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North Branford Education Foundation Names 2016 Shining Stars

The North Branford Education Foundation will once again celebrate its year with the Annual Shining star Awards Dinner. The Dinner will take Place on Thursday, March 10th at Woodwinds in Branford.

The 2016 Class of Stars will be Terri & Jimmy Esposito of T.J. Launderette, Brandi Little, Chris Manner & Donald Winnicki.

Tickets can be purchased at Central Office on Middletown Avenue, T.J. Launderette in Northford, or by calling Frank at 203-410-4254.



Terri and Jimmy Esposito moved to North Branford twenty years ago. After owning a laundry service in Wallingford for fourteen years, the two decided to open in Northford, in 2003. "We knew we would reside in this town and we wanted our business to be here as well".

Since that time, T.J. Launderette has been more than just a business in town. It's been a gathering place for residents to meet and greet, as well as discuss town events.

T.J.'s has been proud sponsors of youth basketball, soccer, hockey and baseball. They have donated gift certificates and advertising dollars for countless town fund raisers. It is not uncommon to walk through their doors and view merchandise for sale for the hockey team, raffle baskets, candy and large sign notices for upcoming town events. They often serve as a stop for selling tickets or exchanging money and items.

Many town students have been employed at the store and they also offer our Firefighters and Police a substantial discount on services.

"Our business often serves as a meeting place and sounding board for our community. We love being here for our neighbors as they have always been here for us".

The two reside in Northford with their son Jim who is a nurse at the Saint Raphael Campus of Yale New Haven Hospital.

Brandi Little and her husband Fred bought their home in 1999 in Northford and have not regretted this decision. They have two children - Grace who attends NBHS and Freddie who attends NBIS. Brandi and her family love living in the North Branford community and attending the fantastic school system.

Brandi started volunteering when her children attended Northford Community Nursery School and hasn't stopped! She could be found organizing fund raisers, negotiating contracts, or doing anything else to help the wellness of the Nursery School. As her children started attending North Branford Public



Schools, Brandi became very involved in the schools. She has been a room parent, classroom volunteer, and is very active in the various PTOs. Brandi's passion is all students in North Branford and the PTO is the perfect outlet for all her energy. The PTO serves as an additional source to enhance the education of the students. School personnel have learned that if Brandi is in charge of any activity at their school, she will go above and beyond to make sure it is a success.

Brandi has been a stay-at-home mom while her children were in elementary school. After the events of Newtown, she knew she wanted to be in the schools helping out in any way she could. She is currently one of the greeters at TVES, a position she has held for the past three years. In addition to her school volunteer work, Brandi has served on the board of the NB Education Foundation, is currently a member of the North Branford Scholarship Committee, and volunteers at the North Branford Food Pantry. You can also find Brandi on the sidelines of a variety of school sports cheering on not only her own children but all students! Brandi makes herself available wherever she can help. She is always telling her children, "You will never get this time back get INVOLVED!!"

Brandi tries to go through life with no regrets would of, could of, should of. She just does it!



Chris Manner has resided in the North Branford community with his family for almost two decades. He has been an active participant in the betterment of his town by serving as both a North Branford Police

Officer for twenty-five years and Coach of Basketball, Cross Country and Track at both the Intermediate and High School levels for twenty-two years respectively. Chris began the first Adult Men's League and has also served as a Certified Referee.

Early on, Chris joined the National Guard and was honorably discharged after completing six years of service in the Military. He came to the New Haven area after being recruited to run Track at Southern Connecticut State University. Chris knew early on that he wanted to work with the youth of our community and quickly became involved in coaching both Basketball and Track. Manner believes that athletics provide structure and purpose for students. Most importantly, this type of extra-curricular participation provides young athletes with opportunities to learn about themselves while growing inside of a team atmosphere. He is especially proud to be able to coach his daughter Kaila and watch her mature athletically in the same community he has served for so many years.

Over the course of his career in our small town, Chris's responsibilities and titles include being a Firearms Instructor, Leader of the SWAT Team, a Patrol Officer, and for his last seventeen years, a Police Sergeant. Chris is a member of the Centurions and is also a member of the Elk's Club.

He is currently on the North Branford Youth Basketball Board. He continues to participate in fund raising events sponsored by the North Branford Education Foundation, which he feels is very important in its ability to enhance and support educational initiatives and ideas.

Always involved and active, Chris decided to continue his career in Law Enforcement upon his retirement, and is currently working as a Branford Police Officer. He continues to contribute and inspire!

Don Winnicki has served as the Director of Personnel and Business for the North Branford Public School system since 1994. He had moved to Northford in 1981 and worked in private industry until joining the school district.

Shortly after moving to Northford, Don became a member of the North Branford Jaycees and worked on a variety of projects including the "Steak Wagon", the organization's major fundraiser at the Durham Fair. He also began serving on the Board of Directors for the Northford Community Nursery School.

In the mid-1980s, Don started his alternate "career" *continued on page 2*



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Shining Stars continued

of coaching youth sports. He was a familiar figure on the sidelines of both youth soccer and basketball for almost two decades. Don took his soccer teams to dozens of tournaments, both indoor and outdoor and in and out of state. He was also part of a group of coaches who pioneered the biddy basketball program for the North Branford Youth Basketball League, and was the first coach for both boys' and girls' middle school soccer. All four of Don's children attended the North Branford Public Schools. Don could always be found at the sidelines of their sporting events and was present at many school activities throughout the years.

