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Plainville School Happenings



Promoted from within, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Brummett, to Superintendent and Plainville High School Principal Steven LePage to Assistant Superintendent. Stories on Page 10.

The Plainville Community Schools would like to thank the Petit Family Foundation for funding our growing Forensics program at Plainville High School. Pictured with Dr. Henry C. Lee one of the world's foremost forensic scientists are Plainville High School students. Story on Page 5

Memorial Day Parade ~ Monday, May 30th 9:00 A.M. Featuring Plainville High School & Middle School Bands

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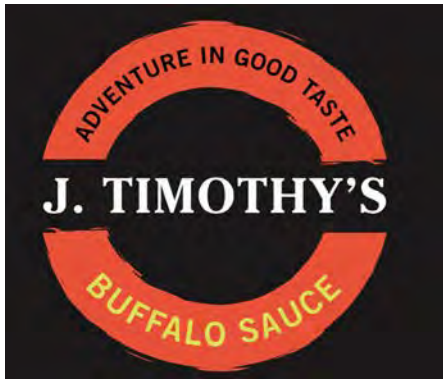
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{Patty faves}

The Tree Dollar store in the Plaza on New Britain Ave. I always say I don't need anything, then I just stop in and look around. Boy!! Maybe I don't need it but I can not help myself because everything in the store is really only a dollar. From greeting cards to who knows what? I guess "Soup to nuts" It does help my budget!

{Charlie raves}

I am new to town, I needed my watch repaired, didn't know where to go. As I was driving on East Street heading for Southington in search for a watch repair shop, I noticed DBK Family Jewelry Store. It was my lucky day, My search was over, My watch was repaired and it certainly is a family jewelry store. The people treated me like family and I certainly would recommend them to everyone.

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Town Manager Robert E. Lee Report to the Town Council

April 4, 2016 Meeting

Old Linden Street School Demolition Project Update

- Manafort Construction has begun the removal of the hazardous waste materials from the building. School staff has worked with the Old Linden Committee to preserve and protect the historical elements in the courtyard as well as some of the furniture and school materials. They have also taken pictures and video of the building which will be stored at the Historical Center.
- It is anticipated that the two connectors between the buildings will be removed during the week of April 11th when school is not in session. Most of the initial work is being done after dismissal of the students in the afternoon.

Captive Insurance Resolution

- Back in the Fall I reported to the Town Council that Town and Board of Education staff were exploring the possibility of joining with other central CT municipalities to purchase stop loss insurance. Both Dr. Kitching and I have participated in meetings coordinated by the Capital Region Education Council (CREC) who are sponsoring this effort.
- A captive insurer is a legal entity formed primarily to insure the risk of multiple communities thereby contributing to a reduction in risk. The larger the entity, the more predictable the risk and the lower the cost. The plan is for approximately 16 communities to form captive insurance company to be known as CT Prime, Inc. The purpose of the captive is to attain rate stability, to provide expert risk management and claim services and to expand health and wellness programs to reduce claims.
- The captive would collect premiums from the participating communities and self-insure for claims up to \$500,000. The captive would purchase stop-loss insurance for claims exceeding \$500,000. Currently, Plainville

has stop loss coverage of \$250,000. The Town would retain this \$250,000 limit for next year. An analysis of the past five years of stop loss claims by the participating municipalities show that significant savings could have been achieved if the captive had been formed back then.

- CT Prime, Inc. will be managed by a Board of Directors made up of the member towns and school districts. If Plainville joins the captive, I will be a member of the Board of Directors overseeing its operation
- Based upon claims history provided by the potential participating communities, joining the captive will result in a 5% reduction of rates for stop loss insurance next year. Plainville currently pays approximately \$220,000 per year for stop loss insurance.
- The captive would be regulated under the State Insurance Department and is scheduled to become active on July 1st. This regional effort will provide an opportunity to lower our premium costs for the years going forward and expand wellness programs for our employees.
- There is an item under New Business regarding Plainville participating in the captive. Both Dr. Kitching and I are recommending that the Town Council authorize joining the captive for stop loss insurance.

Street Milling Proposal

- Town staff continues to finalize the street paving project for the upcoming construction season. They are recommending that Garrity Asphalt Reclaiming, Inc. of Bloomfield be engaged to provide the milling of the roadways for this year. Garrity would be hired to provide a main milling machine at \$650 per hour and a trimmer milling machine at \$300 per hour. Town staff would work with the milling machines to remove the top layer of the existing pavement in preparation for the overlay.
- Garrity has a long standing working relationship with the Town Roadway Department and in past years has supplied timely service at a competitive price. Their prices have consistently been below or generally equal to the rental rates provided in state bids.

- There is an item under New Business that would award the street milling to Garrity Asphalt Reclaiming, Inc. of Bloomfield for a total project amount not to exceed \$75,000. John Bossi is here this evening to answer any questions that you may have regarding this recommendation.

School Building Project Update

- A planning meeting was recently held to discuss the school building projects for the Middle School and Wheeler Elementary School. Per the direction of the Town Council, the repaving of the High School parking lot was also part of the discussion.
- The consensus of the participants is that this project utilize the services of a construction manager (at risk). The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) is a delivery method which entails a commitment by the Construction Manager (CM) to deliver the project within a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) which is based on the construction documents and specifications at the time of the GMP plus any reasonably inferred items or tasks.
- The benefits of this method include: a higher level of cost control from the start. Additionally, the CMAR advocates and manages the project with the Towns' best interest in mind at all times and takes the burden off the Town in managing and coordinating the project. Finally, the CMAR limits the Towns' risk and value engineering is more easily accomplished. The CMAR's main purpose is not to construct the project, but to manage the construction of the project. The management focus adds much value to the project.
- The Town will shortly advertise for a Construction Manager At-Risk firm with proposals being due by April 22nd. The CPBC will review the proposals on April 25 and interviews will be held on April 28th. It is anticipated that a recommendation will be made to the Town Council at the May 2nd meeting. The Construction Manager would then work to update the estimated cost of the project. This would be done by the end of June. It was the consensus of the participants that a September 27th referendum.

Plainville Happenings *Excerpts of the Report at the April 4th Town Council Meeting*

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Pequabuck Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

At their regularly scheduled meeting of May 4, 2016, the Plainville Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will host a public information session to review progress on the Pequabuck River Watershed Based Plan. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 P.M. in room 304 of the Plainville Municipal Center. The project is made possible through grant funds earmarked by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to improve the environmental quality of the entire Pequabuck River Watershed. This multi-town effort will seek ways to identify and reduce point and non-point source pollutants that diminish the quality of the river and adjacent habitat in hopes that wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities can be improved.

The Plainville Wetlands and Watercourses Commission invited members of all land use boards and commissions.

The project is being managed by the Farmington River Watershed Association with several partners including Trout City of Bristol.

From the Desk of:

William Buden,
Recycling Coordinator

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

On Saturday, May 7, 2016

a regional household hazardous waste collection day will be conducted from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at the Roadways Facility on Granger Lane.

This is the twenty-second (22nd) year this event is being conducted by TROC (Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee) and was created to promote increased opportunities for residents to properly dispose of their household products. It is important that residents clearly understand that many commonly purchased household products for in home, office, yard/gardens, and workshops do have a risk with improper use and disposal.

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2016-2017 Town of Plainville Budget

Every day a barrage of news stories about the economic condition of our state is on the front page of most publications. Yes, the current fiscal year ending on June 30th is millions of dollars in the red resulting in thousands of staff reductions in Hartford. Looking ahead to the budget beginning July 1st, the news is even worse...over \$900 million dollars less revenue to balance expenditures. The story of how we arrived at this desperate place is complex with many elements contributing to the disaster. Over estimating revenues, under estimating expenditures, labor demands, state employee retirement deficits, social service increases, promises by politicians and lost hope by major corporations who have left or are ready to leave our state have contributed to this debacle.

The question today is how will this affect Plainville's financial plan for next year and beyond? As of this writing, Governor Malloy's proposal will have a substantial affect on our ability to fund the Town's budget. The Governor's proposal will reduce the ECS grant (the main education grant our town receives) by \$430,921.00. There is also a proposal under consideration to reduce the Town's share of the MRSA (revenue sharing) grant by upwards of \$300,000. All numbers are subject to change.

