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## Emergency Management Director Has Our Safety in Mind



At nineteen years old James Buck was studying to become an accountant at SCSU. On his way home, driving in the middle of a tornado, he got off the highway in Hamden to check on his dad. His dad was OK but parts of Hamden

were devastated. The "future accountant" joined his dad and uncle at the Hamden shelter to help the residents in need and that day he decided he "wanted to join the team".

With this new passion to help, Jim joined the Bridgeport Fire Department where he has been for 22 years and where he has just been awarded the Fire Fighter of the Year. Through all these experiences, Jim was the perfect choice to be named the North Branford's emergency Management Director.

His main function in this position is to "prepare and execute a plan for man made and natural disasters which may affect our town. This involves revising our Emergency Operation Plan (last revised in 2010) and being in alignment with consistent terminology and structure. This task is performed with an Emergency Planning Team consisting of Police and Fire Chiefs, Public Works, Town Management and community leaders.

At this time Jim is also trying to put together a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which is an organized volunteer group which is trained to assist all community activities as well as emergencies.

"It's important to be prepared and try to stay ahead of any disaster as much as possible," Jim warns. Here are some of the little things we can have ready as we prepare for power outages:

1. Have one gallon of water per person per day.
2. Have an emergency blanket.
3. Flashlights and battery operated transistor radios. **(NO CANDLES)**.
4. Stay connected with cell phones. Text messages take up less energy.
5. Extra batteries on hand.
6. First aid kit
7. A Whistle.
8. Large plastic garbage bags.
9. An exit plan for outside the home as well as outside the neighborhood.
10. Non perishable food.

In an effort to further educate the public, Jim will host a Citizens Preparedness Class on Saturday, November 11. For further details check the next issue of the Totoket Times or visit the town website. Anyone who has questions can reach Jim at 203-484-2196 or e-mail him at EMD@northbrtionwofnorthbranfordct.com

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27<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Community Food Drive**  
Saturday, October 22nd

The North Branford Public Schools will once again facilitate the annual Community Food Drive and this year we will be working to stock the shelves of the local food pantries!

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual North Branford Community Food Drive will be held on **Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.** Please remember to place your donations of non-perishable food items and/or personal hygiene items in a shopping bag by your mail box on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Major support for the drives comes from the students of North Branford Intermediate School and North Branford High School. Teams of students collect canned goods, pasta, and personal hygiene items from all segments of the community. You can assist by placing items out by your mailbox on the morning of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will also accept monetary contributions. Simply make a check payable to *North Branford Food Drive/NBIS*. Payments may be mailed to:

**North Branford Intermediate School**  
Attention: Alan Davis, Principal  
654 Foxon Road - North Branford, CT 06471

Supermarket gift cards are also an ideal way to contribute to the food drive.

Teams vie for the most items collected – receiving one point for every item received. Teams with the most points receive gift certificates from local businesses. A large number of North Branford Public School employees as well as parents and community-minded individuals assist at the drive.

The drive is spearheaded by North Branford teachers, administrators and students. In addition, the Public Works Department has volunteered their services to help deliver the food to the food pantries.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

Publication Date	Deadline
October 21	October 14
November 4	October 28
November 18	November 11
December 2	November 25
December 16	December 9
January 6	December 31
January 20	January 13

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**Support our true and faithful town businesses**

Dear Editor;

We are fortunate to have some really great, locally owned and operated businesses here in North Branford. Businesses that have supported our community just as we have supported them. In particular, I'd like to show my support for Save-n-Discount on Foxon Road. For years, Sisto has been more than generous to the town, different organizations, sports teams, clubs, schools, fund raisers and more. On top of that, he has hired many teens, giving them their first job, and teaching the fundamentals of being good employees. So, while there may be newer, shinier stores appearing, please do not forget about the ones that have been true to North Branford.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Munro

Dear Editor;

It amazes me that Obama at the drop a hat can get on Air Force One (taxpayers expense) and fly to Philadelphia to campaign for Hillary, when he could not be reached during the Bengazhi attack. I also understand he has cleared his October calendar for the same reason.

Doesn't he have a job? What about North Korea, Russia, Iran and other foreign problems? And our domestic problems.

It seems the only thing he likes is campaigning. He recognizes no responsibility to our country.

One thing for sure he has the Clinton's where he wants them. I can't believe the Clinton's would fall for this. He controls them. Who controls him?

Wake up America. We cannot afford four more years of the Obama plan for our country.

Sincerely, Alice W. Lehr

**Information on Hot Program**

The North Branford/Northford Home Delivery Program continues to operate weekly as an extension of the Branford Community Dining. The purpose of this program is to provide hot meals to people who are recovering from surgery, going through therapy, or other related issues.

If you are aware of someone who may need this service please contact Kathy Posten at the Senior Center, (203 484 6006). This program is open to all residence of Northford and North Branford.

