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Mike Thibeault (owner) of Mike's Auto Service Center is pleased to introduce two new members of his service team. Lori Foligno formerly of Parson Buick, is our Service Manager and Michael Osenkowski also formerly of Parson Buick, has joined our mechanical service division.

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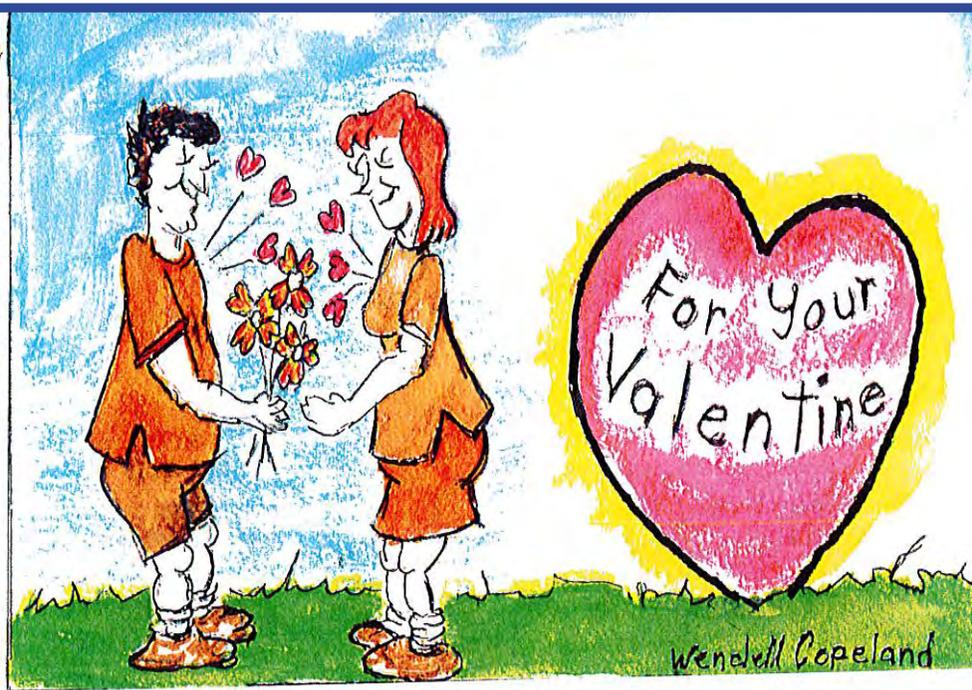
## The Wheeler Student Council Recently Hosted a "Bring Your Stuffed Animal to School Day"



The Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School community is supporting Wheeler father Army Major Steve Landry and his 143rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion currently deployed to Poland for active duty by establishing a battalion library for soldiers. Wheeler faculty, staff and families gathered books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, and wrote personalized letters to be sent overseas.

*In addition, students participated in several fundraisers to support shipping for the more than 450 pounds of Dunkin Donuts coffee donated by Marc Koss from the local Dunkin Donuts establishments.*

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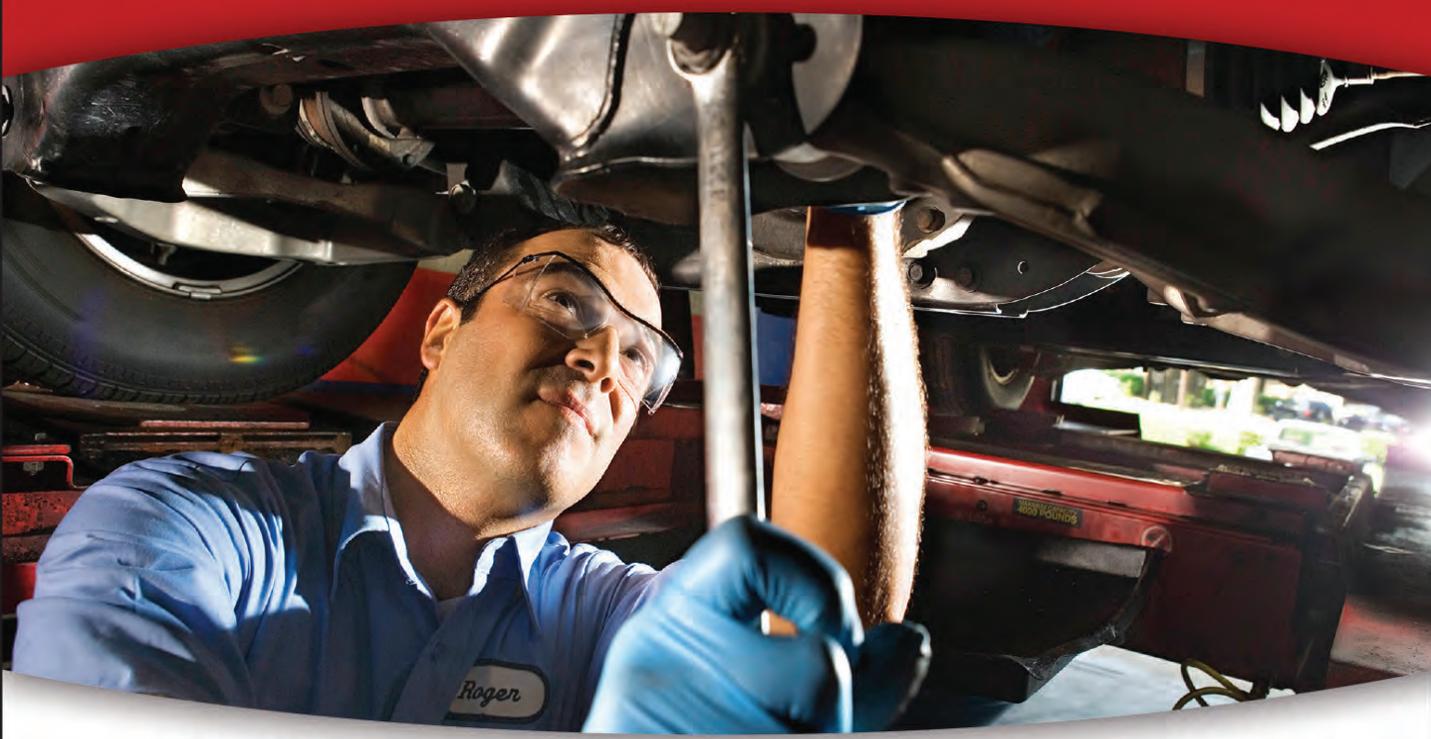
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19 Beckwith Dr. Shane R. Levesque and Webster Bank NA to Webster Bank NA, \$105,603 on 11/21/2017
15 Black Birch Rd. Janian Macha of Plainville to Valley Residential Group, \$122,000 on 11/22/2017
2 E Main St. 2-16 East Main Street LLC of Plainville to Downtown Center Apts LLC \$935,000 On 11/21/2017
135 New Britain Ave. Unit 9: Joan Whiston IRT and Tricia Jacobsen of Plainville to Steven J. Sykucki, \$181,500 on 11/22/2017
85 Pershing Dr. Ali and Ana Inan of Plainville to Carol and Jarrett Stevens, \$195,000 on 11/21/2017
78 Pickney Ave. Roger and George Brousseau of Plainville to Loretta L. Moss \$169,100 om 11/21/2017
1 Town Line Rd. Unit 3: William Costello and Paul Bogdanski of Plainville to Heleniak Prpperties LLC\$90,000 on 11/22/2017
Woodford Mnr: MTGLO Investors LP of Plainville to Susan and Michael Deluco \$43,000 on 11/21/2017
1 Dominics Ct Unit 1: JNS Development LLC of Plainville to William F. and Florialma Hook \$366,975 on 11/29/2017
11 Eisenhower Dr. Gauthier Builders LLC of Plainville to Kelly and Carl Maratta, \$315,000 on 11/29/2017
123 Ledge Rd. Nora Johnson of Plainville to Oak Land Developers LLC \$37,000 on 11/30/2017
35 Meriline Ave. Howard Comstock of Plainville to Timothy J. and Nicole R. Treacy, \$208,000 on 11/27/2017
110 New Britain Ave. Norman A. Peltzer FT and Nancy P. Gibson of Plainville to Norman Landry and Jeffrey Perzan \$147,500. on 11/28/2017
50 Pierce St. Unit 38: Mary J. Tormey of Plainville to Ann M. Gura-Levesque, \$60,000 on 11/29/2017
Russell Ave. Kristy Paradis and Dana Cardwell of Plainville to Richard D. Miler and Nicole L. Heslin \$155,000 on 12/01/2017
10 Unionville Ave. Jonathan P. and Brrenda R. Tyler of Plainville to Gardens LLC, \$1,500,000 on 11/28/2017
90 Unionville Ave. Jonathan P. Tyler of Plainville to Gardens LLC \$300,000 on 11/28/2017
95 Whiting St. Whiting & Broad St. Assoc of Plainville to JPG Properties LLC \$350,000 on 11/29/2017
24 Hickory Ln. Ricciardi Hazel T Est and Rita R. Finocchiaro of Plainville

to Vincent J. Ricciardi, \$67,000 on 12/12/2017
6 James Pl. Brian P. and Greta K Welz of Plainville to R Scott and Monika Morley, \$367,000 on 12/15/2017
57 Metacomet Rd. Caplicki Patricia A. Est and Sharon Cermola of Plainville to R L Martinez-Gorgas and Lisvett M. Martinez, \$215,000 on 12/14/2017
42 Northampton Ln Unit 42: Todd J. and Elizabeth J. Mirmina of Plainville to Lisa M. Cassella, \$127,000 on 12/11/2017
190 Tomlinson Ave. Unit 16e: FNMA of Plainville to Mateusz and Natalia Siwiec, \$120,00 on 12/11/2017
30 Diamond Ave Unit 4: Joel and Nancy Wineburgh of Plainville to Susan D. Pollack, \$42,000 on 12/04/2017
88 Ivy Rd: Jeffery A. and Maureen C. Briggs of Plainville to Sarah P. Damato and Adam J. Salwocki, \$265,100 on 12/06/2017
54 Loomis Ave. New England Prsvtn&Res of Plainville to Alexander Rosado and Lourdes Burgos, \$212,900 on 12/05/2017
71 White Oak Ave Unit A3: Suzanne Wisk-Guile of Plainville to Salvatore N. Miano, \$107,000 on 12/06/2017
36 Woodside Ln: Kim B. and Elisabeth F. Sorensen of Plainville to Jennifer M. Ward, \$216,600 on 12/06/2017
24 Canterbury Ln: Dianne Hancort of Plainville to Jonathan B. Harvey, \$138,000 on 12/27/17
79 Higgins Avee: Marie A. and Angela Gorneault of Plainville to Tessy Damboise, \$99,200 on 12/26/2017
125 W. Main St: Base Holdings LLC of Plainville to Plainville Inv LLC, \$200,000 on 12/27/2017
248 Woodford Ave. Unit 10: Sydney F. Kenna of Plainville to Christopher V. Tancredi, \$89,000 on 12/28/2017
8 Bushel Rd Unit 8: Karl H. Hellinger and Barbara L. Matheson of Plainville to Michael S. and Meabh M. Bullard, \$296,000 on 1/2/2018
35 E. Maple St: USA HUD of Plainville to Felix Martinez and Pam Martin, \$140,000 on 1/2/2018
5 Hull Dr: Kirk M. and Diane A Stankiewicz of Plainville to H Kiley and Melissa A. Mazurek, \$267,000 on 1/2/2018.
45 Park St: FNMA of Plainville to Andrzej and Alina Grabowski, \$120,000 on 1/2/2018
16 Summer St: H Kiley Mazurek of Plainville to Miroslaw and Agnieszka Konieczniak, \$165,000 on 1/2/2018
42 White Oak Ave: Tyler Mikolajcik of Plainville to Valerie A. Lamarre, \$153,000 on 1/2/2018
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# Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council January 2nd and 15th Meetings

## January 2, 2018

DECD Financial Assistance Proposal  
– 1 & 63 West Main Street

- In November the Town was notified that a grant in the amount of \$200,000 was being awarded to perform a remediation analysis on the former White Oak property on West Main Street. On December 18, 2017 the Department of Economic & Community Development submitted assistance agreement to the Town. That agreement is being reviewed by Town staff and the Town Attorney.
- The Agreement requires that the Town Council pass a Resolution regarding the project. A copy of the Resolution was included in the information provided for the meeting.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the "Environmental Site Assessment for 2 parcels located at 1 and 63 West Main Street, Plainville, CT".

## Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Study Update

- The consultants for the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail are expecting to release a Draft of the Gap Closure Trail Study for public review on January 11th. There will be a 30-day time frame for persons to submit comments regarding the Draft Plan.
- During this 30-day period, a Public Hearing is being scheduled for Monday, February 5th at 7:00 pm to receive comments as well. The consultant will then review all of the comments and determine whether or not any changes should be made before submitting a Final Plan to the Town Council.
- The Town Council will then be presented with the Final Plan for your consideration.

## ~ HAPPENINGS ~ January 2, 2017

### PLAINVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

- Residents who have trees may bring them to the transfer station at no charge on Granger Lane anytime beginning Wednesday, December 27, until Thursday, January 18. Trees ONLY should be placed in the designated collection area. If you use a bag to transport your tree, you must remove the tree from the bag and dispose of the bag in your regular household trash container. If you are unable to transport your tree, the Roadways Department will once again be collecting them. Residents are asked to leave their Christmas trees at the curb before January 10th.

The Roadways Department will collect them during the week of January 11th-18th. Please be sure they are free of ice and snow, are not in the road and do not block any sidewalks or walkways. Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x208.

### PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER ENERGY ASSISTANCE

- The State of CT Energy Assistance Program is available to income eligible residents to help assist in lowering winter heating costs. For more information or to see if you are eligible, call the HRA Energy Department at 860-582-7490. YOU MUST APPLY EVERY YEAR.

### WHAT'S A GLUTEN-FREE DIET? TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 11:00 A.M.

- Learn about gluten-free diets and who can benefit from them. Recipes will be provided. Presented by Mara Davis, Registered Dietitian at Hartford Hospital. Free and open to the public. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

### CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 10 A.M.

- If you are taking care of an older family member or someone who has a disability, you need a place and time for yourself. Join this group of caregivers who meet monthly at the Plainville Senior Center to discuss how to give good self-care as they care for someone else. Caregivers from neighboring towns are welcome. There is no cost to participate. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

### NUTRITION & WELLNESS SERIES

- The Senior Center is hosting a three part series of interactive and educational morning programs about nutrition and how it can positively impact your health. The first program — Nutrition for Cognition and Memory –The program is free. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 860-747-5728.
- Also a reminder that the Joint Budget Meeting with the BOE and the Town will take place next Thursday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00P.M.

## January 15, 2018

Referendum for WPC Phosphorus Project – January 30, 2018

- In 2015, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection re-issued Plainville's Wastewater Discharge Permit with a requirement that the amount of phosphorous discharged from the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility ("WPCF") be reduced by 88%. The WPCF must be upgraded to meet these new permit requirements.
- The estimated cost of the project is \$15,761,000, and the Town is eligible to receive an estimated \$6,500,000 grant from the State of Connecticut's Clean Water Fund Program (approximately 41.2% of the project cost). The Town anticipates financing the remaining project cost with a 20-year 2% loan under the Clean Water Fund Program.
- This is a reminder that the referendum to appropriate \$15.76M for upgrades and related improvements to the Town's Water Pollution Control Plant and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes to finance the portion of the appropriation not defrayed from grants will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.
- Residents can vote on the appropriation at the Fire House from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- An Explanatory Text describing the referendum was recently mailed to all Plainville residents. People who have questions regarding this project are encouraged to contact the Town Manager's Office.

