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## Club Napoli Donates \$1000.

When Rob Raiano passed away unexpectedly, he left behind his wife, a young son and many friends and family. On Sunday, June 4th, those friends and members of his family will be celebrating Rob's life as well as helping to secure Mateo's future (see page 12).

Members of Club Napoli recently reached out to their membership and collected \$1000. to kick off the fund. The club is always around to help the community and this was no exception.

*Photo: Anna Maria Porto (grandmother), Maria Porto (mother), John Mongillo (uncle), Mateo, Gigi Garofano (Club President) and Sal DeMaio (Fund Organizer).*



## Stand By Sue

## No One Stands Alone

On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, friends and supporters will gather for a benefit for Sue Bush. Sue was diagnosed with lung cancer and is presently undergoing treatment. The event will be held at Doody's Totoket Inn from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. The event will feature face painting, balloons, clowns, entertainment, raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle. A pasta dinner will be served from 3:00 – 5:00. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Please contact Lynn Riordan at 203-506-7577, Cathy Slubowski at 203-804-2417 or Lenora Norman at 203-868-9986. **Tickets will be sold at the door.**

If you cannot attend, but wish to support this family, you can send or drop off donations to TDBank, 1289 Foxon Road in North Branford. Checks should be made payable to Matt's Mission Fund/Stand By Sue.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## Honor our Military with a Flag

The North Branford Women's Club, Inc. along with the Northford Women's Club GFWC are sponsoring Honor Them with a Flag, a salute to our country's military personnel and veterans. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the front lawn at the North Branford Town Hall from Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Each flag, 12" x 18", will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier or loved one. A ceremony will be held on the Town Hall lawn on Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00pm. Flags are available for collection after July 4<sup>th</sup> at the North Branford Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit local veterans' projects. To order, fill out a form and mail a check made out to the North Branford Women's Club, Inc for \$10 per flag to: North Branford Women's Club, P.O. Box 932, North Branford, CT 06471. Order forms are available in local papers, the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, Edward Smith and Atwater Libraries, the Northford and North Branford Post Offices and online at [www.northfordwomensclub.org](http://www.northfordwomensclub.org). There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received by June 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Barbara LaFrance at 203-444-9998.

Please fill out the following and make a check payable to:

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# Stay Strong Alan Davis

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## Let's Be "Frank"

I gotta tell you something brother. I'm really getting tired of using this column to eulogize some of the best people I know. I don't know what's going on but some bad things are happening to some good people way to soon.

Fifteen years ago when I took the state certification course to coach at the high school, I had to travel to Cheshire for what I believe was an eight week course. The course was designed to be three hours each week but we knew if we didn't ask any questions, we could get out in two.

There was a gentleman from North Branford whom I didn't know at the time. He continued to ask question after question forcing us to stay the entire three hours. After three weeks I finally introduced myself to him and begged him to stop asking questions. "I understand you are going to coach track" I asked him. I then went on to tell him that track wasn't really a sport. You throw on a pair of sneakers and you run. What's the big deal and why all the questions. He was nicer than I was but he explained in no uncertain terms that it was our duty to find out all we could so we would be at our best coaching the kids.

As time went on, I saw this man on the NBHS school campus and an odd couple relation was soon beginning to form. I was loud, he was not. I was in terrible physical shape, he was a freaking runner. I always seemed to be in the public eye, he always wanted to stay in the background.

There was one thing that Floyd Parness and I had in common. We both wanted what was best for the kids. His dedication to the program and the kids at North Branford was on a special level. To try to say nice things about him would be redundant but a few stories describe the man, not the coach.

I am a sponsor of many events in North Branford. Many of these groups give out T-shirts. I constantly open the mail to the excitement of a size medium or large t-shirt to thank me for my support. A great item to wash the car or use as a dust cloth. But Floyd would show up at my home every year after the Potato Festival run with a 4XL shirt, thanking me for my help. There was never a derogatory mention of my size just a thoughtful gesture from a thoughtful man.

For the past two years I have begged Floyd to accept the Shining Star Award given out to members of the community who have gone beyond the

call for our kids. Floyd vehemently refused both years. His simple response was 'It's not what I'm about. Thanks but no thanks'.

Floyd Parness died last week at the young age of 65. He died while doing what he loved as he took his morning run. I use to tease him about running (his love and my distain). But just as coaching was his passion, so was running.

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## Connecticut's Financial Struggles *State Representative Vincent Candelora*



This next budget year, marks the tenth anniversary of Connecticut's fiscal crisis, and we are still seeing very little improvement. The Governor and unions have announced a concession deal that seeks \$700 million in "givebacks" and the deal is being met with mixed reviews.


