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Candelora Sworn In, Reappointed Deputy House Republican Leader

HARTFORD – State Representative Vincent Candelora (R-86) took the oath of office on Wednesday, January 4th, kicking off his sixth term representing the 86th district in the Connecticut General Assembly.

Since 2011, Candelora has served as Deputy Republican Leader, which is the second highest position in the House Republican Caucus.

“It is an honor to be appointed Deputy House Republican Leader,” Candelora said.

Candelora was appointed to serve on the legislature’s Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Legislative Management, Judiciary and Public Health Committees. Also, Candelora will serve as the Chair of the legislature’s Screening Committee, which is tasked with reviewing all legislation before it is put up for a vote in the House.

During opening day of the 2017 legislative session, Candelora introduced an amendment that would have given the House the authority to vote on contracts, awards or agreements put forth by the executive branch and state unions.

The amendment failed on a 76-72 party-line vote.

Candelora put forth the legislation in an attempt to give the House a greater say in current contract negotiations.

“The reality is that our pension contracts are being underfunded and the executive branch unilaterally could make the decision to not fully fund our pensions. As it currently stands, the legislature does not get an opportunity to really scrutinize contracts and understand exactly what is in them before they are forced to vote on them. These expenses comprise a great majority of our overall budget, and every year we are struggling to balance that budget. It is important that the legislature have a greater say in that process,” noted Candelora.

Candelora added, “Legislators deserve to have a greater say in the contract negotiation process, which is why I put forth this amendment. It should not be merely the executive branch and unions coming to an agreement.”

The legislature will be in session until it adjourns on June 7.

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

Purple Bulbs for Lyla Are In!

The window candle purple light bulbs for “Love for Lyla” have arrived. They will be available at each school for a donation, with the money funds being used for a scholarship as well as Lyla’s family.

For more information call Central Office at 203-484-1440

Breakfast for North Branford Businesses

The North Branford Economic Development Commission is inviting the business owners or representatives in **NORTH BRANFORD** and **NORTHFORD** to a **Business Breakfast on Tuesday January 31 at 8 am (registration at 7:30am)**. The event will take place in the Council Chamber at the North Branford Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the results of the **Business Retention and Expansion Survey** that was sent to all businesses in Northford and North Branford in August and give you an opportunity to ask questions. The 68 returned Surveys have been tabulated and for the most part were positive.

The small town atmosphere that allows businesses to know their clients was often mentioned. As might be expected, taxes topped the list of concerns with signage, lack of publicity, empty buildings and a need for sewers and water following.

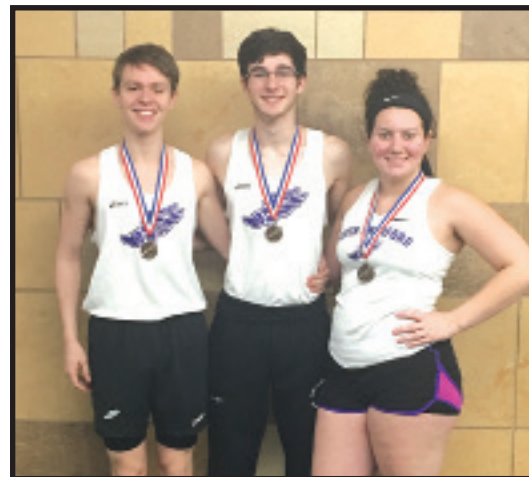
At the breakfast the compiled results of the Survey will be discussed with hope that the Town business people will offer their suggestions to address these concerns.

The Town Manager, Town Planner, Assessor, Department Heads, Council Members and members of the Economic Development Commission will be there to discuss your issues.

We hope you will join us in this effort to meet the challenges that affect all Town businesses

Please RSVP by Friday, January 27 by e-mail to: Town-manager@townofnorthbranfordct.com or call 203-484-6000. Be sure to give your name, business name, contact (phone and e-mail) and that you will attend the breakfast. The North Branford Economic Development Commission looks forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 31.

Athletes Shine in Track Meet



The North Branford High School Boys/Girls Indoor Track Team recently competed in the Shoreline Coaches Indoor Track Invitational Meet. In order to participate the athletes needed to achieve Class S standard in their respective event. There were more than 40 schools represented at the meet. All the athletes did quite well in the very competitive field.

Emily Muzyka was the top finisher for the Girls team taken 5th place in the Shot Put at 30’6.5”. Representing the boys’, the top finisher was Michael Rabuffo placing 5th in the High Jump at 5’6”. Also collecting a metal for the boy’s team was Michael Madoule taking 6th place in the 600Meter run at 1:31.71. Top individual places were also achieved in the 55m Dash by Grace Little taken 8th place at 7.82, Jacob Marshall 17th at 7.02 and Jenna Bryden 18th place at 7.98. In the 300Meter Run, Jenna Bryden placed 12th at 45.73 and Grace Little placed 26th at 47.31. In the High Jump, Joselyn Streeto placed 11th at 4’6” and Winnie Chan placed 12th at 4’4”. Carly Monge placed 18th in the Shot Put at 26’ and Winnie Chan placed 19th in the Long Jump at 14’4”.