The Town Council and Board of Education have already approved the budget for next year with those revenues included in the budget. In other words...we may be almost \$700,000 short in revenue to balance our budget!

Although our budget will be voted on April 26th at the town wide vote, the mill rate will be set at a later time depending upon the Governor's budget which is still a work in progress. Increased taxes are a certainty at this point.

A memo from CABA (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) urges local members of the Boards of Education to call or write to their representatives in Hartford to oppose these proposed reductions. Please consider contacting our elected officials in Hartford to protest these enormous reductions: State Representative Betty Boukus 860-240-8585 betty.Boukus@cga.ct.gov or Henri Martin 860-842-1421 henri.Martin@csa.ct.gov. They must hear from you to be sure our Town is not punished with these undeserved losses. Our Town has worked hard to control spending over the past five years and we should not be penalized because our state leaders have been fiscally irresponsible.

Kathy Pugliese

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Dr. Henry Lee Visits Plainville High School



Dr. Petit with Dr. Henry Lee

Dr. Henry C. Lee, one of the foremost forensic scientists in the world, recently visited Plainville High School. His lecture was devoted to encouraging students to explore all possibilities and pursue their dream no matter what obstacles may be placed in front of them. Dr. Lee recounted his childhood in China and the struggles he faced as a young student. He credits his mother with his success and recalled her determination that he did well in school and also encouraged him throughout his career as a forensic scientist.

Dr. Lee's career spanned over the past 50 years as he worked with law enforcement agencies from 46 countries in helping to solve more than 8,000 cases. He first worked for the Taipei Police Department where he attained the rank of Captain. Along the way, he came to the United States in 1965 and earned his

B.S. in forensic science while working three jobs to support his family. Dr. Lee continued his love of learning and received a Masters Degree from NYU and eventually a PhD. He also received special training from the FBI and many other organizations. As Dr. Lee spoke to the audience, he would pose a question and whomever replied with a correct answer, he would toss a special badge as a prize. He receives great joy from teaching and mentoring young people to pursue their goals. His advice to the students is every day you should have a plan - read a book, do some writing, have a goal you want to accomplish that day. Then have a plan for the week, the month, the year and beyond.

He has authored more than 40 books covering areas such as DNA, Fingerprints, Trace Evidence, Crime Scene Investigation and Crime Scene Reconstruction. His expertise has been called upon to assist in high profile cases worldwide. Most notably, he assisted on the O.J. Simpson case, Scott Peterson and the Kennedy Smith trials. He also participated in other well known cases as the Jon Benet Ramsey murder in Colorado, suicide of White House counsel Vincent Foster, Kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart, death of Chandra Levy, the reinvestigation of the Kennedy Assassination and the Casey Anthony case. He has been a consultant for more than 800 law enforcement and judicial agencies.

Dr. Lee makes his home in Connecticut and is the founder of The Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science, the Director of forensic Research and Training Center and Distinguished Chair Professor in Forensic Science of the University of New Haven. Dr. and Mrs. Lee have been married for 53 years and have two grown children, a daughter, Sherry, a son, Stanley and grandchildren David, Rachel and Alex.

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Deputy Treasurer- Andrea Saunders

. Anyone interested in attending the Committee meetings are welcome. The meetings are held at the Municipal Center at 7 p.m., the Republicans meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month and the Democrats on the 4th Thursday of every month.

Plainville Fire Company 32nd Annual Balloon Fest

The 32nd Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival & Outdoor Arts and Crafts Show is scheduled for August 26, 27 and 28, 2016 at Norton Park on South Washington Street, Plainville, CT. The Hot Air Balloon festival is sponsored by the Plainville Fire Company, and they are the sole operator of this event.

The Plainville Fire Company would like to thank all those who have attended this event and supported the festival in the past. The last several years have shown a tremendous increase in attendance so we have had to re-evaluate how we advertise, set-up and organize this event.

This year we have invested significant dollars on new equipment to improve our food service process. We have streamlined our processes and are excited to demonstrate our improvements for food distribution. Some other issues we are addressing are increasing the number of portable restrooms, increasing public parking opportunities offsite, increase bus availability, improved signage on roadways, better cell service in the park, etc. Please check our website at Plainvillefireco.com, the Plainville Fire Company Hot Air Balloon Festival facebook page or our Twitter account for updates.

We would like to thank all our patrons and corporate sponsors of the Plainville Hot Air Festival. We have heard your recommendations and have attempted to improve the experience at our event this year.

Life With Wanda



Getting older has its ups and downs usually when you get down you can't get up. Meeting someone you haven't seen in years and not being able to remember their name can be a bit embarrassing until you find they can't remember who you are either.

A few weeks ago I ran into a woman and she smiled, as did I. She then asked how I had been and how was my family and we talked about the old days and how different things are today and the fact kids don't seem to have the same values we had in our day. After about fifteen minutes into the conversation things we spoke of didn't seem to be jogging my memory of who she might be, so I figured I would bite the bullet and ask, in a diplomatic way, what her maiden name was but when she told me that didn't seem to help. Well after several more questions back and forth we both came to the realization that we had never met before but by that time we had decided to have lunch together, so now I have a new old friend.

Speaking to my sister the other night I asked her what she had done that day and she related the same thing she had told me she had done three days prior and neither one of us could remember what we had for lunch. Now this makes it great because we can have the same thing for three days in a row and not say, oh, I just had that yesterday.

Meeting someone for the first time can be a bit of a challenge so I suggest you write their name down. Let's all try to remember the good things because the rest doesn't matter anyway.

Remember swimming in the pond or a hayride on a Saturday night or even the square dance at the fire house. When we could go trick or treating and didn't have to be afraid someone would put something in our candy that would make us sick. We had the freedom of playing outside at the home of a friend until after dark and walking a mile home, alone in the dark on a country road, and your parents didn't have to worry about your safety. Then every kid had what they called chores and as long as you got your chores done your time was your own. School work was done in school and you didn't spend hours in your room doing homework. Counting on your fingers might get you a crack on the knuckles from the teacher but today kids can use a calculator in class. No wonder you can't get the right change at McDonalds. Your teacher could hug you if you were having a bad day and could stand you in the corner or keep you after school if you misbehaved. We old folks didn't turn out so bad and that is how we learned real American values.

It is a shame the kids of today will never know the freedom we had in our youth and I doubt if anyone will ever have them again. What a shame!

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Young at Heart: Plainville Senior Center Happenings

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be held at the Plainville Library, 56 East Main Street, on Tuesday, May 3 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This course covers the effects of aging and medication on driving, local hazards, accident prevention measures and more. Films and discussions will be presented and a driver's manual provided. No written or on the road test required. Upon completion of the course, an insurance company must give a discount of at least 5% on auto insurance.

The cost for the class is \$15.00 for AARP members, providing a membership number and \$20.00 for other attendees. Register in person at the Senior Center, Monday-Friday 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Payment is required at the time of registration, cash or check only.

IPAD CLASS

The Plainville Senior Center along with instructor Evelyn Morin will be holding an iPad Basics class starting in May. Learn how to use the basic functions of your iPad, surf the Internet, download "Apps" and more.

This class runs on Wednesdays, May 18 - June 15 and has a fee of \$25.00 per person, plus the cost of a textbook. You must bring your own iPad to every class. Sign-up begins on April 7. This class is open to Senior Center members only and is limited to 8 participants.

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In Case you missed this.....

Plainville High School is hosting a UConn Early College Experience (ECE) Informational Session for all interested parents/guardians and their children at Plainville High School on May 10th at 6:30 in the school's Cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served.

UConn Early College Experience (ECE) is an opportunity for students to take UConn courses and earn college credits while still in high school. Credits earned through the UConn ECE program are transferable to 87% of all the colleges and universities in the United States.

