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Anna Mae Doody -

“Blessed to have her in our Lives”

Recently, Jerome Harrison School took part in the “Read Across America Day Celebration”. The above high school students who are members of the “Dream Team” that visits and mentors students at JHS were joined by Superintendent Scott Schoonmaker and special guest Anna Mae Doody.

Students were treated to a story about a Farmer who shears his sheep and knits sweaters for them to keep them warm. Following the story, Anna Mae demonstrated the art of knitting, showing students how yarn is used to knit sweaters.

“Anna Mae Doody epitomizes the meaning of Community Service,” explained Principal Carter Welch. “A long time resident of Northford, Anna Mae Doody, is not only an essential thread in the social fabric of our small town, but she is also an integral member of the Jerome Harrison School Community. For many, many years Anna Mae Doody has freely and generously given countless hours of her time, to the staff and students of JHS”.

Anna Mae volunteers at Jerome Harrison School each Wednesday that school is in session. Pushing a rolling cart, Anna Mae walks through the halls, visiting classrooms and offering a hand to teachers.

No job is too great and no task is too small for Anna Mae! She is happy to be of assistance wherever she is needed. Whether she is making copies, laminating papers, cutting letters for bulletin boards, or participating in special classroom projects, Anna Mae is always happy to help.

“She has done so much over the years to show her love and support for the staff and students at JHS, that it would be difficult to capture her good deeds in one brief article.” continued Welch. “Nonetheless a few things quickly come to mind. A while ago when someone beloved was diagnosed with cancer, the JHS staff wanted to make a quilt with inspirational messages to warm their friend on treatment days. Anna Mae Doody was at the heart of those efforts, offering materials and spending many hours helping to oversee the project, and ultimately sew the quilt.

Anna Mae has also purchased fabric, sewn hats and capes, and carved apples for a yearly fall project for students. A talented, and award winning baker, Anna Mae has treated the JHS staff to many of her delicious baked goods. Everyone typically crowds the faculty room, when word spreads that Anna Mae has brought in one of her famous pies or scrumptious breads!”

Indeed, Anna Mae Doody is a friend of education. Long after she raised her own children, who each went through the North Branford School System

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Last Call for Shining Star Dinner

Last call for the Shining Star Dinner hosted by the North Branford Education Foundation. The dinner will take place on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets are only \$45 per person as we get together with the community to recognize **Judy Bannon, Marie Diamond, Pete Ramada and Gary Wall**. Don't be left out and enjoy a great evening of food, friendship and fun.

For tickets or more information please call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254. Tickets may also be purchased at Jerome Harrison School, TJ's Launderette and the Board of Education Central Office. Deadline for tickets is 3/24/17. Tickets must be purchased in advance as no tickets will be sold at the door.

Adjusted Pub Dates & Deadlines

To better serve our readers and advertisers for the Easter holidays.

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NB Plastic Film Recycling Program Continues to Flourish

On behalf of the NB Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee (NBSHWRC), a big thank you to the residents of North Branford for really supporting the efforts to collect plastic film (poly ethylene). February saw the seven drop off locations total 110 pounds of plastic grocery/shopping bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags and cereal bags.

Recently Country Paint and Hardware, T.J's Laundrette, and Town Hall have been added as drop-off

locations.

Now that there are two solid months of the program under our belts, we need to talk about what does not go into the plastic film collection bins. A rule of thumb is if the plastic film makes a loud, hard crinkling sound, when you squeeze it in your hands, it is probably cellophane and it should not be put in the bin. Also not for the bin are bags that M&Ms, Hershey's Kisses, etc. come in. They should all be put in your trash.

One surprise the program produced is how much time it takes to monitor and empty the collection bins. It's a good problem to have as it means residents are really taking to the program. To help supplement the Committee's work, we have partnered with the School to Work Program in NB and the students are assisting with the collection of the plastic film. That has been a big help.

As a reminder, all materials placed in the plastic film bins/totes must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

For more information visit the NBSHWRC at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com or like us on Facebook at North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee.

Joyce Clark (NB Big Y Receiver) accepts first drop off of 45 pounds of plastic film from Alison Caron of the NB Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee. (Photo by Hank Petroskey)



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State Representative Vincent Candelora Telehealth Medicine: When It Goes Too Far



Over the past several years, the Public Health committee has passed laws to encourage and facilitate the practice of medicine through technology. Under certain circumstances, patients can receive exams while sitting in their living room. Experts using this technology have found that in some cases telemedicine can be more beneficial than an office visit. For instance, psychiatrists have indicated that patients will often share more information in their home setting and by communicating through typing. Doctors hear more open and honest information than if patients are in an office setting where they might feel uncomfortable or intimidated. I have always supported the use and expansion of telehealth; however, with advancing technology, it may be time to pause some of the process. I'm sponsoring House Bill 6012 to address the growing concern among eye doctors in the utilization of software to obtain prescriptions for eye glass and contact lens.

