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Acelleron Medical Products Hires Director of Education



Jan Ferraro, North Branford, Connecticut, has been hired as director of education for Acelleron Medical Products, a New England-based durable medical equipment (DME) company recently acquired by Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services, with headquarters in Eatontown, N.J. Acelleron, based in Guilford, Connecticut, has been expanding into New Jersey and Pennsylvania, predominantly selling post-natal and pediatric medical equipment throughout the Northeast.

As director of education, Ferraro will educate pregnant women about the Affordable Care Act and breast pumps. She will advise nursing advocacy and support groups, be available to answer questions about breast feeding

with evidence-based information, and explain how to best support moms and families.

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Ferraro, said, "It is important to know that Acelleron will ship breast pumps to mothers within 24 hours. The breast pumps and the next-day shipping are free, benefits moms really appreciate. I also assist their practitioners in making the ordering process very easy with one simple form for every mom no matter what her insurance."

Before becoming director of education, Ferraro was a childbirth and parenting educator in Connecticut at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, New London, and at Yale-New Haven Hospital, where she helped families prepare for the birth process and taught families how to care for a newborn.

For more information, contact Jan Ferraro at 203-804-5974. To order a free breast pump from Acelleron call 877-932-6327 or visit acelleron.com.

BIGNEWS

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That's right! Starting Monday, May 4th Abate's of North Branford will be moving to Abate's of East Haven.

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North Branford Memorial Day Parade 2015

The North Branford Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:00AM in the North Branford section of town. The Post #8294 Veterans of Foreign Wars extends an invitation to everyone who wishes to march. The groups will form at Commerce Drive in North Branford at 9:00AM. The parade line will start at 9:30 and step off down Route 80 at 10:00 sharp.

The parade line will proceed east onto Rte. #80 toward the North Branford Congregational Church. All are invited to Comapny #1 Firehouse after the ceremony for refreshments.

Interested groups should contact Gina Cox at 203-484-6000 or <u>executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com</u>.with your information so you can be included in the parade lineup. Please RSVP by Monday, May 15th or earlier as we look forward to another successful year.

Walk for the Cure for Cystic Fibrosis

On Saturday, May 16th, Catherine's Crew will be participating in the Great Strides walk event at the Surf Club in Madison to raise money and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Catherine Hall is a one year old from Northford battling Cystic Fibrosis, a genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of approximately 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. Please join Catherine along with her parents, Mike and Lauren Hall, on walk day to find a cure!

Registration begins at 9AM and the walk starts at 10AM. For more information, to make a secure online donation or to register today please visit http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/catherinescrew

NB Closer to Free

2nd Annual Fundraising Campaign

NB Closer to Free is conducting its second annual campaign drive and will direct all of its support, this year, to helping the North Branford community and families that have a loved one fighting cancer. Its mission is for "Neighbors helping Neighbors" through an immensely difficult time.

Individuals and local businesses are encouraged to help. The second annual benefit will be held at Doody's on May 24th, 2015. If you would like to get involved, here are several ways to help:

Enjoy dinner at Doody's, Sunday, May 24th, 3-8 pm. 20% of check (food portion) will go to local families in need.

Visit GoFundMe.com/NB-closer-to-free and make a donation.

To volunteer time and services please email Cathy Sobask at <u>csobask@yahoo.com</u>. Visit us on: Twitter − NB Closer to Free, Instagram - □#NBClosertoFree, GoFundMe.com/NB-closer-to-free or Facebook − NB Closer to Free

<u>Deadline</u>		Date of Issue		
May	8	May	15	
May	22	May	29	
June	5	June	12	
June	19	June	26	
July	3	July	10	
July	17	July	24	
July	31	August	7	
August	14	August	21	





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We Must Allow Connecticut Students to Receive an Education in





On April 15th, Americans across the country will have completed that yearly tradition of submitting our tax filings. While this certainly isn't one this country's most beloved holidays, it is one that underscores the importance of a working knowledge in personal finance. This year I am working toward the passage of a bill that will make sure that all Connecticut students are proficient in financial

Thirty-five states have already implemented personal finance education standards, and I believe Connecticut should be next. Senate Bill 319, An Act Concerning Financial Literacy Education, will allow educators around the state to access a financial literacy curriculum designed by the State Board of Education. This curriculum covers banking, investing, savings, handling of personal finance matters, and the impact of using credit and debit cards.

It has been established in nation-wide studies conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank and other organizations that young adults who receive financial literacy training have increased credit scores, lower debt, and are less likely to be compulsive buyers. These students are more aware of their own credit history and scores, and are less likely to engage in risky spending and borrowing practices.

National studies have found a disturbing trend in which young Americans are heavily in debt and have a minimal understanding of the financial system and the nature of credit. Over 30% of young adults with higher education experience are delinquent on their student loan payments, and over two-thirds of renters between the ages of 18 and 24 say that each month they spend more than they earn. In 2013, Champlain College's Center for Financial Literacy gave Connecticut an "F" in its assessment of financial literacy for high school students across the country. This grade was given to Connecticut because it is one of only five states with no requirements for financial literacy.

