baseball teams is Southern Connecticut recently recognized coach Bill Mitchell (left ) as Coach of the Year and JJ O'Connor for the "No "I" in Team Award. Pictured right is Board Member Dan Gooley.



Scholarship Committee Announces Honorees

On May 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 Senior Awards Night was held at the North Branford Auditorium. We are happy to report to you that the North Branford Scholarship Association gave out 59 awards totaling \$22,900 to 59 graduating seniors.

WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE NOW HAVE GIVEN OUT OVER \$1,233,900 TO 3,800 STUDENTS OVER THE PAST 62 YEARS.

We would like to thank the North Branford community for its continuing support which has once again enabled this association to recognize the achievements of our young people and encourage them toward a promising future.

AllenNoah	Brook La	NBHS	Ralph F & Anne C Solimini Memorial
Amendola Ashley	Palanga Rd	NBHS	Lyla Bogardus Memorial
Anderson Kyle	Snowbird Ln	NBHS	NB Class Of 1970/Robert Traub Memorial
Ardito Lily	Clintonville Rd	Lander	NBHS Ed & Yolande Ahlberg Memorial
Cahill Olivia	Foxon Rd	NBHS	Alan Davis Memorial
Caso Nicolas	Harrison Rd	NBHS	Jeff Kraft Memorial
Chopus Justin	Youngs Apple Orchard Rd	NBHS	Judy Bannon Award
Colantonio, Cassidy	Carlen Dr	Sacred Heart	Ralph F & Anne C Solimini Memorial
Cosgrove, Jason	Birchwood Dr	Trade School	RJ Sobask Award
anner Chopus	Twin Lakes Rd	UCONNS	NBIS/Jerome Harrison PTO
DeFrancescoAlexa	Crossfield Rd	Gateway	Joanne Castlevetro Memorial
Dell’Aquila Vincent	Lakeview Dr	Middlesex	Albert & Suzanne Teixeira Memorial
DeLucia Ryan	Caputo Rd	NBHS	Tom Tracy Memorial
Dion Gabrielle	Overlook Dr	NBHS	Johnnie & Thelma Mouning Memorial
Esposito, Benjamin	Joe Stone Way	NBHS	NB Rotary Club
Falcioni, Alexa	Rolling Hills Dr	Wheaton	Tom Tracy Memorial
Famiglietti, Nicolas	Harrison Rd	Gateway	Louis & Angelina Nunzianto Memorial
Ferraro, Samantha	Forest Rd	NBHS	Peter & Roslyn Doman Memorial
Fortier, Aidan	Mountain View Ter	Middlesex	Leonard Rogers Memorial
Giovanni, Anthony	Miller Rd	SCSU	Frank & Eleanor Doody Memorial
Godoy, Noah’	Branford Rd	UCONN	Ct Sportsplex
Guerrero Aleksander	Summit Dr	NBHS	Carmelo Arena Memorial
Hannan Catherine	Reeds Gap Rd	Providence	Roy & Joanne Wentworth Memorial
Hannan Mary	Reeds Gap Rd	Marist	2024 Project Graduation
Higginsn Joshua	Greystone Rd	NBHS	Frank & Brenda Karsmarski Award
Hills Adriana	Sea Hill Rd	Niagara U	Petroskey Family Award
Hoskins Mallory	David Ln	ECSU	T Jerry Juliano Memorial
Izzo Tanner	Farmington Dr	NBHS	2024 Project Graduation
Jarmie Logan	Totoket Rd	Lincoln Tech	Larry Farrell Memorial
Kamienski Daytona	Snowbird Ln	NBHS	John & Maureen Bozzuto Memorial
Keil Paul	Chidsey Dr	NBHS	Bobby’s Pizza
Krebs Marley	Fern Dr	NBHS	Phil Dahlmeyer Jr Memorial
Lamot Joanna	Wood Chase Ln	NBHS	Arthur F & Astrid Hansen Wolfe Memorial
Lucero Sanchez Idalis	Totoket Rd	NBHS	Jose Manuel Calvo Memorial
Lin Tina	Oxbow Ln	SCSU	NB Federation Of Teachers
McCullough Giana	Sunset Rd West	NBHS	Tilcon Jerry Wall Memorial
McMillen Erin	Totoket Rd	Penn State	John Griffin Memorial
Melillo Karma	Dogwood Rd	NBHS	NB Fire Co #1 Ralph Byorick Memorial
Melillo Samantha	Forest Rd	Framingham State	NBHS Northford Fire Co #2
Meneo Jeremy	Woodland Dr	Berklee	Linda Humphrey’s Excellence In Music
Minnocci Brody	Totoket Rd	Fairfield U	Kyle Carpenter Memorial
Monde Jack	Nida Dr	SCSU	St Andrew’s Episcopal Church
Nay Emilyn	Totoket Rd	Uni. Of Maine	Theresa Sansevero Jensen Memorial
Nuzzo Megan	Jerz Ln	Savannah Col	Lyla Bogardus Memorial
O’Connor Jason	Salem St	Bridgeport U	Country Paint & Hardware
Onofrio Isabella	Pineview Dr	CCSU	Kevin Currie Memorial/Ct Sportsplex
Onofrio Julianna	Laurel Ln	SCSU	Joe Stone Memorial
Patel Preet	Totoket Rd	UCONN	NB Dental
Penna Addison	Valley Rd	NBHS	Carol Sue Lupoli Papa Memorial
Perrelli Ava	Sunnyside DR	NBHS	NB Knights Of Columbus
Raynor Catherine	Overbrook Dr	NBHS	Robert Ward Memorial
Regino Nicolette	Village St	NBHS	Kelly Tinker-Newbury Memorial
Rizzuti Aaliyah	Woodhouse Av	NBHS	Van Wilgen’s Garden Center
Scalia Matthew	Palang Dr	SCSU	Dorothy Selander Memorial
Schmidt Alivia	Woodvale Dr	NBHS	NFD/NB Women’s Club
Spanier Sofia	Olson Rd	NBHS	NB Girls Lacrosse
Torowus Calyncia	Middletown Ave	NBHS	Jim Augur Memorial
Virginelli Adam	Sunnyside Dr	Albertus	NB Little League
Vongher Miles	Circle Dr	NBHS	Dan Purcell Memorial



