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Talk About Underage Drinking **Dear Editor**

With prom and graduation season upon us, it's a natural time for us as parents to talk with our children about making smart choices, including avoiding peer pressure to drink underage. We can have a big impact on our children's decisions regarding drinking, and it all starts with a conversation.

Dichello Distributors, Inc. wants to remind parents about the Family Talk About Drinking program, a free parent guide designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and their children to help prevent underage drinking. This year, we have created a series of short and relatable videos to be shared on social media to help spread awareness about the importance of parents having conversations with their teenagers

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about drinking prior to prom and graduation season. Programs like this one, paired with education, relatable content and effective law enforcement, are essential to reducing underage drinking. Please see below for a list of all of the Family Talk About Drinking online resources you can engage on your channel of choice:

www.FamilyTalkAboutDrinking.com https://www.facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk/ https://twitter.com/ABFamilyTalk https://www.pinterest.com/abfamilytalk/

Remember, it's our collective responsibility to help prevent underage drinking. For more info, please visit Familytalkaboutdrinking.com. Sincerely, Tony Lota **Alcohol Awareness Coordinator Dichello Distributors**, Inc.

Thanks for Supporting the **Boy Scouts**

To the Community,

On behalf of the North Branford Boy Scout Troop 453, I am writing to thank the community who came out to purchase flowers at our annual sale. For the second year in a row, the Troop sold out! These proceeds help defray the cost for our camping trips and activities. This year the boys will be traveling to the Boston Freedom Trail, to New York to raft on the Hudson River and to hike Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire. If any boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years of age, are interested in joining, please reach out to me at vincentcandelora@comcast.net.

Thank you, Vin Candelora Scoutmaster





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State Representative Vincent Candelora

The Legislature's Budget Misses the Mark Again



Last week, the Democrats on the Appropriations and Finance, **Revenue and Bonding Committees** produced their budget. The budget is \$350 million short of its necessary goal and recommends cuts to education and towns, continues to tax hospitals and increases fees on businesses and individuals. The

Democrats in Hartford again are seeking to search for money in the coach cushions in order to limp through another year and offer little to systemically change the direction of Connecticut's fiscal future. We have been on a very tired merry-go-round for the past six years, and it is time to get off.

As I have written on numerous occasions, there are solutions to our problems, and our House Republican caucus will continue to offer our ideas to change the conduct in Hartford. In the meantime, the public needs to continue to pressure the majority party to do the right thing. In this week's Finance Committee, we did anything but that.

There is the saying that only two things are certain in life, death and taxes. Connecticut currently assesses massive fees upon death and now, they are proposing to assess fees on your taxes! The Committee proposed an annual fee of up to \$350 in order for a business to get their sales tax permit. This year, the business community requested that sales tax permits be issued once every five years, rather than annually to cut down of paperwork for the state and business community. I am sure they are regretting that request because their request now morphed into an annual fee in order to get their sales tax permit to obtain the right to pay sales taxes to the state. The new fee raises up to \$24 million but I fear it will do much more damage that the revenue is worth.

The Committee also proposed delaying our GAAP payments another year. In 2011, Democrats authorized up to \$1.1 billion of borrowing to eliminate our GAAP liability. This unfunded liability was essentially a debt on paper owed to ourselves. While we needed to close that deficit on paper, we did not need to issue bonds in order to do so. In conjunction with this issuance, however, the legislature statutorily obligated itself to budgeting this deficit annually so that it would stop accumulating on paper. Not surprisingly, the Finance Committee voted to ignore this obligation and delay it another year. When rating agencies downgrade our forecast and Connecticut pays a higher interest on bonds, it will undoubtedly point to this decision.

Needless to say, I voted against this proposal, and I commend Governor Malloy for summarily dismissing it as well. By the time you read this article, he will likely have proposed his own revised budget. I am hopeful that it will be a better product and show the residents and businesses in Connecticut that we will change our bad budget practice once and for all.

North Branford Voter Session

The Registrars of Voters for the Town of North Branford will conduct the following voter sessions at the North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford for electors to register to vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential Preference Primary to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016:

Monday, April 25, 2016; 9:00 am - Noon

In order to vote in the primary, you must be an enrolled member of that political party. The deadline for transfer of party affiliation was January

Celebrate Earth Day in North Branford

Saturday April 23rd from 8:45am to noon –

rain or shine

North Branford Cleanup Day - Students Earn Community **Service Credits**

Volunteers needed to take part in our annual North Branford parks cleanup; supplies provided.

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

Volunteers are invited to a post clean up lunch of pizza and refreshments.

12:15 at STW Community Center Cafeteria

North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup April 18th Through April 22nd

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.