Most of us have probably gone through an eye exam where the doctor will check for vision, but also dilate your eyes and check for glaucoma, damage to your eye, or other general health issues. Technology is advancing where you can download an app on your smart phone and receive a vision test which creates a prescription so that you can purchase contacts or eye glasses from the convenience of your home. These websites market their convenience; one site states, "Stay home. Eat some ice cream. Get a vision exam." These "exams" are guaranteed and reviewed by an ophthalmologist before a prescription is issued. So what's the problem?

The problem is that these exams are not eye exams in the normal sense. At best, they're vision tests to create a prescription to sell you a product. Anyone who wears glasses or contacts understands that the cost, or money to be made, lies in the purchase of the products. With telemedicine, companies all over the globe have found a way to circumvent our local eye doctors and sell direct to consumers through this "eye exam" application. While we should not discourage direct sales of eye glasses or contacts, Connecticut needs to regulate the use and marketing of these "eye exams". These companies are misleading the public into believing that an on-line app constitutes a sufficient eye exam, and even worse, they may be billing your insurance company for this exam so that when you need to schedule an in-house visit, your exam will not be covered a second time.

By law, eye doctors must give their patients their prescription so that they may go to any store to purchase glasses or contact lens. That practice must remain intact so that people can shop for the best products and prices to suit their needs. Connecticut, however, must regulate this global marketing of on-line "eye exams". The technology is not advanced enough to appropriately exam a patient's eye health, and I fear these deceptive advertising will prevent people from seeking in-patient care.

Let's Be "Frank"

It's been a few issues since we last spoke so I guess I do have a few things to talk to you about. If you were here, we might have had a few lively discussions. You being the "liberal" and me, the long haired, bell bottom, platform shoes and leisure suited youngster turning into the old conservative. So I guess you will have to just listen and let me do all the talking.

It seems a little bit silly to me that Yale has taken the complaints of a few protestors to heart and dropped the name of Calhoun College. Apparently among other things, the man had slaves. I'm no historian but in his day slaves were legal and the norm for many so I'm questioning what he did wrong. Did he not do all the things they said he did when they named the college after him?

North Branford has now decided that we need to have special numbers on both sides of our mailboxes, for easier recognition by our Emt's fire and police service people. I don't disagree with that. Whatever they can do to make our volunteers who put their lives on the line easier, let's do it. What I do disagree with is the town notice telling about this requirement and advertising a local business giving a discount on the numbers. When did the town become an advertising agency? Are there other merchants who sell these numbers? Are there places where you can get these numbers cheaper even with the discount? Will the town start to tell us where to get our fire extinguishers, bread, eggs and milk? People in control have enough headaches with setting our town on the right track. Should they really be jumping into the marketing arena to offer us advice on our purchases.

On the Catholic Church front, we are now drawing up plans to close and bring together a number of churches because numbers of priests and parishioners are diminishing. What they should have done was come up with a plan to hold the administrators accountable for their actions. Survey what the leaders are doing to reach out and help and teach the people in the way of Christ instead of spending millions on balancing the books. Yes, it is a business but again, I'm no historian but the likes of Jesus, Mother Theresa and other martyrs must be rolling over in their graves.

Just last week, I heard of a high school basketball game between two Catholic schools, where they were selling hotdogs on a Friday during Lent. What a great message for our kids. It's more about the money than teaching about sacrifice. No rules, no structure and let's just change traditions and church regulations to address the almighty dollar and the thoughts of a smaller and loud minority.

On a final church note, I am checking the schedules for Lent and Holy week and it's refreshing to see that churches in our community are holding numerous services to make it easier for people too attend. Many parishes now offer one service at one time and we are told it is what it is and if you can't make it at the time the priest has determined to fit his schedule, you can go somewhere else.

So much for the Parish family.
well, that's it for now. Take care, I'll see you soon.

Anna Mae continued

she support education in a variety of ways!
"Her caring nature, selfless acts, and commitment to our school is admirable! Though small in stature, her impact is huge, and she truly makes a difference in our school." added Doctor Welch.
After Principal Welch spoke to many of his long time teachers to put his thoughts together,

Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker simply added, "Anna Mae is a treasure and a person of great integrity and character. Our staff and children are blessed to have her in our lives."

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WIT & WISDOM

To continue my experiences with gastro enterologists. My enterologist performed an endoscopy to determine if the esophagus was affected. Sure enough, a small ulcer was just starting. Knowing it assured it eventually becoming cancerous and a painful death I continued my plans for my demise and then the miracle happened.

As I was watching TV one night a program put on by Hartford Hospital appeared showing a new procedure in which the stomach was sewed around the bottom of the esophagus forming a valve. I called Hartford Hospital the next morning and asked if there was anyone in New Haven doing it and they said they didn't know anyone. Calling my enterologist I asked if he knew anyone doing it. He asked me to come in so we could talk. On greeting me he began warning of all the possibilities of an operation causing other problems, such as blood clots. Only when I finally told him I would not suffer the death doing nothing faced me, it was finding someone to do the operation or I would kill myself, that he admitted he knew someone at Yale who did it. It was Dr. Clarence Rosser. The call to Dr. Rosser informed me he only took referrals.

