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Troop 453 - Super Troop

At BSA Camp Sequassen in New Hartford, North Branford Troop 453 was awarded Super Troop 2016 for being the troop that displayed the best organization, preparation, Scout Spirit, scout skills and participation throughout camp. They also earned Gold Standard, Honor Troop and Honor Patrol and placed first in the camp-wide Land and Sea Games.

In photograph from left to right, (first row) William Seward, Charles Langlan, Josh Chittenden, Zechariah Smith, (second row) Zach Chittenden, Michael Prodoti, Senior Patrol Leader Chris Candelora, Connor Boughton, Jonathan Boughton, Logan Colberg, (third row) Asst. Scoutmaster Carl Ford, Randy Chittenden, Scoutmaster Vincent Candelora, Ed Boughton Russ Amato. Missing from Photo: Zach Smith, Tommy Candelora, Zach Abbagnaro, Patrick Grant, Anthony and Andrew Selitto, Nick Olsen, Jason Ash, and Griffin Geist.

A Beautiful Night for Fireworks at the North Branford Potato & corn Festival



PHOTOS BY ANTHONY CANDELORA

Rep. Candelora Achieves 100% Voting Record

Legislator Maintains Perfect Roll Call Voting Record for 2016 Session

HARTFORD — Deputy Republican Leader Vincent Candelora (R-86) this year achieved a perfect record during the 2016 legislative session.

Candelora, was present and voted for all 313 votes taken on the state House floor during the 2016 session, according to voting record data released today by the House Clerk's Office. Perfect attendance is very difficult to achieve, with only about 32% of legislators able to do so this year.

"I take great pride in representing the people of the 86th District," said **Rep. Candelora**. "I'm honored to be the voice of the people of Durham, North Branford, Guilford and Wallingford and I look forward to advocating on their behalf this upcoming session. I will continue to vote for what is most beneficial to my constituents and our communities."

Candelora serves on the legislature's Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Judiciary, Public Health and Regulations Review Committees. Candelora also serves as the Chair of the Screening Committee.

For an overview of legislation passed this year, visit the Office of Legislative Research website: https://www.cga.ct.gov/olr/Documents/year/MA/2016MA-20160610_Major%20Acts%20for%202016.pdf.

The next regular session of the legislature will convene in January 2017.

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



Publication Date	Deadline
August 26	August 19
September 9	September 2
September 23	September 16
October 7	September 30
October 21	October 14
November 4	October 28
November 18	November 11

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Back to School

Family Talk About Drinking

Dear Editor:

Helping teens make good choices is as simple as starting a conversation, and back-to-school is an ideal time for parents to talk about avoiding peer pressure to drink underage. Research shows that parents are the greatest influence on teens. Exercising that influence by actively listening and holding their teens accountable for decisions about underage drinking is something that parents should be encouraged to do. Asking open-ended questions gets teens thinking about what they would do when and if they're offered a drink – and the potential consequences.

Dichello Distributors, Inc. wants to remind parents about the Anheuser-Busch *Family Talk About Drinking* program, a free parent guide and Facebook community designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and their children to help prevent underage drinking. Programs like this one, paired with education and effective law enforcement, are essential to reducing underage drinking.

Remember, it's our collective responsibility to help prevent underage drinking. For more information, please visit [Facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk](https://www.facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk).

Sincerely, Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
Dichello Distributors, Inc. Orange CT.

Send a Return Envelope Please

Dear Editor:

I think we can all agree, North Branford is a very nice town. We all know taxes are a way of life and we have to pay them. It seems as though North

Branford does a pretty good job budgetwise.

We don't see out Town Council members driving around in town owned Cadillacs or Porches,

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Sincerely, Johnathan Mix



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“Get a Glove, Get in the Game”

Dear Editor;

In 1966 my first job “over the table” paid \$1.25 an hour. The hourly wage was nice but more importantly I began participating in the greatest social compact of the 20th century for our country, what is commonly known as Social Security. I’m scheduled to receive my first check from Social Security in July. It’s been a long wait of fifty years and well worth it.

