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North Branford Education Foundation Brings The Spirit of Christmas

Once again, the North Branford Education Foundation brought the spirit of Christmas to the community, by sponsoring their annual Breakfast with Santa. The event which was attended by close to 500 participants featured a scrumptious breakfast by chef Michael Augur. Music was provided by students from the North Branford School District led by teachers, Linda Humphrey, Judy Bannon, Katie Trainer, Linda Franklin-Biggs and Meredith Zoll and the morning was topped off with photos with Santa,

Also, special thanks go to assistance from a group of NBHS & NBIS students for their contributions as well as NBIS Principal Alan Davis.

The Education Foundation is grateful to those who attended, as the proceeds from the event go to grants which further the development of our students.



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State Representative Vincetn Candelora Getting Our House In Order



Before I raise another issue in my comment, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy and Healthy New Year. After the New Year, we will be busy tackling budget issues and a recent state audit has only added to the task list. The State Auditors recently cited the Department of Social Services

(DSS) for continuing to pay benefits to dead people, one of the 14 reoccurring malpractices in the multi-billion agency's review.

The Auditors uncovered that DSS continued providing Medicaid coverage to thousands of people for more than a year without even checking to see if they were still eligible, which is a federal requirement. The federal government requires state Medicaid agencies to review eligibility at least every 12 months. Comments made by a DSS spokesman indicates that about 12,000 cases exist where a proper review of renewal paperwork for Medicaid were not done for more than a year.

Once again, state auditors have found that DSS is not doing the basics, which is simply to monitor all the benefits it pays out and ensure that the agency is running efficiently. This negligence of state agencies seems to be an ongoing problem in Connecticut. DSS alone has been cited with various malpractices over the last five years. At least 14 of the 17 recommendations from the auditors are repeat offenses that have gone uncorrected for years.

In 2011 the DSS audit showed that thousands of dollars in benefits were paid out to the dead and that little attempt was made to recover the funds. This most recent audit uncovered that the benefits disbursement has continued and that once again no efforts were made to get the money back that was wrongly paid out. The audit conducted in 2011 included only 20 test cases, and out of those 20, 8 benefit recipients had died.

Over the past three legislative sessions, my colleagues and I have pushed for the hiring of employees for fraud investigation and to increase penalties for the theft of state benefits. There is no question Connecticut is in difficult times, but most importantly there are needy, deserving residents who go without when others steal from the system. We need to make every effort to be sure that those people who are entitled to benefits, receive them.

Rep. Candelora represents the 86th District communities of Durham, Guilford, North Branford and Wallingford.

Thank You Save & Discount

Dear Editor;

The staff and students of TVES would like to thank Sisto Melillo and his dedicated staff at Save & Discount for all of their hard work to make the PTO Holiday Secret Sale so successful. We would especially like to thank Alex Anderson, Christopher Stankiewicz, and Maura Ashford for all their efforts in setting up and breaking down the "mini store" in the gym. The students truly enjoy shopping for holiday gifts for their families and it is a great learning experience in money management for the kids.

We are very grateful to Save & Discount for the generous donation they make each year to the school. This donation enhances cultural arts and other activities planned throughout the year. Once again, thank you for all you do for the North Branford community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kris Lindsay, Principal

Christmas in Our Town

(edited & reprinted previous columns)

*Twas the night before Christmas
and all through the town,
Not a creature was stirring,
there was no one around.*

*The budgets were hung at town hall with care,
How would we survive, was everyone's fear.*

*There were arguments about propane
Food Pantries and Food Banks
Tempers were at an all time high.*

*Everyone was upset, it's awful was the cry.
Business is slow and budgets must be cut,
Taxes might rise, putting us all in a rut.*

*We must do something was the councils demand
What can we do to save our great land.*

*Other towns have more resources than ours,
More people and businesses to climb to the stars.
This is the town newspaper, so here's the scoop
It's makes our town better than any other group.*

*Our volunteer fire department is
better than the rest,*

Our community spirit that's definitely the best.