No longer directly involved with youth sports, although his grandchildren may give him another opportunity in the future, he has remained active in adult sports. Don has been a player and player-manager for the North Branford Men's Soccer Club since the mid-1980s, and has also played basketball, mostly in informal settings, during that same period of time.

In 1989, Don was elected to the North Branford Board of Education and served for four years. During this time, he was involved with the Negotiations, Operations and Building Subcommittees. He also served as the Board representative to the Town Pension Committee, and worked on the implementation of the pension plan for the volunteer fire service. Don left the Board to run for the Town Council, a position

to which he was elected in 1993. A year later he began to serve the town in his current position as Director of Personnel and Business. Don's background in private industry, youth athletics as well as Town and Board management have provided the district with comprehensive, professional experience.

Don's current job incorporates a wide variety of functions, and he supports the Board of Education and the staff in the areas of personnel and payroll, benefit administration, purchasing and accounts payable, grants management, contract negotiation and administration, development and implementation of Board policy, transportation, and facilities management.

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Council Votes to Rescind Policy

To the Editor:

Last year, the Town Council enacted "Procedures and Code of Conduct at Public Meetings," strict formal rules of behavior. Some residents, calling it "the 3-minute rule," believed those newly established rules unduly limited their ability to participate and voice their opinions during meetings where citizen statements were allowable.

At the January 5, 2016 business meeting, your w Town Council voted to rescind that policy. Council members recognized the fundamental importance of civil discourse. By their vote, Councillors acknowledged their collective intention to continue to welcome polite, courteous and helpful sharing of different points of view during public hearings and citizen statement portions of business agendas.

Sincerely,
George I. Miller

Freshly Prepared Dinners Delivered to Town Residents

Dear Editor;

The North Branford/Northford Home Delivery program, a satellite of Branford Community Dining, is starting its fourth year in operation.

This program is designed to assist people who are recovering from an illness, surgery, or are receiving physical therapy or other treatments and need assistance in meal preparation.

Through the generosity of the North Branford Congregational Church who allows us to use their kitchen, we deliver two freshly prepared dinners for each qualified person every Tuesday of the month.

We receive our protein from Branford as well as most of our pantry items through generous donations of gift cards from the community and organizations in town, such as the Woman's clubs in both Northford and North Branford and our recipients we are able to provide fresh vegetables and other items not available through Branford. We always accept donations.

This is an all volunteer project. We have volunteers that cook and package the dinners and we have drivers that deliver them.

The following are the volunteers: Eileen DaRosa, Cappy Kopylec, Aloa Mosier, Susan Ellis, Mary Smith, Louise Mason, Shelia Juniver, Susan Wakefield, Maggie Delaney, Mark Bauchmann, Joe D'Onofrio, Carol Sabia, Diane Farley and Alice Lehr.

For more information on this program or if you know some who may qualify for this program please contact Judy Barron at the Branford Community Dining at 203 488 9750.

Also, you can contact Diane Farley at 203 467 7470 or Carol Sabia at 204 488 5746 or Alice Lehr at 203 488 7126.

We are planning to have a Turkey Dinner on February 20, 2016 to raise funds to have our ovens repaired for more information on this call Diane Farley at 203 467 7470 or Louise Mason 203- 488- 5737.

Thank you. Alice W. Lehr

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Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, by now you've probably run into uncle Albert. He was the last of mom and dad's brothers and sisters. I hope you guys are giving him a great greeting up there.

Mom told us that in the apartment we lived in until I was five, we had no heat. Mary was pretty sick and uncle Albert was home on leave from the service. He gave mom a pair of his army issued long johns to wrap her up in to keep her warm. When we moved to an apartment with heat, mom saved the long johns.

You remember how she did so much with so little. Every year, I wore those long johns for Halloween. One year she put little pompoms down the front, lipstick on my nose and sent me out as a clown. Another year she stapled an old deck of cards on them and called me the card man. I don't even know if that was a real thing. Finally, she rubbed it up in spots with charcoal and I was a hobo. I wonder if he knew all the uses we got out of that one pair of long johns.

Another time, he gave us his old car because dad couldn't afford one. I remember it was blue but I don't remember what type it was. There was no shift for the gears, it was push button. I remember sneaking in the car and putting the emergency brake on and playing with the push buttons until dad finally figured out what I was doing. He told mom and she gave me a beating.

Uncle Albert was also the only one in the family that had a swimming pool. Back then Branford seemed like a million miles away from New Haven, but he would still call whenever it got too hot and tell mom to bring us over for a swim. I remember when he dug the ditch to put the electric wiring in. Mom brought me over with the command, "help your uncle dig the hole". I remember it being very hot. I also remember the hole tunnel was required to be a certain depth and uncle Albert doubled it because he always went further than he had to with stuff like that.

When I worked with him for the carnival guy, he always picked up the slack for me and cousin Joey. He would bust our chops because we couldn't keep up with him in doing the work, but we both knew he was doing extra so we would have less to do because it was a grueling job.