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 23 and 30. Follow the signs. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground. As a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the drop off center.

Sing Me A Fairy Tale at the Smith Library

Jack and the Beanstalk on Weds., May 11th @ 6:30 pm

Little Red and the Sly Wolf on Weds., June 1st @ 6:30 pm This musical retelling of classic fairy tales uses music, singing

and dancing, imaginative rhythm activities, props and rhythm instruments. Join us for an interactive family program to explore these stories in a new and exciting way! Recommended for children ages 3-7.

*Space limited. Registration in The Children's Room required. Smith Library, 3 Old Post Rd., Northford, CT. 203-484-0469

Events at the Atwater Librarv

Spring Story Time. presented by the North Branford Women's Club. Wednesday, April 20th @ 10:30am. Stories, craft,

songs & a snack. Registration required. Recommended for ages 2-5. WeeRock! Toddler Time

Mondays & Thursdays @ 10:30 am, Wednesday @ 4:30 pm A playful 30-minute session of music and movement, finger plays, songs and stories. Recommended for birth \sim age 5

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Thursday, April 21st, 10:30am Recommended for preschool ~ 2nd grade BABY TIME

26, 2016.

Please note the following deadlines:

April 21, 2016: Deadline for mail-in applications; must be receiveby this date.

April 25, 2106: Deadline for in-person enrollment.

If you have any questions you may call the Town Clerk at 203-484-6015 or either Registrar listed below:

Paulette Hart, Republican Registrar 203-484-4390 Maryann Manzi, Democratic Registrar 203-484-9590

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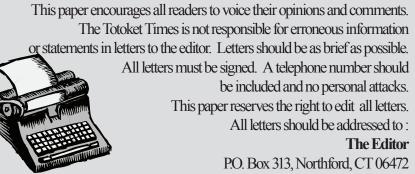
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Enjoy a 30 minute program with nursery rhymes, books, songs & shared discussions on parenting issues. Birth through 12 months with parent/ caregiver. Siblings welcome.

THE PEANUTS MOVIE. Wednesday, April 20th @ 1:00 pm

ATWATER LIBRARY Community Room Join us for a family movie matinee on the BIG screen! Refreshments provided. Get comfy! Bring a blanket and pillow! RATED G

Letters to the editor...



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you would like to learn more about protecting your assets, Guertin and Guertin, LLC offers a free consultation on asset protection. Give us a call at 203-234-7400 to schedule your appointment today. We also will be hosting an informational workshop on this topic on Saturday, April 30th at 10am at our offices located at 26 Broadway in North Haven. If you'd like to be added to the guest list please call for a reservation or send an email to info@guertinlaw.net.

If you have questions that you'd like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net. Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC, a law firm dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. He is co-author of <u>Planning for the Future:</u> A Practical Guide to estate Planning and Avoiding Bad Heir Days. Visit us on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com. Call us at 203-234-7400 for a free consultation. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is located at 26 Broadway in North Haven, Connecticut



Kennedy to Seek Re-Election



Senator Ted Kennedy, Jr. (D-Branford) today announced his plans to seek reelection for the 12th State Senate District. This morning, he filed formal candidate papers with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

"It has been a tremendous honor serving as state senator in the Connecticut General Assembly for the 12th District," said Kennedy. "I am extraordinarily grateful to the residents of Branford, Guilford, Madison, North Branford,

Durham and Killingworth for entrusting me to represent them.

"Our state enjoys unique and exceptional assets: a prime geographic location, world-class research institutions, a highly skilled workforce, and countless cultural, historical and environmental treasures. However, since the global recession, Connecticut has faced significant economic setbacks. Slow job growth and a structural shift in our economy have created a state budget crisis as well as financial uncertainties for many of our district's families and businesses.

"As a bone cancer survivor and amputee, I've faced difficult challenges before. What I've learned is to accept change, create new ways to adapt and implement these new strategies successfully. I know that with both hard work and teamwork - and tapping into the best ideas from both parties - we can revitalize Connecticut's fiscal health, create a more positive business climate, address critical social service needs and protect our beautiful natural resources.

"In my role as Senate Chair of the Environment Committee, I have led the charge on significant environmental reforms that impact Long Island Sound, farmland preservation, plastic pollutants in our rivers and streams, and toxic pesticides on municipal playgrounds. When I first ran for the State Senate, I pledged to serve in a bipartisan manner, and during my time in office, I have worked hard to keep that promise. All 22 environmental bills signed into law in the 2015 session were passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. So far, in 2016, the majority of all bills voted out of the Environment Committee passed unanimously.