The boys SMR Relay Team of Jacob Marshall, Michael Madoule, Parker Nadeau and Aaron Beisaw placed 18th at 4:14.05. The Girls 4x200 Relay Team of Jenna Bryden, Grace Little, Winnie Chan and Lydia Mattson placed 15th at 1:59.32. Also competing in individual events were Jill Damiani in the 1600 Meter at 6:34.86 and Deanna Sgambato in the Long Jump at 11’9”.

Pictured are Michael Rebuffo (High Jump), Michael Madoule (600 meter run) and Emily Muzyka (shot put). Photo by Betsy Muzyka.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

The Legislature's Procedural Reform on Union Contracts



During the opening day session, on behalf of my caucus, I offered an amendment that would have required the House to vote to accept or reject

all union contracts, awards and agreements negotiated by the Governor's office. The vote failed on party lines 76-72. As the state begins multiple contract negotiations, it is imperative that the body responsible for passing the budget, the legislature, has the ability to accept or reject these contracts. They comprise a majority of our budget resources, and while I think these votes are some of the most difficult to cast, we really have no choice. Allowing them to be approved without legislative scrutiny is irresponsible.

Our leader remarked that she has been in the legislature for 20 years, and the Speaker of the House has never called a contract up for a vote. Under current House rules, a contract or agreement may be called for a vote by the Speaker. If the contract or agreement is not voted on within 30 days, it is deemed approved. Every contract and agreement over the last 20 or more years has been approved by the passage of time, rather than

a vote of the legislature.

Governor Malloy remarked in this opening day address that Connecticut has been underfunding the pensions for 30 years. When I first got elected in 2007, I recall the surprise that rippled through the chamber as members found out that the pension payments did not have to meet actuarial levels. In other words, by contract, Connecticut had the ability to underfund the pension and use the money for other purposes if the Governor and union leadership agreed to it. Unfortunately, that practice occurred far too many times, and now our pensions are in trouble.

While I was disappointed that the amendment failed, the Speaker has decided to bring the recent agreement to restructure the pension payments to a vote on February 1st. This deal essentially allows the Governor to push off millions of debt payments and amortize them over a few decades. No one is happy about this deal, but Connecticut does not have the ability to make these payments in the wake of our massive budget deficit. I am disappointed that this deal was negotiated in isolation of all the other reforms that need to occur, and I believe we should have a vote on a total contract, rather than piecemeal approvals, but the fact that the General Assembly will be able to have a debate over one of these type of agreements is progress, and I am hopeful that we will have many more.

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Let's Be "Frank"

I'm going be honest brother. I'm sure you and our readers will be shocked and I can already think of the responses to this next comment, but I will make it just the same. I really have nothing to talk about. The holidays are over. Many of our advertisers are taking a break after spending and working during their busy months and baseball seems far away, So I started wondering about how things were fifty years ago. It's really sad when there is enough time to do this but what the hell, someone has to do it. So I'll share my google search with everyone.

In January of 1967 the cost of a new home was \$14,250.

Rent was \$125 per month..

A gallon of regular gas was 32 cents.

Eggs were 60 cents a dozen.

A gallon of milk was 99 cents.

A first class postage stamp was an nickle.

Monthly draft calls were at an all time high to prepare soldiers for the Vietnam War.

Violent riots were taking place for the second time in two years, in the Watts section of LA as well as Cleveland and Atlanta.

In the medical field, an artificial pump was implanted in the heart for the first time. It was also the first time an artificial heart transplant was successful.

Mini skirts were the new rage in the style world as were bell bottom pants.

Procter & Gamble marketed the first Pampers.

In August of 1968 the Beatles performed their final live concert at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

The Cardinals beat the Red Sox in he World Series for the first year in baseball since sandy Koufax retired.

The Green Bay Packers beat the Oakland raiders in the Super Bowl II

A 30 second TV ad for the Super Bowl was \$42,000 as opposed to the present rate of 5 million.

Wilt Chamberlain led the Philadelphia 76ers to the NBA Championship after the Celtics had won 8 straight. A movie ticket was \$1.25.

The minimum wage was \$1.40.

The average household income was \$7,300.

That's about it for me. Although everyone is in an uproar about the failures of the outgoing president and the fears of the incoming president, I'll take the way it is today. Yes, prices were less as was the cost of living. But I'll be honest with you I never did look too good in those bell bottoms and I would have never been good at carrying a gun in anyone's war.

Take care and I'll see you soon.

WIT & WISDOM

As a life long "bleeding heart liberal" just waiting for someone, anyone, not a two faced double crossing politician who used their appointment, not as a dedicated servant to do their constituents bidding but to secure a life time appointment to enrich themselves.