Calling my gastroenterologist he promised a letter to me for Rosser. I waited 4 weeks and called my enterologist asking where the letter was. He promised and sent it. Shocking was his letter to Rosser addressed to "Dear Butch" Rosser and he were "bosom pals", but that didn't influence his reluctance to send me to him. Rosser, I learned, was the worlds greatest laparoscopic surgeon and brought to Yale to teach it to the students. Not only that, but Rosser had learned this particular procedure in Belgium where it was developed.

The drama doesn't end here. Someone, other than Rosser, sent me for a drink or sip test where I started laying on my back and taking a swallow of water at different body angles as my upper body was raised. This was a slow process and when completed I asked the nurse how I did. She replied, "Perfect". and said, "I'm going to have this operation my self". Handing the test paper to another doctor, who looked at it briefly said, "You didn't do very well, but I will let Rosser decide ". I learned from the nurse he was going on a one year sabbatical the following Monday. This was Friday. I was ready to" lay him out in lavender" when he spoke of my failing the test, But since he decided to let Rosser decide I decided it best to let it go and not risk a confrontation.

Even the day of the operation wasn't without it's problem. I arrived at the hospital for an 11 A.M. operation and was all undressed and my clothes sent home with my son when Rosser called and in a state of rage said, the hospital had just called and said the operation was put off to 5 P.M. a time he refused to operate and apologized. A new date was set for 2 weeks later. My son, who had taken all my clothes home had to return with them and take me home.

It didn't occur to me at the time, but the doctor going to reject me for the "sip" test and the hospital changing the hour of the operation and Rosser's rage coupled with a few choice words of contempt for the hospital leads me to believe his leaving soon after were all efforts to discourage me staying there. He went to Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City where he might still be.

That day everything went to perfection and Rosser gave me the good news when I awakened from the anesthesia. The operation took 2 hours. I was released 2 days later, ate soft food for 30 days and have lived free of heartburn ever since. Able to eat anything, but didn't for 19 years.

A little humor to this dismal tale. Later that day when I awoke from a sleep I saw a man with a robe and collar and another in a white coat standing bedside and looking down at me. Closing my eyes quickly I wondered, The man with the collar was obviously a priest. Was he giving me the "Last Rites"? When I opened my eyes again the doctor said, "This "is Father So and So" (don't remember his name) and he is contemplating having this operation and I'm showing him what we do". I said, "Thank Heavens, I thought he was giving me the Last Rites" which drew a hearty laugh.

Unfortunately, while the operation was successful and the major secret along with my living on Raw Milk, organic vegetables raised on mineralized soil free of all pesticides to my living to 100 there was one last incident who's doctor's efforts to have me die cannot be described as less

than fatally planned.

I'll describe in my next article.

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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.

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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, March 25 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.

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FREE Trusts Workshop

Attorneys George and Marc Guertin of Guertin and Guertin, LLC invite the public to join them for their popular workshop, "Covering Your Assets with an Irrevocable asset Protection Trust" on Saturday, March 25th at 10 a.m. This program was created to help people learn how they can protect their most valuable assets (like a home) from the financial devastation of a long-term stay in a nursing home, creditor issues, and/or lawsuits, by utilizing an Irrevocable Asset Protection Trust.

The Agency for Health Care Policy Research states that 40% of older Americans will need nursing home care at some point in their lives. And currently the average cost of nursing home care in Connecticut is over \$123,000 a year! "Just because you can't take it with you doesn't mean you have to give it to a nursing home," says Attorney George Guertin. "With proper planning you can protect your assets," he adds. Past participants of this workshop have said, "This workshop was very interesting and enlightening;" and "good information and a very relaxing atmosphere."

This free session is being held at Guertin and Guertin, LLC's offices at the historic Center Fire House building at 26 Broadway in North Haven. Light refreshments will be served. Due to popularity of this workshop, advance registration is required. Please call 203-234-7400 or email info@guertinlaw.net to reserve a seat.

CAWS Awards Grant to NBLCT



The Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists (CAWS) recently awarded this year's 2017 Les Mehrhoff Biodiversity Preservation Grant to the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT). The \$1,000 grant will fund the rental and purchase of equipment to cut down and control invasive plant

species, including Japanese Honeysuckle, Multiflora Rose, and Winged Burning Bush, as well as other non-native plants growing on the Clintonville Road tract of land owned by NBLCT. The start date of the project is April 22, 2017, which coincides with NBLCT's Earth Day celebration.

The twenty-seven acre Clintonville Road parcel consists of rare and diverse mixed-hardwood and swamp hardwood maturing forest on level land, much of which has wetland soils. The site is currently in danger of being overrun by invasive plants. Removing these plants will allow the forest understory to return to native plant habitat.

