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## North Branford Education Foundation to Honor Three

The North Branford Education Foundation will honor three “Shing Stars” as they host their fourth annual dinner. “Shining Stars” are local people who go beyond the call in serving the youth of our community. This year’s honorees are Anthony Esposito Jr., Sisto Melillo and Lynn Riordan.



**Anthony P. Esposito Jr.** is a product of the North Branford School System. He participates in a variety of community activities and wants a memorable and enjoyable childhood experience for his children, their friends and all the other children in town.

He credits his willingness to get involved to the examples provided by his parents. Just like his father – Anthony Sr. – when the need for Little League coaches was announced, he came forward. Just like his mother – Marie – when the need for religious education teachers was announced – he came forward. He also enjoys providing his DJ services for many fundraising activities run by a multitude of different groups in town – among them various PTO’s, nursery schools and the ANGELS Foundation.

He lives with his wife Kathy and four children Jon, Noelle, Abby and Jay – and thanks them for their love and continued support.

Esposito says “what makes North Branford so great is the willingness of so many people to get involved.”

**Sisto Melillio** grew up in West Haven and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1978. He then went on to Eastern Connecticut State College where he double majored in Business and Sociology. Upon graduating, he sold and brokered insurance products. Shortly after that he decided to follow in his parents footsteps and join the retail business world. In 1991 he opened Save & Discount on Rte. 80, where he has served the people of North Branford and surrounding areas for more than twenty two years.

Soon after opening his business, he moved to North Branford and he has become a valuable asset to the community ever since. He served as a



coach and Board member for the North Branford Little League for close to ten years. For several years he took charge as the sponsor coordinator where he would raise close to \$15,000 a year, to benefit the program.

Besides Little League, he joined the North Branford High School Football Team Touchdown Club where he eventually served two terms as vice president. Also, for the past five years he can be seen at varsity home football games as part of the chain gang on the sidelines.

If you have been to a school function and the room is decorated with balloons, it’s more than likely they came from Save & Discount and it’s usually without a bill. He has sponsored and donated product to so many functions for our school children as well as our community, that it would be too numerous to name them all. Each year, he is instrumental in setting up “Santa’s Workshops” at our elementary schools so students can go shopping for Christmas gifts at an affordable rate for the youngsters.

In his twenty two years at Save & Discount, Sisto has employed more than 200 people most of them students. He continues to keep track of their progress during high school, college and beyond.

He is the proud parent of Juliann a (2003 NBHS graduate), Matthew a (2011 graduate) and Kayleigh, a student at NBIS. His wife Rita is also a graduate of North Branford High school, Class of 1980.

**Lynn Riordan** was born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. At the age of seven, she moved to the United States with her parents, three sisters and brother. She graduated from Milford High School in 1981. After which she went to school to become a Radiologic Technologist and then a Radiation Therapist at South

Central Community College, graduating in 1986. She moved to North Branford in 2004 and she has been working as a Radiation Therapist in Radiation Oncology at the Shoreline Medical Center in Guilford.

She enjoys gardening and competing with her neighbors over whose grass is greener, and hanging out by her pool makes her happy. Her favorite time of year is anytime on vacation with her family and friends. Her “greatest accomplishment hands down” is being a mother to Matt, Elise, Alexa and Mea. “I would not be who I am today without the love and support of my wonderful husband Mark to whom I have been married for almost 9 years”.

“There was a time I could say I had it all. There was nothing in my life I needed or wanted to change. I honestly felt my life was absolutely



perfect. That all changed on Saturday May 23, 2009 when my son Matthew died in a car accident.” After suffering with the devastating loss on May 23, 2009 of her son, Lynn was inspired to establish Matt’s Mission Fund, a nonprofit organization which gives back to so many living in North Branford.

The purpose of Matt’s Mission is to raise awareness to the consequences of destructive driving conditions. The organization has donated funds for class dues, letter jackets, computers, prom bids, sports packages, Project Graduation, \$18,000 for the Matt Picciuto Scholarship Fund and much more.

“Matt’s Mission Fund has grown bigger than I ever imagined. Yes, my plan is to keep doing just what I am doing for many years since one of my goals is to live to be one hundred years old,” states Lynn.

The event will take place on Thursday, March 14th at Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and they can be purchase at Central Office in Northford or by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

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This year, more than ever, the The Totoket Times continues to be a vehicle of town information to our town. Besides our newspaper, we have launched a website to update you on local news items that do not always fall into the confines of our deadlines. We have also started the "Let's be Frank" show, on Totoket TV, which again, serves as another media vehicle to keep our residents informed. We continue to make monetary or space contributions to; North Branford Little League, North Branford Diamond Club, North Branford Booster Club, North Branford Touch-down Club, Youth Football, North Branford Hockey Club, North Branford Youth Basketball, North Branford Youth Soccer, Northford Women's Club, North Branford Women's Club, North Branford Rotary, North Branford Chamber of Commerce, North Branford Education Foundation, North Branford Potato and Corn Festival, The North Branford Parks and Recreation Department, North Branford Public School system, Project Graduation, North Branford Cheerleaders and many more.

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All these things cost money, and to date we have not had to pass this on to our town businesses who are already struggling in this tough economy. For this reason, it is that time of year again when we ask you to make a voluntary payment of at least \$10.00 to help us continue the work of bringing community news and events to your mailbox and your homes. With your help we will be able to address the January postage rate increases without raising advertising rates and hurting our local businesses with an advertising rate increase. We need your help now more than ever.