*Although we may loose it and holler & fight
Eventually we band together and do what is right.*

Residents are always rady to lend the needing a hand,

We have a great public works department that takes care of our land.

We have a tremendous police force that keeps us from harm,

*We have councils and commissions working hard,
so there's no cause for alarm.*

*There are volunteer groups, too many to name,
These are the great things that bring us to fame.*

We might argue and fight

And we may not always get along,

*But it's this passion we have
that makes us so strong.*

With Route 80 still a disaster

And other things in distress

No doubt we'll work faster

And repair this big mess.

So as Santa rides off from our little town

Leave him our blueprint to take all around.

*Because we have something special here,
with the cows & the corn,*

We have each other, so let's blow our own horn!

Merry Christmas to All

& Keep up the fight!

**The Totoket Times
wishes all of its readers a
Very Merry Christmas,
a Happy Hanukkah
And A healthy and prosperous
New Year.**

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It is with great financial difficulty that this paper comes to your mailboxes every week. Postage and print prices continue to rise but we have maintained our efforts to not increase advertising rates to businesses that are already struggling to keep their doors open.

As we too are experiencing that same struggle, it is once again time to ask our readers to help our advertisers to help our newspaper continue to bring the message of the people in our community to our neighbors. You can do this by making a voluntary contribution of at least \$10.00 to help us continue with our mission. The voluntary payment helps with increasing expenses, and shows your support for your hometown newspapers.

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St. Baldrick's Foundation Event For Cancer Research

Jerome Harrison Elementary School will host a St. Baldrick's Foundation signature head-shaving event to raise funds and awareness for lifesaving childhood cancer research on February 9, 2015 (Snow Date February 23) from 6pm to 9pm. With a goal of raising funds for childhood cancer research we are looking for participants to register to shave their heads to support the Foundation's mission to Conquer Childhood Cancers!

This event is being held to honor and support our own Lyla B., who continues her battle with Rhabdomyosarcoma.

To register, go to <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/jerome> or join other established teams for this event. If you are unable to participate but would like to support our efforts financially, you can donate directly at this link as well.

Worldwide a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes, and one in five children diagnosed in the U.S. will not survive. The St. Baldeirk's Foundation is a volunteer-driven and donor-centered charity dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research and funding the most promising research initiatives to find cures. As the largest private funder of childhood cancer research grants, the Foundation hosts signature head-shaving events where volunteers collect pledges and then shave their heads in solidarity with children fighting cancer. For more information about the St. Baldrick's Foundation please call 1.888.899.BALD or visit www.StBaldricks.org.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Judy Bannon at (203) 484-0507

Upcoming Program at the library:

Reviving 5000 Years of Chinese Civilization.

When the European renaissance was taking place 6 to 7 centuries ago, very few people knew about it. In fact, the term "renaissance" wasn't coined until the peak of the renaissance had already passed. But now the renaissance of Chinese Culture is happening in our time and we have the opportunity to witness it and be part of it.

The presentation will include the essence and uniqueness of the traditional Chinese culture, how the rich tradition being interrupted, how the authentic culture is coming back to world stage through genuine artistic values and presentation such as the New York-based Shen Yun Performing Arts.

This presentation will run approximately 45 minutes and will be held on Wednesday January 21 at 7 pm in the Schafer Community Room at the Edward Smith Library. Sign-ups may be done over the phone (203.484.0469) or in person at the library.

North Haven Ski Club

The North Haven Ski Club is now taking membership applications for the 2014-15 Ski season. The North Haven Ski Club will also be having bus trips to Okemo Mountain on Sunday, January 4th and Mt. Snow on Saturday, January 31st and Killington, February 8th. Reservations are now being taken. New members can join on the bus. All trips are \$80 for lift ticket and coach bus transportation, \$30 bus transportation only. Children 12 and under ride the bus for free with a paying adult.

The bus leaves the North Haven Stop and Shop parking lot at 6am (Killington 5:00 am) with a pickup stop in Cromwell Exit 21 at 6:15am (Killington 5:15am) and returns about 8:00 pm with a dinner stop - Vermont Country Deli (exit 2, Vermont).