Regardless of the details of the union package, the five year extension on the contract is a non-starter for me. Union leadership continue to cry foul that the state continues to attempt to balance the budget on their backs; yet for the second time in five years, the Governor has negotiated an agreement that extends their contract another five years into 2027. These extensions essentially delay the inevitable need for comprehensive state employment reform, and nibbling at the edges every few years only insures these mid-term negotiations that don't fix the problem.

Three of our rating agencies have downgraded our bond rating which will make it more expensive to borrow. Because of this downgrade, the treasurer's office reported that it is twice as expensive to bond, and recommends shifting to revenue credit bonds. Credit revenue bonds, which are utilized typically by cities, such as Bridgeport, Washington D.C. and Chicago, require the borrower to earmark a revenue stream to pay back the bonds. Essentially, the treasurer is recommending a self-imposed wage garnishment in order to hold down borrowing costs. Approximately 4% of our income tax revenue will get segregated into a bank account where bond creditors automatically get paid.

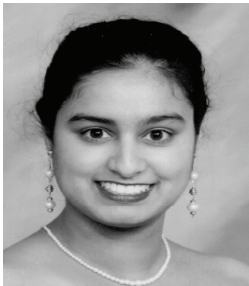
Connecticut's poor revenue performance is attributed to the fact that our top 100 taxpayers generated 49% less tax revenue than the previous year, thus opening up \$300 plus deficit. My fears when the Democrats raised the income tax on the wealthy are being realized. They're leaving. I spoke to one resident who moved his family and business to Florida. By doing so, he's saving \$10 million a year in taxes. That revenue represents 25% of our care for kids program.

I believe it is not just the taxes that are causing people to leave. In the Governor's budget proposal, he's shifting \$50 million of additional funding to Hartford, which is facing bankruptcy, at the expense of our small town. While the legislature weighs in on this proposal, Hartford responds by announcing a policy to provide identification cards for illegal immigrants and proving these illegal residents with access to all of its city services. Meanwhile towns struggle with the reality of increasing taxes by 4-6 mills in order to address this shortfall. Again, regardless of how anyone feels about illegal immigration, cities send the wrong message by announcing new, costly programs in the face of bankruptcy. Government's inability to control its spending prompts the discussion, why stay in Connecticut? Sadly, we continue to lose population.

House Republicans have drawn the line in the sand. We cannot raise taxes and we cannot have massive cuts to our towns. We continue our attempts to negotiate a bipartisan budget package, and I am hopeful that Democrats will support our perspective. Connecticut is a great state and I believe it can make a comeback!



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## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

### By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Long Term Care Insurance (LTCI) used to be one of the best ways to protect your assets from nursing home exposure. With the cost of care in a Connecticut skilled nursing facility often exceeding \$15,000 per month, owning a LTCI policy used to make sense for many people.

The cost of LTCI is based on the age and health of the applicant. Insurance companies gamble on the health of their clients, but they need to minimize their risk in order to stay in business. One way to minimize said risk is to charge high premiums for their older and less healthy clients.

Many older people will simply not qualify for an LTCI policy because there is too much risk for the insurance company. One strategy to avoid the higher premiums is to apply for LTCI when you are young. However, you will be paying your premiums over a longer amount of time, so there may be no real savings.

Recently there has been a trend by insurance companies to increase their rates across the board for all of their policy holders. So, even if you got the LTCI policy when you were young and in good health, there is a good chance that rate could increase dramatically over the lifetime of the policy. The rate increases force people to do one of three things: reduce the amount of benefits within the policy to make it more affordable or bite the bullet and pay in the 40% increase (if they can afford it) or to drop the policy and effectively flush all of the premiums they have paid in the past down the toilet. None of these options are very appealing to most people. However, there is another option, that does not involve insurance at all.

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

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

Timing is extremely important when establishing an IAPT. "Beat the Clock" is the name of the game. In order for an IAPT to work it must be set up well in advance of anticipated nursing home care (currently 5 years). After the passage of enough time the assets held by the IAPT will be insulated from the ravages of a long term stay in a nursing home.

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

*If you have questions that you'd like answered in this column, email me at [marc@guertinlaw.net](mailto:marc@guertinlaw.net).*

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#### *Let's be "Frank" continued*

He would constantly preach that is was good for the body and the mind.

When I heard of Floyd's death it was a shock. No, I didn't go out for beers with him, or dinners with the family. I must admit we did spend several hours talking about life in general when he would show up with my 4X -Shirt, but hat was it.

But in those few short hours and my passing him on the track to get to the baseball field as well as helping him at the Potato Festival run, I found a man who was so dedicated to his players, it embarrassed me as a coach. He was one of the few coaches who sent me stats on his players after every meet. It took time and it wasn't part of his job but that didn't matter. When I offered to give him credit for the stories, once again he refused. "Just give the kids the ink, that's all that matters".