### Financial Dashboard

- A copy of the Financial Dashboard for the first half of the fiscal year was included in the meeting information package for this evening's meeting. The dashboard has also been posted on the Town website.

### NUTMEG TV SCHEDULE PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Comcast #96 & ATT #99  
Sunday: 12am & 6pm Thursday:  
3am, 6 am, 9 am, 12 noon, 3pm, 6pm,  
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## ~ HAPPENINGS ~ January 15th

### PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

- NUTRITION & WELLNESS SERIES THURSDAY, JAN. 18, 10 A.M.  
The Senior Center is hosting a three part series of interactive and educational morning programs about nutrition and how it can positively impact your health. The first program — Nutrition for Cognition and Memory – will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 10 a.m. The program is free. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 860-747-5728. The second session, Nutrition for Health Health, will be held on February 16.

### CARING FOR YOURSELF / CARING FOR A LOVED ONE THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 10 A.M.

- Caring for a loved one with dementia or a chronic illness can involve many stressors affecting body, mind and spirit. The keys to managing stress are understanding factors, recognizing the signs, and learning coping strategies. Learn effective ways to care for yourself while providing care for your loved one. Presented by Hartford HealthCare at Home. Program is free. Call the Senior Center to register at 860-747-5728.

### THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: HOW IS IT AFFECTING YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COMMUNITY? THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10 A.M (snow date Thursday, February 22, 10:00)

- The Opioid Epidemic has become a national crisis due to the rapid increase in the use of prescription and non-prescription opioid drugs in the United States. Join us at the Senior Center for an informative program that will include local experts who will discuss:
  - Scope of opioid problem in CT and nationally
  - Prevention/how the problem starts/"typical" profile of person overdosing
  - Signs of an opioid overdose & how to reverse one
  - Laws/steps taken to reduce the opioid epidemic
  - Narcan: how to get it and how to use it
  - Crime prevention
  - How to prevent unused pills from getting into the wrong hands
  - Remembrance Quilt Project

Presented by: Connecticut Clearinghouse, Wheeler Clinic, Plainville Community Pharmacy and a Plainville Police Department representative. Free and open to the public. Call the Senior Center to register at 860-747-5728.

## Town Happening Reports

By

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FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

The public is invited to review and provide input on the draft Gap Closure Trail Study Final Report, which will be made available on the project website on Thursday January 11, 2018 at [www.gapclosurestudy.com](http://www.gapclosurestudy.com). This report covers the North-South alignment that aims to close the Plainville gap in the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. A separate report will be released at a later date for the East-West route that aims to connect Plainville to the CTfastrak trail in New Britain. The 30-day public comment period for this plan began Thursday, January 11, 2018 and will run through Monday, February 12, 2018. The plan includes an overview of the trail planning process, including the study's vision, goals, and objectives; a background review of previous plans and studies; a review of existing conditions; a description of alternatives considered; and a description of the preferred trail alignments/recommendations and implementation steps. The Gap Closure Trail Study seeks to close the remaining gap in the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Plainville, CT.

A public hearing will be held on the Draft Report Monday, February 5, 2018 at the Plainville Middle School Auditorium, 150 Northwest Drive, Plainville, CT from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend this hearing to learn more about the trail project and to share comments on the Draft Report. Feedback from the public hearing will help the study team shape the Final Report, and will be heard by Plainville Town Council members as they consider adopting the Final Report.

Language interpretation available upon request with 48 hours of advanced notice. For more information please contact Timothy Malone at (860) 724-4221 or [tmalone@crcog.org](mailto:tmalone@crcog.org).

**THE TEA PARTY  
CREED...**

**"I am not a racist, I am not violent  
I will not be silent"  
Pd. for by: The members of  
the Tea Party**

**People,  
Open Your Eyes!**

Don't think that both of our Senators decided to visit Puerto Rico at a very convenient time. Its been a record cold snap for Connecticut for decades. Who wouldn't want to be in the fun and sun?

On a so-called fact finding mission I wonder how many people they took with them as their entourage?

Who paid for this and why did they come back with the same info from Oct.? Rome wasn't built in a day, and PR won't be either.

At this writing I don't know if they are back or staying longer due the snow storm we are expecting?

Please! Sen. Blumenthal and Murphy take Me! With you so I can get out of the cold and snow at no charge.

Must be great to get paid for doing **NOTHINGNESS!**

**Respectably submitted  
BOB MASTRIANNI  
PLAINVILLE,CT**

**Sen. Martin:  
Governor's Cuts  
Violate Legislative  
Intent, Harm Our  
Communities**

Responding to a recent letter from Plymouth Superintendent Martin Semmel. State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) and Representative Whit Betts (R-78) today said Governor Malloy's cuts to municipal and education funding ignored legislators' plans for the funding when passing the state budget.

"When my fellow legislators and I voted for the bipartisan state budget in October, we were very clear that we wanted each community to receive the amount of funding detailed in the budget," Sen. Martin said. "Gov. Malloy's continued insistence that local communities pay for the state's budget mistakes has forced municipalities to take on tremendous financial burdens. It seems one way or another, he was going to make sure that towns, and property owners pay."

This caused all the school district to postpone planned hires and funding for student programs.

Sen. Martin represents the communities of Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, and Thomaston.

**From:  
Donald J. Trump  
Sent: January 20, 2018  
Subject: re: Important  
note on SHUTDOWN  
To  
hmtnn@comcast.net**

Residents of Connecticut:

When I became your president one year ago today, I took an oath to protect, serve, and lead ALL Americans.

Democrats have since shown our country that they could never do the same.

They chose to use our U.S. military as a bargaining chip to fight for amnesty for non-citizen illegal immigrants. But a good many patriots and I REFUSED to accept their ransom.

Now American voters need to remind Democrats that we will NEVER forget their reckless decision.

Tell Senate Democrats that YOU -- the American voter -- will ALWAYS remember the day that Democrats put illegal immigrants before American citizens. >>

Thank you -- and stand strong!  
Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States

**Sunday January 21st**

"We The People will NEVER FORGET January 19, 2018, the day Senate Democrats chose to shut down the American government, deprive American children of health care, and hold our American military hostage to protect illegal immigrants."

**Donald J. Trump**

**To Everyone that  
Signed the Petitions**

YOU are the reason our government is back open.

Ever since the Schumer Shutdown, we received 48 petitions per second from Americans like you, demanding Democrats stop holding our military hostage to give amnesty to illegal immigrants.

Democrats in red states we won big league saw how ANGRY you were with their disgusting tactics, and couldn't go on any longer. This is how we win -- by rallying together and fighting!

But during this shutdown, Pelosi raised hundreds of thousands of dollars from her radical base that wants unchecked illegal immigration.

We can't let them get away with it. We will never forget the names of EVERY single liberal obstructionist responsible for this disgusting shut down, and we will work to FIRE them come November.

Thank YOU,  
Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States

**Thursday, January 25th**

President Trump says he wants Congress to have a deal on immigration and the border ready by the time he returns from the Davos forum in Switzerland—and he says he is open to the deal including a path Trump for citizenship for DACA recipients. "We're going to morph into it," said of citizenship for the Dreamers on Wednesday, per the Washington Post. "It's going to happen—over a period of 10 to 12 years. If somebody's done a great job and worked hard, it keeps the incentive to do a great job," he said. "I think it's a nice thing to have the incentive, after a period of years, of being able to become a citizen." Trump stressed, however, that the deal for roughly 700,000 Dreamers would depend on securing \$25 billion to build a border wall and \$5 billion for other immigration-related spending.

He said reporters could tell Dreamers they had "nothing to worry about." The proposal Trump outlined sounds similar to one that Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said was "off the table" after the shutdown ended, the Hill notes. GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham, who has been pushing for a bipartisan deal—and using the hashtag #TrumpDreamers—called Trump's remarks a "breakthrough." "I truly appreciate President Trump making it clear that he supports a path to citizenship for DACA recipients," said Graham, whose own proposals have been called "unacceptable" by the White House. Advocates for restricting immigration say they could support a pathway to citizenship, depending on how many people it applies to and whether it is combined with other measures to limit immigration, the Los Angeles Times reports. *By the time you read this, perhaps a deal will be made!*

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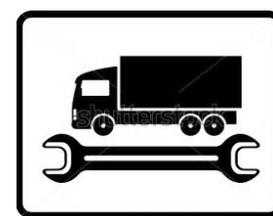
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# IT Jim February 2018

## Title: In the News: Spectre and Meltdown Security Vulnerabilities

As the clock turned to a new year, a new computer security vulnerability was announced that made the news. What are "Meltdown" and "Spectre" all about? They have the potential to be very serious. What do these things mean to you? I will attempt to break this down for you and give you an understandable explanation.

### What are these vulnerabilities?

Meltdown is a hardware vulnerability. It affects almost all Intel processors (Pentium, i3,i5,i7, Core, Celeron, etc.) going back to 1995. There is a processor in every computer. It also affects ARM processors. There is an ARM processor in every smartphone. It does not affect AMD processors (Athlon, FX, Phenom, Ryzen, etc.)

The vulnerability itself allows a program running on your computer to peek at what other programs are sending through the processor at the same time. Of the two bugs, Meltdown is the easier one to fix. Microsoft, Apple, and other companies have already sent out or are working on updates to fix it.

Spectre is more of a new way that was discovered to attack computers through the processor. This one affects ALL processors from Intel, AMD, and ARM. The feature that is taken advantage of is called speculative execution. It is a method processor manufacturers use to improve performance by predicting what you are going to do next.

This vulnerability is very difficult for the bad guys to take advantage of. It is also very difficult to fix. Microsoft, Apple, Google, Firefox and others are working hard to make patches available that at best can help mitigate the risk. Experts believe the

only true fix is to reengineer processors which means having to update or replace the hardware. As such, Spectre is likely going to be an issue for years to come.

### How do I know if my computer is affected?

The easiest way to check is to download and run a small tool from a trusted company Gibson Research. Go to [www.grc.com/inspectre.htm](http://www.grc.com/inspectre.htm). Download and run the program. It will tell you very clearly if you are vulnerable or not. It will also offer guidance on how to handle things if they are.

### What do I need to do?

Update, update, update!!! Microsoft, Apple, Intel, AMD, and many other companies have released or are working on updates that will protect you against these vulnerabilities. It is extremely important to make sure your computer has all of the updates made available by these companies.

These updates will likely affect the performance of your computer. Generally speaking, the older the computer, the more it will be impacted. Newer CPU's are fast enough to compensate for not having this feature. Older computers can see as much as a 20% loss in performance.

For a deeper explanation of these vulnerabilities, if you want to get geeky, visit [meltdownattack.com](http://meltdownattack.com)

*I really would love to hear from you with ideas for future columns. Please email me at [jim.phc@gmail.com](mailto:jim.phc@gmail.com) with ideas and suggestions.*

## And Where are They Now?

Perhaps we are missing stories about other former residents of our town that have gone on to attain fame and fortune around the world.

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## Local Lawmakers Vote to Restore Medicare Assistance for Seniors, Disabled

HARTFORD — State Representatives William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22), and State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) on Monday co-sponsored and voted in favor of a bipartisan plan that would provide funding for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) through the end of the fiscal year.

"Today we acted to restore funding for seniors and those who are disabled. This is a temporary fix, which, while easing the financial burden for those residents, is not a permanent solution. We have far more work to do on finding funding alternatives as we continue to deal with Connecticut's ongoing fiscal crisis," said Rep. Petit.

Realizing almost 86,000 low-income seniors would be disqualified from the program and another 27,000 would have their coverage reduced, members from both the House and Senate of the Connecticut General Assembly petitioned the Secretary of the State to call them back into special session in order to restore the previous cut.

"The legislation passed today shows that health care for Connecticut's low-income seniors and disabled is

a priority for the state," Sen. Martin said. "Today's decision is in line with what the legislature intended when the budget was recently passed. I'm glad this was a bipartisan effort and hope the Governor will reconsider his threat to veto the bill."

The MSP plan was approved in the House through a 130 - 3 vote. Among the methods used to restore program funding is a requirement that Gov. Malloy reduce the number of managers and consultants—a provision included in the adopted budget ignored by the governor. Other components include moving human resource-related functions of some state agencies into the state's Department of Administrative Services, and requiring the governor to find savings in Executive Branch functions while limiting his ability to cut more than 10 percent from any one program.

State senators approved the plan 32 - 1 in a vote later in the day.

The 2018 legislative session—a so-called short session—starts Feb. 7th and will see lawmakers focus primarily on issues tied to the state budget.

To list Tag Sales, Club Activities & Etc.

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## Hints to Conserve Water:

\*Inspect all pipes and faucets for leaks, as hundreds of gallons a day could be dripping away.

\*Check toilets for hidden leaks.

Place a few drops of food coloring in the tank. Wait 15 minutes and see if the color appears in the bowl. If so, you have a leak. Make necessary repairs immediately.

\*Load the automatic dishwasher to capacity before running.

\*Use two basins when washing dishes by hand, one for washing and one for rinsing, rather than running faucet.

\*Turn off the tap while you shave

or brush your teeth and take shorter showers.

\*Clean vegetables using water in a pan and vegetable brush rather than letting the tap run needlessly.

\*Match the load setting on the washing machine with the amount of laundry to be washed. If your machine has no load selector, wash full loads only.

\*Wash the car with soap, water and a bucket. Use a hose with shut-off nozzle for a quick final rinse. Better yet, find out if your local car wash recycles its water. Then treat yourself to a car wash and actually save water.

\*Put a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator so the whole family can enjoy nature's thirst quencher without having to run the tap.

*These are just a few helpful hints to conserve H2O from Blue Thumb Basics.*

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# Connecticut Casualty Company Adds Another Company Partner The Arbella Insurance Group

Connecticut Casualty Company President, Mark Johnston stated, "We are excited that the Arbella Insurance Group has joined our team. With the significant growth that our agency is experiencing, Arbella brings along valuable client options which allow us to meet our primary goal of 'client satisfaction'.

Our client relationships is based

on three core principles: options, knowledge and loyalty. By continuing to partner with respected insurance carriers like Arbella, we not only achieve long lasting relationships with our clients, we guaranty it."

The firm's Vice-President, Angelo Aldi, was recently asked: "Why do you represent so many insurance companies?" "Simple." he replied.

"We're always looking for new insurance companies to help us meet the needs of every one of our clients. Whether the need is for specific coverages or affordability (or both), we prefer to keep a deep bench of partners, particularly since our client base spans from large commercial operations to main street businesses. By partnering with Arbella, it gives us more options

to meet those needs and to attract new clients, at the same time."