When you turned 21 he brought over a "bottle of whiskey" for you, Rudy, (his already turned 21 year old nephew) and him to have your first legal drink. I'll never forget you and Rudy chasing him through the house to poor the bottle over his head when you realized he had filled it with ice tea. It ruined the toaster when you poured it over his head but he didn't care. He was laughing so hard he was crying.

When we all went to the Pocono's together, Rudy put an alarm clock under his bed and set it at 3:00AM. It was another hysterical moment as we all waited in the hall of the hotel and waited to hear him screaming when it went off at three in the morning.

When Frankie played baseball for Branford Legion, uncle Albert and aunt Marge use to come to his games. Frankie still talks about how he must have been the only one on the team to have his great aunt and uncle coming to see him play.

He was a good man and he will be missed.

As for things going on in town, it's been pretty quiet. The "new members" of the Town Council talked about transparency. So far they have been so transparent, it seems as though they are invisible. I don't know if that's a good thing or a bad.

At the last council meeting they honored Joanne Wentworth who served for thirty eight years, many of them as mayor. It's too bad they didn't let people in the town know so they could have had more people there to recognize her for all her work. They gave her a plaque and I am told there was a declaration from the state. My recommendation would be to hang a replica of the plaque somewhere in the Town Hall so all people who pass through those halls can see what a great lady she is. It would be good to show our young people what community service is all about.

Finally, my grandson turns three this weekend. Boy the time goes by fast. He's a pip and when we get older we often need a kick in the butt to get us back on the planet. He is that kick in the butt.

Well, that's it for this time. Show uncle Albert the ropes and I'll see you soon.

Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

On behalf of all of us at Guertin and Guertin, LLC, I'd like to wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. The beginning of a new year is always a great time to reflect on the past and look forward and make plans for the future.

Last year we were able to help a lot of your friends, family and neighbors to get on the right path to protecting their assets and ensuring a legacy for their children and grandchildren.

As we start this New Year, we are excited to continue to help our clients protect their assets, and ready to face the challenges that can and do arise. Some challenges can be avoided however, and now is the perfect time to give your estate plan a quick, New Year checkup (skip the gym membership this year and instead invest some time in planning your estate). Take out your estate planning documents, life insurance policies, financial records and other important documents and read through them. When reading through your documents keep the following questions in mind:

- Do I understand what these documents do/mean?
- Do the documents still represent my wishes?
- Are the beneficiaries still correct?
- Are the people I have put in positions of power (executor/guardian/trustee/power of attorney) still the right people for the job? Are they still alive?
- Are these Wills so old that they should be in a museum?

Make sure that your plan conforms to your wishes, if it does not, do what is necessary to make the changes you desire. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

If you are having trouble getting started or just don't know where or how to start, we would like to help you with this and are currently offering a no-cost estate plan consultation. We'll look over your plan and make any necessary recommendations or we'll work with you to develop a plan. All too often people come to us too late, waiting until after something tragic has happened to start planning. Many headaches and heartaches can be avoided with advanced planning. That is why an estate plan checkup is so critical.

Please call my office to schedule your estate plan check up and let us help you make sure your estate plan still works for you. Law changes and life changes could affect you and you might not even know it. Make 2016 the year that you get your affairs in order. Call us at 203-234-7400 to schedule your no-cost estate planning consultation.

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NBEF And Superstars Fill The Gym

More than 400 people turned out for the North Branford Education Foundation's Harlem Superstars vs. The North Branford All Stars fund raiser. The event at the North Branford High School Gym raised more than \$2,500 for scholarships and grants and entertained many families in this popular community event.

Special thanks to sponsors, Jay & Lucy's, Giant Oak Power Equipment, T.J.'s Launderette, Village Wine & Spirits, Lifelong Dental, Joey Cal's, Nafis & Young, Northford Store, EGC Environmental Services, Town Line Wine & Spirits, Sanitrol, Abbatello Electric, Totoket Times and Frank Forgione, Esq.

The North Branford All Stars gave the Superstars a good fight but in the end, they couldn't dunk, shoot, pass, dribble or dance as well as their competition. However, the team of Dave D'Onofrio, Dave Carpenter, Josh Orosz, Rick Burke, Kathleen Griffin-Daley, Ellis Gill, Ron Reynolds, Chris Manner, Amber Lake, Lauren Barry, Dwight Boatman, Brett Joly & Beth Parker, and coached by Scott Schoonmaker and Alan Davis, represented North Branford with class and guts.

A great job of setting up by the janitors as well as help from student Matt Shuler who helped wherever needed and ran the clock for this annual event. A total team effort helped raise funds for the Foundation to continue helping teachers and students with projects that are not funded by the general budget.

Anyone interested in learning more about the organization, through becoming a board member or making a donation, can call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

State Representative Vincent Candelora

Hartford Must Change Its Culture



On Tuesday, January 13, General Electric (GE) announced the move of their Connecticut headquarters to Boston, Massachusetts. Republicans were quick to criticize the Democrat's bad budget policies as the cause, and the Democrats attempted to find any excuse other than taxes as the reason for GE's departure. Regardless, Connecticut is worse off under this leadership than six years ago.