Membership is: Student, \$20 College Student, \$30 Single and \$55 Family. You can join the ski club at any time throughout the ski season.

The North Haven Ski Club is a member of the Connecticut Ski Council. Members may use their membership cards and receive great discounts to purchase lift tickets at the mountain on any Ct Ski Council Awareness days and at a variety of ski resorts. Come join our club and look over the list for up and coming Ct. Ski council days and discounts and to check out the list and dates go to: www.skiclub.com

The North Haven Ski Club consists of more than 300 members from all over the state of Connecticut as well as New York and Massachusetts. We encourage people interested in winter sports (skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, tubing and snowshoeing) to join and take advantage of the great discounts that are offered as a Connecticut Ski Council Member.

You can contact Annette Murphy at (203) 927-3071 or dapdmurph@aol.com for more information. Thank you, Annette Murphy,

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David

He enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

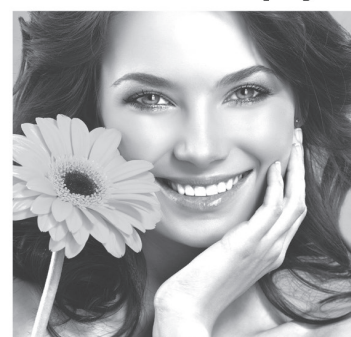
And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

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The Totoket Times first issue of the new year will be published on January 9th but it will not be mailed. In an effort to drive people to our local businesses as well as to our website, we will drop this issue off in many of our businesses, and as usual it can be read in full on our website.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ENTIRE ABATE FAMILY!





NBIS Interact Club "Holiday in a Shoebox"

North Branford Intermediate School's Interact Club collected a variety of items for their 3rd annual "Holiday in a Shoebox" project in order to help others have a brighter holiday season. The shoeboxes were delivered to New Reach, which is a nonprofit organization that services needy families in the New Haven area.

More than 60 shoeboxes were delivered that contained hats, gloves, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, and other small items. A great deal of items were left over which will also be donated to New Reach.

The Interact Club thanks everyone for their generous donations that helped to make our community service project a great success!!!



Third Graders work for Community

Totoket Valley Elementary School students in Mr. Amodio's third grade class wrapped gifts as part of their community service project for the holidays. This is the fourth year in a row that Mr. Amodio and his class adopted a family through the Family Centered Services of New Haven,

12:45-3:15). The program is seeking three and four-year old children with typically-developing skills to serve as role models in our classes for the 2015-2016 school year.

To be enrolled as a role model peer, children must pass a preschool screening which assesses cognitive, speech-language, motor and social skills. Role model peers must be toilet trained. If parents are interested, please contact Mrs. Kohler at 203-484-1235, to schedule a screening appointment. The screening will take approximately 30 minutes.

The names of children who pass the screening will be placed in a lottery that will take place in February or as soon as enough candidates have applied. Parents will be notified by phone in February if their child is selected. Children who are selected will participate at no cost.

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North Branford Boys

Successful in National Tournament

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Head Coach Keith Manceri and Coaches Leo Bowler, Rich Ranciato, John White and Mike Rice brought these boys through the tournament where they defeated New Jersey (40-0) and Long Island (20-0). In Virginia, Connecticut beat favored Massachusetts 28 to 24 with a 60 yard touchdown run with two minutes remaining in the game to bring them to the Elite Eight in the nation. Connecticut fought hard, but ultimately lost to Indiana 44 to 24. The Final Four Nationals will be held in Naples, Florida this weekend and will be aired on ESPN 2.

Story & photo submitted by Vincent Candelora

Thunderbirds come up one game short for State Championship

Shelby Franklin rushed for 111 yards and Paul Pastet threw for 162 yards but it wasn't enough to overcome 7 turnovers, as the North Branford football team lost a hard fought 20 - 13 battle against Capital Prep/Achievement First. The Thunderbirds lost their State Championship game for the second time in three years once again falling a game short of the coveted trophy.

A tough prep team had six sacks and scored on a blocked punt as well. North Branford had a chance to tie it up late in the game but they were stopped on a fourth and two and the Prep celebrations began.