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Chicken Salad, Havarti Cheese, Bacon, & Avocado

### Make Your Own - \$6.95

- Choice of Bread or Wrap
- 2 Meats & Cheese or Tuna & Chicken Salad

### Homemade Salads

- Served on Choice of Bagel, Wrap, or Roll
- Tuna | Egg Salad | Chicken Salad
  - Egg Salad on Choice of Bread \$4.50

### Green Salads

- Chef's Salad \$6.95
- Grilled Chicken Caesar \$8.95
- Greek Salad \$6.95
- Tomato, Red Onions, Feta Cheese, Kalamata Olives, Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Add Chicken/Tuna \$2.00
- Add Grilled Chicken \$2.50

### Specialty Wraps

- Whole Wheat, Spinach, or Plain Wrap with Pickle & Choice of Salad (Macaroni or Coleslaw)
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Grilled Chicken, Romaine Lettuce, Shaved Cheese, Caesar Dressing
  - Chicken Salad Wrap \$6.95  
Bacon & Avocado
  - Veggie Wrap \$6.95  
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  - Greek Wrap \$6.95  
Grilled Chicken, Feta Cheese, Kalamata Olives, Romaine Lettuce, Oil & Vinegar
  - Buffalo Turkey Wrap \$6.95  
Lettuce, Crumbled Blue Cheese, Buffalo Sauce

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- |                    | Small  | Medium | Large  |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
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  - 2 Eggs with Cheese \$3.29
  - 2 Eggs with Cheese & Choice of Meat \$4.59  
Bacon/Sausage/Taylor Ham/Ham/Chorizo Chicken Sausage
  - 2 Eggs with Choice of Meat \$4.29  
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- "The Hog" \$5.95  
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- "Power Wrap" \$5.95  
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- "Protein Wrap" \$5.95  
Egg Whites, Turkey, Pepper Jack, Avocado on a Whole Wheat Wrap
- "The Greek" \$5.95  
2 Eggs, Feta Cheese, Spinach, Tomatoes on a Spinach Wrap

### Sides

- Hash Browns \$1.00
- Home Fries \$1.25
- Chicken Sausage \$2.50
- Avocado \$1.00
- Bacon/Sausage/Taylor Ham \$2.00
- Chorizo \$2.50
- Cheese \$0.50

### Bagels

- Regular Bagels:  
Plain | Poppy | Sesame | Salt | Multigrain  
Cinnamon Raisin | Garlic | Egg  
Everything | Pumpkinnicke

- Specialty Bagels:  
Multigrain Everything | Jalepeno  
Cheddar | Flagels | French Toast

- Single Regular Bagel \$0.99
- Single Specialty Bagel \$1.29
- Bagel Buttons \$0.45  
3 for \$1.00
- Half Dozen Bagels \$6.75
- Dozen Bagels \$9.75
- Half Dozen Mini Bagels \$4.95
- Dozen Mini Bagels \$7.95

### Schmears

- Plain | Light Plain | Veggie/Scallion | Olive  
Light Veggie/Scallion | Dill Cucumber  
Walnut Raisin | Lox Spread | Nutella  
Sundried Tomato | Jaiapeno Cheddar

### Bagels & Schmears

- |  | Butter | Plain CC<br>or Lite | Flavored<br>Schmear |
|--|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Plain Bagel  | \$1.59 | \$2.29              | \$2.79              |
| Specialty Bagel  | \$1.89 | \$2.49              | \$2.99              |
|  | PB & J | PB & Fluff          | Nutella             |
| Plain Bagel  | \$2.59 | \$3.49              | \$3.49              |
| Specialty Bagel  | \$2.89 | \$3.79              | \$3.79              |
| French Toast Bagel with Butter & Maple Syrup           |        |                     | \$2.29              |
| Bagel with Cream Cheese & Bacon                        |        |                     | \$3.79              |
| Any Bagel with Cream Cheese, Sliced                    |        |                     | \$7.95              |
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#### MUSIC OF NAT KING COLE

At the Plainville Library on Saturday, February 17th at 2:00 PM John Brighenti and Orice Jenkins will perform the music of Nat King Cole. Orice and John will perform an educational presentation on life and music of Cole as an expression of interest in the jazz tradition and african-American history. For more information, contact the Library at 860-793-1446.

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## ELIZABETH NORTON TRUST FUND GRANTS SUPPORT SEVERAL DISTRICT INITIATIVES

Several school district programs and initiatives are underway this year thanks to a number of grants received from the local Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund.

Linden Street School music teacher Marilyn Speranza received a grant to bring the award winning "a capella" group Backtrack Vocals to all three Plainville elementary schools. The group has toured nationally and has received over 9 million views on YouTube. They will serve as a vocal model for Plainville students while presenting music from the genres of pop, rock and Broadway. Elementary Math / Science Instructional Leader Phil Sanders received a grant to support STEM night programs at all three elementary schools. The STEM night programs feature hands on STEM activities for students and their families, with assistance provided by students in Plainville High School's science classes. The Plainville Family Resource Network also received a generous grant to support the annual Family Fest event for local families held in the spring.

Middle School of Plainville School Counselor Jessica Pepin received a grant which will be used to supplement the cost of transportation and tickets for students from grades 6, 7, and 8 to attend plays that will be offered through The Bushnell Children's Theatre's Educational Series. The plays, Warriors Don't Cry & Freedom Train both have themes of social justice and civil rights.

Two grants were received to support programs at Plainville High School. Transportation and Construction Education Instructor David Marchesani received a grant to support the "Bike Shop" project at the high school. The Bike Shop is a collaboration among the high school's Transportation classes, the Plainville Police Department and the Plainville Community Food Pantry. Through the initiative, high school students refurbish old, discarded bicycles collected by the local police, then they are distributed to local youth through the Plainville Community Food Pantry. This year the funding will be used to build workbenches and storage cabinets for the shop as well. Students in the Advanced Transportation class will design the workspace and students in the Advanced Woods class will build workbenches and cabinets.

Plainville High School Library Information Teacher Deb Pikiell

received a grant to redesign the high school's Upper Media Room as a "CoLAB" or Collaboration Lab. The updated room features whiteboard top tables designed to maximize student communication. The room accommodates five groups of five students who can sit face to face, naturally fostering a productive conversation. Groups can brainstorm and revise ideas on the whiteboard top tables as they collaboratively work through the problem solving process. Thanks to the grant, the lab will be completed with a large monitor to connect students' chromebooks, allowing a better visual as they tackle collaborative work.

District Volunteer Coordinator Sue Bradley received a grant on behalf of the +KIK (Positive Kids Influencing Kids) Peer Mentor Program. The program, in its fourth year, pairs Plainville High School students with eighth graders from the Middle School of Plainville to provide friendship, role modeling, and support as the middle school students prepare for the transition to high school. The high school mentors visit their middle school mentees at the Middle School throughout the school year; at the end of the school year, the eighth graders visit the high school and tour the building with their peer mentors in preparation for their start as freshmen in the fall. The grant funding will also provide for a motivational speaker for students in the +KIK Program this year. Finally, Plainville Adult and Continuing Education also received a grant from the Elizabeth Norton Trust to support "Pizza, a Miniseries, and a History Lesson." Participants will watch "Band of Brothers" on the Plainville Public Library's big screen, while enjoying lunch, Saturdays at Noon in March. Viewers will understand key events linked to World War II, and gain an empathetic appreciation for the unselfish contributions of our brave military. In addition to the general public and local history buffs, Adult Education students will be encouraged to participate, so that they may access this realistic supplemental resource, enhancing Social Studies curricula program-wide. Students will also discover the library's vast collection of World War II materials.

"Norton Trust Fund grants have provided Plainville Community Schools numerous opportunities to offer programs that benefit our students as well as the community at large. I also applaud our staff who have developed these creative programs and secured funds to ensure they can run during these challenging economic times," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.

## P-l-a-i-n-v-i-l-l-e faves and raves

*Here are some of your favorite places, people or things around town to rave about this month!*

### { Lisa raves }

On November 18th Officer Brian J. Cybulski was on his third shift patrol in my neighborhood and saw that my garage door was open with lights flashing away, he came to the rescue closed the door to keep me safe and was on the way. What a good feeling to know that Plainville's Finest is always on alert....

### { Ann faves }

I am pleased to be able to have my Buick serviced in Plainville. Lori Foligno, formerly of Parson's Buick is with the service team of Mike's Service Center on Farmington Ave. Thank you, Lori for taking care of the Buick owners of Plainville.

### { Gail faves }

Bolo Bakery is the best, whenever I need a special cake for no matter the occasion, all I have to do is tell them what I want and it is done to perfection.

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**DIVORCE AND THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION**

One of the biggest concerns people have when going through a divorce is what a Judge may order if their case goes to trial. The laws in Connecticut are very clear that a judge has wide discretion at trial. This article will take a look at just what the laws outline and why having an attorney to counsel you through the process is an invaluable asset.

When dividing real property, improved or unimproved land, as part of a decree dissolving a marriage, the Superior Court Judge must consider all pertinent evidence regarding the property in order to fix the nature and value of the property to be assigned. Relying on only one piece of evidence would undermine all other credible evidence and render the Court unable to make an equitable decision. Essentially, the laws main goal is to attempt to fix the nature and value of the property to be assigned. A judge may consider all actions that went into the purchase, maintenance, and improvement of the property. This may be monetary or nonmonetary contributions by the parties. So just because one party put up all the money it doesn't mean the other party is not entitled

to their share of the property at trial. How much they are entitled to receive is ultimately up to the judge at trial.

Personal property is divided much the same way by a judge at trial. Divorce court is a court of equity at its core. This means the judge tries to divide the parties' assets in a manner that is just and fair. It does not mean a 50/50 split of all assets is the standard. Since Connecticut is an all equitable state all of the parties' assets are on the table for division at trial. A good note exemplifying how equity does not necessarily mean 50/50 is that a trial judge may find more fault for the divorce by one of the parties, which could grant the lesser at fault party more of their assets. Not a 50/50 split by the judge, but more of an equitable decision based on what the court was presented.

While this does not cover everything, it should highlight the reality that if parties going through a divorce do not negotiate a separation agreement on their own they better be willing to have a judge decide. As always, if you ever find yourself in a legal proceeding, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.

**Attorney Thomas A. Wurz**

is an associate of his father Attorney Theodore J. Wurz, LLC in the law office of Attorney Richard Witt at 132 East Street. Attorney Wurz is a graduate of Avon Old Farms School in 2001, Providence College in May 2005 on the Dean's list and Juris Doctor Program at Western New England College School of Law in May 2009. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and U.S. Federal Court in 2010. His activities and interests are Secretary of Sports Entertainment Law Club at WNEC and is a Special Olympics Volunteer.



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better.....Dental Health

by: David R. Edelson, D.M.D.



If there's one thing that all dentists have in common, it's that they regularly see young patients with tooth decay. Roughly 42 percent of children ages 2 to 11 have had decay in their primary teeth, while approximately 32 percent of children ages 9 to 11 have decay in their permanent teeth. Although it's vital for all patients to brush and floss every day, children in particular can improve their oral health by adding xylitol to their daily oral hygiene routine, according to an article published in the July 2010 issue of AGD Impact, the monthly newsmagazine of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD).

Sugary foods and sticky candies can be difficult for children to resist, but they are a serious source of tooth decay, particularly when they get stuck in the crevices between teeth. Additionally, many children consume large amounts of soft drinks and sports drinks, which are known to have a high acidic pH and sugar content- a recipe for disaster in terms of tooth decay. These dietary factors- combined with the possibility that children are drinking more un-fluorinated tap or bottled water- might explain why the rates of tooth decay are rising. However, xylitol gives dentists another weapon in the battle against tooth decay. Xylitol provides a simple solution for tooth decay in children. It's a natural sugar that doesn't cause cavities and can actually help to prevent them.

Xylitol is a sugar alcohol found in trees, fruits, and vegetables. It's also found naturally in the human liver, which is why it is safe for humans to consume. Unlike table sugar, which breaks down in

the mouth and creates an acidic, cavity promoting pH, xylitol does not break down and therefore does not create any harmful acids. Xylitol can be found in an array of products- including candies, mints, lemonade mixes, all purpose sweeteners, and certain brands of chewing gum-which can help patients fighting cavities without forcing them to drastically change their daily oral hygiene regimen.

Research suggests that patients should consume between 6-10 grams, or 3-5 servings, of xylitol per day. It's also important for patients to consume xylitol throughout the day and not all at once. The more often that xylitol interacts with the bacteria in your mouth, the better. That way, it's always fighting cavities.

While there is no quick fix for eliminating tooth decay, xylitol may offer a realistic way to counteract the problem, especially among the most vulnerable populations. Parents may wonder why a dentist would recommend that their young patients consume a sugar like substance, but with more education they will realize that xylitol is a natural product that can help to prevent cavities.

*Although xylitol is safe for humans, it is important to note that there is one population...a furry one... that cannot tolerate the sweetener. An article published in the February 2010 issue of AGD Impact reports that, even in small amounts, xylitol can be deadly to dogs.*

*For this reason, it's important to keep xylitol containing products out of your canine's reach.*

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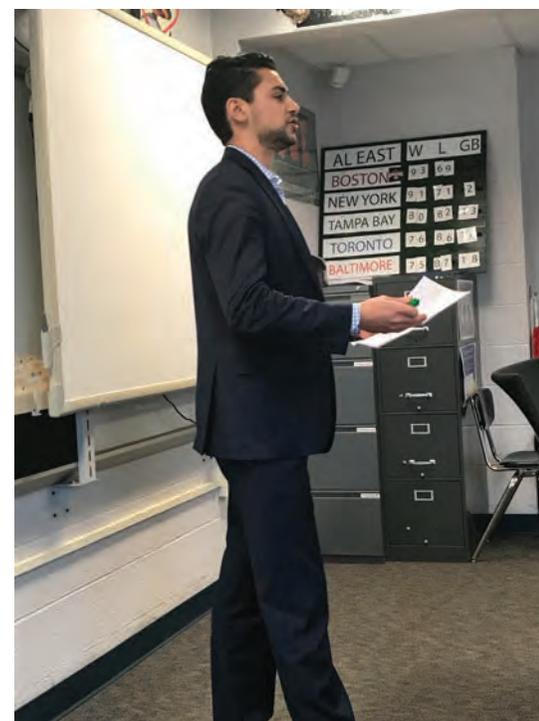
The Plainville High School Physical Education Department held its annual "Breakfast of Champions" on December 22nd. The breakfast event was for freshman and sophomore students who passed all four of the Connecticut Physical Fitness test components. The event was sponsored by Marc Koss from the local Dunkin' Donuts establishments



**"Chase the Chill" Drive Collects Donations**

Middle School of Plainville Faculty members Melanie Olmstead and Cindy Birdsall, have organized the "Chase the Chill" project – a community donation drive collecting new or gently used winter scarves through January 19th. In collaboration with the K.I.M. (Kids in the Middle) program, the group will provide scarves to local individuals who are homeless or possibly seeking additional warmth. The scarves will be tied to trees throughout local parks with an attached memo, inviting those in need to use the scarves.

**PHS Students Learn Financial Skills**



Investment Adviser Representative, Angelo Pietri, a 2007 Graduate of Plainville High School, was a guest speaker in Plainville High School faculty member Brian Edge's Financial Literacy class on December 20th. Angelo's interactive discussion stressed to the students the importance of Employable Skills, Credit, Saving, Investing, and how to reach financial goals.

**Toffolon Students Decorate Placemats for Senior Center**



Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth graders recently decorated holiday placemats for the Plainville Senior center. Guided by volunteer Ann Bucchi, students created 75 placemats for the Christmas dinner that was attended by local seniors. Students used their free time to complete this community service project before being delivered to the Senior Center for their holiday festivities.

*Remember Your Sweetheart February 14th Valentine's Day!*

**Interact Club Has Hot Chocolate Social**



For the past six years, students in the Plainville High School's Interact

Club have held a "hot chocolate social" in December for the Scholars of the Month at Linden Street School. The high school students enjoyed reading holiday books to their younger peers as well as serving them hot chocolate and baked goods that they made for the event.