So what was Governor Malloy's response to the move? "You win some, and you lose some. Luckily we've won more than we've lost, but this hurts," Malloy said. I'm not sure I would choose these words to describe GE's historic departure from Connecticut, and it also points to the prevailing problem in Hartford. Public serve has become a game to some. It is merely an extension of the election season mentality where Democrats and Republicans vie for the votes. So many elected officials have forgotten that once the silly season is over so should the gamesmanship. It's time for public service. The arrogance that we've seen at the federal level is seeping into Hartford. No one in the gold dome feels the true impact of these decisions unless they are voted out of office and Democrats have enjoyed a majority rule in the House since 1984 so they have taken the voters for granted. When this budget and tax package was crafted, the Speaker later admitted that they were not worrying about policy, but focusing on just balancing the numbers, hardly a way to run government.

The Democrats have worn out the economic engine by repeatedly choosing to raise corporate taxes, personal income taxes and even sales tax. They continue to pass patchwork short-term taxing solutions to avoid facing the underlying spending crisis, which harms job growth. GE did not decide to leave after the latest tax increases in 2015. They had actually formed an exploratory committee in 2011 when Democrats decided to implement the second highest tax increase in history. They saw this bad pattern and new they couldn't grow their business under these circumstances.

So what's Connecticut's response after this difficult news? The Governor announced that residents will be willing to pay \$100 billion for transportation upgrades. The Transportation Finance Panel announced the following recommendations to pay for this plan; increasing the gas tax 14 cents to 39 cents per gallon; implementing all-electronic congestion tolls in several areas of the state; increasing the current 6.35 percent sales tax by another half-percent to help pay for transportation improvements, and increasing rail and bus fares 2.5 percent annually to keep pace with inflation.

While this plan is announced, our Office of Fiscal Analysis just revised our revenue numbers. Overall revenue in Fiscal Year 2017 is down \$161 million from the previous consensus revenue estimate so next year's deficit will approach \$700 million; in Fiscal Year 2018, revenue estimate is down \$208 million from the previous revenue estimate and in Fiscal Year 2019, revenue is down \$243 million; therefore, our \$3.5 billion deficit has grown by

another \$400 million. Connecticut has its work cut out for itself. The political spin and gamesmanship is hurting this state. We need to bring humility and compassion back to public serve and learn the lessons from past, rather than make excuses for our political future. Residents should demand no less. My heart sank when Bristol-Myers of Wallingford announced their departure and my heart breaks for Fairfield with GE.



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February 16th - Lil Love Monsters - Make a Valentine's Day monster friend to take home with you!

February 23rd - "Frozen" Silly Putty - Make wintery, sparkly silly putty with us! Wear old clothes as we will be using food coloring for this craft.



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Recently, seven NBHS Musicians participated in the Southern Region Music Festival Band, Chorus and Orchestra! These students earned spots in the music festival based on auditions in November. Over two days, students participated in more than 10 hours of rehearsals and performed in a fantastic concert Saturday. The NBHS seven musicians are now eligible to audition for a spot in the Connecticut All-State Music Festival From left to right, John Buckley, Sarah Criscuolo, Catherine Moran, Spencer Wilson, Courtney McNelis, Brandon Stimpson, and Peyton Joiner. (photo by Katie Trainer Band Director)

TVES Students Participate in Leadership Conference

On Thursday January 7, 2016 a group of 4th and 5th grade Totoket Valley Elementary School students traveled to Enfield to participate in the Connecticut Association of Schools 22nd Annual Elementary Level Student Leadership Training Conference at Asnuntuck Community College.



Students were able to join other children from different towns in fun, interactive activities to develop their skills in *Productive Thinking*, *Communication*, *Decision Making*, and *Creative Problem Solving*. Some of the activities included "Communication Station", "The Gratitude Project", "Decisions...Decisions", and even a visit from Connecticut's first Kid Governor!

Students were able to meet students from all over Connecticut, work collaboratively, and share ideas. Some of the fun, interactive activities will be shared with their peers as part of morning meeting including perhaps some of the sign language they learned to a popular Katy Perry song! Other ideas gathered from the day will be implemented school wide to promote more kindness and gratitude.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Scott Schoonmaker, Superintendent of North Branford Public Schools, announces that Kindergarten registration for North Branford residents with children eligible to enter school in September 2016 will be held as follows:

Jerome Harrison Elementary School

335 Foxon Rd., North Branford

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

9:00am - Noon, 1:00 - 3:00pm & 5:30 - 7:30pm

Please call the school office (203) 484-1235 for a registration packet. This will need to be completed and brought to kindergarten registration at Jerome Harrison School.

Your child does not need to be present at the time of registration.

In order for a child to be registered in Kindergarten, the following requirements must be met:

1. Child must be five (5) years of age on or before January 1, 2017.
2. The birth record or legal proof of birth has been examined by the principal or designee.
3. Your child must have a **2016** physical exam date no earlier than 9/1/15. The physician and the parent must complete the blue Health Assessment Record provided by the school. This form must be filed with the school **prior** to the first day of Kindergarten or the child may not attend.
4. Proof of residency has been examined and approved by principal or designee (utility bill and/or voter registration form).

In addition, if you have specific concerns about your preschool child's development, please call (203) 484-1235, for further information.

In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, day and evening registration will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the same times noted above.



