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Students Remember Veterans



On Veteran's Day, NBHS was visited by several veterans who shared their recollections of experiences while serving our country.

The ceremony began with Mr. Carnoroli and the Concert Choir providing musical selections. The ceremony was organized by Ms. Ardine and Mrs. Bishop and the Helping Hands Organization provided care packages for our veterans. (Pictured left to right: George Ahern, Grant Briggs, NBHS 1965 graduate Gary Tercyak, John Ardine and John Cooke.



Students and staff at Jerome Harrison Elementary School spent part of their Veteran's Day recognizing and honoring local veterans. The day began with a full breakfast in the JHS cafeteria served by Michael Augur and the North Branford Food Service Staff. More than 70 local veterans were in attendance and enjoyed their breakfast and time to meet and reminisce with each other.

After breakfast, veterans were honored by a ceremony that included patriotic music sung by staff and students at JHS as well as Landcraft Fife and Drum Corps. Veterans were also honored through student essays on "What it means to be a Hero" that were read to them during the event. Students concluded by singing the song "Hero" as a tribute to the veterans and veterans were given cards from students thanking them for their service and dedication. The event was a wonderful success and was attended by Senator Ed Meyer, Representative Vinny Candelora, Mayor Anthony Candelora, Deputy Mayor Joanne Wentworth, and Superintendent Scott Schoonmaker.

The annual event at JHS planned by teachers Miki DeCaprio, Linda Humphrey, and Patti Carlo continues to grow as a great way to honor veterans and educate students about the importance of Veteran's Day.

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Let's Be "Frank"

Well, brother, this past weekend I spent the best \$20. that I have spent in a long time. Took the wife to NBIS where the kids put on a performance of "Annie". The only adjective I can think of to describe it is "sensational". The girl who played Annie was good enough to play it on Broadway. I have seen many different renditions and she was as good as anyone. The entire cast of sixth, seventh and eighth graders was tremendous.

Compliments to the hundreds of people who put this thing together. What a success story for the teachers, parents and volunteers. With a two night sellout it was obvious that this took a tremendous amount of effort on the part of all.

The acting was great but I was particularly impressed with a full band made up of students. I remember doing a play in eighth grade. Our instruments were made by daddy. There were two "Charlie Chip" aluminum containers that he put straps on for drums. He cut 2 x 4's into blocks and some he glued sand paper on so we would have clappers and the sand paper made for a cool sound when rubbed together. We had a few triangles, a few recorders and Joey Lavazza played the accordion as Sister Angelica Marie played the piano which finished off the entire band. This band was a full compliment of Middle School students and they were awesome.

On another note, it's Thanksgiving. I always liked this holiday because there is less pressure than Christmas. Once again the entire clan will be at our house and as usual your family will join us as well. When you are able to celebrate the holidays with a house full of family, and you have a roof over your head and a table full of food, what else is there to be thankful for.

I'll do my usual Thanksgiving tradition. Make the antipasto, then it's off to the cemetery with breakfast, grave blankets and the newspaper to as the song says, "forget about life for a while".

Nothing much going around in town. The paper is a struggle as businesses in town are struggling. Advertising dollars are tight and I often think it's a futile effort to keep this thing going. As long as the advertisers support it enough to pay the bills, I will push on. Some people just don't want to let someone with 40 years in the business offer suggestions. They have a laptop and an idea and they have labeled themselves experts. There's is nothing you an do to help them and I as get a bit older, I don't argue anymore.

Well, we will be thinking of you on Thanksgiving as we do on most other days. God bless, and I'll see you on the other side.

State Senator-Elect Ted Kennedy, Jr. To Hold "Open Office Hours"

BRANFORD, CT (November 18, 2014) – State Senator-Elect Ted Kennedy Jr. welcomes all 12th District residents to speak with him during his "Open Office Hours" this December. Kennedy will hold 6 sessions over 2 weeks throughout the 12th District, which includes Branford, Durham, Guilford, Killingworth, Madison, and North Branford. All 12th District residents are invited to attend any of the sessions and will be able to speak to Kennedy about their ideas and concerns. "I look forward to hearing from residents in the 12th District," Kennedy said, "so that when I go to Hartford in January, I can best represent their thoughts and concerns before the General Assembly." For questions about the meetings, residents may email: info@tedkennedyjr.com.