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Photo: Josh Wilson, President of CAWS, presents check to NBLCT member Patty Meglio.

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Chapter 205 of the Town Code of Ordinances was recently amended to require 3" reflective numbers be applied to both sides of mailboxes or posts by the road. The previous language also called for 3" numbers but did not require them to be reflective. The new language also addresses signage for interior lots or shared driveways. Public Safety personnel, in an attempt to expedite assisting residents during an emergency, brought these proposed changes forward and they were ultimately passed. There is a 60-day window, after the amendment was adopted, to comply with the new requirements.

To assist in that regard, Country Paint & Hardware on Route 80 has offered a 10% discount on the reflective nail-on numbers or reflective decals through Memorial Day. Residents will need to show their driver's license or True Value card to receive the discount.

If there are any questions regarding the house numbering requirements, please contact the Fire Marshal's office at 203-484-6016.

North Branford Land Conservation Trust

Spring Walk

Join the North Branford Land Conservation Trust for a leisurely walk on part of the trail system at Evergreen Woods. The 1.5-mile walk will be family-friendly.

The walk will take place on Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 am (rain date March 26, same time). One of the Land Trust's members, Geoff Smith, an experienced hiker, has agreed to lead the walk.

Evergreen Woods will provide refreshments following the walk.

Meet at the Evergreen Woods' visitor's parking lot at the Community Building by 9:15 am.

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PRIVATE	
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North Branford HAZ/WASTE

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 8, 15, 22 and 29**. 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 leaf drop off center.

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at 203-484-4091

Plastic film recycling program picks up 3 additional collection locations:

Recently **Country Paint and Hardware, T.J's Launderette, and Town Hall** have been added as drop-off locations to the original locations: **Atwater and Smith Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and The Food Pantry of North Branford.**

Thank you to all participants for giving this program a very successful start!

For more information visit the NBSHWRC at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com or

like us on Facebook at **North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee.**

North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup

April 17th through April 21st

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 pickup day; thank you.

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at 203-484-4091



Gassira Representing NBIS in Hartford

On February 28th, over 20 students from NBIS competed in the 8th annual Scripps Spelling Bee, held in the library media center. Congratulations to all of the participants for their hard work!

The winner, for the 2nd year in a row, was Carley Parente (center). Carley's winning word was "churlish". Coming in at second place was 8th grader Taylor Kamienski (right) and in third place was 6th grader Gianna Gassira (left).

This year, our third place winner, Gianna will be proud to represent NBIS, and the town of North Branford in the state-wide spelling bee competition in Hartford on March 25th. Best of luck to Gianna!

Northford Women's Club to Hold Benefit Cut-a-Thon

The Northford Women's Club GFWC in conjunction with Tease Hair Salon will be holding a Cut-a-Thon to benefit the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter and the club's charity budget. The event will be held on Sunday, April 2nd at Tease Hair Salon, 4 Brushy Plains Road, Branford from 9:30am until 4:00pm. The costs for hair cuts are: women (no blow dry) \$25, men \$20

and children under 12 are \$15. Please feel free to call for an appointment at 203-484-1946. Walk-ins are also welcome! Please stop by to help this wonderful cause. For more information about the Cut-a-Thon or the Northford Women's Club GFWC, please contact Michele at 203-717-2203.

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All Star Readers

Congratulations to JHS kindergarten students for their participation in the All Star Reader Program (a collaborative effort between Jerome Harrison Elementary School and the North Branford Public Libraries where students are recognized and rewarded for attending our libraries and documenting their reading efforts). These students have visited the Edward Smith and Atwater Memorial Libraries throughout the school year on multiple occasions and have explored the library offerings as well as our collective goal to engage in reading for enjoyment and academic success.

Jerome Harrison and our North Branford Libraries are proud to recognize Alisiana and Nico Nocerino and Lauren Dowson as being true "All Star Readers". It is our hope that additional parents, students, and families get involved in this great program to explore our local libraries and further develop a passion for reading.



THEY MAKE US PROUD

Michael Keinz earned a spot on the baseball team at Assumption College in Worcester, Ma.

Brittini McNeil was named to the Dan's List at Morrisville State College in NY.

Noelle Esposito was named to the Dean's List at Colby Sawyer College in New London, NH.

Sarah Anastasio, Olivia Bizzario, Serafina Cordero, Alesandra Cordero, Isabella Crotta, Megan McMillen, Elisa Palmieri, Abbey Parente, Olivia Petrogallo, Amanda Savona and Vivian Wang received High Honors at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT

Kyleen Crowe, Molly Murphy and Megan Wells received honors at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT.,

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20TH, 21ST, 23RD, 27TH, 28TH, 29TH 4:00-8:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL DRAMAMAMASNBHS@GMAIL.COM



Indoor Track Recognizes Competitors

Over the course of the season there were two school records broken. In the Shoreline Conference Championship, Jenna Bryden placed 2nd in the 300m Run with a time of 44.64 breaking the school record by 1/100 of a second previously held by Emmy Dulak. In the Shoreline Coaches Invitational Track Meet, Emily Muzyka placed 5th in the Shot Put with a throw of 30'6.5" breaking the school record of 29'08.5" previously held by Jessica Wharton.