Those of us not duped by the human being who guessed so wrong, that the 60 of those not voting in this so called democracy finally saw the first opportunity in our history to give the people a choice of their own choosing, even if he expressed the sentiment of the considered low life, by the writers, laden with more degrees than a thermometer, but having spent their days cavorting with their inside informants failing to realize these formerly ignored were just waiting for their day at the polls.

For those no longer forced to be fluent in Spanish may now once again be employable as a born American speaking the tongue that should have been our official language since it's origin, but had become secondary to cheaper foreign workers.

The people were so fed up with politicians boasting they welcomed a man so guilty of breaking all the laws that imprisoned any ordinary person meant nothing for an opportunity to vote for anything, but a politician who was just as guilty, but conviently forgot every promise they made once they were elected. They had experienced all these attributes a little humor, by the politicians so let's take advantage for our first and only chance to get rid of the sorry excuses most of them are as our representatives.

So distraught are the news media at Trump's true characterization of their spreading false tales in their efforts to keep us at odds with Russia for who else is here anyone to keep the war-mongers fully occupied. They are trying to keep our people so ignorant of what is happening as Russian is far from the Communist Nation it once was. Imagine Russia stepping in where we should have been making peace in Syria. Did you see the thousands of people in Aleppo gathering Christmas Eve to celebrate peace. No, but the Europeans did. Our papers didn't dare show what Russia had accomplished. Finally the civil unrest we created was over from the Saudi supported uprising to over throw Assad.

Maybe a little history of what got us into this mess is appropriate. LBJ was so worried over the Chinese having the "Bomb" he wanted an excuse to wipe China off the map. China's Mao said that China could survive the Bomb and the US. was "a paper tiger". So serious did LBJ take this he plotted how he could finagle China into making a mishap that he could use as a reason to stop China from ever using the Bomb. With France leaving Vietnam he decided it was just the opportunity he was looking for. Ignorant of the Vietnamese and Chinese being bitter enemies he never the Vietnamese would be able to get the war material necessary to fight against us, but Russia convinced China to let them send war material across China to Vietnam. Thus the world greatest military power was brought to it,s knees. by a third world country.

So heavily did this weight on George H.W. Bush he was seeking some excuse for us to regain our supremacy. Iraq had been so supported by the U.S. in It's war with Iran, receiving war material, including chemicals, Saddam felt confident we would not contest their invitation of Kuwait, especially after our Ambassador April Glassie told Saddam we Had no interest in what Iraq did. It wasn't any concern of ours.

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“Don’t Widen The Plate”

Editors Note: I received this story as an e-mail from one of our readers, Unfortunately I do not know it’s origin and I do not remember the readers name but I thought it would be of interest to our readers. I might add, this man is my new hero.

In Nashville, Tennessee, during the first week of January, 1996, more than 4,000 baseball coaches descended upon the Opryland Hotel for the 52nd annual ABCA convention.

While I waited in line to register with the hotel staff, I heard other more veteran coaches rumbling about the lineup of speakers scheduled to present during the weekend. One name, in particular, kept resurfacing, always with the same sentiment — “John Scolinos is here? Oh man, worth every penny of my airfare.”

Who the hell is John Scolinos, I wondered. No matter, I was just happy to be there.

In 1996, Coach Scolinos was 78 years old and five years retired from a college coaching career that began in 1948. He shuffled to the stage to an impressive standing ovation, wearing dark polyester pants, a light blue shirt, and a string around his neck from which home plate hung — a full-sized, stark-white home plate.

Seriously, I wondered, who in the hell is this guy?

After speaking for twenty five minutes, not once mentioning the prop hanging around his neck, Coach Scolinos appeared to notice the snickering among some of the coaches. Even those who knew Coach Scolinos had to wonder exactly where he was going with this, or if he had simply forgotten about home plate since he’d gotten on stage.

Then, finally ...

“You’re probably all wondering why I’m wearing home plate around my neck. Or maybe you think I escaped from Camarillo State Hospital,” he said, his voice growing irascible. I laughed along with the others, acknowledging the possibility. “No,” he continued, “I may be old, but I’m not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people what I’ve learned in my life, what I’ve learned about home plate in my 78 years.”

Several hands went up when Scolinos asked how many Little League coaches were in the room. “Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?”

After a pause, someone offered, “Seventeen inches?” more of a question than answer.

“That’s right,” he said. “How about in Babe Ruth’s day? Any Babe Ruth coaches in the house?”

Another long pause.

“Seventeen inches?” came a guess from another reluctant coach.

“That’s right,” said Scolinos. “Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?” Hundreds of hands shot up, as the pattern began to appear.

“How wide is home plate in high school baseball?”

“Seventeen inches,” they said, sounding more confident.

“You’re right!” Scolinos barked. “And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?”

“Seventeen inches!” we said, in unison.

“Any Minor League coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?”

“Seventeen inches!”

“RIGHT! And in the Major Leagues, how wide is home plate in the Major Leagues?”

“Seventeen inches!”

