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With Spring behind her, this young lady is looking to swing into Summer! (Photo by AJ Santamaria)

"Picking up the Pieces of Hope"

On an unusually warm day in April, in 2002 Joseph Stone, a NBHS senior died in a tragic accident. Joe was a tremendous, student, athlete, friend, big brother and son. He was just short of graduating and his athletic and academic college career were only a few things in ahead him. But he was taken away from all these possibilities much to soon.

After his death, his family and friends were left to pick up the pieces. His mom, Marianne began a journal and now, 14 years later she has put together a book entitled, *Picking up the Pieces of Hope*.

"I am doing this hoping to help people to cope with tragedies in their lives," Marianne stated.

The book is presently available on line at <u>www.tatepublishing.com/book-store/book.php?w=9781628541045</u>. Marianne Stone will also be scheduling "Meet and Greet Book Signings" where she will talk about her experiences as well as have autographed copies of the book available.

There will be a signing at Lynn's Deli in Branford on July 10th at



6:00pm and The Edward Smith Library in North Branford on July 19th at 11:00. For future book signing and more information, you can contact Marianne on her facebook page or email Lovelives34@ comcast.net

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On Monday, June 23rd, NBHS held the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2014. The topics of the speakers were "change in this ever changing world", "look ahead with passion" and "build on the foundation you have started".

Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker advised the graduates using several examples from Admiral McRaven's list of daily tasks to change the world. "Start the day by making your bed, find someone to help you paddle, don't be afraid of the circuses, don't back down from the sharks and don't ever ring the bell.

Before giving out the diplomas, Chairman of the Board of Education Lou Paternoster added, "Don't leave any chips on the table".



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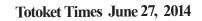
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LETTERS





Years of Service Jerome Harrison School recently celebrated

the retirement of Kindergarten teacher Claudia Faughnan (left) and Cafeteria Manager Marion O'Shea. (Photo by Erica Bozzuto)



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Dear Editor; The Northford and North Branford Women's Clubs would like to thank everyone who purchased flags and helped make the "Honor Them With a Flag" fundraiser such a great success. A special thanks to the North Branford Police Department Color Guard and the Northford VFW

Honor Them With a Flag

for helping with our dedication ceremony. It was a beautiful sight to see all of those flags waving in front of the town hall. The flags are now available for pickup at the

North Branford Community Center which is located at the Stanley T. Williams complex at 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford.

Meyer Gives More Information To the Editor:

Earlier this month, a newspaper column of mine was published entitled "The Fixation of Property Taxes" in which I described a bill that recently passed the General Assembly allowing our towns to deny the property tax credit to seniors. Seniors with incomes below \$42,000 now are entitled to a property tax credit of up to \$1,250 per year, but the bill would allow the towns to deny that credit and impose the full property tax, taking into account the equity that the senior citizen has in his or her home. I had voted against the bill and asked Governor Malloy to veto it, as I described in my newspaper column.

A substantial number of constituents have indicated their concern about losing their property tax credit under a situation in which they live on fixed incomes. In response to those constituents, I am pleased to report that on May 6 Governor Malloy vetoed the bill. In his veto message, the Governor expressed concern that "the bill will result in an increased property tax for our elderly." He went on to say in his message "I have reservations about the policy of this bill, particularly

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since the state currently reimburses towns at a nearly 90% rate for the property tax loss associated with this program."

I thought it helpful that your readers be provided with this additional information about a controversial property tax bill. Sincerely, **Ed Mever State Senator** 203-645-8351





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Murphy Becomes Eagle Scout

Recently, Ryan Murphy, son of Karen and Tim Murphy, earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award. Ryan is a member of North Branford Troop 453.

For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan renovated the fire boat for North Branford Fire Company One. With the help of volunteers from Troop 453 and the Fire department he organized the fundraisers needed to obtain the funds, purchased the materials for the renovation, and organized the work parties for the entire project. There was well over 100 hours of volunteer time involved in the renovation.

Ryan, 17 years old and in 11th grade attends North Branford High School. He regularly attends weekly drills at the Fire Department, was captain of the Junior Fire Fighters and just became a member of the Fire Department.

His plans are to pursue his dream of becoming a fire fighter and paramedic.



Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, another two weeks have passed. Father's Day was a little different this year. I did my traditional singing at Mass in honor of our Patron Saint Anthony. After the procession with the statue, The Saint was welcomed in with a Mariachi Band. A bit surprising at an Italian Festival but I'm told things change.

I was involved in this affair for many years but I recently retired. So this year instead of carrying refrigerators and pizza dough around the yard, I got to carry my grandson around. Definitely a change for the better. The other thing that did not change was other than myself, Mrs. Cusano still makes the best ziti and meatballs and that's what we all ate for our Sunday dinner.

Took some pictures at another high school graduation. As you know, graduation ceremonies aren't my favorite settings. I even tried to get out of going to my son's graduation this year. There are just so many times you can listen to how quickly time flies, the greatness of the past and the endless opportunities presented by the future. Take out the opportunities for the future and it's just another *Let's be "Frank"* column.

Lynne Riordan and a group of dedicated people have approached the Town Council for use of the old Senior Center as a food pantry. The Council approved of this as well as approving the library group to sell used books from the same building. Both will help our community and I applaud the people getting involved. It would also be a great use for the empty building. Joanne Wentworth started and the food bank thirty years ago and has worked tirelessly in it ever since. It's just a thought, but how about the "Joanne Wentworth Community Food Bank". After all, they named a Little League concession stand after you. Perhaps was because of all the money you spent eating there.

Gina went on a conference for work and took my wife with her. They added a few days and they are hiking in the mountains, camping out, kayaking and as I write this column they are going zip lining. I was never invited by Gina but my wife suggested I might go. For me it's a hike to get from the kitchen to the bedroom. Me getting into a kayak would be similar to a ride on the Titanic and just the thought of me on a zip line makes zip line manufacturers all over the world quit their jobs.

With the two of them away, I am a bachelor for a week. Everyone but me is concerned about my solo performances. SueAnn wanted to cook and shop before she left. Did she really think that I could starve to death? I can go months without food and still gain weight.

Erica calls me two or three times a day to make sure I am still alive. She too has offered to cook. I weigh 700 pounds and they are concerned about me missing a meal. Besides, in a past life I was a caterer so I think I can prepare a few meals on my own.

As a bachelor, I am enjoying doubling up on my attendance at summer baseball games to see how our high school kids are developing. I don't mind watering the outside flowers or the vegetable garden and I can watch what I want on TV without Gina complaining about having to sit through another baseball game. I also learned that you don't water orchids. You just put three ice cubes in them once a week. I guess I missed that on the list but the martini was pretty good with the three ice cubes.

I'm getting along pretty well. Now if I can only remember how to use the washing machine, where the vacuum cleaner is, which day is trash day and where are the damn trash bags, I should survive the week.

Well, it's time to sign off. Be good and I'll see you soon.

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Letters to the editor...

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EDITORIAL

Dog Park Project - On to Phase II

The group of concerned citizens spearheading the North Branford Dog Park project have reached their first goal. Based on the initial proposal, the town agreed to begin the actual planning of the park once the committee was able to raise \$10,000. This phase has been accomplished.

Lead person Eric Hodgson has met with Public Works Director Fran Merola and Park & Recreation Director Pam Gery, to pick potential locations for the new park. At the present time they are all in the vicinity of the new Wall Field location. At the next Park Rec Commission meeting, discussions will ensue on the pros and cons of each location possibility.

While these steps are being taken, design plans are being developed for the actual physical structure layout including researching best options for each needed element. Once a cost for each element is determined, the group will be looking for sponsors for the specific elements needed.

The Gargoyles of Yale University Lecture at the Atwater Library

On Weds., July 9 at 7:00 p.m., Mathew Duman will be at the Atwater Memorial Library in North Branford to present a lecture on the gargoyles of Yale University. His lecture highlights a selection of gargoyles & grotesques found on the Yale buildings in New Haven. Using photographs from his book An Education in the Grotesque: The Gargoyles of Yale University, he explores the artistic, historic, architectural & even humorous significance of these decorative sculptures & their role in communicating the identity of Yale University as a place of learning & enlightenment.