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**Angels for Newtown**

Dear Editor;

Angels for Newtown was an overwhelming success. We received hundreds of angels. There were homemade angels, glass angels, angels that hung...and we hung each and every one of them. There were angels that lit up, angel wings made from handprints of children from one of our daycares. Angels of porcelain with the victim's names written on it and so many more. All the notes and words of prayers were left around all the angels. We placed them in a park near the Newtown Police Station. We found the strongest tree in the park and placed them all around the tree and hung the angels that could be hung. The sign we wrote said: "From our heart to yours.....The North Branford/Northford Community".

I want to personally "Thank You" all for participating in this Angel Giving event. If you could have seen the display of how many angels, wrapped and draped around that big tree it would have brought a tear to your eyes knowing we are such a caring community. May we never have to do it again. Peace to All.

**Sincerely, Tracey Fair**  
**PS...Thank you Kris Smith for all your help!!!**

**An Inspiring Group**

Dear Editor

A month ago, The Branford Chorale presented its 74th concert, since it began in 1975, to a large and enthusiastic audience at the Tabor Lutheran Church in Branford. It was most heart warming and satisfying to receive such a wonderful response to our program and I want to thank our most wonderful audience for sharing their evening with us.

We at the Chorale, can feel a new spirit brewing among us. Our membership is rising, ideas are flowing, new music is arriving and everyone is working together to do what needs to be done. Above all, we are enjoying ourselves.

Through the years, the Chorale has been very fortunate to have had many years of solid leadership from our dedicated and hard working past presidents Ellen Hess and most recently Ginger Charlotte and we thank them for all they have done. They created a foundation for our current president, Ellen Lampros, who's creative ideas, enthusiasm and bright spirit definitely sets a positive tone for all of us.

We also would like to thank our tireless and most patient director Michael Canaroli, accompanist David Bell, as well as our former director Linda Franklin-Biggs, for all they do and have done to encourage us. We have discovered that with patient direction and a positive attitude, something stirred within us to reach farther, work harder, sing with heart as well as mind and to believe that we can do anything we set our minds to. It's been great and I'm looking forward to more.

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Dear Editor;

Each year the community of Northford and North Branford demonstrates their generosity and kindness through the holiday programs. This Office of Social Service offers programs through the holiday season to assist those in need. The community is the drive of those programs.

Each person, family, business or group that has donated or adopted a family did so on their own, by their own choice. This Office of Social Service would like to extend thanks to all of those that made this program possible and successful. Without you choosing to be involved in your community, this program would not be possible. Thank you once again for being an integral part of the community and making a remarkable difference in the life of a child.

Ladies Auxiliary of North Branford, Interact Club (NBIS), North Branford Boy Scout Troops, Staff at Evergreen Woods, Mr. Misbach, Food Service Director, Evergreen Woods, Athena Simpson, Belinda Noebel, Joan Williams, Mr. Williams, Danielle Ducharme, Quinnipiac University, FRC, Mrs. Thompson's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class - TVES, North Branford Women's Club, Eileen LaVoie, St. Andrews Church, Leslie Williams, Patty Bufone, Patty Bufone's Son-In-Law, Meizies Family, Maria DeFrank, Nancy Tipping, Pat Owens, Rita Smith Family, Fran Beaumont, Gayle Morico, Barbara Amato, Marylou Elles, Rae Reagen, Susan Hogan, Marie Chomicz, Mr. Chomicz, Laura Lepeska, Jackie Joerger, Geri Moyer, Company 1 Fire Department, Rotary Club of North Branford, Mary Lou Gargiulo, Mr. & Mrs. Gomez, Ms. Tara Stoppes, Ruth Orifice, Vicki Martone, Camille Carocci, Orifice Family, Geri Krista, Maureen Krista Stevens, Susan Wakefield, Wayne Sinisgalli, Raelene Weyhreter, Ted & Jean Groom, Jamieson Family, Jean Spicer, VFW, Linda Adams, Pierina Jraebe, Claire Larkins, Karen Isaacs, Mental Health Staff, NB School System, Fran Merola, NB Public Works Staff, Chief Matt Canelli, North Branford Police Dept., Bob Hull, NB Library Staff, Rita Smith, Gina Cox, Pam Gery, Staff at Community Center, Judy Barron, John Barron, Kathy Poston, Martha Meizies, Zion Church, Law Office of Engelman, Noyes, & Rubin, Law Office of James F. Cirillo, Evanko and Associates, Atty Bernadette M. Keyes and Micki Parisee.

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# Elected Officials Speak Out on Gun Control

## State Senator Ed Meyers

### Gun Use and Abuse



Gun use and abuse has become the hottest and most high profile public issue of our day, and the Connecticut General Assembly is immersed in a legislative debate about gun controls. Public reaction to gun control legislation focuses on ideological differences between those who believe, on the one hand, that our Constitution permits the unlimited and unrestricted use of guns of all types and those people, on the other hand, who fear that guns threaten the lives of their families and their communities. The debate in the legislature should

not focus on such ideological differences, but instead on the practical ways in which we can make our families and communities more safe.

