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In order to put together a program of this magnitude, it takes hundreds of volunteer hours and support. We ask that you please consider making a donation toward this worthwhile event. Your support will not only allow you to send your message of congratulations but it will show your support of high school graduates having fun in a safe and substance free environment. Your support and generosity plays a key role in providing this event for our graduating seniors. We could not do this without you.

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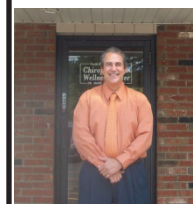
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Rotary Wraps up Fundraiser Program



Dear Editor:

The North Branford Rotary Club wrapped up another successful fundraiser with The Spooktacular Costume Ball held in October. The night started off with dancing to the live beats of Tuxedo Junction, an eighteen-piece Jazz Orchestra with guests arriving in full costume to celebrate Halloween. More 100 silent auction items were sold.

North Branford Rotarians wish to thank all of those who attended and bid at this year's Fundraiser. They would also like to extend tremendous thanks to the following businesses and individuals who donated items, services or funds to the auction:

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Please Save the Date for this year's Spooktacular Costume Ball: Friday, October 30th, 2015 – The Country House at 7pm.

(Photo of Rotary President Paul Burns and Rotarian Carol Small).

Sincerely,

North Branford Rotary

WIT & WISDOM

I've lived through 17 presidential administrations starting with Woodrow Wilson. The first three with Wilson, Harding and Coolidge I was too young to have an interest, but starting with the Hoover-Smith campaign I was intensely interested and have been ever since. There has never been a candidate that has kept the promises he made during his campaign. Some have made an effort to but, once in office were forced to compromise. Most made a pretense at fulfilling their promises, but Obama never has.

Let me relate. Obama promised the unions he would install check off membership applications to make amends for the installation of one obstacle after another that made the workers efforts to attain membership near impossible. He promised to put on his walking shoes and join them on the picket line. He promised to work to put into effect the financial controls that had protected the investors until Clinton had them removed. He promised to make amends to NAFTA, that had resulted in 750,000 lost jobs and our entire textile industry lost to Mexico.

My first suspicions of his true motives was when he suddenly rushed to Canada, after making a campaign speech promising to change NAFTA to correct the unfair burdens placed on our workers and industries that Canada had expressed concern over, being one of the signators. His message to them was, "Don't worry it's only campaign rhetoric". The workers were united behind him. Once again his true sentiment was revealed when he appointed Rahm Emanuel as his closest advisor. When the unions asked for a meeting with Obama, Emanuel said, "F---the unions". Emanuel is the Mayor of Chicago that has attempted to destroy the public school system and the teachers' union and the most despised politician in the country. Still just recently when Emanuel was engaged in a close election, still to be decided, Obama went there and campaigned for him.

The workers, thinking that in his second term things would be different. They were the ones who went door to door and got out the votes that assured his election. Their reward, Obama is trying to get approval to pass a trade deal with the 12 Asian nations that will seal the US. workers future as a 3rd World Nation with we having to compete against the starvation wages those country workers are earning. With it's formulation enacted with the corporations, but no workers represented Obama is seeking authority to fast track it through Congress without Congress having any opportunity to read what's in it. Remember this is the man who ran as the workers candidate.

When everyone was waiting for the changes he promised to the financial debacle that had caused the greatest financial disaster since the Great Depression he appointed Geitner, former head of the Federal Reserve System as Treasurer, one of those most responsible culprits for it. All through his administration it was his practice to appoint those responsible for our problems as those anointed to cure them.

The most necessary legislation needed at the time was the elimination of the filibuster, that had purposely been sneaked in by the Republicans with help from the Democrats since it would allow them to blame the Republicans for the failure of any legislation they proposed since it gave the minority control over all legislation. With both houses under control of the Democrats passing legislation to correct this was expected, but stymied by Harry Reid, leader of the Senate. A character as despicable as Obama who had other ideas. Receiving huge sums from the National Rifle Ass. and Nevada, being a gun state, he wasn't about to let the Democrats, his own party, pass any legislation requiring background checks of gun purchasers even as to their mental health. So certain were the Democrats that when Jeff Merkli of Oregon presented a bill eliminating the filibuster as it is at present, when the Democrats had the power to do it. Reid called Merki before the Democratic Caucus and belittled him in the most embarrassing fashion accusing him of taking illegal actions. These sorry excuses of humanity, after supporting Jeff's proposed legislation, sat there like sphinxes instead of calling Reid out and supporting Merki's bill.