THEY MAKE US PROUD

**Conner Stoner** was named to the Dean’s List at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH.

**Joseph Rebesch**i graduated from Emerson College in Boston, MA.

**Maxwell Siegman** and **Michael Urrate** were named to the Dean’s List at Champlain college in Burlington, VT.

**Benjamin Stegina** was named to the Dean’s List at Springfield College in Springfield, MA.

**Samantha Franceschi** was awarded a BS in Biology at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.

**Tea Ferrucci, George Fowler, Greta Fowler, Griffin Geist, Carolyn Heffernan** and **Stephanioe Suduski** were named to the Deans List at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.

**Mark Lambert** graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa

**Jillian Garrett, Emma Yacono, Ariana Fiondella, Carl Jackson, Nathan Tranquilli, Desiree Wilson, Alyssa Kendrick** and **Emily McCormack** were named to the Dean’s List at ECSU in Willimantic, CT

**Noelle Small** was named to the Dean’s List at The College of Charleston in South Carolina.

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Please share this information  
with other classmates.





### North Haven Congregational Church Celebrates Heritage Sunday

The North Haven Congregational Church recently celebrated Heritage Sunday, at which members who have belonged to the church 50 or more years were honored. Rev. Scott Morrow officiated at this joyful celebration

### Rosary Walk 2025 for World Peace

Please join the Legion of Mary every Tuesday at 6:00 pm from June until September 9<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Cemetery-No. Haven.