The reason for this letter is the concern that my son and daughter along with everybody’s successive generations may well have a different experience than me. I know that they are currently paying their F.I.C.A. taxes. What isn’t known is whether the benefits I expect to begin receiving next month will be the same benefits they receive if they are as fortunate as me regarding health and overall work history.

Our next President will have to demonstrate an unparalleled sense of leadership followed by a committed Congress to enact the sensible reforms required to upgrade and save the current system.

This is one issue that 97% of the citizenry are directly impacted by. It’s in everybody’s families’ interest to make sure social security is restored to a sound foundational footing. It is a complex problem that has many different proposals for solution. Finding the right combination is not something to be deferred. The clock is ticking. Please contact your Senator or member of the House of Representatives and express your concerns. Get a glove, get in the game.

Thank you
Michael Sopchak

State Representative Vincent Candelora

Connecticut’s Watchdog Agencies in Jeopardy



Ten years ago Connecticut created the “clean elections” program which created an independent branch in government to investigate election law violations. The Freedom of Information Commission, which is charged with making sure government complies with

open government and the State Ethics Commission, which addresses ethics violations, are in jeopardy along with our Elections Enforcement Commission. Beginning with his first budget in 2011, Governor Malloy has targeted these three agencies and has tried to eliminate their fiscal independence as watchdog agencies.

For the third time in six years, the Governor is again trying to make cuts to these agencies’ budgets which will cripple their ability to do their job. When Democrats passed the budget, they gave the governor authority to cut \$68.8 million from the \$20 billion state budget. This authority allows the governor to make unilateral budget decisions, a measure that is unprecedented. As a result, he is free to effectively change policy and reprioritize spending without any approval. He again has chosen to target these agencies who have investigated his administration in the past for ethics and election violations.

The administration is cutting \$42,549 from the Office of State Ethics, \$44,442 from the Freedom of Information Commission, and \$96,032 from the State Elections Enforcement Commission. While these cuts don’t produce much savings and seems like small numbers, the agencies have already endured significant cuts. They claim the cuts would violate a state law passed in 2004 in the last days of an ethically challenged administration to maintain the independence of the watchdogs and will cripple them from functioning.

The governor’s proposed cuts raise eyebrows because his administration is in the middle of two high-profile cases. One involving the State Ethics Agency who is expected to rule on whether Insurance Commissioner Katharine L. Wade must recuse herself from the Anthem-Cigna merger and the second involves the Democratic Party fundraising improprieties in support of Malloy’s re-election. The latter case is now under federal grand jury investigation.

It is curious that in order to save \$200,000 in a budget of \$20 billion, Governor Malloy opens himself up to serious criticism. Sadly, I believe it demonstrates how vindictive this governor is. He is willing to expend what political capital he has left in order to get even with agencies that have had to sanction his administration. Ultimately, I blame the Democrats in the legislature for this mess. They never should have handed over their budget authority for the governor to make unilateral decisions that changes Connecticut’s policies and priorities. We are seeing the impacts to the state parks, now we are seeing the impacts to good government. What’s next?

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

A lot of my clients are very concerned with avoiding probate. Many people believe that as long as they have a valid Will, they can avoid Probate. This is exactly the opposite of what actually happens when you die with a Will.

A Will is often called "a ticket to Probate." If you really want to avoid the time, expense and public nature of the Probate process, a Will always falls short of the mark.

Many people look to Revocable Living Trusts to avoid probate. Probate is the process of removing a decedent's name from property and assets that person owned when they were alive. So, it follows that if your name is not on any property or assets when you die- there is no need for probate. Revocable Living Trusts help people to do just that.

A Revocable Living Trust acts as a legal container that holds property for the benefit of the beneficiary of the Trust, who is usually a person, an institution or a charity. Trusts are legal agreements between three different parties: The Grantor (sometimes called a Trustmaker or Settlor) who establishes the Trust, the Trustee who administers the Trust, and the beneficiary, who receives some sort of benefit (usually income) from the Trust.