The remarkable fact is that in the year 2011 there were 8,583 gun homicides in the United States and only 51 gun homicides in the United Kingdom. That contrast arises from the fact, I am told, that handguns are prohibited in the United Kingdom and rifles are limited to two barrels. The current growing consensus in the General Assembly is to prohibit gun magazines or clips which contain more than 10 rounds (bullets). However, from meeting and training with both local and State Police in the last month, I am persuaded that gun magazines can only result in continued gun violence because the gun holder can change from one magazine to another in about one second. It is estimated that the Newtown killer using a multitude of gun magazines fired about 200 rounds in 4 minutes. A leading pro-gun advocate in Connecticut stated that a reduction of high capacity magazines is "misplaced" because "in order to change a magazine, you just push a button, the magazine drops out of the bottom and you immediately slide a new one in. It takes about a second to do it."

Based on the above analysis, I have introduced a controversial bill which would prohibit the purchase, sale or possession of any gun magazine or clip in Connecticut. Shooters would thereby be limited to one bullet before having to reload. It doesn't take 10 bullets to bring down a deer! My bill makes an exemption for law enforcement, military, and gun clubs where the magazines would be registered with the State Police and maintained solely on the club premises under secure conditions.

It is equally important that we make strides in ensuring that Connecticut's mentally ill residents receive the support and services they need to stay safe and healthy. Mental illness does not equate violence, but it can be a factor in some cases, and as a state we need to ensure that our residents receive the resources necessary to avoid this outcome. Constitutionally, we cannot make passage of a psychiatric test a condition of getting a gun permit, and adding mental health services to our schools and our communities will be costly. And so, we are looking for ways to resolve the mental health component of this national problem.

## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### Connecticut Needs A Measured Response, Not Knee Jerk Proposals



The budget instability continues to loom over the Capitol, and the latest revenue reports show that our deficit continues to grow as revenues decline. The current debate, however, has focused around gun control legislation. The leaders of the House and Senate have come together to form a bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence

Prevention and Children's Safety to study the issue. I am hopeful that this task force will be thorough in its review and propose meaningful legislation that will improve public safety and school security. Our discussion cannot be limited to merely gun control, but must include a dialogue on school safety, state resources for school safety and mental health support.

In this long session, legislators can propose their own bills. I have refrained from proposing anything on this issue because I believe it is imperative that we first take a comprehensive look through this commission process. I believe it is detrimental to the process to make hasty or one-sided proposals that may upset the public and create media headlines. We need to come together as a state to collectively solve this problem.

One proposal, which seeks to ban all guns that are not single-shot, has only served to galvanize opposition and bring the debate to a justifiable concern that government is attempting to trample on the 2nd Amendment and infringe on individuals' personal property rights. This proposal should not be the starting point in a dialogue for responsible gun control measures, and it's unfortunate that anyone would propose it in the first place. Connecticut has one of the most restrictive and comprehensive gun control laws in the country already. Further restrictions might sound like an easy solution, but if we are no safer as a society, we've accomplished nothing.

Yet another proposal would be to publish the names and addresses of individuals with legal gun permits. Again, I think this proposal is misplaced frustration that does nothing to forward the shared goal of making our state safer. To the contrary, this type of information in the hands of criminals will serve like a menu list of which homes they may choose to rob.

The lawmakers who comprise the task force consist of Democrats, Republicans, city and small town legislators, and legislators who are mental health advocates and sportsmen. I believe they will inevitably look at all of the issues and not only limit themselves to gun control debate. For instance, 44 states in the union have outpatient commitment services for mental health. Connecticut does not. We must begin to tackle the difficult challenges for proper treatment and support of mental health patients.

While our schools regularly practice fire drills, lock down drills and all have emergency plans; no one could have fathomed the atrocities that occurred in Newtown. Our debate must turn toward making our schools more secure. Simple measures, like ensuring the performance of lock down drills, may help and will be explored by the task force.

The tragedy in Sandy Hook truly escapes reason and explanation. We are all looking to make sense of what happened- to discover a motive that will provide us, more importantly the victims' families, some bit of closure. I fear it will never come. Additionally, we are looking to find solutions that will provide us some comfort that there will never be another Sandy Hook. Sadly, I fear this too is futile. That does not mean we cannot do better. We can, and will, improve.

The legacy of Sandy Hook needs to be a meaningful one; it cannot be a hodge-podge of policies that we haphazardly pass in knee-jerk fashion that serves only to assuage our societal guilt. Our response should be thoughtful, measured and, most importantly, meaningful. After listening to legislative leaders that have formed the task force, both Democrat and Republican, I feel confident that is the response we will get.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

### By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

The new mantra of the baby boomer generation is beginning to sound something like: "I'm getting older, I'm not in the best of health, I'm worried about the costs of long term care, and I'm scared to death." This is the kind of stuff that keeps people (including myself) up at night. I wish that I could tell my clients not to worry, that it's going to be alright, but often times it's not alright. The effects of aging take over and many people end up in a nursing home and then the financial pain begins. A long term stay in a nursing home can be financially devastating. It can completely exhaust your estate, leaving nothing for your surviving spouse or heirs.

The sooner you plan for this possibility the better. Time can be both your worst enemy and your biggest ally, depending on how you approach the problem. Often, I am contacted by the families of people who are literally on their way to a nursing home- at this point time is not on their side. Sure, we can preserve some assets but only a fraction. I call this approach the "emergency planning mode." It is kind of like being on a game show, but the prize is your own "stuff" and you win by getting the privilege of keeping some of your own "stuff." Emergency Planning Mode is, of course, not the best approach to the problem.