"As a health care lawyer and member of the Public Health Committee, I understand how well-intentioned regulations can sometimes increase health costs without providing better healthcare. I am fighting to eliminate this kind of wasteful spending. Recently, I helped enact innovative reimbursement reforms that allow seniors and people with disabilities to access in-home care and avoid state spending on more costly nursing home stays. I am also working to ensure mental health parity is being properly implemented.

"Getting our fiscal house in order is critical. Last month, I voted to close the 2016 budget shortfall and still restore hospital funding in full, preserve town aid and protect funds for core social services. I also partnered with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce to organize the first-ever Shoreline Economic Strategic Planning Summit. Over 150 local business leaders attended the multi-panel discussion that identified our region's strategic assets, promising opportunities, bureaucratic barriers and ways to improve our competitiveness.

"Understanding and meeting the needs of my constituents has always been my number one priority. From working to resolve hundreds of constituent cases, to hosting regular 'Open Office Hours' across the district, to meaningful constituent conversations that provide insight and inspiration for my legislative efforts, I strive to work tirelessly on behalf of all the residents and families of my district. I look forward to discussing these and other issues during my campaign and working hard to earn the support of residents of the 12th District



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Architecture & Landscapes at Smith Library **Photos by Nicholas Carlino**

The Edward Smith Library in Northford will be exhibiting the works of local photographer Nicholas Carlino through the month of April. The work includes local landscape and Architecture photographs.

"I hope the public enjoys my landscapes and architecture photographs. These are new to me in my photographic journey. I have photographed sports and weddings most of my career. I was a hockey photographer for the Los Angles Kings Farm system, New York Rangers Farm system and recently one of the Yale Hockey photographers," stated Carlino. "I rarely shoot sports now but decided to study and photograph fine art."

Carlino taught Chemistry and Photography in the public school system for many years and is recently trying watercolor and acrylic painting to continue his journey with the arts.

The Library is open Monday-Thursday: 10am-8pm, Friday from 9AM - 6PM and Saturday from 9AM to 3PM

Brownie Troop Donates to Community Dining Room

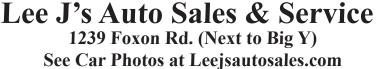


Featured in the photo are: Bottom row (L-R) Sofia L., Abigail C., Kaylee K., Gianna M., Sitareh C. Top row (L-R) Leader Melissa, Madeline B., Natalee W., Marissa W., Janae M.

Some great happenings for Northford/ North Branford Brownie Troop #60139 led by Melissa Kowalewski. Brownie troop #60139 recently donated over 18 toiletry kits to the Branford Community Dining Room. Each kit consisted of 10 every day toiletry items to be handed out to people in need who visit the Community Dining Room. The girls worked together to purchase the items, organize and fill each of the toiletry kits. Each of the girls earned their Celebrating Community badge.

In addition, they also recently visited the New Haven Animal Shelter where they learned a little bit about the operation of an animal shelter and proper pet care for dogs and cats. They collectively donated over 20 pet related items and they successfully earned their Pets badge.





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NBIS Students Write from the Heart

Students in grades six and seven and eight at North Branford Intermediate School wrote from their hearts as they took part in the Laws of Life Essay Contest . The Laws of Life Essay Contest encourages students to reflect on and write about the values they believe will help them live successful and productive lives. With the help of Karen Davis, Joe Daley, Mark Torrente, Cera Orner and Audrey Jankiewicz, all students wrote essays in their language arts classes.

Elizabeth Lazzari, contest coordinator, was extremely proud to announce Sophia Anastasia, Stephanie Sudusky and Meghan Montanaro have earned recognition as three of the 10 Connecticut essayists in the School for Ethical Educations's 2016 Laws of Life Essay Program. These students will be honored at a Character Celebration on May 4th at Amarante's Sea Cliff in New Haven. The Celebration honors students and teachers for their choice to focus on positive values in their academic work

The Laws of Life Essay Contest was first created in 1987 by Sir John Templeton in Tennessee and has spread community by community across the United States and to more than 30 countries around the world. In each community, the contest is locally funded and organized. A wide variety of service clubs, businesses, community organizations, foundations, colleges and universities, and individuals have sponsored and organized the contest in their schools because they believe that the contest is a powerful way to make a positive and lasting impact in their community SEE is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that encourages learning experiences that foster positive character and advances responsible and caring communities.