My heart goes out to Floyd's students as well as his family. He coached a sport that few kids really want to do (run) but he got them to love it with his passion and dedication. We have lost a special man way too soon but we are all better for knowing him.

Take care my brother and I'll see you soon.

## New Look at "Space Weather"

### To the Editor:

The recent "Space Weather" editorial by Kirt Westfall not only contains a scientific error related to the amount of harmful carbon dioxide being pumped into our atmosphere, but it incorrectly implies that climate change might be caused by space weather.

The "space weather events" referenced in President Obama's Executive Order of October 13, 2016, Executive Order have nothing to do with climate change but everything to do with solar flare radiation disrupting military and domestic satellites, electrical generation, distribution grids and computer networks, all of which are crucial to national security. The order followed a significant solar flare event that compromised some of our electronic and electrical grid infrastructure and was directed at government departments to prepare and harden defense against future solar storms.

The fundamental flaw in his article questioning the science of climate change is that he only quotes a gross outflow of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from land and oceans, when the relevant number is the *net* measurement, which includes inflows too. Our planet naturally both absorbs and releases CO<sub>2</sub> as part of the global carbon cycle, and both lands and oceans absorb more CO<sub>2</sub> than they release. In fact, the planet's land mass absorbs almost twice as much CO<sub>2</sub> as it did before the industrial age, and our oceans absorb about three times as much. This is because since the industrial revolution, we have opened up a steady tap that adds CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere. Yes, the human addition is small compared to the one-way flows into and out of our land and oceans, but compared to the net flows, we have tipped the scale dangerously to one side.

Mr. Westfall's contemptuous query as to whether "we confuse ourselves with theories of carbon cycle feedback" argues an intellect unwilling or unable to understand the dynamics of the most serious threat to a livable environment on earth.

A close reading of chapter 6 of the IPCC Climate Change 2013 - The Physical Science Basis report, and the figure depicting the Earth's carbon cycle, flows and stocks in particular, clearly shows the fallacy of Mr. Westfall's assertions. It is perhaps more understandable to refer to the unquestionable increase not the ppm (parts per million) of greenhouse gases and CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere since the beginning of the industrial age. That analysis gives the clearest and most understandable picture of clear and ever-increasing concentrations over time.

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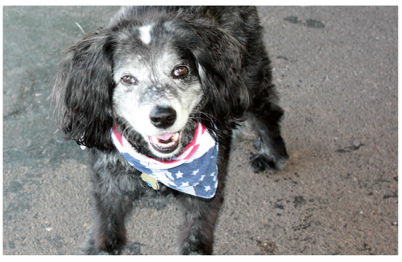



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This is also an opportunity for youngsters to explore public safety in multiple disciplines and possibly consider it as a career choice. The event will also feature refreshments and some giveaway prizes.

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## Join NBLCT on CT Trails Day

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. will sponsor two hikes on June 3rd and 4th as part of CT Trails Day.

On Saturday, June 3 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, Geoff Smith and Otto Schaefer will lead a 2.5-mile hike on the Mattabesett Trail, home of the highest peak in North Branford at 720' (a 360' elevation gain). Follow a steep ravine through an old vineyard and hemlock grove up to the high point, which is the junction of North Branford, Durham, and Guilford. On the way, you will see old border markers, pass intermittent streams and a waterfall and there will be at least one stream crossing. Due to the terrain, this hike is not recommended for young children. Bring water and wear sturdy hiking boots. Meet at 9:15 am at Stage Coach Rd, off of Route 17, in Durham. From Northford Center, go 4.1 miles north on Route 17. Turn right onto Stage Coach Rd, then go 300 yards to a sharp left turn. The trailhead is on the right at the turn. Please do not block the entrance for emergency vehicles. Park along the road wherever possible. (rain date June 4)

On Sunday, June 4, NBLCT members Hank Petroskey and Ted Groom will lead a two-hour leisurely family friendly and educational 1.5-mile walk on a hidden gem of trails located behind Stanley T. Williams and Totoket Valley Elementary School (TVES). See stonewalls, a brook, an old trough, and various types of trees on trails that were constructed in the 1970s. Meet at the playscape at TVES at 9:15.

You can preregister by calling 203-484-6017 or visit [nbparkrec.com](http://nbparkrec.com) or <https://www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend/events-2017/north-branford-educational-walk-record-3494>. (Rain cancels the event).

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about NBLCT, go to [www.nblandtrust.org](http://www.nblandtrust.org) or visit us on Facebook.

## “Paws to Read” Story Circle with Mason

at the Smith Library on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Mason is a six year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. When he's not busy being a therapy dog, he loves to play with his toy duck or play fetch with a tennis ball.

His favorite treat is a plain old fashioned doughnut from Dunkin Donuts!

He is a good listener and really likes making new friends.