We meet every Tuesday between 9 A.M. and 11 A.M. at the North Branford Cong. Church on Foxon Rd. to prepare two dinners per recipient. The dinners include freshly made entrees, dessert and bread.

Many times we are able to send extras such as fresh fruit, peanut butter, salad and yogurt. The extras depend on the donations we get. Most of the food for the dinners is donated. Protein is obtained from the Conn. Food Bank.

Donations of gift cards to Big Y or Stop and Shop are helpful as this gives us the ability to purchase items not available from the Ct. Food Bank such as plastic storage bags, saran wrap, and other such items. Also, protein items not available at the Food Bank.

The food is prepared by great group of volunteers from Northford and North Branford. The dinners are delivered by a dedicated group of volunteer drivers from Northford and North Branford as well. Right now we are in need of additional drivers. If anyone is interested in helping with this program please contact Carol Sabia at 203 488 5746.

For more information about this program please contact Diane Farley at 203 467 7470 or Alice Lehr 203 488 7126.



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## Buying Business: Connecticut has lost its Way By State Representative Vincent Candelora



On Wednesday, September 28, the legislature convened for a special session to debate the \$220 million corporate aid package negotiated by the Malloy Administration to Lockheed Martin, which owns Sikorsky Aircraft. I have never felt that I had no choice but to support legislation until now. Connecticut has reached a point where our economic policy is driven by crisis to keep our businesses from fleeing the state through financial incentives.

How did we get to this point? A Democrat controlled legislature and years of the legislature passing anti-business policies. The Democratic majority imposed not one, but two of the largest tax increases in our state's history, which as a result crippled taxpayers, families and businesses.

It is nearly impossible for businesses to survive, never mind thrive, in Connecticut. I can attest to this reality because I am one of those small business owners.

During a briefing with Lockheed Martin officials, the helicopter giant indicated that it would cost them \$400 million more to build the next generation of aircraft in Connecticut compared to any other state they considered for production. Namely, Sikorsky's president said, "Connecticut was not the cheapest state." When discussing production costs in Connecticut, the vice president added, "It's a \$400 million hole we're trying to fill. Everybody's got to pitch in."

To put it simply, it is more costly to run a business in Connecticut compared to nearly any other state. With that being said, a \$220 million dollar deal is what it took to keep Sikorsky's business in Connecticut, cover their remaining costs and protect nearly 8,000 jobs.

Although I always advocate for growing jobs and building our economy, we are at a point where we can no longer keep up with this façade – creating the appearance that our state's problems just don't exist. Connecticut is in deficit, we cannot afford such a deal, but yet we have no choice. The legislature's non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis has recently predicted that the state will face a \$2.7 billion budget deficit in Fiscal Year 17 and 18.

We need to get back to the basics and focus our efforts on cutting taxes and creating a healthy business climate so that we don't have to buy our businesses to stay. When the next legislative session convenes again in January, I hope that we can focus on developing common sense proposals to rebuild Connecticut and regain the economic edge and fiscal health we once had.

## 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, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

*If you have questions that you'd like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net. Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC, a law firm dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. He is co-author of Planning for the Future: A Practical Guide to estate Planning and Avoiding Bad Heir Days. Visit us on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com. Call us at 203-234-7400 for a free consultation. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is located at 26 Broadway in North Haven, Connecticut*

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## WIT & WISDOM

I am about to tell those of you, and probably most of you, what I had been hoping for for some time. I had been contemplating spending several hundred dollars for a "Bidet". The only ones I could find were from \$400.00. to \$1000.00. until I was stunned to see "Bidet Buddy" in Dr. Leonard's Catalogue. That organ of senior needs, that has been appearing every month in the mail for generations. Priced for \$29.99 despite assuming it was impossible for such a thing to be so cheap I immediately ordered it expecting some skimpy, flimsy contraption they were playing us for suckers on. Imagine my delight to have this wonderful designed solidly constructed apparatus that works to perfection. More on it later, but first what a Bidet is.

The internet says it was publicized on TV, but I never saw it nor did anyone I asked. Some of you, especially if you have traveled to Europe, and especially to France, know what a Bidet is, but among at least 90 percent of the people I questioned were totally ignorant of what I was speaking. A Bidet is an instrument installed in your toilet that washes your exterior ending the need of toilet paper. It's virtues are unlimited. I have never been more pleased with anything I've bought.

There are so many attributes to a Bidet perhaps they are best told first by my relating how the pipe to my septic tank had become severely corroded. The pipe, as most pipes were years ago was of heavy iron and like so many of the water pipes nationwide needs replacing. Modern septic pipes are of plastic so you modern home owners probably will never have this problem. Thanks to "Jose" who came with his special equipment, internal camera, grinding wheels to grind off the guilty rust as much as possible and restored it to suitable function, but with the warning it would have to be replaced if it clogged again. The paper was the guilty product.