In the Shoreline Conference Championship, the Girls Team came in 2nd place out of 13 teams with a score of 66 points. Grace Little made 1st team All-Shoreline by placing 1st in the 55m Dash. Taking 2nd place in their respective events and making 2nd Team All-Shoreline were Jenna Bryden in both the 55m Dash and 300m Run, Emily Muzyka in the Shot Put and Winnie Chan in the High Jump. The Boys team came in 8th place out of 13 teams with 26 points. In the Class S State Championship, neither team scored points.

Also scoring points for the Girls Team were Deanna Sgambato placing 4th in the Pole Vault, Winnie Chan placing 6th in the Long Jump, Joselyn Streeto taking 6th in the High Jump and Carly Monge taking 7th in the Shot Put. Relay Teams scoring points were:

4x200 Relay – 5th place of Lydia Matteson, Sarah Criscuolo, Grace Little and Jenna Bryden, 4x800 Relay – 8th place of Mackenzie Glenn, Jillian

Damiani, Sarah Sullivan and Caitlin May, SMR Relay – 8th place of Sarah Criscuolo, Jordan Franco, Mackenzie Glenn and Lydia Mattson and the 4x400 Relay Team – 8th place of Sarah Criscuolo, Mackenzie Glenn, Erika Roof and Lydia Mattson.

For the North Branford Boys scoring points were: Jacob Marshall placing 4th in the 55m Dash, Michael Madoule in the 600 Meter Run taking 5th place and 6th place in the 300m Run, Michael Rabuffo placing 4th in the 300m Run and taking 3rd in the High Jump.

Relay Team scoring for the boys were the 4x400m Relay Team of Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilisco, Michael Rabuffo and Parker Nadeau taking 6th place.

MVP awards went to Michael Madoule, Grace Little and Jenna Bryden. Desire and Dedication went to Jacob Marshall and Winnie Chan (all pictured at left). Rookie of the Year Award went to Michael Rabuffo and Erika Roof. The 4 Year "Chris" Award was presented to Winnie Chan, Jillian Damiani, Austin Gibilisco, Emily Muzyka, Parker Nadeau, Deanna Sgambato and Jessica Tang. The Coaches Award was earned by Sarah

Criscuolo.

The graduating seniors from this year's team (below) were Winnie Chan, Jillian Damiani, AJ Fiondella, Jordyn Franco, Austin Gibilisco, Emily Muzyka, Parker Nadeau, Tony



Pavic, Gemma Raymond, Deanna Sgambato and Jessica Tang.

Captains from this season were Winnie Chan, Michael Madoule, Jacob Marshall, Parker Nadeau and Deanna Sgambato.

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Shoreline Excellence

Junior Brett LeQuire (left) was named basketball's Shoreline Player of the Year and his coach (right) Dave Parness was named Coach of the Year. (Photo by Nick DeLizio)

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**DEATH NOTICE**

Deborah "Debbie" A. Cibelli, 61, passed away on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loved ones. Debbie was the daughter of the late Alphonse Cibelli and Edith Brophy.

Debbie attended Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, obtained her Bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown and completed her Master's degree at the Yale School of Nursing in New Haven. Debbie enjoyed a fulfilling 35-

year career as a Certified Nurse Midwife.

Debbie was a pioneer in her field who advanced nurse-midwifery in the New Haven community. She was the co-founder of Women's Health Associates, LLC, Connecticut's first private midwifery practice, with offices in North Branford and New Haven. She was respected for her clinical wisdom, her mentoring, and her dedication to quality care for all. Aside from her passion for her work, Debbie loved traveling, learning about different cultures, and seeing the world through art. She was also known to appreciate a nice piece of chocolate.

She is survived by her life partner, Helen Lope de Haro M.D. of North Branford; her aunt, Anna Cibelli of Waterbury; her uncles, Domenic (Mickey) of Lexington, S.C. and Arthur Jones of Wolcott; and her cousins Heather Jones of Wolcott, Domenic (Mickey) Cibelli of Wolcott, and Jennifer Cibelli of South Carolina.

She was predeceased by her parents and her aunt, Phyllis Jones.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders, an international medical humanitarian organization, on behalf of Deborah A. Cibelli: <https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org/onetime.cfm>

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Free Training for Contractors

On March 31st, 2017, the East Shore District Health Department will be Conducting a Free Training for Contractors and Home Renovators on **Lead Safe Renovation, Repair and Painting**.