The best time to plan is well in advance of needing nursing home care. Given enough time and proper planning all of your assets can be preserved and sheltered from the costs of nursing home care. Many people utilize irrevocable trusts to protect and preserve assets long term. This is the best option for dodging the nursing home cost bullet, which can be financially devastating for you and your family. Irrevocable trusts are also a great way to avoid probate and to ensure that you can pass something on to your heirs or favorite charity.

If you're worried about the cost of long term care, get out in front of the problem. Make an appointment with a qualified estate planning attorney and see what can be done to protect your assets. Just because you can't take it with you doesn't mean that you have to give it to the nursing home.

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**Who:** Ages 6 – adult  
**Session:** Feb 9-24  
**Time:** Saturdays, 9:45-11:00a.m.  
 & Sundays 10:00-11:00a.m.  
**Where:** NB Community Center  
**Fee:** \$60

### KICKBOXING & BODY CONDITIONING

**Who:** Teens – Adults  
**Session:** Jan 28-Mar 11  
**Time:** Mon. & Thurs., 6:15 – 7:15p  
**Where:** NB Community Center  
**Fee:** \$75 (\$6/class)

### CARDIO SCULPT ~ TOTAL TONING

**Who:** All Ages ~ All levels welcome  
**Session:** Feb 28 – April 4  
**Time:** Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** NB Community Center  
**Fee:** \$45

### YOGA FOR ALL

**Who:** 13 years and up  
**Session:** Feb. 6 - March 27 (no class Feb. 20 and March 20)  
**Time:** Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.  
**Where:** NB Community Center  
**Fee:** \$65

### ADULT SWIM

**Who:** Adults 55+  
**Session (M):** Feb 25-Apr 15  
**Time:** Mondays, 1:30-2:30p  
**Session (W):** Feb 27-April 17  
**Time:** Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30p  
**Where:** Soundview YMCA, Branford  
**Fee:** \$48

### GET FIT & STAY FIT

**Who:** Adults - Seniors  
**Session:** Feb. 20 – April 10  
**Time:** Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
**Where:** NB Community Center  
**Fee:** \$25

## BUS TRIPS

**1925 Phantom of the Opera (silent movie).** Friday, February 1 6:30p. \$10. R/T transportation the New Haven for once-in-a-life-time showing of the 1925 classic silent movie Phantom of the Opera starring Lon Cheny. With live theater organ!

**Mohegan Sun.** Monday, March 11. \$30 resident, \$35 non-resident R/T transportation with complementary \$15 food/retail and \$15 bet.

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**Nascar Sprint Series New Hampshire 300** Sunday, July 14. \$115 residents, \$120 non residents.

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

### RUMMY TOURNAMENT. Tuesday, Jan 29, 10:30a

Bring a team or on your own. Prizes to the winner! At the Senior Center

### PIZZA & MOVIES. Friday, Jan 25, 11:00am. \$5 Sign-up required.

“Julie & Julia” starring Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci and Amy Adams. Julie deals with life's issues by cooking all the recipes in Julia Child's Mastering the art of French Cooking, while Julia Child begins her journey to become America's French Chef. At the Senior Center

### CHEFS OF THE SHORELINE. Wednesday, Jan 30, 10:45a

**Pastry Fusions.** The North Branford Senior Center will be hosting cooking demonstrations sponsored by a different local chef each time. Come and be an audience member! Learn new recipes and techniques and sample some fantastic dishes from a variety of cultures. Sign-up will be available for each month. The cost will be \$5.00 per person.

### VALENTINE BOOKMARK CRAFTING. Friday, Feb 1, 10:45a

Love is in the air! Make one for someone special or treat yourself.

**MAH-JONG GROUP.** onday, Feb 4, 10:30am. Practiced expert or never heard of this ancient Asian game, come play a hand. At the Senior Center

## Father & Daughter Dance

Friday, February 8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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# Junior Notes

by Alicia Abelson

It's midterm week at NBHS. The school is filled with overly stressed students with an appetite for a good grade. Hours have been spent studying for the dreaded midterms. Some teachers suggested 7 hours for a solid A, which seems a bit over the top to the students.

Although there was a snow day on Wednesday, January 16, the midterm schedule was not affected. For the freshman, midterms are new and a bit strange. Seeing as the freshman only had two midterms last year in middle school, they were still given homework. They were surprised to find that no homework, class, or full school days were required. And as for the seniors, they're just glad that these are their last set of high school midterms.

Either way, midterms are equally un-appetizing to all of the students at NBHS.



## NBEF Sponsors Game for the Ages

The North Branford Education Foundation recently sponsored a basketball game between the Harlem Superstars and the North Branford "Dream Team" pictured above. The mission of the Foundation is to "enhance educational opportunities available to the North Branford community by funding programs that are beyond the conventional resources of the public school system. The event was not only a successful fund raiser but it entertained close to 350 children and adults for a night of family fun.