Connecticut is known for offering high quality education at all levels. We have public schools and institutions of higher education that we can all be proud of. This state has taken steps toward expanding our technical schools and improving the education we offer in the STEM fields: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Our schools prepare children for future jobs in a global economy, but what we need now is a comprehensive personal finance curriculum.

I am proud to support Senate Bill 319, which will extend the opportunity to receive a financial literacy education to all Connecticut students. It is absolutely critical that Connecticut's students receive a high-quality education that prepares them for the world of modern financial management. Passage of this bill will make great strides toward achieving that goal.

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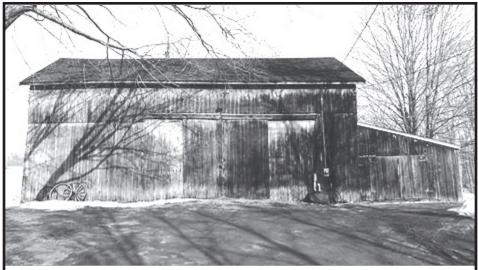


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Brunch at The Barn

Come join us on Sunday, May 31st for a fundraiser event to save the Big Barn at The Dudley Farm Museum, 2351 Durham Rd, North Guilford. Brunch, prepared with our Farmers Market products, will be served at the Munger Barn from 11 AM to 2 PM. Enjoy our Signature Mimosas, music by the Stony Creek Fife and Drum Corps, and good conversation with friends. Also learn details about our restoration project and tour the Big Barn complex for a personal view of what will take place over the next few years. A Silent Auction will top off the day with selected hand-made treasures and collectible antiques from The Dudley Farm Museum attic. Seating will be limited. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at The Dudley Farm Museum or by calling (203) 457-0770, or email info@ dudleyfarm.com. For more information about the Big Barn Project please visit www.dudleyfarm.com/bbproject.htm.

Tech Help at the Library

The Atwater and Smith Libraries in North Branford now offer "Tech Help" sessions on Wednesday evenings. People can come from 6:00 to 7:30 and meet with a local expert for help with computers, tablets, ereaders, and other devices. All are welcome, and advance registration is not necessary (first come first served). Those with a portable device should bring the device.

Dan Gaewski has worked successfully at the libraries in the past, giving instruction on the use of ereaders. He will alternate between the two libraries, with the following initial schedule:

May 6, Atwater Library, May 13, Smith Library



Cub Scouts Visit Boston

North Branford Cub Scouts Pack 455 recently spent the evening at the Museum of Science in Boston.

Anyone interested in joining can email northbranfordcubscouts@ yahoo.com

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

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD BUDGET PRESENTATION for 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR

Budget Referendum Question:

"Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$50,464,605, which will require a mill rate of 31.08 mills, be adopted?"