Mathew Duman grew up in Bethany, Connecticut. He attended the gargoyle-free campus of Central Connecticut State University but while studying abroad, developed a fascination with the grotesque sculptures of the cathedrals of Britain. Matt currently works as a photographer & graphic designer at the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven. As a personal project, Matt has explored the variety of sculpture found on the buildings of Yale University and has researched and documented these "new world" grotesques which are right outside our front door. For further information, contact the library at 203 315-6020.

Thanks to a Supportive Town

Dear Editor;

On behalf of North Branford youth football and cheer we'd like to thank Giovanni's Pizza and Doody's for hosting our first two fund raisers. They were a great success.

Also, we'd like to thank The Town Barber Shop, Fairways driving Range,Duffys Tavern, Bar 80, Creative Hair Studio,The Permanent Solution, LaMonacos, Subway, Northford Sunoco, Clip and Dip, Bobby's Apizza, Nataz, Save & Discount, Giovanni's, Scissors Palace, Royal Pet Care, Sydney Sherman from Ct. Ghost Hunters and Gail McKernan for generously donating to our raffle.

The children of NBYFC are so lucky to have such a supportive town behind them as they prepare for the upcoming season! Sincerely, Danielle Kamienski & Michelle Provencher

NBYFC Booster Club



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Selecting a nursing home for a loved one is one of the most important and difficult decisions that you may be asked to make. This decision is usually made during a time of crisis, frequently when a family member is ready to leave the hospital after a serious illness or operation. It would be easier on everyone if this decision could be planned for. However this is usually not the case. Just remember, be nice to your kids... they are going to pick out your nursing home. I jokingly tell my parents that their nursing home choice will be based on their behavior at the time.

The first issue to decide is whether or not a nursing home is really necessary. Would some type of home services be adequate? This issue should be discussed with your physician, as well as other healthcare providers. There are many types of services available for people who choose to remain at home, such as home health care, adult day care centers, respite care (where another person can provide the caregiver some relief to allow for shopping, errands, or just a little "down time") and hospice in-home care.

An option for those individuals who do not need the level of care that nursing homes provide is an Assisted Living Community. These communities provide many of the benefits of a skilled nursing facility but in a more home-like setting. They do not provide skilled nursing care, but will assist the resident in various activities such as dispensing medication, cleaning their room or apartment, providing meals, as well as various activities. Often the monthly cost of these communities is considerably less expensive than skilled nursing facilities, and may have special programs and special living arrangements for folks with cognitive impairments like dementia

Once it has been determined that an individual needs care in a nursing home you should allow that person, if they are able, to be a part of the process of selecting a facility. Ask professionals in the field, friends or acquaintances who have been in a similar situation for information. The Connecticut State Agency on Aging has an Ombudsman program that can provide information on particular nursing homes, however you should also visit different homes to see what they are like. Talk to staff members, other residents and their families. You should visit each home more than once and at different times of the day. Ask if they have activities for the residents. Ask to see menus for daily meals. Also, ask what the costs are at each home. Another thing you may want to do is to just walk around the home and observe the condition of the facility and the residents.

Nursing homes have their own doctors. You should find out about the doctors, their credentials, how often they visit and if they are willing to meet with the family to discuss plans for treatment.

Federal law requires that residents have the right to be free from restraints administered for the purpose of discipline or convenience and not required to treat medical conditions. If you see residents in restraints, you should question the facilities staff about the nursing home's policy on restraints.

Be sure to visit more than one nursing home before you decide. You can be on a waiting list at many homes and then choose the home you want. A little advanced planning can save you from having to make a quick decision when you are forced to find a nursing home in an emergency

If you have questions that you'd like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net.

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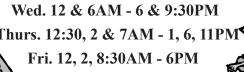
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Seymour Receives "Award for Excellence Junior Cory Seymour recently received an "Award for excellence

in Automotives at NBHS. Cory is pictured above with Principal Todd Stoeffler(left) and teacher Christopher Reynolds.

Caution: Teenagers At Work by Lindsay Lee Wallace

This summer, I am sixteen. As a result of my advanced years, I am now allowed by the state of Connecticut to drive (between the hours of 6:00 AM and 5:00 PM with one licensed parent or guardian also in the vehicle), get emancipated if said parent or guardian is really grinding my gears (just kidding, Dad), and most importantly, legally hold a job. As I have come to find out, however, the fact that I am now permitted to hold a job does not immediately translate to my having one. Apparently, the whole employment thing is vastly more complicated than I initially assumed. In an unpleasant departure from the course laid out by my childhood fantasies, simultaneously working at the local bookstore and serving as the CEO of Disney upon turning sixteen seems to require further qualifications than "babysitting a few times" and "being awesome".

