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### DURHAM

# 96 YEARS OF TRADITION



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North Branford resident Larry Augur, of Larry Augur Farm, carries in a corn stalk Tuesday to enter at the Durham Fair. The fair hours are Thursday from 4 to 10 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## At its core, Durham Fair still celebrates New England's agricultural roots

By Robert Mayer  
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**DURHAM** » Fall in Connecticut is a time for fairs and bazaars with each one trying to grab the biggest audience and provide the greatest attractions.

Three years ago, when the Durham Fair decided to increase its entertainment budget and bring in big headline acts on each night of the weekend, some may have considered the goal too commercial.

That is simply not the case, says President Dan Miramant, as the fair be-

gins its 96th year.

"At our core, we are an agricultural fair," Miramant said. "We always have been and we always will be. The logo for the fair is a cow and that is done on purpose so that people know what they are coming to see.

"Sure, they are going to get a bunch of other things like great entertainment and amazing fair food, but they are going to see nearly 10,000 livestock exhibits, which I believe makes us the largest host for livestock of any fair in New England."

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North Branford resident Peter Rothenberg looks through his labels Tuesday while setting up his vegetables for entry at the Durham Fair.

**"Whether [fairgoers] have come every year of their lives or it is their first time here, we want it to be an awesome experience."**

— Durham Fair president Dan Miramant

### DCF

# Staffers cited for improper restraint

Recently released details say 4 workers disciplined in last 3 years

By Christine Stuart  
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Over the past three years, four staff members at DCF's locked facility for boys and girls in Middletown have been disciplined for improperly restraining children, and of those four, three were either terminated or opted to resign.

The Department of Children and Families released the disciplinary information Monday following a request from CTNewsJunkie three months ago when the Office of the Child Advocate allowed members of the news media to view surveillance videos of restraint and seclusion incidents from within the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS) and its Pueblo Girls Program. The Child Advocate eventually released all of the videos to the public Sept. 15.

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### PORTLAND

# Three events to mark Veterans Day

By Jeff Mill  
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**PORTLAND** » The town's Veterans Affairs Committee is continuing its preparations for a trio of events to mark Veterans Day in town.

A veterans' breakfast will take place Nov. 7 at the American Legion Post 69-Ormont on Free-stone Avenue.

The centerpiece event is the Veterans Day service itself, which involves a wreath laying at the veteran's memorial behind Town Hall. The spare, simple service begins at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

That was the moment in 1918 that an armistice ended the great bloodletting that was World War I.

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## Library to host talk on Lyme disease

A discussion on the growing problem of tick-borne illness is being offered at the Cromwell Belden Public Library. PAGE A3



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## U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro tours businesses

Rep. Rosa DeLauro grew up in Wooster Square, where her grandmother owned a pastry shop. PAGE A4

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## Yale sex assaults higher than average

Yale students' experience with sexual assault are "profoundly troubling," according to President Peter Salovey. PAGE A5

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