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Chiropractic & Wellness Center Comes to Town

Mayor Anthony Candelora recently welcomed North Branford Family Chiropractic & Wellness Center to North Branford. The Center is run by Doctor Mark F. O'Loughlin and it is located at 2429 Foxon Road. Several friends and family members were on hand for the event. Picture above left to right; Robert Byrd, Juliana Candelora, Louise Byrd, Mayor Candelora, Doctor Mark, Stephanie Byrd and Jeremiah.

North Branford Education Foundation Looking for Board Members

The NBEF is an organization served by a board of community volunteers. The Foundation seeks to raise funds for initiatives that will enhance education in the schools, as well as within the broader community. To date, the Foundation has Given more than \$50,000 in grants and scholarships to help the youth in our community.

The Foundation meets 10 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30AM. Meetings are only an hour and we hold four to five fund raisers per year.

The group is now looking for several volunteers to join our Board of Directors. Interested parties should call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

North Branford Libraries Open on Sundays

This fall, for the first time ever, North Branford's public libraries will open on Sundays. Beginning on Sunday October 12, the Atwater Library in North Branford and the Smith Library in Northford will open from 1:00 to 4:00. This schedule will continue through March 29.

The libraries will be open for a full range of services. This includes being available for meetings in the Community Room, tutoring sessions, and all other uses. As on other days, as long as a Community Room meeting starts before the library closes, it can continue after closing time.

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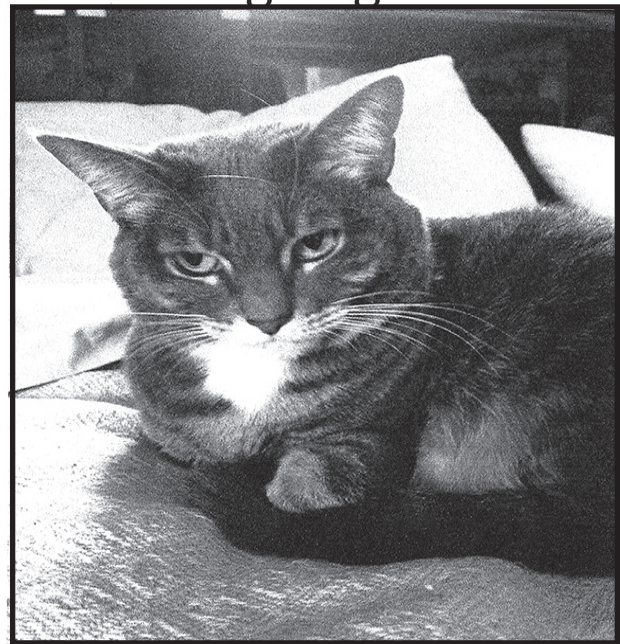
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Be Aware of Storage Tank Issue

Dear Editor;

I sent a letter to the editor of the New Haven Register which read "Approval of propane tanks makes no sense". At a recent public hearing to change the zoning regulations allowing for propane storage, the four members of P & Z approved the change to allow bulk propane storage on Ciro Road. A few people spoke in favor, including the J.J. Sullivan team. A lone dissent asked questions of this agricultural town.

The irony of the safety issues is that, this same commission rejected Big Y from having a filling station for home grills, for safety reasons, but think 60,000-gallon bulk storage is a good idea, near our N.B Historic District, and new Atwater Library, makes sense. The town turned down a cell tower because of aesthetics and property devaluation. but two 30,00 gallon bulk propane tanks won't do the same. Does this make sense to anyone?"

My concern is that I didn't believe enough people in town were aware of what happened at the August 7th P & Z meeting to change the regulations to allow bulk propane storage that has been

rejected by Guilford and Clinton, or at least a public debate or referendum on the issue.

Also, my concern is for evacuation routes from a dead end street beyond the site of the property that is applying for the change of the zoning regulation.

As background, I was an alternate on P & Z and questioned the safety, and the next month I was terminated along with another member who had some valid questions. Of the four members that voted for the change of regulations, were not on P & Z when J.J. Sullivan presented themselves to see how P. & Z. felt about it, and as I remember a town council member offered to bring the fire chief to give his opinion, although it wasn't a public hearing. I believe the town council member owns the property, and this sounds like a conflict of interest to me. If this isn't so, I apologize for the assumption.

Let's get this out in front of the public and have an honest and upfront dissuasion, or referendum on this issue. An Inland Wetland meeting Sept. 24th is an important meeting for all concerned to attend. The meeting is at the Town Hall, between 6-6:30 pm September 24th.

Hope to see you all there, and the next P & Z meeting October 2nd.

Sincerely,
Nancy Clow



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Be Heard on the Propane Tank Issue

Dear Editor:

I have been an active community member and neighbor since I moved back to North Branford in 2001. I have volunteered in numerous capacities including T-ball and softball coaching, Girl Scout leader, Potato and Corn Fest (every year), was elected to Town Council for 6 years and currently sit on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. I have always looked out for the well-being of our town and all of our community members. Never once have I voted on something for personal gain. I don't find that to be true of members on our current Town Council. Not only are they trying to quietly push past the public something that should be up to referendum or public hearing, but it seems to me that some members seem to be using their "influence" and are pushing ethics boundaries.