**PHS Names Students Rock Awards for Semester 1**



Plainville High School students Elona Tanski and Sergio Zaldivar have been named recipients of the high school's Students Rock Award for Semester 1. In seeking a way to honor students who "do the right thing every day," the Plainville High School Mentoring Committee, comprised of high school faculty members and led by fellow faculty member Maria Colangelo, created the Students Rock Award during the 2009-10 school year. According to the nomination guidelines created by the committee, students to be considered for the award must assume responsibility for their behavior, contribute to the school and community, and appreciate the benefits of a physically, emotionally and socially healthy lifestyle. Elona, Sergio and their families were honored on December 20th at a high school faculty meeting.

**MSP Health Classes Introduced to Yoga and Mindfulness**



After attending a professional development workshop recently held at the Middle School of Plainville entitled "Yoga and Mindfulness Strategies for the Classroom" facilitated by Middle School staff members Robyn Levesque and Kim Rodriguez, fellow faculty members Melanie Olmstead and Cindy Birdsall began implementing strategies from the workshop in their seventh grade Health classes. The main student goal in utilizing these strategies is to reduce stress levels and help manage emotions. Olmstead and Birdsall will eventually introduce these strategies to students in all grade levels at the Middle School



*Happy Birthday Abraham Lincoln!!*

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...*



**PLAINVILLE ATHLETIC BACKERS OFFER ADVERTISING AT THE PHS ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

The Plainville Athletic Backers organization is offering an advertising opportunity at the Plainville High School Athletic Complex in the form of sponsorships via customized signage for local businesses, according to Backers President, Ben Gediman. The Tinty fields within the complex are home to several high school sporting teams, and are also utilized by the local youth sports organizations throughout the year.

The 3 x 7 foot vinyl signage is customized for individual businesses, at a cost of \$300 for the first year, and \$200 for each additional year. The Backers organization is asking for a two year commitment for all sponsors, with the ability to extend the commitment each year. Signs will be affixed throughout the complex and on a first come first serve basis, with placement in the highest "traffic areas" as an incentive. The signs will be on display from March through November each year.

Monies incurred from the purchase of the signage will have a dual purpose. Half of the sales proceeds will support the turf field maintenance costs. "The Backers group realizes the expense carried by the town with regard to turf field maintenance and future replacement, so we are trying to be proactive in securing additional funds to support this expense over time," explained Gediman. The second half of the sign sale proceeds will support the wide variety of Plainville Backers Club initiatives that directly support Plainville High School's student athletes. The Backers group is a 501C non profit organization that raises funds primarily through concession stand sales at all home sporting events, together with other fundraising programs held in the community throughout the year. "We are extremely proud of the scholarships we award each year to senior athletes, which typically exceeds \$10,000 annually," explained Gediman. "This past year we gave out 17 scholarships to members of the Class of 2017."

For additional information or questions regarding the purchase of a sponsor sign, please email: [pshbackers@gmail.com](mailto:pshbackers@gmail.com) or call Ben Gediman at 860-798-7408.



**Toffolon Student Council Has a ~ CANDY DRIVE ~**



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Student Council recently held a candy drive collecting 7,000 pieces of candy. The Plainville Community Food Pantry partnered with the Student Council to distribute the candy to local troops and senior citizens throughout the holiday season. The Student Council officers are: Szymon Halas – President, Makayla Bell – Vice President, Marissa Miller – Treasurer, and Sofia Bocompani

**MSP Students Attend UCONN STEM Night**

25 Students from the Middle School of Plainville recently attended UCONN STEM Night at the Connecticut Science Center. According to Middle School Camille Westfall, Technology/Engineering teacher Camille Westfall, "We have attended this event for the past several years and our students have always had a great time. They love interacting with the students from UCONN."

Organized yearly by UCONN's Engineering Ambassadors, STEM Night was created in order to show kids the creative ways one can get involved with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Engineering Ambassadors strive to motivate young students to engage in STEM fields, in turn becoming motivated themselves while pursuing their own professional futures. In addition to having access to the regular Science Center exhibits, the UCONN students set up their own activities for the younger students to experience. There were activities involving fire, music, 3D printing and more.

**Toffolon Students Create Holiday Trees**

Louis Toffolon Elementary School fourth graders and guest volunteers recently decorated 3-D paper holiday trees that will be donated and delivered to Victoria Gardens, Plainville Senior Center, Plainville Community Food Pantry, and the St. Philip House.

**December Every Day Heros Honored**



Plainville Community Schools' Everyday Heroes for the month of December were honored at the Plainville Board of Education meeting on December 11th. Honorees included Assistant Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage, Wheeler second grader Mason Martinez, and Linden third graders Braelyn Patenaude, Lilly Wiczorek, and Haley Kalisz.



## Sen. Martin, Rep. Petit Meet with Constituents at Bolo Bakery



PHOTO: Sen. Henri Martin (second from left) and Rep. William Petit (second from right) discuss state legislative issues with constituents at Bolo Bakery in Plainville.

On Tuesday, State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) and State Representative William Petit (R-22) met with constituents at Bolo Bakery in Plainville.

"We had a nice turnout and I always appreciate the opportunity to listen to people's ideas and concerns," Sen. Martin said. "Their input is appreciated and important for me to properly represent their interests in Hartford."

"Thank you to those who took time out of their busy mornings to come and speak with us, and share concerns," said Rep. Petit. "With the legislature preparing for the upcoming 2018 session, I appreciate hearing directly from residents about which issues they feel should be a priority."

The monthly constituent coffees give residents a chance to meet directly with elected officials to discuss state policies and legislation.

Sen. Martin represents the communities of Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, and Thomaston.

Rep. William Petit serves the communities of Plainville and New Britain

## Sen. Martin, Rep. Petit Visit Award-Winning Plainville Brewer



PHOTO (left to right) Sen. Henri Martin, Relic Brewing owner Mark Sigman, employees Christine D'Angelo and Stephanie Geiling, and Rep. William Petit at Relic Brewing in Plainville.

State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) and Representative William Petit (R-22) recently visited Relic Brewing to see firsthand how the small business makes award-winning beers.

"Relic Brewing is a fascinating operation," Sen. Martin said. "I appreciate Mark Sigman giving Rep. Petit and me a tour of Relic and talking to us about his business needs. As legislators, we need to make certain the laws coming out of Hartford don't place burdens on small businesses. Connecticut must create an environment that helps entrepreneurs like Mark be successful."

Located on Whiting Street in Plainville, the small batch brewery was named Best Small Brewery in Connecticut by Food & Wine Magazine. Relic's Spectral Beast won a silver medal at the 2017 Great International Beer Competition in Providence.

"I appreciated learning more about such a fantastic local business right here in Plainville," said Rep. Petit. "Special thanks to Mark Sigman and his team, who are dedicated not only to producing a quality product, but also to contributing to the success of our local community. I'm proud to continue supporting the efforts of small businesses like Relic Brewing, who are the backbone of our local and state economy, by ensuring pro-business policies, we allow small business owners like Mark to be successful in our state."

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The Plainville Cemetery Association, Inc. now has a page on the Town of Plainville website, under boards and commissions.

The page contains: contact information, cemetery rules and regulations, pricing, history and mapping. Please view.

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**Life With Wanda**



As we welcome the second month of the new year we can now sit back and relax after packing away all the decorations, waving goodbye to the last relative, who by the way was going to spend just a few days, and can finely say our home is ours until the next holiday. My friend called me this evening and relayed something that happened to her home and I haven't stopped laughing yet. It seems she came home and her husband told her he had company that afternoon. She was surprised and asked who came and he said, "I don't know, someone knocked on the door and I yelled come in." He then explained how some woman came in, sat on the sofa, opened her briefcase and laid out a bunch of papers. She then told him she was there to give him a bath. Well, he said he told her he had taken a shower that morning but she insisted she was being paid to give him a bath and that was her job so he figured what the heck, if she was supposed to give

him a bath who was he to stop her from doing her job. Now, my friend couldn't believe some women just came in, gave her husband a bath and left.

Her first thought was, oh my God, his mind is gone but she kind of passed it off as his imagination until she went into the bathroom and found a damp towel and facecloth. Well, after doing some detective work she found the man next door had just been discharged from the hospital and a visiting nurse was being sent to give him a bath every day but his nurse never showed up. Evidently this woman got the wrong house but she did give someone a bath so I guess everyone was happy, except the man next door. The funny part was the next morning, as my friend was leaving for the day, her husband yelled down; "Hey, Gloria, should I take a shower or is that lady coming today?" Only in Plainville! You can't make this stuff up.

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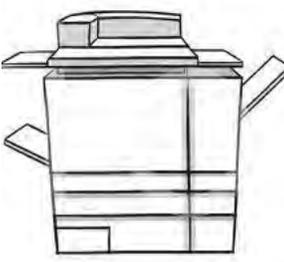
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**I Made Someone's Day,**  
My neighbor found a cat roaming our neighborhood, asked if it were mine. It was not, I got a good look at the poor lost cat. Told my wife about it and she went on the computer "Plainville Talks". She pulled up an ad for a lost cat with its picture. You know the rest, owner and cat were reunited. She was happy we made Her Day.  
*Thought It would be nice to share this with your readers. Bill*



## Medicines and Remedies

By Sally Miller

I was speaking with a friend of mine and she mentioned how sick she was with a bad chest cold. This conversation brought me back to days with my Grandmother and her home remedies.

In the winter as little girl, when I was sick, coughing or had a bad cold I would just want to take a teaspoon of that great tasting cherry cough medicine. But that was not enough for Gram. She would prepare the VICKS. I could smell it from across the room as she opened the jar. I knew what was coming. She would spread it on my chest and then place a warmed towel over it to make it work better. I thought I was going to suffocate. That is, until she placed some under my nose. As she did this, my eyes would begin to burn and to water. I thought at the time that this was a barbaric ritual from some ancient book she read. I fell off to sleep thinking this stuff is terrible.

Little did I know that the Vicks episodes were just the beginning. I moved my arm at one point and she put bag balm on it. I had never heard of bag balm so I read the label. It is used to soothe irritated cow's udders UUGGHHHHH!

During the summer, I was going to Waterbury to visit. I was so excited. The night before I was supposed to go, I fell. The pain was excruciating and I was miserable. That is, until Gram headed my way with BLACK SALVE in a little tin can. I was horrified. This smell of this stuff was worse than Vicks. The salve smelled like tar from the road on a hot day. How could this little lady that I loved so much find such terrible salves and ointments to place on a little girl. I began to accept the salve, and then I heard the ripping of materials. What in the world could she be doing? She walked toward me with the salve and a strips of sheet. She had been ripping up a sheet. What happened to BandAids? She lathered the salve on my knee and wrapped my knee in 3 strips of roughly torn sheet strips. I looked down and the salve had leaked through the sheets that had strings hanging from the edges. I felt like I was going to scream.

The next morning, I took the bus to Waterbury and I just knew everyone on the bus wondered where that smell of tar from the road was coming from. I looked no one in the eye. When I got off the bus in Waterbury, as I stepped down from the top step, young people sitting on benches below were laughing at the strings hanging from black soaked sheet strips. I knew Gram did what she knew best as a cure in that day but whenever I smell roads that are freshly tarred, I think of that day years ago when I smelled like your local tarred road.

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# FROM MY BALCONY

By Jeannette Hinkson

A new year and another "scandal" in Washington when our President referred to persons entering our country as coming from "s---hole" countries. Perhaps what he said might not be what they refer to as "presidential language" but this man has been laying it on the line and by the way, I feel as do the majority of the citizens feel the same. If those people left their homeland to come to America and if their country had been so wonderful they would have stayed where they were.

The thing I hear most often is the fact that persons from other lands not speaking our language and have no intension learning English or teaching their children English either. You see it time and time again where a woman is speaking her native tongue, and only her native tongue, to their child. These people themselves, in many cases, came to the United States as children or were born here, yet speak only in the language of their mother land. When that child goes to school it becomes the problem of the educational system to teach them English and thus costing taxpayers for special teachers to do so.

It used to be if you came to America you needed a sponsor and that sponsor was responsible for your actions. Entering this country meant you leaned the language, get a job and became a productive part of society. If the sponsored person got into any trouble they were deported, end of the problem! Our motto should be "Learn or return." Is making speaking English raciest?

It seems every time someone says something it becomes a raciest issue. Let us get over all this hate. They are tearing down landmarks in the south because they remind people of a time no one in society is proud of but, slavery happened so didn't the death camps of WWII, but we don't hate the Germans. We now work with the Japanese yet they were our bitter enemies, as were the Italians in the "BIG" war. We erected monuments and statues to honor those that fought in the wars of the past. Yet we seem to forget what the millions that fought and died for represented. They died so you might have the freedom you enjoy today and the right to protest in a civilized manner, but when is it all right for protesters to loot, burn, beat a fellow citizen and even kill part of your rights protesting anything?

Steeling a TV or clothing from a shopkeeper is not your right, it is steeling, plain and simple and those that do it should go to jail. In a recent

riot, protesters and looters, the same in my book, were filmed entering a grocery store and looting the contents. The media reported people looted for needed food but if you watched the news footage the looters were grabbing sunglasses and CD's. These people were very identifiable but how many were made to pay the store owners for what they "stole" and after all the merchandise was gone they burned the building.

Rebuilding those businesses, in those areas for the convenience of those people should not happen. Taking food because they are hungry is one thing but can anyone explain what smashing the windows and burning the building has to do with hunger.

If this happened in those s---hole countries the soldiers would kill them, not make excuses for their actions.

In Washington, during the inauguration, rioters took to the streets smashing windows a causing thousands in damages to stores and businesses because they didn't like the person elected to the white House.

Many of these demonstrators were children and as I said before the easiest way to stop those demonstrations, as the temperatures dipped into the thirties, call in the fire departments and street washers and hose them down. There is nothing like a cold water shower to disburse a crowd.

I believe we should welcome people from other countries but we don't need or want thieves and murders and those coming to America should be ready to adopt the ways of our country.

There are barbarians coming to our country that feel if their children (daughters in most cases) misbehave they have the right to kill them. Are they the kind of people you want living next door?

We have always been a nation ready to help one another but, can anyone find me pictures of all the homes built in Haiti with the million sent there after the hurricanes and earth quakes President Bush and President Clinton poured millions into Haiti in the name of humanity but where did it go?

According to published reports, (Google, show pictures of new homes in Haiti where we spent millions) the Red Cross collected around a half billion dollars for relief in Haiti but when questioned what they did with the money they couldn't give an accounting and reports state they only constructed six homes.

*It really makes you want to give, doesn't it?*

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT THINGS CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust your dog to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a dust-buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

## GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

- 1) Raising children is like nailing Jello to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GETTING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional
- 2) Forget health food, you need all the preservatives you can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody is asking you a question.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

- 1) You believe in Santa Clause
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Clause
- 3) You are Santa Clause
- 4) You look like Santa Clause

*( SUCCESS on Page 18)*

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**Zumbathon, Sat.,** Feb 24, 12-2pm at YMCA in Plainville. 100% of proceeds benefits Project Grad. Tickets in advance are \$15 or \$10 for students. Tickets at the door are \$20 or \$15 for students. Raffles and prizes. Free babysitting provided by the YMCA. For tickets or information contact Stevie at 860-463-3600, or the YMCA at 860-793-9631 or ghymlca.org/wheeler.

Our next scheduled meetings are 3/7, 4/4 at 7pm at YMCA. All levels of volunteers welcome."

More information contact Christine Millette 860-747-8518 home 860-869-3209 cell

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\*\*Note: Spring Season begins April 21st and runs through June 3rd.

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Details provided during registration.

## Plainville Adult and Continuing Education It's never too late to return to school!

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education will offer programming, free of cost, this spring in the following areas: Adult Basic Education (Math and Reading/Writing), Adult High School Credit Diploma Program, Citizenship Preparation, English as a Second Language, GED Preparation, and PARC Adult Basic Education.