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Revocable Living Trusts are a great method of avoiding probate and the costs, lack of privacy and time associated with probating an estate. By using a Revocable Living Trust you can put your assets into your beneficiary's hands in days instead of months, minimize the cost of transferring the assets, and do so privately.

If you would like to learn more about how Revocable Living Trusts work to avoid probate, and minimize estate taxes, please call my office at 203-234-7400 to set up a complementary estate planning appointment.

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

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WIT & WISDOM

The recent threatened invasion of the gypsy moth that caused much concern and brought back memories of the miles of leafless trees in the 80ties, which brought back memories of my year in the 20ties and a similar devastation by the Tent Caterpillar. While probable most of you have seen an occasional Tent Caterpillar hanging in a tree an invasion of more than a few here and there are a rare occasion and raises no concern.

I remember as a child seeing an invasion of Tent Caterpillars. While not as completely devastating as the Gypsy Moth, but nearly so, they made a not to be forgotten, memories of seeing what seemed to be trees virtually covered with tents as one rode thru the countryside. Remember this was years before the age of pesticides and caused much concern as to the survival of our trees.

Those having commercial fruit growing operations, as did my parents, went through the trees gathering the tents on their first appearance and removed them into bags and burned them. The other trees were left to their fate, but someone came up with an idea that proved an amazing success. The eggs of the Tent Caterpillar were encapsulated in hard scabs, my best description, on the smaller limbs and easily recognized.

Someone came up with the idea of having the school children gather these egg clusters, bring them to school, where each child's harvest was counted and the one whose collection was the most fruitful was rewarded with some simple award. With every boy carrying a pocket knife it was a simple operation to scrape the cluster off or if need be, cut the sector of the branch involved. So fascinated were we all with this opportunity to help nature and save our trees it became more important to get out of school than studying and we couldn't wait for the dismissal bell. With every child wandering far and wide gathering their clusters it must have worked for the Tent Caterpillar infestation soon died and since has never been a concern. Of course the advent of insecticide and pesticide spraying had much to do with that.

How much more exciting was my one mile walk home, scanning each tree on the way, than today's children's cooped in a crowded school bus.

My recent articles on spraying with Potassium Carbonate (baking power) and fertilizing with Sea 90 minerals and bagging fruit in the Farm Show publication, probably the most widely circulated Farm Journal published in the hundreds of thousands, resulted in calls from as far away as Ontario, Canada, Illinois, Pennsylvania. Even a fellow in Bayside, Long Island wants to ride up to meet me. I told him he had better call first less my ashes are all he will see.

With Farm Show a misnomer, since there is information pertinent to every sector of our society, even you, I hope to do an article on it that will prove helpful to all of you.

Alton Eliason

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TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Assessment Appeals of the Town of North Branford will meet on the following date and time to perform its statutory duty to consider motor vehicle appeals on the 2015 grand list:

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BOWLING FOR BOWELS TO FIND CURES FOR INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

*The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Take Steps Kickoff
Celebration Sunday, August 14*

Take Steps is a family friendly community walk dedicated to raising mission critical funds and awareness for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis – two painful, debilitating inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) that affect 1 in 200 Americans, including 80,000 children nationwide.

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America will be hosting a Kickoff Celebration for our walk season on Sunday, August 14 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at AMF Circle Lanes, 525 Main Street, in East Haven. Join us for bowling, fun, refreshments, camaraderie and hear what we have planned for the 2016 walk. The Kickoff is free to attend but RSVP's are required. Please RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/TakeStepsKickOff16>.

Over 300 walkers are expected to participate in the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Connecticut Shoreline Take Steps Walk on Saturday, October 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford Fairgrounds. Registration and the festival for the CT Shoreline Walk start at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:15 a.m. To learn more about the walk, visit www.cctakesteps.org/ctshoreline2016.

The Shoreline Take Steps Walk is sponsored by AbbVie, Takeda, Connecticut GI, Gastroenterology Center of Connecticut and Pfizer. For more information on how to get involved with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Shoreline Take Steps Walk please visit www.cctakesteps.org/ctshoreline2016 or contact Mary Kate Doherty at 203-376-4336 or mkdoherty@ccfa.org.