But Reid had other plans. Going to McDonnell and promising him he wouldn't allow a change in the filibuster procedure the Republicans had used over 700 times to stop Obama and the Democrats legislation, mostly Obama's ridiculous health bill. The only reason for it ever being formulated was Obama seeking something his administration could claim credit for when the greatest health plan on the planet, Medicare, could have been opened to everyone with a few minor changes.

McDonnell was elated to oblige Reid since the Republicans didn't want any change to the gun control legislation, Harry Reid got any meaningful legislation rejected and kept the largest coming from the NRA and his Nevada gun worshippers happy.

There is more to come.

Alton Eliason

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State Senator Ted Kennedy Jr.

Promoting Equity in School Funding



Education is the foundation of all future success that our children will have in their lives. Working alongside the Senate Appropriations Committee Chair, Beth Bye of West Hartford, I have introduced a piece of legislation that aims to address the growing inequity in the system that funds our local public schools.

Every municipality sets a target level of funding to receive through Connecticut's Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Formula. During the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, 109 Connecticut cities and towns were underfunded by a total of almost \$637 million despite the fact that many have significantly higher student populations than overfunded municipalities. Given the importance of providing our young citizens with a high-quality education, this persistent lack of investment in Connecticut's public schools will only continue to place these students and the communities in which they live at a significant disadvantage. Senate Bill 816 aims to fix this gross inequity by ensuring that no municipality receives less than 50 percent of their ECS target grant.

Nowhere is the current funding disparity more apparent than in my hometown of Branford. In FY 2014-2015, Branford's public schools were underfunded by over \$4.2 million – 69% less than the city's ECS target amount. The percentage difference between the ECS target and Branford's actual allocation is one of the highest in the state. Out of the six communities that I represent in the Senate, four of them, Branford, Durham, Killingworth, and North Branford are currently receiving funding levels below their target amount.

Providing ECS allocations below the target amount places an undue tax burden on local residents and exacerbates poverty levels among a higher percentage of our citizens. Most Connecticut students are funded solely by ECS and local tax receipts. Lowering ECS allocations means more local taxes need to go toward education. Many communities currently underfunded by the ECS formula are already facing rising poverty levels, high property values, and average incomes that are significantly lower than communities that are presently overfunded through the existing ECS formula.

The education of Connecticut's youth is the single best investment that we can make as a state. Every student in every community in Connecticut deserves to receive a high-quality education that is not held back by funding levels. That is why I am fighting to pass legislation that will restore balance in ECS funding.

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The Saturday dates are April 25, May 23, June 20, October 10 and November 21.

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

State Representative Vincent Candelora

Assisted Suicide in Connecticut: The Bill is Anything, But Dignified



For the third straight year a legislative committee took up a bill that would provide a pathway for assisted suicide in Connecticut. The bill is premised on the belief that doctors, upon request, should be allowed to prescribe enough medication for a patient with a terminal diagnosis to kill himself. No committee has yet to even

vote on the bill over the past three years, and after sitting through twelve hours of very difficult and emotional testimony, I can understand why.

The proponents of the bill like to title this initiative, "Death with Dignity". Ironically, the bill's application is anything but dignified. The bill requires that a person suffering from an illness that would result in the person's death within six months could make a written request to kill himself. The written request must be witnessed by two people who know the person, but is not an heir of the person's estate. A second written request must follow in order to obtain a prescription, and the doctor must make sure the person is not suffering from depression. Without any medical supervision, the person would have to swallow up to 90 pills and depending on health factors could take up to two days to die. Once successful, a doctor must falsify the death certificate and denote the cause as the underlying illness, not the suicide.

Doctors, nurses, hospice care workers, and psychiatrists testified against this bill. Most expressed concern that this bill requires the medical society to violate their Hippocratic Oath of "do no harm". Others expressed concern over provisions which would require doctors to falsify the death certificate. Doctors also expressed concern over medical complications from the suicide attempt, such as vomiting the medication before enough is ingested and slipping into a coma before the death occurs. Mental health experts expressed concern that people who wish to end their life, regardless of the circumstances, are almost always depressed and that we should be treating the underlying emotions to help them work through the difficult times, rather than handing them a prescription.

The state's attorney office also expressed concern over the bill. If a death certificate is falsified, they believe, if circumstances deem appropriate, a criminal investigation for murder would be problematic. They wrote, "The practical problem for the criminal justice system and the courts will be confronting a potential Murder prosecution where the cause of death is not accurately reported on the death certificate."

