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# Number 1!

North Branford High School Hockey team defeated Cheshire 7-4, to win the SCC/SWC League Title.

At presstime, the T-Birds were scheduled to play at Yale University's Ingals Rink, in the semi finals of the State Tournament. as they have been victorious in the first two rounds.

North Branford is attempting to win it's first hockey state tournment ever.

For Finals information check out the Totoket Tmes webstie at www.totoket-times.com

Photo by (Mr. Opie)

# The Stars Were Out

The North Branford Education Foundation recently honored (left to right) Terri & Jim Esposito, Don Winnicki, Brandi Little and Chris Manner. More than 225 were in attendance at Woodwinds in Branford. The Ed Foundation has been the driving force behind uniforms for the high school band and glee club, a new pressbox at the football field, and countless other grants to enhance the needs of the youngsters in North Branford. The five were recognized for their contributions to the community, especially the youth.

Congratulating the group (back row) is Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker. *(Photo by Al Teixeira)* 



# Meet Our Merchants with the April 1st Issue of the Totoket Times

In an effort to bring some traffic into our local businesses, the April 3rd issue of the Totoket Times will have to be picked up at our area businesses. **ONLY FOR April 1st,** we will not be mailing the issue. **We will in no way be discontinuing the mail for future issues.** 

By doing this for this one issue, it will give our readers a chance to go into our local bussinesses

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Tony Z's Pizza,

#### Guilford

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and have the opportunity to say hello to some of the people who bring this paper to your mail box every issue.

It is our hope that this will be a great time for you to stop in and visit some of our local people. Check out what they have to offer and take a few seconds to chat as you grab this issue of the paper.

#### **North Branford**

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# 2016 Spring Park & Recreation Brochure in this Issue

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April	15	April	8
April	29	April	22
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# St. Baldrick's North Branford - March 21

The public is invited to Jerome Harrison School for the second annual St.Baldricks head-shaving event! The event takes place on March 21, from 6 to 9PM. At this time, there are 58 people, men &women, who will brave the shave.

Interested in being a supporter of childhood cancer research? Go to https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/jerome16 to sign up as a shavee or make a monetary donation for this great cause. Walk-in registrations will be accepted the night of the event. All money raised will be donated directly to The St. Baldricks Foundation.

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There will be a display of fairy gardens provided by The DudleyFarmer's Market Fairy Festival.

There will also be an adult and children's raffle with some amazing prizes!

Come hungry and visit the New Haven Pizza Truck, The Spud Stud & Sugar Cupcake trucks. They will all be donating a portion of their proceedsto the organization so come hungry!

Finally, beginning at 5:30, there will be a short Parade of Heroes where honored kids, barbers & shavees will process from the rear of JHS to the front parking lot. They will be led by members of The Emerald Society's Pipe & Drum Corp.

The committee appreciates all of the support that they have received and look forward to seeing you there!

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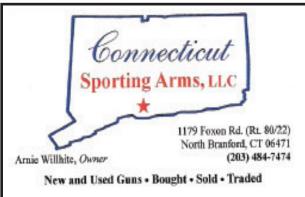
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#### State Representative Vincent Candelora

#### Connecticut's Borrowing: One Way To Close The Budget Gap



Three of Wall Street's four credit rating agencies have maintained Connecticut's general obligation bond outlook as "negative". While Moody's believes that Connecticut will resolve our budget problems by making spending reductions, in a statement, they "believe that the weakening demographics will con-

tinue and place negative pressure on the state's economy and finances in the next few years, while the very high fixed costs reduce flexibility and present additional challenges." Connecticut's arteries are beginning to harden and while there is time to turn things around, it's going to take a change in diet and lifestyle.

Connecticut has relied upon the wealthy and the stock market to generate much of its tax revenue. Recently the Hartford Courant reported that 15 billionaires pay almost 12% of all taxes. Two of those billionaires have just moved out of state. We don't need math to realize that this trend is a problem; and in fact, the Commissioner of Revenue Services testified once in the Finance Committee that DRS reaches out to these people on a regular basis and monitors their movements. In my opinion, last year's increases to the trust and estate tax helped encourage these two individuals to leave and I fear the others may follow. It is no surprise that the Governor proposed eliminating those estate tax increases in this year's budget.

For the past five years, I've sponsored a bill to restrict the use of stock market gains in budgeting. Finally, last year, we passed that bill into law so Connecticut can no longer take a steep increase in stock market revenue gains and use it to increase its operating budget. That money will now automatically be diverted to pay off long-term liabilities or go into a savings account. While this measure won't provide immediate budget relief, it will certainly help in future budgets.