Let me back up a little: On June 17, 2014, two current serving members of Planning and Zoning were replaced without wanting to be. One of those members was appointed by the Democrats yet replaced by the Republican members of the Town Council. The members who were replaced questioned the prospect of two 30,000 gallon propane tanks and storage facility being built in North Branford (already fought against in Guilford and Clinton). At the following Planning and Zoning meeting, a zoning regulation change was voted on and made to allow this facility to be built, without a public hearing. At the prior meeting, when the two replaced members were still sitting on P&Z, they got to hear from Town Council member Don Fucci, who also brought the Fire Chief, to talk about the project and how safe it was. After questions and some objections, the two members were replaced, and at the very next P&Z meeting a regulation change was approved – voted on by both new members.

Why is this important? Well, Don Fucci voted to replace the two P&Z members who had voiced objections. Why is that important? Because it's Don Fucci's land that this storage facility will be built upon. At the very least he should have abstained from the vote but more ethically he should have recused himself; and should not have spoken at the P&Z meeting because he is a member of Town Council.

At the August Inland Wetlands meeting both Don Fucci and Mayor Anthony Candelora attended because the propane storage tank proposal was on our agenda. After the presentation was done I asked three questions: How fast does liquid propane evaporate if there is a spill (since it's near wetlands and a river)? Answer: "Quickly". Q: What is the safety plan for a leak or a fire? A: "The chief is fine with the plan." I asked to see it. "It's not complete yet." Then I asked: "How big of an explosion would happen if a tank were punctured? Answer: "There would only be a fire, no explosion. No storage tank of this kind has ever exploded." They then talked of shut-off valves and other safety measures. The trucks that are being stored on the site have to be stored outside so there is not a build up of gas to explode. Then Don Fucci stood up and exclaimed: "I don't see why a safety report has anything to do with approval from wetlands and environmental impact". Really? A wetlands agency shouldn't be aware of safety for impact to the environment?

Now, Don is the owner of the site, he was allowed to speak, but again he should not have without identifying himself as a public citizen and not acting as a Town Council member. Then Mayor Anthony Candelora stood up to speak. I said that this was not a public hearing, so he asked the chairman to speak, putting our chairman in an uncomfortable position of allowing the Mayor to speak at our meeting. I feel that using that "influence" to benefit a fellow Town Council member is unethical for a council member. You can argue that the tanks would benefit the town with business tax base, but you can also argue that the actions of certain members of the Town Council to push this through are ethics violations.

Since my questions weren't answered to my satisfaction, I did my own research. It seems that there have been major fires AND explosions of these kind of storage tanks. (We all know human error exists, accidents do happen. Will it? I hope not.) The area for a fire has to be evacuated to a 1 mile radius of the site. That is an area almost up to Big Y and down past Agway to almost the Guilford line on Route 80 – up to Lake Gaillard and south to Evergreen Woods. Can our fire department handle that massive of an evacuation while controlling a fire quickly and safely? Ciro Road is a dead end. How will those caught behind the fire be evacuated? Now, if there is an explosion and you are outside within ½ mile radius, you can get 2nd degree burns. Up to a mile away, your windows can be blown out and other damage to buildings.

I live in the Northford section – I may feel a rumble – but this is my backyard and yours North Branford! How can we have public hearings/referendums on the budget, schools, libraries, Big Y, and other things, and not on a hazardous waste/volatile gas site being built in our backyard?

Why is this quietly being pushed through? And who is benefitting? Whether you would like the propane facility for a tax base or not, all sides should be heard and Town Council should not be afraid of opposition voices.

The next Inland Wetlands meeting is Sept. 24th at 6:30pm. The next P+Z meeting is Oct. 2 at 7:00pm. Let's all be good neighbors and community members and look out for each other because in my opinion, some members of our Town Council are not looking out for us.

Sincerely, Ashley Joiner

Thanks to the Mayor & The Council

At our North Branford Town Council meeting held on Sept. 2nd, the subject of a Connecticut Food Pantry was the main topic. Both sides were well prepared in presenting their views. I want to especially applaud Mayor Anthony Candelora for his thorough investigation into the program and for carefully considering the burden to the taxpayer now and in the future.

All the people at that meeting are in favor of providing food to people who are struggling. The main problem is the cost and future costs. The taxpayer should not have to bear this expense. The recipients should have no cost to them to take advantage of this program.

We have other locations that meet the requirements for public use at no cost to the town. Negative comments were made by supporters of this program against the current food banks which have been in operation for several years fulfilling a need.

Maybe these can be expanded. Each council member studied all proposals and aspects of this program and made their decision based on need, cost and future costs. They worked hard. We, the townspeople, should be proud of their work as it appears they are looking out for us.

Sincerely,

Alice W. Lehr

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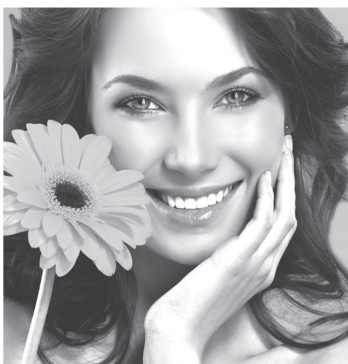
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Let’s Be “Frank”

Well brother, life keeps going. I was just checking out this new thing on Facebook. You challenge your friend to name the things they are grateful for. I haven’t been challenged but I was thinking of a few things that make me happy.

I’m grateful that they make belts taller than my wife so they are long enough to keep my pants up.