North Branford High School Rotary Student of The Month Carissa DelGaudio

High School Students - Getting it Done"

NBHS has been named by the College Board for the 6th Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll! This occurred once prior, the 2nd Annual AP Honor Roll, 2011.

This significant accomplishment is related to the NBHS 2015 AP course enrollment and student performance on the AP tests administered during May of 2015.

Congratulations to the students and to their families! Thank you to our teachers who teach AP courses for their commitment to their students and to the progress within our AP courses/program, to our Guidance Staff, Department Chairs and members of the Data Team who gather and analyze data via the PSAT and coursework here to encourage students to enroll in AP course work.



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February 3rd (snow date 2/4) 5:30-7:00pm

Jerome Harrison Elementary School

Come and visit booths presented by local preschool programs serving the North Branford/Northford community, as well as surrounding towns. Meet staff, check out curriculums and get information on tuition, enrollment etc.

If you are enrolling your child in preschool for the 2016-2017 school year, then come see what options are available to you!

For more information call 203-484-4243 or e-mail amccarthy@northbranfordschools.org

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Friday, January 29th, 7:00

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Indoor Boys/Girls Track Team Improving with each Meet

Shoreline Coaches Track and Field Invitational meet on Saturday January 2nd at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven. In order to participate the athletes needed to achieve Class S standard in their respective event. There were over 30 schools represented at the meet. All the athletes did quite well in the very competitive field.

Catie Moran was the top finisher for the T-Birds by placing 5th in the 55m Hurdles at 9.41. Top individual places were also achieved by Maggie Dulak 11th place in the 1000m Run at 3:30.94, Winnie Chan 13th place in the Long Jump at 14'07.5", Jacob Marshall placed 13th in the 55m Dash at 7.06 and Jenna Bryden placed 14th in the 300m Run at 46.21.

The boys 4x400 Relay Team of Jacob Marshall, Michael Madoule, Michael Odell and Austin Gibilisco placed 7th at 3:53.82. The Girls 4x200 Relay Team of Jenna Bryden, Erika Chironno, Rachel Sauro and Jess Zumbo placed 11th at 1:58.38. The Girls SMR Relay Team of Ana Pavic, Sarah Criscuolo, Maggie Dulak and Erica Chironno placed 10th at 4:55.36. The Girls 4x400 Relay Team of Holly Dulak, Winnie Chan, Sarah Criscuolo and Olivia Hemstock placed 12th at 4:51.64.

Also competing in individual events were Holly Dulak in the 1000m Run at 3:41.42, Jess Zumbo in the 55m Dash at 8.07 and Olivia Hemstock in the 600m Run at 1:56.32. Tony Pavic in the 300m Run was timed in at 44.13. There was an eight way tie in the Girls High Jump at 4'6" with the T-Birds (Winnie Chan, Joselyn Streeto and Nina Roberson) earning 3 out of the eight athletes to achieve the height.

The boys 4x800 Relay Team of Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilisco, Richard Hernandez and Isaac Cammarata clocked in at 9:45.35. The boys SMR Relay team of Jason Alaska, Christian Diaz, Richard Hernandez and Isaac Cammarata timed in at 4:29.01.

Old Saybrook Invitational Meet on Monday, January 4th at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven. Schools entered in the varsity meet were from the Class S Division of the CIAC.

Top individual athletes for the boys were Jacob Marshall in the 55m Dash with a time of 6.83, Michael Madoule at 1:31.97 and Austin Gibilisco at 1:35.35 in the 600m Run, Isaac Cammarata at 5:15.28 and Richard Hernandez at 5:18.25 in the 1600m Run, Jason Alaska at 40.82, Jacob Marshall at 41.98 and Christian Diaz at 43.26 in the 300m Dash and in the Long Jump, Christian Diaz with a jump of 16'08.5". In the relays, the boys 4x200 Relay Team of Jacob Marshall, Christian Diaz, Jason Alaska and Michael Odell were timed at 1:43.08.

Top individual athletes for the girls were Catie Moran in the 55m Hurdles with a time of 9.02, Jessica Zumbo at 7.70 and Erika Chironno at 8.21 in the 55m Dash,

Maggie Dulak at 3:29.77 and Holly Dulak at 3:35.8 in the 1000m Run, Olivia Hemstock in the 600m Run at 2:02.44, Jenna Bryden at 45.90, Rachel Sauro at 47.84 and Ana Pavic at 48.39 in the 300m Run. Catie Moran at 14'03.75", Winnie Chan at 13'03" and Deanna Sgambato at 13'01" in the Long Jump competition. Carly Monge at 24', Sydney Senerchia at 22'08" and Jordan McGovern at 22'07" in the Shot Put competition. Nina Robertson at 4'09" and Winnie Chan at 4'08" in the High Jump competition. In the relays, the girls 4x200 Relay Team of Jenna Bryden, Rachel Sauro, Jessica Zumbo and Erika Chironno finished at 1:55.8. And the SMR Relay Team of Maggie Dulak, Jillian Damiani, Erika Chironno and Jessica Zumbo were timed at 5:05.94.

Shoreline League Meet #1 recently held at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven on Tuesday, January 12th.