If you are interested in supporting next year's contest, please contact Elizabeth Lazzari at elazzari@northbranfordschools.org







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NBIS Students Perform in **NBHS Drama Club's Production of "Grease"**

Kudos to our talented NBIS eighth graders who recently participated in the NBHS Drama Club's production of "Grease." These students had to juggle their time to keep up with their school work while attending many hours of after-school rehearsals. Congratulations for a job well done! In front: Gerry Camp; Standing: Emma Schreiber, Carlie McIntyre, Marisa Helff, Emily Olsen, Jordan Pappolla, Jenna Gall, Juliana Candelora, Jennifer Cirivello

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS CHORAL SPECTRUM CONCERT

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NBHS Teacher Awarded Grant

NBHS English teacher Chelsea Dodds was informed today that she is one of 119 teachers state wide who have been awarded grants by the Fund For Teachers Organization! This organization has provided grants to teachers throughout the nation to support professional development opportunities during the summer months since 2001

Chelsea will be attending a Writers' Workshop Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming this summer with a follow up conference this fall for all award recipients in the state of Connecticut

Pictured left to right, Ms. Dale Bernardoni of the Fund for Teachers Organization, Chelsea Dodds, Co-Chairs NBHS English Department StephanieByrd and Robert Ford, BHS School Librarian Michele Eligio who provided information to all staff regarding the application process



A World of Art and Music

The arts are a part of every day at Jerome Harrison School, and this year's Festival of the Arts showcased the talents of North Branford staff and students with music and art from around the world. On March 30, families of first and second grade students were welcomed into the school to view and art gallery which showcased student and staff art work. During the musical presentation, students and staff entertained families with songs about our world. The concert also featured student and staff soloists, a song from the Jerome Harrison staff chorus, performances by the second grade chorus led by Judy Bannon, and performances by high school students Michael Madoule on the tuba, Marissa Berthiume on the trumpet, and Lauren Stelmaschtik playing piano. This much-loved and well-attended annual event is organized by Linda Humphrey and Diane Remetta.



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More than \$30,000 Raised to Help Fight Childhood Cancer



On Monday, March 21, Jerome Harrison Elementary School in North Branford hosted a St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event. Over 20 barbers and stylists participated and over 70 volunteers had their heads shaved to raise money for Childhood Cancer. The event kicked off with a Parade of Heroes where event honorees (those in North Branford and surrounding communities that are fighting Cancer), barbers, shavees, and others were led by the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band in an inspiration march around the school property.

The event also included local food trucks t hat donated a portion of their proceeds of the event. The event, which was led by second grade teacher Judy Bannon, was a wonderful opportunity to support the Jerome Harrison vision to teach students the importance of caring, noticing others, and the importance of civic responsibility and getting involved in the community. The event also was another amazing example of the North Branford community's commitment and involvement in a cause to help others. At the time of publication the event has raised over \$30,000 to help fight Childhood Cancer. A special thank you to all volunteers, participants, and supporters who helped make this event such a special night for so many. Photo - New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band

THE CO-OP Join Coach Joe and Miss Donna at the Atwater Library for our new TWEEN club. The CO-OP is a club for kids ages 9-13 to help build confidence, awareness and social happiness.



Tuesdays 6:15 - 7:00pm. Call or stop in to register: 203-315-6020



Northford Preschool Academy visited Giovanni's Pizza to learn how to make pizza, as part of their restuarant theme.

Shoreline Girls United Connecticut's only girl-run conference returns for a third year! Shoreline Girls United is proud to announce its 3rd annual middle school girls' conference to be held on Saturday, April 30th at the Greene Community Center in Guilford.

What makes this event unique is that all the programming will be designed and led by high school girls from five area towns. Jordan Regan, North Branford High School student and Bella Crotta, Sacred Heart Academy student are two conference presenters.

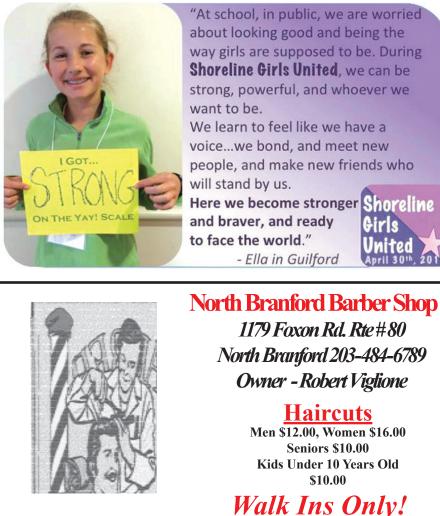
The day will begin with yoga and theater games, then participants will attend original workshops developed by our high school presenters. An all-girl band from Madison's School of Rock will play a lunchtime concert, and a Zumba mini-class will close out the day. A parents-only workshop, "Whose Phone Is It Anyway?" will run from 10:30 to 11:30, and is included in the registration fee.