Nick Sagnella had 3 rushes for 45 yards and Austin Calamita had 45 yards to compliment the ground game which totaled 197 on the ground. Calamita added 88 receiving yards and Tyler Hawk added 38 on 4 receptions.

North Branford continued with the strong defense that helped them to a n 11-2 season. Mike Kaiser led the defense with 13 tackles, as Sagnella added 8 and Tyler Hawk had 5.



A disappointed club gathers together at the end of the game. With nothing to be ashamed of the boys closed out another successful season.

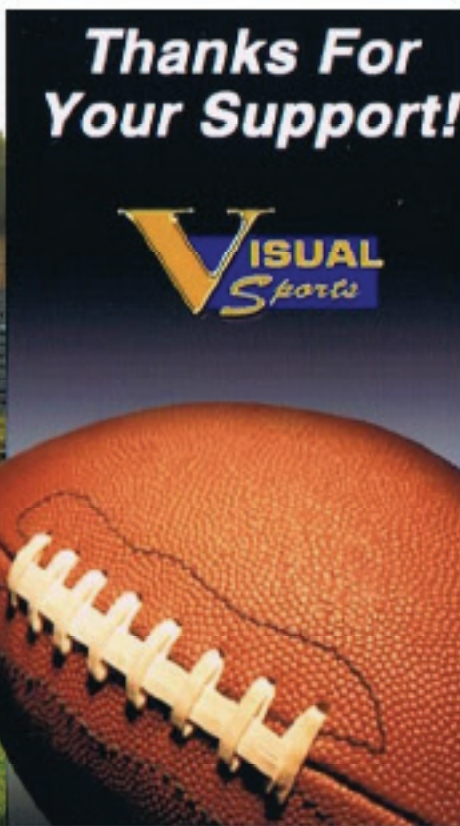
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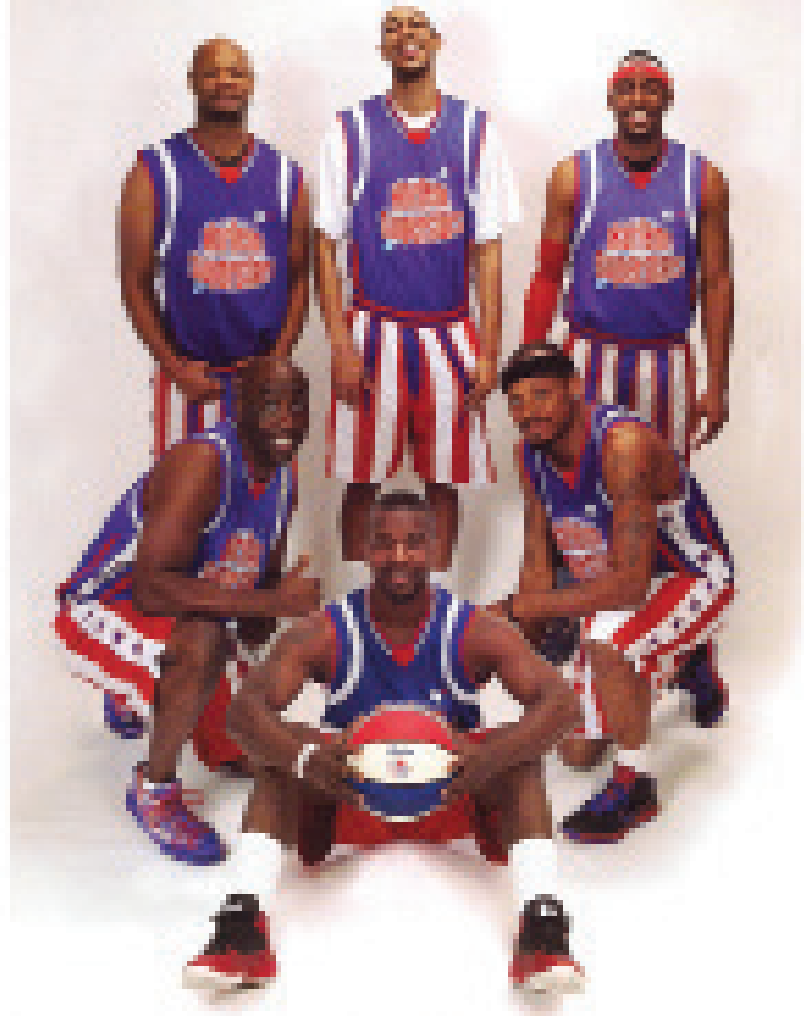
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Tuesday	12/23/14	@Morgan	7:00
Friday	1/2/15	@Westbrook	7:30
Monday	1/5/15	Old Lyme	7:00
Thursday	1/8/15	Coginchaug	7:00