I’m grateful that China is no longer starving because I could no longer take all that extra food I had to eat as a kid as mom admonished, “eat, people in China are starving.

I’m grateful that I can still see out of one eye as the doctors tell me it could take months for my other eye to clear up.

I’m grateful that I have a healthy grand son who makes me laugh more than I’ve laughed in years.

I’m grateful that the Hallmark channel is advertising already that beginning October 31st, they will begin premiering and playing all of their Christmas specials. I love Christmas as much as the next guy but this build up is a bit too big. By the time Christmas comes, the anticipation is over.

I’m grateful that I live in a town where people can throw stones and insults and then attempt to invoke the forgive and forget adage.

I’m grateful that we now live in a society where nothing can be worked out effectively without threatening law suits. Whatever happened to working things out with out the lawyers (no offense to any of my friends in the legal profession).

I’m grateful for good memories because as we get older they are sometimes the only things that make us smile.

I only had to give three so if anyone challenges me I think I’ve reached my quota.

On another note, the Yankees are done and two weeks into the football season the Giants are all done as well. I hope those who have gone before us are giving you a better game on the fields where you are.

As the summer ends, we’ve finished up with the summer canning. I did up a cabinet full of hot peppers and made the pepper relish for my son and son-in-law. Three bushels of tomatoes and a bushel of eggplants. We only fried them this year as since you’ve been gone I don’t seem to need as many jars of pickled eggplants as I use to. Gina did up the apple preserves and that part of the kitchen is closed until another season.

The visiting coyotes finally took care of my woodchuck problems. After five years they are gone but the problem now is my grandson is looking for them and he gets very disappointed when he looks for “woody” and he is no where to be found.

Crazy stuff going on in town but to keep mentioning it would just be repetitive. I could start a serial novel about some of the stuff going on. The problem is that none of the banter ever changes. The same fights just keep going on and on and nothing ever gets solved. It’s sad.

I’ve retired from a number of things I use to do in a volunteer capacity. It’s a little boring, sometimes you just have to move on. Thank God for Matlock and Diagnosis Murder reruns.

Well that’s going to have to do it for now. There is a Monk Marathon on that I just have to see. The good news is that my memory is still great and I do remember watching all these old shows and I remember how they solved the cases but it still intrigues me.

Take care and I’ll see you soon.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

According to research conducted by The Hartford, it seems like most baby boomers would rather go to the dentist for a root canal than talk to their aging parents about estate planning. The research indicated about 71% of parents of baby boomers were comfortable discussing estate planning with their children, whereas only 54% of their children were comfortable having such discussions. It turns out that parents are more comfortable discussing estate planning than are their baby-boomer children-who knew? This “communication gap” can have serious consequences for your parents and family.

Except for a few of you sickos out there, talking about your parents dying is not a fun topic to explore. Although it may be a hard conversation to have, it can make such a difference after your parents are gone. This is too important of a conversation not to have.

Getting the conversation started is the hardest part. A few simple guidelines can help turn this conversation into a positive experience. The most important rule (in my experience) is to include ALL of your siblings in the conversation. Nothing works quicker to undermine your intentions than excluding someone. Group discussion fosters a free exchange of ideas. Choose a comfortable and private setting for this family meeting that is free from distractions.

The family is assembled, in a comfortable, private, space...then what? How do you actually start the conversation? A good way to start is to discuss your own plan. Discuss with your parents what your estate planning experience was like. Talk about what your estate plan contemplates. Another way to start the conversation is with an article (like this one) or book on estate planning. If your parents are readers this is a terrific place to start.

Assuming that you have created an opportunity to talk to your parents about their “exit plan” you should discuss several different aspects. Remain focused on the fact that you are trying to help your parents maintain independence and control over assets that took a lifetime to accumulate. Focus on long term care: have they considered what would happen if one or both of them had to spend time in a nursing home? Nursing home costs can quickly eliminate your parent’s life savings. Ask about what type of estate plan they have in place. Make sure the plan fits their estate. Explore whether their estate plan contemplates tax issues, probate costs, or beneficiaries with disabilities? Don’t neglect to focus on lifetime planning. Make sure your parents have updated Powers of Attorney and Living Wills.

Remember, most parents want to discuss their estate plan with their adult children. Finding out that your parents have planned their estate will be very comforting. Finding out your parents have not made a plan is a great opportunity to help them get their affairs in order.

Looking for a conversation starter: Guertin and Guertin, LLC will be hosting a basic Trust workshop. Please join us on Saturday October 18th at 10am for *Coffee, Donuts and Trusts*. Please call my office (203)-234-7400 to reserve your seat. Seating is limited so please call ahead.

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

There is a growing epidemic of suicides among American soldiers. There are more veterans and active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces dying by their own hands than being killed in battle. While this was thought to be lessening as combat lessened actually increased. In fact the number of veterans taking their own lives increased in 2014. The assumption was the trauma they experienced in battle weighs so heavily on them they cannot bare to live with it. There is only one thing wrong with that assumption. 85% of the suicides were never in combat and 53 % t had never been deployed.

So what’s happening?

Could the reason be more rooted in the “treatment” these men and women are receiving. According to the Defense Health Agency, psychiatric drug prescription for U.S. troops increased an astounding 682% from 2005-2011. The year after this prolific dosing began military suicides rose 32% from an annual average of about 160 in 2004 to 210 in 2006. By 2008 suicide rates among troops exceeded those in the civilian population and by 2012 nearly doubled to 350. Research by Associated Psychological Health Services-found there is a correlation between the rate of suicides and the kind of psychotropic drugs being prescribed by military doctors.