Plainville Adult and Continuing Education's spring enrichment course offerings (see class list) are held evenings and moderately priced. Pre-registration is required for all classes. The Spring 2018 Program Guide will be mailed to all Plainville residents, late-January. For further information, please call Plainville Adult and Continuing Education: (860)793-3209 or www.plainvilleschools.org/departments/adult\_ed

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- Foundations of Excel
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- Life Planning for Children with Special Needs
- Many Moods of the Ocean (painting)
- Math Refresher
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Pharmacy Technician
- Spring Fresh or Dry Floral Arrangement
- Tai Chi for Health
- Tax Free in Retirement
- The American Civil War: Causes and Effects
- The Bobcat - Connecticut's Secretive Wild Cat
- The Great Depression and The Modern American Government
- The Joys & Benefits of Essential Oils
- Understanding Your Unique Personality Type
- Veterinary Assistant

## MARDI GRAS PARTY

The New England Carousel Museum will be in full New Orleans-style celebration mode during its 28th annual Mardi Gras party on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 7:30 PM - midnight. Come join us for an evening of fun and frolicking with great music, good food, bourbon, and beads.

The Big Easy evening features music and dancing in the magnificent museum ballroom. Along with a 50/50 raffle and live entertainment that will include face painters, temporary tattoos, balloon twisting and magic, there will be bourbon and wine tastings in the Speakeasy, beads and doubloons, and a catered dinner! This is a BYOB event. "This unique party brings a taste of New Orleans to Bristol." said Louise DeMars, the museum's Executive Director. Attendees are encouraged to wear an optional mask or come in full costume. Masks are available to purchase in the museum gift shop.

Tickets are on sale at the Carousel Museum or you may order them by mail, by phone, or on-line. RSVP by Monday, February 5, 2018. The cost is \$50 per person and pre-paid tables of 8 may be reserved. The event will be held at the New England Carousel Museum, 95 Riverside Ave, Bristol, CT.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact The New England Carousel Museum at (860) 585-5411 or email manager@thecarouselmuseum.org.

**BOOK ONLINE:**

[www.thecarouselmuseum.org/book](http://www.thecarouselmuseum.org/book)

## BENEFIT EVENT HOSTED BY THE CT HOLISTIC CHAMBER of COMMERCE

April 22, 2018. 10am-4pm ( with a free closing Ceremony drum circle)

The Connecticut Holistic Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Statewide Holistic Expo with over 75 exhibitors & speakers at the Bristol Doubletree Hilton Hotel 42 Century Blvd., Bristol, CT

06010 on (Earth Day) April 22, 2018 FROM 10-4pm

The event will be donating to the Children's Medical Center (<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org>) and Angie's Spa (<http://www.angiesspa.org>) and funds will be matched up to \$2,500 for each benefit as allowed. The funds will be used directly for patient care and no administrative costs will be used to benefit the recipients of each organization. Holistic, Green, and sustainable businesses in Connecticut will be showcased for the public with speakers, readers, practitioners, and products.

Use the link below to attend/donate/speak/exhibit and detailed information on EXPO.

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- Not piddling in your pants
- At age 12 success is....
- Having friends
- At age 17 success is....
- Having a driver's license
- At age 35 success is....
- Having money
- At age 50 success is....
- Having money
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# 12 Strong and America's Longest War

By Francis Rexford Cooley

12 Strong: The Declassified True Story of the Horse Soldiers hit the multiplexes January 19th. The film, based on Doug Stanton's 2009 non-fiction book Horse Soldiers, tells the story of the first United States soldiers to be sent to Afghanistan immediately after the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon in 2001. While the film starring Chris Hemsworth, Michael Shannon, and Michael Pena is in many ways a conventional war film, its release some sixteen years after the incidents it portrays at the beginning of a war the United States is still fighting highlights the unique position the War in Afghanistan holds in American history.

Until the Vietnam Conflict the longest war America had fought had been the American Revolution which began with the Battle of Lexington and Concord in April 1775 and ended with the defeat of General Cornwallis by the Continental Army aided by French forces at Yorktown in 1781 though the formal peace treaty was not agreed to for two more years. Conversely the Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812 was signed in December 1814 though the Battle of New Orleans was fought some six weeks later in January 1815 catapulting General Andrew Jackson to renown and eventually the White House. The Civil War lasted four brutal years (1861-1865) as did American involvement in the Second World War (1941-1945). The Korean War (though never concluded with a treaty) lasted three years (1950-1953),

The Mexican-American War lasted from 1845-1848, American involvement in the First World War lasted for just over a year and a half (1917-1918), and the Spanish-American War lasted months (1898) as did military operations during the First Iraq War (1990-1991).

The United States' military participation in the Vietnam Conflict as being "at war" is most often dated by historians from the Gulf of Tonkin Incident and later Resolution in 1964, though American military "advisors" were involved in aiding the French and later independent South Vietnam government going back to the early 1950's. United States military participation ended with the removal of the "last" ground troops in March 1973. Saigon and South Vietnam would fall in 1975. U.S. involvement in the Vietnam Conflict as at being "at war" is often dated between nine and twelve years (1963/4 to 1973/5) depending on how historians define the involvement. The United States has had active military operations in Afghanistan for over sixteen years now with no immediate end in sight.

In the case of the majority of wars the United States has been involved with few having spanned a time longer than that of a Presidency or a single political party hold on the Presidency. While President Franklin D. Roosevelt did not live to see the conclusion of the war he led his country through with his death in April 1945, it would be his Vice-President Harry S. Truman who would see the surrender of Nazi Germany in May 1945 and Imperial Japan in August 1945 as President. It would not be until the Vietnam Conflict that American involvement would span across the transition of political control of the Presidency between political parties when Richard Nixon, a Republican, took office in January 1969

on the platform of ending the country's involvement in the War begun under the Administration of Democrat Lyndon Johnson (though it can be strongly argued President Johnson was merely continuing President John F. Kennedy's policy regarding Vietnam whom Johnson took office from after his assassination in November 1963).

President Barack Obama, like President Nixon forty years earlier, ran on a platform to end what he viewed as President George W. Bush's flawed policy that had led the United States into a Second Iraq War in 2003. President Obama brought U.S. troops home in 2011 ending the war in Iraq though he had to later send troops back into Iraq due to the rise of ISIS in Iraq after U.S. troops had been pulled out. While President Obama ended, at least temporarily, U.S. involvement in the Second Iraq War, he did not pull the United States out of Afghanistan rather he temporarily increased U.S. troop presence with a surge. Now, under President Trump, American involvement in the Afghan War continues.

12 Strong begins with the 9/11 attacks. For college freshman, many of whom were born in 1999, the 9/11 attacks occurred before they can remember. For today's high school students the 9/11 attacks and America's entry into the Afghan War occurred before they were born. For no other generation of Americans has a war stretched on so long that soon those fighting it will have been born after that war began. If for no reason other than understanding why America entered into its longest war they should see it.

*Francis Rexford Cooley teaches History at Paier College of Art in Hamden.*

# AAA Speaks Out: What to do When Your Pipes Burst

This has already been a costly winter for many homeowners across Connecticut who had to deal with the damage caused by frozen or burst pipes caused by an extended period of extremely cold weather.

"While cold weather is not unexpected in New England, the prolonged stretch of extreme cold had many homeowners paying an unexpected price," says Greg Lauria, Regional Manager for AAA Insurance. "Knowing what to do when your pipes burst, what your insurance will cover and how to process your claim is key".

AAA Insurance offers the following tips for those with frozen/burst pipes: AAA Tips on What to Do First:

- If you discover that pipes are frozen, don't wait for them to burst. Take measures to thaw them immediately, or call a plumber for assistance.
- If your pipes burst, first turn off the water and then mop up spills. You don't want the water to do more damage than it already has.
- Call your insurance company claims department as soon as you can. An insurance adjuster doesn't need to see the spill before you take action. However, he or she will want to inspect any damaged items.
- Make temporary repairs and take other steps to protect your property from further damage. Remove any carpet or furniture that can be further damaged from seepage.

## AAA Tips on Managing Your Home Insurance Claims

- Make a list of the damaged articles and take photos.
- Save the receipts for what you spend—including additional living expenses if you must leave your home until repairs are completed—and submit them to your insurance company for reimbursement.
- Standard homeowners policies will cover most of the kinds of damage that result from a freeze. For example, if house pipes freeze and burst or if ice forms in gutters and causes water to back up under roof shingles and seep into the house. You would also be covered if the weight of snow or ice damages your house.
- If your home sustains water damage, it is important to make sure that it is properly dried and repaired to prevent any potential problem with mold. Remember, mold cannot survive without moisture.
- Check with your agent or company so you'll be sure what your policy covers.

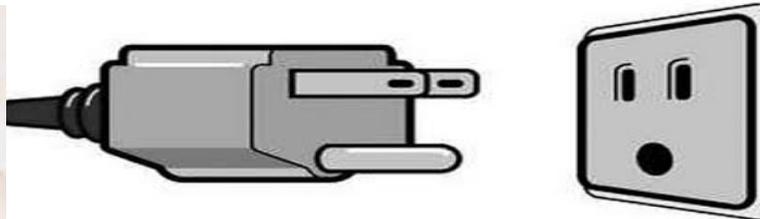
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# Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

Frozen, Grateful and Staying Positive

Tips for a Healthy New Year.

At this writing, it is relatively balmy compared to the start of 2018. I didn't think the furnace would ever stop running. Walking my dog Cooper was particularly challenging as it took longer to put on multiple layers and add the hand warmers then it did to take the walk. I suspect this warm spell won't last for long.

Even though it has been bitterly cold outside, my morning routine of a green smoothie continues. Very grateful to be able to open the freezer and use the strawberries and blueberries purchased at their peak at the farmers market this summer. Normally, I add kale, chia seeds, fruit and a cucumber to my smoothie. Once cold weather hits, I drop the cucumber because they just don't look as good or have the same fresh taste. I'll be happy when they are back in season.

Best practice is to eat local food when it is in season. Fresh fruits at the grocery store now are more expensive,

don't have that just picked look and some of the flavor and nutrients are lost in transportation.

One thing that is consistently agreed upon in the health community is that 3-5 servings of vegetables and 2-4 servings of fruit per day are an important part of a healthy diet. It's a bit more challenging in the winter, but here are some tips:

- Frozen fruits and vegetables are good alternatives. Happy as well for the corn we froze this summer.
- Enjoy warming soups using winter vegetables such as cabbage, broccoli, carrots or turnips.
- Spice up your meals with healing culinary herbs. Some favorites are parsley, basil, oregano, cinnamon, ginger, turmeric, and rosemary.
- Stay hydrated and enjoy a well-deserved time out while sipping on warm herbal teas. Chamomile is a great tea to end the day with. Rosehips, Hibiscus, Elderberry are herbs high in antioxidants and vitamin C and can help to reduce symptoms of cold and flu.

While you are enjoying a warm cup of tea, you may also wish to take time for these healthy habits of gratitude and

positivity. There is always lots of advice this time of year on making resolutions, being more productive, and losing weight, to name a few. We are supposed to make dramatic transformations as soon as we put up our new calendars. Many of us start with high expectations and when we hit one bump in the road, negativity and sometimes depression sets in.

The best advice that I've heard and have practiced is to pay attention to and reframe how we talk to ourselves. You know that voice in our head that tells us that we that we are not worth it, can't do it, aren't not good enough, or don't measure up. Imagine if we talked this way to our best friend, spouse, colleagues or children. What would be the result? These negative thoughts are not kind or true and can lead to anxiety, stress and lack of positive action.

Pay attention when you hear this negative self-talk. So what if you just missed 2 workouts or ate a few cookies. That shouldn't jeopardize all your good intentions. You may get sidetracked now and then, but you are human and it's important to forgive yourself.

Challenge the negative thoughts by asking "Is this really true?" or "When have I excelled in this area?". Come up with positive words to reflect a more realistic view of yourself. I've found that to immediately counteract a negative thought with a positive one is very empowering.

Be grateful and positive for what you are accomplishing, even if it seems small. As you have heard, slow and steady wins the race.

*Stay warm, positive and recognize all the powerful ways you are creating more joy and good health in 2018.*



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- A. If you receive a Tax Bill for Real Estate, Auto, Personal property, Inventory for your business, and etc. Whatever you have been taxed for, you will receive a supplement bill.**
- Q. Why do the birds all stay in a group when perched on electric wires?**
- A. I have not been able to come up with an answer, I will keep trying to get that for you. If any of my readers has the answer, please submit it to HMTNN@COMCAST.NET to my attention.**
- Q. What is the reason a quick meal is called “potluck”?**
- A. It was once customary for the housewife to have a pot on the stove into which all the scraps of meat and vegetables were thrown. She “kept the pot boiling” and there was always stew available--but what it tasted like was a matter of “pot luck”**
- Q. Bird sighting: Every day I get on #72 east at Forestville, Twice now, I have spotted this large red/brown bird flying above swamps, it's larger than a hawk & it seems to have a white tail! Can't get a look at it's head because I'm driving. Is the a Bald Eagle? Has anyone else seen this?**
- A. I don't have an answer, perhaps some of our readers also saw this large bird in that general area. If you have please email me HMTNN@COMCAST.NET. I will publish all replies. Thank you for sharing.**
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Thank you for this months question. Please keep them coming.

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# The Tea Party Patriots

## WAKE UP AMERICA

By Gene

(There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.) Soren Kiekegaard (1813-1855)

Most of us have seen the cartoon about a UFO landing in Florida on Mar-a-lago Golf course and two odd creatures coming out of the space craft and saying to the bewildered golfers “Take me To Your Leader”. **WHO?** (Answer at the end of this column

The tail wagging the dog. Some are blinded by the hatred of the new President that they refuse to acknowledge the good he has done, while others are so blinded by devotion that they overlook anything that's transparent. In the first year, on the domestic fronts are two of his important things, the appointment of conservative Court Supreme Court Justice (Neil M. Gorsuch) and more to come. He is also moving at a rapid pace to fill hundreds of Federal Appeals courts with young Conservative Judges. Other domestic reliefs are opening off shore drilling and parts of Alaska for more drilling. Large parts of Utah that Obama closed are being opened to the public for passive recreation, hunting, and again cattle grazing. Also the continuation of (clean coal mining) in states of West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. And reopening the Keystone pipeline, with unemployment down almost 17% and booming stock market.

Now on the International scene. he has taken many large and small initiatives some of them are for NATO allies to kick in over twelve million dollars more that Bush and Obama did not. Also, reducing our monies to the UN by almost three million dollars by Nicki Haley our Ambassador. He recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel that many other Presidents would not do. Also withdrew tentative agreement on the T.T.P. (Asia) initiatives and withdrew from the Paris Climate agreement and also relieved the policy of our Military methods of fighting with the one hand tied behind their back to new Rules of Engagement Policies.

If it's real breaking news, or fake you have to look and see what has been accomplished in the year 2017 and he still has a BIG TO DO LIST. Why can't the President drink water without becoming a news item? Also the President could have used better adjectives when he is describing some Countries, like a Casino will call a DICE table”C-R-A-P-S.” Are you sick of the fake news yet instead of real news?

Over the past couple of months, we would have been reflecting back on the past (2017) year....we have to say right up front-**THANK GOD** that President Trump was elected. 2017 was a very good year in that respect for ALL loyal law-abiding Patriotic American citizens. We finally have a President in the White House that **REPRESENTS -”WE THE PEOPLE”**

and is for America. Make 2018, the year that will be remembered in the history books, as the year America regained its Rights and Freedom, Our US Constitution/Bill of Rights was restored as the law of the land and our Values and Culture were restored.