Group meets by the main office located at 700 Middletown Avenue. Free Parking available. This event meets outside unless it is raining, then we meet in front of the Mausoleum. Please wear comfortable and safe attire. We have a limited supply of rosaries, please remember to bring yours. A



Program with prayers will be provided for the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Questions? Please call Barbara at 203 605 9845. Interested in joining our distribution list to receive updates and reminders? Please leave a message with your email address (please spell it and state clearly and slowly). Thank you.

### Artisan Craft Fair coming!

Calling all knitters, quilters, crocheters and crafters. North Haven Congregational Church will hold an Artisan Craft Fair Saturday, July 12th from 9:00 to 2:00 to offer quality home-crafted items and needlework kits at appropriate prices. This Fair will be held in Carroll Hall, cool and out of the summer heat. Vendors of fine quality wood-craft creations, quilts, candles, soaps, materials, equipment or any other quality craft item are invited to reserve space with table and chair provided for \$40. Please contact Carol (email: [cd-mitchell60@yahoo.com](mailto:cd-mitchell60@yahoo.com)) or Cathy (email: [grammiewelch1950@gmail.com](mailto:grammiewelch1950@gmail.com)) for further information.



### Military Whist NBCC

A Military Whist Card Party will be held on Friday, September 19th

at the North Branford Congregational Church in the Fellowship Hall located at 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford. All proceeds will benefit NBCC. Doors will open at 6:15pm for light refreshments and door prize raffles. Game starts promptly at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 per person. For tickets, please contact Jan via text or call @ 203-671-8223.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

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**Community Baptist Church.** 53 Hopson Avenue, Branford, CT. Pastor Jon Bickel. Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery is provided. Adult bible study and prayer meeting, and children's clubs on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more info.: 203-488-8581; [info@cbcbranford.org](mailto:info@cbcbranford.org); [www.cbcbranford.org](http://www.cbcbranford.org)

**Hope Christian Church** (we are an Assemblies of God affiliated church) 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven CT [www.hopeag.com](http://www.hopeag.com). Sunday Service 10:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM. Follow us on Facebook. "realpeople realhope reallife" (203) 234-7328

**The North Branford Congregational Church, NACCC,** 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford CT. Join us for meaningful worship and Bible based teaching every Sunday at 10 am. Sunday School for children during service. Communion on the first Sunday of the month. We offer Bible study, choir, lunch bunch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday brunch, charity work, book club, praise team, men's fellowship and more. Our pastor is the Rev. Wendy Tarry. To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: [nobdcong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobdcong@sbcglobal.net), website: [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org) Come grow in faith with us!

**Northford Community Church.** Church is located on Old Post Rd. (Corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone (203)-484-0795, Fax (203)-484-9916. Email: [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com). Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-1pm; Other days by appointment. John Vigneri, Pastor. Catherine Klouda, worship leader. Worship service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcommunity.church](http://www.northfordcommunity.church).

**St. Ambrose Parish – Roman Catholic Parish** with two church buildings, St. Augustine, located at 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, located at 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford.

The pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. All are welcome and invited to join us for Mass! Summer Mass times include: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 PM at St. Augustine (English Ordinary no incense used), Sunday at 9:00 AM at St. Monica (English Ordinary, no incense used) and on Sunday at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered a half hour before all Masses, excepting Sunday, and on Monday evenings from 5-6 PM during Adoration. The parish office is located at St. Augustine Church and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-1. You can access the bulletin and staff emails at [NBcatholics.org](http://NBcatholics.org). If you are new to the area and looking for a wonderful parish or homeschool co-op to join, please visit us or give us a call!