When I was a (smaller) kid, I didn't understand why my parents complained about work. As far as I could tell, they were getting out of bed at an hour when I was always awake but sequestered unhappily to my room, drinking a mysterious brown potion whose intoxicating scent had me begging for a sip that would be invariably spit out, and driving themselves to some kind of magical land where they obtained the green pieces of paper that bought my toys. Unfortunately, my parents often forwent the opportunity to expand my Hot Wheels collection, imprudently electing to instead exchange the green pieces of paper for inanities such as food and clothing. What fools they were! I could only imagine how many toys I'd have if I could get myself a job of my own, and so that was what I set out to do.

Since those days, my reasons for wanting a job have shifted from Hot Wheels to higher education. With college looming like a Ramen-scented cloud over the heads of myself and my fellow rising seniors in the Class of 2015, summer jobs are of double-barreled importance. Not only do we pine for the paycheck they offer-one that will hopefully put a dent in the unfathomable fees to come as we take our first steps into "adulthood". We've also been informed that a summer job will look good on our college applications, giving us that edge of responsibility and proficiency that those admissions officers will be looking for. As usual, conversation in the final stretch of my school year was centered mainly on "what we were doing over the summer." However, the answers had changed: instead of anticipating vacations and video games, we were preparing to become the next generation of fast food workers, busboys, clothing merchants, and camp counselors. That impossibly pierced and adult-looking creature behind the counter at McDonald's whose apathetic stare left our elementary-aged selves too petrified to ask for extra salt? That would be us now. We were soon to be ensnared in a flurry of job applications, confronted for the first time with the insurmountable catch-22 of trying to obtain job experience without ever having had job experience. In many ways, I see it as a preview of things to come, even a dress rehearsal of sorts. Soon enough, I'll be filling out applications that ask more from me than what I feel I can contribute to the fast food family. The character references I find myself awkwardly asking for now will become the teacher recommendations of senior year, and the job interviews I fear will become the college interviews that petrify me. I'm divided in sentiment about this unstoppable forward march of time. Although part of me feels cheated by the revelation of employment's true nature, another part—the part which, if properly watered and given plenty of sun, may someday grow into a bona fide adult—is excited for it. Ready or not, the future is starting now.

They Make Us Proud!

Rynne O'Connor was named to the Dean's List at St. Michael College in Colchester, VT.

Erick Bilides earned First Academic Honors at Clark University in Worcester, MA.

Bridget Anderson, Christine Battle, Christopher Burkle, Rhiannon Cappetta, Enkela Cereni, Kyle Combs, Justin Grannis, Marissa Romano and Kelsey Tamulevich were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven.

Brittany Anderson and Dylan Podbielski were named to teh Dean's List at Stonehill College in Easton, MA.

Nathaniel Dziuba graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Biology and Chemistry from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburg, NY. He is pursuing a PHD in Biochemistry/Biophysics at Texas A & M.

Jeremy Downer was named to the Dean's List at Fairfield University. **Carolyn Grime** graduated from the University of Hartford as a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Brian Slater and Renee Mikolinski graduated from the University of Hartford. Brian received a BS in Computer science and Renee received a BS in Health Science.

Nicole Bouchard received a Master of Science Degree in Advanced Physician Assistance program, **Brittany Cattaruzza** was awarded a BA cum laude in speech and **Stephanie White** received a BS magna cum laude also in the Physician's Assistance all at Wagner College in Staten Island, NY

Aidan Kanell graduated cum laude from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in Marketing.

Sara Bevins received a double major in Marketing and Organizational Communication at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Alex Delizio graduated from Full Sail University in Winter Park, FL with a BS in Recording Arts Engineering.

Lindsay Maurer graduated from Fairfield University.



Honoring Our Flag on Flag Day!

Jerome Harrison Elementary School recently honored Flag Day with a recital at the school. The children presented local Veterans with poppies and flags.