2012-13 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2013-14 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2014-15 BUDGET	@ 1/31/15 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2014-2015 PROJECTED	DESCRIPTION	2015-2016 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2015-2016 MANAGER PROPOSED	2015-2016 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
\$34,929,688	\$36,239,894	\$37,572,037	\$33,592,039	. , ,	PROPERTY TAXES	\$40,158,667	\$40,055,946	\$39,278,472
\$306,879 \$95,467	\$231,894 \$79,273	\$207,400 \$60,000	\$118,683 \$69,182	\$209,900 \$80.000	OTHER TAXES	\$207,200 \$65,000	\$207,200 \$65,000	\$207,200 \$65,000
\$1,340,909	\$1,624,874	\$1,528,346	\$1,483,346	\$1,527,346	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$1,104,574	\$1,104,574	\$1,108,530
(\$23,645)	(\$17,725)	\$125,000 \$126,700	\$8,906		INVESTMENT INCOME LICENSES & PERMITS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
\$131,367 \$139,887	\$133,484 \$122,268	\$136,700 \$109,225	\$81,452 \$79,441	, ,,,,	CURRENT SERVICES	\$136,350 \$102,185	\$136,350 \$102,185	\$136,350 \$102,185
\$136,199	\$137,767	\$147,819	\$146,529	+ -,-	STATE GRANTS- TAXES	\$154,131	\$154,131	\$154,131
\$8,371,843	\$8,394,394	\$8,391,812	\$2,063,172	. , ,	STATE GRANTS - EDUCATION	\$8,415,617	\$8,415,617	\$8,415,617
\$956,493 \$37,603	\$390,359 \$41,829	\$353,970 \$36,000	\$307,848 \$5,550	. ,	STATE GRANTS - OTHER USE OR SALE OF ASSETS	\$343,316 \$37,300	\$343,316 \$37,300	\$343,316 \$37,300
\$56,446	\$112,747	\$14,205	\$13,546		MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$15,830	\$15,830	\$15,830
\$0	\$0	\$368,000	\$0	(' ' '	SURPLUS APPROPRIATED	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
\$0 \$448,486	\$0 \$241,500	\$0 \$159,893	\$0 \$0		FEDERAL GRANTS OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$0 \$150,674	\$0 \$150,674	\$0 \$150,674
\$46,927,622	<u>\$47,732,556</u>	\$49,210,407	<u>\$37,969,694</u>	\$48,442,396	SUB TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$51,340,844</u>	<u>\$51,238,123</u>	<u>\$50,464,605</u>
\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$100,000 \$309,000	\$0	, ,	FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS FUND BALANCE OPEB APPROPRIATIONS	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
\$46.927.622	<u>\$47.732.556</u>	\$49.619.407	\$37.969.694	\$48.542.396	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$51.340.844</u>	<u>\$51.238.123</u>	\$50.464.60 <u>5</u>
\$58,468	\$61,525	\$58,726	\$52,555		MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$58,869	\$58,869	\$58,869
\$176	\$0 \$204.222	\$100	\$0		WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTH.	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$178,032 \$337,482	\$204,332 \$347,243	\$204,987 \$348,998	\$116,843 \$199,954		TOWN MANAGER FINANCE	\$207,601 \$366,851	\$207,601 \$367,066	\$207,601 \$367,066
\$154,578	\$160,817	\$165,429	\$97,545		TAX COLLECTOR	\$168,061	\$168,154	\$168,154
\$157,252	\$165,767	\$172,655	\$105,796	. ,	ASSESSOR	\$178,997	\$173,997	\$173,997
\$1,514	\$1,550	\$1,600	\$25		BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
\$296,965 \$171,600	\$281,586 \$173,309	\$286,158 \$180,141	\$169,523 \$105,896		CENTRAL SERVICES TOWN CLERK	\$283,424 \$187,135	\$283,424 \$187,135	\$283,424 \$187,135
\$45,521	\$30,626	\$50,106	\$26,076		ELECTIONS	\$52,599	\$52,599	\$52,599
\$140,349	\$105,380	\$106,700	\$76,608		TOWN ATTORNEY	\$106,700	\$106,700	\$106,700
\$1,293 \$26,653	\$1,167 \$30,019	\$1,243 \$28,280	\$609 \$23,724		PERMANENT PROJECT BUILDING COMM. TECHNOLOGY	\$1,243 \$29,286	\$1,243 \$29,286	\$1,243 \$29,286
\$20,033	\$30,019	\$20,280 \$0	\$23,724	+ -,	ETHICS COMMISSION	\$29,200	\$29,280	\$29,200
\$1,569,884	\$1,563,320	\$1,605,123	\$975,152	\$1,631,421	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,642,466	\$1,637,774	\$1,637,774
\$2,632,875	\$2,767,504	\$3,174,296	\$1,748,097	\$3,182,216		\$3,219,637	\$3,219,637	\$3,217,117
\$594,548 \$0	\$574,444 \$0	\$630,775 \$200,000	\$448,027 \$0	\$629,350	FIRE AMBULANCE	\$673,014 \$200,000	\$671,014 \$200,000	\$671,014 \$200,000
\$188,746	\$200,950	\$200,000 \$217,769	\$217,000		FIRE HYDRANTS	\$200,000 \$217,769	\$200,000 \$217,769	\$200,000 \$217,769
\$478,196	\$463,750	\$526,852	\$312,304		COMMUNICATIONS	\$564,861	\$564,861	\$564,861
\$4,640	\$3,605	\$14,446	\$11,527		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$16,696	\$16,696	\$16,696
\$55,560	\$98,635	\$105,216	\$105,108	,,	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$108,366	\$108,366	\$108,366