About Take Steps

Take Steps is the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's national walk program. These walks raise funds for critical research and increase awareness of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, painful and unpredictable digestive diseases. Thousands of people will gather this year at 120 Take Steps walks nationwide to join the fight against Crohn's and colitis. The walks are family friendly festivals with activities for everyone including games, music, and great food. Funds raised through Take Steps will help transform the lives of those impacted by these diseases, and support CCFA's critical research, education, and patient support programs. Walk with us today: get started at www.cctakesteps.org.

About Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are painful, medically incurable illnesses that attack the digestive system. Crohn's disease may attack anywhere from the mouth to the anus, while ulcerative colitis inflames only the large intestine (colon). Symptoms may include abdominal pain, persistent diarrhea, rectal bleeding, fever and weight loss. Many patients require hospitalization and surgery. These illnesses can cause severe complications, including colon cancer in patients with long-term disease. Some 1.6 million American adults and children suffer from Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, with as many as 80,000 under the age of 18. Most people develop the diseases between the ages of 15 and 35.

About the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) is the largest voluntary non-profit health organization dedicated to finding cures for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD). CCFA's mission is to cure Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and to improve the quality of life of children and adults who suffer from these diseases. The Foundation works to fulfill its mission by funding research, providing educational resources for patients and their families, medical professionals, and the public, and furnishing supportive services for those afflicted with IBD. For more information, visit www.ccfa.org, call 888-694-8872, join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ccfab and www.facebook.com/ccfatakesteps, or follow CCFA and Take Steps on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ccfa and www.twitter.com/takesteps.

Summer is not over yet! Take a Hike!

Rockfall, CT (August, 2016) – Looking for something new and different to do before summer comes to an end? Get outside with one of these special CFPA Rambles.

CFPA Rambles is a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA), designed to bring people, fun, and the outdoors together. Led by trained volunteer CFPA Ramble Guides, these FREE, engaging outings are offered at trails around the state every month throughout the year. Each CFPA Ramble is designed to show the people of Connecticut how easy and enjoyable a Ramble can be and to feature many different outdoor opportunities.

DURHAM – CFPA Ramble – Family Hike

Wednesday, August 24. 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mica Ledges Join us for a fun, 2.5-mile, mildly strenuous, family hike. We will enjoy these beautiful woods, look at interesting flora and fauna, stop at a serene lake, and enjoy the view from the mica-studded rock outcroppings for which the area is named. This trail has some steep sections and parents will need to keep a careful watch on their children. Please wear hiking shoes and bring plenty of water. Please register by contacting the leader (contact information can be found below). Once you register the leader will email you additional information & directions where to meet. Lisa is certified by American Red Cross in Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR.

This free outing is jointly sponsored by Everyone Outside, and the CFPA Ramble program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA). Pre-registration is recommended. Contact CFPA Ramble Guide Lisa at lisa@everyoneoutside.org or (860) 338-1892 to register and/or with questions. Visit <http://www.ctwoodlands.org/CFPA-Events> or www.everyoneoutside.org for more details.

Manchester – CFPA Ramble – Highland Park History Hike

Sat, August 27. 1:00 9.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mica Ledges Come learn about the history of the Highland Park area and the Case Brothers National Historic District while visiting properties protected by the Manchester Land Conservation Trust.

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BOYS 1 MILE RACE WINNER ANTONIO NERO.



GIRLS 1 MILE RACE WINNER - KRISTINA PONZIO



WOMEN'S 5 K WINNER AMY WOZNYK



MEN'S 5K WINNER SEAN MCMASTER

Seniors Learn About Home Energy

Recently, United Illuminating (UI), through the Energize Connecticut Initiative, conducted tours of the Energize Connecticut Center for seniors from the North Branford Senior Center. Participants received free transportation to and from the Energize Connecticut Center, an interactive resource center in North Haven.