Shoreline Girls United's previous two events have been quite successful, reaching nearly 100 local girls with messages of empowerment and selfconfidence. One Guilford participant shared this review about last year's conference:

"*At school, in public, we are worried about looking good and being the* way girls are supposed to be. During Shoreline Girls United, we can be strong, powerful, and whoever we want to be. We learn to feel like we have a voice, and that no one can tell us how we're supposed to act as girls. We bond, and meet new people, and make new friends who will stand by us. Here we become stronger and braver, and ready to face the world."

Shoreline Girls United is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls from Shoreline towns. Guilford Youth & Family Services is the event's primary sponsor, with additional support from Guilford DAY and MADE in Madison, as well as many local businesses.

To register for Shoreline Girls United, call GY&FS at 203-453-8047. The conference is Saturday, April 30th from 10am to 3pm. A registration fee of \$20 includes lunch and a gift bag. Space is limited...register soon!



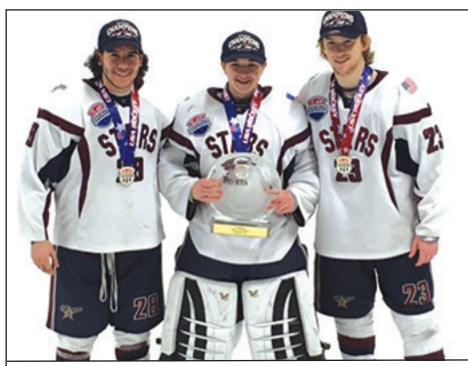
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NORTH BRANFORD BOYS COMPETE IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. The Southern Connecticut midget majors won 3-1 in the USA hockey tier 2 National Championships which took place in Buffalo, NY. Pictured above are Mark Russo, Will McEwen and Tanner Opie.



Thursday, April 28th Dine in or Take out Just mention you are supporting the North Branford softball team!

Good riddance to Old Man Winter

Potholes. Cold starts. Road salt. Winter's terrible trio put quite a beating on your car. Some problems don't start until well after that last snowflake melts away. Which is why we offer a free 21-point spring maintenance inspection along with our \$49.95 alignment check. Call today to schedule an appointment - let's put Old Man Winter in the rearview mirror.

Girls Get Together for NCAA Tournament

North Branford Middle School Girl's Basketball Coach Chris Manner along with Assistant Coach Ed Alfveby hosted an Elite Eight basketball party on March 28th at Club Napoli in Northford. The coaches wanted the girls to be able to watch the NCAA Regional finals as a team and decided that the *big screen* at Club Napoli was just the right place in our town to house the event. The athletes and their families enjoyed a family –style pasta dinner provided by Dante's Restaurant and the girls each brought desserts and beverages to share. All in all, it was a well-attended and spirited evening. Special thanks to Gigi Garofano for his generosity in opening his doors and supporting our young athletes in the community. Go Huskies! Go North Branford!



North Branford Boys Track & Field

The North Branford High School Boys Track & Field Team traveled to New Haven to compete in a Shoreline Conference Meet against Lyme Old Lyme, Hale Ray and Hyde.

Many of the athletes qualified for both the Shoreline Conference Championship and Class M State Championship in the meet. The team captains this year are Richard Hernandez and Frank Laudano.

The following athletes swept all the teams at the meet by taking 1st place in their respective event; Jacob Marshall (200 Meters – 25.2), Jason Alaska (300 Meters Intermediate Hurdles – 52.05, Javelin – 87'10"), Sydney Franklin (Triple Jump – 31'11") and Michael Rabuffo (High Jump – 5'2"). Taking 2nd place against all three teams were Frank Laudano (200 Meters – 26.2), Sydney Franklin (High Jump – 4'10") and Jacob Marshall (Long Jump – 14'9"). Placing 1st against two of the teams and 2nd against the other was Jason Alaska in the100 Meter Dash – 11.82. Michael Rabuffo placed 2nd against two of the teams and 1st against the other in the 400 Meters – 58.3. Jacob Marshall placed 2nd against two of the teams and 3rd against the other in the 100 Meter Dash – 12.19.

Other athletes scoring points against two out of the three teams were Michael Odell (200 Meters – 27.3), Richard Hernandez (1600 Meters – 5:39, 3200 Meters – 12:04) and Austin Gibilisco (400 Meters – 59.8, High Jump – 4'6").

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Youth Activities

Youth Conditioning Camp

For rising 1st - 8th graders, this comprehensive training program is designed to meet the needs and potential of the youth athlete. Work with coaches from a variety of sports to build: Strength, Endurance, Flexibility, Agility, Confidence, Focus, Discipline, Self-respect Session 1: July 18-22 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. M, W, F Session 2: July 25-29 M, W, F 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$50 for one week of camp \$75 for full two weeks of camp. Register for both sessions the same time

British Soccer Camp

June 27-July 1. Learn UK Football from the source! British soccer coaches here in North Branford to teach fundamentals and advanced foot work and other skills.