\$3,954,565 \$865,919	\$4,108,889 \$884,850	\$4,869,354 \$886,089	\$2,842,062 \$817,742	\$4,887,668	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY REFUSE REMOVAL	\$5,000,343 \$891,089	\$4,998,343 \$891,089	\$4,995,823 \$891,089
\$1,690,020 \$133,201	\$1,964,575 \$133,744	\$1,862,040 \$144,672	\$1,125,163 \$62,084	\$1,906,602	PUBLIC WORKS STREET LIGHTING	\$1,996,759 \$147,480	\$1,916,814 \$147,480	\$1,916,814 \$147,480
\$2,689,140	\$2,983,169	\$2,892,801	\$2,004,989	\$2,928,691	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,035,328	\$2,955,383	\$2,955,383
\$467,159	\$467,574	\$504,451	\$290,920	\$506.507	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$553,133	\$553,133	\$560,878
\$7,051	\$7,123	\$9,650	\$799		PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	\$9,650	\$9,650	\$9,650
\$22,500	\$22,500	\$23,100	\$23,100		ELDERLY HOUSING	\$23,100	\$23,100	\$23,100
\$0 \$592,769	\$0 \$621,663	\$1,000 \$643,990	\$0 \$361,617		REYNOLDS/BEERS HOUSE LIBRARY	\$1,000 \$673,992	\$1,000 \$671,516	\$1,000 \$671,516
\$1,089,479	\$1,118,861	\$1,182,191	\$676,435	\$1,182,191	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$1,260,875	\$1,258,399	\$1,266,144
\$103,081	\$104,772	\$108,543	\$107,763	, , ,	HEALTH	\$112,915	\$112,915	\$112,915
\$67,019	(\$14)	\$0	\$0		HUMAN RELATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$61,160 \$5,592	\$63,461 \$4,140	\$64,679 \$6,000	\$35,438 \$0		SOCIAL SERVICES PROBATE COURT	\$68,037 \$6,000	\$68,037 \$6,000	\$68,037 \$6,000
\$12,260	\$12,343	\$18,146	\$16,985		HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING	\$19,385	\$19,385	\$19,385
\$249,112	\$184,702	\$197,368	\$160,186	\$197,207	TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$206,337	\$206,337	\$206,337
\$110,296	\$100,194	\$106,607	\$49,899	\$90 459	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$99,536	\$99,536	\$99,536
\$15,838	\$16,116	\$21,707	\$1,913		PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$39,977	\$39,477	\$39,477
\$1,600	\$1,247	\$2,547	\$1,184		ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$2,547	\$2,217	\$2,217
\$1,739 \$92,586	\$2,281 \$103.460	\$15,382 \$100,653	\$728	, -,	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM. ENGINEERING	\$24,910 \$115,043	\$12,382 \$115.042	\$12,382 \$115,042
\$92,566 \$2,074	\$103,469 \$2,716	\$109,653 \$4,307	\$58,223 \$2,857		CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS	\$115,042 \$4,307	\$115,042 \$4,057	\$115,042 \$4,057
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0		BEAUTIFICATION	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	* -	LAND PRESERVATION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$1,823 \$120,694	\$304 \$117,512	\$2,339 \$122,581	\$0 \$68,945	* -	AGRICULTURE COMMISSION BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$2,339 \$128,668	\$2,339 \$128,668	\$2,339 \$128,668
\$346,649	\$343,839	\$385,223	\$183,749	\$345,705	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/CONSERVATION	\$417,426	\$403,818	\$403,818
\$20,653 \$204,088	\$9,600 \$234,014	\$86,787 \$328,319	\$1,500 \$261,592		RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	\$75,000 \$328,014	\$75,000 \$328,014	\$75,000 \$328,014
\$1,925,866	\$1,825,555	\$2,112,857	\$1,252,096	\$1,988,667	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,013,872	\$2,013,872	\$2,093,534
\$2,150,607	\$2,069,169	\$2,527,963	\$1,515,188	\$2,316,667	TOTAL BENEFITS, INSURANCE & OTHER	\$2,416,886	\$2,416,886	\$2,496,548
\$639,512 \$12,688,949	\$807,000 \$13,178,950	\$40,939 \$13,700,962	\$213,939 \$8,571,699		OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	<u>\$150,000</u> \$14,129,661	\$150,000 \$14,026,940	\$600,000 \$14,561,827
\$29,296,492	\$29,400,735	\$30,087,737	\$16,380,001	. , ,	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$31,496,142	\$31,496,142	\$30,387,737
\$0	\$27,667	\$0	\$0	* -	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
\$5,364,015	\$5,571,147	\$5,474,708	\$4,894,944		DEBT SERVICE	\$5,515,041	\$5,515,041	\$5,515,041
\$47,349,456 \$0	\$48,178,499 \$0	\$49,263,407 \$0	\$29,846,644 \$0	\$49,535,994 \$0	SUB TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS TOTAL FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$51,340,844 \$0	\$51,238,123 \$0	\$50,464,605 \$0
\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$356,000	\$0 \$0		TOTAL FUND BALANCE OPEB APPROPRIATION	\$0 <u>\$0</u>	\$0 <u>\$0</u>	\$0 <u>\$0</u>
\$47.349.456	\$48,178,499	\$49,619,407	\$29,846,644	\$49.535.994	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$51,340,844</u>	<u>\$51,238,123</u>	<u>\$50,464,605</u>