The Governor and Republican legislators believe that we need to close this budget deficit without raising taxes. It will be a difficult task, but it can be done. One area that hasn't garnered enough discussion is our debt service. While debt service, i.e. your mortgage payment, is a fixed number, Connecticut can greatly reduce this cost by borrowing less. In 2010, before Governor Malloy took office, our annual borrowing for general obligations ranged between \$800 million to \$1.2 billion. Since 2010, Governor Malloy has ramped up borrowing to approximately \$2 billion annually. If the state cuts borrowing in half, returning it to 2010 levels, we will see \$60 million in savings in the first year and by the tenth year over \$900 million annually. Connecticut must change its diet and lifestyle. Given our fiscal situation, it is a small step that will produce huge saving down the road, and it is my hope we can adopt this measure.

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

Saturday, April 9th: 9am to noon

North Branford Recycling Center, Public Works Rte 22 Electronic Waste collection by Take 2 Inc. - www.ewaste-recycle-ct.com

This is a free service for residents to discard electronic waste properly. Please do not leave e-waste (including TVs, computers, printers) curbside; it will <u>not</u> get picked up.

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks\* and <u>rechargeable</u> batteries.

We do not accept paper; place in recycling barrel for curbside pickup. Shredded paper should be placed in recycling barrel in clear plastic bags. \*Charge for helium tanks and size-based charge for propane tanks.

#### Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility during e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.

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# Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, this is the last letter I write to you before I reach my sixtieth decade. The kids and the wife threw a surprise party (I knew a few weeks before the event) and it was a blast. I now know how Tom Sawyer felt as he peeked over the fence at his own funeral service.

I don't know how they figured they would pull it off without me finding out but they gave it a good shot. I started getting the message when my wife took a call in the car on a Sunday, and told the caller she would have to call him back because her paper work was on her desk. SueAnn doesn't have a desk and in 35 years of marriage she has never gotten a Sunday call from work.

There were other indications but the clincher was when I received a text message that wasn't meant for me. The social destruction of social media. I never wanted a party and I think surprise parties are a bit stupid. But they did a great job, I had a great time with more than 100 friends and family members (I guess it was a slow Sunday in March). I asked the kids why they decided to do it at 60 and not 65 or 70 and they told me they took a vote and weren't sure I'd be around that long. I wonder where they get that odd sense of humor. My wife has done a great job, as I have three great kids.

It was a crazy week. Four days after the party, I was back at Woodwinds as the North Branford Education Foundation hosted their seventh annual Shining Star Dinner. There were tears and jeers, great food, great fun and we raised close to \$4,000 to continue with our grant programs which help to fund some of our special programs for students.

Walking towards that new decade, I thought I'd try to slow down, but SueAnn seems to be getting younger. She signed us up to be contestants on the "Not so Newlyweds" night at the Sons & Daughters of Italy. It was funny but not pretty. It's amazing how after close to thirty five years of marriage, we don't know a thing about each other. If they asked us questions about the kids we probably would have aced it but to ask us about each other was a bit over the top. The good news was we didn't come in last. The good news for SueAnn was that several people questioned the fact that we were married so long. They felt that SueAnn was much younger than me and not old enough to be married that long. As usual I took the credit for taking such good care of her through the years.

Finally, pitchers and catchers for high school baseball begins this week. I'm looking forward to being with the kids and I hope this year my health stays better than it was last year. It's a tough two month stretch. As the varsity assistant and the jv head coach, I have a game every day for about sixth weeks. I am starting to get too old for this stuff. However, one of our opposing coaches went to school with you, and one of them was my wife's high school teacher so I guess I have a few good years left.

Well it's time to get the antipasto ready for Palm Sunday and Easter, and make the sauce. I mentioned in the last column that people are abandoning traditions and religious beliefs but until I'm laying in a dirt bed beside you, I will do my best to keep it going.

Take care and I'll see you soon.

#### **North Branford Spring Leaf Collection**

Spring into raking! North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays this Spring: April 9, 16, 23 and 30. Follow the signs. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground.

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# Celebrate Earth Day in North Branford Saturday April 23rd from 8:45am to noon – rain or shine North Branford Cleanup Day - Students Earn Community Service Credits

Volunteers needed to take part in our annual North Branford parks cleanup; supplies provided. Meet at the North Branford Public Works area at 290 Forest Rd, sign a waiver and help clean up one of our parks/school areas: Totoket Valley Park/Public Works/ Potato Fest Site, Northford Park (Rte 17), North Farms Park (Rte 139), NBHS/NBIS campuses, Community Center/TVES Campus.