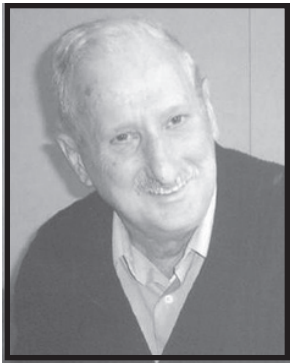
These drugs are being handed out like popsicles to veterans seeking help for any affliction, even sleeplessness. Effecting the brain they

quickly create a feeling of tranquillity, but literally cause upward of a 5% loss per year of actual brain matter that eventually renders the user unable to reason.

But, this is only the eventual result of these drugs being used on children in one form or another. There are so many potential recruits already suffering and being treated for bipolar affliction that in order to fill the ranks many that would have once been rejected are now admitted.

My observations are based on the almost complete lack of physical activity by our children. Oh, yes we see the apparent increase in the number of kids engaging in sports, but in reality they are an insignificant number percentage wise. The majority are sitting with a videogame watching TV when they should be out playing. They are now enraptured with Smart Phones, iPods and other devices too numerous to mention. We are physical human beings created to live and survive by moving not sitting immobile for long periods of time. In fact not even for short periods. This inactivity causes mental as well as physical problems at a young age. The military was so pressed for physically able recruits they had to lower the standards resulting in accepting those already dependent on tranquilizers and other anti-psychotic drugs so overly medicated is our civilian population.

Alton Eliason



Frederick J. Bianchi, of 237 Reeds Gap Road East, Northford passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2014. He was the husband of Mary Leigh (Boyle) Bianchi and the late Elaine Saunders Bianchi. Born January 14, 1932; son of the late Fred and Anna (Cherri) Bianchi. Father of Frederick P. Bianchi, Victoria (Michael) Torniero, Dawn (John) Simkus, Cheryl (Dayton) Rich and Lorri (Mark) Helms. Grandfather of Shaun and Katrina Bianchi, Stephanie Torniero, Andrew Rich, Joseph (Deirdre) and Jamie Salemme, J.D. and Jessie Simkus and Ryan Helms, 2 great grandsons and 1 great granddaughter. Loving stepfather to James, Robert (Buzz), Marianne (Missy), Regina (Gina), John (Jack), Christopher Leigh, 14 step grandchildren and 1 step great grandchild. Brother of Sheila (Richard) Belcourt and Dr. Joseph (Michelle) Bianchi. Also survived by his Aunt Elvira (Raymond) Bethke and Josephine Schultz. He retired from Southern New England Telephone Company and New Haven Regional Water Authority and the Northford Store.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, c/o Atwater Memorial Library, 1720 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT 06471.



Adele E. Borsari Price, 85, of North Branford, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 12, 2014 at Yale-New Haven Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of Phillip A. Price and they would have been married 65 years on Nov. 8th. Adele was born in Hamden on March 4, 1929; daughter of the late Anthony and Elizabeth Pascale Borsari; had worked as a Personnel Assistant for the former Edward Malley Company, New Haven and was the owner and operator of the Hemlock House

Antique Shoppe of North Branford. She was past secretary of the Old Harbor Yacht Club and the North Branford Business Association. Adele was an active member of the Hamden High School Reunion Committee; member of the Lanphier Cove Association; a member, publicity chairperson and corresponding secretary of the North Branford Women's Club and a member of the Candelight Club. She and her husband helped organize the North Branford Minute Men Fife & Drum Corp and on occasion Adele would present hat shows to local organizations. Mother-in-law of Dawn Henry. Grandmother of Machaela Price. Aunt of Jim (Terri) Peters, Ken (Lynn) Peters and Robin (Cathy) Peters. Predeceased by her son Gregory P. Price and a sister Laura McLaughlin.

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This Office of Social Service will begin taking applications for the Energy Assistance Program for those who heat with a deliverable fuel. Those that heat with a utility will make appointments after January, 2015.

If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance, you may call North Branford Social Service at 203.484.6006 to make an appointment. A list of required documents needed to complete your application is available in both public libraries, side lobby of the Town Hall, and the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, Social Service Lobby.

It is also available on line by going to www.townofnorthbranfordct.com, Departments - Social Service.

You must bring to your appointment copies of your required documents. This office **cannot** make copies for you.

You may also apply with Community Renewal Team located at 44 Hamlin Street, Middletown, CT by calling 860.347.4465.

“Cookbook Club” at the Atwater Library

Do you like browsing cookbooks and cooking magazines? Trying new recipes and techniques? Our Cookbook Club is looking for members. Each month we will highlight a certain cookbook title which will be on display at the Library. Everyone will pick and cook a recipe from that book to bring to the next meeting. We will sample the dishes and discuss ingredients and cooking techniques, etc. It's your chance to get new ideas and share your cooking tips while tasting fun, new recipes and making new friends!

For our first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27, prepare a recipe from any cookbook available at the Atwater or Smith Libraries. Bring your own place setting (plate, silverware, etc.) and one regular-sized recipe so that everyone can taste. The recipe should be prepared at home prior to the meeting. All meetings will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoons.

Call the library at 203 315-6020 to register or come in to sign up! The library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford.