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill** in the Heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship always follow. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome!! The church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. St. Andrew's supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas gift and food basket share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more. A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Additionally, the church's Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at 203-710-7005. 4/2/202

Please join us for worship at **St. John's Episcopal Church** at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford, CT 06437. Our services are at 10 am each Sunday with Youth Spiritual Foundation for ages 5 and up every first and third Sunday. Coffee hour after our service in our parish hall. See our Facebook page St. John's Episcopal Church, Guilford CT. 203-457-1094. check our website at [www.saintjohnsguilford.org](http://www.saintjohnsguilford.org)

**Shoreline Community Church** located at 9 Business Park Dr., Units 1-4, Branford, CT. Call us at 203.481.8919. Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:00 AM (Children and Jr. High activities meet during our 10 AM service). For more information, check out our website [www.sccbranford.org](http://www.sccbranford.org). SCC is a diverse community that is dedicated to Making the Invisible God Visible.

**United Methodist Church, Branford** 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller's Castle). [www.umcbranford.org](http://www.umcbranford.org) or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. "The Church on the Rock," led by Pastor . We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God's love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God's word, and stay connected.

**Zion Episcopal Church,** 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. While we are in transition, we continue to hold services of Morning Prayer following Rite 2 in the Book of Common Prayer, and do have services of Holy Eucharist when we are fortunate to get a supply priest. At this time, we have a single service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. Refreshments and fellowship to follow service in the parish hall. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395



# Saint Anthony Feast Day - June 13

*I have been a lifelong member of Saint Anthony Church in New Haven. For years I ran the Church festival and held various positions in the parish. St. Anthony Feast Day was on June 13th and I thought it would be nice to let our readers know something about his life. In thirty five short years he did more than people do in a much longer life span. Editor's note.*



Known as the patron saint of the poor, of sailors and fishermen, of priests and travelers, a protector and guardian of the mails, and wonder-worker, the story of St. Anthony of Padua is very special.

St. Anthony was born in 1195 (13 years after St. Francis of Assisi) in Lisbon, which is now known as Portugal. Given the baptismal name of Fernando, his parents, Martin and Mary Bulhom, belonged to one of the most prominent families of the city.

At the age of 15 Fernando entered the religious order of St. Augustine. Monastery life was hardly peaceful for the youth, nor conducive to prayer and study, since his old friends came to visit frequently and engaged in vehement political discussions. After two years, at his request he was sent to Coimbra (cornbrow). There he began nine years of intense study learning the Augustinian theology that he would later combine with Franciscan vision. Fernando was most likely ordained a priest during this time.

The life of the young priest took a crucial turn when the bodies of the first five Franciscan martyrs were returned from Morocco. The Franciscans had been preaching Christ at a mosque in Seville. They were in danger of being martyred at the outset, but the sultan allowed them to pass on to Morocco, where, after continuing to preach about Christ — despite repeated warnings, they were tortured and beheaded.

In the presence of a huge crowd, including the queen, their remains were carried in solemn procession to the very monastery where Fernando lived.

This event, while viewed by many as tragic and sad, was deemed glorious, and in fact was an inspiration to young Fernando. So much so, that it inspired him to make a momentous decision, one that would change his life and the lives of many to come. He decided that he too would become a Franciscan!

From the beginning, he shared his feelings with the Franciscan brothers saying, “I would gladly put on the habit of your order if you would promise to send me as soon as possible to the land of the Saracens, that I may gain the crown of the Holy Martyrs.” to accomplish this he asked permission to leave the order of St. Augustine. After some challenges from the prior of the Augustinians, he was allowed to leave that priory.

The young Augustinian monk called Fernando went to the convent of St. Anthony, where he took vows of the Franciscan order and assumed the name of Anthony in honor of the patriarch of hermits.

True to their promise, the Franciscans allowed Anthony to go to Morocco, to pursue what he felt was his calling — to be a witness for Christ, and a martyr as well, if God asked.

But, as often happens, the gift Anthony wanted to give was not the gift that was to be asked of him. While in Morocco, he became seriously ill, and after several months realized he had to go home.

During the journey home, his ship ran into storms and high winds and was blown east across the Mediterranean. Eventually his ship made land on the east coast of Sicily. The friars at nearby messina, though they didn't know him, welcomed him and began nursing him back to health. Still ailing, Anthony wanted to attend the great Pentecost chapter of mats (so called because the 3,000 friars could not be housed and slept on mats). Francis of Assisi was there and was also sick.