Girls Basketball

Friday	12/19/14	Hyde	7:00
Monday	12/22/14	@Morgan	7:00
Monday	12/29/14	@Old Lyme	7:00
Saturday	1/3/15	@Westbrook	7:00
Tuesday	1/6/15	Old Lyme	7:00

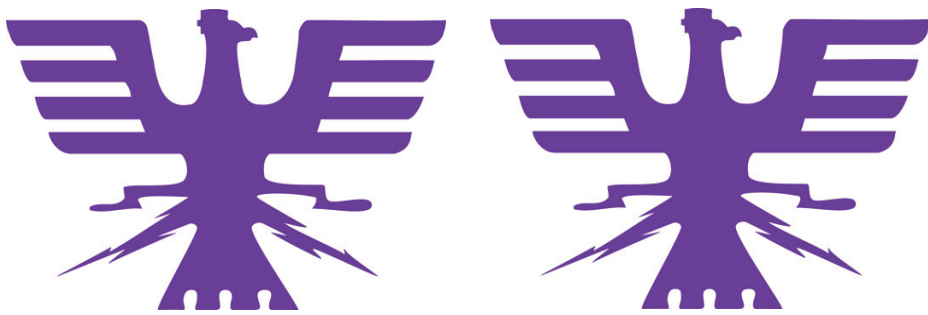
Hockey

Saturday	12/20/14	@Milford	1:00
Saturday	12/27/14	@New Milford	1:00
Saturday	1/3/15	Fairfield Warde	2:00
Wednesday	1/7/15	@Amity	6:30



NB Football Players Recognized

North Branford High school football team recently had several players recognized on the All Pequot team. Offensively, Austin Calamita, Eddie Miller and Lou Distasio represented the Thunderbirds. Defensively, was Shelby Franklin, Nick Sagnella and Mike Kaiser. Tyler Hawk was named to the second team as was kicker Andrew Sarmento.



Harlem Superstars are Back

The Harlem Superstars are back and they will be playing the North Branford All-Stars on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30PM in the NBHS Gym. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and they can be purchased at any of the North Branford Public Schools or Central Office. Tickets at the door will be \$10.00.

Pizza will be sold at the game as will soft drinks and refreshments. Come with the entire family and join the community for a fun evening.

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January 13 - February 24
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Total Conditioning Tue., 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
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Jan. 13 – March 10 (no class Feb. 17)
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Guitar Lessons Thur., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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Senior Van Trips

Pacific Grill Luncheon & Wal-mart Friday, January 9th
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Chartered Bus Trips

Mohegan Sun Monday, January 5th
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Haz/Waste News

**Christmas Tree Pick-Up
January 5th – 16th
on your normal trash day**

**Check the Jan 23rd issue of
The Totoket Times for your
2015 Recycling/Trash Information
Card**

**Next Quarterly Recycling & e-Waste
Event**

Saturday, January 24th 2014

9am to noon

North Branford Recycling Center

(Public Works area Rte 22 Forest Road)

Electronic Waste collection by Metech Recycling
- www.metechrecycling.com

This is a free public service for town residents to discard electronic waste properly.

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Please remember that we will not accept paper of any type;

place in recycling barrel for curbside pickup.

*Charge for helium tanks and size-based charge for propane tanks.

Thank you to all who participated and volunteered at our October 4th recycling & e-Waste event; over 11,000 lbs of electronic waste was collected and disposed of properly!