(Photo by Aimee Aiken)

Kayleigh's Korner by Kayleigh Melillo

We're finally free! No more teachers, papers, essays, or anything! Well, until high school, ugh, bummer. The eighth grade graduation promotion ceremony went off without a hitch, despite the long, grueling rehearsals where students sat down for hours on end and listened to teachers argue about table placement. Oh, memories. The beach themed dance afterwards was quite fun too; the entire cafeteria was filled with beach balls, palm trees, and leis, not to mention the fact that the teacher's break room was decorated like a beach where you could take pictures-but it was of course mostly used for sitting on the beach chair when your feet hurt. As for the last few school days, it's been filled with nothing. Mostly yearbook signings, movie watching, and crying. Dear goodness, lots and lots of crying. As for everyone else, we want to cry because of all of the crying. But to be quite honest, it is kind of sad to think that the people we've been with for the last four to ten years (depending on which elementary school you went to) are all moving on to different places and schools and you'll never be with that exact same group of people again. There's one hundred and eighty-eight people in the eighth grade class, and obviously, we're not close with everybody. We don't get along with everybody, but we're still just one completely messed up, inappropriate, weird, spastic family. So, to continue on this mushy-emotion stuff, this is the last edition on Kayleigh's Korner *insert awh's here* so thanks to everyone who supported this article over the last year or so. But hey, there's that old cheesy saying, 'all good things must come to an end,' besides, writing with a broken pencil is pointless. That actually had nothing to do with anything, just wanted to squeeze one last pun in there. Yep, it's okay to go back and go 'oooh' when you get it. So, once again, thank you everyone.

Whoops! I Missed a Few Graduates! In the last edition of the Totoket Times, the following students were omitted from the list of the NBHS graduating class of 2014

Nathan Hughart & Anthony Hummel

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Scholarship Association Receives \$10,000.

On Wednesday June 4th, The North Branford Scholarship Association held a senior awards program for the class of 2014 at 7 p.m., in the North Branford High School Auditorium.

During the ceremony AT&T awarded a \$10,000. contribution to support scholarships for graduating high school seniors from North Branford, who are pursuing an advanced education. This contribution organized by Rep. Candelora will fund scholarships for North Branford senior during the next few years.

"I am honored to have been able to facilitate this grant for such a great scholarship program that I benefited from as a graduate from North Branford" said Candelora.

"For 51 years North Branford's businesses, organizations and individuals have supported its scholarship association. It is with great pleasure that we have AT&T believe in and support our efforts. With AT&T's support we will be able to continue supporting our students for years to come," said Lars Selander, Scholarship Association President.

The contribution was the result of AT&Ts commitment to investing in a well-educated workforce. Through AT&Ts Aspire initiative, the company has committed to investing \$350 million in education nationwide. Currently, about one in five students does not graduate high school with their peers. AT&T Aspire is driven to help students succeed — in school, in the workforce and in life.

SCHOOL Senior Notes by Alicia Abelson

In the movies and TV shows, high school graduates have this moment where they receive a letter they wrote to themselves at a younger age. I had always thought of this as a myth, something that never actually happened in real life. It had not occurred to me that this too was my fate until I received a letter from my eight-year-old self. Little Alicia thought that she would live in Florida, even though present me likes the cold northeast. Eight-year-old Alicia also said that she wasn't having kids until she was 39, and that she wanted to be a veterinary scientist (which is not an actual profession). Looking back, I have no recollection of writing the letter because all of the long days of youth blur together.

As a young child, time passed at the rate of molasses. In comparison to the rate of time as a young adult, it seems to pass at the speed of light. No one really thinks about how their days are numbered until they are forced to look into the past as they foresee a new future. Certainly as a freshman, I didn't think twice about how short four years really are. My mind was set on graduation, because even back then I thought I was ready to graduate.

Yet, as I was cleaning out my locker for the last time I realized that I'm not ready. I've been so sure about my future, but now that it's here I can honestly say that I am scared (of course I won't tell that to my parents). I won't be seeing the same faces, landscapes, or monuments everyday as I have for the past 12 years. Time flies, as mundane as that may sound, it's true. Even though I am moving off to college, I will not forget the numbered days that I was blessed to have with this article and with my faithful readers. In my closing statements I would like to give a thank you to Frank Mentone, my family, and especially my readers. You have stuck with me through these four years, and I could not be more grateful for this opportunity to share my experiences. You will always be in my memory.