Volunteers are invited to a post clean up lunch of pizza and refreshments 12:15 at STW Community Center Cafeteria.

#### Letters to the editor...

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

The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to:

The Editor

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472

### **Community Health Surveys in Progress**

The East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD) is conducting a survey of the residents of Branford, East Haven, and North Branford/Northford regarding their health status, health needs and health habits through the months of March and April.

In order to better serve the residents of the towns served by the East Shore District Health Department, a survey is being conducted at libraries, senior centers and community centers and other venues throughout the community in the three towns as well as online and at the East Shore District Health Department Office at 14 Business Park Drive in Branford.

The schedule of where staff will be conducting surveys can be found on our website: <a href="www.esdhd.org">www.esdhd.org</a>. The survey can also be filled in online at <a href="www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESDHDCommunitySurvey">www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESDHDCommunitySurvey</a>.

If you reside in one of these towns, please take a moment to fill out the Community Health Survey in-person or online.

This survey will be used by The health department and other local agencies to enhance and create programs and services to improve the health of the community. The results of the community survey and assessment will be released to the public in late May. The health department is hoping the survey results will spark some discussions in the community about health and healthy living.

Results of this survey will also be available on the East Shore District Health Department website <a href="www.esdhd.org">www.esdhd.org</a>. We thank you in advance for your participation.

#### Branford Restaurant Week follows Easter Sunday!

Branford, CT – The Town of Branford and local restaurants are excited to announce that the 5th annual Branford Restaurant Week will be held on Monday, March 28 through Saturday, April 2, 2016.

The event will boast 19 restaurants in Branford serving three-course prix fixe or special menus. Participating restaurants and their menus can be seen at branfordrestaurantweek.com (which also offers a mobile-friendly site). Plus, just like previous years, the site offers a drawing for \$25 gift cards to participating restaurants for use after restaurant week.

"Anyone who owns a business or has ever run a public event knows how much work it is and how much marketing it takes to be noticed through the plethora of marketing and advertising around us," says Robyn Collins, Publisher of Shore Publishing and The Sound. "This event is possible because of the sponsors that understand the importance of boosting local restaurants. Through their sponsorships, we are able to get the word out in print, on billboards, through posters and billfold stuffers, a banner on Main Street, digital advertising, and more."

The 2016 Branford Restaurant Week is thankful to have major sponsorships from Mosaic Printing, Thimble Islands Brewing, and The Sound newspaper, plus sponsorships from Ring's End, Shoreline Orthodontics, Aquatic Pool, and Trailblazer.

"Mosaic has been a sponsor of Restaurant Week for the past two years," says Al Canosa, Managing Director Mosaic Printing, Signage and Marketing Services. "This is a great way for Mosaic to give back to the community we serve. Restaurant Week is your opportunity to Stay Local and try as many restaurants as your schedule allows for one incredibly low price. Go to a new restaurant, stay local and Bon Appetite."

The 2015 event gave a new Branford restaurant a way to get known quickly. "We loved Branford Restaurant Week because it brought in new faces and we met some great people in our community," says Victor Figueroa of Jojoto.

"I think that Restaurant Week is a great opportunity for people to experience the different variety of foods that Branford has to offer," says Angela Mazzarella of Asti. "People can also get the great feeling that Branford has to offer."

The following restaurants are participating in Branford's Restaurant Week: 56 Diner, Allegra's, Asti, Burrata, Campania, Darbar, Dockside, Donovan's Reef, G Café Bakery, G-Zen, Home, Il Forno, Jojoto, Lenny's, Marco Pizzeria, Nellie Green's, Parthenon Diner, Som Siam, and USS Chowder Pot.

For more information, visit www.branfordrestaurantweek.com.

# Flood Map Revisions

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is in the process of revising Flood Maps for the Quinnipiac Watershed, which includes watersheds within the Town of Branford and North Branford, including the Farm River, Burrs Brook, Munger Brook, the Branford River, and miscellaneous tributaries. The hydraulics of the Farm River and Branford River were restudied in detail as part of the Quinnipiac Watershed study. In addition, new topography was acquired and utilized in the study and mapping of the watershed.

Preliminary revised maps based upon the new study and dated 8/10/2015 are available for review in the Town Engineers' offices in Branford and

### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

#### By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Lately, the same question has been posed to me by several of my clients "What is the difference between and Irrevocable Trust and a Revocable Trust?" On a base level the answer to the question is easy, one trust is revocable and the other is not. But that does not quite answer the question my clients are really asking. What they really want to know is what type of trust is right for my situation?