Since Anthony was essentially a visitor from “out of town” at the friary in Sicily, he received no assignment during the chapter of mats, so he asked to go and be with a provincial superior from northern Italy. “Instruct me in the Franciscan life,” he asked, not mentioning his prior theological training.

When the provincial superior agreed, Anthony was overjoyed. Now, like Francis, he had his first choice — a life of seclusion and contemplation in a hermitage.

Anthony was first recognized for his great gift of preaching at a gathering for the ordination of Dominicans and

Franciscans in 1222. After they finished their meal, the provincial suggested that one of the friars give a short sermon. There were no immediate volunteers among the group, so Anthony was asked to give “just something simple,” since he presumably had no education and at the time was only 27 years old.

Anthony, while resisting the offer at first, finally began to speak in a simple, artless way. The “fire” within him became evident. His knowledge was unmistakable, but it was the passionate manner in which he spoke that truly impressed everyone in attendance.

Once his talents and knowledge were exposed, his quiet life of prayer and penance at the hermitage was exchanged for that of a public preacher. Francis heard of Anthony's skills as a preacher, and re-assigned the young priest to preach in northern Italy. We know that not everyone was impressed by his preaching. Legend has it that one day, faced with deaf ears, Anthony went to the river and preached to the fish. That, reads the traditional tale, got everyone's attention.

Anthony traveled tirelessly in both northern Italy and southern France—perhaps 400 trips—choosing to enter the cities where the heretics were strongest. Yet the sermons he has left behind rarely show him taking direct issue with them. As church historians interpret it, Anthony preferred to present the grandeur of Christianity in positive ways. It was no good to prove people wrong: Anthony wanted to win them to the right, the healthiness of real sorrow and conversion as well as the wonder of reconciliation with a loving father.

Anthony's superior, St. Francis, continued to hear glowing reports of Anthony's sermons, knowledge of scripture and devotion to Mary. In 1224 he wrote to Anthony asking him to teach his brother Franciscans. Anthony became the first teacher of the Franciscan order to be given special approval and blessings of St. Francis.

Anthony continued to preach as he taught the friars and assumed more responsibility within the order. In 1226 he was appointed provincial superior of northern Italy, but still found time for contemplative prayer in a small hermitage.

Around Easter in 1228, at the age of 33, he met Pope Gregory IX in Rome. The Pope had been a faithful friend and adviser of St. Francis. Naturally, the famous preacher Anthony was invited to speak. He did it humbly, as always. The response was so great that people later said that it seemed the miracle of Pentecost was repeated.

Back in Padua in 1231, Anthony preached his last and most famous Lenten sermons. The crowds were so great—sometimes 30,000—that the churches could not hold them, so he went into the piazzas or the open fields. People waited all night to hear him. A bodyguard was needed to protect him from the people armed with scissors who wanted to snip off a piece of his habit as a relic. After his morning mass and sermon, Anthony would hear confessions. This sometimes lasted all day—as did his fasting and constant prayer.

The great energy he had expended during the Lenten season left him exhausted. He went to a little town near Padua to rest and recover, but he soon realized death was coming close and he wanted to return to Padua, the city that he loved. The journey in a wagon weakened him so much, however, that he had to stop at Arcella. In the end, he had to bless Padua from a distance, as Francis had blessed Assisi from a distance.

At Arcella, he received the last sacraments, sang and prayed with the friars there. When one of them asked Anthony what he was staring at so intently, he answered, “I see my lord!” he died in peace a short time after that. He was only 36 and had been a Franciscan for only 10 years.