With much love, Alicia Abelson

Publisher's note: Just for kicks, I thought it would be fun to print the first article Alicia submitted four years ago as an eight grader. We look forward to hearing from her as she continues on in college.

The Final Months

Summer seems to be right around the corner as students, like me, begin the fourth marking period. Although school is not over yet, many students have been winding down and getting ready for the hot lazy days of summer. This year, being my last, has passed like the wind. It seems as if just yesterday it was the first day of my eight grade year. With the Boston trip, Holiday Hill, and graduation coming soon most eight graders have been waiting for the end of the year to come. Many just hoping to make the best of the final months as our middle school careers end and our high school careers begin.



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SPORTS

NBHS Athletes are in Good Hands



North Branford High School has 20 unique athletic programs with 325 students participating throughout the school year. With numerous coaches, assistant coaches and managers, there is one person who keeps the athletes in the playing arena and that person is Athletic Trainer Stacey Schofield

Stacey is the full time Athletic Trainer who is assigned by the Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Center in Guilford, CT. She is the first contact for athletes who need injuries treated or ad-

vice and programs to avoid potential injuries. From strains, to breaks, to concussions and more, Stacey is there for these young athletes.

No stranger to sports, Stacey played both soccer and softball at ECSU. Upon graduating from college she played semi pro football for the National Women's Football Association. "I love sports and I knew I wanted to do this as far back as I can remember," she admitted. "I have always been intrigued by injuries and the process involved in healing those injuries for both the mental and physical aspects."

Suffering her own share of injuries in her athletic endeavors, helped her develop a passion for Athletic Training. "Between the injuries and the surgeries needed to fix those injuries, I have learned to understand all the ups & downs an athlete goes through during the process," she explained. "My favorite part of the job is knowing that I can make a difference in the lives of young athletes, simply by understanding what they are going through and by being there when they need an ear to listen or a kick in the fanny because you know they can be great with a little confidence, focus and determination."

A certified Athletic Trainer since 2007, Stacey spent a year at Yale University with the women's soccer and ice hockey programs. She then left to take the full time position at NBHS where she has been ever since. She completed her undergraduate work at ECSU and furthered her graduate studies at Bridgewater State College. In 2006 she graduated with a MS in Physical Education with a concentration in Athletic Training.

"I think that I am the luckiest girl alive because I get to be an Athletic Trainer. For me there can't be a more satisfying profession," she emphasized.

Stacey is not the only one satisfied. NBHS Athletic Director Korey Kevorkian commented, "Stacey is a vital part of the athletic program at NBHS. She has a tremendous rapport with all the coaches and student athletes. I have seen her in action on several occasions where there is an injury and she handle these situations with professionalism, confidence and a positive attitude. I could not ask for a better trainer for our student-athletes at NBHS."





Club Napoli to Host Free Soccer Clinics Gigi Garofano, President of Club Napoli (Italian American Club) in Northford, recently hosted a luncheon for members of the Stanley T. Williams Community/Senior Center (above photo).

Club Napoli will be hosting free soccer clinics this summer for children ages 4 and up. For further information contact Gigi at 203-231-8936.



Free Safety Inspections Every Spring Saturday

With spring soon to be summer, vacation road trips are just around the corner.

One way to increase the odds of arriving safely is making sure you're good to go. To help, we will offer a free safety inspection every Saturday 'til summer.



Kindergartners Celebrate Year End

Jerome Harrison School recently celebrated the end of the year Kindergarten celebration. Children participated in all day festivities including musical entertainment, crafts, pizza, ice cream and play time. The above photo is only a sample of the smiling faces on all the children. Close to 150 children had a fun filled day.

The event was put together by the Kindergarten teachers and funded by the Jerome Harrison PTO.

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North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Fame's Third Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday, July 20th at Woodwinds in Branford. This year will feature another group of outstanding individuals who have contributed to athletics during the history of the school. The seven athletes will include Jim Moran (1971), Jimmy Wilborn (1982), Ellenmary Martin-Frye(1984), Wendy Elles(1992), Karen Vissichio-Czaplicki(1994),

North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Dan Petroskey(1996) and Mike Gargiulo(2004).