It so happened the Bidet arrived in the mail just as "Jose" was leaving. Without a word he picked it up and took it in the bathroom. Barely reading the very simple instructions he installed it in minutes. Seeing how efficient it was he soothed my worries of having to replace the pipe with "You'll never need to replace the pipe if you use this. It's the paper that causing your problems. Just put a paper towel roll along side and use that to dry any moisture and just place it in a plastic bag and discard it in the trash when full. The paper is wet not soiled".

A wonder of the ages. Now I'm always clean and fresh. The water is applied in a fairly forceful stream directly from the small pipe filing the tank directed accurately to just where needed. True the water's not hot, but sufficiently heated in the pipe while lingering for use in filling your tank to not be objectionable. There is even a light for night use.

Not seeing it in the coming issues of Dr. Leonard's I sought it on the internet assumed they had made a gross error and had pulled it off the market. That they meant to price it at at least \$125.00. Seeking it on the internet there it was at \$29.99. For further information I urge you type in "Bidet Buddy" and read more details of it's virtues.

Yes it's embarrassing to us seniors, that some of us with short arms, arm afflictions and numerous other physical abnormalities have had to suffer in silence when this simple modality was available for the price of a restaurant meal.

I imagine the millions of septic systems benefiting from these. Even sewage disposal systems, in which paper is the greatest ingredient. Just imagine how many trees will be saved. The benefits are innumerable.

From a farm boy wadding through waist deep snow to the outhouse, and then tearing a page from the Sears or Montgomery Catalogue and with freezing fingers working it back and forth and every direction to soften it before I could use it, to the Bidet is a step in human progress unimaginable to most of you, but to me is man's greatest gift to mankind.

Alton Eliason

### HazWaste Central open for the season

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### North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Garage on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Fall: **October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19 and 26**. Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

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### Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday November 12, 2016 9:00 AM till Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte 22)

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks\*, tires\* and rechargeable batteries.

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

\*Charge for helium & propane tanks and tires.

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

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

### Voter Registration Sessions for North Branford

The North Branford Registrars of Voters will conduct the following Voter Registration Sessions for new electors to register to vote in the State Election to be held Tuesday,

November 8, 2016:

All sessions will be held at the North Branford Town Hall

Tuesday, October 18, 2016: 12 noon – 4:00 pm

Saturday, October 22, 2016: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, October 25, 2016: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

\*Tuesday, November 1, 2016: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

\*\*Monday, November 7, 2016: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

\*Please note that Tuesday, November 1st is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the November election, except for those whose rights mature. Electors must appear in person with proper identification. **Please also note that mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked or received by the registrars by November 1, 2016.**

\*\*This is a special session for those whose rights mature: have reached the age of 18; people who have become citizens and/or have moved into town after November 1, 2016.

You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Identification and proof of residency is required. Should you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 203-484-6015.

### North Branford Fire Dept.



### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CAR & TRUCK SHOW

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Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9 – 12, will open its doors to prospective students and their families on **Sunday, October 16**, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Academy's Annual Open House. The Academy is located at 265 Benham Street in Hamden.

Open House is designed to give prospective families a feel for the spirit and focus of the Academy and encourages visitors to spend the day as they choose. Student guided tours are offered throughout the afternoon with time allowed for areas of particular interest.

Administrators, faculty and staff, coaches, students, current parents, and alumnae will be on hand to meet and greet and answer questions. Activities, presentations, and exhibits representing all facets of the Academy will be offered. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about the challenging academic program and co-curricular activities, observe students and teachers using the latest technology, preview the upcoming performance of *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, see cutting edge research in the state of the art molecular science, chemistry, physics and biology laboratories, and experience the orchestra and concert choir. Information on transportation, financial aid, athletics, and college placement will also be available. All are welcome to attend the Open House; seventh and eighth graders and their parents are particularly encouraged to attend if they are considering admission. It is not necessary to call in advance. For further information about Open House or the admissions process contact Director of Admission Elaine Lamboley, 203-288-2309, x307 or visit [www.sacredhearthamden.org](http://www.sacredhearthamden.org).



### Welcome Carmelina Michelle

Elliot & Erica Angeloni of East Haven are the proud parents of an adorable baby girl, Carmelina (Lina) Michelle, born on July 30, 2016 at 12:12 pm weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. Lina is the granddaughter of Frank & Rose Angeloni, Michelle Massaro, and Paul Pastet all of North Branford.

### North Branford Camera Club recently Participated in Modeling & Flash Photography Workshop



North Haven Camera Club welcomes new members and guests at all meetings. The club, now in its sixth year, offers instructions and photo shoot events for photographers at all skill levels. Tuesday meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at Hope Christian

Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven.