EDITORIAL Totoket Times May 1, 2015 EDITORIAL

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Most people never think that they will ever end up in a Nursing Home. However, the sad reality is that almost half of the population will spend some time in a skilled nursing facility during their lifetime. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the average time spent in a nursing home is 864 days, nearly two and half years.

A long term stay at a nursing home can be financially devastating for you and your family. Nursing home care rates of \$15,000 per month can quickly eliminate a lifetime's worth of hard work. Long term care in a nursing home can devour your savings and force your home, business and other assets to be sold at a "fire sale" price to pay for your care.

When people are faced with choosing between preserving their assets and paying for care, there really is no choice, unless the costs of long term care in a nursing home are planned for. Giving away your money (to a child, for example) before needing long-term care may sound like a good idea, but it can be risky. Children get divorced, sued, have creditor issues, or can become catastrophically ill. The assets gifted to your child could be lost through divorce, lawsuits, etc. and would not be available to you. Furthermore, due to restrictive gifting laws, you may not qualify for Medicaid because you gave your money away.

An Irrevocable Asset Protection Trust (IAPT) provides an opportunity for individuals, both single and married to protect their assets long term. These assets could be available to you at sometime in the future to pay for things that Medicaid does not, or for an individual's spouse or as a legacy for future generations, without the risks associated with giving these assets away to another individual.

An IAPT is a legal entity separate from the person who creates it. It is created by signing a Trust agreement where the Grantor irrevocably transfers assets to the trust which is supervised by a third person called a Trustee (often the Grantor's children or other relative) who holds and manages that property in Trust for the benefit of the people who are named as beneficiaries.

Timing is extremely important when establishing an IAPT. "Beat the Clock" is the name of the game. In order for an IAPT to work it must be set up well in advance of anticipated nursing home care (currently 5 years). After the passage of enough time the assets held by the IAPT will be insulated from the ravages of a long term stay in a nursing home, as well as creditor issues, and lawsuits. Furthermore, the assets held inside of the trust will pass to your beneficiaries probate free and within weeks, as opposed to months if these assets were to pass to your heirs through the probate process.

If you would like to learn more about protecting 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, May 9th 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.

If you have questions that you'd like answered in this column, email me at marc@ guertinlaw.net. Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC, a law firm



dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. He is coauthor of <u>Planning for the</u> Future: A Practical Guide to <u>estate Planning and Avoiding</u> Bad Heir Days. Visit us on the web: www.guertinandguertin. com. Call us at 203-234-7400 for a free consultation. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is located at 26 Broadway in North Haven, Connecticut

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What Makes You Beautiful By Lindsay Lee Wallace "My mother says I have a very interesting face."

A rapid starburst of laughter met my quip, arriving right on cue as the selfdeprecating smile of the comedienne toasted my interesting face.

"Yeah, I see that. Interesting. Yeah." Blunt assessment delivered, Casey hid her face—the face, if she was to be believed, of a model—behind a slice of pizza, and busied herself for what seemed like longer than it had ever taken anybody to eat anything with the task of peeling the cheese from its bloody bed and lowering it into the double-cupid's bow of her upturned mouth. My eyes fixed themselves on the yellowed flowers papering the wall beside me, on the curling corners where the antique garden mutinied against its fate of wall-clinging. It was a joke, my mind steamed. Around me, conversation was picked up again amongst our tablemates. I told myself I'd only imagined the faltering stumble in its flow as the topic drifted away from this round of "whose mother screwed them up the most."

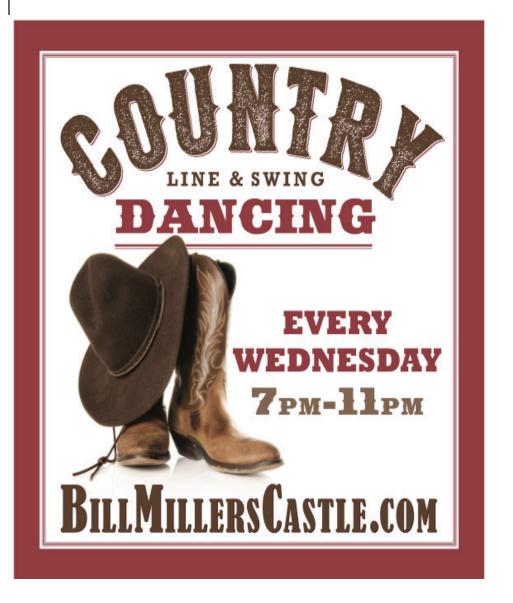
Cautiously, so as to avoid notice and, failing that, seem casual about it, I slid my gaze to Casey. She was carefully careless hair and chipped nail polish, matte in colors like grey—"wet slate"—and beige—"rebirth nude." Her aggressively slouched posture seemed like it had been designed to accentuate the delicacy of her collarbones while simultaneously—and more importantly—accentuating how little she cared about their fragile curve beneath her snowy, blue-veined skin. I must have looked too long, because she caught my gaze, snaring my eyes in the storm of her own, and bared her teeth at me as she licked the grease from her glistening fingertips.

Nothing about my face—on most days, at least—is wholly unpleasant. When I was little, my neighbor told my mother that I would surely grow up to look like Angelina Jolie. My friend Sarah told me that I would be very pretty if only my lips were less puffy. Everyone told me I looked like my father, and since he had a beard and I had pigtails, this was enough to concern me. On television, Disney Channel told me that Raven Symone could see the future, and since I knew that was definitely not true, I resolved to take the world and its tellings in general with the elementary-school equivalent of a grain of salt.

If I think hard enough, I can recall memories of the far away time when I would precariously fold my spindly pre-teen limbs atop the sink in my bathroom, a pretzel of vanity, and pull faces at myself in the mirror until my father pounded on the door, threatening violent action and a trip to the doctor for the digestive problems I had obviously developed, if I did not vacate the premises immediately. With the groan of the greatly bereaved, I would unfold and hop down from the sink and flash myself one last dazzling smile, a grin of rebellion, studying my dimples in the glass and concluding that it was something of an injustice that I was allowed to be so pretty.