9.00 - 10.00 a m First Kickers Camp (3-4yrs) \$96 resident/\$101 nr Mini-Soccer Camp (5-6 yrs) 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$110 resident/\$115 nr 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Half-Day Camp (7-14 yrs) \$148 resident/\$153 nr Full Day Camp 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (7-14yrs) \$204 resident/\$209 nr

Pre-School Karate

Who: Ages 3 - 5 April 16 - May 7 Session I: June 11 - July 9 Session II: Saturdays, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Time: Where: Tom Smith's Chinese Kempo Academy Fee: \$45 res/ \$50 nr

Children's Karate

Who: Ages 6 - 9 Session I: April 16 - May 7 June 11 - July 9 **Session II:** Saturdays, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Time: Tom Smith's Chinese Kempo Academy Where: \$45 resident / \$50 non-resident Fee:

Youth Brazilian Jiu Jitzu

Who: Ages 10 - 15 April 16 - May 7 Session I: June 11 - July 9 Session II: Saturday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Time:

Learn to Sing Who:

Session: Time: Where: Fee: Ballet & Tap Who: Session I: **Session II:** Time: Where:

Ages 6 - 14 May 5 - June 9 (6wks) Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. STW Community Center \$35 res / \$40 nr

Ages 3 - 6 May 7 - June 11 (5wk) \$25res/\$40nr June 25 - July 16 (4wk) \$20res/\$25nr Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m STW Community Center

Family Activities

Archery Beginner Who: Session: Time: Where: Fee: **Archery Intermediate** Who: Session: Time: Where: Fee: Learn to Play Guitar Who: Session: Time: Where: Fee:

Ages 8 - 14 April 27 - June 1 Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. STW Community Center \$45 res/\$50 nr

Ages 10 - Adult April 27 - June 1 Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. STW Community Center \$45 res/\$50 nr

Ages 7- Adult May 5 - June 9 Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. STW Community Center \$35 res/\$40 nr

Adult Activities

Dog Obedience Class Who: Day: Session: Time: Where: Fee:

16 +Mondays April 25-May 23 (5 weeks) 6:30-7:30p North Farms Park, RT 139 \$45 resident/ \$50 non-resident

Bus Trips

Bronx Zoo. Saturday, May 21 Cost: \$70 resident / \$75 non-resident New York Botanical Garden Saturday, May 21 Cost: \$65 resident / \$70 non-resident

Eat the Big Apple, Saturday, June 11, 2016 Cost: \$55 resident/\$60 non-resident

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Activities throughout the week days Hot Lunch available Monday - Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3

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Where:	Tom Smith's Chinese I	Kempo Academy	the beautiful campus international tree collection. We will stop at a local		
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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are wecome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook.Our website is <u>www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com</u>

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or http://standrewsnorthford.orgWe are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford,

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

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 &10am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

St. Ambrose Ladies Guild Spring Crafts

St. Ambrose Ladies Guild (formerly St. Monica's Rosary Society) will be sponsoring the Northford Handcrafters' Guild Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Monica's Church, Rt 17 in Northford.

The show will feature handcrafted items by local artisans. There will be a bake table and breakfast and lunch will be available. Tables are available. For information call Lucille (203) 484-9737.

St. Frances Cabrini Women's Club Bus Trip

St. Frances Cabrini Women's Club is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Sunday, May 1st. Bus will leave from St. Frances Cabrini Parking Lot at 10AM at 57 Pond Hill Rd North Haven CT.

Tickets are on sale now! \$40 per person. You get \$15 back in slot play and a \$15 food voucher. Please come and support our Women's Club!

Call to reserve your seat at 203-239-5700 parish office or Nancy at 203-239-3370

Mother's Day Weekend Flower & Bake Sale

Northford Congregational Church will have a Mother's Day weekend flower and bake sale to benefit the church. The flower sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., May 6 & 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bake sale will be held on Sat., May 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the flowers will be sold inside the church

Atwater Library Welcomes Scholar Ann Neumann



Breakwater Books and Comfort Keepers of Guilford welcome journalist and scholar, Ann Neumann, for a reading and signing of her book, *The Good Death: An Exploration of Dying in America*, on Wednesday, April 27th at 7PM at the Atwater Memorial Library, 1720 Foxon Road, North Branford. Death in the United States has become an institution. Since the turn of the nineteenth century, law, religion, and the medical industry all have heavily influenced the current culture of death and dying in America. Yet the way we talk about dying—from

hospice care to the funeral business, from the debate over physician-assisted suicide to grief centers—and the way we die are two very different things. Now, in *The Good Death: An Exploration of Dying in America*, journalist Ann Neumann draws on over six years of research and hospice volunteer work to answer the question, "is it possible to have a good death?" Overwhelmed by the death of her father from non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, Neumann seeks to understand the reality of death and why so many dying people are "misunderstood, ignored, underserved, and ill informed." To look past the romance of death, often represented in pop culture such as in The Notebook as "noble, beautiful, or peaceful," means to strip away its sentimentality, she argues. But the medical community's conduct around death, Neumann notes, "continues to shield us from what we want to know—and what we would benefit from knowing."