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



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### Fall Programs for Young Children Smith Library and Family Resource Center

**Tots and Tunes** (ages: 18 months - 5yrs.) A fun 30-minute session of music and movement with felt board songs, board books and parachute play.

Tuesdays at 10:00 am - Families-in-Training Room at Stanley T. Williams School, Northford.

Fridays at 10:00 am – Smith Library Children’s Room, Northford.

**Baby & Me** (ages: birth - 18 months.) A time to share stories, nursery rhymes, songs and ideas about parenting issues.

Wednesdays at 10:00 am - Smith Library Children’s Room, Northford.

**Crafty Kids** (ages: 18 months - 5yrs.) Each week will be something new and exciting for your child to explore - science, cooking, crafts and exercises.

Thursdays at 10:00 am – Jerome Harrison School Family Resource Building, North Branford

For more information or to register, please contact

Debbie Verrillo – email: [smithlibrarynorthford@gmail.com](mailto:smithlibrarynorthford@gmail.com), phone: 203-484-0469

Erin Collins - email: [ecollins@northbranfordschools.org](mailto:ecollins@northbranfordschools.org), phone: 203-484-2609

#### Fall After School Crafts in the Smith Library Children’s Room

Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Recommended for children in grades kindergarten and up with the help of a parent/guardian.

Registration required for each class. Call: 203-484-0469. Space limited.

October 11<sup>th</sup> – Popsicle Spider Webs

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Haunted House Magnets

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# NBHS NEWS



NBHS Advanced Placement Biology and Environmental Science classes completed their annual trip to Chatfield Hollow to complete a variety of experiments connected to their course content and curriculum. Pictured in front left to right, Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Polemeni - course instructors (Photo courtesy of Principal Todd Stoeffler)



The NBHS Introductory Auto Course, under the direction of Technology Education teacher Mr. Chris Reynolds, is working with the NBPD. Students will be detailing the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Car in preparation for upcoming community events in the area. (Photo courtesy of Principal Todd Stoeffler)

## Band Takes First in Sounds by the Sea

The EHHS/NBHS Co-op Marching Band traveled to Fitch High School in Groton, CT, to compete in the Sounds by the Sea competition. The Co-Op EHHS/NBHS marching band won first place and received all captions: Best Music, Best Overall Effect, and Best Visual.

The show this year is entitled "The Birds and The Bees," featuring music of our school's two mascots-- the Thunderbirds and the Yellow Jackets. Pieces include "Where the Black Hawk Soars," "Flight of the Bumblebee," "Feed the Birds," and the finale, Stravinsky's "Firebird."

## TVES Introduces New Mascot

TVES was proud to introduce our new school mascot during the monthly ROCKS assembly! Students had submitted their ideas for a mascot earlier this month for our September Magic Mailbox contest. The top three choices were owl, tiger, and penguin. All students voted for their top choice during a schoolwide election. It was a very close vote, but in the end, ROCKY the Rockhopper Penguin - was the winner! Students were also recognized for Student of the Month, the Arts Action Team, and Magic Mailbox winners. Mr. Amodio's third grade class was proud to be the top class for collecting the most canned beans for the Food Pantry of North Branford. They were presented with the coveted Bean Award and had their picture taken with Rocky. It was a great event! (Photos courtesy of TVES)



## CLASS OF 1966 50TH REUNION AMITY HIGH SCHOOL

Amity High School class of 1966 50<sup>th</sup> reunion will be held on Sat., Oct. 15, from 6-11 p.m., at Zandri's Stillwood Inn, 1074 South Colony Rd., Wallingford. The evening will include a buffet dinner, open bar, and dancing to a DJ for \$75. There will be an informal gathering on Fri., Oct.

14, from 7-10 p.m. at Harry's Sports Grill in Best Western Plus, 201 Washington Ave., North Haven. A tour of Amity Senior High School is being arranged for Sat., Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.

Invitations were mailed. Return response card, questionnaire, and check for \$75 per person immediately payable to Bruce Dumelin, 114 Upper State St., North Haven CT 06473. Any questions, contact Bruce at [onebadcpa@aol.com](mailto:onebadcpa@aol.com) or Ernie, 860-841-7013



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## NBHS Cross Country



On Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, the North Branford Cross Country Team participated in the 29<sup>th</sup> Going to the Sun Invitational at Coginchaug Regional High School. Michael Madoule and Parker Nadeau were the top two finishers for the boys' varsity team. Michael placed 18<sup>th</sup> at 19:07 and Parker came in 25<sup>th</sup> place at 19:30.85. Also finishing for the boys were Austin Gibilisco 20:23 (35<sup>th</sup>), Jared Jamieson 20:50 (44<sup>th</sup>), Zachary Jamieson 21:41 (55<sup>th</sup>), Patrick Miconi 22:22 (60<sup>th</sup>) and Michael Rabuffo 22:49 (61<sup>st</sup>).