“SEV-EN-TEEN INCHES!” he confirmed, his voice bellowing off the walls. “And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can’t throw the ball over seventeen inches?” Pause. “They send him to Pocatello !” he hollered, drawing raucous laughter.

“What they *don’t* do is this: they *don’t* say, ‘Ah, that’s okay, Jimmy. You can’t hit a seventeen-inch target? We’ll make it eighteen inches, or nineteen inches. We’ll make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can’t hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches.’”

Pause.

“Coaches ...”

Pause.

” ... what do we do when our best player shows up late to practice? When our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? What if he gets caught drinking? Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him. Do we widen home plate?

The chuckles gradually faded as four thousand coaches grew quiet, the fog lifting as the old coach’s message began to unfold. He turned the plate toward himself and, using a Sharpie, began to draw something. When he turned it toward the crowd, point up, a house was revealed, complete with a freshly drawn door and two windows. “This is the problem in our homes today.

With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids. With our discipline. We don’t teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We simply, widen the plate!”

Pause.

Then, to the point at the top of the house he added a small American flag.

“This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. We are allowing others to widen home plate! Where is that getting us?”

Silence.

He replaced the flag with a Cross.

“And this is the problem in the Church, where powerful people in positions of authority have taken advantage of young children, only to have such an atrocity swept under the rug for years. Our church leaders are widening home plate for themselves! And we allow it.”

“And the same is true with our government. Our so called representatives make rules for us that don’t apply to themselves. They take bribes from lobbyists and foreign countries. They no longer serve us. And we allow them to widen home plate and we see our country falling into a dark abyss while we watch.”

I was amazed. At a baseball convention where I expected to learn something about curveballs and bunting and how to run better practices, I had learned something far more valuable. From an old man with home plate strung around his neck, I had learned something about life, about myself, about my own weaknesses and about my responsibilities as a leader. I had to hold myself and others accountable to that, which I knew to be right, lest our families, our faith, and our society continue down an undesirable path.

“If I am lucky,” Coach Scolinos concluded, “you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: if we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard; and if our schools and churches and our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to ...”

With that, he held home plate in front of his chest, turned it around, and revealed its dark black backside. “... dark days ahead.”

Coach Scolinos died in 2009 at the age of 91, but not before touching the lives of hundreds of players and coaches, including mine. Meeting him at my first ABCA convention kept me returning year after year, looking for similar wisdom and inspiration from other coaches. He is the best clinic speaker the ABCA has ever known because he was so much more than a baseball coach.

His message was clear: “Coaches, keep your players—no matter how good they are—your own children, your churches, your government, and most of all, keep yourself, ALL, at seventeen inches.

Branford Clip & Dip is Now Lucky Dog Grooming

Lucky Dog Grooming, formerly located in Branford, has moved into the former Branford Clip & Dip facility located at 1211 Foxon Road in North Branford. It has been in business since 2007 and is owned and operated by Michelle Cicarella.

If you rescued a dog from a shelter or rescue organization, Lucky Dog Grooming will provide you 50% off the initial grooming of that pet (with proof of adoption). In addition, Michelle performs pet nail trimmings at the facility on the second Saturday of each month from 10am – 12pm. It is \$10 per pet and 100% of the proceeds are donated to the East Haven Animal Shelter.

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Weekly Saturday sessions will resume on January 7th –

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For more info. and RSVP: (203) 484-5155 or Telliss@sbcglobal.net



Student Leadership at Jerome Harrison

Jerome Harrison Elementary School has developed a Student Leadership Program this year. The program is in its first year and represents one of the first of its kind in the state with students this young (K-2). The program includes 26 students that were nominated by their teachers for either their leadership potential or their potential to benefit from leadership opportunities. The philosophy of this program is to give students an active voice in their school, input in decision making, to provide community involvement opportunities, and to infuse co-learning with adults, community members and K-12 students. A major theme of this group's work continues to be the Look for the Good Project and sharing the notion of gratitude throughout school and community experiences. Under the direction of Mrs. Colleen Stankewich, the group has participated in planning our KIND assemblies, organizing and leading our Veteran's Day event, leading food and toiletries drives, and educating our school and community about gratitude.

To further inspire this exciting new program, Dave Maloney from CAS (CT Association of Schools) invited members of the JHS student leadership program to attend the CAS sponsored student leadership conference at Sacred Heart University held this past Monday, January 9th. As part of this experience, students worked with teachers, adults, parents, and other students across the state to share ideas, establish collaboration, and inspire leadership and decision making. Key themes and sessions that JHS students participated in were Productive Thinking, Communication, Decision Making, and Creative Problem Solving. All students came back inspired and eager to share their learning with their peers and school community. Principal Welch was very proud of the students' efforts, their confidence, and the way they represented the community of North Branford...he further highlighted that our youngest learners have so much leadership and creativity to offer, more than we often give them credit for and that we should all be very excited about the future with developing leadership and creativity like this.