They participated in a variety of hands-on activities, where they learned about Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs, the Home Energy Solutions program and the impact it can have on their monthly energy bill, how to reduce the energy consumption of their appliances, and much more. At the completion of the event, guests enjoyed a healthy lunch were provided a gift bag with energy-saving information and a free LED to start, or continue, their path to energy efficiency. UI, a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc., and Eversource Energy jointly administer the center, which is funded by a line item on Connecticut utility bills.



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Tentative Schedule:

Tuesday, August 23rd

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AUDITORIUM

9:00-9:30 Welcome/School Promotional Video

9:40-10:15 NBHS Student Panel- Discuss various areas of school life, opportunity for questions

10:20-11:20 Meet with student mentors, distribution of schedules with room numbers/teachers, tour school & assistance with high school layout, PBIS and bullying prevention

11:30-noon Lunch- Hot Dogs/Beverages provided for Students AND Parents
Pick-up at the Auditorium entrance area

All parents/guardians of incoming freshman students will be mailed additional information.

North Branford Land Conservation Trust Art Contest

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. is conducting its second annual art contest.

Do you have a favorite outdoor scene in North Branford or plant or animal, you'd like to paint or draw? Well, if you do, please complete an entry form and include that with your original artwork and send to NBLCT, Inc., P.O. Box 378, North Branford, CT 06471. All entries must be postmarked by November 7, 2016.

There are 4 age categories: Adult (age 19 and over), Teenage (ages 13-18), Youth (ages 9-12), and Grammar (ages 5-8).

Prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded for First, Second, and Third Place for each age category. That's a total of \$600 in prizes.

You can find entry forms, including contest rules, on the Land Trust's website (www.nblandtrust.org), at the Town Libraries, Town Hall, in all North Branford Schools, and at various businesses around North Branford.

A special thank you to the North Branford Schools' Art Teachers who are helping to promote this endeavor in our schools.

Also, a second thank you to town businesses and individuals who have made donations for the prizes.

Wilbur Cross Class of '58 Reunion

Wilbur Cross High School Class of 1958 is holding it's 58th reunion. Sunday, Oct.2,2016. Contact Dorothy Ozols at 203 214-1057 or ozdort48@sbcglobal.net ior Pat Franco 203 484-4573 or rjfbaseball@gmail.com.



10U Team takes Silver in Seabreeze Tournament

The North Branford boys got off to a shaky start by losing their first 3 games in this post season Little League tournament. But with the help of their coach Pete Ramada who continued to preach confidence, they came back bringing on the heat to win the next 4 straight games with a combined score of 43-28. This bringing them into the Championship Game against North Haven.

The Tournament was made up of teams from North Branford, North Haven, Branford and Essex.

Photo above: back row left to right; Head Coach Pete Ramada, Assistant Coaches Dave D'Onofrio, Jeff Allen, Lou Trindaide, and Glenn Chasonoff

Back row from left to right; David D'Onofrio, Pj Ramada, Caleb Allen, Ryan Chasonoff, Josh Kazinsky, Robert Dolzani, Cj Sherwood. Front row from left to right; Michael Trindaide, Jack Monde, Jose Cartagena, Nick Batista. Not pictured is Michael Riordan.

Photo and story submitted by Joya Dolzani.

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Shoreline Sting - More than just a Game



On 7/12/2016, The Shoreline Sting 14u Gold Team was notified of 2 tragedies in the softball community. One was of an 18u female player on Force (a New York based team) that had committed suicide while the other was of a traumatic brain injury sustained by a 14u female player of Team Nitro (another New York based team). It was undecided if Team Nitro 14u would attend the tournament in East

Hartford & play in her honor. The 18u Force team declined to attend the tourney & grieve privately. The staff, players & families all participated in purchasing bracelets that the USSSA provided to each team with both team logo's. The staff & players of the Shoreline Sting 14u Gold team decided to try to honor the 14u injured player by ordering custom made batting helmet stickers that had the injured players initials (RS) & her jersey number (44) on the stickers.

At our practice on Friday evening (7/15/2016), the staff revealed the batting stickers to the team and all members requested to wear the stickers honoring **Rhionnan Scott #44**, on their Sting batting helmets. They placed the stickers above the left side ear hole.