This course provides Hands-on training, reviews the health risks of exposure to lead paint and dust and how to contain duct and protect yourself

The class will be held at the East Shore District Health Department Training Room at 688 East Main St. in Branford. It will start at 8:00am and run until 4:30. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

The first 20 Participants will receive All printed materials and a certificate Renovators who attend this class will receive a 5-year certification

To register please call 203-481-4233 or fill out a form online – provided at www.esdhd.org

Notice of Public Hearing

The North Branford Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the North Branford Town Hall Council Chambers.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to hear comments on Proposed Ordinance #2017-3, which amends Chapter 148 of the Code of the Town of North Branford, entitled "Flood Damage Prevention" as summarized below.

§148-2 Terms Defined - revises definition of substantial improvement
 §148-3 Applicable area – references FEMA maps to be updated May 16, 2017

Public comments on this matter are welcome.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Atwater Memorial Library, Edward Smith Library and posted on the town's website.

Dated at North Branford, Connecticut this 13th day of March, 2017.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC

North Branford Town Clerk

Spring After School Crafts at the Edward Smith Library

Join us in the Children's Room to make a different craft each week! Supplies provided. Recommended for children in grades Kindergarten and up. Advance registration required, in person or by phone: 203-484-0469.

Clothespin Bugs - Tuesday, March 21st @ 6:30 pm

Bird Nest Cupcakes - Tuesday, March 28th@ 6:30 pm

Reschenka's Eggs - Tuesday, April 4th @ 6:30 pm

Easter Egg Wreath –Tuesday, April 11th @ 6:30 pm

Painted Flower Pots - Tuesday, April 18th@ 6:30 pm

Dragons Love Tacos - Tuesday, April 25th@ 6:30 pm

Car Seat Safety Workshop at the Edward Smith Library - Wednesday, March 29th at 10:00 am

The Edward Smith Library and the North Branford Family Resource Center are pleased to offer a free car seat safety workshop for parents, grandparents and caregivers. CT State Police Admin., Sgt. Aiken will go over the "ins and outs and do's and don'ts" of car seat installation and use. It is very important to know the height and weight limitations of your car seat and choose one that works with your car. Car seats only work properly if they are used properly. Make sure you know how to keep your precious cargo safe while riding in the car!

Registration recommended, but not required.

Children welcome to attend a free Baby & Me story time before the workshop.

Spring Programs for Young Children at the Smith Library and The North Branford Family Resource Center.

Join us for a playful session of music and movement that includes early literacy fun with flannel board songs, stories and a craft.

The corresponding location will be listed with its date.

Join us anytime! Registration suggested but not required. Siblings welcome!

Tuesdays – Tots 'n Tunes for children 18 mos. - 3 yrs. old with a parent/caregiver. Meet at the Families In Training Room (STW, 1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, CT 06472) at 10:00 am.

Wednesdays - Time for Baby and Me for babies' birth -18 mos. with a parent/caregiver. Share ideas about parenting issues. Meet at the Edward Smith Library at 10:00 am.

Thursdays – Krafty Kids for children 18 mos. - 5yrs. old with a parent/caregiver. Explore science, cooking, crafts and more at this drop in playgroup. Meet at the FRC building on Merrick Dr. behind Jerome Harrison Elementary School at 10:00 am.

Fridays – Tots 'n Tunes for children 18 mos. - 3 yrs. old with a parent/caregiver. Meet at the Edward Smith Library at 10:00 am.

For more information call: The Smith Library at 203-484-0469 or NBFRC at 203-484-2609.

Hope After Loss, Inc.® Compassionate Care Awards Gala

Hope After Loss, Inc.® will present its 2017 Compassionate Care Awards on May 17, 2017 to Dr. Richard Viscarello, an obstetrician at Maternal Fetal Care, PC in Stamford, and Megan Ryan, a registered nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Yale New Haven Hospital. The Compassionate Care Awards recognize and promote excellence in the care of families that have lost a pregnancy or infant.

Richard Viscarello was nominated by Sloane Spanierman, mother of Jemma. She wrote, "Dr. V has been our friend, guide and angel... He is the only doctor who has offered us hope, solution and a plan. He has sat with us for countless hours and looked at our situation from every angle. We love and adore him."

Megan Ryan was also nominated by Sloane Spanierman. In her letter of nomination about Ms. Ryan, Sloane wrote, "She was wonderful to our daughter while she was alive as her primary nurse and she has been an incredible friend and confidant to us since Jemma passed.

The Compassionate Care Awards will be presented at a Gala from 6-9pm at Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Rd, Branford, CT, 06405. Dinner, beer and wine tasting, entertainment, and a silent auction will be hosted to benefit the Hope After Loss, Inc. ® programs. Tickets are available through the website www.hopeafterloss.org.