The featured coach this year will be Rick Geremia who coached the boys soccer team to 5 Shoreline Championships and two State Titles. Coach Geremia them went on to coach girls soccer and led them to two Shoreline Championships and this year he coached the boys tennis team who had their best season in years,

Tickets are \$40 per person and they can be obtained by sending the following request to Janine Reilly, 59 Glenwood Road, North Branford, Ct. Name

Address

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Tables will be assigned in groups of 8 or 10. If you are coming with a group please list all attendees in your group.



Becki plans to compete at Amherst College in the fall.

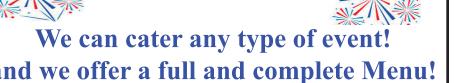


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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Mommy or Daddy & Me

Ages $2 - 3 \sim$ Girls and Boys June 28 – July 19 (no class July 5) Saturday, 9:30 -10:00 a.m. STW Community Center - \$18 Pee Wee Baseball <u>Ages 4 & 5 - Saturdays</u>, 10:30 -11:15 a.m. <u>Ages 5 & 6 - Saturdays</u>, 11:30 -12:15 p.m. June, 28 – July 19 (no class July 5) July 26 – August 9 Northford Park. \$18 **Performing Arts** Ages 6 - 12 years July 28 – August 1, Monday - Friday, 9:00 -2:30 p.m. STW Community Center. \$203 **Conditioning Camp** Grades 1 - 8 Session I: July 14, 16, 18. Session II: July 21, 23, 25 Time: Mon., Wed., Fri., 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Totoket Valley Park. \$50 session OR \$75 register both sessions at once .Gymnastics ~ Starting July 7th Parent & Toddler ages 1 ¹/₂- 3 years Gymnastics for 3, 4 & 5 year old. Gymnastics for 6,7 & 8 year olds **From Fariy Tales to Fiction** Ages 10 - 14 years July 7 – August 11 (no class July 14) Mondays, 4:30 -5:30 p.m. STW Community Center. \$45 **Rookies Tennis** Ages 5 - 8 July 1 – August 5 Tuesdays, 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Northford Tennis Courts. \$65 **Heavy Hitters Tennis** Ages 9 14 July 1 – August 5 Tuesdays, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Northford Tennis Courts. \$65 **Robert Messer**

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Tai Chi / Qigong

Adults

July 1 – August 19. Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. STW Community Center. \$70

TRIPS

JERSEY BOYS on BROADWAY. Limited Seats Left

Sunday, July 20th. Cost: \$90 resident/ \$95 non-resident Trip includes RT motor coach, rear mezzanine seating to a 3 p.m. matinee show, free time in the city before the show and short time after.

PILGRIM BELLE HARBOUR TOUR

SATURDAY, July 19th. Cost: \$93 resident/ \$98 non-resident

Enjoy a delicious lunch with views of Plymouth Rock. Menu includes Salad, Choice of Broiled Scrod w/ Crumb Topping OR Chicken Cordon Bleu, Vegetable, Potato & Dessert & Coffee. Following lunch there will be time to stroll Plymouth Harbor, see Plymouth Rock, and shop the fun stores along Water St. In the afternoon board Pilgrim Belle for a 75 minute narrated cruise. Hear the story of the historic seaport and take in the breathtaking views.

NEWBURY STREET w/ FIRE & ICE DINNER

SATURDAY, August 16th. Cost: \$80 resident/ \$85 non-resident

Newbury Street in Boston ranks as one of the premiere shopping streets in the entire countryEnjoy the afternoon on Newbury street to do as you please. Afterwards we will meet for dinner at Fire & Ice where the endless array of fresh food combinations will boggle your mind. And, the magic performed by the chefs around the world's largest Mongolian grill will delight and excite your senses!

EVENTS

INDOOR TAG SALE @ STW COMMUNITY CENTER 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT 06472. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$20 for an 8 ft. space / Bring your Own Table. Space is limited! **Registration & Payment Required Prior to the Event**

Public Stargazing at Young's Pond Park

The Astronomical Society of New Haven will host a free public observing event starting around sunset on Saturday June 28th at Young's Pond Park in Branford. All members of the family are welcome to look through **Certified Information Systems Auditor** the telescopes at the stars and the planets. This month, telescopes will be pointed at Mars, Saturn with its rings, and many star clusters including the Hercules Star Cluster. Members will also point out the constellations and 203-488-8649 (fax) 203-488-1970 satellite passes. Bring a telescope if you have one and we can help you get Accounting & Bookkeeping Services the most out of it. Mosquito repellant recommended. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted at www.asnh.org or The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in

CHURCH

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Hill Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Breaking of Bread, 9:15am. Sunday, Ministry and Sunday School, 11:00am. Nursery for infants and toddlers at both meetings. Mid-week Bible studies. For spiritual help, call 203-239-9845.