The Foundation would like to thank the "Dream Team" for their participation. Also, thanks go out to: Supreme Seafood, KOS Chiropractic, Midway Towing Service, Poolscape, T & J Launderette, Village Wine & Spirits, Lucky Chinese Food, NB Police Union Local 48, Aquatic Pool & Spa, Town Line Wine & Spirit, Northford Store, Sanitrol, Palumbo Trucking, Country Paint & Hardware Jay & Lucy's and Slice Pizza. Also, special thanks to Chris Manner for his efforts in program sponsorship.

## Notre Dame Recognizes NB Students

Notre Dame High School in West Haven, recently announced that the following students from North Branford have received honors:



**FIRST HONORS** - Alexander Hassen, Blake Rice, Michael Langone, Thomas Pietrogallo, Christopher Stanio, Christopher Stankiewicz, Michael Annunziata, James Blakeslee.

**SECOND HONORS** - Jared White, Matthew Cunningham, Eric Austin

**THIRD HONORS** Miguel Ramirez, Jason Vitale, Michael Keinz

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### Budget Workshops Meeting Notice

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 STW Board Meeting Room 7PM  
Wednesday, February 13, 2013 STW Board Meeting Room 7PM

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### They Make us Proud

**Brittany Cattaruzza and Stephanie White** were named to the Dean's List at Wagner College in Staten Island, NY.

**Katelyn Pantera and Kristi Wharten** were named to the Dean's List at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford.

**Meagan Halligan** was named to the Dean's List at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH.

**Craig Esposito** was named to the Dean's List at Fairfield University.

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**Andrew Rocco** was named to the Dean's List at Champlain College in Burlington VT.

**Jordan Gleason** received a 4.0 in the Physicians Assistant Program at Springfield College.

**Anthony M. Franco and Jack White** have been named to the Dean's List at Western New England University in Springfield, MA. Anthony is majoring in Criminal Justice and Jack is studying to be an Electrical Engineer

**Jimmy Fontenault** has been named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.

**Taylor Leigh Ciambra and Jessica Lynn McKee** have been named to the Dean's List at Keene State College in NH.

### Rotary To Host Benefit Hockey Game

The North Branford Rotary Club is hosting a very special Hockey Game. The exciting game pitting the Bridgeport Sound Tigers against the CT Whale, will raise funds to go towards Polio Eradication. The AHL ICE HOCKEY GAME will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 PM, at the Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport.

Tickets are offered at a discounted price of only \$20 for a center ice ticket (normally \$35!!). For every ticket purchased \$7 goes to eradicating polio for a Polio-Free World.

For Tickets Contact Event chairperson Dawn Pearson at 203-671-4122

### North Branford Youth

### Lacrosse

### Spring Registration Is Now Open

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call **Todd Ingarra @ 203-483-5873** Girls Information

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### Hockey Team Takes Six in a Row

The North Branford High School Hockey team is working on a six game winning streak and improved their record to 8-2. The combination of Martone, Podbielski and Castaldi continue to give them a triple threat on offense. Alec Martone, a sophomore leads the team with 25 points from 12 goals and 13 assists. Dylan Podbielski is not far behind with 12 and 12 for 24 points and Nic Castaldi a strong defense man has also been a great contributor on offense with 7 goals and nine assists.

In the photo above, Podbielski (center) questions a call as Castaldi (left) and Martone look on.

### North Branford Little League Registration

All Boys ages 4-18 years as of April 30, 2013 and Girls ages 4-15 years as of January 1, 2013 interested in signing up for Little League Baseball and Softball 2013 must register at one of the following dates:

Saturday January 26 9am-12pm Jerome Harrison

Thursday January 31 6pm-8:45pm Totoket Valley Elementary

Saturday February 9 9am-12pm Jerome Harrison

Ages 12 and Under \$115.00 (Includes T-Ball, Pee Wee, Minors, Majors and Softball)

Ages 13-15 Senior Softball \$185.00 - Ages 13-18 Senior Baseball \$225.00

No child will be turned away because of financial constraints (Contact Joe Mascari-203-627-5047)

First Time Players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Visit: <http://northbranfordlittleleague.org>

Contact Jeff Hoyt at 203-605-6595 or by email: [jhoyt@ge.com](mailto:jhoyt@ge.com)

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Tuesday	1/29	Coginchaug	7:00
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Tuesday	2/5	@ Valley Regional	7:00
Friday	2/8	Old Saybrook	7:00

### Girls Basketball

Monday	1/28	Coginchaug	7:00
Friday	2/1	@ Amistad Academy	7:30
Monday	2/4	@ Valley Regional	7:00
Thursday	2/7	Old Saybrook	7:00

### Hockey

Wednesday	1/30	Branford	8:30
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## North Branford Boys/Girls Indoor Track

The North Branford High School Boys/Girls Indoor Track Team competed in the Shoreline Coaches Track and Field Invitational meet on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup>. In order to participate the athletes needed to achieve Class S standard in their respective event. There were 30 schools represented at the meet. All the athletes did quite well in the very competitive field. Overall, the Boys Team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the Girls Team took 7<sup>th</sup> place.

For the Boys, points were scored by the 4x400 Relay Team of Matt Edwards, Gary Falanga, Ryan Proto and Alex Raffone taking 1<sup>st</sup> place at 3:36.01. The 4x800 Relay Team of Ryan Proto, Jason Conforte, Matt Edwards and Sean O'Connor also placed 1<sup>st</sup> with a time of 8:46.94. Additional points were scored for the Boys Team by Matt Edwards taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 600 Meters at 1:28.12, Alex Raffone placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 Meters at 38.05, Gary Falanga placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 300 Meters at 38.26 and Rocco Morgan placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Shot with a throw of 43'4".