In many ways revocable trusts and irrevocable trusts are similar. All trusts act like a "legal container" that holds property for the benefit of the "beneficiary" of the trust. The beneficiary can be an individual, an institution or a charity. Trusts are legal agreements between three different parties: The Grantor, who establishes the trust, the Trustee, who administrates the trust, and the beneficiary, who receives some sort of benefit from the trust.

Imagine that a trust acts like a cardboard box that holds your assets. Revocable Trusts are an "open box trust." You can put assets into the box and you can take assets out of the box. The box is an alter ego for yourself. You have total control. On the other hand, Irrevocable Trusts function like a "closed box trust." You can put assets into the trust, you just cannot get them out. Your trustee controls the assets inside the Irrevocable Trust, not you.

Revocable Trusts are very good at avoiding the probate process (although not necessarily the probate fees charged by the state of Connecticut). They are also very good at avoiding or minimizing estate taxes, and are beneficial in many other ways. What a Revocable Trust will not do is protect assets against the high cost of nursing home/skilled nursing care.

If my clients are concerned about the costs associated with spending time in an nursing home we usually discuss the power of an Irrevocable Trust. Irrevocable Trusts are a legal entity separate from the person who creates it. As a "closed box trust," irrevocable trusts insulate the assets inside the trust from things like the cost of nursing home care. In order for an Irrevocable Trust to work it must be set up well in advance of anticipated nursing home care.

If you would like to learn more about how Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts work to protect your assets, Guertin and Guertin, LLC offers a free consultation on asset protection. Give us a call at **203-234-7400** to schedule your appointment today. We also will be hosting an informational workshop on this topic on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at our offices located at 26 Broadway in North Haven. If you'd like to be added to the guest list please call for a reservation or send an email to **info@guertinlaw.net**.

North Branford respectively. Available maps indicate revised flood limits, the increased or decreased area of the flood zone, and the projected depth of flooding within the mapped area. ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES CURRENTLY WITHIN OR NEAR THE DESIGNATED FLOOD ZONES ARE ENCOURAGED TO INSPECT THE REVISED MAPS TO SEE IF THE REVISIONS WILL IMPACT THEIR PROPERTY.

There is a 90 day appeal period to review the maps and studies and to provide comments to FEMA. The appeal period commenced on February 11, 2016 and will end on May 11, 2016. For more information and directions for submittal of comments please visit the following website: <a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/02/11/2016-02747/proposed-flood-hazard-determinations?utm\_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=federalregister.gov">https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/02/11/2016-02747/proposed-flood-hazard-determinations?utm\_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=federalregister.gov</a>

The revisions may result in a requirement to obtain flood insurance for some properties or eliminate the need for flood insurance for other proper-

ties. Also, properties that may no longer require flood insurance may consider retaining flood insurance protection, which should be at a significantly reduced cost. You may visit the following website which contains information regarding insurance premium phase ins if your property is newly mapped in a flood zone:

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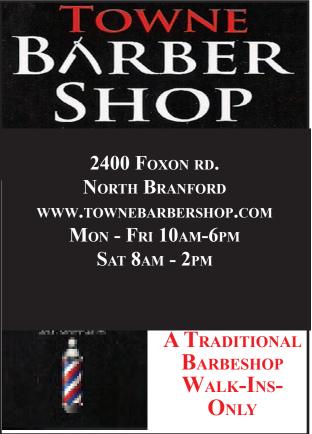
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#### **First Chair Honor Band**

Six North Branford High School students recently prticipated in the First Chair Honor Band Festival at UCONN. The NBHS musicians performed alongside other students in Connecticut who are "Frist Chair" in their school ensembles. Students also participated in Master Classes with the UCONN Faculty.

Pictured in the front of the UCONN Fine Arts Complex (left to right) Mikayla Harrison, Sarah Criscuolo, Brooke Powers, Courtney McNelis, Abby Raucci and Marissa Berthiaume.



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# Poleschuk is Scholar Athlete

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Twenty-eight high school and prep school scholar athletes who play football will be honored for academic excellence, leadership and citizenship. lary. All they have achieved makes their family and school very proud".

Tickets can be purchased for \$50 by sending a check payable to 'National Football Foundation' to Donna Limone, 10 Ludlow Court, Branford 06405 or by calling her at 203-481-8375.