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As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks

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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 Marenna. 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.

Community Dining Room Christmas Feast

All are Welcome - Donations Needed

The Community Dining Room (CDR) will serve a full, traditional Christmas feast on Thursday, December 25th, beginning at Noon thru 1:30. All members of the community are invited to join the feast. Empty nesters, older adults, neighbors who would enjoy sharing a special Christmas dinner with neighbors are encouraged to attend. If you know someone who would enjoy and benefit from this wonderful community event, please invite them to join us!

Patricia Kral, Director of the Community Dining Room, said "holiday trim and will set the mood, while our guests enjoy a generous feast including roast beef, roast pork, cranberry creations, mashed potatoes, and many other delicious, holiday dishes."

"All of us appreciate the blessings we have received, and Christmas is the perfect time to share with our neighbors, particularly those who might need a little extra help this holiday season," added Kral.

"I urge those who are able to be generous and donate food or funds to help make this Christmas feast the best yet. If you're interested in contributing a favorite dish or a gallon of cider or milk, please contact Pat Reilly at 488-2791 or Melissa Branch at 203-488-0447. (Please leave a message.)

About the Community Dining Room

Serving the Connecticut shoreline since 1985, the Community Dining Room (CDR) provides nutritious meals 365 days a year with our home delivery program, lunch in our dining room every day, Saturday morning breakfast, Tuesday family dinner and Wednesday take-out dinner. In addition, the CDR offers community service opportunities for youth and vocational training for persons with disabilities. For more information about the CDR, visit their website. www.communitydiningroom.org.

Holiday Services

St Augustine & St. Monica

St. Augustine and St. Monica parish communities invite you to join them for a Christmas Mass celebrating the birth of Christ. Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at both Churches at 4 & 10PM. Christmas Day will be celebrated at both Churches at 8 & 10AM.

St. Andrew Episcopal Church,

St. Andrew Episcopal Church 1382 Middletown Avenue, Northford. Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2014. 7:30pm Carols, 8:00pm Service, The Rev. Jane White-Hassler, Celebrant, Ray Bishop- Organist

Northford Congregational Church

Holiday services during Advent are continuing at the Northford Congregational Church on Sundays at 10 a.m. through December 21. Advent candles are being lit by various families as special verses are read. Sunday School is continuing at the same time. There will be a multi-generational Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 14, and a contemporary worship service on Sunday, December 21.

There will be a Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24, at 5 p.m. This service will focus on the special Bible verses highlighting the prophecy and Gospel of this Holy event. Take a few minutes out from your busy schedule and add some meaning to this special time of year. All are welcome.

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.