I can conjure dozens of moments that may or may not have contributed to an ever-growing sense of inequality with some of the faces and bodies around me, as I'm sure many young girls can. I had only ever felt bad for the Barbie whose blonde ponytail stuck straight up off of her scalp, whom I had dubbed Celery Head. But perhaps, as I was comforting Celery Head (all the kids at school were making fun of her for having vegetable hair and wearing Polly Pocket clothes) via her Doctor Barbie mother, I was in fact absorbing unrealistic and psychologically damaging body standards that were screwing me up more than my mother ever could.

Or maybe I was doing the damage myself by play-acting bullying. Maybe the parts of myself I don't like are karma-born, stemming from my torture of Celery Head (not to mention the brutal slaughter of many of her plastic fellows in a game called Earthquake). Perhaps the awkward chubbiness of my fingers and the weird slope of my forehead are a vindication of my earlier concerns that my beauty is too much for this world. Perhaps it is the awareness of beauty that dulls its shine. Perhaps if I had averted my eyes from the mirror, I could have maintained my splendor forever.





Totoket Valley Elementary School Celebrates Annual Eco-Fair

Totoket Valley Elementary School celebrated its 8th Annual Eco-Fair on Friday, April 24th in honor of Earth Day. This day was open to families and community members as we gathered together to raise awareness about environmental issues negatively impacting our planet as well as conscious ways to go green. The presentations were entirely designed and presented by the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

Topics covered included energy conservation, pollution, saving winged creatures such as bats and butterflies, upcycling old t-shirts into reusable bags, composting, and green cleaners. The Eco-Fair kicked off with a "green" concert, where our third graders performed three songs about environmental awareness and with the hard work of a group of students our courtyard received a much-needed face lift.

Many parents and community members were in attendance throughout the day learning and participating in the event. Our thanks go out to all our volunteers who came in to support this cause as well as the TVES Green Team for organizing the event.

Wee Care of North Branford Inc. Has Changed Owners

Now under the Direction of Robert Woytowich, Wee Care will continue its tradition of quality childcare for ages six weeks through six years Openings for all ages are currently available.



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Thunderbirds Staying Hot at 6-2 North Branford T-Birds baseball won three in a row beating Morgan

North Branford T-Birds baseball won three in a row beating Morgan 10-5, Westbrook 6-4 in a 9 inning barn burner and Hyde/Hillhouse 9-2. Following the 3 victories, the bats went silent as they lost to Cromwell 4-1 and a non league game to Lyman Hall 5-1.

The bats stayed silent as they were getting beat 8-2 by a hard hitting old Lyme but they awoke with a roar in the fifth inning. Giving heed to the coaches advice to take one run at a time, the boys erupted with 2 in the 5th, 4 in the 6th with a four bagger deep over the center filed fence by Mike (Q) Querfeld and two more in the 7th as Nick Candelora knocked in Austin DeFrancesco to lead them to a 9-8 victory over a stunned Old Lyme.

North Branford has received tremendous defense and pitching as they have had wins by Candelora, Tyler Hawk, Sean Halligan, Dean Gullo and DeFrancesco. The middle of the lineup has been strong on offense with Matt Chamberlain, Chris Raynor, Querfeld, Halligan, DeFrancesco and Xavier Santiago. (Santiago throws out a runner as Candelora looks on in this Tom Zampano photo)

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North Branford Youth Football & Cheer

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The 2015 registration period for North Branford Youth Football and Cheer is now open. In order to streamline our registration process (team book) and in compliance with new SYFC regulations, all registration for youth football including flag and 3rd grade and all grades for our cheerleaders must be done online. Please go to **www.northbranford.sportssignup. com** to register. Once there you will need to click on the Log In option in the upper right corner and create a family account before you can register. When registering online you have the choice to pay by credit card or to mail a check made payable to NBYFC to PO Box 91, North Branford CT 06471. Please read below for the price structures as there are three sets of fees which are dependent on dates. Once you have completed your registration, please print out all forms and bring with you when you come to pick up your equipment and/or uniforms. Dates will be sent out once verified for pickups. If you do not have the forms or have not paid in full you will not be able to pick up your gear

The 2015 registration fees are as follows:

Tackle Football is for grades 3rd through 8th

Cheerleading is for grades 3rd through 8th

Flag Football is for grades Kindergarten through 2nd

Registration Period which will run from May 1, 21015 through May 15, 2015

Flag \$125, Cheer \$175, Tackle \$325

For each additional, child take \$25 off their fee (example: 2 football players and 1 cheerleader you will pay \$275 for the first player, the second player pays \$250 the the cheerleader pays \$125).

<u>Late Registration Period</u> which will be for any registrations after May 15, 2015

Flag \$150, Cheer \$200, Tackle \$350

There will be not discount for each additional child during this period.