The girl's varsity team fielded only two runners. Winnie Chan placed 39<sup>th</sup> at 25:26 and Jillian Damiani came in 40<sup>th</sup> at 25:38.

Among the boys and girls results in the junior varsity race the top finish was by Mackenzie Glen taking 5<sup>th</sup> place at 24:54. Also finishing for the girls were Julia Cassista 27:58 (27<sup>th</sup>) and Maria Bernabucci 32:53 (51<sup>st</sup>). The results for the boys were Alvin Chan 24:04 (62<sup>nd</sup>), Jason Ash 24:43 (66<sup>th</sup>), Freddie Little 26:15 (80<sup>th</sup>) and Jordan Mason 34:31 (103<sup>rd</sup>).

On Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, the North Branford Cross Country Team traveled to Winding Trails Center in Farmington to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Winding Trails Invitational Cross Country Meet. The competition was very challenging. The Boys Varsity team came in 9<sup>th</sup> out of 11 schools. The Girls Varsity Team lacked the runners to score.

Finishing 1<sup>st</sup> for the boys was Michael Madoule 29<sup>th</sup> at 17:49 and for the girls was Winnie Chan 55<sup>th</sup> at 24:28. The remaining varsity girl finishing was Jillian Damiani 56<sup>th</sup> at 24:36. Finishing for varsity boys were Parker Nadeau 40<sup>th</sup> at 18:42, Jared Jamieson 52<sup>nd</sup> at 19:16, Zachary Jamieson 61<sup>st</sup> at 19:35, Patrick Miconi 78<sup>th</sup> at 21:36 and Michael Rabuffo 79<sup>th</sup> at 21:42.

The North Branford Junior Varsity Girls Team was also unable to score due to a lack of numbers. But they did manage to place three girls in the top twenty (*pictured above*). The Girls were lead by 1<sup>st</sup> Place finisher Mackenzie Glen at 23:33. Also included in the top twenty were Julia Cassista 9<sup>th</sup> at 25:10 and Sarah Sullivan 19<sup>th</sup> at 26:03. Maria Bernabucci placed 53<sup>rd</sup> at 32:16.

Running for the North Branford Boys Junior Varsity Team were: Jason Ash 53<sup>rd</sup> at 22:31.53, Alvin Chan 66<sup>th</sup> at 23:15, Freddie Little 69<sup>th</sup> at 23:44, Hunter Boni 71<sup>st</sup> at 23:50 and Nick Ash 92<sup>nd</sup> at 30:41.

## Football Team Loses Two

In the first home game of the year, against Griswold, North Branford could not hold on to a 34-33 lead at the end of three quarters, and fell to a 47-24 loss.

The offence was led by junior quarterback Jeff Jablonski who completed 16 passes for 221 yards and rushed three times for another 35. His main targets were seniors Jason Alaska who had 2 receptions for 81 yards and Dylan Blake who had 5 receptions for 68 yards. Sophomore Nick Mancini pulled in a few for 64 yards as well. Nico Sommo did most of the work on the ground with 13 carries but he was only able to come up with 25 yards.

Defensively, Mancini led the attack with 6 tackles and 8 assists. he was helped out by senior Matt Sibley who had 5 tackles with 7 assists, Justin Augur, 4 tackles and Dylan Blake had 2 sacks as Jason Alaska added an interception.

On special teams, sophomore Lou Raffone brought the crowd to its feet with a dazzling kickoff return of 70 yards for a touchdown.

The Thunderbirds then traveled to Clinto to face the Huskies of Morgan and once again, the ground game struggled as the T-Birds lost 20-13.

Jeff Jablonski completed eleven passes for 150 yards and 1 touchdown, but North Branford was only able to gain 68 yards on the ground. Senior Dylan Blake caught 5 from Jablonski for 96 yards and senior Jason Alaska hauled in 4 for 41 yards and a touchdown. On the ground, senior Nico Sommo and sophomore Nick Mancini had eight carries each and Jablonski ran 7 times. Mancini had 28 yards and Sommo just 15 as Jablonski could only manage 11 yards. Blake rushed twice for 14 yards and a touchdown.

Mancini and senior Matt Sibley continue to lead the defense as Mancini had 10 tackles and 8 assists and Sibley added 9 with 11 assists. Senior Justin Augur chipped in with 7 and 7.

The boys will have a bye this weekend and an away game on Friday, October 14 against Valley Regional/Old Lyme.