Lake Gaillard Walk-A-Thon Returns!

The North Branford Women's Club, Inc. GFWC/CT in conjunction with the Regional Water Authority, is sponsoring its 15th Annual Walk/Run-A-Thon at Lake Gaillard in North Branford on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the North Branford Scholarship Association, the Watershed Fund, the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs/CT state project Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center and other charitable club projects.

On the day of the walk, buses will be available for transporting participants to the Lake Gaillard property from Jerome Harrison School on Route 80 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Access to the Beech Street entrance will be by bus or on foot only. Parking will be prohibited on Beech Street and Pumps Lane where posted. No bicycles, roller blades or pets will be allowed on the trail.

The distance around the lake is 7 miles but participants, as always, may choose any distance with which they are comfortable. Distance markers will be posted around the lake. Water and comfort facilities will be available. No participants will be allowed on the trail after 11am.

Registration fee is \$8.00. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! Participants may also register on site the day of the walk.

Prizes will be awarded to the top four participants who raise and submit the most money through pledges from sponsors on or before October 11, 2014. First and Second Prizes will be Gift Certificates to area restaurants. Third and Fourth Prizes will be Regional Water Authority recreation permits.

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Nursery on Notch Hill is off to a great start!

The Call of the Void

by Lindsay Lee Wallace

Choices. At any given moment, there are options unfolding before us like a glove-compartment map, growing larger and spanning in all different directions, some paths well-worn and some seldom—if ever—tested. Most of these are simple. Ketchup or mustard? Soda or juice? Low-risk decisions, where regardless of our choice, the worst case scenario is regretting that our sandwich lacks a zesty kick.

But not every option before us is so benign. There are some choices, some scenarios that might play out, that we scarcely consider. They're so far-fetched and off our beaten paths that their existence is more like a general sense than an actual presence. You certainly *could* break your own window, climb out, and run around your neighborhood naked and yodeling, but there's absolutely no reason to do so. Not only would it not benefit you, but it would most likely only have negative consequences in the long run—at the very least, it would make block parties terribly awkward. Human beings are creatures ruled by the cost/benefit analysis, and the majority of crazy options are automatically ignored due to their inability to benefit us in any way.

But then, there are the other choices we ignore—the ones that could, in theory, yield glorious results. Gazing oh-so-subtly across the room at that one person (yeah, you know who I'm talking about) and imagining a world in which you've got the nerve necessary to take that plunge. Whole imagined conversations unfold, potential outcomes stacking upon one another, a significant portion of them involving joyful responses of reciprocation, and running off into the sunset. Unfortunately, just as prominent are those imagined responses that are less than favorable. Rejection, repulsion, laughter. The mere thought of an eyebrow cocked in mocking disbelief is enough to render your bright and shiny proclamations of love forever silent, and sequester them to the ignored part of your mind, the part that wanders when you ought to be paying attention.

But even when we acknowledge the outlandish nature of the oft-ignored choices that haunt those dusty mental corners, another, more primal and equally as neglected part of us yearns to embrace them. To run headlong and arms-wide, yelling and screaming into the darkness and off the edge, back to a time when there weren't quite so many people to please, quite so many reasons to say no. Into instinct and raw emotion, living in what you see and taste, in the feeling of a heart pounding desperately away. Into uncertainty, off any road you've ever seen before, curious and brave and afraid, but unstoppable. Into the void.

NB Beats Cromwell 46 - 8

The senior strong North Branford High School football team started off the season with an uncontested victory over Cromwell. With only four passes, Coach Mark Basil decided to use a stifling defense and a tenacious ground game to get the victory.

Quarterback Eddie Miller led the attack with 12 carries for 82 yards with a touchdown run and two touchdown completions. Austin Calamita ran for 58 yards and scored on a 26 yard interception and a 76 yard kick-off return. Christian Iuteri had 57 yards with a 29 yard TD run and Nick Sagnella ran for 54 yards. Shelby Franklin caught two touchdown passes and Adam Campanella rounded out the scoring with an eighteen yard fumble recovery return.

On defense, Nick Sagnella had 10 tackles, Mike Kaiser had 7 tackles and 2 sacks, Exavier Santiago had 7 tackles, Calamita had 6 tackles, Lou Distasio had 5 tackles and a sack and Tyler hawk added 5 tackles.



Miller leads the way as the T-Birds start the season on a high note.
Photo by Tom Zampano

Volleyball Teams Starts off 0-2

After starting off the season losing a three game set to Valley Regional, the lady T-Birds took East Hampton to three sets before finally relinquishing the match.

"Defense and serve receive have always been a strength for our team and we are looking forward to continuing this" said second year coach Marion Kish. "Attacking is a skill we will continue to work on," she added.

Junior Nicole Messorre had a total of 32 digs and 7 aces in the two games. Against East Hampton, senior captain Deanna Gallo had 10 kills, 11 aces and 12 points serving, while senior captain Allie Sanzari let the team with 14 assists against Hale Ray.

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Jeromes Harrison School

For Travel Team Questions contact Jerry Nuzzo

guzzo@snet.net or 860-978-1357

League questions contact

Pete Manzi at pmanzi13@gmail.com or 203-488-6203

NBYB understands that some players are involved in other town sports. Those players can transistion into NBYB play upon completion of that sport.