The story and tradition of devotion to St. Anthony of Padua began almost immediately upon his death on June 13, 1231. Thousands came to view the body of Anthony and attend his burial. His grave at once became a place of extraordinary devotion and numerous miracles. The following year, his friend, Pope Gregory IX, moved by the many miracles attributed to him during his life and that occurred at his tomb, declared him a saint. In 1946, Pope Pius XII officially declared St. Anthony a doctor of the church.

God alone knows which are true and which are folk legend, but in telling the story of St. Anthony of Padua, one must include some mention of the commonly-heard stories attributed to him both during and after his life on earth:

**The first is the story of St. Anthony's bread.** Many people give donations to help the poor in thanksgiving for gifts they've attributed to St. Anthony's intercession. They call this St. Anthony's bread. The story of St. Anthony's bread is said to have begun in 1263, when a beloved child drowned near the basilica of St. Anthony. The child's mother prayed for St. Anthony's intercession and promised that if the child was restored to her, she would give the child's weight in grain to the poor in order that they could

make bread — a very great gift in a time of widespread poverty and hunger.

When the child was miraculously restored to life, the woman was true to her word and the tradition of giving alms to the poor in St. Anthony's name was begun. It is a beautiful tradition of generosity and charity to the poor. And it is fitting that it is done in St. Anthony's name, since he is the patron saint of the poor.

**Many people think of St. Anthony as the “finder of lost items”.** The reason for invoking St. Anthony's help in finding lost or stolen items is traced back to an incident in his own life. As the story goes, he had a favorite book of psalms that was very valuable to him. As this was before the invention of printing, the book was a hand-printed book — but of even more value were his personal notes and the comments he had made in the Psalter to assist with teaching students in the Franciscan order. It was suspected that a novice leaving the community had stolen the Psalter. Anthony prayed for the return of his beloved possession. Shortly after, the novice returned the book and sought Anthony's forgiveness, which was given.

**St. Anthony is also known as the guardian of the mail** as a result of another incident in his life. Although he always sought solitude and time for reflection, Anthony was so popular a preacher that he rarely got time to rest. He dutifully wrote to his superior for permission for a respite and time to travel some distance away for reflection. However, as the story goes, when the messenger arrived for the letter, it was no where to be found. Anthony took this as a sign that he was not to go and forgot about the trip. Shortly after, he received permission from his superior to take the trip. Another legend of 1792, tells of a heart-broken wife seeking news of her husband who had traveled from Spain to Peru. Despite writing many times there was no answer. In desperation she went to the chapel and placed a letter in the hands of the statue of St. Anthony and prayed he would intercede on her behalf and assist with delivery of the letter. The next day when she returned to the chapel, she was disappointed that the letter was still there. Upon removing the letter, she realized her letter had been replaced by a letter from her husband. He wrote that her last letter had been delivered by a Franciscan priest, and that he was overjoyed to receive her letter as he had thought her dead since not hearing from her for so long.

**Novenas to St. Anthony** are celebrated in many churches and shrines around the world. Many begin on Tuesdays as Tuesday was the day Anthony was buried and the miracles at his tomb began. The beginning of novenas is linked to a story of a childless couple. After many, many years of longing for a child, the wife took her troubles to St. Anthony. He is said to have appeared to her in a dream, telling her, “for nine Tuesdays, one after the other, make visits to the Franciscan chapel and approach the holy sacraments of penance and the altar, then pray, and what you ask, you shall obtain.” the couple soon had a child. Whatever fact may or may not be behind the legend, in 1898 Pope Leo XIII encouraged the devotion by granting a plenary indulgence to those spending time in devout prayer in honor of St. Anthony with the intention of doing so for consecutive Tuesdays.

**Many images of St. Anthony picture him with lilies and the Christ child.** In many places lilies are blessed and distributed on the feast of St. Anthony. The lily is meant to remind us of St. Anthony's purity and our own need to pray for the grace of purity in times of temptation. There are many versions of the legend of St. Anthony cradling the Christ child. In most, St. Anthony had traveled to a local hermitage to spend time in prayer. One night, while deep in prayer, Jesus appeared to him as a child. The room filled with light and laughter as St. Anthony held the Christ child in his arms. As the story is told, the owner of the hermitage, upon seeing the light, came to investigate only to behold St. Anthony and the Christ child. When the vision ended, St. Anthony realized the owner was kneeling at the door and begged him not to share the story until after Anthony's death.