What: Open Office Hours for all 12th District Residents

Who: State Senator-Elect Ted Kennedy, Jr.

When/Where:

Tuesday, December 2nd, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm -- Killingworth Public Library

Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 am – 10:30 am -- Guilford Public Library

Monday, December 8th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm -- Blackstone Memorial Library, Branford

Tuesday, December 9th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm -- Scranton Memorial Library, Madison

Saturday, December 13th, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm -- Atwater Public Library, North Branford

Monday, December 15th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm -- Durham Public Library

Fire Marshall "Has Done An Amazing Job..."

Dear Editor;

I believe the Fire commission report was written under a false assumption, and semantics matter! The premise that P&X called upon Chief Seward to seek his professional advice at the May meeting is incorrect, and it is what has so many citizens up in arms. Citizens have not been accorded the same chance to speak that the Mayor, Councilman Don Fucci, who owns the property and not identifying himself as owner, and Chief all spoke at non-public hearings.

J.J. Sullivan, their lawyer and engineer, were presenting information to the commission, when these individuals spoke (non-public hearing), and expressed their support for what became the change in bulk storage of propane regulation. Then they wrote our regulation to suit their need, and never restricted the amount of bulk or what constitutes bulk.

In June, EDC, TC, and P&Z met to discuss the Charrette, and when bulk storage was brought up for discussion, it was denied as only the Charrette. But, the November 1st Charrette opened with "we want the towns peoples input", and this is what We concerned citizens wanted and needed to talk about.

Semantics matter: The Fire Chief thought he was being called a liar, because some differed with his opinion--not that anyone called him a liar as reported. He has done an amazing job with the volunteers. No one disputes that. Our issues are with a differing of opinion or another take on the propane safety and property value and revenue from this business.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

When It Rains, It Pours



I'd like to start out by thanking everyone for giving me the opportunity to represent you for another two years in Hartford. The beginning of a new session always brings a level of enthusiasm, but I am quickly grounded by the fiscal condition of Connecticut's budget. This next session is going to be more difficult than ever.

Throughout the election cycle, we heard optimism about the future and Governor Malloy predicted that our budget would end in a surplus. He continued to assure us that the budget policies would pay off in the future and that Connecticut is turning the corner. While he may still hold that belief, the numbers are painting a different story. Two weeks after the election, the state faces a projected deficit of \$100 million, and the state has run out of operating cash again.

The media seems to focus on the \$100 million deficit, but we cannot gloss over the fact that Connecticut is running a negative cash balance-something that hasn't occurred in almost two years. In my opinion, this occurrence is more dire than others because in previous years when Connecticut has run out of cash, it had a zero budget reserve ("rainy day") balance and deficits in the billions. Today, Connecticut has approximately \$500 million in its budget reserve. Additionally, in October, 2013, pursuant to the Governor's proposal, the state borrowed an additional \$598 million and added it to our cash balance under the guise of GAAP accounting. The state, therefore, had a cushion of \$1 billion in its checkbook. Normally, this cushion is sufficient to get us through the lean months, like November, without borrowing bond funds to operate government. So the fact that the state ran out of money caught all of us by surprise. If money is leaving the checkbook faster than its coming in, we must take a better look at our expenditures.

No one denies that we are in difficult economic times. I differ with the Governor on how we should handle these budget shortfalls, and I think even his administration now realizes that tax increases and more borrowing is not a viable option. His own budget chief acknowledges that Connecticut is in a "permanent fiscal crisis". I am hopeful that we will work together on a budget that solves our short-term problems, as well as our long term deficiencies. Connecticut can emerge from this recession more quickly if consumer confidence increases, and I believe that can only happen with bipartisan solutions to our budget woes.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Clients often ask me if they should discuss their estate plans with their adult or nearly adult children. As long as your kids are not anxiously waiting for you to die or actively planning your demise, there are many benefits to discussing your plans with your children. Talking about your estate plan with your children can eliminate surprises after you die. A quick conversation can ensure family harmony long after you are gone. When your family gets together this holiday you should consider starting a discussion about your estate plan. Whether you have a plan in place or are considering putting an estate plan into place, family get-togethers provide the perfect opportunity for such discussions.