On Saturday 7/16/2016, in between the Shoreline Sting 14u Gold team games, the players sought out Team Nitro 14u who was preparing to play on a nearby field. The members of the team, along with a few Coaches, walked down to the dugout of Team Nitro 14u and spoke to them briefly passing on our best wishes for a speedy recovery of their teammate & friend. We then presented them with the batting helmet stickers, for them to wear, if they chose. Members of Team Nitro 14u appeared to be very touched, along with the Coaches & parents who were nearby. The Team then placed the batting helmet stickers on their helmets before their game.

In today's uncertain world, it was a pleasure to observe these young ladies of the Shoreline Sting 14u Gold Team display their heartfelt compassion and love that can make all parents proud! They all recognized that softball is a game and that this matter, involved a life. These young ladies rose and thought of others before themselves. As a parent & a Coach, I could not be more **PROUD** of this team than I was at that moment. Whether we won or lost that day, was not as important as how these ladies touched another set of young ladies dealing, personally, with a traumatic situation. We were all met with a reality that it could be our team or one of us dealing directly with this tragedy.

Unfortunately, we received word that Rhionnan Scott passed away early Sunday morning (7/17/2016). Our Team members were shocked by the news that we shared with them but were glad that we provided Team Nitro 14u with our thoughts & prayers the day before. We unfortunately, were not able to get together with Team Nitro 14u before they departed but, they know that we are praying for all of them & their families. May God bless Team Nitro 14u & their community as we hope that Peace finds them soon.

Rest in Peace Rhionnan Scott.

Brent Aiken



On Saturday 7-30-16 at the start of our second game at the Stinger IX, Sting 14U Gold had a teammate get injured from a direct line drive within the dugout. She was taken to the Hospital for treatment and released a few hours later. She returned to fields to "cheer on" her teammates as they played the next 2 games. All of the girls were happy to see she was going to be alright. She sustained a concussion from the incident.

On Sunday, 7-31-16, all of her teammates were asking for her & how she was feeling? They were advised that she was resting but wanted to wish them all well! Sting 14U Gold won their first game and lost their second game.

On 8-1-16, while working a road job today I received a text from my wife and daughter about how special teammates are!! During the afternoon, some of my daughters teammates showed up unexpectedly today at our house and brought my daughter a treat/ "Insomnia cookies". It is this type of thoughtfulness and caring in this crazy world that continues to give me HOPE in the realization that so many good things happen on a daily basis. I was brought to tears thinking about the kindness that my daughter just received from her friends!! The character and love these players displayed towards their friend/teammate, goes to show us, parents, that our children listen to us and learned to be compassionate & caring to those in need.

We are truly grateful for these girls & their parents that raised them to be such thoughtful and caring people! We Love our Sting Gold family!!

(Left to Right - Kaylee Velez, Angelina Ramada, Abby Spivey, Brianna Raccio & Mairead Aiken)

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**To Our
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Potato Festival Committee

Karen Ablondi, Rose Angeloni, Kerry and Rob Brewster, Nina Burkhardt, Alison Caron, Kim Caron, Diane and Rich DeNardis, Anthony Esposito, Tracey Fair, Jackie and Franz Folz, Theresa and Rich Hammond, Rich Inzero, Ashley Joiner, Bill Merrick, Charlie Miller, Steve Onofrio, Elisa and Dennis Pannone, Floyd Parness, Lou Paternoster, Hank Petroskey, Cliff Potter, Mike Prodoti, Susan Sandar, David Sokoloff, Willie Taylor and Steve Torino

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**And to ALL the volunteers
that gave their time during the three days to help make this
an enjoyable event for all that attended.**

Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed all that the Festival had to offer!

We hope to see you in 2017!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank
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Evening Thimble Island Cruise and Lobster Bake

Friday, August 26. Cost: \$65 resident / \$70 non-resident

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The wonderful fashions will be presented by Carol's Creations of North Haven, Ct. The cost is \$35.00 per ticket with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism.

Please help us support this most worthy cause and have a fun time too. Please contact Regina at 203-376-8524 or sammyn24@hotmail.com for more information and tickets.