Anthony was a simple and humble friar who preached the good news lovingly and with fearless courage. The youth whom his fellow friars thought was uneducated became one of the great preachers and theologians of his day. He was a man of great penance and apostolic zeal. But he was primarily a saint of the people. His effectiveness in calling people back to the faith through his preaching was just as important as his peacemaking and calls for justice.

To this day, St. Anthony of Padua is one of the Catholic Church's most revered and popular saints. One of the reasons for this is likely that his life was what every Christian's life is meant to be — a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis, both great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence upon God.

*Taken from Father Bob's weekly reflection*



Recycling News

**The Next Electronics Drop Off will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>.**  
The event will be held at Public Works from 9am to noon. We will be collecting electronics such as TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. We cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C's or dehumidifiers.  
We will also be taking mattresses (clean and dry), batteries and used oil for free.  
There is a small fee for recycling propane tanks in reusable condition.  
When you bring us your mattress, you are creating jobs for those who take them apart to recycle the components.

**Hazwaste Central opened on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Safe & Free Disposal of Residential Household Hazardous Waste**

The Regional Water Authorities' HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays starting on May 17<sup>th</sup> through mid-October. They are closed on the weekends of July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day.  
HazWaste Central helps area residents in member towns protect water quality by safely disposing of household wastes. Located at RWA at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven, HazWaste Central is open from **9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays only**. Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage, yard or garden.

A visit to HazWaste Central is quick and easy. Participants never have to leave their cars, and the waste is off-loaded by professionals. Some of the household wastes that can be dropped off include aerosol cleaners and sprays, antifreeze, oil-based paint and pool chemicals. We also list some of the accepted items on your yellow trash information card.  
Please visit <https://www.rwater.com/in-the-community/hazwaste-central> for a complete list of what is accepted along with the online registration form. You can also call 203-401-2712 or email [ask.hazwaste@rwater.com](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com).

**Plastic Wrap Reminder**

Most bird seed, pet food and mulch bags are not made of the right plastic to be considered plastic film. And even if they are labeled as recyclable, they would need to be clean to go into the plastic film bin. Please put these items into the trash unless it has a recycle symbol on it and has been cleaned and turned inside out.

**Black plastic plant pots and black takeout containers are not recyclable.** The machinery can't detect the black plastic. Either try to return the plant pots to the place where you bought your plants or try to reuse them. I find the takeout containers have many uses around the house.

Balloons are not recyclable. Please put your used balloons in the trash bin when you are done with them.

**Unacceptable Curbside Waste Reminder**

Construction debris (such as toilets, concrete blocks, roofing material), propane tanks, TVs, monitors, printers, home cleanouts may not be placed curbside. These items will not get picked up; please dispose/recycle properly.

**The next Bulk Pickup isn't until November. Please make other arrangements for your unwanted furniture / bulky waste trash to be disposed of.**  
Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not place your bulky waste curbside until then.

**Can I recycle it?**

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: [www.recyclect.com](http://www.recyclect.com).  
They also have an app.  
For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford's Recycling Committee's website: <https://www.northbranfordct.gov/245/SolidHazardous-Waste-Recycling-Committee> or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Thank You for Your Participation



***North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy***  
***Donate Goodies to animal Haven***

The Community Outreach Committee of the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy 2805 wrapped up their pet supply collection for The Animal Haven in North Haven, <https://theanimalhavenct.org>. A large amount of food and supplies was delivered, thanks to the generous donations of our Lodge members. For more information about Lodge 2805, please visit our website at [www.northhavenlodge2805.club](http://www.northhavenlodge2805.club).