Communication is the key. When speaking with your children, explain the who, what, when, where, how and WHY of your estate plan. This makes it easier for your children, as well as the planning professionals who may be left with the task of explaining what you were trying to accomplish through your estate plan. Some children may feel slighted because they were not named as Executor or Trustee. If you are concerned about one of your kids feeling this way, I suggest getting out in front of this problem. There may be very good reasons for why that child was not named. Look for opportunities to communicate the reasons why.

Often, children will regard unequal treatment in an estate plan as a statement of their parents love or lack thereof. This, of course, is usually far from the truth. Sometimes parents wish to provide more for a child who needs more help, and less to children who are more successful. It is imperative that you communicate your reasoning with your children. If there is no communication, it is often left up to the often vivid imagination of the child.

A decent estate planning attorney will always help you plan for dollars and cents. A good estate planning attorney also takes into account the family issues and dynamics. For many people, preserving the family unit after you are gone is a major concern. There are things that you can do today, that will have an impact on the lives of your children long after you pass. We often invite our clients to bring their children in. It is always nice to meet the people who will benefit from the planning that we do. Children can

State Senator Ed Meyer

For a Leaner, Better State Legislature



I want to share with you some legislative reform bills I introduced during my decade as your state senator, which did not pass and generally were not even taken up by a committee. Connecticut is the fourth smallest state in the United States with a total population of about 3.5 million, and yet we have two separate houses of the legislature, comprising 187 state legislators. Several years ago, I visited Nebraska to look at its unicameral (one-house) legislature and was amazed at its efficiency and effectiveness. Thereafter, I introduced a unicameral legislative bill, but it got no public hearing. I could well envision in Hartford a one-house legislature with 60 state legislators each serving about 50,000 residents.

Many state legislators in Connecticut, as well as other states, serve for twenty and more years. With exceptions, that longevity results in a loss of energy and a vacuum of new ideas. For some years, I have proposed term limits whereby state senators would serve three terms of four years each, and state representatives would serve six terms of two years each. Again, that bill has never received a hearing.

Connecticut, like many states lacks healthy competition in many of its state legislative campaigns. The great majority of legislative districts are one-party districts, primarily the Democrats in the metropolitan areas and the Republicans in parts of Fairfield country and in the more rural areas. Re-districting intentionally avoids combining part of a metropolitan area with part of a rural area as one district. In over one-third of our legislative districts, the incumbent legislator has no opponent or no major party opponent. The reason for our redistricting plans is that they are totally controlled by the legislative leaders of the two parties whose primary goal is to bring back incumbents every two years. Competition would be built instead by creating an independent redistricting commission without legislative or political leaders. Again, my bill to do that has not received any hearing.

There have been ethics problems in the Connecticut General Assembly, and indeed in the last several years three of my Senate colleagues have been convicted of crimes and have involuntarily been ousted from the Senate. The legislatures of other states, as well as Congress, have enacted Codes of Ethics and Ethics Committees to enforce that Code. I have introduced such a bill in each of the last ten years. In a couple of those years, the bill did clear committee, but was not taken up on the floor of either the Senate or the House.

As a result of my retirement, I urge you to press for some or all of these bills which, from my experience, will produce a leaner and better state legislature. Go for it!

be involved in the process by discussing Executor and Trustee selections with you. This gets them involved and makes them feel like their opinion has worth, which will reap dividends for many years to come. Your kids should know (or at least know how to contact) your life insurance representative, financial planners, accountants, and attorneys. Parents should try to introduce these professionals to their children. When they do meet, note how the advisors respond. Their response to your children will be a good indicator as to how helpful these advisors will be to your children in the future.

If you have estate planning questions that you would like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net.

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Sacred Heart Academy

Offers December Entrance Exam

For those who missed the November test date, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an Entrance Exam on **Thursday, December 10** at the Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden. To register for the exam, candidates for admission must submit the Application for Admission online at www.sacredhearthamden.org with \$60 fee by Friday, December 5. We ask students to arrive at 8:45 a.m. Testing concludes at Noon. For further information or to arrange an interview or "shadow day," please contact Mrs. Elaine Lamboley, Director of Admission at 203-288-2309, x307.