See www.newhavenfootballfoundation.com for further information. Pictured above is NBHS George Poleschuk with his dad (left) and coach Mark Basil. *(Photo and info compliments of Bill Obrien).* 

# **Roles & Goals**

Helen Ozoria and Abby Pizzorusso, charter members of the CO-OP CLUB at the Atwater Library, are developing goals for three specific life roles: as students, daughters and friends. Kids helping kids approach

life in a positive, healthy way is what the CO-OP Club offers 9-13 year olds in our community. Join Coach Joe and Miss Donna on Tuesday evenings at the Atwater Library from 6:15-7:00pm. The CO-OP CLUB helps kids build confidence, awareness and social happiness. Visit or call the library, 203-315-6020, for more information and to sign-up.

(Left to right: Miss Donna, Helen, Abby)



# "What Pet Should I Get"



On Friday 3/4/16 Jerome Harrison Elementary School was transformed into a pet-themed day of reading and adventure. The day honored Dr. Seuss and his book "What Pet Should I Get" as well as other pet themed children's s t o r i e s s u c h

as "I Wanna Iguana" and "Nubbs". Students traveled throughout the school during the day and visited stations that included free reading, guest reader stories, a live animal exhibit, video presentations, a pet shelter visit, and reading themed classroom activities. Many parents and volunteer readers came and enjoyed the day with students as they read and learned about pets.

The creative vision for the day was inspired by second grade teacher Lisa Douglas and kindergarten teacher Rob Miceli and with the support of many staff members and high school Dream Team members (high school student volunteers who regularly work with Jerome Harrison classrooms, teachers,



and students) they collectively worked to create the wonderfully artistic, engaging, and literacy-based environment for the day. There is

no doubt reading and literacy are alive in North Branford and at Jerome Harrison and there is no doubt all students had a day to remember!

Above photo of children enjoying the day, while (photo below)NBHS students & librarian Mrs. eligio was joined the fun. (*Photos and info by Pricipals Todd Stoeffler & Carter Welch*.



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#### North Branford High School Students Give BIG!

What would you do with \$1.00? Students at North Branford High School know exactly what *they* would do – they would GIVE BIG. That's right. For the fourth time since 2010, students are participating in the "Big Give," a project that challenges students to make a symbolic dollar "grow" through creative fundraising efforts.

The Big Give, led by faculty members Stephanie Byrd, Jessica Barbato, and Megan Bishop is modeled after Oprah Winfrey's 2008 initiative. Students embarked upon the same challenge in 2010, 2012, and 2014, and have raised nearly \$40,000 for worthy causes to date. In 2010, students were even awarded a *Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award* from the State Student Advisory Council on Education and Connecticut's Commissioner of Education.

One advisory, Stephanie Byrd, believes that this project, along with so many others at the high school, is a true reflection of the school's mission: "At NBHS, we stress the importance of civic and social responsibility; the Big Give is a perfect opportunity for the students to engage in a project that allows them to pay it forward and give back."

In the past, students were able to select any global, national, or local cause to fundraise for; this year, however, the advisors asked that students select a local cause in order to bring efforts "closer to home." According to Jessica Barbato, "We decided to focus our efforts locally so that we can better connect students to their community and show them that their efforts have a real, tangible impact. We've observed that the North Branford community is quick to support our students and schools, and this seems like the perfect opportunity for us to give back." This year's recipients will include Matt's Mission Fund, The Food Pantry of North Branford, the Compassion Club, two local families in need, our local libraries and VFW, and others.

For approximately twelve weeks, the students (working individually or in small teams) will come up with creative ways to fundraise. Additionally, the students will reach out to local businesses and organizations, families, friends, neighbors, and anyone else who wants to help them GIVE BIG. Advisor Megan Bishop knows the impact a small community can have on a project such as the Big Give: "North Branford is an immensely caring community. Having grown up in the town, I can recall countless instances when our community has gathered together to help people, families, and organizations in need. We hope that the residents and businesses of North Branford will show their support for the Big Give; together we can truly make a difference."

For more information, a list of charities, or to make a donation to North Branford High School's Big Give, please contact Stephanie Byrd at <a href="mailto:sbyrd@northbranfordschools.org">sbyrd@northbranfordschools.org</a>, Jessica Barbato at <a href="mailto:jbarbato@northbranfordschools.org">jbarbato@northbranfordschools.org</a> or by calling (203) 484-1465.