The Smith Library invites young readers-in-training (ages 4-8) to improve their reading skills by reading to a licensed therapy dog. Come say hi and join us for summer reading fun as we take turns reading him a picture book about dogs!

Space limited. For more information and to register for the event call: 203-484-0469 <http://nbranfordlibraries.wixsite.com/home>



## Please note: Change in Bulky Waste Pickup

Effective **July 1, 2017** bulky waste pickup will be **monthly** (instead of weekly).

Monthly bulky pickup will take place the **2<sup>nd</sup> full week** of each month.

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### Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday **July 8, 2017 9:00 AM till Noon**

**North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Route 22)**

*Can't wait until our town's July collection?*

**Take 2 Electronics**, has a site open to all CT residents where you can bring your electronics for recycling.

**Located at 295 South Leonard Street in Waterbury;**

**hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM,**

**Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon. No charge.**

**You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website;**

**check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.**

*For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website* [take2recycle.com](http://take2recycle.com)

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## 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 28th, 2017**Note:

Center is closed for the Independence Day and Labor Day holiday weekends.

*Since 1990, HazWaste Central has collected over one million gallons of waste from more than 113,000 households.*

**Want to volunteer?**


**Call 203-401-2712 or email [ask.hazwaste@rwater.com](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com) for information about becoming a HazWaste Central Volunteer.**

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# North Branford High School

## Graduating Class of 2017



Sarah Abdulhak	Joshua Cove	Ashley Fraenza	Shaun Kusmit	Katerina Palma	Matthew Sette
Jason Alaska	Nicolas Crotta	Jordyn Franco	Tara Lauro	Austin Pappolla	Stephanie Seymour
Shaina Alexander	Jack Curran	Makena Gagliardi	Gianni Lavorgna	Antonio Pavic	Deanna Sgambato
Alexis Appicelli	Stephanie Czarkowski	Meghan Galdenzi	Tyler Lichtenberger	Victoria Pawlak	Matthew Sibley
James Augur	Marc Daddio	Tabitha Garcia	Morgan Lombard	Kyle Pedersen	Louis Sidera
Justin Augur	Jillian Damiani	Jazzmine Gargano	Alexi Lucibello	Nicholas Pelletier	Preston Silva
Jake Baker	Pasquale D'Angelo	Emma Garrett	Samantha Luke	Gregory Perez	Jamie Slubowski
Abigail Baldwin	Christian DeFrancesco	Nicholas Garrison	Mario Masella	Amanda Piercey	Nicolas Sommo
Jessica Barrachina	Tyler DeFrancesco	Ashley Gee	Gregory Mastriano	Tyanna Preston	Lauren Stelmaszczyk
Marissa Berthiaume	Neycha DeJesus	Nicholas Giatrelis	Jordan McGovern	Robert Querfeld	Rachael Stelmaszczyk
Dillon Blake	Anthony DellaCamera	Austin Gibilisco	Brian McKee	Gabrielle Raffone	Tabitha Stone
Joseph Bonito	Elaina DellaCamera	Matthew Grady	William Miessau	Emma Randolph	Julia Sudusky
Jonathan Branfuhr	Anthony DeLucia	Alex Hackett	Pasquale Mingione	Abigail Raucci	Jessica Tang
Morgan Bronner	Dean Desabrais	Julia Haeckel	Felicia Mirabella	Gemma Raymond	Stephanie Testa
Brittnie Bruno	Zachary DiPentima	Meagan Hanratty	Hunter Mollohan	Kaitlyn Redente	Giovanni Tirollo
Marc Buffone	Keith-Edward	Machaela Henry-Price	Samantha Molnar	Keane Regan	Leverett Torgerson
Zachary Bunnell	Drummond	Sydney Hogan	Emily Muzyka	Lesly Rojas	Tyler Vecchio
Derek Candelora	Nicholas Eairheart	Michael Hoyt	Parker Nadeau	John Roth	Andrea Weaver
Nicole Cappello	Jason Erne	Amanda Hughart	Carolann Nemergut	Michael Rubino	Devon Willsher
Gabriella Castaldi	Jennina Esposito	Shane Hynes	Dylan Nowak	Samantha Ruggiero	Patience Wilson
Gianna Castaldi	Leslie Estrada-Perez	Philip Jacobs	Alexa Nuterangelo	Cara Sagnella	Brandon Wisting
Winnie Chan	Michael Fama	Julia Jerominek	Elissa Nuzzo	Julianna Santiago	Nicole Yeager
Marawa Chater	Jillian Felten	Meredith Johnson	Connor Odell	Antonio Sarmiento	Mohammed Amin
Tenzin Chime	Angelo Fiondella	Peyton Joiner	Tyler Odice	Ariel Scaniffe	Younes
Briana Cintron	Robert Fitch	MacKenzie Kaiser	Kelly Oliver	Zachary Scell	Hali Young
Scott Clinton	Austin Fletcher	Michael Kehlenbach	Christian Ortiz	Ian Schiro	Kari Zargo

Valedictorian  
Austin Gibilisco

Salutatorian  
Julia Sudusky

Essayist  
Jessica Tang

Class President  
Deanna Sgambato

### THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Kyle Hottin, Samantha Primer and Racehl Potenziani, graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University.  
Michelle Theilgard and Caitlyn Rebeschis graduated from Mercy High School in Middletown, CT.