In addition, the bill creates a murder charge for a doctor who destroys the paperwork associated with the assisted suicide. The state could bring this charge even if the destruction of the paperwork did not cause the death. Section 14 provides that a person is guilty of Murder when he or she willfully alters or forges a request for aid in dying or conceals or destroys a rescission of such a request with the intent or effect of causing the patient's death; or (2) coerces or exerts undue influence on a patient to either complete a request for aid in dying or to destroy a rescission of such a request with the intent or effect of causing the patient's death. In their testimony, the Division of Criminal Justice writes, "Section 14 of the bill makes unnecessary changes to the statutory framework for what constitutes the crime of Murder the potential results of which can only be described as bizarre. As now written, there is no causation requirement, which is an essential element of the crime of Murder."

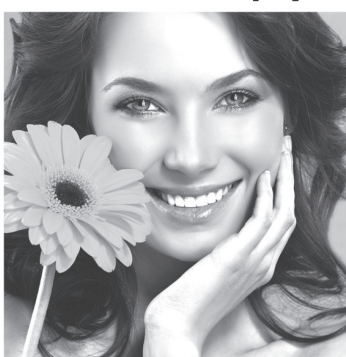
Finally, many individuals expressed concern for our disabled community. They believed that the bill devalues human life to the point that ultimately the bill puts psychological pressure on people whose prognosis or disability burdens relatives or society so that they choose suicide. In fact, in Oregon where assisted suicide is legal, patients cited burden to family as the number one reason why they chose suicide. In addition, Oregon suffers from a higher suicide rate among their healthy population since legalizing assisted suicide. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among 18-34 year olds in Oregon, and in 2010, Oregon's suicide rate was 41% higher than the national average.

I am generally concerned about the moral and cultural impact that this law could have on Connecticut. Before, however, we even get to that debate, there are many disturbing legal issues with this bill. I think it is safe to say that most of us have experienced the pain of seeing a loved one suffer from a terminal illness. This bill does nothing to help that suffering. It would only provide a different path of death devoid of medical and emotional support and riddled with legal problems.

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By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

I regularly meet with people who want to “avoid probate.” My first question is usually “Why do you want to avoid probate?” There is quite a range of answers- most people are not sure why but know they don’t want to go.

There are many reasons a person would want to avoid the probate process. Probate is time consuming. It takes from nine months to one year to fully probate an estate, sometimes it takes longer if your heirs are not getting along. This means that it takes a long time to get your assets into the hands of your heirs. We all know that “time is money” and when the process takes upwards of one year you can imagine how expensive it is to probate an estate. Typically, the cost of probating an estate in Connecticut can range from 1-4% of the decedent’s gross estate.

In addition to being time consuming and consequently expensive, the probate process lacks privacy. Probate is a very public process. Once your Will is admitted to the Court it becomes a public document. Any person can take a look at your Will and see what you had and where it is going. Many people want to avoid such attention.

As you can see there are some very good reasons why a person would want to avoid probate. There are ways to avoid probate. One way would be to not own anything at your death- spend the last dollar on the last day. This is not as easy to accomplish as it sounds. There are more sophisticated ways to bypass the process.

If you would like to learn more about probate and some ways to avoid probate please join us on Saturday, April 18th at 10am at our offices located at 26 Broadway in North Haven for Demystifying the Probate Process. Please call 203-234-7400 to reserve your spot as seating is limited.

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

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North Branford Women’s Club Meeting

The North Branford Women’s Club, Inc., GFWC/CT will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., at the Zion Episcopal Church’s hall located at 326 Notch Hill Road in North Branford. It will begin with a business meeting and refreshments. At 8:00 p.m. our program will feature Psychic Reads With Mrs. Catherine.

If you are new to our town, this would be a great opportunity to learn about our community and to meet other women. The North Branford Women’s Club is a member of the General Federation of Women’s Club’s founded in 1890. We are a volunteer group who donate our time and talents helping our community and surrounding towns.

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Dudley Farm Foundation Announces its First Museum Director



The Dudley Farm Foundation recently appointed Beth Payne as the Museum’s first director. A familiar face at the Farm, this native North Guilfordite has been volunteering for the Museum since her return from The Gambia, West Africa, as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Since her arrival as a volunteer the Museum has catalogued and inventoried most of the

household items, including the large collection of 19th century books. She is looking forward to this year at the Farm and its many activities.

Beth enjoys spending time with her two daughters and two grandsons. Other interests include reading, knitting, traveling, and baking. Just ask her about her Dudley Farm grape pie!

The Dudley Farm Museum is located at 2351 Durham Road, North Guilford and opens May 9th.

Branford Compassion Club’s Spring Fundraisers

“An Evening in Roma” Italian dinner at Pompeo’s Restaurant (485 West Main Street, Branford) will take place on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Doors will open at 6pm. The evening will include a silent auction and cash bar. A buffet dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30pm; the menu includes salad, stuffed breads, eggplant, roast beef, potatoes, sausage & peppers, chicken Francese, and baked ziti. Italian pastries and coffee will round out the evening.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, located at 2037 Foxon Road in North Branford, on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm, or you can email bccspecialevents32@gmail.com to arrange for tickets to be mailed to you.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Branford Compassion Club’s homeless felines. So, why not join us for a glass of Chianti, the music of Bocelli, and a great Italian meal – truly an “Evening in Roma”. Seating is limited, and tickets may not be available at the door, so get yours soon!