The News Media, and our Entertainment Industry who are a disgrace to “The Office of the President”, what has been occurring for well over a year and a half, since President elect, and President Trump took office. No other president or candidate in our history has been attacked on a “day-to-day-out” basis like this. We no longer have journalistic news. Every American on a daily basis gets fed “lies” and half - truths. A majority of all news stories printed and broadcast are really editorials. What has happened to **WHO, WHERE, WHY, WHEN, and HOW** reporting? Just the facts and let the citizens draw their own conclusions. Today unfortunately, Yes, President Trump “**TWEETS**”, he is circumventing the news media outlets to get his message to our citizens **WITHOUT** being filtered. We have reached this point in our government. The election is over-respect the office and move-on. **HE WON SHE LOST!**

Muhammad told his men to offer non-muslims only three choices: conversion, subjugation, or death. The Qur'an's surest guarantee of Paradise is given those who “stay and are slain” for Allah” for theirs in return is the garden of Paradise...a promise binding on Him in truth: (Qur'an 9:111).

Are we all ready for the 2018 mid-term and state elections? There are going to be many headlines and primaries especially in the state elections? There are going to be many headlines and primaries especially in the State of CT where there are dozens of Republicans and Democrats vying to become the Governor. WE have to get rid of Malloy-o-nomics, his antibusiness, antigrowth, job killing policies. Wait until the dust settles, then hold all the politicians feet to the fire so you can make an intelligent decision.

**“The Duty of a Patriot is to protect his country from its government”**

By Thomas Paine

Answer to the question.  
President Donald Trump

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## How to Create Your Financial Wellness Game Plan

**By: Courtney Jinjika,  
Senior VP and Regional Retail  
Leader for KeyBank in  
CT and Western MA**

Saving money and achieving financial stability or wellness consistently ranks in the top 10 for New Year's resolutions. Yet, by the second week of February, approximately 80 percent of people fail at these goals. Why? Because often people get overwhelmed with the lofty goals and don't have a plan in place to achieve them.

To ensure you reach your 2018 financial goals, here are some tips to get you started:

### Evaluate your expenses.

Take out last year's bank and credit card statements, identify your spending categories and put those expenses in a spreadsheet or app to analyze your spending habits. Is there one category that is higher than others? How can you reduce those expenses?

### Identify your long & short-term goals.

Once you've evaluated your expenses, write down your financial goals and calculate how much money you need to save to reach them.

### Create a budget.

Now, it's time to commit yourself to a budget. How do you do that? Deduct your monthly fixed expenses like rent, a mortgage payment, utilities, a car payment, or daycare from your income to determine how much money you have for the rest of the month. That amount will be used on your variable expenses like eating out, grocery shopping, gas or going to the movies.

However, don't forget about your

financial goals. If saving for a vacation, a house or a car is one of your goals, calculate what your monthly savings should be, incorporate that into your monthly fixed expenses, and put it into a savings account.

If spending less on groceries or everyday items is a goal, allot a specific amount for these categories in your monthly budget. Also take advantage of coupons or sales to stay within that amount.

### Manage your debt.

We all have debt and it can wreak havoc on budgets and best-laid plans. To achieve financial wellness and reach your goals, though, you need to know how much you owe and create a plan to concur it.

Debt consolidation or the 'snowballing' strategy (make larger payments toward debt with the highest interest rate) are good solutions for decreasing your debt amount.

Whatever you decide should be incorporated into your budget's fixed expenses to avoid further overspending.

### Stay on track.

Hold yourself accountable and schedule daily, weekly or monthly check-ins. Also, use your bank's financial planning and tracking tools. At Key Bank, HelloWallet provides customers with notifications if they've overspent or reached their allotted spending amount for particular categories.

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## Tips for Snowmobile Beginners

If you're interested in snowmobiling but you're just learning, there are some core basics you should be aware of—whether you're just a young beginner or an adult.

### KEEP WARM

First of all, you'll need some good snowmobiling gear to keep the cold out. We recommend a DOT-approved helmet that is warm, has vents, and has a visor that won't fog up. You'll need snow pants, a snowmobile jacket (this is a specialty jacket that's different from regular jackets),

### KNOW HAND SIGNALS

Using hand signals is a great way to communicate with others while riding a snowmobile. It's easy, reliable, and safe. Just be sure to be very clear with your hand signals, using your left arm since that's the arm that's best visible to other drivers.

### KNOW & OBEY SIGNS:

When a sign says "No Snowmobiles" on a trail, obey it! This is telling you not to enter a restricted area or trail that is closed to access, and there's always a good reason. An orange diamond means that you're on a designated trail, and a blue diamond means that there is a trail for cross-country skiing and you need to stay off of it. Obeying these signs will help prevent serious accidents.

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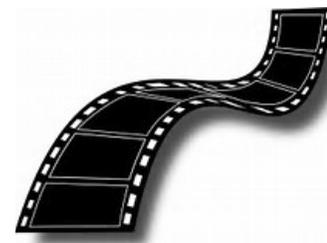
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# The Circumspect Critic

## by Robert James O'Dell

### Best of 2017 Film Reviews



*I don't recommend films. I just give you my take on them.*

2017 is now history and everywhere you look you'll find lists of the best and the worst in films, books, television and music to name just a few of the categories to get the one last lookover by the critical eye.

Not being a well paid professional critic who gets access to advance screenings and special showings or personal screeners, it becomes a difficult task to compile a "Best of" list when they are generating the talk of the town and being scrutinized for clues of what films will be turning up for platitudes and awards. I haven't seen so many of the possible candidates vying for award's recognition that it kind of skewers my choices. Having said that, I still feel obligated to provide my list of last year's cinematic offerings that I consider to be amongst the best. I do qualify it by claiming it to be sort of a rough draft and not the finished product. I will revise it at a later date which means the positions of the films I singled out are destined to change as new ones are added. Possible contenders for future placement on the list are films such as The Darkest Hour, Molly's Game, 13 Billboards, The Shape of Water and others I haven't seen but will be seeing in the next couple of months. So, here is my temporary list of the films I found to be the best of 2017.

#### Best Films of 2017

**12. Get Out Rated "R"**  
Jordan Peele has written and directed a subversively mean little film disguised as a horror/thriller. It is actually a very clever comment on societal conventions and the undercurrent of race relations in America today. When a liberal minded young white woman decides it is time to introduce her black boyfriend to her affluent southern family and brings him home for an annual family celebration weekend, things go from discomfort to bizarre to threatening. With nice work from Daniel Kaluuya as the unsuspecting boyfriend and Allison Williams as his crusading love interest as well as Bradley Whitford and Catherine Keener as the unorthodox parents, Peele brings us a dizzying wickedly prickly portrait of the insanity of racism.

**11. Good Times Rated "R"**  
When a career criminal's bank heist goes horribly wrong and his mentally disabled brother is captured by the police, he pulls out all stops to rescue his brother and break him out of prison. Simple premise done in such an inventive way makes this film standout in the crowded field thanks to the distinctive directing style of brothers Josh and Benny Safdie. I knew nothing about this movie before seeing it but was intrigued by the trailer. It turned out to be one of

last year's biggest surprises. The best surprise about the film is the powerful performance by Robert Pattinson. A whole universe away from his Twilight days, Pattinson delivers a riveting and emotional performance as someone in way over his head as things get continually more complicated during his efforts to rescue his disabled brother.

**10. Dunkirk Rated "PG-13"**  
Christopher Nolan, one of the five best filmmakers working today, provides us with an almost documentary style recreation of the harrowing defeat of the united forces trapped on the beaches of Dunkirk during the second world war. The battle is nonstop from the opening frame and we get magnificent insights into the chaos and desperation the helpless soldiers faced. The camera moves with swift determination through all the aspects of the ongoing carnage stopping briefly to show us moments of the efforts of the soldiers to survive. This film isn't about performances, however, as good as they are. The star here is Nolan and his incredible skill at filling the screen with powerful, haunting and unforgettable images

**09. mother Rated "R"**  
This year's most controversial film is the work of another auteur filmmaker. Darren Aronofsky welcomes us to his nightmare in this allegorical work that utilizes Biblical concepts, characters and tales to tell a story of one woman's descent into the madness of the world around her. There is no middle ground on this film. It is a love or hate kind of experience. With a strong, career best performance by Jennifer Lawrence and totally committed performances by Javier Bardem, Ed Harris and Michelle Pfeiffer this mind bending film is like nothing you have ever experienced before.

#### 08. Star Wars The Last Jedi Rated "PG-13"

Who would have thought that a Star Wars film would be the second most controversial films of the year? This rip roaring action packed chapter of the Star Wars saga is also filled with absolutely enthralling character moments that add depth and a touch of pathos to the ongoing saga of the Skywalker legend. The character of Luke Skywalker has never possessed so much depth and Mark Hamill has never been better. The conflict between Rey and Kylo Ren develops new complexities that are possible indicators as to where the story will go. With a wonderful story arc for Luke and a major presence in the plot for Leia, the film offers a satisfying mixture of the past and the present with intriguing possibilities for the future. Rian Johnson has directed one of the best of the Star Wars films. Rest In Peace our Princess Leia, the beautiful Carrie Fisher.

#### 07. Thank You For Your Service Rated "R"

The Iraq War has caused us many

losses in fine young people going off to honor our country in a bitter and controversial struggle that has gone on way too long with way too little to show for it. The casualties whose stories are told in this film are the ones that survive the battlefield only to come home to a life they feel foreign in, surrounded by people they can't relate to while being neglected by a system not equipped to provided the necessary help. Writer/director Jason Hall has made a film that presents us with all the pain, anguish and frustration endured by these returning vets as they either long to return to their units because of a need to not let down their brothers or they want desperately to reconnect with loved ones they left behind only to find themselves feeling like strangers and unable to reach out due to a war time trauma they keep locked up inside. Miles Teller gives a hauntingly emotional performance as the squad leader who feels compelled to help out other members of his former squad while neglecting his own needs. Haley Bennett as his wife is sympathetically relatable as she tries to get him to open up. The cast all give performances filled with honest human feelings. It's a film one doesn't easily forget.

#### 06. The Big Sick Rated "R"

This film is categorized as a comedy/drama/romance and understandably so. It definitely hits all those buttons. The nice thing about this film is it never goes for the laugh just for the sake of it. The humor is intrinsic and comes from the situations and the conversations. There is a natural flow that serves the comedy within the drama. Based on the real life courtship of comedian Kumail Nanjani and co-scriptwriter Emily V. Gordon the film is brimming with the highs and lows of falling in love as well as the all consuming depressiveness of an unwanted breakup. Nanjani is quite natural as the lead in this romantic comedy. He uses his stand up routines and his break from his families unwavering traditions to inject timely comedy barbs along with sweet and self effacing jabs as his courting begins. The effervescent Zoe Kazan is priceless as the love interest Kumail is not supposed to engage in since she is not a Pakastani woman. Kazan is such a charismatic screen presence that you want her in every frame of the film. When her character, Emily, breaks up with Kumail it hurts. When she mysteriously falls ill and has to be put into a medically induced coma, we're as desperate as Kumail to get her back. Nice work by Ray Romano and Holly Hunter further enhances the film's charm and likability.

#### 05. Okja Rated "PG-13"

Highly regarded director Joon Ho-Bong has whipped up quite a fable about a little Korean girl and her love for the giant pig creature she has raised since it was an infant and the lengths she

will go to try and keep it from harm. With humor, suspense and some thrilling action, he has created an effective morality piece about corporate corruption, cruelty to animals and the gullibility of society as a whole. With a stellar cast featuring Tilda Swinton, Paul Dano, Jake Gyllenhaal Steve Yuen and an incredibly lovable little girl by the name of Seo Hyun-Ahn as Mija who provides the film with heart to spare, the film is as irresistible as the title character.

#### 04. Wonder Woman Rated: PG-13

As much of a sucker for super hero films as I am, I haven't really enjoyed the DC comic entries into the fray. Until now! Wonder Woman from start to finish provides us super powering entertainment while giving us a humanized female warrior with integrity and genuine heroics. The character develops relationships built out of respect and trustworthiness without the need to sexualize them. It's a triumph of a film in so many ways whether in it's backstory of her childhood, her naivety when first exposed to the male of the species or her natural instinct to lead when it seems like her team is failing. Gal Gadot gives a committed performance that should resonate with every young girl on the planet. Patty Jenkins is responsible for flawlessly presenting a cinematic version of a very popular comic book hero that will only bolster that popularity and introduce this wonder of a woman to a whole new audience.

#### 03. Lady Bird Rated "R"

This coming of age story has the quirky symmetry setting it apart from the pack of coming of age films that preceded it. Like last year's sorely overlooked "Edge of Seventeen" we have a teenage outsider who doesn't quite know who exactly she is and is often inappropriate socially because of not having a handle on what she wants to be seen as. Also like "Edge Of Seventeen" it has a sparkling performance that wades through all the variances and contradictions within the character. Saoirse Ronan gives Lady Bird just the right tone of cockiness and uncertainty and shines in another noteworthy performance. Like in last year's Brooklyn, she is luminescent on screen and a presence that always leaves an impression. Laurie Metcalf as Lady Bird's critical but caring mother who hasn't a clue as to how to deal with an unusual personality, gives a flawless performance filled with stubborn stances and angry retorts along with mass confusion and genuine affection. Lady Bird isn't an easy daughter to comprehend and Metcalf's character isn't the most vigilant mother to do it. Indy favorite Greta Gerwig has written a very observant script and has directed with care and skill.

#### 02. Mudbound Rated "R"

Netflix scored another winner

with director Dee Rees' tough, uncompromising portrait of the south during World War II and the racial tension that tore apart families. The film covers a lot of ground as it follows a white soldier and his experiences during the war and a black soldier and his experiences in the service. It makes a strong point of showing how their experiences weren't all that different at war but that drastically changed upon their return home. This film deserves far more attention than it is receiving in this bustling award season. The quality of it goes far beyond the strong performance of Mary J. Blige. The vivid portrait of intolerance is tantamount to the film's power. It tells its tale of the white farming family and the black subservient family with equal and unequivocal accuracy. Great performances by Carey Mulligan, Jason Clarke, Garrett Hudland and especially Jason Mitchell as Ronsel, the young black soldier who fines love just outside the battlefields make this film one that will endure.

#### 01. Stronger Rated "R"

Why this film failed to resonate with mainstream audiences is a mystery I will never solve but I found it to be the most engaging, powerful, sad and uplifting film of this year. Based on the biography of Jeff Bauman who lost both his legs during the Boston Marathon bombing and unwittingly became the poster boy for "Boston Strong", the film is a scathing exposition of how we as a society force heroism on individuals who aren't prepared to meet our expectations as they already are trying to cope with the radical changes they must adapt to. It is also a beautiful homage to love and its power to heal. Jake Gyllenhaal is probably the most overlooked actor in the business. I'm not sure what he needs to do to get the recognition he deserves for the quality performances he has given. Here, in his best work yet, he gives an emotionally ringing performance that is rooted in subtlety while balanced in its ferocity. His performance is definitely one of this year's best. Matching his emotional beat is the amazing Tatiana Maslany as the ex-girlfriend he stood at the finish line to greet as she completed the marathon. Maslany shines in a difficult role filled with doubt, dedication and determination. The film scores on every point and takes you through a gamut of emotional highs and lows while proving to be one of the most uplifting film you'll ever see.