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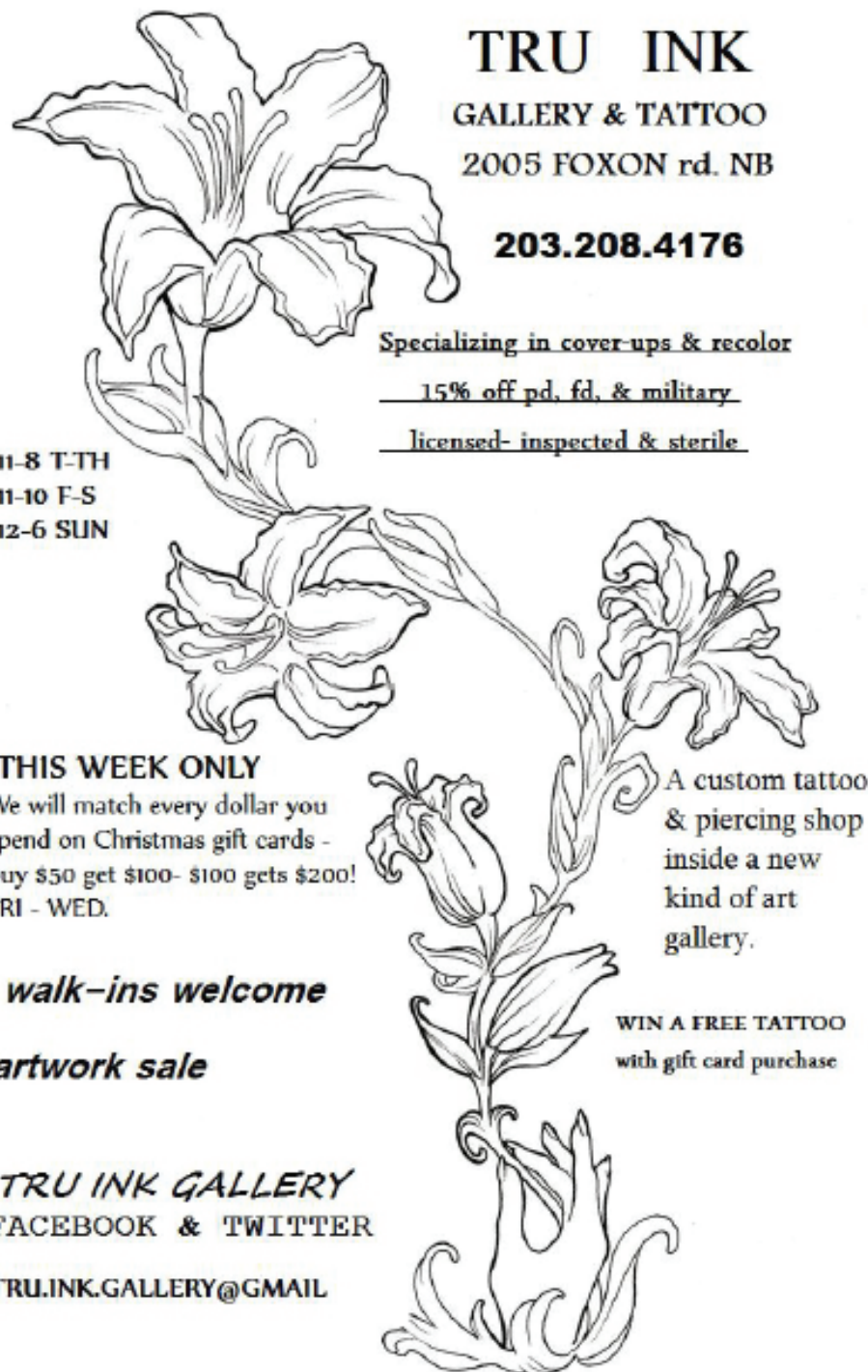
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The Northford Women's Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Saturday, Jan 24th. The bus leaves North Branford High School student parking lot promptly at 5:00 pm and leaves the casino at 11:00 pm. Cost is \$40 per person and includes a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 gambling voucher. Raffle prizes and games on the bus!

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Camera Club Changes Meeting Location

The North Haven Camera Club will be meeting in a new location. We have outgrown our current meeting place so we have a much larger meeting hall.

We will be meeting at The Hope Christian Church community room.

We will now have plenty of off street parking, a private entrance and a very large hall. The meeting night is also changing to the first and third Tuesday of the month.

The Hope Christian Church is at 211 Montowese Ave. in North Haven.

Please check our web site www.northhavencameraclub.com for directions and more info. look forward seeing everyone there.

Calling All Potato and Corn Enthusiasts!

The North Branford Potato and Corn Festival Committee meets monthly throughout the year in order to plan for this exciting community event. We are looking for individuals or groups who are interested in being a part of this committee. There are many benefits to volunteering, notwithstanding the feeling of accomplishment after a successful festival weekend and the camaraderie of all involved.

The first Potato and Corn Festival Committee meeting for 2015 is scheduled for **Monday, January 5, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **STW Community Center**, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. We look forward to having you join us.

If you have any questions about the Festival or the Committee, or for additional information, please contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator, at admin@nbpotatofest.com or by calling the Recreation Department office at 203-484-6017.

NARFE January Meeting


The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, January 5, 2015, 1:00 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Cassie Schmidt, Registered Dietitian, Health and Wellness Coordinator, ShopRite Supermarkets. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: admin@ctnarfe.org.



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