For more information, please visit www.branfordcompassionclub.org

The second event, “Phantoms for Felines” paranormal evening with the Ghost Hunter’s Guild of CT, will be held at the James Blackstone Library (758 Main Street, Branford) on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Doors will open at 6:30pm.

Members of the Ghost Hunter’s Guild will be giving a talk and slide-show presentation on some of their most interesting investigations, types of hauntings, and the equipment used in their work. So, whether you are a believer or a skeptic, it is sure to be a fascinating evening. Desserts and coffee will be served.

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Check totokettv.com for air times!

April After School Eco-Crafts

@ The Smith Library Children's Room

Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

For ages: 6 & up with the help of a parent/guardian.

***Registration required.** Call: 203-484-0469 for more information.

Make a different craft each week.

Supplies provided unless otherwise noted.

April 7th - Help The Birds Build Their Nest - Bring 2 empty plastic berry containers (from raspberries, strawberries, etc) and we will show you how to help the birds that live in your yard make their nests!

April 14th - Seed Paper Bookmarks - We will be making bookmarks with a surprise—seeds hidden inside! Bring a pack of seeds. We will provide all the other supplies.

April 21st - Recycled T-shirt - Bring an old T-shirt to recycle into something new, and a sharp pair of scissors! Wear old clothes because we will also be painting designs on our creations. **This is a very hands-on project. You can also bring a parent if you think you'll need extra help cutting the t-shirt fabric!

April 28th - Spring Fairy Garden - Fairies visiting your house this spring will have a quiet place to stay and visit, and all of it is handmade by you!

****You will need to bring:**

- a container to hold your garden (empty plastic salad or cookie containers work great; anything that can stay outside will do.)
- any extra materials you would like to decorate your garden with. *Think small!* Acorns, beads, feathers, marbles, pine cones, rocks, silk flowers, sticks, tree bark, wire, and other tiny things make great fairy garden stuff!

**This is a very hands-on project. You can also bring a parent if you think you'll need extra help building a fairy garden from scratch!



Volunteers of the Year

Michelle, Hunter and Mason Provencher received the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2015 from the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter which is responsible for Branford, North Branford and Northford. They received this award because of their diligent volunteer work not only at the Shelter but also at the off-site adoption events and fund-raiser.

In addition, they help host other events, donate much needed items, network animals, foster animals and provide adoption counseling and tours to guests at the shelter. By participation as volunteers they help save animals lives and in turn give families the opportunity to experience the love and therapy these animals provide. **(Left to right: Hunter, Michelle & Mason)**

Aesop's Fables at Atwater Library

Sparky's Puppets will perform "Aesop's Fables" at the Atwater Memorial Library in North Branford on Thursday, April 16 at 4:00. Watch a timid mouse rescue a fierce lion in "The Lion and the Mouse." Sing along with the grasshopper in "The Grasshopper and the Ant." Meet "The Country Mouse and the City Mouse." Watch the exciting race between "The Tortoise and the Hare". And see what happens when a naughty boy cries "Wolf!" too many times. These fables have been entertaining and teaching children since they were first told in ancient Greece.

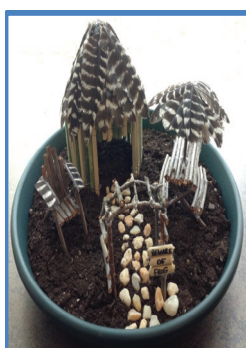
Sparky's Puppets dramatize favorite children's stories with colorful hand puppets, lively humor and plenty of audience participation. They have entertained children and family audiences throughout New England for over 35 years.

RACE TO SCOUTING CUB SCOUT RALLY

Come join us Wednesday, April 22, 2014 from 6:30 p.M. To 8:00 P.M. At the Connecticut Sportsplex - Fieldhouse, 150 Foxon Road, North Branford, Connecticut. Find out what scouting is all about: camping, new skills, fun activities. Cub scouting is open to all boys currently in kindergarten through age 11. All boys can have fun playing in the playscape while their parents talk to representatives from the North Branford and Northford Cub Scout Packs.

Light refreshments will be available.

For questions contact: Joan Furr at 203-640-5339.





Invention Convention

By Carrie Sabetta, Carrie Seiden, and Shelly Thompson

The fourth grade students at Totoket Valley Elementary School participated in our annual Invention Convention on Friday, March 20, 2015.