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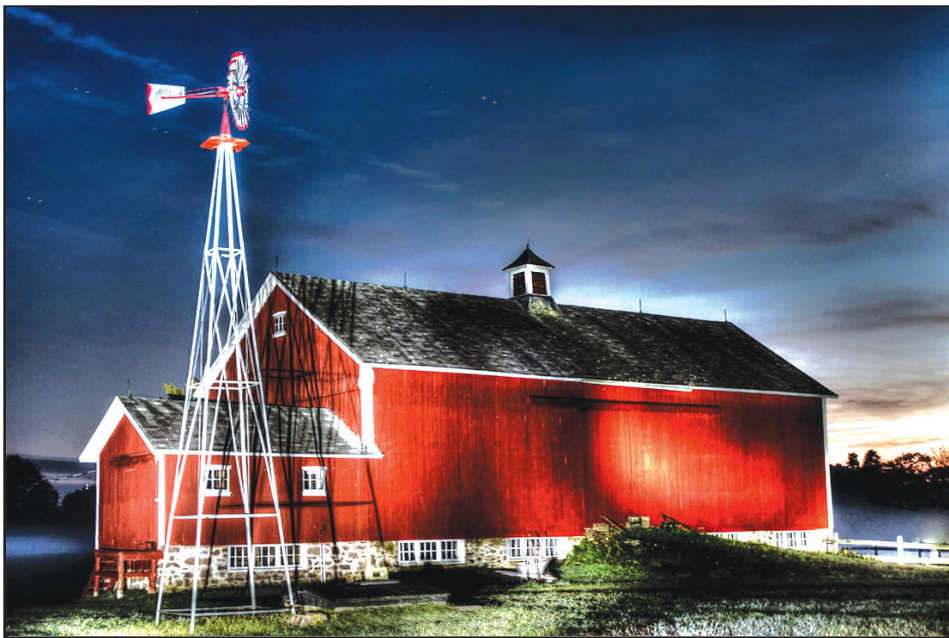
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Photo of Northford barn by Donna Owen Beeson.

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Any questions please call 203-484-0466.

Author to Speak at Library

We welcome Joan Hoey, author of “Purposeful Destiny” to the Edward Smith Library on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7pm re-scheduled from November 12th.

From Balboa Press: “This is a book for persons of deep faith or none, and everyone in between. Therapist and trainer Joan Hoey, LCSW, takes you on a journey of the soul, beginning with her own story and including the transformations achieved by her clients struggling to unblock themselves and find their

“highest best” destiny.”“Most of all, Purposeful Destiny is an invitation to change your own life, free yourself from obstacles, break the negative patterns, and discover the love and freedom waiting for you. It can be an amazing journey, but it may just begin by taking this ride with Joan Hoey.”

North Branford Fire Department

Carbon Monoxide, What you need to know:

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that interferes with the delivery of oxygen in the blood to the rest of the body. It is produced by incomplete combustion of fuels that include coal, wood, charcoal, natural gas, propane, and fuel oil. Problems can arise as a result of improper installation, maintenance, or inadequate venation. The symptoms are sometimes confused with the flu or food poisoning. Infants, elderly, pregnant women, and people with heart or respiratory illness are particularly at high risk from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. Nationally an estimated 300 people a year die as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning and thousands of others end up in the emergency room.

What you need to do: Ensure that all fuel burning appliances are properly adjusted and maintained. Have annual inspections of heating systems, chimney and flues. Never leave a car running in the garage. Install a carbon monoxide detector near your sleeping area.

If your CO detector goes off, or if everyone in the house are experience flue like symptoms that improve when your not home, call 911 and get out of the house.

Fireplace and Home Fire Safety:

With the high price of fuel oil and natural gas, many homeowners are using alternate heating sources. Last year, North Branford Fire Department responded to numerous chimney fires, and furnace malfunctions.

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves, and other fuel-fired appliances to heat their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks associated with wood and other fuels.