Pictured left to right: JHS Dean of Students, Beth Parker, members of the JHS Student Leadership, and Program Leader & Speech/Language Pathologist Colleen Stankewich.

The Stars Came Out

North Branford High School was recently the scene of the Harlem Superstars and the North Branford All - Stars basketball game. The event was a fundraiser sponsored by the North Branford Education Foundation and with the help of the North Branford All Stars and the sponsors, they were able to raise more than \$2,000 for grants and scholarships.

Special thanks to the teachers and friends (pictured below) who played and coached against the Superstars. Also, to Bruno Castaldi from Venice Bakery for donating stuffed breads that were sold at the game and to Scott Schoonmaker and his staff.

Finally, a big thank you to all the sponsors who made this event possible: Town Line Wine & Spirits, Sanitrol, EGC Environmental Services, Inc., Imperial Pools, Jay & Lucy's Family Deli, Nafis & Young Civil/Environmental Engineering and Surveying, Connecticut Sportsplex, Palumbo Trucking, Totoket Times and Attorney Frank J. Forgione.



North Branford Public Schools Preschool Role Model Screening February 3rd, 2017

Project PRIDE is a special education preschool located at Jerome Harrison School, North Branford, CT. The program incorporates children without disabilities to model appropriate social, language and play skills within preschool activities. This program meets four days a week (Monday through Thursday) with two sessions (morning 9:00-11:30, afternoon 12:45-3:15). The program is seeking three and four-year-old children with typically-developing skills to serve as role models in our classes for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

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

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Scott Schoonmaker, Superintendent of North Branford Public Schools, announces that Kindergarten registration for North Branford residents with children eligible to enter school in the fall of 2017 will be held as follows:

Jerome Harrison Elementary School

335 Foxon Road – North Branford, CT

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Registration from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Please call the school office (203) 484-1235 for a registration packet. This will need to be completed and brought to kindergarten registration at Jerome Harrison School.

Your child does not need to be present at the time of registration.

In order for a child to be registered in Kindergarten, the following requirements must be met:

- 1. Child must be five (5) years of age on or before January 1, 2018.
- 2. The birth record or other evidence of the child’s age has been examined by the principal or designee.
- 3. Your child must have a current physical exam date; one that was completed after August 28, 2016. The physician and the parent must complete the blue Health Assessment Record provided by the school. This form must be filed with the school prior to the first day of Kindergarten unless alternative arrangements have been made with the building principal.
- 4. Proof of residency has been examined and approved by principal or designee such as: deed to home or dated rental agreement, escrow papers or signed mortgage commitment, current utility or telephone bill, and/or notarized letter from landlord or owner acknowledging parent/guardian’s and student’s residence.

In addition, if you have specific concerns about your preschool child’s development, please call (203) 484-1235, for further information.

In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, day and evening registration will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the same times noted above.

The North Branford Board of Education policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability (including pregnancy), or gender identity or expression, or against homeless children and youth.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Victoria Pollock was named to the Dean’s List at Bryant University in RI.

Ashley McManus was named to the Dean’s List at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Jesse Walters will Direct and perform as Beatrice in “The Servant of Two Masters” at Western New England University in Springfield, MA.

Mark Farat, Caitlyn Lyon, Gabriela Panico, Tara Matteo, Kevin O’Dell and Deanna Heine were named to the Dean’s List at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.

Kristopher Marra was named to the Dean’s List at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.

Erin Stiegler was named to the Dean’s List at Keene State College in Keene, NH.

Andrew Albin, Nicholas Copenaver, Adam Hall, Liam Hylton, Brad Doyle, Eric Harkins, Benjamin Hassen, Conor Grant, Andrew Kendrick, Andrew Puzone, Stephen Stanio, Thomas Ashmore, Colby Cusano, Khorbin Kern, Blake Hylton, John Pienkos and Hunter Stenquist received first honors at Notre Damer High School in West Haven.


Jacob Hawley, Paul Proto, Joe Antonucci, Matteo Donato, Brock O’Connor, Hunter Stankiewicz, William Hinckley, Riley Juniewicz, Jinyu (Alex) Tian, Clayton Bobko, Redman Cahill, Jack Mascari, Liam McKiernan, Caleb Norris, and Ryan Sullivan received second honors at Notre Dame High School in West Haven..

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Lequire - 1000 And Counting

Less than midway through his junior year, Brett Lequire has become only the fifth person in the history of North Branford High School Boys basketball to reach the 1000 point milestone. He joins Jamie Kehlenbach (1994-98, 1067), Ray Hudon (1984-88, 1134), Ray Voos (1966-70, 1239 & Chris Tracz, 1998-2000, 1812). He is pictured with his mom, his brother and dad and Coach Parness far right.

Support the North Branford Youth Basketball

“Super Bowl” Stuffed Bread Fundraiser in memory of Lyla Bogardus.

Stuffed Breads will be sold from now until Friday, January 27th by all NBYB recreation and travel basketball players and coaches. Please reach out so someone you know as all proceeds will be donated in memory of Lyla, to her family.