The Connecticut Invention Convention is a state-wide, award winning, internationally recognized, educational program designed to develop and enhance critical thinking skills in children through invention, innovation and entrepreneurship, while encouraging their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). It also promotes American innovation and independence at a young age. Students learn to identify common products and services that can be transformed and used in new ways to serve humanity. At the end of the process, inventors discover that they can do complex things with just a little help and encouragement.

The Connecticut Invention Convention is the nation’s oldest continuously operating children’s invention competition. Annually, more than 10,000 students in grades K-8 across Connecticut from over 200 Connecticut schools take part in the CIC learning curriculum. Finalists from TVES will go on to compete in the state Invention Convention finals held at University of Connecticut’s Gampel Pavillion on May 2, 2015.

TVES would like to congratulate this year’s school finalists and all the fourth grade inventors for sharing their creativity, originality, and enthusiasm!

2015 TVES Invention Convention Finalists

Student Inventor	Invention
Jack Brewster	Dry Erase Desk
Dylan Burwell	Toaster Guard
David D’Onofrio	Nylabed
Sophie Gambardella	Light Winder 2000
Nathan Hoskins	Nate’s Pool Caddy
Cameron McIntyre	Mail Vac
Paul Raffone	Scoop-O-Treat
Carlie Rodriquez	Cup Caddy
Willie Seward	Safety Swing
Vada Vincent	Bandage Buddees

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Michael Reilly, Ashley Mase, Craig Esposito & Eric Austin were named to the Dean’s List at Fairfield University.

Learn & Play Christian Early Learning Center

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Saturday, April 25th
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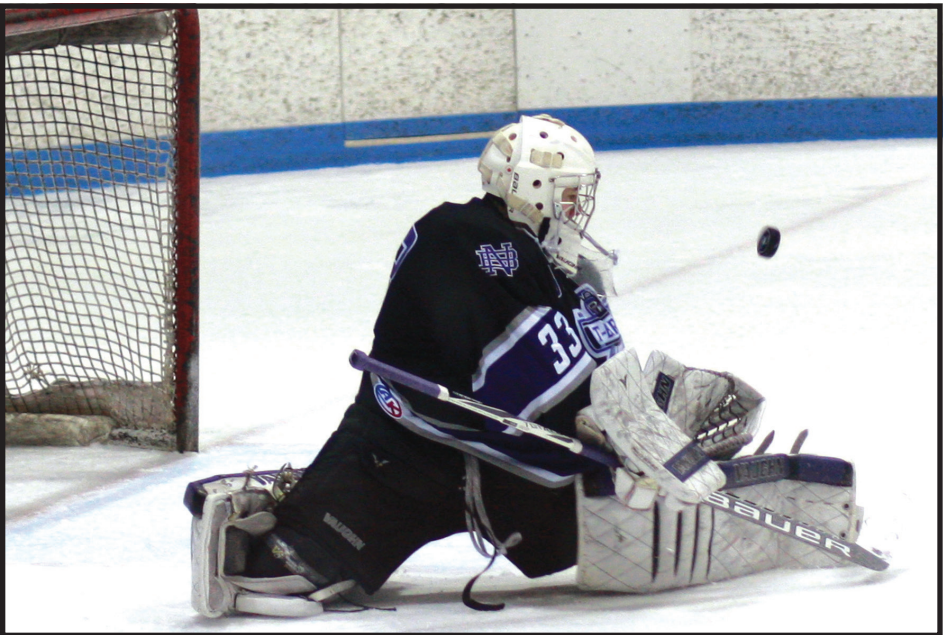
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T-Birds Unite the Community

Although the North Branford hockey team was unable to win the CIAC State Tournament game, their appearance in the championship game united the entire community as more than 500 people showed up to cheer them on their way. The trip through the center of Northford was escorted by a fire and police escort as the spirited crowd cheered them on. More than 2000 attended the game which was also televised to captured the support of many more.

The purity of high school sports set a great exaple for the enitre community.



Pictured in the above photos by Tom Zampano, Alec Martone led the team in scoring, While Tanner Opie was part of a strong defense, and sophomore goalie Will McEwen was responsible for many of the wins!