The increase here will be to cover cost of late iersey and uniform orders.







Doody's Wins Senior Boys Youth Title

Pictured front row; Noah Ackerman, Mark Tananykan, Joey McNelis, Marcus Williams & Andrew Selitto. Second Row: coach Kevin, Damian Houck, Daniel McCormack, Alvin Chan, Ben Neubig, Eli Roessler & Coach Toby.

Connecticut Sportsplex

Winter Lacrosse Clinics begin Sunday, January 4th.

\$200 per 5-week session

Winter Baseball Clinics begin Saturday, January 3rd.

\$100 per 4-week session (Jan., Feb., & March Sessions)

Rookie & Advanced Rookie—Saturdays 3pm—4pm

Hitting—Sundays 1pm—2pm

Pitching—Sundays 2pm—3pm

For more information 203-484-4383 www.ctsportsplex.com

North Branford High School Athlete's Finish 6th In USA Hockey Nationals

Sophomore Goaltender Will McEwen and Junior Defenseman Tanner Opie traveled to Dallas, Texas on March 24th to March 30, 2015 for the 2015 USA Hockey National Championship Games, which was held in Plano, Texas, representing their Connecticut State Champion Team the Southern Stars Midget Minors U16.

In addition to the Southern Stars traveling to Texas, teams were represented from California, Colorado, Delaware, 2 teams from Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, 2 teams from Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, 2 teams from Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, 2 teams from New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Texas. Out of the 25 teams that competed in the National Championship Games, the Southern Stars finished 6th overall.

North Branford Graduate Named Defensive Player of the Week

Emilee Maher of Castleton State College was named the North Atlantic Conference Defensive Player of the Week in Lacrosse.

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BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION

Who: Ages 11 - 15 girls & boys welcome!

Session: Saturday, May 2nd **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Ambulance Co. #4 – Northford Fee: \$65 (bring lunch and beverage)

DOG OBEDIENCE

Who: Ages 16 and older

Session: May 4th - June 15th (no class May 25)

Time: Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Where: North Farms Park, RT 139

Fee: \$45

CPR/AED TRAINING

Who: Ages 11 - Adult Session: May 16th

Time: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Where: Ambulance Co. #4 – Northford

Fee: \$45

TRIPS

Finding Neverland on Broadway Wednesday, August 12th

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 12th

Cost: \$110 resident/ \$115 non-resident

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FROZEN PARTY!

Friday, May 29th 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 w/ parent (Each additional child is \$10.00)

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You can sign up online on our website at nbpotatofes.com. Or contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator at admin@nbpotatofest.com or by calling 203-484-6017.

Remember to "*LIKE*" North Branford Potato and Corn Festival on Facebook and share the postings with your friends!

Library to Host Annual Book & Bake Sale

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries will be hosting their12th Annual Book & Bake Sale. The event will take place on Friday, June 12th, 6:00 - 8:00, Saturday, June 13th - 8:00 - 3:00 and Sunday, June 14th, 1:00 - 4:00 at the Atwater Memorial Library at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford.

Thousands of gently used books for sale including: history and mystery, cooking and gardening, fiction and non-fiction, childrens' books and vintage.

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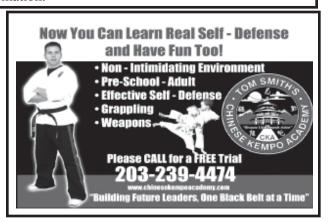
from 9:00 to 3:00 at both the Atwater Memorial and Edward Smith libraries. Volunteers are needed to sort and to assist on the sale days. Please call (203) 481-2730 for further information.

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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.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.

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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.

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Totoket Historical Society Tilcon Tour & More

The TOTOKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY is sponsoring a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry at the corner of Route 80 and 22 in North Branford on Wednesday, June 25. The cost of the tour is \$15 for THS members and \$20 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. and mailed to Box 491, Northford, CT 06472. For further information and reservations, call Florence at 203-484-5072 after 6 pm; or Cappy at 203-484-2133 during the day. Reservations are confirmed only upon receipt of payment.

Beginning May 5, the Society will be accepting small collectibles and antiques to sell at their Holiday Bazaar including costume jewelry, old linens, antique Christmas decorations and finer items such as old paintings or prints. All donations should be in good condition. You may drop off items at Reynolds-Beers House any Tuesday between 5 – 8 p.m. or any Wednesday afternoon between 2 – 4 p.m after May 5. The House is located on the campus of the Atwater Memorial Library at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford. If you are homebound and wish to donate, please call the THS at 203 488-0423 or send an email to: totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com

The Atwater Memorial Library & the Totoket Historical Society family concert and picnic featuring The Navels will be held on Thursday, July 16 on the Atwater/THS green. Support this Totoket Historical Society fundraiser and buy your dinner of hot dogs, chips and ice cream for \$5.00 or bring your own picnic dinner. It's an evening for the whole family!