Boys results for the relays are as follows: 4x800 Relay 6th at 10:09.35 (Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilisco, Isaac Cammarata and Parker Nadeau), 4x200 Relay Team 5th at 1:42.45 (Christian Diaz, Jacob Marshall, Michael Odell and Jason Alaska), 4x400 Relay Team 5th at 4:08.51 (Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilisco, Pat Fisher and Michael Odell) and Sprint Medley Relay Team 10th at 4:49.53 (Jason Ash, Patrick Miconi, Tony Pavic and Pat Fisher).

Top individual places for the boys were: 55M Dash – Jacob Marshall 3rd at 6.57 and Christian Diaz 15th at 6.98, 3200 Meters – Isaac Cammarata 5th at 11:06.51, 300 Meters – Jacob Marshall 3rd at 39.72, Michael Odell 4th at 39.80, Jason Alaska 7th at 40.63 and Christian Diaz 13th at 41.95, 600 Meters – Michael Madoule 3rd at 1:32 and Austin Gibilisco 5th at 1:36.11, Long Jump - Christina Diaz 6th at 17'05.5" and High Jump – Pat Fisher 8th at 4'10".

Girls results for the relays are as follows: 4x800 Relay 6th at 11:19.01 (Maggie Dulak, Holly Dulak, Jillian Damiani and Olivia Hemstock), 4x400 Relay 6th at 4:50.60 (Grace Little, Holly Dulak, Sarah Criscuolo and Ana Pavic), 4x200 Relay 3rd at 1:57.09 (Jess Zumbo, Jenna Bryden, Erika Chironno and Rachel Sauro) and Sprint Medley Relay Team 6th at 4:55.74 (Sara Criscuolo, Erika Chironno, Grace Little, and Maggie Dulak).

Top individual places for the girls were: 55M Hurdles – Catie Moran 3rd at 9.25, 55 M Dash – Catie Moran 8th at 7.96 Jess Zumbo 12th at 8.01, 1000 Meters – Maggie Dulak 4th at 3:25.66, Holly Dulak 10th at 3:32.79, 300 Meters – Ana Pavic 8th at 46.55, Jessica Tang 9th at 47.95, 600 Meters – Olivia Hemstock 12th at 1:59.11, High Jump – Winnie Chan 3rd at 4'8", Nina Robertson 4th at 4'6" and Joselyn Streeto 8th at 4'4", Long Jump – Winnie Chan 4th at 14'07.5" and Catie Moran 6th at 14'00.5", Pole Vault – Deanna Sgambato 5th at 7'00" and Shot Put – Emily Muzyka 8th at 26'02.5", Carly Monge 9th at 26'01" and Jordan McGovern 14th at 23'02.5".

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Saturday, January 30, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Taught by NRA Certified Instructor Tom Smith, this class provides the
knowledge to develop the skills and attitude necessary to safely own
and shoot a handgun. Course includes classroom time as well as practical
shooting experience. Upon successful completion, participants will be
awarded the necessary documentation required for a State of Connecticut
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Meet at the STW Community Center and finish at a local gun range.
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Saturday, January 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Simply thinking about getting prepared is not enough ~ *let's get
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prepare for, and responses to natural emergencies, fires and health threats.
You will learn how to prepare to shelter-in-place during storms and
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9. Cost: \$90 resident / \$95 non-resident
Take a guided tour through the North Hadley Sugar Shack then off to
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Cost: \$97 resident / \$102 non-resident
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PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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Ballet ‘N Rhythm (2-3 yrs) – Weds, Mar 9 – Apr 27 from 9:15-10:00
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to the basics of dance through pre-ballet, rhythm exercises and creative
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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. 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; ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org>We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church. The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and Deacons are John Hart & Robert Macaluso. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm & 11am on Sunday mornings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30PM In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or visit us online at www.staugustinenobfdct.com

St. Monica Roman Catholic Church. The Church is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and the Deacons are William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marennna. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacarment of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:00AM. In addition, you can make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling our parish office. You can contact the parish office by calling 203-484-9226 or fax 203-484-1189 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm. You can contact the Education Center at 203-484-2434 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 &10am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

Turkey Dinner at Northford Congregational Church

Come to a bountiful Turkey Dinner with all the fixings at the North Branford Congregational Church, Route 80, North Branford, Ct. on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 6:P.M.

Adult dinners are \$15.00 , Children under 12 are \$10.00 and children under five eat free. Proceeds are to help replace the ancient commercial ovens.

For further information and to reserve tickets contact Diane Farley at 203 467 7470. Reservations should be made by February 15, 2016.

Please Return Baby Jesus

In a season of giving and joy, something has been taken from North Branford Congregational Church. The baby Jesus in his cradle went missing from the front of the North Branford Congregational Church on Rt. 80 in the days after Christmas. The members of NBCC are asking that those who may have needed Jesus in their life please return this precious piece to our Nativity as many others who are also in need can share in the joy of Christ.

There will be no questions asked so you can either leave the infant Jesus outside the church or call the church at 203.488.8456 with any information Wednesday, Thursday or Friday! We are hoping someone will return Him to us!