Track Freshmen Get Letters

Recently, the Indoor Track Team awarded letters to a talented group of freshmen. Pictured left to right; Michael Odell, Caitlin Odell, Theresa Guadagnino, Grace Little, Olivia Hemstock, Sarah Criscuolo, Hanah DiEdwards & Michael Madoule.(Photo by Brandi Little)



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Thurs	4-9-15	@Oldn Lyme	4:00
Tues	4-14-15	@ Morgan	6:30
Thur	4-16-15	Old Saybrook	4:00

Girls Lacrosse

Thur	4-9-15	Old Lyme	4:00
Tues	4-14-15	Lyman Hall	4:00
Thur	4-16-15	@Old Saybrook	4:00
Fri	4-17-15	@ Sheehan	7:00

Softball

Wed	4-8-145	@Valley	4:00
Thur	4-9-15	Bunnell	4:00
Mon	4-13-15	Coginchaug	3:45
Tues	4-14-15	@Morgan	#:45
Thurs	4-16-15	@Cromwell	4:00

Baseball

Wed	4-8-15	Hale Ray	4:00
Fri	4-10-15	Hyde	3:45
Sat	4-11-15	@Griswold	11:00
Mon	4-13-15	@Morgan	3:45
Wed	4-15-15	@Westbrook	3:45
Fri	4-17-15	Old Lyme	4:00

Boys Tennis

Wed	4-8-15	Old Lyme	3:45
Fri	4-10-15	Morgan	3:45
Mon	4-13-15	@Cromwell	3:45
Wed	4-15-15	H-K	3:45

Girls Tennis

Wed	4-8-15	@Old Lyme	3:45
Fri	4-10-15	@Morgan	3:45
Sat	4-11-15	Westbrook	10:30
Mon	4-13-15	Cromwell	3:45
Wed	4-15-15	@H-K	3:45

Good riddance to
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

LEGO ROGOTICS

April 8, 9 &10, Wednesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
\$100 TechStarts – Computer Explorers

Lego Mindstorms provides wonderful hands-on opportunities for the students to experiment and learn about the fundamentals of robotics, construction, and computer programming. We will be using the all-time familiar Lego bricks to build around a micro-computer and using computer software to bring the robot to life!

A.M. YOGA

April 7- May 12 - Tuesdays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$55

Stretch, strengthen, and relax the body and mind. Improve your balance and flexibility.

APRIL MARTIAL ARTS KARATE KAMP

April 6- 10, Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 12:30 - \$75

Receive martial arts experience in a friendly environment with games, martial arts instruction, child safety and more. Your child will build confidence, respect and discipline with teamwork in a fun environment. Exciting and fun experience!

CHAIR YOGA

April 9 - May 14 -Thursdays 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. \$30

Increase your flexibility, range of movement and improve your balance safely and effectively with Chair Yoga. You will be guided through a complete series of seated and standing yoga postures which were specifically designed for seniors and for those with physical limitations. This 45 minute class will also incorporate breathing exercises and guided meditation to help relieve tension and stress.

WALK - RUN YOUTH GROUP Train for Matt’s Mission

April 12 - May 3- Sundays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$25

Learn skills and drills for walking/running that will allow you to push boundaries, test your limits and exceed what you are currently able to do simply by pushing through mental and physical barriers.

YOGA FOR ALL

April 16 - May 21 - Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. \$55

Postures that will help develop strength, flexibility and balance and clam the mind.

TRIPS

IKEA / Greek Olive Trip. Wednesday, April 15

Cost: \$5 resident/ \$7 non-resident

Enjoy an afternoon out shopping at IKEA and then over to the Greek Olive for lunch. *On your own.*

Bowling & Luncheon. Wednesday, April 22

Cost: \$2 resident / \$4 non-resident

(lunch and bowling costs are on your own)

Van departs the STW Community Center at 10:15 a.m. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at Colony Lanes in Wallingford! No bowling experience required. Afterwards head over to the North Haven Diner for a bite to eat.

Country Day in Vermont. Saturday, April 25

Cost: \$85 resident/ \$90 non-resident

Visit the Vermont Country Store in Rockingham where everyone can find a treat from penny candy to specialty foods. Enjoy lunch at Windsor Station, a copy New England tavern. Then take in the fascinating craftsmen glass blowing at Simon Pierce. Time on your own to explore Artisan’s Park will be offered as well.

Finding Neverland on Broadway - Wednesday, August 12

Cost: \$80 resident/ \$85 non-resident

RT motor coach transportation, leisure time in NYC, and Rear Mezz ticket to 2:00 p.m. show. Enjoy Producer Harvey Weinstein’s musical exploring the power of imagination to open up new worlds starring Matthew Morrison, Kelsey Grammer, & Laura Michelle Kelly.

Les Miserables on Broadway - Wednesday, August 12

Cost: \$110 resident/ \$115 non-resident. RT motor coach transportation, leisure time in NYC, and Front Mezz ticket to 2:00 p.m. show.

Come see this epic classic with such magnificent songs as “I Dreamed a Dream”, “One Day More”, “On My Own”, and many more!!