Pictured from left to right: committee members Donna Casciello, Georgiana Hull, Denise Krause, Charlene Logan, Amial Haven's Shelter Manager Mariam Beaudin and committee member Regina Nejarian.



**Totoket Historical Society**  
**Hosts Tilcon Quarry Tour June 25**

The Totoket Historical Society is sponsoring a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry in North Branford on Wednesday, **June 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm. Stone from this quarry has played a vital role in building infrastructure throughout Connecticut. The 90-minute tour will give participants a chance to ask questions of the Tilcon guides and walk the quarry floor, weather permitting.

The cost of the tour is \$30. Checks made payable to the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. should be mailed to 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 ATTN: TILCON. **Please include a phone number with your check.** Reservations are confirmed only on receipt of payment. We recommend no children under the age of 10. For information and reservations, please call or text Lynn at 203-214-9172 or Jessica at 203-895-6655.

Tour participants should arrive at the North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road (Rt 80) by 5:45 pm to check in. The tour will start promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the tour go towards the upkeep of the historic buildings in the care of the Totoket Historical Society Inc. in North Branford.

The mission of the group is Teaching, Preserving, and Building Community. We hope you will join us to learn more about this quarry that plays a vital role in our community.

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUS**

**To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of North Branford, Connecticut. Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party and State election laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on July 2, 2025, 6 PM at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford to endorse candidates for municipal elections and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said caucus.**

**Democratic Town Committee of North Branford,  
Judy Bannon Chairperson and  
Elisabeth Caplan, Treasurer.**





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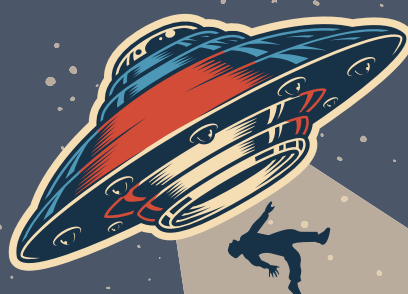
## ROOT BEER TASTING PARTY

June 20th STW Cafe

12:30—1:30pm - FREE

Participants will blind taste samples of popular root beers, we will rate each sample and try to guess the brand. The winner (the person who guesses the most brands correctly) will receive a chilled bottle of their favorite root beer.

Register by 6/16



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“Giuseppe” Wins 3rd Annual

Luck of the Irish Label Contest



June 7, 2025, Branford, CT - The 3rd annual Luck of the Irish label contest benefiting The Greater New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade and the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter drew hundreds of participants vying for the coveted prize of being featured on the label of a special edition brew from Thimble Island Brewing Co. The 2024 and 2025 St. Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshals Cathleen Steinau announced the ‘lucky’ winner of the contest and presented a check for over

\$2k to Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Director, Laura Burban. This year’s top prize was awarded to Giuseppe who is a 4.5-year-old lilac Merle male French bulldog from Branford CT. According to his proud mom Estelle Dorsey, Giuseppe loves long walks, naps, cooking with dad, playing with his big brother Luigi, and most of all going for rides in the car! He’s very spoiled and is definitely a mama’s boy. Everywhere he goes, people stop to pet him and he LOVES all of the attention. As this year’s winner, Giuseppe is now immortalized on the label of a special edition brew from Thimble Island Brewing Co.

As part of their philanthropic outreach, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade committee donated over \$2k to the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter at the event. The Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter has been helping homeless animals along the Connecticut shoreline and vicinity since April 2003. Cosgrove offers many programs and services to educate, inform and inspire people to take responsible care of their pets and to treat them with the kindness they deserve.

The Greater New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade is Connecticut’s largest, free single day spectator event attracting thousands of people to the streets of New Haven each year. The parade is a long-standing tradition in the New Haven community and the members of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick’s Day parade committee volunteer to ensure the tradition continues. The Greater New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Associated Irish Societies is a 501(c)(3) organization. *(photos courtesy of Rob Shcifele)*



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