About Hope After Loss: Hope After Loss, Inc.®, a non-profit organization in Connecticut, provides free services to those who grieve the loss of a pregnancy or infant, including peer support groups. Education, awareness and outreach initiatives are provided to medical, mental health, and other professional organizations. Hope After Loss, Inc. also provides financial assistance to low income bereaved parents who have lost a baby but cannot afford the cost of burial or cremation. For more information, please visit www.hopeafterloss.org.

**North Branford
Parks & Recreation and Senior Center**
1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford
203-484-6017 - www.nbparkrec.com

Activities

You Can Cook

Who: Ages 8-14
Session: April 8 – May 6
Location: STW Community Center
Time: Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$20 per date or \$90 for all
Description: *Who said kids can't cook? Join this deliciously fun class! This class is hands on culinary instruction. Each participant will prepare their own food.*

Paint Night

Who: Grades 8-14
Session: April 26, May 10
Location: STW Community Center
Time: Wednesday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$30 res/\$35 nr
Description: *Taught by a qualified instructor, participants will create their own masterpiece. All materials will be included and each child will get to take home their amazing artwork!*

Adult Self Defense

Who: 16 and up
Session: April 17 – May 8
Location: Tom Smith's CKA
Time: Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr
Description: *Learn to use the tools you already have to be efficient and effective at modern, realistic self-defense.*

Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Class

Who: Ages 12 and up
Session: April 11, 13, and 18
Location: STW Community Center
Time: Tu, Th, Tu 6:00-9:00
Fee: \$20
Description: *A complete, basic, safe boating certification course taught in three evenings. With successful completion of this basic safe boating class students will be able to obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, enabling them to operate recreational vessels up to 65 feet in length, including Jet Skis. State-certified instructors go over topics such as: choosing the right boat, equipment requirements, state boating laws, safety regulations, navigation rules, buoy systems, trailering, safe fueling, weather, accident prevention, special topics and much more. All students receive an official diploma and state certificate application upon successful completion of the course. Students must obtain a CT Conservation # before attending. See ct.gov/deep.*

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
Fee: \$135 res/\$140 nr (\$45/\$50 for JUST the bus, NYC on your own)
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 p.m. show time.
Fee: \$135 res/\$140 nr (\$45/\$50 for JUST the bus, NYC on your own)
Seats: Mid-Mezzanine

*We're proud to announce we now offer OPEN GYM
for multiple activities at the STW Community Center!*

Pickleball: Mondays and Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Basketball: Fridays 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Table Tennis: Fridays 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
(please bring own equipment)

North Branford Senior Center

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

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Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3

*Now offering a different hot soup weekly

*As a reminder, we offer weekly grocery shopping trips every
Tuesday at 12:30.

Come by or call the Senior Center to register.

Fired Up! - Thursday, March 23, 10:30 \$15.00

Fired Up! of Branford is bringing the fun of painting ceramics here to the Senior Center. At least two different items to choose from. Be creative and have fun with friends. Seating limited.

Margaret from the VNA is back for 2 classes!

Senior Sittercise/Tai Chi – Mondays, March 27 – June 12, 12:45pm – 1:45pm \$17.00. Increase muscle strength and improve flexibility, gait and balance to prevent falls. Can be done standing or in a chair. This is a specially designed program for those 50 and older.

Senior Tai Chi - Mondays, March 27 - June 12, 2:00pm – 3:00pm \$17.00. Designed to increase balance and stability. Helps you stay on your feet and manage your arthritis. This is a specially designed program for those 50 and older.

Movie Time – The Exotic Marigold Hotel, Wednesday, March 29, 12:45 FREE. British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than advertised, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways. Join us for a quick van ride to the Edward Smith Library or meet us there.

Every Thursday the Seniors enjoy playing BINGO. This is a great opportunity to promote your business. For example, in the past, Pastry Fusions has donated assorted baked goods to use as prizes. If you are interested in supporting this well-attended activity, please contact Kathy or Kerry at (203) 484-6017.

Please sign up for activities in advance to guarantee your spot

North Branford Potato and Corn Festival

August 4, 5, and 6, 2017

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or email crafts@nbpotatofest.com

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Rosabianca Vineyards Owner

to Speak at Northford Women's Club

The March meeting of the Northford Women's Club GFWC will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00pm. Charlie Rosabianca from Rosabianca Vineyards will be doing a presentation on wine making. The meeting will be held at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. The public is invited to attend.

For membership information, please contact Michele at 203-717-2203 or michelehanah00@gmail.com. You can also go to our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are 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. 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

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, Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10:00am. We have a rotating clergy during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. Sunday Holy Eucharist services 8 & 10AM ealing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two babysitters available downstairs during the service. Coffee hour after the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionaepiscopalchurch.com.



Flower/Plant Sale to Benefit the Church

Northford Congregational Church will have an Easter weekend flower/plant sale to benefit the church on Fri. and Sat., Apr. 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., Apr. 16, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com.

Holy Week Events at NCC

The Northford Congregational Church will hold a Palm Sunday traditional service at 10 a.m. on Sun., Apr. 9, followed by coffee hour in the social hall. All are welcome.