The purpose of the event is to inform parents/guardians about the benefits of having their child participate in this program. The attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Wendi Richardson, Assistant Director of the UConn ECE program, be introduced to the Plainville High School faculty who teach the ECE courses, as well as current Plainville High School students who are taking ECE courses this year. Parents/guardians and students will have the opportunity to ask questions and complete the program registration paperwork at this event. For more information, please contact Oneda Lamont at lamonto@plainvilleschools.org or 860-256-7797, ext 351

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Last years event was a great success! Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our community. The tournament will be on May 18, 2016 at Tunxis Plantation in Farmington. Hope to see you there for a great day of golf

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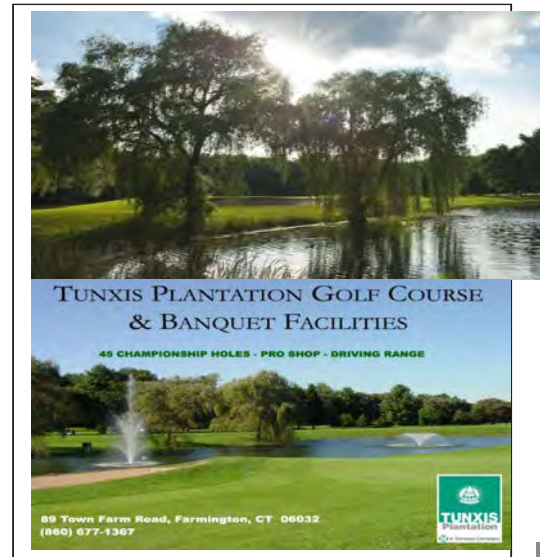
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PLAINVILLE COALITION TO SPONSOR UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development will sponsor an underage drinking prevention campaign over the upcoming prom, graduation and summer party season, according to Co-Chairs, Roberta Brown and Lynn Davis.

The campaign, which will run from mid-May through mid-July, will feature targeted messaging about the Social Host Law, which prohibits the consumption of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age, even in private homes. This information will be communicated to Plainville parents and the community through public service announcements at local service stations, a sticker promotion, and a lawn sign presence. "Thanks to grants from the Plainville Community Fund and the Elizabeth Norton Trust, the Coalition was able to develop a comprehensive communication strategy that includes public service announcements, informational stickers, and the design and creation of lawn signs that we hope local families will display over the upcoming months in support of the underage drinking prevention focus," explained Davis.

Earlier this year, as part of the Coalition's focus on underage drinking prevention, a sticker promotion was held over the winter holidays in conjunction with several local restaurants and package stores. Stickers with information reinforcing the Social Host Law were affixed to pizza boxes at restaurants and alcohol packaging at several local establishments, with the hope of sharing the information with parents and the community. The Coalition intends to incorporate another sticker promotion with local establishments during the spring / summer underage drinking prevention campaign beginning in May.

"Our goal is to increase awareness on this issue in order to prevent the negative and often tragic consequences of underage drinking." noted Brown.



"I.T. Jim's" .. Windows 10

Whether you like it or not

Microsoft introduced Windows 10 in July 2015. With it they offered free upgrades for computers that have Windows 7 or Windows 8/8.1 until July 2016. Windows is the base software or operating system computers use to run. Windows is what allows programs you use like Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet Explorer, Adobe, Games, etc. to make video and sound, and process the data that comes from the internet.

Windows 10 is a very good, reliable update to Windows 7 and Windows 8/8.1. It fixes a lot of the strange choices that Microsoft made when they released Windows 8. It combines the best parts of previous versions into an interface that users are more familiar with. It also adds some helpful new functionality as well. However, what Microsoft has done since releasing Windows 10 is something they have never done before. Microsoft started out innocently enough adding a subtle suggestion to the taskbar, adding an occasional pop up message suggesting users upgrade. Later, they made Windows 10 an optional update in Windows Updates. Optional updates can only be installed manually by your choice.

More recently, they have made Windows 10 a recommended update. Recommended updates for most Windows users are automatically installed. The result of this is that users are going to use their computers and finding that Windows 10 has been installed. In most cases, the upgrade is successful and there are no problems. Some older computers and computers running older software programs are having issues. Older programs and some hardware are not compatible with Windows 10 and may no longer work properly. This will force some folks to have to upgrade to a newer version of software that is compatible.

While I do not like the fact that Microsoft is essentially forcing this update on its users, It is indeed a very good update to Windows. Overall I recommend upgrading if your computer came with Windows 7 or 8/8.1 and is less than 6 or 7 years old at the most. Older programs may not work on Windows 10. I'm talking about really old programs like Microsoft Office 2003 or older, Adobe Acrobat 8 or older, etc. You can't really expect Windows 10 to support decade old programs. If you need those old programs, then use the tools mentioned later in this article to block the upgrade.

If you currently run Windows 7 on your computer, Windows 10 will be a bit jarring at first, but it is really not much different. All of the same basics are there. If you currently run Windows 8/8.1 on your computer, Windows 10 will be a pleasant return to what you were familiar with in older versions of Windows. The start menu returns, but retains the better features of Windows 8.

If you do not want to upgrade to Windows 10, there are two tools you can get to stop it from happening. Never 10 from Gibson Research (grc.com/never10) is a free tool that, when downloaded and run, will take the necessary steps to prevent Windows 10 from installing automatically. Another tool is called GWX Control Panel (ultimateoutsider.com/downloads). Download one of these programs and run it on your computer. Follow the steps they provide and you will be able to avoid Windows 10.

If you have any questions about this article or have suggestions for future articles, please email me at jim.phc@gmail.com

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PLAINVILLE SUPERINTENDENT TALKS FUTURE DISTRICT PLANS

Maureen Brummett, who has succeeded Jeffrey Kitching as superintendent of schools, aims to build upon Kitching's legacy by expanding access to preschool programs and technology.

She was selected by the Board of Education after Kitching accepted a position as executive director of Education Connection, a regional service center that serves 30 schools. Brummett has served as assistant superintendent of schools for the past five years. Before that she served as director of special education for seven years and as special education supervisor for two years. She received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University and her master's degree from St. Joseph's College now the University of Saint Joseph.

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity that the Board of Education has provided me," she said. "I loved working with Dr. Kitching; he allowed me to work with him like a partner and he left the district in outstanding shape. I love Plainville and I plan to spend the rest of my career making it the best district it can be. I'm thrilled with how skilled and strong our administration has been. Our teachers are amazingly hard workers.

Brummett said Plainville's greatest strengths are its aligned curriculum and intervention programs that help students who are struggling to get back on track.

She said one of her goals is to be able to offer preschool programs for all incoming students. "We expanded our preschool program a lot in the past two years, right now, we provide it for about 80 percent of students who will be going into kindergarten the following year. We were able to do this by re-allocating teachers from grade levels that are getting smaller and also with the help of some grants. Thanks to the Smart Start grant, we will be able to open up full-day preschool for four year olds at Linden Street School. We are hoping to be able to re-allocate some services to offer preschool at Toffolon and Wheeler soon. Studies have shown that those who have shown that those who have access to a preschool education are more likely to succeed later in school and more likely to earn higher wages." Brummett praised Mr. Kitching for his work to establish a "one for one" Chromebook program for high school students "stretching down" to the fifth grade.

"We don't provide technology just for technology's sake," she said. "We adopted the proven Reading, Writing, Workshop model of Columbia University, which has kept our reading at or above grade level. We are one of the top districts in the state for incorporating e-books in the classroom and virtual science experiments online.

Brummett said she intends to work with local manufacturers to provide on-the-job training programs.

She also praised Plainville's arts and physical education programs. She is also considering a "mastery based" grading rubric, which is used in local elementary schools, for higher grades. It takes a more personalized approach rather than just looking at the percentages they got on a quiz, we would look at the rubric and determine if students have mastered or exceeded or need to spend a little more time on a subject. Our science teachers have told me that this method is a better way of determining what students know and don't know. At first, I was concerned that colleges might not recognize these grades, but after speaking with representatives from local colleges, I was thrilled to learn that they see these grades as just as valuable.

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STEVEN LEPAGE NAMED ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR PLAINVILLE

Steven LePage, currently principal of Plainville High School, has been named assistant superintendent for Plainville Community Schools. LePage will replace Dr. Maureen Brummett, who was recently named superintendent of the Plainville school district.

LePage, who has been an educator for more than 20 years, began his career as a special education teacher at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center School in Newington, Connecticut, and in the Transitional Education Program in East Hartford, Connecticut. He then held several positions in the Wolcott school system, where he served as a special education teacher, as well as the director of adult education, special education department head, and assistant principal of Wolcott High School. LePage began as principal of Plainville High School in July 2010.