To get in touch with someone, you can e-mail

www.northbranfordyouthbasketball@gmail.com.

All bread orders will be picked up at Jerome Harrison School cafeteria on Sunday, February 5th (Super Bowl Sunday), between 10AM & 2PM.

There will be no refunds for breads that are not picked up by Sunday at 2PM. Make checks payable to Venice Bakery.

North Branford Boys/Girls Indoor Track

The North Branford High School Boys and Girls Indoor Track Team competed at the Hillhouse Winter Relays Invitational Meet. Majority of the twenty five schools participating in the meet were from the LL, L and M Divisions of the CIAC. North Branford was one of the few schools entered from the S Division.

The Girls Team entered in six relays. The top finish was the Long Jump Relay Team of Winnie Chan (13'11.5"), Deanna Sgambato (12'9.5") and Jocelyn Streeto (12'07") which placed 5th overall with a total of 39'04". Taking 7th place with a time of 5:02.47 was the SMR Team of Mackenzie Glenn (800M), Jenna Bryden (400M), Grace Little (200M) and Sarah Criscuolo (200M). The 4x800 Relay Team of Jillian Damiani, Mackenzie Glenn, Caitlin May and Erika Roof placed 8th at 11:40.59. The 55Meter Shuttle Relay Team of Winnie Chan and Jessica Tang placed 10th at 22.06. The 4x400 Relay Team of Erika Roof, Caitlin May, Lydia Matteson and Jillian Damiani placed 11th at 4:58.47. The 4x200 Relay Team of Grace Little, Jenna Bryden, Sarah Criscuolo and Gabbie Sarmento placed 12th at 2:01.2.

The Boys Team fielded only three relays. Top finish was the 4x800 Relay Team of Jason Ash, Joey DeLucia, Tony Pavic and Michael Madoule placed 10th at 9:59.78. The SMR Team of Michael Madoule (800M), Bryce Sweetapple (400M), Anthony Sarmento (200M) and Aaron Beisaw (200M) placed 13th at 4:24.54. The 4x400 Relay Team of Joey DeLucia, Tony Pavic, Michael Madoule and Jason Ash placed 18th at 4:15.91.

Shoreline League Meet #1 - Boys results for the relays are as follows: 4x800 Relay 8th at 10:23.29 (Joey DeLucia, Jason Ash, John Pellegrino and Parker Nadeau), 4x200 Relay Team 6th at 1:43.58 (Jacob Marshall, Bryce Sweetapple, Aaron Beisaw and Anthony Sarmento), and Sprint Medley Relay Team 8th at 4:44.63 (Joey DeLucia, Bryce Sweetapple, Aaron Beisaw, and Noah Taylor). Top individual places for the boys were: 55M Dash – Jacob Marshall 4th at 6.81 and Bryce Sweetapple 11th at 7.0, 300 Meters – Michael Madoule 2nd at 39.76 and Austin Gibilisco 11th at 40.86, 600 Meters – Michael Madoule 2nd at 1:31.72 and Austin Gibilisco 6th at 1:35.72, 1600 Meters – Parker Nadeau 13th at 5:27.01 and Shot Put – Nick Ash 10th at 32'8".

Girls results for the relays are as follows: 4x800 Relay 8th at 11:42.28 (Jilli in Damiani, Sarah Sullivan, Erika Roof and Caitlin May), 4x400 Relay 10th at 5:10.04 (Joselyn Streeto, Erica Roof, Jordyn Franco and Lydia Mattson), 4x200 Relay 6th at 2:00.58 (Jenna Bryden, Grace Little, Sarah Criscuolo and Lydia Mattson) and Sprint Medley Relay Team 7th at 5:19.18 (Jordyn Franco, Jessica Tang, Caitlyn May and Sarah Criscuolo).

Top individual places for the girls were: 55M Hurdles – Jessica Tang 14th at 10.44, 55 M Dash – Grace Little 1st at 7.47 and Tatyana Allgood 16th at 8.08, 1000 Meters – Caitlin May 15th at 3:50.34, 300 Meters – Grace Little 1st at 45.79 and Lydia Mattson 18th at 50.81, 600 Meters – Erika Roof 14th at 2:06.31, High Jump – Winnie Chan 1st at 4'10" and Joselyn Streeto 7th at 4'4", Long Jump – Winnie Chan 5th at 14'06", Pole Vault – Deanna Sgambato 4th at 6'5" and Shot Put – Emily Muzyka 3rd at 30' and Carly Monge 9th at 26'04".

NORTH BRANFORD BOYS BASKETBALL



Best Buddies Night

Friday, January 20th, 7:00

The North Branford High School Boys Basketball Team Invites all Best Buddies Participants to be our Guests: Come watch the North Branford Thunderbirds take on Valley!

All Best Buddies participants receive free entrance to the game*.

Ian will be singing the National Anthem.

All Best Buddies participants will be recognized at half time with a group photo.