The 4x200 Meter Relay Team made up of Gary Flanaga, Shelby Franklin, Andrew Sarmento and Nick Schneidt came in 10<sup>th</sup> place at 1:42.08. In the 1000 Meters, Sean O'Connor placed 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.22. In the 600 m Run, Alex Raffone finished in 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:29.38 and Ryan Proto came in 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:32.94. North Branford came in 15<sup>th</sup> in the Sprint Medley Relay Team made up of Zach Augur, Nick Schneidt, Bryce Mase and Tyler Hawk at 4:19.84.

For the girls, points were scored by Rachel Boyer coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 55m Hurdles with a time of 9.07 and Emmy Dulak taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 600 Meters at 1:42.52. Also scoring points was the 1600m Sprint Medley Team of Emmy Dulak, Maggie Dulak, Rachel Sokoloff, and Sara Olsen taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 4:41.54.

Rachel Sokoloff placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the 55m Hurdles at 10.16. Rachel Boyers place 14<sup>th</sup> in the Long Jump at 14'10.5". The 4x800 Relay Team of Holly Dulak, Maggie Dulak, Jen Levine and Marissa Bale placed 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:29.47. The 4x200m Relay Team of Emmy Dulak, Jordan Miket, Sara Olsen and Katie Stevens came in 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:59.6. In the 300 Meters, Sara Olsen came in 18<sup>th</sup> at 48.01 and Katie Stevens came in 19<sup>th</sup> at 48.05.

Two days later, the team competed in Shoreline League Meet #1.

Boys results for the relays are as follows: 4x800 Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:32.3 (Zack Augur, Chris Kruglik, Bryce Mase and Jared Miket), 4x200 Relay Team 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:46.1 (Will Coleman, Shelby Franklin, Tyler Hawk and Nick Schneidt), 4x400 Relay Team 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:37.3 (Matt Edwards, Gary Falanga, Ryan Proto and Alex Raffone) and Sprint Medley Relay Team 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:11.4 (Jason Conforte, Will Coleman, Shelby Franklin and Nick Schneidt).

Top individual places for the boys were: Shot Put – Rocco Morgan 1<sup>st</sup> at 45'07.75", 600 Meters – Matt Edwards 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:29.0 and Alex Raffone 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:29.8, 55M Dash – Shelby Franklin 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.9, 1000m Run – Ryan Proto 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:45.5, Sean O'Connor 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:59.0 and Jason Conforte 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:59.4, 1600m Run – Zach Augur 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:11.6, 300 Meters – Gary Falanga 3<sup>rd</sup> at 38.4, and High Jump – Michael Cermola 5<sup>th</sup> at 5'02".

Girls results for the relays are as follows: 4x800 Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:11.3 (Marissa Bale, Holly Dulak, Maggie Dulak and Jen Levine), 4x400 Relay 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:38.4 (Holly Dulak, Leah Martone, Catie Moran and Allie Sanzari), 4x200 Relay 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:03.1 (Deanna Gallo, Catie Moran, Sara Olsen and Katie Stevens) and Sprint Medley Relay Team 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:45.4 (Emmy Dulak, Maggie Dulak, Jordan Miket and Katie Stevens).

Top individual places for the girls were: 55M Hurdles – Rachel Boyers 1<sup>st</sup> at 8.7 and Rachel Sokoloff 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.0, 55 M Dash – Rachel Sokoloff 5<sup>th</sup> at 8.0, 1000 Meters – Emmy Dulak 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:16.2 and Marissa Bale 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:47.1, 600 Meters – Maggie Dulak 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:54.9 and Holly Dulak 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:58.0, High Jump – Jordan Miket 1<sup>st</sup> at 4'10", Shot Put – Melissa Agro 12<sup>th</sup> at 22'11" and Long Jump – Rachel Boyers 3<sup>rd</sup> at 15'10" and Catie Moran 8<sup>th</sup> at 13'04".

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## 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. The Reverend Deborah Roy, Pastor. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Interim Music Director. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday - 9:30 - 1:30pm. We worship each Sunday at 10:00am with nursery care available. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month and every Sunday during Lent. Church School through grade 8, meets during worship. The Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. All are welcome. For more information email the Pastor at revdeborahroy@comcast.net. 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, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship Service and Sunday School, 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 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 Pastor is Reverend Robert Rousseau and Deacons John Hart & William Lovelace. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated weekdays at 9am with the exception of Thursdays. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm in Winter and 5pm in Summer months and 9 & 11am on Sunday mornings. The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month immediately following the 11am Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon in the Father Reilly Chapel, one hour prior to Mass time. 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 email us at StAugustineNoBfdCT@sbcglobal.net.

**St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church.** Middletown Ave. Northford, CT. Rectory 203-484-9226. Education Center—203-484-2434. Reverend Joseph Parel, Pastor; Deacons William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marenga. Weekend Masses; Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday—9 & 11am. Weekday Masses—9am except Thursday. Celebration of Penance—Saturday—4-4:30pm.

**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.

**North Haven Bible Church** is located at 161 Mill Rd. North Haven. Phone # 203-239-1495. Email: www.northhavenbiblechurch.org. reverend Dan Darling, Pastor. Sunday service: Sunday School 9:30am. Worship Service at 10:45am. Nursery for infants and toddlers at both services. Wednesday Bible Study at 7pm.