During his tenure at Plainville High School, LePage served on a number of committees including the Technology Implementation Committee, the district's Strategic Planning Committee, Twenty First Century Skills Committee, the district's Professional Development Committee, and more. Among his achievements while serving as Plainville High School's principal, LePage designed and implemented the high school's Curriculum & Activities Showcase, secured grant funding for the school's state of the art STEM Lab and FIRST Robotics Team, and instituted a comprehensive Professional Learning Community model to improve student outcomes.

LePage also serves on several state level committees including the Connecticut Administrative Evaluation Revision Committee, the Connecticut Association of Schools Volunteer Recognition Banquet Committee, and more. LePage is a fellow for the LEAD Connecticut Policy & Practice Fellowship and was a delegation member of the Chinese Bridge Delegation in Beijing, China.

LePage holds a bachelor of science degree and sixth year professional certification in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University, as well as a master of education degree from the University of Hartford, and completed the Executive Leadership Program certification at the University of Connecticut.

"Mr. LePage is an amazing principal and will be an even better assistant superintendent. Our district is lucky to have him," said Plainville Board of Education Chair, Andrea Saunders. "Plainville is fortunate to have such high quality leaders, ready to step up into key roles. Superintendent Dr. Maureen Brummett and Assistant Superintendent Steve LePage will make an incredible leadership team. The school district is in the best possible hands," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching. "Mr. LePage has provided outstanding leadership for the staff and students of Plainville High School for the past six years. I look forward to our work together on behalf of the entire Plainville school community," added Brummett.

LePage was named the candidate of choice at a special Board of Education meeting held on April 8th; he will begin as assistant superintendent in Plainville on July

"Plainville is an amazing town with a school system that is second to none. My sincere thanks to our Board of Education for their approval of my promotion to assistant superintendent and for their demonstrated faith in my abilities as a leader. I look forward to working in partnership with Superintendent Brummett to provide clear and consistent leadership to the district. Together, we will do everything we can to ensure the continued success of district personnel and all students," noted LePage.

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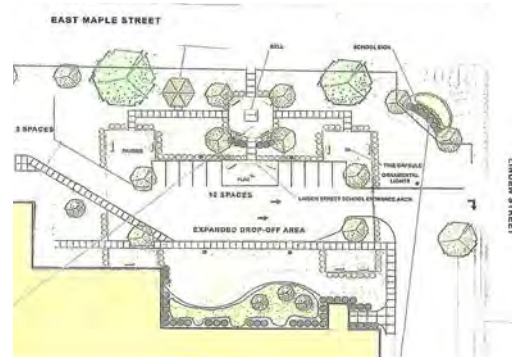


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There were several bells in Plainville. Most of the churches had one and, of course, the fire company. The Woolen Mill bell (now in private hands) tolled shift changes, and the brand new elementary school on Broad Street was equipped with a proper belfry and a bell. It tolled the beginning and the end of the school day and, I suppose, marked the hour and a quarter allowed for lunch, when students walked home and back.

There have been many stories about the school bell and its tenure; its ringing and its ringers. Some are funny and some are tragic, but all are now cherished memories. I found a few alumni who recall it. One tells me he never did get to ring the bell, but he remembers the bell rope hanging on the second floor. Helen Bergenty says that she and her friends rang it often when they volunteered to help at the office. I had a man approach me at the Historic Center to say that he was "so happy to see the bell."

The bell was removed from the premises (Ann V. Tarrant School by then) when the property was sold for senior housing and moved to the Linden Street schoolyard. It eventually found a spot there when the 1970s addition created a sheltered courtyard. Now we have an opportunity to provide a safe, permanent place for the bell in the hardscape at Linden, where those who would enjoy it can get to it.

If you have a memory of the school bell you would share, please call the Plainville Historical Society at 860 747-6577. Nan or Rose would love to hear from you

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Schools in Review

PHS Students Attend STEM Expo at CCSU



14 Plainville High School students, together with faculty members Paris Godbout and Mark Chase attended the Girls & STEM Expo held at Central Connecticut State University on April 8th. The students participated in a variety of activities including snap circuits, DNA extraction, and creating cardboard chairs. In addition, they attended a presentation hosted by the Society Of Women Engineers.

In photo: Students from Plainville High School and Terryville High School working on Snap Circuits.

MIDDLE SCHOOL'S JOYCE LYNCH NAMED MSP "SUPER LIBRARIAN"



Middle School of Plainville Library Information Teacher Joyce Lynch has been named a "Super Librarian" by author Tim Green. Nutmeg nominated author and former NFL Atlanta Falcon Tim Green visited the Middle School of Plainville earlier this year, marking his second trip to MSP. During his visit in October, which was funded in part by the Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund, he spoke to middle school students about the importance of kindness and acceptance of other's differences, focusing on the importance of hard work, determination, perseverance, and most importantly, education.

Green also maintains a Facebook page, where he recently selected ten librarians from across the United States and designated them as "Super Librarians" for their contributions to literacy and positive youth development. Lynch was selected as one of the ten librarians to receive the recognition by Green. As part of the designation, MSP's library received five copies of Green's newly published book, Home Run, which were distributed via raffle to middle school students Dante Chambrello, Rachel Gomme, Caitlin Charest, Lex Roberts, and Sarah Marinelli.

"I've always known we've had a Super Librarian!" said Middle School of Plainville Principal, Matthew Guarino.

"Joyce's contributions to our middle school community go far beyond the walls of our library. Her 'Super Librarian' designation is well deserved," noted Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.

Toffolon Students Watch Government Live



As part of the White House.gov live stream, on March 16, 2016, fifth grade students from Louis Toffolon Elementary School

watched the live historical nomination of Federal Judge Merrick Garland as a Supreme Court Justice by President Obama. As part of their US Government Unit, the students were able to listen as President Obama discussed how the three branches of government come together to nominate and then decide upon a Supreme Court Justice. Additionally the students learned how persuasive speaking and writing can be a powerful tool in allowing citizens of the United States to make educated decisions based on evidence provided. By being able to actively listen to and then discuss the nomination and the government's checks and balances, students were able to see the United States Constitution in action!

PHS Students Attend Financial Fair at CCSU



On March 29th, 34 Plainville High School juniors and seniors, together with faculty member Brian Edge, and Assistant Principal, Rosa Perez, attended the Financial Reality Fair at Central Connecticut State University. The event, sponsored by Connecticut's Credit Unions, is a hands-on program where students, after identifying their "career choice and salaries" are provided with a budget sheet requiring them to "live within their monthly salary" while budgeting for basics such as housing, utilities, transportation and more. After the students balanced their budgets, they met with financial counselors to review their standings. The fair is a unique opportunity for students to experience some of the financial challenges of living independently.



MSP Students Meet Dog Sled Runner



Plainville resident and dog sled runner, Joan Kaczmarczyk, recently visited the Middle School of Plainville to speak with sixth graders about the care and training of sled dogs and the sport of racing. Students recently completed a unit of study in Reading/Language Arts classes where they investigated wolf behaviors and read Gary Paulsen's Woodsong.

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Schools in Review

YMCA/PHS CLASS of 2016 PROJECT GRADUATION NEWS

The next meeting for the 2014 Plainville High School Project Graduation is **Wednesday, MAY 4th, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.** Project Graduation is an all night alcohol and drug-free party, held for Plainville High School Seniors right after the graduation ceremony. The party is held at the YMCA the night of graduation and is filled with many fun activities. All junior and senior parents are invited to attend the meetings. If interested in helping, please contact: **Inna Masco at: 860-205-9911**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:
Wednesday, June 1st, 8th, 2016

LOOK OUT for Those Crazy Flying Flamingos!!



2016 PHS/YMCA Project Graduation is having a "Flamingo Fundraiser." With Spring just around the corner, don't be surprised if you see a **Pink Flamingo** on your lawn! If you are lucky enough to be "flamingoed", simply follow the instructions on the envelope attached to the flamingo. This fundraiser gives everyone in our community a chance to get involved in a very worthwhile event!