EVENTS

PIZZA WARS 2015

Tuesday, April 28 .

Seating 1: 6 p.m. Seating 2: 7 p.m.

TICKETS: \$5 ~

Tickets are limited and available for purchase at the STW Comm. Center

FROZEN PARTY!

Friday, May 29th 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 w/ parent (Each additional child is \$10.00)

Limited to 50 people Enjoy an evening of Frozen Sing-a-longs with Elsa & Anna, Story time, Refreshments & Snack, a Special Craft, Face Painting & Photos!

EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A SPRING – SUMMER BROCHURE Be sure to check out all new trips, program offerings, KIDZ KAMP AND TEEN EXCURSIONS.

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AUGUST 6, 7, 8, and 9

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If you are interested in being a Sponsor of the Festival, please check out our website at www.nbpotatofest.com or contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator, at 203-484-6017 or admin@nbpotatfest.com.

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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 Marennna. 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.

Military Whist Card Party - St. Frances Cabrini

Military Whist Card Party sponsored by St. Frances Cabrini Church Women’s Club to be held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall, 57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven. Card Party starts at 6:30pm with coffee & desserts and Card Game starts at 7PM. Price is \$8.00 per person. Tickets can be obtained by calling St Frances Cabrini Rectory at 203-239-5700 or after 5pm call Sharon at 203-234-0215. Instructions on how to play the game will be given. Come for lots of raffles and prizes and a fun evening!

Military Whist Card Party - NBCC

There will be a Military Whist Card Party at the North Branford Congregational Church on Friday, April 24th starting at 6:45pm. The church is located at 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford. For tickets, call Sheila at 203-481-2677 or Ginny at 203-488-8259.

Bereavement Support Program Begins April 27

Dealing with grief and loss can be a difficult task alone. Sharing with others who understand how you feel can make the journey easier. Our 8-week bereavement support program/discussion group is for any adult coping with the death of a person who was significant in his or her life (such as a child, spouse, parent, sibling, friend). The purpose of our group is not to teach, but to allow participants to feel less lonely, identify and discuss the challenges associated with grief, and provide a safe, welcoming space to work on our grief together. The program is not faith-based, but we might discuss how our faith has been affected by our grief.

The 8-week program begins April 27 and will run every Monday evening, 6 - 7:30 pm for 8 weeks. The sessions are held at Faith United Methodist Church, 81 Clintonville Road, North Haven, CT. Registration is required because space is limited. Please e-mail the facilitator, Cathy DellaValle, at faithgrief@sbcglobal.net or call 203-239-2469 to learn more about our program or to register.

Services At St. Augustine & St. Monica Churches

Holy Thursday Mass, April 2nd, St. Augustine 7:00 PM
Good Friday Liturgy, April 3rd, St. Augustine 3:00 PM
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 4th, St. Augustine 8:00 PM
East Sunday Masses, April 5th, St. Monica 9:00 AM
St. Augustine 11 :00 AM
St. Augustine is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in North Branford,
St. Monica is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. in Northford.

Easter Services at Northford Congregational Church

The Northford Congregational Church will hold an Easter Sunday service on April 5 at 10 a.m.; flowers will be added to a large wooden cross to welcome and represent the new life offered by the Easter promise. The service will be followed by coffee hour in the social hall. There will be no Sunday School class on Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

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: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church Lenten & Easter Services 1680 Foxon Road (Rte 80), North Branford, CT. 203.488.8456.

April 3, 2015 @ 12 noon - Good Friday - An opportunity to walk with Jesus to the cross.

April 5, 2015 @6:30am - Easter Sunrise Service @ Lake Gallard - Celebrate the Resurrection as the sun rises. Coffee hour at NBCC after the service.

April 5,2015 @ 10am - Easter Sunday Service - A celebration of new life through Jesus, Our Savior.

Flower Sale to Benefit Northford Congregational Church

Both Easter weekend and a Mother’s Day weekend flower sale to benefit the church. The Easter weekend flower sale will be held on Fri., April 3, and Sat., April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Mother’s Day weekend flower sale will have the same hours.

The Northford Congregational Church is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Rtes. 22 & 17.

Boy Scout Troop 453 Easter Plant Sale

On Friday, April 3rd and Saturday, April 4th, Boy Scout Troop 453 will 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, April 3rd and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4th at the North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road.

Death Notice



Raymond Charles Augur Sr., age 73, born in New Haven, Connecticut, on April 15, 1941, died Thursday March 19, 2015 at his home in Middlefield, NY.