Avoiding Slips, Trips and Falls

Are you concerned about your risk of falling? Cheryl Olson, Masonicare at Home’s program manager of mobile health technologies, will present “Slips, Trips and Falls” – a discussion about what you can do to prevent falls in the home. This free program will be held on Thursday, February 11 at the First Baptist Church, 460 Broad Street, in Meriden. The presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m. with coffee and refreshments available. If Meriden schools are closed, the event will be cancelled. Masonicare is not for profit and provides educational programs for adults and caregivers as a public service to the community.

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GUERTIN AND GUERTIN, LLC TO HOST "COVERING YOUR ASSETS WITH AN IAPT"

North Haven, Connecticut - January 14, 2015 - Attorneys George and Marc Guertin of Guertin and Guertin, LLC invite the public to join them for their popular workshop, "Covering Your Assets with an Irrevocable asset Protection Trust" on Saturday, November 7th and Saturday January 30th at 10 a.m. This program was created to help people learn how they can protect their most valuable assets (like a home) from the financial devastation of a long-term stay in a nursing home, creditor issues, and/or lawsuits, by utilizing an Irrevocable Asset Protection Trust.

The Agency for Health Care Policy Research states that 40% of older Americans will need nursing home care at some point in their lives. And currently the average cost of nursing home care in Connecticut is over \$123,000 a year!

"Just because you can't take it with you doesn't mean you have to give it to a nursing home," says Attorney George Guertin. "With proper planning you can protect your assets," he adds. Past participants of this workshop have said, "This workshop was very interesting and enlightening;" and "good information and a very relaxing atmosphere."

This free session is being held at Guertin and Guertin, LLC's offices at the historic Center Fire House building at 26 Broadway in North Haven. Light refreshments will be served. Due to popularity of this workshop, advance registration is required. In fact, this same session was held earlier this month and all the seats filled quickly, so people shouldn't wait. Please call 203-234-7400 or email info@guertinlaw.net to reserve a seat.

About Guertin and Guertin, LLC

Guertin and Guertin, LLC is veteran-owned and is dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Probate and Trust Administration. The practice can be found on the web at www.GuertinandGuertin.com and by phone at 203-234-7400. Guertin and Guertin, LLC's offices are located in the historic Center Fire House building at 26 Broadway in North Haven.

Northford Women’s Club 3rd Annual Comedy Night

The Northford Women’s Club will be presenting its third annual comedy night on Friday, April 1, 2016. This fun night will be held at Fantasia in North Haven. The event will start at 7:00pm. The cost is \$40 per person which includes a full family style dinner and the comedy show. A cash bar will be available. We will also have a wonderful raffle.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center. The balance will support our charity budget which is used to make donations to many local projects such as the Food Pantry, the North Branford Scholarship Association, the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter, the Alzheimer’s Association, Veteran’s projects, Project Graduation, Edward Smith Library as well as others.

For tickets, please contact Michele at michelehanah00@gmail.com or 203-717-2203. The Northford Women’s Club is a member of the General Federation of Women’s Club.

North Branford Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Programs

Applications for the Elderly HOMEOWNER and Totally Disabled HOMEOWNER Programs are available in the Assessor’s Office February 1 through May 15, 2016. Applicants must be 65 by December 31, 2015 or totally disabled to qualify. Income levels are as follows: State Program: \$35,200 for a single person; \$42,900 for a married couple. Local Program: \$42,500 if single; \$52,500 if married.

Please be sure to bring your Federal Tax Return, if you file one, and Social Security Statement (1099). If you do not file a return, you must provide proof of all forms of income, including your 1099 statement, pension income, annuity income, interest, etc.

ADDITIONAL VETERAN PROGRAMS:

The qualifications are the same as the elderly programs; however if 100% disabled, the income maximum is \$18,000, for a single person, and \$21,000 for a married couple, excluding Social Security.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Assessors Office at 203-484-6013.

COMPUTER REPAIRS

Greg Tech Computer Services. Certified technician. On site support for PCs & Macs. Repairs, virus removals, wireless & network setups. Software installations, computer training, upgrades, hardware and printer repairs. Call 203-671-7525 or e-mail gregsilvestro39@gmail.com

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John DiMaggio Plumbing - Residential/Commercial repairs/remodeling. Big or small. Water Heater Specials! Licensed & Insured. Call 203 - 627 - 6826 or 203-484-4822. References available.

SERVICES

Power Equipment Repair - "The Mower Whisperer". We service all brands of yard & snow equipment. Reasonable rates, pickup and delivery available. Call Mark at 203-500-6011.

Handyman Services - Electrical work, plumbing repair and installations, carpentry work, dryer vents cleaned or repaired, yard work, dump runs etc. All general home repairs. Call Pete at 203-804-6373.

HELP WANTED

COOK - Prepares food for Senior Citizens for morning coffee and lunch programs. Procures necessary foods to satisfy a pre-determined menu. Cleans and secures all kitchen equipment. Requires High School Diploma, supplemented with one year of food preparation experience, or equivalent combination of experience and training that demonstrates ability to perform duties. Starting wage \$20.90/hr. plus benefits, 25 hours per week.