### EXTENDED DEADLINE

## Know a Senior or an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader?

Send them congratulatory 17" mylar balloons that will be delivered to their house with your personalized note!

Purple balloons for seniors,  
White balloons for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Balloons are \$5.00 each and are inscribed with a North Branford Graduate logo.

All funds raised will help support the North Branford High School Girls Soccer Team

If you do not know a 2017 graduate, please consider making a donation so that all graduates can have a balloon during this special time.

## Call Now For Last Minute Orders

Graduate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> Grader \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your note to Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sender's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sender's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total balloons ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must be included with order!!!!

Please make checks payable to **North Branford Girls Soccer**  
Mail To: North Branford Girls Soccer, c/o Tracey Violette  
44 Doral Farm Road, North Branford, CT 06471  
If you have any questions, please call 203-484-4374

Ashley McManus was named to the Dean's List at King's College in PA.  
Matthew Edward and Alyssa DeNardis graduated from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.  
Erin Stiegler was named to the Dean's List at Keene State College in New Hampshire.  
Andrew Cooney graduated from Assumption College in Worcester, MA.  
Mariana Delgaudio graduated from Curry College in Milton, MA  
Blake Rice was named to the Dean's List at Worcester Polytech Institute.

### NB Keychains Make Great Graduation Gifts

Trying to figure out what to purchase for your North Branford graduate? Please support the Northford Women's Club, GFWC, by purchasing one of these great key chains with the North Branford (NB) logo on them. They are made in America! The proceeds will be used to support our charity budget which gives back directly to our community. The cost is \$15 per key chain. We also still have North Branford bracelets available for purchase. Please contact Michele at 203-717-2203 or email [michelehanah00@gmail.com](mailto:michelehanah00@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for supporting our club. The Northford Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.



### Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the highlights of the program are:

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- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
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# Ferraro Designs her own Major at McDaniel College



Formerly a North Branford resident, Jana McDaniel became interested in American Sign Language (ASL) and deaf studies in elementary school when she became friends with a deaf classmate. She attended McDaniel to study ASL and decided to create her own major that not only encompassed the language but also provided more of an understanding of the culture and community of individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. During McDaniel’s Jan Term this past January, she had an internship

at Yale–New Haven Hospital, where she shadowed the deaf and hard of hearing services coordinator. She has now graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in in Deaf Studies-Language and Culture.

Following graduation, she is moving to San Francisco in order to become immersed in a deaf community, so that she has the ability to network. She will be taking online courses to become certified in ASL interpreting, as well as working as a live-in nanny for a family.

During her time at McDaniel, Jana served as a resident assistant. She also studied abroad in Belgium.

## A Lot to Say about a Man of Few Words

Dear Editor:

May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 was just a devastating day. Many of you know that was the day we lost Floyd Parness. To call Floyd a coach really doesn’t come close to the man we knew and loved. He was a mentor, a role model, a friend, an advocate, and he was all that is right with high school sports. His only concern was helping his kids to be better people on and off the course and he did this without any desire for recognition or accolades. It is impossible to find anyone that didn’t like or respect him including all the coaches of other competing schools. Our track and cross country families are discussing ways to honor him, maybe a donation to the food bank, or naming the cross-country course after him. These are great ideas but the greatest gift we can give him would be to remember the man we knew and try to live our lives in a manner that he would be proud of. He was truly a gift to all of these kids. **Sincerely, Nello Damiani**

# “Not just a Coach A Mentor and a Friend

Dear Editor:

Our small town was knocked to its knees with the news that Floyd Parness passed away. You would be hard pressed to find one person in this town who didn’t cross paths with him in one way or another and those interactions always left you with a smile. You couldn’t help but be taken in by his quirky personality, his quiet demeanor and his zest for life. As adults, we were all left wondering “how could this happen” and we wrestled with the fact that he was so healthy, so fit, so full of life. It was hard for us adults to wrap our head around this. However, it very quickly and very clearly became evident that there was another more important thing for us adults to deal with...our children’s emotions.