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

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Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email: ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. 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, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 9:00am. 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 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.

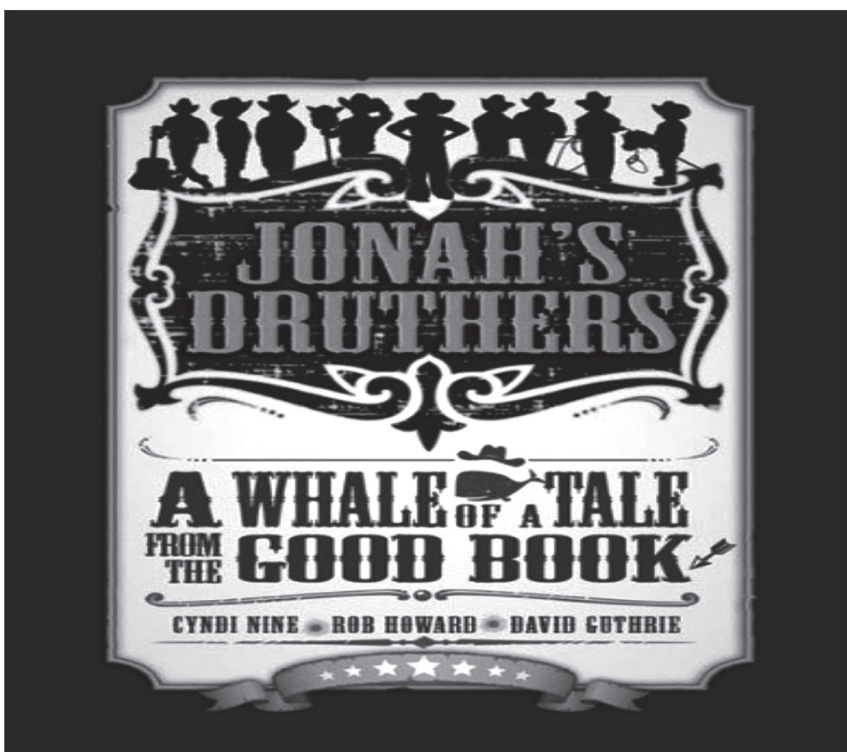
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Saint Ambrose Announces Kindergarten Class For Religious Education Program

St. Ambrose Parish is excited to announce that we have added a Kindergarten class to our Religious Education Program. Kindergarten classes will meet on Sunday mornings at 10a.m. at St. Monica Church in the Education Center, and will run from October-April.

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Every night is "Wristband Night," featuring unlimited rides for \$25. Well-known local singer Rich DiPalma will provide the musical entertainment on Wednesday, Aug. 10, and Friday, Aug. 12. A DJ will provide music on Thursday and Saturday evenings.

The six raffle prizes are: monetary prizes of \$1,500 and \$750; a \$250 ShopRite gift card; two \$250 gift cards from Forbes Premium Fuel; and a \$250 local restaurant gift certificate package. The raffle drawing take place Saturday, Aug. 13, at 9:30 p.m.; winners need not be present.

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North Branford Congregational Church "Be Our Guest"

The North Branford Congregational Church at 1680 Foxon Road, would like you to join us and "Be Our Guest" on August 27 from 12 noon to 5:00 pm for an Open House and an afternoon of fun in the sun. You will be able to tour our church and listen to its amazing past through our church historian.

If you get hungry there will be lots of BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers to eat and a large table of sweet tasting desserts. There will also be music and a bounce house for the kids.

Please join us for a day filled with fun as we say goodbye to summer.

Any questions please call the church office at 203.488.8456.

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Atwater Film Series begins August 25

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NARFE September Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6,

1:00 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Audrey Grove, Director, Masonicare Community Services and Social Accountability. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: www.narfe.org.