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 wecome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 9AM. 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.orgWe are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church. The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and Deacons are John Hart & Robert Macaluso. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm & 11am on Sunday mornings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30PM In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation 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. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or visit us online at www.staugustinenobfdct.com

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 Marenna. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacarment 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.

Focus Pointe Ministries is a young and growing vibrant organization located at Guilford Gatehouse, 2614 Boston Post Road, Guilford. Our Mission—*Renewing Minds & Transforming Lives.* The Ministry is dedicated to assist individuals in finding meaning and fulfilling their life's purpose. Building strong physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is at the core of weekly teachings. The Ministry offers a unique weekly worship services convene on Sunday's at 10:00 a.m. Visit us online at www.focuspointeministries.org or call 203 533-5569

Summer at Northford Congregational Church

During the months of July and August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday worship services at 9 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

There will be a Vacation Bible School from Friday, July 11, to Sunday, July 13. Contact Kathy Grant with questions or to sign up at 203-823-1023.

On Sunday, July 13, there will be a 9 a.m. worship by the Farm River in Northford instead of in the church building. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, bug repellent (and boots if it has rained). The location is behind the municipal buildings and ball field at Totoket Park.

The church has a new website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com.

Next Quarterly Recycling & e-Waste Event

Saturday, July 12th 2014 - 9am to noon

North Branford Recycling Center

(Public Works area Rte 22 Forest Road)

Electronic Waste collection by Metech Recycling www.metechrecycling.com

This is a free service for residents to discard electronic waste properly. Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks* and <u>rechargeable</u> batteries.

Please remember that we will not accept paper of any type; place in recycling barrel for curbside pickup.

*Charge for helium tanks and size-based charge for propane tanks.

Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility <u>during</u> quarterly e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.

HazWaste Central now open for the season Located right behind the Regional Water Authority's headquarters, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Hours are 9am to noon - Saturdays through October 25, 2014

Note: Center is <u>closed</u> for the Independence Day and Labor Day holiday weekends.

Used Textiles: Donate, Recycle, Don't Throw Away

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the average person throws away 70 pounds of clothing per year adding up to 3.8 billion pounds of unnecessary waste added to our landfills.

Please help increase the current textile recovery rate by donating <u>all</u> clean and dry textiles (items made from cloth or artificial fabric) for reuse and recycling. Used textiles can be dropped off at local metal collection boxes (Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries, etc.).

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Visit Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association (SMART) - <u>www.smartasn.org</u> or <u>www.ct.gov/deep</u> for more information.

Exhibits at the Dudley Farm Museum

The Dudley Farm Museum in North Guilford has planned special exhibits this summer. July will feature "Preserving the Past With Canning Jars". On display in August will be a small sampling of the many "Games From the Nineteenth Century" which the Museum owns.

The Farm Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00PM. Adult Admission is \$3.00. The Farm is located at 2351 Durham Road in Guilford.



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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. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Comedy Night Fundraiser at Wallingford Elks Club

The North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, will present a dinner and comedy night fundraiser on Saturday, July 19, at the Wallingford Elks Club, 148 S. Main Street, Wallingford. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm, and show at 8:15pm. The event includes a family-style dinner, dessert, cash bar, raffles and more, and 90 minutes of stand-up comedy presented by Treehouse Comedy Productions.

Tickets are \$40. Proceeds will benefit the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy scholarship and charity programs. For more information or tickets, call Gale at 203-239-0454.

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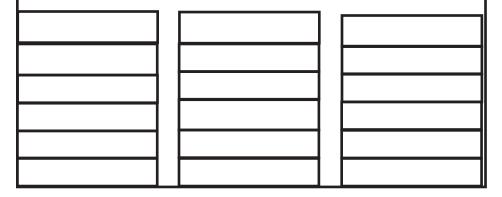
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