## Field Hockey Team Starting Strong

On Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the NB Lady T-Birds traveled to Old Saybrook for a turf game with the Rams. At the 8:07 mark, sophomore Amy Raucci scored her first of 2 goals in a tight 3-2 victory. Old Saybrook answered Amy's goal and then took the lead early in the 2nd half. Amy tapped in her 2nd goal and senior teammate Syd Hogan notched the winning goal with an assist from sophomore teammate Kaylee Velez. Senior Cara Sagnella was a strong presence on the field with her tenacity and aggressiveness while sophomore teammate Brianna (aka Rocky/Brian) Raccio showed her determination to bring it up to the next level.

The following day, the team challenged a strong "large" Stamford HS. Once again, Amy and Syd each netted a ball with assists from teammates Emmy Norton and senior Tara Lauro to make it a 2-0 against this Fairfield county school. Mackenzie Kaiser recorded her 3rd shutout of the season. Junior teammate Danielle Ramada was a steady force in midfield to deny Stamford any opportunity to set up any plays. Senior Captain Meredith Johnson was also a strong force on the field on defense.

On Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, NB hosted Sacred Heart Academy from Hamden. Mackenzie Kaiser was stellar in net with 8 saves in this 1-1 tie. Syd Hogan scored NB's lone goal from junior teammate, Emmy Norton.

The team finally had a couple of days to regroup and focus on a few techniques before traveling to Valley Regional on Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup>. Once again, Syd Hogan scored a couple of goals with Emmy Norton chipping in the 3rd in a strong 3-1 victory against the Warriors. Senior goalie Elissa Nuzzo was great in net while teammate Danielle Ramada controlled the midfield to hold possession throughout the game. The overall record at press time is 6-2-1.

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**Family & Adult Activities**

**Knitting Machine Techniques**

**Who:** Adult  
**Session:** Nov 12 & 13  
**Time:** Sat & Sun, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** STW Clarino Room  
**Fee:** \$150

**Tai Chi-Chi Gung**

**Who:** Adult 13+  
**Session:** Oct 18 – Dec 13  
**Time:** Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** STW Gym  
**Fee:** \$70 res/ \$75 nr

**Learn to Skate**

**Who:** All Ages  
**Session:** Nov 5 – Jan 7  
**Time:** Saturdays, 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Northford Ice Pavilion  
**Fee:** \$165 res/ \$\$170 nr

**Bus Trips**

**Major League Soccer - New England Revolution v. Montreal Impact**

Sunday, Oct 23. Cost: \$80 res/\$85 nr  
 Come see the best soccer on display in America at Gillette Stadium! A spot in the playoffs is on the line. Time for shopping and lunch at Patriot Place prior to the 4 p.m. game. Registration Deadline Oct. 12.

**Patriot Place**

Sunday, Oct 23. Cost: \$30 res/\$35 nr  
 Adjacent to Gillette Stadium, Patriot Place offers something for everyone ~ shopping, restaurants, and entertainment. Registration Oct. 12.

**North Branford Senior Center**

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Activities throughout the week days

Hot Lunch available Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3

\*Now offering a cold lunch option for the summer such as tuna salad, egg salad, chicken salad, etc.

**North Branford Senior Center Mission Statement**

*The North Branford Senior Center is committed to servicing the needs of our community's individuals, age 55 years and older. We strive to provide activities based on the interests and needs expressed by our seniors and to improve quality of life by providing activities and programs that enhance overall wellness.*

*Social, recreational, educational, physical and cultural activities are offered year round to enrich the lives of our seniors by helping maintain an active, independent and fulfilling life.*

**AARP Driving Safety Course –**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2016 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

\$15 for AARP Members w/ AARP card \$20 for non-AARP members. Checks only payable to “AARP”

Four hours of classroom instruction teaching preventative measures to use when driving. Please bring your driver's licence to class. Pre-registration is required.

**Rite Aid Wellness Workshop – Friday, October 14, 2016 12:45 p.m.**

Please join Michele Cordero, Rite Aid Wellness Ambassador, to discuss access to a multitude of Rite Aid services. Please sign up in advance for this informative workshop.

**Yale Mammography Van – Thursday, October 20, 2016, 8:30-2:30**

For women over 40 with no known breast problems, implants and have not been screened in the past 12 months. Please bring insurance, Medicaid or Medicare card. Call or visit to preregister by October 6.

**\*As a reminder, we offer weekly grocery shopping trips every Tuesday at 12:30. Come by or call the Senior Center to register.**

**Fire Department News**

**Carbon Monoxide, What you need to know:**

**Carbon monoxide (CO)** is an odorless, colorless gas that interferes with the delivery of oxygen in the blood to the rest of the body. It is produced by incomplete combustion of fuels that include coal, wood, charcoal, natural gas, propane, and fuel oil. Problems can arise as a result of improper installation, maintenance, or inadequate ventilation. The symptoms are sometimes confused with the flu or food poisoning. Infants, elderly, pregnant women, and people with heart or respiratory illness are particularly at high risk from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. Nationally an estimated 300 people a year die as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning and thousands of others end up in the emergency room.