The student athletes of the track and cross country teams were rocked to their core. They loved Floyd not only as a coach, but as a mentor and a friend. He was their tireless cheerleader, their source of inspiration and the one person they continually looked to for guidance. Guidance on how to pick themselves up after a bad run, how to strive to be the best they could be, how to be a good team mate and maybe most importantly, how to be a good person. His athletes were left with broken hearts and a shattered vision of how life is supposed to be. As parents, we watched helplessly as they tried to deal with their grief.

We watched these kids, on their own, give action to their grief. As a team, they brought flowers to Floyd’s house and they walked the cross country course laying flowers down along the way. They also decided they wanted to hold a candlelight vigil to honor Floyd. This was their way of giving voice to their feelings. Perhaps it was Floyd’s gentle guiding ways that lead them to take these actions. We can surely know that the lessons Floyd taught them will guide them in the future as well.

As parents, we watched our children comfort each other. We also watched as their school community came together to help them. We would like to thank North Branford Superintendent Scott Schoonmaker, NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler, NBHS Athletic Director Kory Kevorkian, NBHS Track Coach Brent Ramsey and all the NBHS teachers and staff. These educators knew our children were hurting and they supported them in every way possible. They allowed our children to have time and space to figure out how to cope with their loss. Also, we’d like to thank the entire Parness family. They attended the vigil, they listened to our children speak and they understood how much our children were hurting. At the funeral, they spoke about how important his “other kids” were to Floyd. In their own grief, they comforted our children. For that we will forever be grateful.

We pray for comfort and healing for Floyd’s family and all those who were touched by him.

Sincerely,  
NBHS Track and Cross Country Parents

*Editors note: Most of this page has traditionally been saved for the tidbits about the players he coached. When I offered to let the readers know that he was providing the info, he forbade me from doing it. “It’s about the kids he would remind me”. I can think of a better place for these letters.*



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ACTIVITIES

**Field Hockey Camp**

**Who:** Entering Grades 2 - 8  
**Session:** July 10 - July 13  
**Time:** Mon. - Thur., 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Northfarms Park  
**Fee:** \$80 res/\$85 nr  
**Instructor:** Cheryl Canada-Associate Head Coach at Quinnipiac University, USA Field Hockey Level II Accreditation, CPR and First Aid Certified

**Pre-School Karate**

**Who:** Ages 3 - 5  
**Session:** June 8 - July 6  
**Time:** Thursdays, 3:00-3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Tom Smith’s Chinese Kempo Academy  
**Fee:** \$45 res/ \$50 nr

**Children’s Karate**

**Who:** Ages 6 - 9  
**Session:** June 10 - July 8  
**Time:** Saturdays, 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Tom Smith’s Chinese Kempo Academy  
**Fee:** \$45 resident / \$50 non-resident

**Slamma Jamma Basketball**

**Who:** Ages 6 - 8  
**Session:** June 26 – July 30  
**Time:** Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Where:** NBIS Gymnasium  
**Fee:** \$125 res/\$130 nr  
**Instructor:** Slamma Jamma Coaches

**Description:** *Develop basketball fundamentals and a winning attitude. With 34 years of experience, the knowledgeable and skilled camp directors and clinicians hold each camper’s best interests as their priority as they work on skills to help create great players and great kids on and off the courts.*

**Slamma Jamma Basketball**

**Who:** Ages 9-14  
**Session:** June 26 – July 30  
**Time:** Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Where:** NBIS Gymnasium  
**Fee:** \$165 res/\$170 nr  
**Instructor:** Slamma Jamma Coaches

**XPACT FITNESS – FEMALE**

**Who:** Ages 13 - 18  
**Session:** June 22 – July 27  
**Time:** Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** NBHS Stadium Field  
**Fee:** \$75 res/\$80 nr  
**Instructor:** Mark Basil, NBHS Football Coach

**XPACT FITNESS - MALE**

**Who:** Ages 13 -18  
**Session:** June 21 – July 26  
**Time:** Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** NBHS Stadium Field  
**Fee:** \$75 res/\$80 nr  
**Instructor:** Mark Basil, NBHS Football Coach

**BUS TRIPS**

**Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Mamma Mia!** A 20 year old woman wants to have a traditional wedding and hopes her father will walk her down the aisle, but there’s one problem: she doesn’t know who her father is! She narrows the list down to three men and hilarity ensues. The classic songs you know and love will have you singing and dancing in the aisles.  
**Fee:** \$110 res/\$115 nr

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Boston Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers**  
Visit Fenway Park, home of the Red Sox, and watch them take on the Tigers. Watch this afternoon game from great seats in the right field grandstand section 7. Includes motor coach transportation.  
**Fee:** \$84 res/\$89 nr

KIDZ KAMP 2017 at

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For children entering Grades 1 - 6

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

(NO CAMP JULY 4th)

**Before Care (\$15 per week) begins at 7:30 a.m.**  
**After Care (\$20 per week) until 6:00 p.m.**

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Hot Lunch option available for \$20 each week.  
Registrations may be done online at [www.nbrecreation.com](http://www.nbrecreation.com) or in person at the STW Community Center. Registration closes one week prior to the start of each camp week. Please contact Shawn Keogh at [RecreationSupervisor@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:RecreationSupervisor@townofnorthbranfordct.com) with any questions regarding camp.