NARFE May Meeting The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly

meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speakers will be Pharmacist Alex Mooney and Registered Dietitian Cassie Schmidt from ShopRite Supermarkets. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: www.narfe.org

Music Sunday at Congregational Church

The Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will have a special worship on Sunday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. Each year the church focuses one service on the music program and designates the day as Music Sunday. Rev. Kathryn King welcomes everyone to attend this special worship.

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. Like us on Facebook. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: <u>ncchurch@snet.net</u>.

K of C Looking for Vendors The Knights of Columbus Totoket Council 6801 is looking for vendors

to fill spaces 15' wide by 28' deep at their annual Summer Giant 80,000 Square Foot Tag Sale/Flea Market on June 6th at Doody's Field on Foxon Road in North Branford.

It will run from 8am to 3pm with free admission and off road parking. To reserve a space call 203-484-9737. The cost is \$29, per space paid before 6-1. Vendors must bring their own tables and a \$5.00 late fee will be charged after 6-1.

Military Whist Card Party A Militray Whist Card Party sponsored by the Cofraternity of the Rosary

will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 in the church hall at St. Augustine Church at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford. The doors will open at 6:30 for coffee and desserts and the card game will begin by 7:15.

The price is \$8.00 per person and tickets can be purchased by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403 or Linda at 203-484-7990.

Flower and Bake Sale

Northford Congregational Church will have a Mother's Day weekend flower and bake sale to benefit the church. The bake sale will be held on Sat., May 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The flower sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., May 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sun., May 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Floral Designers and drivers needed for Mother's Day and more. Apply at Petals 2 Go in the Central Palza in North Branford. Maintenance—Town of North Branford is accepting apps. PT position \$15.00/hr. Performs a variety of skilled and semi-skilled tasks in maintenance of town buildings. Req. HS Diploma or GED equiv. Trade license 5 yrs. Exp pref. Applications and job descriptions are available at: Town Mgr., 909 Foxon Rd, North Branford, CT 06471. Applications will be accepted until May 15, 2015. EOE/AA.

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Women's Club Helps Out at Columbus House

On Sunday, March 29th a group of 5 ladies from The Northford Women's Club spent the afternoon cooking a wonderful dinner and serving it to approximately 75 men and women at The Columbus House in New Haven. In addition several other members from the club helped prepare food (behind the scenes) to make the Palm Sunday meal a very delicious, enjoyable one! The Columbus House is more than just a "shelter" and serves the community in many ways. The women who served found the experience to be a very positive, very humbling one and the club plans on helping out again in the near future

Comedy Night Fundraiser – Back by Popular Demand

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The North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, will present their 2nd Annual Comedy Night fundraiser dinner on Saturday, May 9th, at the Wallingford Elks Club, 148 S. Main Street, Wallingford. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm, and show at 8:15pm. The event includes a 3-course sit-down family-style dinner, dessert, cash bar, raffles and more. A new line-up of stand-up comedians from Treehouse Comedy Productions will be the main entertainment. We also have planned pre-show entertainment and will have a fun photo corner to add to the frivolity. Tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds will benefit the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy scholarship and charity programs. For more information or tickets, call Gale at 203-239-0454. Advance tickets only.

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM MAY 12, 2015

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of North Branford that a Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

"Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$50,464,605 which will require a mill rate of 31.08 mills, be adopted?"

Those desiring to vote in favor of said budget should fill in the oval next to the words "I accept the budget". Those desiring to vote against the budget should fill in the oval next to the words at **either** "I reject the budget because it is too high" **or** "I reject the budget because it is too low".

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

District 1 Jerome Harrison Elementary School, 335 Foxon Rd – Rte 80 District 2 Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at twelve noon (12:00 p.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

In accordance with section C8-5 of the North Branford Charter, only registered voters are eligible to vote at the Budget Referendum.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC North Branford Town Clerk



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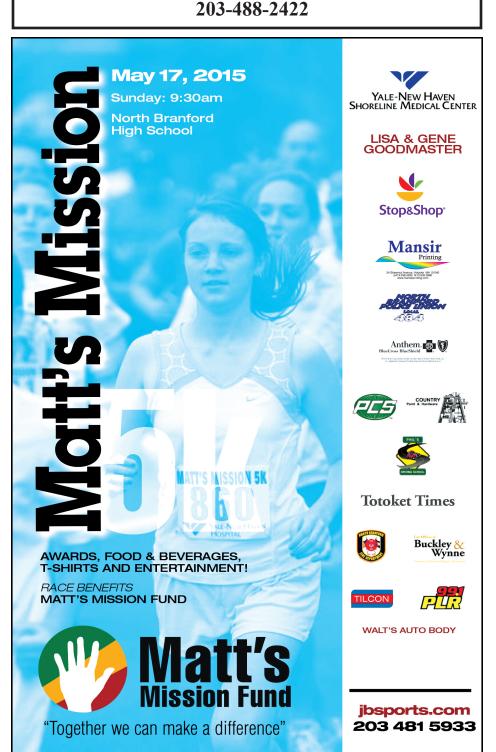
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