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Join the North Branford Women's Club

The North Branford Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club's founded in 1890. We are a volunteer group who donate our time and talents helping our community and surrounding towns. We are involved with the Veterans, Atwater Library Story Hour, Local Schools, Ronald McDonald House, Food Banks, Midnight Run, Battered Women, Local Fire and Police Departments, Scholarships, and more. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at the Zion Episcopal Church's Hall, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. The meetings start at 7:30 p.m. with a business meeting followed by a monthly program and refreshments. If you are new to North Branford, Northford, and surrounding areas, this would be a great opportunity to learn about our community and to meet other women. For additional information, please contact Carol at (203) 488-9603.

Branford MS Support Group

Date: August 17, 2016 (Wednesday)
Time: 5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.
Place: James Blackstone Library
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Branford, CT 06405
Contact Person: Cheryl @ 203-535-3053.
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THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that helped throughout the week preparing and wrapping over 5,000 potatoes!
And also to those that came and helped with the Senior Center Farm Themed Photo Booth.
We couldn't have done it without you!

TRIPS

Big Lots/Olive Garden

Friday, August 12, 2016

Let's spend the morning shopping and then head on over to Olive Garden for lunch! We will leave STW at 10:30 a.m. Come by the Senior Center to register, \$2 for transportation.

Aqua Turf – Grand Ole Opry

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Cost: \$45 resident/\$50 non-resident

Join us for a tribute to the **Grand Ole Opry!!** Featuring the return of Dave Colucci! Songs by singers you know and love: Hank Williams, Kenny Rogers, Glen Campbell, Patsy Cline and more! Joining Dave on stage will be the fabulous female country singer Judy Brinn, as well as Sarah the Fiddler and Ritchie's Country Wranglers Band! The meal includes: fresh fruit, pasta, chicken Katherine, meatloaf, broccoli, potato and peach cobbler.

Lenny & Joe's Fishtale – New Haven

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

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Dance Unlimited Celebrates Anniversaries

Dance Unlimited Center for the Performing Arts is proud to announce they are celebrating their 35th Anniversary Season of dance excellence.

Opening in Hamden in 1982 as a small recreational studio, Owner and Director, Janet Gambardella Bracale, has successfully grown the company into an Award Winning #1 Rated Dance Studio in Connecticut as voted by *Dancer Magazine*. Individually, Janet was proud to accept the honor of National Dance Teacher of the Year two years in a row.

Dance Unlimited's other accolades include being awarded the #1 Dance Studio in *Greater New Haven Living Magazine* for "Best Dance Lessons"; "Excellence in Jazz Studio" awarded by On Stage America at their Nationals competition this past week held in Cape May Courthouse, NJ; "National Overall Excellence Top Studio of 2015" from United States Tournament of Dance; "Best National Choreography" Awards on an ongoing basis.

Dance Unlimited is also the Official Choreographer for Sacred Heart Academy's Musicals held at the historic Shubert Theatre (musicals choreographed include "Carousel", "Showboat", "Singin' in the Rain", "West Side Story", and this year they are proud to announce they will be choreographing "The Little Mermaid" for SHA).

A member of Dance Masters of America, Dance Educator's of America, and the Dance Teacher's Club of CT. Janet's success can be attributed to her dedication to her students and the cultivation of their dance technique; her superbly dedicated and accredited staff as well as well known guest choreographers, such as Emmy Nominated Tap Choreographer, Anthony Morigerato, that she brings to the studio throughout the year to push her students to excel; and her relentless pursuit of excellence that she instills in all of her students.

Dance Unlimited offers classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Pointe, Hippidy Hoppidy, Contemporary, Acrobatics, Tumbling, Voice, Drama, and Stretch/Strength. Located at 2600 State Street in Hamden, and 19 South Main St in Branford, where their Director, Erica Martone has successfully brought that studio into its 10th Anniversary this season.

Erica is also a member of the Dance Masters of America and is certified by test to teach! Erica's charismatic personality, her connection to her students and pride she takes in her dance education, and degree in Sociology and Psychology combine to make her one of the areas most admired and most requested dance teachers.

Dance Unlimited welcomes students of all ages from Diaper Dancers (18 months) to Adults who would like to share their love for dance in an environment that fosters diversity, dance education, sportsmanship, self confidence and growth. Please visit our website at www.danceunlimitedct.com for information on registration.

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