## Scholarship Association Announces Scholarship Availability

The North Branford Scholarship Association announces that applications for scholarship awards are available at the town libraries and the NBHS Guidance Office. Graduating high school students living in North Branford regardless of what school they graduate from are eligible. Applications must be in by April 1, 2016.

The fund drive is also being run at this time. If anyone would like to make a donation or help raise monies for the students, please call Lars Selander at 203-483-1311.

# Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the highlights of the program are:

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#### THEY MAKE US PROUD

Matthew Levine was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Brittany Bonito and Lindsay Demonstranti were named to the Dean's List at Goodwin College in East Hartford.

Michael Lirette was a High Honor student at Vinal Tech High School.

Ryan Snow was named to the Dean's List at Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, MA.

Samson Amendola was a key member of the Eastern Connecticut State University hockey club which claimed the title of American Conference champions of the Northeast Collegiate Hockey Association.

Andrea Canavan was named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.

Eddie Miller and Michael Kaiser were named to the fall 2015 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic All Academic Team. Both students attend Western Connecticut State University.

Deirdre Reidy was named to the Dean's List at the College of Holy Cross in Worseter, MA.

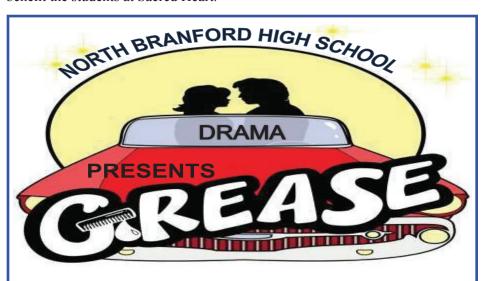
Brittany Young was named to the Dean's List at the School of Business at Southern Connecticut State University.

#### That \$10,000 Winning Ticket is Calling You!

Sacred Heart Academy will again sponsor the \$10,000 Cash Raffle as part of their signature fundraising event—The 2016 Live and Silent Auction! Take a chance and be the lucky winner of \$10,000 by purchasing tickets at \$20 each. Visit www.sacredhearthamden.org/auction to download the ticket form or contact the Main Office at 203-288-2309 to purchase tickets.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Auction on Saturday evening, April 9 at the Academy. Winner need not be present. For information on the \$10,000 All American Cash Raffle or the Auction—The Spirit of America – A Patriotic Party with Pizzazz! contact Coordinator of Special Events Maryanne Pisani '81 at mpisani@sacredhearthamden.org or 203-287-8181, x372 or visit www.sacredhearthamden.org/auction.

All proceeds from the \$10,000 All American Cash Raffle and the Auction directly benefit the students at Sacred Heart.



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#### Friday, April 1st at 7 pm Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm & 7pm The North Branford Auditorium

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**Advance Tickets:** 

\$12 Adults, \$10 Senior Citizens /NBHS Students /Children under 12 **Door Price:** 

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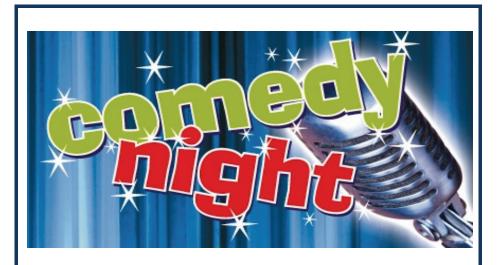
Congratulations to NBHS senior Gabby Augur for being selected as a New Haven Tap-Off Club Scholar Athlete.

#### North Branford HS Football at Giovanni's

Please come out and support our football team on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will be having a fund raising event at Giovanni's Restaurant.(Eat in, take out, delivery)

Just mention you are supporting T-Birds Football and a portion of the proceeds will go to the NB Touchdown Club.



#### **Fundraiser for the NBHS Girls LAX Team**

WHEN: April 9, 2016, 7:00 pm **WHERE: The American Legion** 243 North Main Street Branford, CT 06405

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# LeMere Makes **History at NBHS**

Senior North Branford High School girls basketball star Sabrina LeMere scored a career high 32 points in the second round of the CIAC State Tournament. With this game, Sabrina became highest scorer in NBHS girls basketball history, with 1,398 points.

For the second time, Sabrina was also selected as a New Haven County All Area Player.

(Photo and info provided by NBHS principal Todd Stoeffler)



Played for NB High School

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# STW Community Center Open House

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. April 2<sup>nd</sup> Try a class, meet the staff, contests, prizes and more!

# **North Branford Senior Center**

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Activities throughout the week days Hot Lunch available Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3 Transportation available. Call 203-484-6017 for more information.