He was born to the late Charles Augur and Eleanor (White), one of six children. He attended North Brandford High School and settled on the family dairy farm in Northford, CT. In 1971 he moved his family to Middlefield, NY to pursue a farm of his own. Ray farmed for many years and with his knowledge, expertise, and workaholic drive he started his own Augur Crop Service Corp. However, he still made time to enjoy hunting and his love for cards, especially pitch.

Ray was a volunteer fire fighter for 40+ years between Northford Volunteer Fire Department and Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department. In later years he enjoyed spending time with his many grandchildren.

Ray is survived by his wife of many years Joan (Roly); son Charles Augur (Patricia) and their children Rebecca, Matt and Ben; son Raymond Jr. (Samantha) and their daughter Amanda-Lynn Massie (Ramel) and great grandson Zaine; daughter Linda Ellex (Michael) and their children Ashley, Courtenay, Cody and Jenna; and great children Logan, Tanner, Jace and CJ.; and daughter Donna Mateunas (Jim) and their children Aaron and Andrea. Ray is also survived by his beloved dog Hansen.

Ray is also survived by his sister Eleanor Augur; sister Barbara Villecco; sister Katherine Smith (Dick); sister Ruth Adinolfi (Gerald); brother Kevin Augur; as well as many nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Ray was predeceased by his daughter Deborah Ann; his parents Charles and Eleanor, and brother-in-law Pat Villecco.

The family would like to make special thanks to the AM/PM Nursing Service; At Home Meal Delivery; Catskill Area Hospice and the many close friends that visited during his illness.

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Elderly Renter & Totally Disabled Programs

Applications are now being accepted in the Assessors’ Office for the Renter Tax Relief Program for those 65 & older or for the Totally Disabled, of which there is no age requirement.

Income limits for calendar year 2014 cannot exceed \$42,200 for a married couple or \$34,600 for a single person. Please bring all forms of income and expenses (rent, heat & electricity) to the Assessors’ Office, Town Hall, Monday - Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. April 1 through October 1, 2015.

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News From Totoket Historical Society

Civil War Comes to Life for North Branford and Northford
Breakwater Books and The Totoket Historical Society are pleased to present Connecticut’s own Jane Peterson Bouley as she reads and signs copies of her book, *Civil War Soldiers of Branford: North Branford and Northford*, Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00PM at the Atwater Memorial Library, 1720 Foxon Road, North Branford.

The Civil War Soldiers of Branford, Connecticut is the first comprehensive history of the soldiers from this shoreline town east of New Haven. Using pension records, original letters, diaries, regimental histories, cemetery records, family genealogies, newspapers, and other resources, the author has compiled the military service and biographical record of nearly 450 soldiers associated with Branford, North Branford, and the village of Northford. The soldiers are brought to life beyond the dates and battles, using their own words and those of their comrades to enhance our understanding of their service and its effect on their lives after the war.

Books may be purchased in advance at Breakwater Books, 81 Whitfield Street, Guilford, as well as the evening of the event. Please call 203-453-4141 or stop by the bookstore to register for this FREE event.

Did you know.. ..

In 1902 Connecticut held a convention in Hartford to consider updating our State Constitution. Delegates from all 168 towns attended and worked on the document. Joseph R. Hawley, one of Connecticut’s US Senators, arranged for the US Department of Agriculture’s Bureau of Plant Industry to provide Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) seedlings, which he distributed to each of the 168 participants at the close of the Convention to commemorate the experience. The delegates took the little trees back home, where they were planted on town greens, school yards, church yards and, in many cases, on the delegate’s own property. Since there is still some confusion, it should be noted that these trees have no relationship to the Charter Oak (a White Oak, *Quercus alba*), offspring of which have also been used for commemorative purposes. No information regarding the parentage of these Pin Oaks has yet been found.

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Handcrafters’ Spring Craft Show

Once again St. Monica’s Rosary Society will be sponsoring the Northford Handcrafters’ Guild Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Monica’s Church, Rt 17 in Northford. The show will feature handcrafted items by local artisans. There will be a bake table and breakfast and lunch will be available. Come and enjoy great food, interesting crafters, face painting and more. Tables are available. For info call Lucille (203) 484-9737.

Haz/Waste Corner

Next Quarterly Recycling & e-Waste Event

Saturday, April 11th 2015 - 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.

Residents may also drop off: fire extinguishers, cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks* and rechargeable batteries.

Items for Goodwill Industries will also be collected: knick-knacks, kitchenware, shoes, toys, jewelry, artwork, books, records, tapes, CDs, DVDs

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. 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 quarterly e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.

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 4, 11, 18 and 25. Follow the signs. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground. As a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the drop off center.

North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup

April 13th Through April 17th

The Spring scrap metal pickup will be collected the same day as your regular weekly trash pickup.

Please note: scrap metal cannot be placed at the curb until the week before your scheduled date.

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