### *Masonicare Expands Adult Day Program Specialized model at The Hearth for those with dementia*

Wallingford, CT.....Masonicare, the state's leading not-for-profit provider of senior living, home care and healthcare services, announced that it will open its Adult Day Program to the general public starting this month.

Opened in 2007, The Hearth is a state-licensed memory support residence on the Masonicare at Ashlar Village campus in Wallingford. Its adult day program was created as an extension to provide specialized programs in an assisted living environment for Masonicare residents with dementia. The community-at-large is now being offered the same quality care from a recognized leader in the field of senior services.

The benefits of an adult day program are far reaching and can help the whole family. "This type of program can provide not only a supportive and caring environment for those with memory loss, but also a well-needed rest for their caregivers," says Deb Lavalley, R. N., Supervisor of Assisted Living Services at Masonicare. "It's very important to find a balance between being a caregiver to a loved one with dementia and maintaining your relationship as a spouse or an adult child," says Lavalley. "Too often, I see these relationships become fractured from the stress of caregiving. An adult day program can be a great help."

The Hearth at Masonicare embraces a "social model" format that features a secure but home-like environment and many opportunities for socialization and therapeutic recreation through exercise, music, arts and crafts, entertainment and more to stimulate thinking and problem-solving. The Masonicare staff receives specialized training in caring for those with dementia. They also can provide some nursing services such as medication reminders, first-aid, toileting assistance and incontinence care, if needed. One hot, nutritious meal and snacks are provided daily.

The Adult Day Program at The Hearth offers a half-day (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or full-day schedule (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Rates are \$75 for full-day and \$50 for half-day. Weekends, holidays and extended hours are also available at an additional charge. Transportation is available within a 5-mile radius for an additional \$5 each way.

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## *Soldano to Wed DiMartino*



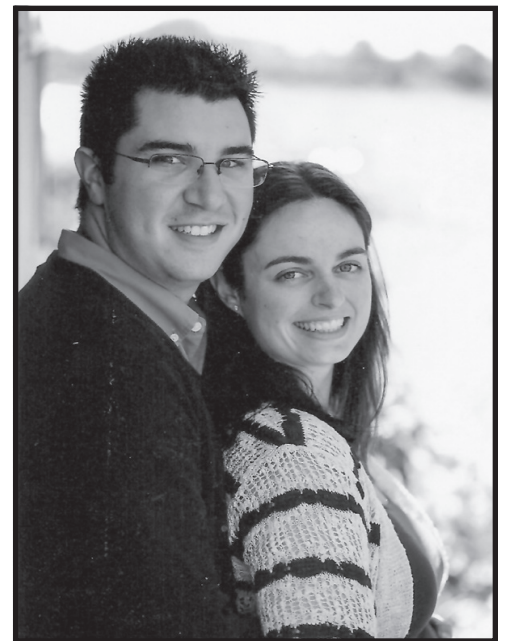
David and Cherie DiMartino of Northford and Ralph Soldano of West Haven are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Madison Soldano to Michael Milum of Wallingford. The couple met in 2006 as undergraduate students at the University of New Haven. Madison received a MS in Education and is currently working as a long term substitute while pursuing permanent work as a secondary English teacher. Michael works for DiMartino Home Improvement, Inc. while continuing to pursue work in the field of Computer Science.

The wedding will take place in November, 2013.

## *Loomis to Wed Gleason*

Richard and Denise Loomis of Shelton, along with James and Linda Gleason Jr. of North Branford, announce the engagement of their children Bethany Claire Loomis to Brandon Michael Gleason. The future bride is employed by Bridgeport and Stamford Hospitals as a Registered Nurse. The future groom is employed by Yale New Haven Hospital also as a Registered Nurse.

A small quaint wedding in Vermont is scheduled for July 6th, 2013. The couple will reside in Monroe, CT.



## **GFWC/CT Memorial Scholarships**

The Northford Women's Club, Inc., General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut is looking for applicants for the GFWC/CT Memorial Scholarships. The Memorial Scholarships, which include the Dorothy E. Schoelzel and the Phipps scholarships, are worth \$1000 and are open to women who have completed some undergraduate studies with a minimum 3.0 grade average. The Schoelzel Scholarship requires that the applicant complete three or more years of undergraduate studies in accredited institutions of higher learning with at least a 3.0 average, and be working towards a Bachelor's or postgraduate degree in education. The Phipps scholarship requires the applicant to have two or more years of undergraduate work in accredited institutions of higher learning with at least a 3.0 average, and be working towards a Bachelor's or postgraduate degree. All scholarships will be awarded based on future promise, financial need, and scholastic ability. Completed applications must be received no later than **February 10, 2013** and may be obtained by visiting the Northford Women's Club website at [www.northfordwomensclub.org](http://www.northfordwomensclub.org). For further information, you may contact Rose Lynch at 203-483-8395.

## **Bereavement Group**

**St. Margaret Parish** in Madison, offers a free, interfaith bereavement support group for anyone in the community grieving the loss of a loved one. This new, open and on-going support group meets 1:30 to 3:00pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

The group is facilitated by Jeann Terrazzano and you can obtain more information or register by calling Sister Ann Howard at 203-245-1732.