Free seminar ~ Arthritis Friendly Workout sponsored by Evergreen Woods. Learn the benefits of exercises for osteoarthritis as well as exercises you can do at home. Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:45 p.m. Sign up required

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First Thursday of every month

\*NEW TIME\* 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. call for appointment

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<u>Take a trip</u> - Come have lunch and explore the **BASS PRO SHOP** in Bridgeport. This large wilderness themed store boasts a huge fish tank, a bowling alley, restaurant/bar and hand painted wildlife art on the walls. Wednesday March 30 10:30 a.m. \$4

#### **SAVE THE DATE - PIZZA WARS**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. April 26, 2016

Come enjoy a new approach with new activities for a fun filled event.

For further descriptions and information on any of our programs or activities, call 203-484-6017

# 2016 Potato and Corn Festival

Calling all North Branford young professionals! Do you live or work in NB? Would you like to co-manage a project to help coordinate and support several areas of this year's Potato and Corn Festival to be held August 5, 6, and 7? If so, you are welcome to join us at our Potato Festival Committee Meeting to be held on Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the STW Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. Please contact Rosanne Krajewski at 203-484-6017 or at admin@nbpotatofest.com to further discuss the details. There are other opportunities with other PoCo functions, so let your friends know. This is a great way to support your community and gain valuable project management experience.

## Now accepting applications: **Part-time Van Drivers**

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#### **Summer Camp Counselors**

Are you energetic, creative, friendly, warm, nurturing, and empathetic, with a can-do spirit and a sense of humor? 18+ Experience working with kids preferred. Apply at the STW Community Center.

#### North Branford Cookbook Club

The North Branford Cookbook Club met March 5th at the Atwater Library exploring Make It Ahead by Ina Garten, a "Barefoot Contessa Cookbook. It was a very successful meeting as almost all recipes selected were spot-on for directions and cooking time. Members offered Cauliflower & Celery Root Soup, Sour Cream Corn Bread, Roast Chicken with Bread and Arugula Salad, Spinach & Rocotta Noodle Pudding, Roasted Baby Bok Choy, Carrot & Cauliflower Puree and desserts of Salty Oatmeal Chocolate Chunk Cookies and Lemon-Ginger-Molasses Cake.

The Soup recipe featured a homemade crouton recipe, a salad dressing with dried currants accompanied the Arugula Salad, the Leek & Artichoke Bread Pudding could substitute for stuffing with Roasted Turkey and the Molasses Cake featured a make-ahead recipe for whipped cream. Not much food was left-over.

Next month the club will explore The Art of German Cooking by Betty Wason. The North Branford Cookbook Club would love to have you join. Sign up at the Atwater Library on Route 80. But if you are not able to join us, these wonderful cookbooks are part of the library collection and available for your perusal or to check out.

## **Italian American Historical Society Dinner**

The Italian American Historical Society of CT's Distinguised Service Awards Dinner will be held on May 1 at Anthony's Oceanview in New Haven, Cocktails will begin at 1:00 and Dinner at 2:00. This years honorees are Nina Pane Sanseverino, and Aaron Caruso. Also being honored is Anthony Tamburi. The cost is \$55.00 which includes open bar and surf & turf dinner For information call Gayle Logan at 203-230-9124 or Sally Frielle at 203-284-8520.

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## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

**Branford Bible Chapel.** 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning: 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

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 wecome 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 <a href="www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com">www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com</a>

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or http://standrewsnorthford.orgWe 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. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment 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! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

**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.

#### **Lenten Services at St. Ambrose Parish**

St. Ambrose Parish Community invites you to join them at St. Augustine and St. Monica Churches during this Lenten season.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance is Offered:** 

Mondays during Lent- 6:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M. at both St. Augustine Church and St. Monica Church

Saturdays 3:00 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. at St. Augustine Church

HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday**: March  $20^{th}$ , 9 A.M. at St. Monica and 11 A.M. at St. Augustine Church

**Reconciliation:** Monday, March  $21^{st}$ , 6:00-7:00 P.M. at St. Augustine and St. Monica. Friday, March  $25^{th}$ , 12:00-1:00 P.M. at St. Augustine Church

Holy Thursday Mass: March 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M. at St. Augustine Church Good Friday Liturgy: March 25<sup>th</sup> 3:00 P.M. at St. Augustine Church

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** March 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 P.M. at St. Augustine Church **Easter Sunday Masses**: March 27<sup>th</sup> 9 A.M. St. Monica, 11 A.M. at St. Augustine St. Augustine is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in North Branford, St. Monica is

located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford.