Graduation Party Volunteers Needed! ~ MONDAY, June 13th, 2016 ~

The PHS Class of 2016 Graduation Day is quickly approaching and Project Graduation Members have been busy all year long preparing for the graduate's big party at the YMCA. Many volunteers are needed to put this party together, from decorators to food helpers, to game organizers and everything in between. *If you're the parent of a PHS Senior or Junior this year, please consider getting involved in this exciting night!* For more information how you can help, please contact: **Inna Masco at: 860-205-9911**

Mother's Day Flower Sale at the YMCA

Each year the Plainville YMCA holds an Annual "FLOWER SALE" for Mother's Day, with lots of beautiful hanging baskets from Zarrella Farms. Proceeds benefit the 2016 Project Graduation party.

**COME ON DOWN TO THE YMCA ON
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LAST DAY FOR CLOTHING DRIVE: SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

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**Remember your Mom..
Mothers' Day
Sunday May 8th**

MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PLAINVILLE ROBOTICS TEAMS SUCCESSFUL AT STATE COMPETITION



The Middle School of Plainville's VEX IQ Robotics Teams, together with 30 additional teams from across the state, competed in the CT VEX IQ State Championship held at the CREC Aerospace Magnet School in Windsor, Connecticut on March 12th, according to Middle School faculty member and advisor Camille Westfall. The Middle School of Plainville's teams once again earned big wins at the competition where two of the school's nine VEX teams won the opportunity to compete in the VEX Robotics World Championships, on April 20-23, in Louisville, Kentucky. The Middle School's team Wheels Don't Roll, consisting of Ella Schwartz, Travis Lavigne, and Aidan Minervini, and team IceBreakers, Alicia Quirion, Ellie Keegan, and

Kori Jones, will compete against teams from around the world including China, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, and many additional destinations from across the globe.

Middle School team Bubba Swag, Isaac Cater and Tomasso Ettore, won second place in the Robot Skills category. According to Tomasso, "We would take our robot home to work on it because we really wanted to do well and our hard work paid off!"

The Wheels Don't Roll team also won the "Excellence Award," presented to the best overall team. This team also won awards in Driving Skills, Programming Skills, STEM Research Project, and Design. Travis Lavigne, one of the team members said, "The work was hard, but the experience was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and that was the best part." According to Westfall, "MSP was able to start this robotics program at our school last year after receiving a generous grant from the Petit Family Foundation. Our program has grown exponentially and I am so proud of every MSP VEX IQ member! I look forward to many more years of robotics."

"We are very proud of our Robotics Program. It emphasizes team work and problem solving and it certainly may lead to a career in science, technology, or engineering; and it's fun!" noted Middle School of Plainville Principal, Matthew Guarino.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM SEEKING STUDENTS FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Screening sessions will be held as follows:

- Linden Street School: April 25, 2016 - 11:45 AM & 1:45 PM
- Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School: May 23, 2016 - 11:45 AM & 1:45 PM
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EDA Presented the 2014 Kristian Jenson, Jr. Memorial Business Expansion Award to CT Motor Cars and Coaches

On April 14th the Economic Development Agency presented an award to Don and Maureen Mikolajcik and family, owners and operators of CT Motor Cars and Coaches. The Mikolajcik's received a plaque to commemorate their outstanding business expansion in the Town of Plainville.



Businesses typically only consider a move out of Plainville after conducting a full, exhaustive, and unsuccessful search for a new, larger location to fit their needs. CT Motor Cars and Coaches, after nearly a year of "kicking tires," was not able to locate a suitable location in a zone that allowed their specific use. They were not deterred. They applied to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a zoning text amendment that would allow their use where they had identified a suitable site. Their request was approved. Having successfully revised the zoning regulations, they proceeded to obtain an option to purchase 90 Town Line Road and with an endorsement from the EDA, applied to the Commission for site plan approval, which was approved.

Plainville has unfortunately lost several good businesses over the years because the facilities they required were simply not to be found here, and/or no suitable land was available; however, this is not the norm. Plainville can rest assured that we are collectively creating an atmosphere that engenders a sense of loyalty from local businesses as well as attracting new enterprises.

The EDA has decided that the Mikolajcik's deserve and has received the 2014 Kristian Jenson, Jr. Memorial Business Expansion Award their new establishment, 90 Town Line Road (just past Robert Jackson Way on the right as you head west).

Mark S. DeVoe, AICP Director of Planning and Economic Development

EDA Presented the 2015 Kristian Jensen, Jr. Memorial Business Expansion Award to ~ DBK Family Jewelers ~

Economic Development Agency members decided that the 2015 Award should be presented to Mr. Ted Rahaim, owner of DBK Family Jewelers. Mr. Rahaim received a plaque to commemorate his commitment to the Town of Plainville. When choosing to expand his business, Mr. Rahaim decided that the best place to do so was in Plainville.



Pictured L to R Karen Blair, DBK, Manager, Amber Elovetsky, Associate, Ted Rahaim, Owner and Val Dumais, Chair of the EDA presenting the 2015 Kristian Jenson, Jr. Award.

DBK Family Jewelers, at 165 East street RT. 10, in Plainville, is in their new showroom next to Parsons Buick.

Ted has been in business for 16 years, and look forward to the next 20 years in the new home.

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Tickets are \$12 for adults,

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*Reservations are strongly suggested by
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What's going on ? Check Here.....

To all members of PHS Class of 1966!

Our plans are continuing to move forward and we
are hearing from our classmates. If you are planning
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**Treasurer, PHS Class of 1966,
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5 Martin Drive, Plainville, CT 06062

as soon as possible so we can anticipate how many
will be coming for this celebration! Our next planning
meeting is scheduled for **May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at
the Plainville Fire House.** Anyone is welcome
to attend.

If you have contact information of any classmates
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David.laurie@snet.net

janeprior48@hotmail.com (Laz) or

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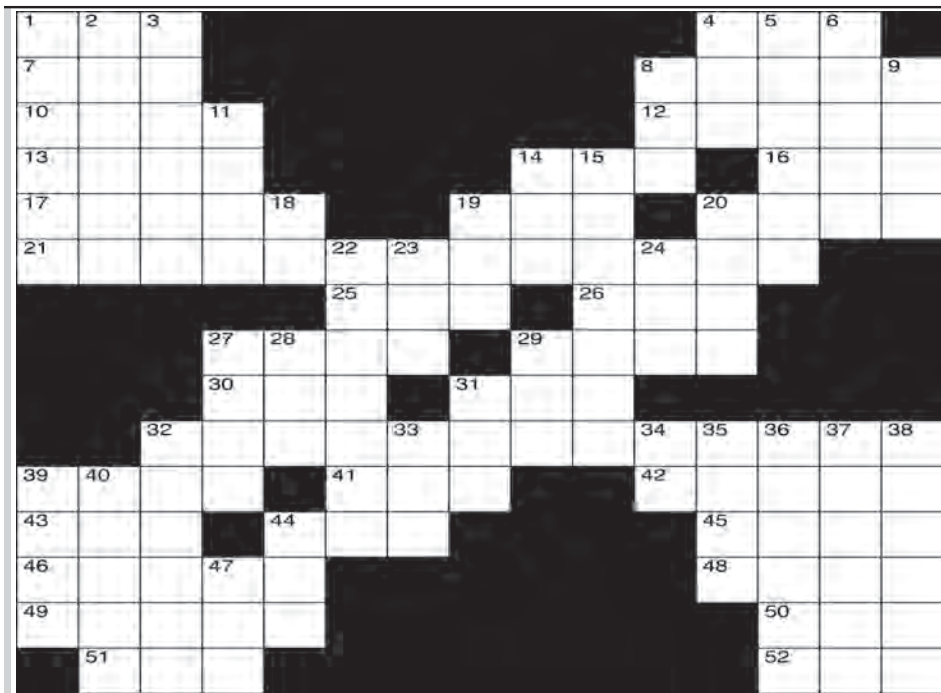
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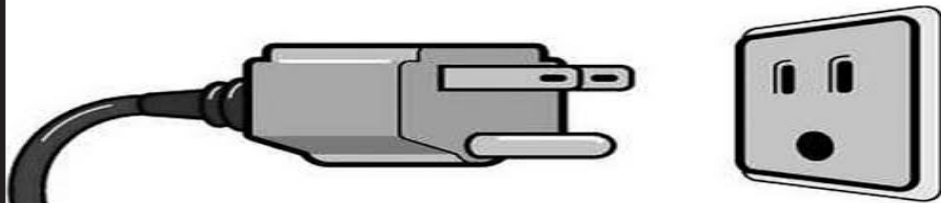
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By:
Donna Ziccardi

Chemical Terrorism.... *The Terrorist Next Door*

For three years, I have been offering this column to the readers of the Hometown Connection for the purpose of educating you to the fact that most products and services you purchase and use are making you ill and eventually will kill you, your family and pets and your neighbors. I am not peddling Pseudo Science, as one local doctor so publically and falsely accused me of doing. I report the facts from well documented research, peer reviewed studies and government agencies just to name a few of my sources.