## **Trivia Game Night, February 5th**

Bring your friends and enjoy a fun Trivia Game Night at Randall's Restaurant, 236 Platt Avenue, West Haven, on Tuesday, February 5th. The event will benefit the 2013 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. Bring a team of four players or be assigned to a table of friends on the night of the event. Games based on general topics begin at 7:00PM.

Tickets are \$20. per person and that includes a light buffet. Contact Mary Malenda at 203-397-8523 or e-mail [jmalenda@snet.net](mailto:jmalenda@snet.net). Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, visit [www.stpatricksdaysparade.org](http://www.stpatricksdaysparade.org).



### Non Perishable Food & Coat Drives

There will be a Non Perishable Food and gently used Winter Clothing Drive on February 3, 2013 at T & J's Supermarket in East Haven, from 10am-2pm. The event will benefit the East Haven Food Pantry.

The will also be a non-perishable food and gently used warm winter clothing drive on February 9, 2013, at the Stop & Shop on Washington Avenue in North Haven, from 10Am - 2PM

For more information on either one of these events, please email Robert D. Hoff at RHOFF08@aol.com.



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**Dear Walt** - There's this old, red and green Volvo parked on the street in front of my worksite and it's leaving an oil slick on the street. Any ideas on what I should tell the homeowner? **Grandpa**

**Dear Grandpa** - I know that car - it's been there for ages; almost as long as your job over there! There are many causes for oil leaks; most common are worn, damaged or improperly-secured oil plugs, worn or bad seals and gaskets, an improperly installed oil filter or high oil pressure. Suggest that the homeowner bring it by Hometown Auto and we'll take a look. We love dirty oil! Also mention that right now we're running a \$19.95 oil change special as well. Now put this paper down and get back to work. **Thanks, Walt.**

Got a question for Walt? Email it to [Walt@hometownauto.biz](mailto:Walt@hometownauto.biz)

## TOTOKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING MONDAY JANUARY 28 AT 7 PM  
ATWATER LIBRARY NORTH BRANFORD

Please join the Totoket Historical Society at its monthly meeting on Monday, January 28 at 7 pm at Atwater Library on Route 80 in North Branford. The speaker will be Connecticut author Christopher Pagliuco and he will discuss his recent book, "The Great Escape of Edward Whalley and William Goffe: Smuggled Through Connecticut."

Most people in the New Haven area are familiar with the names of these two regicides. This upbeat talk is exciting and well researched. It describes the true journey and history of Whalley and Goffe who were "hidden" throughout Connecticut after escaping from England where they participated in the overthrow and execution of the tyrannical King Charles I.

Christopher Pagliuco is a freelance writer, town historian and history teacher who lives in Ivoryton, CT. His love of 17<sup>th</sup> century colonial history and the regicides originated in his graduate studies at Trinity College. This is his first book.

All are welcome at this meeting and we urge high school students and others interested in the history of North Branford and this area to attend. There is no fee.

The Totoket Historical Society represents Northford and North Branford. It is located in the Reynolds-Beers House next to Atwater Library on Foxon Road in North Branford. For more information go to the web site at [totokethistoricalsociety.org](http://totokethistoricalsociety.org) or for more information or questions e-mail the Society at [totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

## Puzzle-off Contest Returns to the Edward Smith Library!

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries will sponsor our fourth annual "Puzzle-Off" contest at the Edward Smith Library in Northford, CT. (3 Old Post Road) on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2013. (Snow date will be Sat. 3/23)

Teams (with up to 9 people on each team) are welcome to sign up. You may sign up as 4 or 5 as a team and we will add individual players to your team. If you would like to sign up as an individual player, we will match you with a team. Team names are welcome and teams in the past have coordinated the following: hats, nametags, necklaces, outfits, etc. Have fun with the "preparation". Most teams are able to finish their 1000 piece puzzle by the end of the timed contest which runs from 9:45 until 2:30 with an hour lunch break from 11-12. Food and drink may be brought in, but there is no puzzle work allowed during the break.

We look forward to once again "piecing" together a fun time! You may sign up in the library or by phone (203) 484.0469. Sign-ups will end when our lists are filled or by March 8<sup>th</sup>. (Car-pooling is recommended due to limited parking space on this day.)

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**Town Looking for Tax Study Committee**

The North Branford Town Council, recently voted to establish a Tax Study Committee to look at tax programs available to municipalities which may defer, freeze or amend the current tax structure in North Branford. By State Statutes, the Town Council cannot amend their current structure unless an Advisory Committee is established and then this Committee would have sixty (60) days to report back to the Town Council.

If you are interested in submitting your name for this volunteer Committee, please send a letter of interest with some background on yourself, along with why you are interested in being a part of the Committee and send to the Town Manager's Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT. 06471 no later than January 30<sup>th</sup>. Letters of interest may also be sent to [townmanager@townofnorthbrafordct.com](mailto:townmanager@townofnorthbrafordct.com).

If there are questions, please call Bonnie Therrien, Interim Town Manager at 203-484-6000.

**NARFEA Monthly Meeting**

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Chapter 257, monthly meeting will be held Monday, February 4, 2013, 1:00 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget of BC/BS who will discuss healthy eating. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the benefits of all federal workers and retirees. Info: [admin@ctnarfe.org](mailto:admin@ctnarfe.org)

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