BEST GAMES IN TOWN

Girls Volleyball

Friday	9/19	Cromwell	5:30
Monday	9/22	@Old Lyme	5:30
Tuesday	9/23	Valley Regional	5:30
Saturday	9/27	@Two Rivers Magnet	11:00
Monday	9/29	Hyde	5:30
Wednesday	10/1	@Morgan	5:30
Thursday	10/2	@H-K	5:30

Girls Soccer

Saturday	9/20	Hale Ray	6:00
Monday	9/22	@Westbrook	3:45
Wednesday	9/24	E. Hampton	3:45
Saturday	9/27	@Valley	11:00
Tuesday	9/30	Old Lyme	6:30
Friday	10/3	@Coginchaug	3:45

Boys Soccer

Friday	9/19	Morgan	3:45
Tuesday	9/23	@Westbrook	3:45
Saturday	9/27	E. Hampton	11:00
Monday	9/29	Old Lyme	6:30
Thursday	10/2	@Coginchaug	3:45

Football

Saturday	9/20	@ H-K	7:00
Saturday	9/27	Lewis Mills	6:00
Thursday	10/2	@Valley/Old Lyme	6:30

Field Hockey

Saturday	9/20	Branford	9:30am
Monday	9/22	H - K	6:30
Saturday	9/27	Westbrook	9:30am
Monday	9/29	@Morgan	3:45
Thursday	10/2	Old Saybrook	3:45
Friday	10/3	Sacred Heart Academy	3:45

Cross Country Team gets a “Wake-up Call”

On Tuesday, September 9th, the North Branford CC Team ran in the West Beach Invitational 2014 Meet at Hammonasset State Park in Madison which is sponsored by the Guilford High School Girls Cross Country Team. The team standings for both the boys and girls did not reflect the gains made individually as compared to the results from last years’ race. It was a good experience because the results of the race measure where we stand both as individuals and as a team.

The girl’s varsity team came in 10th out of 10 teams. The top finishers for the girls were Marissa Bale 15:42,Victoria Pawlak 17:14,Winnie Chan 17:49, Olivia Hemstock 18:07. Marie Zampano 18:08, Grace Litle 18:39 and Theresa Guadagnino 18:43.

The boy’s varsity team came in 7th out of 11 teams. The top finishers for the boys were Bryce Mase 16:41, Keane Regan 17:20, Richard Hernandez 17:43, Isaac Cammarata 18:10, Michael Module 18:50, Spencer Bryden 18:53 and Austin Gibilisco 19:26.

Finishing for the boys in the JV race were Parker Nadeau 20:41 and Patrick Fisher 21:31. And in the girls JV race were Lauren Stelmasczyk 20:25 and Jessica Munck 22:27.

The race served as a wakeup call to what this sport is all about to the new team members and the time and dedication required in order to achieve satisfactory results. This was the initial race for six varsity runners. As a team we need to build on getting our times down and closing the gaps between places.

Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Announces Hall of Fame Class of 2014

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Inc. will hold its annual Hall of Fame Induction dinner to honor those who have contributed to baseball in the region.

It will be held on Thursday, **October 16, 2014** at Monticello’s Restaurant, 577 S. Broad Street, Meriden, CT. Hors d’oeuvres will be at 5:30 p.m. Dinner follows promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Those being inducted include **Roger Beale** of North Haven, former Hamden High, Quinnipiac College player and longtime coach of Post 88 American Legion ; **the Hamden Plainsmen baseball team** represented by its last two living members **Mike Johnson** of Hamden and **Bob Stefanowski** of North Haven; **Noel Kinski** of Brewster, MA, former Providence College and Cape Cod League player; **Bill Marion** of North Branford, former Hamden High and SCSU player; **Pat Paulson**, of East Haven, former East Haven High player; and **Phil “Skip” Scarpellino of Branford**, former star at Wilbur Cross High School and UNH.

Tony Ginnetti of Cheshire will receive the Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award.

Steve Pacelli of Hamden will receive the Tony Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award.

Tickets are \$55 per person and include a full-course surf and turf dinner or vegetarian, if preferred. For tickets and information, contact Rose Mentone before October 9, 2014 at mentone@comcast.net or go to southernctdiamondclub.org.

About the Diamond Club

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club mission is to promote the great game of baseball. The club continues to spread the goodwill of baseball. This is done through awards, recognitions, free skills clinics, donations to local organizations, and more. It is a full-fledged network of baseball people working to help others enjoy the game.

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Who: Adults / **Fee:** \$20
Session: Sept. 22nd - Oct. 20th (no class 10/13)
Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
AARP “Smart Driver Course” FOR DRIVERS 50+
Who: Drivers 50 and over
Session: Wednesday, October 15
Time: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$15 AARP members w/ AARP card
\$20 non AARP members
Checks payable to “AARP”

INTRO TO YOGA

Who: Adults ~ All levels welcome
Session: September 18 – October 23
Time: Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55

QUILTING FOR BEGINNERS

Who: Beginner Adults
Session: October 2, 16, 30 Nov.13, Dec. 4
Time: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$40

ALL AGES

FIERCE FUNK

Who: Teens - Adults
Session: Oct. 7 – Nov. 18 (no class Nov. 4)
Time: Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$35

BODY CONDITIONING / BOOTCAMP

Who: Teens - Adults
Session: October 16 - November 24
Time: Mon. & Thur., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center Gymnasium
Fee: \$75 (\$6/class)

TOTAL CONDITIONING

Who: Teens - Adults
Session: Oct. 14 - Dec. 9 (no class Nov. 4)
Time: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$70

leads a small friendly group and offers encouragement.