Applications are available at Town Manager's Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours or online. Applications due to the Town Manager's Office by **Friday, January 29, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.** No fax or emails please. EEO/AA

SECRETARY I - The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Secretary I to assist the Purchasing Assistant/Risk Manager in completing clerical, secretarial and bookkeeping-related work. Requires High School Diploma, supplemented with one year of clerical/secretarial experience, or equivalent combination of experience and training that demonstrates ability to perform duties. Permitting and office management experience a plus. Starting wage \$21.66/hr. plus benefits, 25 hours per week.

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Substitute Van Driver: Must have a current CDL with F and P endorsements. Please call North Branford Parks & Recreation Department at 203-484-6017 for an application.

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Sunday, February 7th Free Admission

The Healing Power of BioPhoton Light

Edward Smith Library

3 Old Post Road, Northford, CT 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

What if there was a system with the ability to cure all diseases? What if I told you, you already have one... your own body! Not quite in working order and overwhelmed by the thought of having to fix it yourself? Don't be! Help is here....Christina Kuepper will present this cutting-edge modality.



A Dutch inventor has already created an amazing instrument, the Chiren, to simply bring your body back into balance so it can cure itself....and he built it 30 years ago! It has been used successfully throughout Europe and Asia helping thousands of people heal.

The body is incredibly efficient at healing itself, but this healing force has been diminished by environmental pollutants, childhood vaccinations, food poisonings, etc. The Chiren helps the body unlock its innate healing energy very quickly....with no side effects!

Join us for an evening that will turn some of your beliefs upside down. Among the things you will learn are:

- * What whiplash and appendicitis have in common.....and how it hurts you
- * Why your frozen neck or shoulder may be caused by food poisoning
- * 3 things you can do to protect yourself from spin inversion
- * Why your chronic pain may actually be caused by a meridian this is simply out of balance
- * Why 70% of the population has appendicitis and doesn't know it
- * How your cell phone affects your nervous system and what to do about it
- * See if you can taste what BioPhoton light does to water

A short demo will show you how simple, yet ingenious this system is, and why people are claiming it is 5th dimensional healing....the future wave of medicine. After the 1 hour presentation, Christina will stay to answer questions.

Christina Kuepper, as a speaker, has addressed medical, educational, religious, and spiritual groups all over the United States. As a practitioner of complementary medicine for over 25 years, she has helped thousands of people recover from diseases as diverse as cancer and heart disease to bi-polar disorder and chronic pain. Her website is www.LightworkLady.com. She works in 4 states: CT, MA, NY and NJ. She can be reached at 201-312-9223.



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Are you “Puzzled” about what to do this winter???

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries will sponsor our annual **“Puzzle-Off” Contest** at the Edward Smith Library in Northford, CT. (3 Old Post Road) on **Saturday March 12th 2016**. (Snow date will be Sat. 3/19)

Teams (with between 4- 9 people on each team) are welcome to sign up. If you would like to sign up as an individual player, we will match you with a team. Team names are welcome and teams in the past have coordinated the following: hats, name tags, necklaces, outfits, etc. Have fun with the “preparation”. Most teams are able to finish their 1000 piece puzzle by the end of the timed contest which runs from 9:45 until 2:30 with an hour lunch break from 11-12. Food and drink may be brought in, but there is no puzzle work allowed during the break.

We look forward to once again “piecing” together a fun time! You may sign up in the library or by phone **(203) 484.0469**. Sign-ups will end when our lists are filled or by February 28. (Car-pooling is recommended due to limited parking space on this day.)

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The Registrars of Voters would like to inform the electors of the Town of North Branford of information pertaining to the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary. The Primary will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

In order to participate in voting in the Presidential Primary, electors must be registered in the political party for that primary. “Unaffiliated” voters, (i.e., not registered in any party) are **not** permitted to vote in any primary in the State of Connecticut. However, unaffiliated voters can apply to register in a political party in order to vote in a primary. Electors also should take note that enrolled party members may transfer enrollment from one party to the other, three months prior to a primary.

The deadline to change party enrollment for the Presidential Preference Primary is Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

There are certain deadlines to consider:

Tuesday, January 26, 2016: Deadline for enrolled party members to transfer from one party to another to be able to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary.

Thursday, April 21, 2016: Deadline for new voters and unaffiliated voters, to enroll in a party for voting in its primary. (Mail-in registrations must be received by this date, postmarks are not accepted).

12 Noon, Monday, April 25, 2016: Deadline for *in-person enrollment*, for new and unaffiliated

No. Branford Town Hall voters enrolling in a party, for voting in primary.

Electors who registered as “Independent” are considered a member of that party and will **not** be eligible to participate in the Presidential Preference Primary, unless they transfer parties by the above deadline.

Paulette Hart, Republican Registrar of Voters, Home: 203-484-4390.

Maryann Manzi, Democratic Registrar of Voters, Home: 203-484-9590

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The North Haven Camera Club has just celebrated its 5th year with a growing membership of 70+ members. We pride ourselves as a teaching and sharing of information

group to help its members grow in their photographic journey in a friendly atmosphere. Guests are always welcomed to attend a meeting for free. We meet twice monthly in the Hope Christian Church, Community Center, 211 Montowese Ave. North Haven, CT on the first & third Tuesdays, plus four additional dates where we offer hands-on workshops in 2 -2.5 hour sessions. You can get more information and download a membership application on our website. www.northhavencameraclub.com.

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