## Holy Week and Easter Services 2016 at Zion Episcopal Church 326 Notch Hill Rd. North Branford. 203-488-7395. zionepiscopalchurch.org

**March 20:Palm Sunday** 8 & 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Palms and Reading of the Passion.

March 21: HOLY MONDAY - 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer Service

March 23: HOLY WEDNESDAY - 7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae: Through scripture and the gradual extinguishing of candles, we recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of Holy Week.

March 24: MAUNDY THURSDAY "Lord's Supper" - 6 p.m. A simple meal of soup, salad and bread during which we read of our Lords Last Supper and celebrate with Foot washing and the Holy Eucharist in the parish hall. Afterwards we process into the church in silence for the solemn Stripping of the Altar and quiet prayer at the "Altar of Repose." Childcare provided. Please make reservations for childcare by calling the parish office. Please bring non-perishable foodstuffs to share with our neighbors through the local food pantry.

March 25: GOOD FRIDAY - 9:00 a.m. <u>Stations of the Cross</u> with Communion from Reserved Sacrament. - 7:00 p.m. <u>Silent Reflection & Passion Hymns</u> - 7:30 p.m. <u>The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday</u>

March 27: The Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord: EASTER - 8 & 10 a.m. A festive celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with Easter music at both services.

# **Holy Week Events**

# Northford Congregational Church

The Northford Congregational Church will hold a Palm Sunday traditional service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 20, followed by coffee hour in the social hall. All are welcome.

There will be an annual Maundy Thursday service on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a soup and bread dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the social hall.

The Easter Sunday service on March 27 will be at 10 a.m., and flowers will be added to a large wooden cross to welcome and represent the new life offered by the Easter promise. All are welcome. There will be no Sunday School class on Easter Sunday.

The historic 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: <a href="www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com">www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com</a>. Email address: <a href="mailto:ncchurch@snet.net">ncchurch@snet.net</a>.

#### **Easter Plant Sale in North Branford**

On Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Boy Scout Troop 453 will be holding their annual Easter Plant Sale to help raise funds to offset the costs of upcoming camping trips and activities. The Easter Plant Sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford. Event is held rain or shine.

#### Flower Sale to Benefit Church

Northford Congregational Church will have both an Easter weekend flower/plant sale and a Mother's Day weekend flower and bake sale to benefit the church. The Easter weekend flower/plant sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., Mar. 25 & 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Mother's Day weekend flower sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., May 6 & 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A bake sale will be held on Sat., May 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

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#### **DEATH NOTICE**



Elizabeth Ann Winner of North Branford died peacefully in her sleep February19,2016. She was born in Williamsport PA on November 15, 1917 to the late Clyde and Martha (Ritter) English. Betty, along with her husband Bob, was a long-time resident of North Branford where they raised three children, Corky(Oliver) Helmrich, (Rhonda) Craig Helmrich and Kathy tynan (Kent).

Betty's lifelong love of reading, and her outgoing personality made her a natural as a librarian at Atwater Memorial Library.

She later was a librarian for Upjohn Industries and at North Branford High School.

In addition to working outside the home, Betty was a talented homemaker, an excellent cook and baker and someone who loved making things grow. She passed these loves on to her children. At a time when others would have been thinking of retiring, Betty became a partner with her husband Bob in the Follow The Sun Travel Agency. Together they explored the world, visiting destinations like Russia, South Africa, Japan and many others.

Betty is survived by her husband, her three children, her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Arrangements were private. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Connecticut.

# Women's Club Military Whist

North Branford Women's Club Military Whist Card Party will be Friday, April 29, 2016, at the North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471, 203-488-8456.

Tickets \$8.00 per person. Coffee & pie from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Instructions begin promptly at 7:15 p.m Raffle baskets & penny auction items Contact Carol at (203) 488-9603 for tickets or additional information.

All proceeds to benefit North Branford Scholarship and Community Programs.

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# Free Public Stargazing Young's Pond Park in Branford

See the Orion Nebula!! Come look through our telescopes on Saturday March 26th starting at 8pm at Young's Pond Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. The Astronomical Society of New Haven invites all members of the family to a public stargazing session to have a closer look at the stars and the planets. This month, the telescopes will be pointed at Jupiter and its 4 moons, the Orion Nebula, the Beehive star cluster and the Pleiades star cluster. Members will also point out the constellations and satellite passes. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

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## Northford Women's Club 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 <a href="michelehanah00@gmail.com">michelehanah00@gmail.com</a> or 203-717-2203. The Northford Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club.



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