The Library Journal writes, "Readers seeking a refreshing examination of an ever-changing singular human experience will appreciate this concise and accessible volume that combines curiosity, modernity, and compassion."

Ann Neumann is a journalist who has written for the New York Times, Bookforum, The Guardian, Guernica (where she is a contributing nonfiction editor), and others. Her monthly column, "The Patient Body," about issues at the intersection of religion and medicine, appears at The Revealer, a publication of the Center for Religion and Media at New York University, where she is a Visiting Scholar.

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

Reserve your spot at The Animal Haven's Annual Giant Tag Sale!

The Tag Sale will be held on Saturday May 21 2016 (rain date May 22) from 8:30 AM until 1 PM on the North Haven Town Green. To reserve your space get an application on the website <u>http://</u> www.theanimalhaven.com/events/ or email chriskat32@aol.com Donated items will be accepted on the day of the sale by 8 AM. Larger items such as furniture must be picked up if they do not sell. Volunteers needed for clean-up at 1 PM. All proceeds are benefit the Animal Haven. The Animal Haven is a no-kill shelter whose mission is to provide a temporary, safe, caring and humane refuge for homeless, adoptable cats and dogs, and to subsequently place those animals in quality, adoptive permanent homes. The Animal Haven is a private, nonprofit, 501(c) (3) charitable organization serving the greater New Haven area since 1948.

North Branford Memorial Day Parade 2016

social hall downstairs.

All are welcome to attend Sunday worship on Mother's Day and every Sunday at 10 a.m.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Email: <u>ncchurch@snet.net</u>. Website: <u>www.northfordcongregationalchurch.</u> <u>com</u>. Like us on Facebook.

Message From the Other Side To Benefit Animal Haven

"Messages From The Other Side" with Psychic Spirit Medium Lisa Lanno will take place on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm at the Corinthian Masonic Lodge, 30 Church St, North Haven, CT. Enjoy 2 hours of Spirit Connections along with an "Ask a Psychic Question" segment. Tickets are \$30 (advance sales recommended due to space limitations). All proceeds benefit The Animal Haven. This event includes raffles, featuring a Full Tarot Reading (from Lisa), and light refractments to purchase tickets. Contact Words, at events

and light refreshments to purchase tickets, Contact Wendy at <u>events@</u>, <u>theanimalhaven.com</u> or 203-249-7355

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Northford section of town. The Post #8294 Veterans of Foreign Wars extends an invitation to everyone who wishes to march on that day. The groups will form at St. Monica's Church on Middletown Avenue, Northford at 9:00 a.m. The parade line will start at 9:30 a.m. and step off down Route 17 at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The parade line will proceed north on Route 17/Middletown Avenue to the monument at the Northford Village Green.

Interested groups should contact Gina Cox, Town Manager's office 203-484-6000 or email address: <u>executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com</u> with your information so they can be included in the parade lineup. RSVP by Friday, May 20, 2016, or earlier. We look forward to another successful year.

Women's Club Military Whist

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

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

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If you are interested in participating please contact the Chrysalis Center by calling 1-860-263-4400 or by email to Robert Michalman, Program Manager at <u>rmichalman@chrysaliscenter.org</u>

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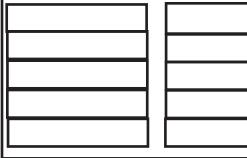
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The Agency on Aging offers Choice Counselors, the Counselors will assist you with choosing the best Medicare D plan. Choices Counselors can be reached by calling 203-785-8533.

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD OFFICE OF ASSESSOR - DAVID AMBROSE

ELDERLY RENTER & TOTALLY DISABLED PROGRAMS

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

Income limits for calendar year 2015 cannot exceed \$42,900 for a married couple or \$35,200 for a single person. Please bring all forms of income and expenses (rent, heat & electricity) to the Assessors' Office, Town Hall, Monday - Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. April 1 through October 1, 2016. (P)203-484-6013 - (F)203-484-6025

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SOCIAL SECURITY "FILE AND SUSPEND" ENDS

Spouses lucrative benefits for Social Security claiming strategy ends after April 29, 2016.