North Branford Fire Department encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps:

1. Have your chimney or wood stove cleaned and inspected annually
2. Keep the area around your fireplace or stove clear of flammable decorations or materials
3. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces, and keep your glass doors open
4. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
5. Use only seasoned hardwood
6. Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke
7. Never burn cardboard, trash or other debris in your fireplace or wood stove
8. ***Never leave a fire unattended*** and extinguish before going to bed or leaving the house
9. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a ***metal container outside and away*** from your house
10. Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester
11. ***Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors*** on every level of your home
12. ***Have your oil or gas furnace serviced*** at least once a year
13. Provide proper venting for all heating appliances

Don’t Forget Your Appliances

Dryers: The leading cause of dryer fires is a lack of maintenance. Whether you have electric or gas these simple rules can prevent a tragedy.

- Do not operate dryer without a lint filter. **Clean filter before and after each use.**
- Clean out the exhaust duct at least once a month.
- Once a year, remove the back cover and vacuum out the area around the heating element.
- Use only metal flexible pipe and the shortest distance possible to the outside.
- Make sure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its needs. **Do not use extension cords.**

Ovens: Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires.

- Keep cooking area clean and clear of combustibles.
- Do not wear loose fitting cloths that can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.
- Follow manufactures instructions on self-cleaning ovens. Clean heavy accumulations of grease before starting cleaning cycle.
- If a fire starts in the oven, turn off electric power or gas supply, do not open door.
- If a small fire starts in a pan on the stove, turn off electric power or gas supply and cover with a lid. Do not remove lid even if the fire appears to be out. **Do not use water to extinguish a grease or oil fire.**
- If you have a Microwave Oven fire, keep the door closed and turn off the power.

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Congratulations

Members of the North Branford High School Music Program recently participated in an audition, and several of the students were selected for the Southern Regional Festival which takes palce in January.

Congratualtions to the students who were picked: Alex Roof, percussion, Sarah Criscuolo Bass Clarinet, and Vocalists Marisa Tomaso, Peyton Joiner and Spencer Wilson.

Jerome Harrison School Community Night to Care Event

The annual Community Night to Care event is being held on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Jerome Harrison School. On this night, we come together to celebrate the collection of gift donations for Northford and North Branford families in need. We welcome everyone who has taken a snowman to bring their unwrapped gifts with the snowman securely attached (as this identifies the recipient of the gift) to this evening of festivities.

The evening will include crafts, a card-making station, and a photography area with Elsa and Anna, balloon hats, tattoos and refreshments. In addition, the 2nd grade choir under the guidance of Mrs. Bannon and Mrs. Humphrey will perform their holiday concert.

If you are unable to attend on the 3rd, you can drop gifts to JHS on Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th. Your generosity on behalf of the families of Northford and North Branford is very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you on this special night of community celebration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Manning at lmann4767@yahoo.com, Nicole Park at parknicole@comcast.net or Jackie Rodriquez at jnr31@comcast.net.

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2 NBHS Athletes Advance to the National Championship

Two of North Branford's Hockey Team players advance to the Hockey National Championship in March 2015 in Plano, Texas. Sophomore Goalie Will McEwen and Junior Defenseman Tanner Opie won the Midget Minor U16 Tier II State Championship for the Southern Stars the weekend of November 9, 2014. After a stellar performance on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Newington Arena, Will McEwen and Tanner Opie lead their team to a 12-0 shutout against West Hartford in the semi-finals capturing the championship playoff game on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at the Newington Arena.

McEwen and Opie finished their season with a record of 16-7-3.

Seated front row Will McEwen 2nd from right. Opie in back row 2nd from right.



2014 U14 Boys South Central District Champions

North Branford T-Birds with a undefeated record on league games and with hard work and determination they took first place on their division. Bottom row: Izaac Pereira, Krish Patel, Charles Langlan, Andrew Sellitto, (Goalie) Ian McLay, Christian Tomaso, Luke Izzo, Nikolas Proestakis. Top row: Head Coach Joe Da Silva, Alex LeMere, Eli Roessler, Captain Joey Da Silva, Ryan Cadwell, Michael Rabuffo, Captain Anthony Sellitto, Eryk Kicak, Jason Oftinoski, Assistant Coach and Team Coordinator Jim Sellitto.