**What you need to do:** Ensure that all fuel burning appliances are properly adjusted and maintained. Have annual inspections of heating systems, chimney and flues. Never leave a car running in the garage. Install a carbon monoxide detector near your sleeping area.

If your CO detector goes off, or if everyone in the house are experience flue like symptoms that improve when your not home, call 911 and get out of the house.

**Fireplace and Home Fire Safety:**

With the high price of fuel oil and natural gas, many homeowners are using alternate heating sources. Last year, North Branford Fire Department responded to numerous chimney fires, and furnace malfunctions.

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves, and other fuel-fired appliances to heat their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks associated with wood and other fuels.

North Branford Fire Department encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps:

1. Have your chimney or wood stove cleaned and inspected annually
2. Keep the area around your fireplace or stove clear of flammable decorations or materials
3. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces, and keep your glass doors open
4. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
5. Use only seasoned hardwood
6. Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke
7. Never burn cardboard, trash or other debris in your fireplace or wood stove
8. **Never leave a fire unattended** and extinguish before going to bed or leaving the house
9. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a **metal container outside and away** from your house
10. Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester
11. **Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors** on every level of your home
12. **Have your oil or gas furnace serviced** at least once a year
13. Provide proper venting for all heating appliances

**Don't Forget Your Appliances**

**Dryers:** The leading cause of dryer fires is a lack of maintenance. Whether you have electric or gas these simple rules can prevent a tragedy.

- Do not operate dryer without a lint filter. **Clean filter before and after each use.**
- Clean out the exhaust duct at least once a month.
- Once a year, remove the back cover and vacuum out the area around the heating element.
- Use only metal flexible pipe and the shortest distance possible to the outside.
- Make sure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its needs. **Do not use extension cords.**

**Ovens:** Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires.

- Keep cooking area clean and clear of combustibles.
- Do not wear loose fitting cloths that can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.
- Follow manufactures instructions on self-cleaning ovens. Clean heavy accumulations of grease before starting cleaning cycle.
- If a fire starts in the oven, turn off electric power or gas supply, do not open door.
- If a small fire starts in a pan on the stove, turn off electric power or gas supply and cover with a lid. Do not remove lid even if the fire appears to be out. **Do not use water to extinguish a grease or oil fire.**
- If you have a Microwave Oven fire, keep the door closed and turn off the power.

**Dishwashers:** Yes, even dishwashers cause fires. The heating elements and timing devices can short out and cause a fire.

**Remember:** *Never leave home without turning off all appliance*

**NBFD has a limited supply of new battery operated Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors. If you don't have a working alarm, call or email us @ 203-484-6016 or [deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com)**

**Author James T. Powers at the Library**

The Totoket Historical Society is hosting author James T. Powers on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Atwater Memorial Library in North Branford. He will speak about his new book, *Seeing the Past: Stories on the Trail of a Yankee Millwright*. The library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford.

This is his second book and focuses on Milo Todd who, having inherited his family gristmill in Northford, lived at a time of dynamic economic  
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# 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. R 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.northfordcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com)

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> 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 10:00am. We have a rotating clergy during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook. **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 summer hours begin on July 10<sup>th</sup> with a single 9 a.m. service. Two babysitters available downstairs during the service. Coffee hour after the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at [zionepiscopalchurch.com](http://zionepiscopalchurch.com).

## St. Ambrose Annual Craft Fair

St. Ambrose Ladies Guild will be having their annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Monica's, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford. The fair features all hand-crafted items by local artisans such as wood crafting, painted glass items, jewelry, quilted items, etc. There will be a baked table, raffles, and more. Breakfast and lunch are available. Come and enjoy great food, crafters, raffles, and much more. Tables are still available. Call Lucille for application at (203) 484-9737.

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### in the midst of North Branford

Nestled on the north side of Foxon Road in North Branford, is one of the town's historical and spiritual treasures that may elude drivers who are traveling through the hustle and bustle of a busy life. This hidden-treasure is the North Branford Congregational Church, and its history and buildings date back to 1724 when the Second and North Society of Branford was established by the northern farmers, and a meeting house was erected "on the knoll by the river." You can find the complete history of the church by visiting their web site at <http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org/>

The church has welcomed many ministers over its 292 years since it opened its doors to the churchgoers in this small farm town. With changing times, the number of worshipers has diminished, however the enthusiasm of the people who attend services each Sunday is welcoming, joyful, uplifting and, most-of-all inspiring. Each Sunday's worship service presents the traditions of its founders along with inspirations by the wonderful and meaningful messages of the Reverend Vance Taylor, a 2004 graduate of Yale Divinity School who was ordained in 2006 and has served the shoreline community of Branford for the past 12 years.