And that's my first draft. I'll update the list as needed in the coming months. Please read all my reviews at

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Previously, I worked for Commercial Sewing in Torrington. They specialize in vehicle covers. After working in production for years I advance to the research and development department where I made patterns and samples. I also learned how to make triple layer suitcases, saddle bags, and snow mobile covers; just to name a few. After Commercial Sewing, I then furthered my career, and broadened my horizons in bridal shops doing custom bridal work. As well as working for an upholstery company.

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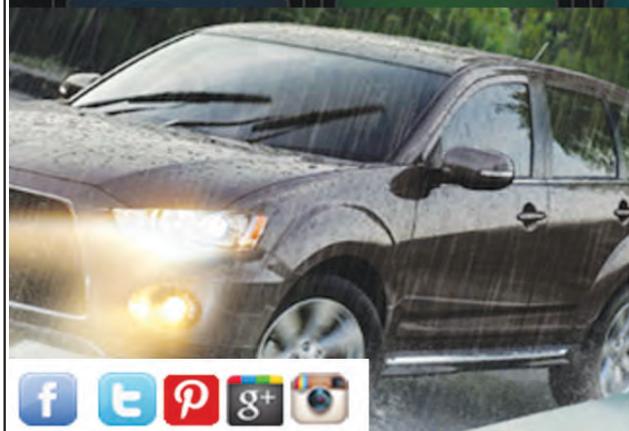
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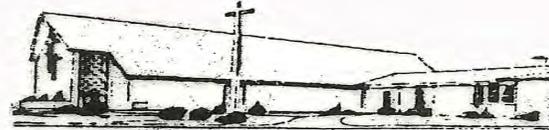
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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

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### WORSHIP AND

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*February 14, 2018*

*Ash Wednesday Service*

*7:00 p.m.*

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Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education (3rd Tues) 7:00 p.m.

Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.

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February 14, 2018

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- 4 Beckwith Dr:** John K. Flaherty of Plainville to Joshua R. Hall, \$152,950 on 1/8/2018
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- 30 Diamond Ave Unit 19:** GPM Property LLC of Plainville to Jamie Ricker, \$65,000 on 1/9/2018
- 25 Fleetwood Dr:** Rene S. and Mona Landry of Plainville to Robert L. Acosta and Gina M. Fredericks, \$235,900 on 1/8/2018
- 20 Forestville Ave:** FNMA of Plainville to Diane Sanchez and Leonel Rodriauez, \$149,000 on 1/11/2018
- 46 Forestville Ave:** Anne M. Skempris of Plainville to Javier Galara, \$80,000 on 1/9/2018
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Dates to Remember. . . .

## FEBRUARY

Fri. 2nd

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MON. 12th

**Lincoln's Birthday**

Wed.. 14th

**Valentine's Day**

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Mon. 19th

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  - 3 tablespoons flour
  - 2 cups hot milk
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
  - 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
  - 1/2 cup heavy cream, heated
- Combine the onion, celery, and hot chicken bouillon. Simmer, covered, until the onion and celery are very soft. Rub through a sieve, put trough a food mill or puree in the blender. Heat the butter in a saucepan and stir in the flour. Gradually blend in the milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until smooth and thickened. Add the salt, pepper, nutmeg and pureed vegetables. Cook until heated through. Stir in the hot cream.

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# STATE OF THE TOWN

Hosted by the Plainville Chamber of Commerce  
 Economic Development & Legislative Affairs Committee

*Coffee and Pastries provided by Farmington Bank*

**Key Speakers: Kathy Pugliese, Town Council Chair**

**Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent of Schools**

**Robert E. Lee, Town Manager--John Bossi, Director of Technical Services**

**Mark Devoe, Director of Planning & Economic Development**



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**Mark DeVoe**  
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Written by: BRIAN M. JOHNSON  
 Reporter: *New Britain Herald & Bristol Press*

PLAINVILLE - Budgets, the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail and the proposed water pollution control facility were the big topics at the annual "State of the Town" forum Thursday.

Held at the Plainville Public Library, the forum was hosted by the Plainville Chamber of Commerce. It included Kathy Pugliese, Town Council chairwoman, Maureen Brummett, superintendent of schools, Robert E. Lee, town manager, John Bossi, director of technical services and Mark Devoe, director of planning and economic development.

Following each of their presentations, there was a brief question and answer segment which saw participation from state Rep. William Petit, Tim Stewart, father of New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart and resident John Kisluk.

Kathy Pugliese gave a recap of challenges which the Town Council had taken on recently. These included applying for state grants for improved railroad crossing markers, the remediation of the Plainville High School track, redevelopment of the White Oak and Chung properties and the dog park proposal.

It also included the boiler replacement and LED lighting upgrades at the Middle School of Plainville, the water quality study, the Wheeler school renovations, the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail study, the mandated upgrades to the town's water pollution control facility and the challenges of state aid cuts.

Brummett said that Plainville schools are "very

fiscally responsible." She said that the school budget had increased by an average of 1.06 percent over the past 7 years. However, the state cuts to education funding were going to prove challenging.

"The impact has been that we did not hire a teacher to replace one that retired in Wheeler school, increasing class size," she said. "We have also put off some preventative maintenance and we are cutting the number of supplies such as books that each classroom receives. We have not yet reduced our staff, but if more cuts are coming down the line then a reduction of programs and staff are anticipated."

Lee's portion of the presentation focused mostly on the town budget and the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail project.

He explained that the town had consistently passed balanced budgets. Lee explained that the challenge had come when the state didn't inform the town until half-way through the fiscal year that they'd be getting \$1.9 million less in state aid than was originally projected.

This ultimately resulted in town staff searching for additional cuts and passing the first supplemental tax bill in town history to try to make up for the shortfall.

"Our mill rate has increased by an average of 1.64 percent over the last five years and that includes the supplemental tax bill," Lee said.

As for the trail, Lee said that it could allow for safety improvements to be made to Pierce and Broad Street and that it would also give residents a chance to appreciate some of the

town's natural features.

Bossi elaborated on the water pollution control facility upgrades, explaining that they were intended to kill algae in the water by removing phosphorous. He also explained that before water is discharged it is hit with ultraviolet rays that kill bacteria and viruses. If the project is approved at referendum Jan. 30, construction will begin this year.

Devoe said that as director of planning and economic development, his goal was to "create conduits for economic support." He noted that 35 businesses have opened in town in 2017, many of which filled long-vacant properties. He also made mention of businesses that were expanding in town.

Petit gave his kudos to the town leaders. "In Plainville, I see people working together for the greater good of the community," he said. "In other communities there is significant partisanship and as a result, things run much less efficiently. Plainville should be really happy with the leaders that it has."

Stewart said that Plainville was "remarkable" in the way that town leaders were able to work together to come up with long-term plans for the community.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Marcel R.J. Boilard ~



Alma S. (Sager) Barth, 91, of Farmington, a longtime resident of Plainville passed away Tuesday December 5, 2017 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was the wife of the late John "Lefty" Barth.

Alma was born December 4, 1926 in Torrington a daughter of the late Robert and Pauline (Schmidt) Sager and was a graduate of Southington High School. She enjoyed volunteering her time and talents for many years for several organizations, including, the American Red Cross, the Plainville Community Food Pantry and the Plainville Senior Center and had been honored as Plainville's Volunteer of the Year. Alma was a talented sewer and enjoyed making clothes for her family. She also loved entertaining family and friends, baking, and was famous for her apple pies. Alma was a voracious reader, loved gardening and was known for her beautifully kept yard. She was also very handy and innovative and could fix anything, but she will mostly be remembered for being a devoted and selfless mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Alma leaves her daughter, Kate Milton and her husband Rick of Wethersfield, her grandchildren, Kristin Cacciapaglia and her husband Rick, Kelly Gordon, Rick Milton, Jr. and his wife Elisha and Summer Milton, her great grandchildren, Liam Gordon, Abby Gordon, Alex Cacciapaglia, Tishy Cacciapaglia, Bryson Milton and Mia Milton. Alma was predeceased by her daughter Susan (Barth) Jones.

Funeral services in celebration of Alma's life were at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial followed in Plainville West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry 54 South Canal Street Plainville, CT 06062.

## ~ Vernon W. Belanger ~



of Unionville, formerly Plainville, passed away at home on January 8, 2018. He was born in Chapman, ME on May 13, 1943.

He built and managed Shady Oaks Assisted Living in Bristol for more than 40 years along with his wife,

Kay. He was the son of the late Vera McLaughlin Belanger and William D. Belanger. He leaves behind his wife, Kay (Garren), whom he had been married for more than 53 years. Also, three sons: Ronald W. Belanger, Michael I. Belanger, and Tyson F. Belanger. He is survived by his brother, Dale and his sister, Deborah Jawin-Sheak. He leaves his four grandchildren: Kiana and Cameron Belanger and Benjamin and Jenne Belanger; also several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Gary and his sister, Adrienne Perron.

Burial was at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to the Shady Oaks Assisted Living Resident's Fund, 344 Stevens Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

## ~ Frances M. (Milo) Blethen ~



of Plainville, passed away Monday December 4, 2017 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was the loving wife of Arthur R. "Art" Blethen with whom she shared 63 years of marriage.

Frances was born in Plainville a daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Smagacz) Milo and was a lifelong Plainville resident. She was a graduate of Plainville High School where she met her "sweetheart" Art. She worked as the secretary to the President at General Electric in Plainville, retiring after many years of service. She was a longtime member of the Girls Club at General electric as well as a member of the Austrian Hungarian Singing and Sick Benefit Society Danau, Inc. of New Britain. Frances loved shopping, Kid Rock concerts and going to see her son's band, the Bootleg Band. She was an avid collector of Betty Boop memorabilia and loved vacationing at Hampton Beach and the Pocono Mountains, but mostly she loved spending time with her family, especially her great grandchildren, who were the loves of her life. Frances was a Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville.

Besides her husband, she leaves her son Mark Blethen and his wife April of Plainville, her daughter Laurie Dougherty and her husband Dan of Plainville, her grandchildren, Kristen and Adam Sastri and his wife Stephanie, her great grandchildren, Kyle and Connor Voisine, her nephew, Michael Cusack and her brother-in-law, Robert Blethen and his wife Linda of Thomaston. She was predeceased by her sister Jean Cusack, her niece, Diane Cusack and her step father, Vito Virello.

Funeral services in celebration of Frances' life were at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will be held privately. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association 5 Brookside Drive Wallingford, CT 06492.

## ~ Herve E. Bosse ~



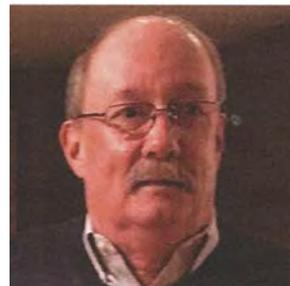
79, of Plainville, passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was the loving husband to Corrine (Landry) Bosse.

Herve was born on July 7, 1938, in St. Agatha, ME, son to the late Joseph C. and Deline (Chasse) Bosse. He grew up in Maine, graduating from St. Agatha High School in 1956. He was a resident of Plainville for over 15 years and a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. A proud American, Herve served our country in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. He was employed as an electrician for several companies, including New Britain Machine and Pratt & Whitney, retiring from Stanadyne in 2006. Herve was a longtime member of Saint Jean's in New Britain. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Herve will be missed dearly by his family.

In addition to his wife, Corrine, Herve is survived by his sons, Lonnie Bosse, of New Britain, Scott Bosse, of Plainville, and Devin Bosse; his sisters, Joan Oliveira, of Plainville, and Jeanne Cyr, of Madawaska, ME; and his grandchildren, Taylor, Tucker, Tanner, and Cameron. He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Sara.

Funeral services in celebration of Herve's life were from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville for a Mass of Christian burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial with full military honors was held at the CT State Veterans' Cemetery.

## ~ Jeffrey A. Briggs ~



68, of Plainville, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Hartford Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband for 37 years to Maureen (Connelly) Briggs.

Jeff was born on April 6, 1949, son to Richard Briggs of Cromwell, and the late Marilyn (Oltmans) Briggs and grew up in Lexington, MA. He was a wonderful husband and father, and all around family man, with a great sense of humor. Every Christmas, his nieces, nephews and their children were treated to a call from "Santa" as Jeff reenacted a soon-to-be arriving Santa Claus. He loved to cook, especially for his annual Super Bowl party. He enjoyed golfing, kayaking, hiking, and traveling with his wife, Maureen. Prior to retirement, he was employed by the Housing Authority Insurance Group where he made many lasting friendships.

In addition to his wife, Maureen, Jeff is survived by his son, Kevin Briggs, of Worcester, MA, his brother, Robert Briggs, of South Boston, his sister, Sally Mason, of Visalia, CA, his brothers-in-law, Bill Connelly, of Hartford, Ned (Gerry) Connelly, of Hamden, Tim (Beth) Connelly, of Cromwell, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Marilyn Briggs, and his grandparents, Molly and Royal Briggs and John and Lillian Oltmans, and his brother-in-law, Brian J. Connelly.

Burial will be held privately in Saint Mary Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to the Plainville Food Pantry, 54 S Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062 or Family Promise of Central Connecticut, 40 Cornelius Way, New Britain, CT 06051.

## ~ Barbara (Schaller) Crowley) Cianci ~



82, of Plainville, passed away Wednesday December 6, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late James J. Cianci and John Crowley. Barbara was born October 25, 1935

in Hartford, a daughter of the late August and Mary (Christian) Schaller and was a longtime Plainville resident. She was a graduate of Hartford Holy Trinity High School and had worked as a telephone operator at S.N.E.T. retiring after 35 years of service. Barbara was an active member of the Plainville Senior Center as well as the Telephone Pioneers. She loved music and dancing and enjoyed gathering with her high school and S.N.E.T. friends. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren who were her pride and joy and she enjoyed being at all of their events. Barbara was a longtime Communicant of Saint Matthew Church in Forestville.

Barbara leaves her son, James Cianci and his wife Kimberly of Rocky Hill, her daughters, Patricia Binkowski and her husband Jay of Parkland, FL and Marie Susco and her husband John of Southington, her longtime companion, George "Scotty" Kerr, her sisters and brother, Agnes Weeks and Mary O'Meara both of Florida, August Schaller of West Hartford and Patricia Schaller also of West Hartford, her grandchildren, Jordyn and Olivia Binkowski, Nicole and Kristen Cianci and Austin and Rianna Susco. Barbara was predeceased by her sister Bernadette Schaller.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Barbara's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. If desired memorial donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 306 Industrial Park Road Middletown, CT 06457

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Anthony C. Colagiovanni, Sr. ~



75, of Plainville passed away in the comfort of his home on December 11, 2017, with his loving family by his side. He was the beloved husband to Lorraine M. (Haag) Colagiovanni. Anthony was born on April 20, 1942 in New

Britain, son to the late Angelo and Rosa (DiMaio) Colagiovanni. He was a longtime resident of Plainville. After high school graduation, Anthony attended trade school and began his plumbing career at UA Local 777 Plumbers and Pipefitters then continued with his plumbing career at New Departure Hyatt (GM). Anthony retired after a 16 year career, but went on to work at Superior Electric Co. until 2004. After retirement, he also found enjoyment in working as a shuttle bus driver for Gene Langan Volkswagen, where he made many lasting impressions and friendships. As an avid fisherman and hunter, he was a member of the NRA, the Southington Sportsman Association, and the Bristol Fish and Game. Anthony loved to participate in tag sales and volunteered for Our Lady of Mercy Church's tag sales. In addition, he volunteered at the Food Pantry for the 7th Day Adventist Church in Plainville. Anthony enjoyed Texas Holdem Poker. He will be deeply missed by his entire family and all that knew him, as they continue to cherish the memories they share together.