Time has a way of letting the "cat out of the bag", and now the World Health Organization (WHO), after years of denying the facts and studies, finally admit that Environmental Pollution is killing people at a rate of 1 out of 4, each year, due to unhealthy homes and work places. This means the harmful chemicals, substances, and pollutants you have been putting into our air, water, and soil, and, thus, into your bodies from the products you purchase and use, are contributing to "our" deaths. Modern Day Suicide! Am I peddling Pseudo Science? I think not!

While polluted work and home environments account for 23% of all annual deaths, they account for 26% of deaths in children under the age of 5-years-old. Environmental pollution and chemical toxins are especially attacking the elderly between the ages of 50 and 75. "Strokes, cardiovascular diseases, cancers, and respiratory diseases can all easily be traced back to the health and safety of one's living and working environment. If one is immersed in toxic substances on a daily basis, it should be no big surprise that that person will develop serious – and deadly – health problems as a result", says the World Health Organization.

I have mentioned, in my articles, some of the environmental and chemical pollution that have been proven to be deadly and they are pesticides, herbicides, wood smoke, asbestos, chemicals in and on your foods, chemicals in your household products and chemicals in your health care products. Recently the "experts" just admitted that talc containing body powders causes cancer, a fact that I have known for years. With this "finding", the lawyers are now raking in the dough with multimillion dollar litigation lawsuits for everyone involved.

But the "new kid" on the block is Silica Sand. Silica sand has been known to be HIGHLY carcinogenic for years, yet still allowed to be used on the job and in your homes and yards. It is a fine powdery dust that easily becomes airborne. It not only invisibly "hangs" in the air for several days to weeks depending on weather conditions, but it also travels long distances (drifts), exposing innocent people to a carcinogenic cloud of dust they have no control over and cannot help but to breath in.

Inhaling these fine particles of silica dust is extremely dangerous, as it is responsible for health issues ranging

from headaches and sinus infections to lung cancer and a condition now referred to as silicosis, of which there is no cure. Silicosis can develop within a few weeks to even decades after exposure. When people breathe in silica dust, they inhale tiny particles of the mineral silica. This silica dust can cause fluid buildup and scar tissue in the lungs that cuts down your ability to breathe and eventually will lead to tuberculosis, chronic bronchitis, lung cancer and eventually death. Inhaling silica dust has been proven to cause autoimmune disease such as scleroderma, lupus, arthritis and kidney disease, dental issues and the enlargement of the right ventricle of the heart. Now that the government has announced the acceptance of what science has been proving since 1931, lawsuits are soon to follow for all concerned.

Silica sand is used in construction, road paving, glass and pottery manufacturing, tile setting and as a filler for home patios, sidewalks and driveways. It is recently reported that silica sand, or polymeric sand, is not recommended for residential use not only for the adverse health effects for the whole neighborhood, but it is not the best media for binding without cracking and for the elimination of weeds and ants. It is used however, because it is easy and cheap for the contractor to work with.

The dangers of Silica Sand are now right up there with asbestos, so it might be a good idea to ask your contractor if any of his materials being used on your property contain carcinogenic Silica Sand. Like I have said many times, I really do not care what you do in your yard. But please keep it there and out of mine. Because I "choose" to live healthy chemical free.....

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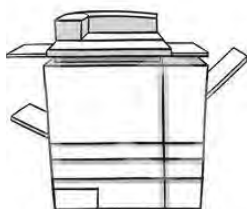
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Sincerely, Nicholas Stone Political Director Connecticut Republican Party

Ask the Brayne...

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Q: I am new to Plainville. Does the town have any type of Bulk Collection?

A: *The Town of Plainville has a bulk collection for each household FREE once a year. In the Spring every Monday from April 1st until June 27th. In the Fall every Monday from September 12th to November 7th. You must call 860-793-0221 Ext. 208 to make an appointment for a pick up. Remember it is FREE only once a year!!*

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

A. *To submit questions: Call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@comcast.net, write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman St, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office.*

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Thank you for the above questions. Keep them coming!!

*I will be looking for your questions for the next issue in June!
Thanks, Bill Brayne*

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Children's Library MAY Events

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Weekly programs for young patrons in May
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. we'll have self-guided preschool crafts in our programming room.

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. we'll have baby and toddler play time in our programming room. There will be a variety of playthings for you to enjoy with your child. And, weather permitting there will be bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and other outdoor activities for use on our patio. (Adult supervision required.)

Make Mother's Day Cards Drop-in Program
Monday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All ages are invited to drop in and make a unique card for the special people in your life. We'll have all the supplies you'll need.

Fairy & Gnome Houses

Saturday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring your own collected nature items (sticks, stones, feathers, moss, etc.) and use some of ours to create magical fairy or gnome houses outside on the library grounds. The program is open to all ages but adult supervision is required.

Tech-splorers

Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m. for kids in grade 4 and up

This month will have fun learning to create, share and caption memes. Registration is necessary, please call (850 793-1450) or visit the library to sign up.

Family Dinner Theater

Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m.

Shaun the Sheep (PG)

Bring your dinner and a blanket if you'd like to picnic on the floor and enjoy a good family movie.

Sensory Friendly Music & Movement Concert
Presented by Turtle Dance Music

Thursday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Children, ages 2 and above, are invited to this concert featuring music, movement, stories, instruments, visuals and sensory experiences. The show is accessible for all children, including those on the autism spectrum.

Sensory Storytime

Thursday, May 26 at 10:30 a.m.

All ages and all abilities are invited to our sensory storytime, an interactive program of stories and music to stimulate the senses. We'll have sensory play at the end of the program.

Flying Fingers Knit & Crochet Group

Fridays at 4 p.m.

Children to senior citizens are invited to bring their latest project to work on and enjoying visiting with others in the group. Don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem, someone is always happy to teach you.

Norton Park~ 2016 JUNE Concerts

Tuesday, June 7 Plainville Wind Ensemble

Tuesday, June 14 Plainville Choral Society

Tuesday, June 21 The Ken Morr Band

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Tuesday, June 28 Magic Moments

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Adult Events.....

Plainville Public Library

Make Your Own Essential Oil Sugar Hand & Body Scrub

The perfect gift for Mother's Day! Make your own essential oil sugar scrub in peppermint, lavender, or lemon with Jessica Lagassey on Wednesday, May 4th from 7-8:30pm in the Peter F. Chase Auditorium at the Plainville Public Library. Each sugar scrub jar will be garnished with yarn and a personalized tag to create a unique gift with an individual touch. Using a homemade sugar scrub will help make your skin feel refreshed. Participants will choose the essential oil that appeals to them. Lavender adds a calming effect, peppermint adds an energizing effect, and lemon adds an uplifting aroma to your scrub.

This class is free and open to all ages, however, space is limited. Please register at the Reference Desk or by calling 860-793-1446. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note children under 6 may have a reaction to the essential oil if it comes in direct contact with the skin. Sugar scrubs contain coconut oil, grapeseed oil, cane sugar and essential oils.

Adult Coloring

Enjoy a relaxing evening of adult coloring at the Plainville Public Library. Drop-in at 6:30pm on Thursday May 19th and June 16th. Coloring will be held in the Peter F. Chase Auditorium with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library. Colored pencils, markers, and coloring pages will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own coloring supplies if desired.