Annual Powderpuff Football Game



The Annual Powderpuff football game will take place on Sunday, November 30th beginning at 4:00PM. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Refreshments will be available including chili and chowder bowls as well as a bake sale and raffle.

All proceeds will go to benefit the 2015 Project Graduation Program.



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Recreational Programs

Youth Conditioning Program includes cardio activities, fitness room, strength training, kickboxing, obstacle course, games and more! Bus transportation NBIS to STW Community Center included.	Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. December - February \$30
Body Conditioning / Bootcamp This is a hybrid form of kickboxing, martial arts and cardio circuits. Kick butt workout!	Mon. & Thur., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. January 8 – February 23 \$75
Yoga Classical poses, to help with balance and flexibility. Calm the mind and relieve stress. No experience necessary.	Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. January 7- February 11 <u>OR</u> Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. January 8 – February 12 \$55
Start The Year Organized While the same organizing system does not work for every one, there are several strategies that everyone can apply to their lives to help them get rid of clutter and live and organized life.	Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. January 8 \$15
Adult Swim Water aerobics combined with toning using a variety of water equipment in warm pool water!	Mon., Jan. 12 – March 2 <u>OR</u> Wed., Jan. 14 – March 4 \$45
Events Annual Tree Lighting	Friday, December 5 th 6:00 p.m. Fire Co. #2, Northford
Holiday Fair at STW CC	Saturday, December 6th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Cookie Swap	Monday, December 15 th 11:00 a.m. <i>Sign-up required</i>
Senior Van Trips Wadsworth Atheneum Festival of Trees	Thursday, December 11 th \$15 res / \$20 non-res
Pacific Grill Luncheon & Wal-mart	Friday, January 9th \$2 res / \$5 non-res
Chartered Bus Trips Stocking Stuffer Holiday Romp Receive a free stocking and fill it with free gifts given along the way. Enjoy a buffet luncheon during your shopping excursion.	Sunday, December 7th \$83
Radio City Christmas Spectacular 15 seats left – GET YOUR TICKETS NOW See the Rockettes in al their glory while visiting Rockefeller Center, shopping 5 th Ave and more.	Monday, December 8 th \$100 includes Orchestra seats to 2 p.m. show, motor coach & driver gratuity

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KOTTAGE, WILLIAM J. JR. William John Kottage, Jr., 54, of Northford passed away Wednesday, November 19, 2014 in Montgomery Village, Maryland. He was the devoted husband of Karen Kloap Kottage for twenty-five years. William was born in New Haven on May 30, 1960; son of William John Kottage, Sr. and Grace DeFilippo Kottage. He was the proud father of William John Kottage III and Brandon Michael Kottage. Bill obtained his Bachelor’s degree from the University of New Haven and had worked as Project Manager for Fannie Mae in Washington D.C. William was a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity. In his free time, William enjoyed traveling and cooking. He was also a lifelong avid skier. Bill leaves behind his loving sister Cheryl Kaszeta (Leo), and his brothers James Kottage (Michelle) (NHFD) and Paul Kottage (Serina). Bill was predeceased by his sister, Janice. “Uncle Bill” was also adored by his nieces and nephews.



Did you know...that the worst trolley accident in U.S. history took place in North Branford? On the afternoon of August 13, 1917, two electric trolley cars of The Shore Line Electric Railway collided near Foxon Road approximately mid-way between Forest Road and Branford Road. Nineteen people were killed instantly and nine died soon after. Read about it in our publication “The Shoreline Electric Railway and the Great North Branford Trolley Wreck” by Edna Hall.
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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. 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. Sunday 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.

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 Marennia. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacrament 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 & 10:00am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

"A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Advent"

Join the parish communiites of St Augustine & St. Monica on Sunday, December 14, at 4:00pm at St. Augustine, 30 Caputo Rd. Dinner in the Church Hall will follow. A non-perishable food item is requested as a donation.

Hanging of the Greens at NCC

A special "Hanging of the Greens" service will be held at 10 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 30, the first Sunday in Advent, at Northford Congregational Church. By tradition, everyone comes together on this day to prepare the church – preparing for the coming of our Lord at Christmas – by lovingly decorating the sanctuary and telling the stories of the significance of these decorations in our history. The whole church comes together to do this as a church family activity. All are welcome.