YOGA FOR ALL

Who: Teens - Adults ~ All Levels Welcome
Session: October 8 - November 19 (no class 10/. 22)
Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55

TODDLERS & YOUTH

BALLET ‘N RHYTHM

Who: Ages 2 & 3
Session: Oct. 7 - Nov. 25
Time: Tuesdays , 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$45

PRE-BALLET

Who: Ages 3 & 4
Time: Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Who: Ages 5 & 6
Time: Thursdays, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
Session: Oct. 9 - Dec. 4 (no class Nov. 27)
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$45

BALLET AND TAP COMBO

Who: Ages 3 & 4
Time: Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Session: Oct. 8 – Nov. 12
Who: Ages 5 & 6
Time: Tuesdays, 4:30 -5:30 p.m.
Session III: Oct. 7 – Nov. 18 (no class Nov. 4)
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$35

JAZZ DANCE

Who: Ages 5 & 6
Session: Oct. 7 – Nov. 18 (no class Nov. 4)
Time: Tuesdays, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$35

TRIPS

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th

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EVENTS

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When: Thursday, October 9th
Where: STW Community Center Gymnasium
Time: 12:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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Calling All Potato and Corn Enthusiasts!

The 2015 Festival Committee is looking for you! The Festival Committee meets monthly throughout the year in order to plan for this wonderful community event. There are many benefits to volunteering, notwithstanding the feeling of accomplishment after a success festival weekend and the camaraderie of all involved. The Potato and Corn Festival Committee’s first meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **STW Community Center**, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. For additional information, please contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator, at admin@nbpotatofest.com or by calling the Recreation Department office at 203-484-6017.

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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. 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. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

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St. Monica Roman Catholic Church. The Church is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and the Deacons are William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marenga. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:00AM. In addition, you can make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling our parish office. You can contact the parish office by calling 203-484-9226 or fax 203-484-1189 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm. You can contact the Education Center at 203-484-2434 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:00am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

Inside the Doors of Pine Orchard

Sunday, September 21, from noon to 4 p.m., St. Therese Church of Branford is welcoming visitors "Inside the Doors of Pine Orchard," a tour featuring seven beautiful homes in this lovely waterfront community. The ticket price, \$40 purchased prior to the day of the event or \$45 the day of the event, includes a buffet lunch at The Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club. In addition to the homes that will be open, is a serene Six Petal Rose Garden that was inspired by the six petal rose on the floor of Chartes Cathedral in France. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact St. Therese Parish office at 203-488-2998 or office@sttheresebranford.org.

Wine Tasting Event at St. Frances Cabrini

A Wine Tasting Event to be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall, 57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven on Saturday, October 18, from 6:30-9PM.

Come and sample some wine with a light fare dinner and desserts. A homemade Limoncello Contest will also be held. Anyone may enter their homemade Limoncello for Judging that evening.

Come for fun, great wine and great food! Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be obtained by calling Marie Barecchia at 203-281-1786 or the Rectory Office at 203-239-5700.

K of C to Host Fish Fries

The fabulous Fish Fries are back at the Guilford Knights of Columbus at 390 South Union Street in Guilford. The fish feast will run on Friday, September 26th and the first four Fridays in October, from 5:00 to 7:30PM. Fried or baked fish, clam chowder, stuffed clams, brownie squares and much more will be on the menu.

Profits will benefit local charities. For more info call 203-453-2801.

Holiday Fair at Evergreen Woods

Evergreen Woods, 88 Notch Hill Road, North Branford, holds its 20th annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9am to 2pm. The fair features arts and crafts, soaps, stained glass, baby clothes, jewelry, maple syrup, and much more. Proceeds from our Food Court, Cookie Walk, White Elephant and Raffle sales will benefit Camp Rising Sun and the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet programs. For more information or to be a vendor, contact Jaclyn Martinelli at 203.483.3231 or jmartinelli@evergreenwoods.com <<mailto:jmartinelli@evergreenwoods.com>.

Raisin Bell Charity Motorcycle Run



A "Raisin' Bell" Charity Motorcycle Run on Saturday, September 20, will help raise funds for Northford Congregational Church's bell tower. The ride will start from Northford Center and go to Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream in Salem, Connecticut, with a possible stop at Gillette Castle or other suggested location. Participants can register at 10 a.m. at the church on the day of the ride. A breakfast sandwich will be provided to each participant. Donation is \$20 and additional rider is \$5. "Save the Bell Tower" T-shirts and mugs will be available for purchase prior to the ride.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net.

Local Author to Visit Zion Episcopal Church

On Tuesday September 23rd at 7:00 pm, Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford is hosting a very special evening with local author and internationally recognized speaker, Anne Kubitsky. She was recently featured on WNPR's Faith Middleton Show.

As a way of healing from a personal tragedy, Ms. Kubitsky decided to focus on the positive things in life. She then asked others to do the same. The responses she received from thousands of people inspired her to write the book, What Makes You Grateful. She then founded the Look for the Good project, which has been touring in many locations, most recently at Hammonasset State Park here in CT, and also posts positive vignettes on Facebook. A reception will follow Ms. Kubitsky's talk.