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STW Community Center Activities
Gentle Yoga and Meditation
Who: 18+
Session: Feb 16 - April 6
Time: Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Location: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$75 res/\$80 nr
Description: Relax and unwind with an hour class that will include some basic yoga to unlock tightness and tension in the body. Guided meditation will help the mind to slow down and release stress. You will leave feeling invigorated and refreshed!

Bus Trips
Wednesday, April 12th. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Description: STEP INSIDE A WORLD OF PURE IMAGINATION! Roald Dahl’s most treasured tale is coming to Broadway in a delicious new musical. Show is at 2:00p.m. Enjoy a wonderful day in the city during April Break
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Seats: Orchestra
Wednesday, April 12th. Beautiful: The Carol Kind Musical
Description: “Timeless” and one of the “Best musicals on Broadway,” this Grammy Award winning show is sure to please. RT motor coach transportation and 2:00 show time.
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We’re proud to announce that we are now offering

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Join us for a movie at the luxurious Cinemark Theater in North Haven and then enjoy lunch together. Van departs the senior center at approximately 10:00 am. Movie tickets are \$6.36, please sign up in advance.
Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance – 6 weeks for FREE! Wednesdays & Fridays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Session is from February 1 through March 10. This class focuses on adapting traditional Tai Chi training to include therapeutic movement by integrating skills needed for ADLs like reaching, sitting, standing, and walking. Please sign up in advance.

Seven Angels Theater: George and Gracie, The Early Years
Thursday, February 23, 2:00 p.m. performance Cost: \$50
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SAVE THE DATES!
The 2017 North Branford Potato and Corn Festival
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the 16th Annual Potato and Corn Festival is fast approaching!
Did you have a great time at the Potato and Corn Festival this year? Are you an empty nester looking for ways to keep busy? Recently retired? Do you like to volunteer and help your community? Then the 2017 Festival Committee is looking for you! The Festival Committee meets monthly throughout the year to plan for this wonderful community event. Making this event happen requires the commitment of many people but the fun and friendships made far outweigh the work! Please consider joining your neighbors this year and volunteering for the Festival Committee.
The Potato and Corn Festival Committee’s first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **STW Community Center**, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. We look forward to having you join us.
If you have any questions about the Festival or the Committee, or for additional information, please contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator, at admin@nbpotatofest.com or by calling the Recreation Department office at 203-484-6017.

North Branford Haz/Waste
If you have not received one, the 2017 Recycling/Trash Information Cards are available in all town public buildings for your convenience.

The North Branford Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is pleased to announce an exciting new program for plastic bag and plastic film recycling.

What is plastic film you may ask?
It’s grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, cereal bags, bubble wrap and salt bags.
That’s a long list of items currently going into the trash that can be recycled; they just cannot be placed into your blue recycling bin.
Bins to collect these items are located around town at both libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and the Food Pantry of North Branford. All items must be clean and dry with no food residue.
If you cannot make it to the above locations, please bring these items to Big Y, Stop and Shop, Target, and/or Wal-Mart. There are bins in the front of each store for plastic bag and plastic film recycling.
Stay Tuned for More Information on How the Program Will Work in North Branford...

Next Electronics Recycling
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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. Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). 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

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Meal Deliveries Start Fifth Year

The Northford/North Branford Home Delivery Program will be starting its fifth year on January 17, 2017.

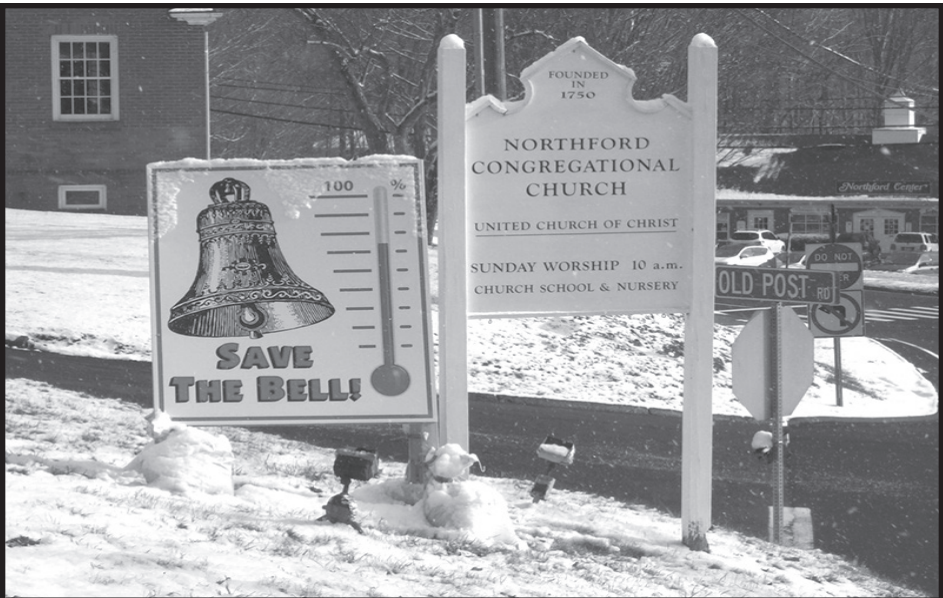
This program is designed to provide meals to people in our town who are temporarily disabled. We provide two hot meals each week. These meals are prepared fresh each Tuesday using fresh vegetables when possible at the North Branford Cong. Church. The dinners include a protein, vegetables, bread or muffins (freshly made) and dessert (freshly baked). This program is open to anyone who is recovering from surgery or going through therapy or recovering from an illness or injury.