Advent services and candle lightings will continue each Sunday, with a contemporary worship service on Dec. 21. Sunday School classes are held each Sunday at 10 a.m. For information on Sunday School, contact Kathy Grant, Christian Education Coordinator, at 203-823-1023.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net.

Branford Compassion Club's Holiday Cookie Sale

On Saturday, December 6th, Branford Compassion Club will host a holiday cookie walk from 11am to 3pm at their Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, located at 2037 Foxon Rd, North Branford.

Delicious homemade cookies can be purchased for \$4 a dozen. To complete your holiday shopping, gift baskets and gift certificates will also be available.

Refreshments, including eggnog and samples of homemade cookies will be served. All proceeds will benefit homeless cats and as always, donations of unopened cans of wet food and/or dry food are appreciated.

For more information please visit, www.branfordcompassionclub.org



Holiday Open House & Market at The Dudley Farm

The Dudley Farm Museum and Farmers' Market invite you to celebrate the 2014 holiday season on two Saturdays in December. On December 6th and 13th, from 9 AM to 2 PM, the Museum will be open for their Holiday Open House and the Munger Barn will be open for the 19th annual Holiday Market.

Tour the Farmhouse decorated for the holidays and enjoy complimentary mulled cider and cookies served in the dining room. Also featured in the Farmhouse is the annual cookie bake sale, to benefit the Museum, and drawings for the seasonal centerpieces on display. Each Saturday, visitors may enter a free drawing for a chance to win 1 of 3 holiday centerpieces made by Janet Dudley and Michael Russo.

Moer than 30 vendors will fill the Munger Barn both days with holiday treats and treasures. Featured this year are baked goods, eggs, fibers, fresh holiday greens, wreaths, trees and decorations, handmade art and crafts, honey, jams and jellies, maple syrup, naturally-raised meats, pickles, and soap.

The Dudley Farm Museum is located at 2351 Durham Road, at the intersection of routes 77 and 80 in North Guilford, CT. Contact the Museum at 203-457-0770 or the Market at 860-349-3917 or visit www.dudleyfarm.com for more information. There is no snow date for December 13th.

Christmas with the Chorale

On Saturday, December 6th, the Branford Choral will present its 39th Winter Concert entitled, "Christmas with the Chorale", under the direction of Michael Carnaroli. The concert will be held at St. Therese Church on Leete's Island Rd. in Branford at 7:30PM.

A wide variety of music will be presented including traditional carols, popular favorites from "Frozen", and "Sister Act", as well as a variety of multi - cultured pieces. All the selections were chosen as favorites of the Chorale membership. It will surely be an evening to please every level of interest, and one that the Chorale looks forward to presenting.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00 (\$8.00 for seniors and children), or they can be purchased in advance for \$8.00 at the Village Shoppe in Branford.

More information can be obtained by calling 203-488-8363.

Holiday Basket Share

The Holiday Basket Share Program will take place on Tuesday, December 16th, 2014.

For those that need some assistance with their Holiday Dinner, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and request to be a recipient in the Holiday Basket Share. The only requirement is that you are in need, and that you reside in Northford or North Branford. Your information is protected and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick-up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver or bring it to your car.

For those wishing to donate a basket, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Holiday Dinner Basket or a grocery store gift card. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and recipients will receive written confirmation.

The Holiday Basket Share is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th, 2014. Should you have an interest in being a recipient, please call the Office of Social Service at 203-484-6006 or 203-484-6005 by Friday, December 5th.

Annual Stony Creek Christmas Pageant

The Annual Stony Creek Christmas Pageant will be held on December 13, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 pm. This event features 7 nativity scenes with actors and live animals, the Stony Creek Fife and Drum Corps and Branford High School Music Makers.

A musical performance by Allegro Performing Arts Academy will be held at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Walk the Pageant and stop by the Church of Christ Congregational Open House for refreshments in Fellowship Hall. This event is sponsored by Church of Christ Congregational, 192 Thimble Islands Rd,

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