The Northford Women's Club Hosts

A Military Whist Card Party

Enjoy a fun-filled evening playing Military Whist at a card party to be held at Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, on Friday, October 17th. The doors open at 6:30pm and the games begin at 7:00pm. Admission is \$8.00 per person. Refreshments will be served and there will be raffle prizes. For more information and tickets, contact Elissa Orio at 203-793-7180. This event is being sponsored by the Northford Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Historical Society Looking for Donations

Totoket Historical Society accepting donations for their Holiday Bazaar. The Totoket Historical Society is now accepting small collectibles and antiques to sell at their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 22 including costume jewelry, old linens, antique Christmas decorations and finer items such as old paintings or prints. All donations should be in good condition. Please drop off items at Reynolds-Beers House any Tuesday night between 5 - 8 p.m. or any Wednesday afternoon between 2 - 4 p.m. The House is located on the campus of the Atwater Memorial Library at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford. If you are homebound and wish to donate, please call the THS at 203 488-0423 or send an email to: totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Tidbits from the Totket Historical Society

Did you know.....that in the 19th century there were 7 school districts in North Branford, each with its own one-room school house? One school house, "The Little Red School House," in Northford remains much as it was in the early 1800s. Several others also remain but have been converted into residences or businesses and bear little resemblance to the original structures. Those include The Mill Road School, The Beech Corner School, The 7th District School, The North Branford School (former Town Hall) and The 4th District School.

Visit us on the web at TotoketHistoricalSociety.Org

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The Knights of Columbus, Totoket Council 6801 is looking for vendors to fill 86 spaces 15' wide by 28' deep at their Annual Fall Giant Tag Sale/Flea Market on October 4th, at Doody's Field at 465 Foxon RD. in North Branford. It will run from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Admission is free and there is off road parking.

To reserve a space, call 203-484-9737. The cost is \$29, per space paid before 9/29 as there is a \$5. late fee after that date. Vendors must provide their own tables.

Flea market/tag sale to be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church parking lot, 57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven on Saturday, October 11th from 9am-3pm. Rental space is available. Single space is \$20 and double space is \$30. For more info or rent a space. Call Lisa Gagliardi at 203-484-2486 or the Rectory office at 203-239-5700.

Vendors being sought for Holiday Fair at St. Frances Cabrini Church
Hall, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from
9am-3pm. Rental for space which includes table & chairs is \$35 for single
and \$50 for double. For application for rental space please call Sharon at 203-
234-0215 after 3pm or at 203-239-5700 during daytime.

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Join the fun as The Last Hayride plays and sings at the Atwater Memorial Library on Sat., Oct 4 @ 12:30 p.m. to benefit animals in need. The library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford. The Last Hayride is an acoustic music group playing Folk, Bluegrass and other familiar American music. Dudley, Jase, Vicky, Debbie, and Lisa have been playing and singing together for about six years and have performed at church dinners, Totoket Historical Society functions and at the Potato and Corn Festival as well as at their own annual Harvest Hootenanny. They love it when folks sing along, so be ready to join in the fun and be sure to bring something for the animals! All proceeds and donations will be given to the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter. For further information, please call the library at 203 315-6020.

The Totoket Historical Society will host the annual “Grace Marx Colonial Dinner” to be held at the historic 1786 Reynolds-Beers House located at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford on Sunday, Oct. 19. This is the major fundraiser for the Society, so please help keep our Historical Society alive! Save the date and give your support!

The “authentic” dinner will be limited to 2 seatings of 40 with the first seating at 1:00 p.m. and the next seating at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Our menu includes delicious roasted Cornish game hens with cider sauce, parsley potatoes, beet salad, and succotash served with coffee or tea. On the tables there will be home-baked cranberry and pear breads with butter and cider. For dessert you will enjoy pumpkin cake with whipped cream.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to help with the maintenance, restoration projects and expenses for the Reynolds-Beers House, the Little Red Schoolhouse, the Miller Barn and the Little Gas Station.

For reservations call 203 488-0423 and leave a message or visit the Reynolds-Beers house during open hours: Tuesdays 5 – 8 or Wednesdays 2 - 4. Checks may be mailed to the Totoket Historical Society at P.O. Box 491, Northford, CT 06472.

It's all about hydrangea plants and their flowers on Saturday, September 27th at Natureworks Garden Center. As many of you have noticed, many hydrangeas failed to bloom this year. The severely cold winter caused some of them to lose their older blooming wood and flower buds. Learn more about by attending our free garden talk, Hydrangeas: Demystified and Dried, 9:30-10:30 am. Natureworks owner, Nancy DuBrule-Clemente will talk about how to care for all the various types of hydrangea: native oak leaf, hills of snow type, mopheads, lacecaps, tree hydrangeas and everything between.

And from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon, join Nancy for a free Hydrangea Wreath Making Demonstration. Learn when to pick hydrangea flowers for drying and what the best way to preserve them is. Once Nancy has explained the basics, she will demonstrate creative ways to use these great dried flowers in wreaths and dried arrangements.

Natureworks is located at 518 Forest Road in Northford. For additional information go to the Natureworks website at www.naturework.com or call 203-484-2748.

The Bare Plain Cemetery Association will hold its fall meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held downstairs at the North Branford Congregational Church on Rte. 80. The Cemetery Board carefully addresses all concerns of the cemetery. Special consideration is given to the historic value of Bare Plain and to the families buried there.

For information on graves, Tom Smith may be reached at 203-484-0844.

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