The File and Suspend strategy allowed a worker to file for Social Security benefits and then suspend them. The benefits of this strategy allowed the spouse or children to begin to receive benefits while the worker continued to earn retirement credits. After April 29, 2016, the worker can still continue to file and suspend but spouses and children cannot receive benefits during the suspension. The exception is a divorced spouse. The second strategy, Claim Now, Claim More Later, allowed a spouse at full retirement age to choose between spousal benefits and their own benefits. As of this year, if you were not 62 years of age by January 2, 2016 you do not get to choose and switch. You may choose to take the higher benefit, but you cannot take spousal benefits and switch to your own later. If you are 66 years of age or older before April 29, 2016, you should decide if you want to File and Suspend. If you do not file and suspend before April 29, 2016, your spouse will not be able to collect spousal benefits unless you are also receiving benefits. You can contact Social Security Administration by calling 1-800-772-1213 or visiting the web site at <u>www.ssa.gov</u>.

RESIDENTS SEEKING OPIOD TREATMENT

The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is offering a 24 hour toll free number that will provide resources to treatment, services, and walk in assessment centers for the treatment of opioid addiction.

Residents can call 1-800-563-4086, 24 hours a day to connect them to a walk in assessment center in the area. Once at the assessment center, you will be evaluated for the best course of treatment and services as well as any insurance issues. Trained staff will help you make the connection and problem solve any barrier you may encounter.

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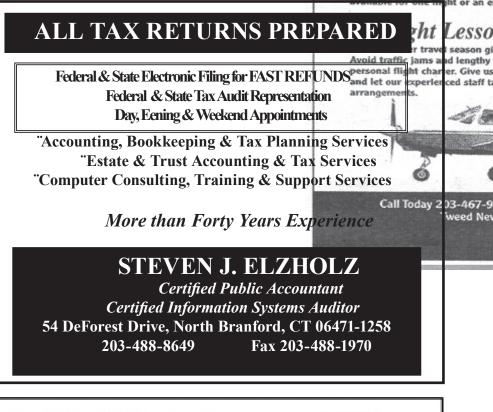
Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805 *Awards check to Boy Scout Troop 805*



L-R Front: Sons & Daughters of Italy member Gale Iannone; Troop Master Todd Richards; Eagle Scout Anthony Amendola; Scout Matteo Onofrio. Rear: Troop Master Michael Amendola; Sons & Daughters of Italy member Gary Takach.

On May 9, 2015, the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, held their 2nd Annual Comedy Night. For their part in helping serve dinner that night, Gale Iannone, Comedy Night chairperson, donates check from Lodge 2805 to the North Haven Boy Scout Troup 805.

On May 21, 2016, the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, will hold their 3rd Annual Comedy Night at the Wallingford Elks Club. Enjoy a seated chicken dinner and entertainment by professional comedians RC Smith, Pete Michaels and Billy Winn. A donation from the proceeds of this event will go to Fisher House CT. The Fisher House Foundation builds and maintains long term residential facilities near military hospitals nationwide. The families of seriously injured soldiers need a place to stay during the long rehabilitation process. A Fisher House is being built next to the West Haven VA Hospital for families of wounded Connecticut veterans undergoing rehabilitation. For more information on this project go to <u>www.fisherhousect.org</u>. Comedy Night info: doors open 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm, show at 8:30pm. Reservations only. \$45 per person. Call Gale Iannone 203-239-0454.



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Name the Library Cat

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries are sponsoring "Name the Library Cat" and we need your assistance in naming him. We picked five favorite cat names: Dewey, Tolkien, Charlie, Seuss and Leo, based on authors and other literary factors. Be sure to fill out a form at the library and make your vote count. Forms are available at each of the Town libraries and the winning name will be announced on Tuesday, May 3rd.

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North Branford Cookbook Club

German food was this month's meeting at the North Branford Cookbook Club. Exploring Betty Wason's "The Art of German Cooking," members prepared and discussed wonderful creations of the region. Bread Soup Franconian style, based on a tangy pumpernickel was followed by Pork Chops with sour cream sauce, Rhineland Style Sauerbraten, Cabbage cooked in white wine, Red Beet Salad, Dill Potato salad, Caraway Cheese Noodle Ring, Apple Pancakes and a four layer Mocha Nut Torte. Talk about good!!

The Cookbook Club meets monthly at the Atwater Library. New members would be great. Stop by to sign up and expand your menu. Next month's selection is Betty Crocker's International Cookbook which looks amazing. All cookbooks are available to review in the library or to check out.



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