**North Branford Senior Center**  
**8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**  
**\* Senior Hot Lunch available – menu at nbparkrec.com**  
**Cold Salad option available weekly**  
**Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3**  
**\*As a reminder, we offer a weekly grocery shopping trip at 12:30.**  
**Come by or call the Senior Center to register.**  
**Please sign up for activities in advance. Guarantee your spot for enjoyment!**

**Hartford Yard Goats – Thursday, June 1, 10:35**  
Come enjoy America’s pastime at the newly constructed Dunkin’ Donuts Park in downtown Hartford. The Yard Goats are playing a morning game against Richmond. Price includes lunch!  
**Big Y Pharmacy Seminar – Thursday June 8, 12:45, FREE**  
Join Big Y Pharmacist, Luis Moren, along with a nutritionist to discuss ‘Healthy Eating on a Budget’.

**Summertime Supper Club - Thursday, June 8, 4:30**  
Our first supper club was so much fun! Come join us for another! This time we will be going to **Dockside Seafood & Grill** in Branford. Dinner is \$12.95 and includes choice of soup or salad, entrée & non-alcoholic beverage. Please sign up early!

**Mystic Village Trip - Friday, June 9, 10:30, \$3res/\$5nr**  
Spend a casual day of shopping and enjoy lunch with friends. Once we are at the Village this trip is on your own, we will provide a list of eateries and stores for you to enjoy!

**Senior Picnic with Muddy Rudders**  
Co-sponsored with the *North Branford Rotary*  
**Thursday, June 15, 6:00 p.m. Totoket Valley Park**  
Our seniors celebrate summer right! Nothing says summer like hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings, live music and lots of friends. Bring a lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a summer’s evening. Free to town residents, \$5 for others. Please register by Thursday, June 1st

**Being A Volunteer For The North Branford Potato and Corn Festival Might Be “Apeeling”**  
**2017 North Branford Potato and Corn Festival**  
**August 4, 5, and 6**  
***WE NEED YOU!***

The North Branford Potato and Corn Festival is celebrating its 16th year! This Festival could not happen without the dedication of the 180+ volunteers that donate their time each year. You can volunteer for as little as four hours or for the whole weekend.  
The easiest way to volunteer is to go to our website – [nbpotatofest.com](http://nbpotatofest.com) – click on “Volunteers” and do the online sign up. If you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator at [admin@nbpotatofest.com](mailto:admin@nbpotatofest.com) or at 203-484-6017.

**CORRECTION** - John Levenduski & MaryAnn Moniello Levenduski of Pasquale’s Pizza of Pasquale’s Apizza and Sandy Idrovo of Sandy’s Deli and Pizza were incorrectly spelled in the winners story last edition.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC.** 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or [nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net) or [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org). Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., ( corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregation-alchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregation-alchurch.com)

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**, 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill, in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). We will again be transitioning to SUMMER HOURS beginning June 4th - celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

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

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



### Sharing Conversations With People of Faith

Northford Congregational Church recently welcomed Zahir and Sana Mannan to worship services and coffee hour at the church. They shared conversation and ideas as people of faith with members of the church. Mannan is spokesman for the Baitul Aman "House of Peace" Mosque in Meriden. From left, Sana Mannan, interim pastor Rev. Robin Blundon, Zahir Mannan, and church member Nancy Tipping.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Like us on Facebook.

### Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

## Meet Your Merchants



*As the beautiful weather comes, it's time to get out and meet your local merchants. The 6-16-17 issue of the Totoket Times, will not be mailed. We ask you to stop in and pick up a paper at one of our local stores. Say HI to your neighbors and see what some of them have to offer.*

### North Branford

**Post Office, Library, Hair Designs,  
MT Cobbler,**

**Towne Barbershop, North Branford Barbershop,  
Anthony John's Pizza, Petco Store**

### Northford

**Post Office, Recreation Center,  
TJ's Launderette, Good to Go,  
Tony Z's, Sit & Stay Dog Grooming,  
Petco Store, Library**



## Rescheduled NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, June 19,

1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

A luncheon is planned; a \$6 per person charge will be collected at the door. Those members not signed up and planning to attend are asked to contact Franne at 203-250-0628 or Linda at 203-287-8673.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: <http://www.narfe.org/>

### Camera Club to Host Hands On Workshop

North Haven Camera Club will have a hands-on panning workshop at its next meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven. Panning is the ability to follow a moving subject, like a race car, while blurring the background. Club vice president Carl Traub will conduct the workshop.