May Movie

The May monthly movie will be shown Thursday, May 12th at 1:00pm and Saturday, May 21st at 1:30pm in the Peter F. Chase Auditorium at the Plainville Library. The movie is based on the 2010 non-fiction book of the same name by Michael Lewis about the financial crisis of 2007-2008. This film was nominated

for five Academy Awards. It is rated R and runs 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Author Joe Lindley

Author Joe Lindley will present a free discussion of his book *Forgotten Hero*, the story of Connecticut Vietnam veteran Calvin Heath of Putnam on Wednesday May 11th at 6pm in the Peter F. Chase Auditorium at the Plainville Library. During his presentation, Lindley will provide an overview of the War and discusses Calvin's service, how he was wounded in action at PhuocVinh, and his struggles with PTSD and other issues after returning home. A number of visuals accent the discussion, including photos from Calvin's personal collection.

Black Bears in CT

The Plainville Library will host "Black Bears in Connecticut" with Paul Colburn on Wednesday, May 18th at 7pm in the Peter F. Chase Auditorium. "Black Bears in Connecticut" focuses on the natural history of black bears in the state, including an overview of black bear habitat, diet, behavior, reproduction and current research efforts. Paul Colburn will also provide recommendations for optimum coexistence with our black bear population. This program is intended for ages 12 and up.

Paul Colburn is a graduate of Master Wildlife Conservationist Program (MWCP) and is a certified Master Wildlife Conservationist (MWC). The MWCP is a Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) adult education program that trains participants in the fields of wildlife management, natural history and interpretation. The purpose of the program is to develop a volunteer corps capable of providing education, outreach, and service for state agencies, environmental organizations, libraries, schools, and the general public. In addition to his work as a MWC he volunteers for the Red Cross, Wesleyan University Admissions, and The Connecticut Sports Foundation. His interests include the outdoors, nature, hiking, biking, politics, and travel. Paul holds a BA from Wesleyan University and served honorably in the United States Army.

2016 May Bulletin Board Happenings during the Month of April:

On April 4th Dr. Kitching was given a going away reception attended by many staff, family, community members and elected officials. It was a wonderful tribute to his time here in Plainville. The Plainville Community Schools wish him well in his new job. Thank you to Dr. Brummett, Tina and Joan!

Steve LePage was appointed the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools replacing Dr. Brummett. He will continue as Principal of PHS and start his new position 7/1/16.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held 5/26/16 at 4pm for the new turf field at Plainville High School.

Dr. Brummett started her new position as Superintendent of Schools on 4/16/16. Her first Board meeting was 4/18/16. She reported on the new Smart Start Grant and Pre-K Structure at the elementary schools. She also reviewed the Assistant Superintendent's duties and responsibilities.

Due to graduation at PHS happening on Monday, 6/13/16, the June Board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, 6/14/16.

That's the news for now. See you in June!
 Andrea Saunders

Bear Look-Out in Plainville

Metacomet Bear is Back!!

By: Mary Ziccardi

The Metacomet Bear made it's first appearance this year on April 11th behind 85 Metacomet Road.

It crossed the lawn of a neighbors house, went across the street and up into the mountain.

It's Bear Season!



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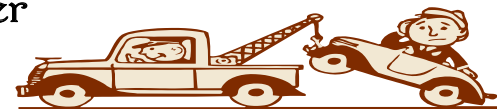
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AARP Comments on Connecticut Appropriations Committee Budget

AARP Connecticut State Director Nora Duncan provided the following statement in regards to the Connecticut Appropriations Committee budget recently released :

"AARP commends the Appropriations Committee Leadership for their commitment to cost-effective home care and respite services. We also applaud the legislative leaders for their recognition of the tremendous pressures on Connecticut's family caregivers, contributing \$5.9 billion in unpaid care annually. We will work with legislators and Governor Malloy to preserve programs that save millions of dollars in nursing home care – approximately three seniors can receive care at home for the cost of one in the community – and continue to advocate for the 90 percent of seniors who prefer to live independently in their own homes."

Contact: Mike Humes at 860-548-3164 or mhumes@aarp.org

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Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

Greens, Groceries and Gardens Yeah Spring!

Lawns are starting to look green and rainbows of colors are popping out everywhere. Just makes you feel good!

Personally, I've never been much of a gardener despite watching my grandfather grow beautiful gardens of flowers, vegetables and the best grapes I've ever tasted.

My interest and comfort level on this topic has been raised during my current participation in a year-long study program with The Institute of Sustainable Nutrition in West Granby. This is a knowledge based, hands on course, so I'm starting to growing kale, tomatoes, lemon balm, mint and have plans for more herbs and vegetables. The first step was to get a soil sample tested and, as is common with many, our soil is low in calcium. That's okay because during the winter, we prepared an oyster shell amendment that will help with this. I'm ready!

Many of you, I'm sure, are accomplished gardeners and could run rings about me. At this point, I'm just so excited to see a little growth from those tiny seeds that were planted indoors just a few weeks ago. Can't wait until I start planting outdoors. Not only does this process reinforce the power of nature, it's comforting to know where my food is coming from, how it was grown, the mineral content of the soil and the fact that a little bit of love was added to each seed.

We can't always guarantee this with the foods we purchase at a grocery store. In fact, the Environmental Working Group just released its annual list of the Dirty Dozen™ and Clean 16™. As the title implies, the Dirty Dozen list includes fruits and vegetables that have the most pesticides on them and are best purchased organic. The Clean 16 are okay to purchase conventionally grown. This research and list is to help people know when they should spend a little more for organic and when it's not necessary.

Strawberries, which has been #2 on the Dirty Dozen list, behind apples, for many years, unfortunately, just moved up to #1. References indicate that we eat about 8 pounds of these juicy delicious treats a year. Here's what else we are getting:

* 98 percent of samples had detectable residues of at least one pesticide.

* 40 percent had residues of 10 or more pesticides.

* They found Bifenthrin, a possible carcinogen in 40% of the strawberries and a hormone disrupter on 30%

* The dirtiest strawberry sample had residues of 17 different pesticides.

* Strawberry growers used 60 different pesticides in various combinations.

Don't despair. You can always find organic or you can get them fresh and potentially pesticide free from your local farmers. Talk to your farmer. While they may not be certified organic, they could potentially use organic practices, but just don't spend the large fees for the official label. It may take a little effort, but you'll feel better knowing that you are only getting the goodness of a Strawberry and rest a little easier when you serve them to your family.

Here's the total list of Dirty Dozen and Clean 15. You can download a nice visual of this at ewg.org. This website provides a wealth of information on best cleaning products, cosmetics and more. It can be eye opening to see how often we are bringing toxins into our homes and applying them to our skin.

Dirty Dozen ~ Clean 15

Strawberries, Avocados, Apples, Corn (can come from gmo seeds, I recommend organic) Nectarines, Pineapples, Peaches, Cabbage, Celery, Sweet Peas, Grapes, Onions, Cherries, Asparagus, Spinach, Mangoes, Tomatoes, Papayas, Bell Peppers, Kiwi, Cherry Tomatoes, Eggplant, Cucumbers, Honeydew, Grapefruit, Cantaloupe, Cauliflower

While this doesn't appear on any list, I'm aware that we may be missing out on a very nutritious food that doesn't require any particular help with planting. They tend to grow everywhere. I'm talking about the Dandelion!

Yes, this is the pesky weed we spend a lot of time removing from our lawns. In reality, dandelions provide Plant Medicine.

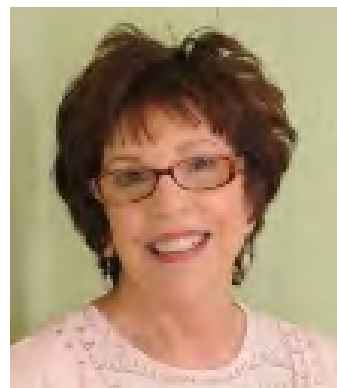
Dandelions offer vitamins A, B, C, and D, as well as minerals. The leaves are used to add flavor to salads, sandwiches, and teas. The roots are used in some coffee substitutes, and the flowers are used to make wines.

In the past, dandelion roots and leaves were used to treat liver problems. Native Americans also boiled dandelion in water and took it to treat kidney disease, swelling, skin problems, heartburn, and upset stomach. In Europe, dandelion was used in remedies for fever, boils, eye problems, diabetes, and diarrhea. You may know people that collect and cook these up in the spring.

All parts of the plant can be used. In fact, dandelion helps to bring calcium and other minerals to the surface of the soil in your yard. They are just trying to help.

Because I'm not a herbalist or expert on this, I would suggest that you check with your own physician if you are concerned about any interactions or side effects based on your current condition.