There will be an annual Maundy Thursday service on Apr. 13 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a soup and bread dinner at 6 p.m. in the social hall.

There will be a Good Friday service on Apr. 14 at 7 p.m.

The Easter Sunday service on Apr. 16 will be at 10 a.m., and flowers will be added to a large wooden cross to welcome and represent the new life offered by the Easter promise. All are welcome. There will be no Sunday School class on Easter Sunday.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in 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.

NORTH BRANFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES DURING LENT AND EASTER

Come and worship at 1680 Foxon Road (Rte 80), North Branford, CT. Taize Services will continue throughout Lent on each Wednesday @7pm. (March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 – Taize dates).

April 9, 2017 @ 10am - Palm Sunday Service - Join in the hallelujahs and waving of the palms.

April 13, 2017 - Maundy Thursday @ 7pm - Recount Jesus' Journey to providing human kind with salvation.

April 14, 2017 @ 12 noon - Good Friday - An opportunity to walk with Jesus to the cross.

April 16, 2017 @ 6:00am - Easter Sunrise Service @ Lake Gallard - Celebrate the Resurrection as the sun rises. Coffee hour at NBCC after the service.

April 16, 2017 @ 10am - Easter Sunday Service - A celebration of new life through Jesus, Our Savior.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church 1382 Middletown Ave. Northford *Lenten and Easter Schedule*

March 19 Lent 3 10:00am, March 26 Lent 4 10:00am,

April 2 Lent 5 10:00am

April 9 Palm Sunday 10:00am

April 13 Maundy Thursday light potluck supper followed by the Eucharist 6:30pm

April 14 Good Friday 7:00pm

April 16 Easter 10:00am

All are Welcome.

MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY

Sponsored by St. Frances Cabrini Women's Club

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017,

St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall,

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For info call Lucille (203) 484-9737.

Lenten Schedule

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203-484-0403

St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford
St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford

Daily Mass: Mon. and Wed. 9am at St. Augustine Chapel,
Tues., Fri. and Sat. 9am at St. Monica Church

Ash Wednesday Mass: March 1st, 9am at St. Augustine
And 6pm at St. Monica Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Mondays during Lent from 6 -7pm at both church locations

Stations of the Cross: Fri. evenings at 6pm on March 3, 10,
17, 24 & 31 at St. Monica. 'Living' Stations of the Cross on
Fri. April 7th at 7pm at St. Augustine.

Adoration: Mar. 3 and Apr. 7 from 6am-1pm at
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The Friends of the North Branford Libraries Book Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jerome Harrison School, 335 Foxon Road. Volunteers are needed to assist with the book sale. Contact 203-481-2730 for further information.

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Colin's Crew Hosts Fourth Annual Night of Hope Benefiting Children with Cancer

Colin's Crew, a local nonprofit organization devoted to providing support to families with children battling cancer, is hosting its fourth annual Night of Hope to raise funds for its charitable programs and celebrate the courage of children battling cancer. The event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 6-10 p.m. at the Ill Monticello's located at 577 South Broad Street in Meriden, Conn. The cost of admission is \$60 per person or \$500 for a table of 10.

Night of Hope will include a cocktail fare with beer, wine, a signature cocktail, entertainment and a silent auction. Connell McShane, news anchor for *Imus in the Morning Show* and *Fox Business* anchor will be the emcee for the event. A special live auction with Chaz and AJ from WPLR radio as the auctioneers, will feature "hero" artwork from children at local treatment centers.

All proceeds from the event will benefit three Colin's Crew programs:

Meals4Kids joins Colin's Crew with local restaurants to deliver meals to the in-patient oncology children and their families during their hospital stay. Last year, Colin's Crew made 16 meal deliveries, serving more than 300 families.

Snacks4Kids collects and prepares snack bags for children to enjoy during their in-patient or outpatient treatments. In 2016, Colin's Crew delivered more than 1,000 snack bags.

Fun4Kids provides activities for families to enjoy in a group setting since children battling cancer often have compromised immune systems, which prohibit them from participating in open and populated events. Activities include Films4Kids and Games4Kids where Colin's Crew makes these events possible by providing safe and clean environments.

"The dedication of local charities like Colin's Crew are vital to our community and to helping families during tough times," said Connell McShane, News Anchor for *Imus in the Morning Show* and *Fox Business* Anchor. "Being emcee for the Night of Hope gives me the opportunity to provide my support as well."

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased online at www.colins-crew.org or by mailing your payment to P.O. Box 4097, Wallingford, Conn. 06492. Members of the press are invited to attend.

Colin's Crew is a local 501(c)3 organization focused on bringing moments of comfort and joy to families affected by childhood cancer. Colin's Crew was originally inspired by Colin Westbrook who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) in October 2009, just days after his second birthday. Today he is our biggest advocate. To learn more about Colin's Crew visit www.colins-crew.org or on Facebook.

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