North Haven Camera Club welcomes new members and guests at all meetings. The club, now in its sixth year, offers instructional meetings, workshops and field trips for photographers at all skill levels. Camera ownership can range from cellphones to advanced dSLRs.

For more information about North Haven Camera Club, including weather postponement notices, visit the club's website at [NorthHavenCameraClub.com](http://NorthHavenCameraClub.com).



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TAG SALES

**Giant Craft and Tag Sale.** The North Haven Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship will hold their Annual Craft and Tag Sale on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many vendors with a large variety of crafts and merchandise will be on the church lawn for your shopping pleasure. The Women’s Fellowship Tag Sale, where you will find lots of bargains, will be inside in Carroll Hall. We donate funds raised at the Tag Sale to many local organizations and help fund projects at the church. There is ample parking in the church parking lot at 28 Church Street, North Haven. Coffee and Lunch will be available. To reserve a space on the church lawn, please call the church office at 203-239-5691. The cost for a space is \$25.00 (non-refundable). Bring your own table and chairs. Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. Space is limited so make your reservation soon. No rain date.

**The Knights of Columbus, Totoket Council 6801** is looking for vendors to fill spaces 15’ w x 28’ deep at their annual Spring Giant Tag Sale/Flea Market on June 3rd. (rain dates: 6/10, 6/17, 6/24) at Doody’s field, 465 Foxon Road, North Branford.

It will run from 8am to 3pm. Free admission and off road parking. To reserve a space call 203-484-9737. The cost is \$30. per space paid before 5/29. After that date there will be a \$5.00 late fee.

Vendors must provide their own tables.

**Totoket Historical Society Tag Sale** . The Totoket Historical Society will be holding its tag sale on Sat., June 24 (rain date June 25) on the Atwater Library / Reynolds Beers House green located at 1740 Foxon Rd. in North Branford from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. The tag sale is a fundraiser for the Society and the Reynolds Beers House will be open to accept donations of quality items (no clothing) on June 9 & 10 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

10’ x 10’ spaces are available for rent for \$20. Tables are not included. To reserve a space or for further informatoin, call Deb Kelly at 203 488-1832.

**Zion Episcopal Church Annual Spring Tag Sale.** Saturday, June 10th, 8:30am - 2:00pm. Notch Hill Road (Rte 22).

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NB Plastic Film Recycling Program Update

The NB Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee wants to bring you up to date on the progress the Town has made in recycling plastic film. Through the end of May, we have collected over 1,000 pounds of plastic film. That’s the equivalent of 80,000 plastic shopping bags. Thank you all for making the program such a success.

We do need to discuss some items that cannot go into the collection totes around NB. Please do not place potato chip bags, candy bags, frozen food bags, or packaged salad bags. Unfortunately, these are not polyethylene plastic (number 2 and 4 recycle symbol) and are not part of the program. It can be a bit confusing, but placing these items in the collection totes, then requires the students and volunteers picking up the plastic film to sort through the bags of plastic film and remove the non-acceptable items. It is not only time consuming, but can be a bit messy at times, especially if any food residue is left behind. A good rule of thumb is if the plastic bag makes a noticeable crinkling sound when you squeeze it, it probably does not go in the bin. If you follow the list of items on the display posters where the collection bins are located, it will reduce the number of non-acceptable items. Thanks again for your cooperation and participation in this program.

Tilcon Quarry Tour!

The **Totoket Historical Society** is sponsoring a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry at the corner of Route 80 and 22 in North Branford on Wednesday, June 21 - 6:30 p.m. One bus is filled and there is still some room on the second bus. Make your reservations now so you don’t miss out on this wonderful tour!

Stone from this quarry has played a vital role in building infrastructure throughout Connecticut. It’s your opportunity to visit North Branford’s “hidden quarry treasure.” The 90-minute tour will give you a chance to ask questions of the Tilcon guides and walk around the quarry floor, weather permitting. It is an amazing operation that you can only imagine when passing by on Route 80.

The cost of the tour is \$20. Checks made payable to the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. should be mailed to Box 491, Northford, CT 06472. **Reservations are confirmed only upon receipt of payment.** For information and reservations, call Florence at 203-484-5072 or Cappy at 203-484-2133.

Tour participants should arrive at the North Branford Town Hall (909 Foxon Rd.) by 6:15 p.m. to check in. The buses will board promptly at 6:30 and leave immediately. This is an experience that is interesting for both adults and children, so don’t miss out! Seats are limited and sell out early.

Proceeds from the tour will go toward the upkeep of those historic buildings under the care of the Totoket Historical Society, Inc in North Branford/ Northford. Visit our website at [www.totokethistoricalsociety.org](http://www.totokethistoricalsociety.org)

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