The dinners are cooked by a great group of volunteers and delivered by a great group of drivers. (Pictured above) We prepare between 40 and 50 meals each week.

Most of our supplies are donated. We receive our protein from the Ct. Food Bank in Wallingford. We also receive donations in the form of gift cards to either Big Y or Stop and Shop from generous people in the Community which is very helpful in providing high quality dinners.

If you know someone who can qualify for this service please contact Kathy Poston at the Senior Center at 203 484 6017. If you have any other questions you can contact Diane Farley at 203 467 7470 or Alice Lehr at 203 488 7126.

This program is a satellite of the Branford Community Dining.



Bell Tower Fundraising

at the Northford Congregational Church

There is a new fundraising thermometer sign in front of Northford Congregational Church showing that 80% of the necessary funds has been raised to build the new bell tower and steeple.

Save the dates of Saturday, March 11, for a corned beef and cabbage dinner and Sunday, June 18, for a Father’s Day strawberry shortcake take-out. Details to come.

In recognition of donations of \$750 or more from individuals, organizations, businesses, and groups, a bronze plaque with the name of the donor(s) will be permanently placed on a monument at the base of the tower. Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to Northford Congregational Church Bell Tower Fund, P. O. Box 191, Northford CT 06472. For any questions or more information, call 203-234-7794.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford Village in North Branford.

Join us in a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle!

Have you ever wondered why Ireland is called the 40 shades of Green? Have you ever heard of the site of the Marian Apparition of Our Lady of Knock? Join the **Knights of Columbus and St. Ambrose parish (North Branford/Northford)** on a pilgrimage to Ireland June 24th thru July 1st, 2017, on this exciting adventure through Ireland. Your trip takes you through Ireland’s breathtaking scenery and imitable city landscapes while you experience Ireland’s cheerful, hospitable culture. Visit Galway, Killarney, and Dublin. Enjoy historic sights, culture, shopping, food, pubs and more.

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Full Irish breakfasts are included on all days (except day of arrival), along with a three course dinner on three evenings.

Father Robert Turner (our host priest) will celebrate Mass daily in local churches as we wind our way throughout the Irish countryside. We will also celebrate Mass at the apparition site of Our Lady of Knock.

Join us on Sunday afternoon, January 22nd, 4 PM, at St. Ambrose Church (St. Augustine Campus), 30 Caputo Road, North Branford, in the lower church hall for an evening of information and a slide presentation. Along with finger foods, traditional Irish Scones, coffee, tea, beer and wine will be served. You can also call Jim or Mary Lovelace at 203.481.6082 for more information or to make your reservation.

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Please join us Saturday, January 21st (snow date January 22nd) at 1:30 PM in the lower level of the heated Munger Barn. Admission is free, but donations to support our textile collection are appreciated. An RSVP to director@dudley-farm.com or call to 203-457-0770 is appreciated in the event of cancellation. The Dudley Farm Museum, 2351 Durham Road, North Guilford, CT 06437,

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Picture caption from left to right: Donation presented to John Wood, Data Manager, of the Epilepsy Foundation of CT, Linda Wallace, Executive Director, of the Epilepsy Foundation of CT, by Mark DeFranco, Treasurer, of North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy.



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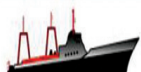


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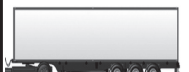
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***Sunday Feb. 26th (1 pm) Author Visit** "Extra Credit" for your book club. Read "The Violet Season" and then join author Kathy Leonard Czepiel to discuss her book. Kathy teaches writing at Quinnipiac University. This book was chosen as one of the Best Books of 2012 by Kirkus Reviews!

Saturday Mar. 11th (9-3) "Puzzle-Off" Sign up as an individual or as a team (4-9 people) This is a Very Popular program so please arrive between 9-9:30 for your table assignment. Bring food/drink for lunch if you'd like as parking will be limited. Sign up in the library or by phone, full details are on our website (www.nbranfordlibraries.wix.com/home)

Saturday Mar. 25th (1 pm) History and Culture of Korea- "A screening of documentary on relatively unknown but truly unique and extraordinary works of Korean artifacts & industrial achievements." Reenactment of Korean Traditional wedding and a complimentary Korean traditional meal will follow. (This program will be presented **ONLY** if we have **20** or more attending, so be sure to sign up.)

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