The church members of the North Branford Congregational Church recognize that Reverend Taylor possesses a very special gift of preaching that inspires them and touches the very soul of each listener as he presents readings from the Bible and blends its teachings to represent everyday life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Reverend Vance speaks messages of hope, understanding and a coming together as a community of worshipers to help each other through difficult times, while also celebrating the wonderful times in the lives of the congregation in this small Christian community.

Vance is one of those hidden treasures among the worshipers at the North Branford Congregational Church, and this church community would be happy to share his ministry with each person who steps through its door on Sunday mornings for the 10 AM service. The church is located at 1680 Foxon Road (Route 80), North Branford, CT. So some time, especially when you may need an uplifting message, stop in and join this church community on a Sunday morning and you might just discover this hidden treasure and the Reverend Vance Taylor. He and the congregation will be most happy to welcome you!

**Rose Rita Riccitelli- Branford, CT**

## Sunday School at Northford Congregational Church

Sunday School kicked off on Sunday, Oct. 2. Rev. Robin Blundon and Northford Congregational Church welcome all families to attend their weekly worship service. Sunday School classes are held at 10 a.m. each Sunday while worship services are being held.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Like us on Facebook. Website: [www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com). Email address: [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net).

## 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

## NB Women's Club, Inc. Military Whist Card Party

Friday, October 21, 2016,

North Branford Congregational Church,

1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471, 203-488-8456.

Tickets \$8.00 per person

Refreshments at 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Instructions begin promptly at 7:15 p.m.

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**Annual Atwater Memorial Library Puzzle-Off Party**

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Join us for our third annual Puzzle-Off Party at the Atwater Memorial Library, 1720 Foxon Rd., North Branford, on Saturday, Oct. 15! To register, call 203 315-6020 or you can come to the library. You may sign up individually and we will place you on a team, or sign up together as a team. Teams may consist of up to 9 people. Adults, children and families are welcome! Competition begins at 9:45 a.m. with a mandatory break for lunch from 11 – 12. Competition ends promptly at 2:30 p.m. All teams will put together the same 1,000 piece puzzle. The team that connects the most continuous puzzle pieces in the allotted time will be declared the winner. Registration closes on Oct 8.

**Military Whist Card Party**

The Northford Women's Club is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, October 14, 2016 at STW Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave., Northford. CT. Doors open at 6:30 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. There will be fun door prizes and the club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments, including delicious desserts, will be served. Entry is \$8 per person. Proceeds benefit various charity organizations in Northford and surrounding towns. For tickets or more information, contact Patty at 203-484-0733. The Northford Women's Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs. <http://www.northfordwomensclub.org>. The Northford Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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Vendors being sought for **Holiday Fair at St. Frances Cabrini Church** Hall, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 9am-3pm. Rental for space which includes table & chairs is \$35 for single and \$50 for double. For application for rental space please call Sharon at 203-234-0215 after 3pm or at 203-239-5700 during daytime.

**Masonicare at Ashlar Village** on Cheshire Road in Wallingford will be holding a Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair and is looking for vendors and crafters to participate. The fair, which will be open to the public and to all Masonicare employees, residents and their families, will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Hartog Activities Center Auditorium at Ashlar Village.

A \$50.00 registration fee is required, and all fees collected will benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. Registration fees are non-refundable. Receipt of payment will be provided for your tax deductible donation. All vendors will have a choice of either a 6-foot long table or a round table for displaying their sale items.

For additional information, or to reserve your space, please contact Noreen Caffrey at 203-679-6402 or Marisa Dominello at 203-679-6059.

**The Totoket Historical Society is seeking donations** for its annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 - 2 p.m. We are looking to feature small "attic treasures", costume jewelry, small decorative items, handmade articles, linens, baked goods, jams, pickles and condiments. Small donations for the sale can be dropped off anytime during the day at the Atwater Memorial Library at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford. For large items or to arrange pick up, please call 203 488-0423 or email: [totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

All proceeds from the Bazaar will go towards expenses and maintenance of the buildings under the Society's care: the Reynolds-Beers House, The Little Red School House, the Miller Barn and the Little White Gas Station.

**North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Return with Popular Fashion Show**

The North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805 is proud to announce the return of their ever popular Fashion Show. It will be held at Il Monticello Banquet Facility, 577 South Broad Street, Meriden, Ct. on Sunday, October 23, 2016 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and includes a luncheon.

Wonderful fashions will be presented by Carol's Creations of North Haven, Ct. The cost is \$35.00 per ticket with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism.

Please help support this most worthy cause and have a fun time too. Contact Regina at 203-376-8524 or [sammyn24@hotmail.com](mailto:sammyn24@hotmail.com) for more information and tickets.

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change during the latter half of the 19th century and spent his life determined to be part of it. The quest to do so would bring Todd on a journey across Connecticut as he sought his place in that rapidly transforming world.

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