In addition to his wife, Lorraine, Anthony is survived by his brother, Carlo Colagiovanni, of Plainville; his daughters, Krystal Polito, of Wolcott, and Susan DeMartinis, of Bristol; his son, Anthony Colagiovanni, Jr., of Farmington; his stepdaughters, Carrie Aradhye, of Round Rock, TX, Stacey Mills, of Plainville, and Michelle Was, of Plainville; his fifteen grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services in celebration of Anthony's life were at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Mary Cemetery, 1141 Stanley Street, New Britain.

## ~ John F. Decker, Jr ~



69 of Plainville, CT passed away Friday January 5, 2018 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, CT. John was born December 15, 1948 in Scranton, PA, the beloved son of Hazel (Heidt) Decker and the late Jack Decker. He was a 1967 Graduate of Plainville High School and later attended

Fitchburg Junior College for a year. He proudly served in the Marine Corps and in 1969 John received the National Defense Service Medal. John worked as a disc jockey in Madawaska, Maine for a short period of time and then began his 25 years at general Electric in Plainville and also worked part time at Tunxis Country Club for many years.

Besides his mother Hazel, John leaves his son, William John Decker and Bill's wife Althea of Charlotte, NC, his sister, Judy Sirois and her husband Gee of Wells, Maine, his grandchildren, Kayla and Nathaniel Decker, his niece, Meghan Littlefield, and nephews Andre' and Lucien Sirois and their families.

Our family wishes to thank to Joanne and Krista from Aging Care, LLC for their many hours and years of devotion, dedication, advocacy and support of John and the family. We want to extend a special thankyou to the Critical Care Unit at the Hospital of Central Connecticut for treating John with such gentle care. Thank you to the nurses and staff on C2 at Grand View for their care and compassion and especially friendship over the years. Thank you Reverend John, Hector and Jose' for visiting with John weekly. Those times were very special to him.

Graveside services for John will be celebrated in the summer at the Southern Maine Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Springvale, Maine. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to any charity to help children with disabilities The Bailey Funeral home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements.

## ~ Eleanor H. Gates ~



93 of Plainville, formerly of New Britain CT, passed away Sunday January 7, 2018 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was the wife of the late George L. Gates, who she married on October 25, 1953 at Danby Four Corners, in Danby, VT.

Eleanor was born September 21, 1924 in Danby, VT, the daughter of the late Harris Otis and Anna Agnes (Twine) Herrick and has been a longtime New Britain, and Plainville resident. She grew up in Vermont and loved crocheting and made many handkerchiefs for her family and friends. Eleanor enjoyed playing the piano and harmonica and was proud to have learned both instruments by ear. She also loved traveling with her daughter and sister.

She leaves her daughter Jill Gates-Paz and her husband Randall of Plainville, her son, Marvin Gates of Danby, VT and Jerry Smith, her grandchildren, Hannah Paz and Lillian Paz, her niece, Laurie Thomas and her husband Robert of Rutland VT, and a lifelong family friend, Robert Spellman of Bloomfield CT. Eleanor was predeceased by her sister, Laura Corey of Danby.

Funeral services in celebration of Eleanor's life were held at the Faith Bible Church in Plainville CT. Burial will be held in the spring in at the Scottsville Cemetery in Danby, VT.

## ~ Alberta Lepore Gwazda ~



passed into God's loving care to join her beloved husband Edward on January 3, 2018. Abbie and Eddie were married on May 10, 1947, and she shared a deep love that outlived her husband and endured until her passing at age 93. Family life

was paramount for Abbie, and in addition to her devotion to Eddie, she cared very deeply for her two sons, Edward, Jr. and Wayne, and their families. Celebrating traditional Italian holidays began at her parents' home in Plainville and continued at Abbie and Eddie's own home on Linden Street that they built together in 1955. Meals were prepared by Abbie with loving care from recipes and traditions learned from her mother. There was always more than enough food, as testified by the full stomachs of Abbie's five beautiful grandchildren.

Abbie was a working mother and in her day, a pioneer among working women. She was known as Alberta in the workplace, and the formality was not lost on her bosses and co-workers. She was quick to learn new office skills and always was the earliest to arrive on the job. Abbie began her working life as a teenager at Trumbull Electric, later GE, and completed her career as a foreman's clerk at United Aircraft's Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division. Abbie planned her work there to enable her son, Edward Jr., to earn a full corporate scholarship, changing his life as a result.

Abbie is predeceased by her parents, Henry and Carlotta Lepore, her older brother, Anthony, her beloved twin brother, Rudy, and her husband, Edward, Sr. She is survived by her sons, Edward, Jr. and his wife Debbie, and Wayne Anthony, and by her grandchildren Farley, Henry, Chester, Julia, and Dean, and her new great granddaughter, Penelope. Surviving nieces and nephews include Karen Dowling, Robbie Lepore, Lisa Lepore, Stanley Wiczorek and his wife, Jean, and Michael Manka and his wife, Lucille. Abbie also leaves behind a dear lifelong friend, Mary Vasile, and her husband, Frank. Wayne held a special place in his mother's life as a companion and caregiver as she aged.

Visiting hours were held at Bailey Funeral Home, in Plainville. Funeral services were from Bailey Funeral Home for a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Interment in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville, will be announced later.

## ~ Ferdinand J. Jaworski ~



79, of Colchester, formerly of Plainville, passed away in the comfort of his home on Saturday, January 6, 2018. He is now reunited with his loving wife of 42 years, Margaret (Jerzewski) Jaworski. Ferdinand was born on

August 5, 1938 in Brooklyn, New York, son to the late Bernard and Edith (Kulisz) Jaworski. He was a longtime resident of Plainville prior to moving to Colchester recently. A proud American, Ferdinand served our country in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. Ferdinand was an Architect and member of AIA. He was very well respected by many having mentored many people throughout his career. He was a man of strong Christian faith and enjoyed boating, fishing, gardening, and model railroading.

Ferdinand is survived by his daughters, Catherine Francini and her husband, Albert, of Colchester, Julie Norris and her husband, Allan, of Colchester, and Margaret Crocker and her husband, Marc, of Broken Arrow, OK; his sister, Deena Jaworski, of Falls Church, VA; his grandchildren, Kristina, Jessica, Marc, Luke, and Jennifer; and many other extended family members.

A Celebration of Ferdinand's life was at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. Burial with military honors followed in West Cemetery, Plainville.

## ~ Wanda Sue (Hyatt) Keller ~



71 of Plainville, passed away Thursday December 14, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late Richard B. Keller.

Sue was born July 22, 1946 in Oneonta, Alabama a daughter of the

late Manley and LeeAnner (Wade) Hyatt and was a longtime Plainville resident. She was a very lovable woman, who was always known as Nana or Mom. Along with her family, Sue fostered handicapped children for many years. She enjoyed reading, word searches, baking and spending time with her family, but mostly Sue was looking forward to becoming a great grandmother.

Sue leaves her daughters, Catherine S. Simons and her husband Shawn of Plainville and Virginia L. Keller of Bristol, her grandchildren, Brandy E. Pavano and her husband Michael of Berlin, Gi Simons and Yelafer Cintron both of Plainville and Elisabeth T. Miano of Bristol, her great grandson, Daniel R. Pavano, who is due in April, her brother, Veston Hyatt and his wife Sarah of Steele, Alabama and many nieces and nephews. Sue was predeceased by her daughter Dorothea Keller.

Family and friends gathered at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. with a service in celebration of Sue's life. Burial followed in Plainville West Cemetery.

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So many things of Mom I miss --  
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While brushing little angel's hair.

# OBITUARIES

## ~ Helen (Dobosz) Karabin ~



92, of Plainville, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018 at the Monsignor Bojnowski Manor in New Britain. She was the wife of the late John Karabin.

She was born Jan. 18, 1925 in New Britain, the daughter of the late John and Anna (Zyla) Dobosz. She was chief executive officer of the Acme Monaco

Corp. in New Britain. She was a parishioner of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in New Britain. Helen loved her annual vacations with her husband going to Aruba. She loved going on day trips with the widows club, She enjoyed going to the hairdresser, loved her cats, but most of all she loved her family especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Karabin and his wife Diane of Southington and Roger Karabin and his wife Elaine of Plymouth. She also leaves her 8 grandchildren, Rebecca Karabin-Ahern, Stormie Morrison, Joshua, Lucas and Priya Karabin, Tessa Mah, Ryan and John Karabin, 11 great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Andrew, Stephen and Alexander Dobosz and sister Mary Roman.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff of the Monsignor Bojnowski Manor for the outstanding care and her caregiver Michele Roy and part time care giver Lee Nichols.

The Funeral Liturgy were held at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 305 Washington St, New Britain. Burial will be in the spring. DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington is assisting with arrangements.

## ~ Linda M. (Gerke) Leider ~



52, of Plainville passed away Wednesday November 29, 2017 at Hartford Hospital. She was the loving wife of Craig A. Leider.

Linda was born April 24, 1965 in Key West, Florida a daughter of Albert P. and Linda May (Couture) Gerke

of Mesa, Arizona. She was employed as a school bus driver at Dattco Bus Company for many years. She enjoyed camping with family and friends, cooking for her family, motorcycle riding, watching movies and just spending time with her family. Linda was a proud mother with immense strength and courage and was fierce and protective of all of her loved ones.

Besides her husband and parents, she leaves her daughters, Katherine, Zoe and Nicole, her brother Paul and his wife Samantha, her sisters, Lori and her husband Andre and Tracy and her husband Andy, her fathers-in-law Larry and Ed and his wife Daisy, her sister-in-law Deanna Leider and several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members. She was predeceased by her mother-in-law, Beverly.

Funeral services in celebration of Linda's life were at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial was held privately. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/teenager-looses-momfamily-in-need>.

## ~ Maria (Popek) Nalewajek ~



63, of Plainville, beloved wife of Mark Nalewajek, passed away in the early hours of Wednesday, January 17, 2018. She was born in Poland to Apolonia Popek and the late Ignacy Popek. She was employed as a machine operator for Stanley Black and Decker for many years. Maria was a selfless

wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend who had an extraordinary way about her. She was always willing to do whatever she could to help anyone in need. She was not a woman known to sit still. Maria kept active around the house whether it be utilizing her talents sewing, creating wreaths and other decorative crafts or being outside in her garden. She loved spending time celebrating the holidays with family and friends, her preparation for these festivities began well in advance.

## ~ Gary D. Masse ~



60 of Plainville, passed away Friday December 29, 2017 at his home.

Gary was born June 12, 1957 in Hartford a son of the late Herman and Yvonne (Violette) Masse and was a lifelong Plainville resident. He attended E.C. Goodwin Technical High School in New Britain and was a graduate of Plainville High School. He was the Co-owner of H & N Construction of Plainville for many years. Gary was a member

of the Knights of Columbus, was an avid bowler and pool player, having been a member of several leagues. He was also a Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Gary leaves his brothers, Melvin Masse and his wife Anne-Marie of Florida and James Masse and his wife Joyce of Plainville, his nieces and nephews, Dwayne, Heather, Robin, Michael and Scott and many grand nieces and nephews whom he loved unconditionally. He was predeceased by his brother Daniel, his sister, Marie and his life partner, Lynn M. Swiridowsky.

A Mass of Christian Burial in Celebration of Gary's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville will be held in the spring. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105.

## ~ Helen D. (Dirgo) Perschy ~



93, of Plainville, passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2018 at the Jerome Home in New Britain. She is now reunited with her loving husband of 70 years, Louis W. Perschy, Sr., who predeceased her in 2011.

Helen was born on June 7, 1924 in Bridgeport, CT, daughter to the late John and Susan (Buben)

Dirgo. She was a longtime resident of Plainville and was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. She was employed by General Electric working on the assembly line up until her retirement. She was very involved with the Plainville Senior Center, taking part in many of the activities and outings. Helen enjoyed cooking, especially her infamous apple and potato strudels, traveling with her husband, and crocheting many Afghans for several friends and family members. Above all, Helen was a loving, caring, and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who will be missed dearly by her entire family.

Helen is survived by her son, John Perschy and his wife, Rochelle, of Norwalk, her daughter-in-law, Suzanne Perschy, her grandson, Robert Perschy and his wife, Deborah, of Southington, her granddaughter, Diane Wojcicki and her husband, Andrew, of Southington, her grandson, Joseph Perschy and his wife, Shannon, of Medfield, MA, her granddaughter, Christine Karimi and her husband, Cyrus, of Trumbull, her brother, Andrew Dirgo and his wife, Betty, of Rocky Hill, her sister, Susan Rivard, of Enfield, her sister, Marge (Dirgo) Kerpchar, of Bridgeport, 7 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Helen was predeceased by her son, Louis Perschy, Jr.

A celebration of Helen's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville. Committal services were held in St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville at a later date.

## ~ Catherine (Cassidy) Sadowsky ~



67, of Parrish, FL, died peacefully at home with family by her side on December 23, 2017. She was the wife of Dennis W. Sadowsky, her husband of 44 years.

Catherine was born in Southington, CT on

September 24, 1950, daughter of the late Thomas Leo and Yvonne (Alix) Cassidy. She was predeceased by her brother, Thomas Cassidy, and sister, Judith Ford. She had lived in Plainville, CT for 63 years before moving to Florida in 2014. She had a successful career with SNET until she retired in 2003.

Catherine was generous, kind, and outgoing with a knack for making people feel comfortable and welcome. She loved to read, "discuss" politics, and spend as much time as she could with her grandchildren. She was a member and former president of the Telephone Pioneers of America. She had also served as a lector and religious education teacher at Our Lady of Mercy.

Besides her husband, she leaves her daughter and son-in-law Caryn and Michael Brannen; daughter and son-in-law Judith and Michael Dietrich; Elizabeth, Kevin, Sarah, Joshua, and Matthew her five grandchildren whom she adored; many nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. She also leaves behind many lifelong friends that are truly family.

Funeral services in celebration of Catherine's life were on from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville will be held in the spring.

## ~ Jacqueline R. (Waterson) Pratt ~



78 of Plainville, passed away Friday January 12, 2018 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was the loving wife of Gerard J. Pratt with whom she shared over 60 years of marriage.

Jacqueline was born March 8, 1939 in Concord, New Hampshire the daughter of the

late Marjorie (Martin) Waterson and was a longtime Plainville resident. She was employed by the New Britain Board of Education as the Secretary to the Superintendent, retiring after many years of service. She enjoyed sewing, loved animals and spending time with her family.

Besides her husband Gerard, she leaves behind her daughter Roberta Pratt and her wife Theresa of Cheshire, her son Richard Pratt and his wife Kimberly of Plainville, and her granddaughters whom she adored, Kristi Pratt of Manhattan and Paige Pratt of Plainville.

Funeral services and burial for Jacqueline will be celebrated privately. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Sharon Audubon Society or One More Dog Rescue.

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Maria loved to travel, her fondest trip was visiting her daughter in Europe with Mark while she was studying abroad in London. She loved the mountains and being outdoors. Maria's life though short, was a gift to all who knew her. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by her daughter, Ashley Nalewajek; her siblings: Barbara Danowski and husband Jan, Krystyna Wojtowicz, Lucyna Kukula and husband Stanley, Helena Popek, Ewa Mucha and husband Kazimierz, Jozef Popek and Janusz Popek along with several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at Sacred Heart Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation in Maria's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, an organization that had special meaning to her. To share a message of sympathy with Maria's family, please visit us at [www.burritthill.com](http://www.burritthill.com)

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