I wanted to bring this to your attention because we spend a lot of time making a perfect lawn and perfect gardens. We tend to ignore what nature is putting out there for us, hoping we will see and use the gifts it provides. There are tons of "weeds" that grow among us in fields that we just tend to ignore. If you ever get a chance to take a walk in the woods with a knowledgeable forager, you will never look at the ground the same.



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Selecting Delegates to Nominate a Presidential Candidate

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

Dean of the College at Paier College of Art

Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump's recent complaints regarding the selection process of delegates in both the states of Colorado and Wyoming have underscored a lack of familiarity among the public at-large's understanding of the various processes used by both States and Territories in choosing delegates to the National Nominating Conventions. Most voters have some awareness of how the system works in their state but maybe unaware of other methods of delegate selection used in other states. Currently there are three main methods used by political parties in United States to select delegates to go and nominate a candidate to represent that party in the Presidential Election: by primaries, by caucuses, and by conventions.

The primary system is used in Connecticut by both the Republican and Democrat parties. Members of the given party vote for their preference to be their party's nominee binding the delegates who will represent Connecticut at the National Convention to select the party's nominee for President on at least the first ballot. The allocation of delegates is done on a "winner takes all" basis in some states (ex. Florida's GOP primary), "winner takes most" in which the delegates are distributed based on a candidates winning at a sub-state level, usually Congressional Districts, as well winning the overall state contest to distribute delegates (ex. Connecticut's GOP primary), and a variety of formulas for "proportional" distribution of delegates based on a set of mathematical formulas and thresholds tied to the primary vote (ex. New Hampshire's GOP Primary). Each party in each state using a primary system may implement the method of delegate distribution that party deems fit within the confines of State and Federal election law. Additionally primaries may be "closed" to only members of the given party, "open" to members of that party and non-affiliated voters, or "open" to all registered voters regardless of party (though in any "open" primary the voter can only vote once so if a Democrat votes in the Republican primary they cannot vote in the Democrat primary and vice versa). Delegates selected through the primary system are "bound" to the Presidential Candidate for a minimum of one ballot at the national convention and possibly more ballots based on state party rules.

Though the primary system has existed since 1904 and has become increasingly popular among the States since 1968 a number of States and Territories use the caucus system to select delegates. The caucus system is essentially a series of grassroots meetings of party members done at the local level to select local representatives to elect delegates to the state convention that will elect the delegates to eventual national convention that will select that given party's presidential nominee. Party members meet locally and "caucus", or gather together based on their preferred candidate, arguing for the merits of their candidate attempting to publicly sway supporters of other candidates and non-committed party members to join them before the final vote on selecting delegates to the next convention (at a sub-state level, usually based on Congressional Districts, or if there is no sub-state convention the state convention itself). Caucuses require participants to spend at least a few hours engaged in the process as those attending give and listen to speeches of support for the candidates, engaging with their fellow caucus participants, and reorganizing themselves (caucusing) a number of times before the final vote (caucus). As in the primary system most caucus delegates are "bound" to vote for a specific Presidential Candidate at the national convention for a specified number of ballots though if no delegates are "bound" to a candidate that caucus result is considered "beauty contests". In the case of a "beauty contest" a presidential campaign needs to place its supporters as delegates to ensure a vote at the national convention.

The state convention is the oldest form of selecting delegates going back to the formation of political parties in the United States and is held annually or biannually as the state convention plays a major role in selecting candidates for state-wide races in both presidential and non-presidential election years. Given the cost to the parties of holding primaries and caucuses to select delegates to the state and eventual national conventions most minor parties and occasionally the major parties skip both the primary and caucus system and just use the state convention to choose their delegate slate to the national nominating convention. The Libertarian Party mainly uses the convention process. This year the Republican Party in North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, and the District of Columbia used the convention process to select their delegates for the GOP National Convention. Sub-state conventions were held (except in D.C.) to select delegates to the state conventions then delegates were selected at the state convention to the national convention. The delegates are not "bound" to any candidate and are left to vote their conscious. As such it is important for presidential campaigns seeking the nomination of their party to get their supporters selected as delegates to the state convention and eventually the national convention. Both the state convention and state caucus method of choosing delegate representation to a national convention it is incumbent for given presidential campaigns to get its supporters out to the caucus and sub-state conventions in order to get its supporters elected to the state conventions and eventually national conventions. The mixture of methods of selecting delegates to the national conventions to select a nominee for President requires a mixture of campaign styles from basic grassroots politics to media campaigns. Failure to understand the multitude of methods employed to select delegates to the national conventions puts any campaign at a competitive disadvantage.

AAA Speaks Out:

Driving Costs Hit Six-Year Low

One-in-five Americans plan to purchase or lease a new vehicle in the next year and AAA's annual analysis of driving costs offers some good news that may play a role in that decision.

Due to falling gas prices, the annual cost to own and operate a vehicle in the United States has fallen to a six-year low of \$8,558 according to the AAA 2016 Your Driving Costs study.

This year, a driver can expect to spend 57 cents for each mile driven, or approximately \$713 per month, to cover fixed and variable costs such as fuel, insurance and maintenance associated with owning and operating a car.

"American drivers will save hundreds of dollars in fuel costs this year – with the cost of filling up down 25 percent over last year," says AAA spokesperson Amy Parmenter. "In fact, the annual savings on gas is so significant, it will offset moderate increases in maintenance, insurance, finance charges and other costs associated with owning and operating a vehicle."

AAA's cost of driving analysis is based on driving 15,000 miles. For a small sedan, the cost is \$6579, a mid-size is \$8604 and a large sedan \$10,492 – or an average of \$8558.

In addition to calculating the driving costs for sedans, AAA determined annual costs associated with both minivans and sport utility vehicles. Owners of these vehicle types also benefit from lower driving costs in 2016, at \$9,262 and \$10,255 respectively.

"Many consumers may mistakenly believe minivans are more expensive to drive than large sedans," Parmenter says. "But, with lower gas prices, the minivan offer drivers the flexibility of transporting more people and cargo while remaining more affordable to own and operate."

Here's the good news by the numbers:

FUEL is DOWN almost 25 percent. All other costs are up.

INSURANCE is up almost 10 percent, DEPRECIATION is up almost 3 percent, MAINTENANCE is up just over 3 percent as are costs associated with your LICENSE, REGISTRATION and TAXES. FINANCE CHARGES are up just over 2 percent and the cost of tires is up 2 percent as well.

A recent AAA survey found that 35 percent of Americans have skipped or delayed service or repairs that were recommended by a mechanic or specified by the factory maintenance schedule. According to AAA's certified Approved Auto Repair shops, consumers that forget or ignore recommended maintenance ultimately pay higher repair costs. AAA has published Your Driving Costs since 1950. That year, driving a car 10,000 miles per year cost 9 cents per mile, and gasoline sold for 27 cents per gallon.

For the AAA study, ownership costs are calculated based on the purchase of a new vehicle that is driven over five years and 75,000 miles. Your actual operating costs may vary.

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Tea Party Patriots "Be Ready America"

By Gene

"How can we make America Great Again?"

This year we will elect a new President. Unfortunately we don't know who will be our "We the People's" White House.

However, we know we have endured hardship under the current administration, and we have been brought to our knees. WE can't endure any more years of this agenda and these policies, and with the help of the American people, we will change directions.

We know that greater challenges will be facing our great country in years ahead. It will take a strong leader at our helm. Our economy is in shambles, our Constitution and Bill of Rights are being trampled---DAILY, our heritage is being destroyed and we have lost direction, are in a period of moral and social decay. We have become a nation of "give me's" by our government. A nation of entitlement is a weak nation, and one that can be controlled. We are better than that.

We are no longer a country that nations around the world look up to or respect. Our allies as well as our foes see us as weak. We can't even insure our citizen's safety in our own country.

A need for change to the status quo. Career politicians who are out of touch with the America patriots/citizens ARE NOT the answer any longer. We need fresh ideas and new insight. We need elected officials who are NOT afraid to "buck the system". Reject the "political correctness". are not beholding to anyone, and do what is right for our citizens and country.

There could be at least five vacancies in the next four to eight years in the Supreme Court. The next

president will have the power to potentially create a 6 to 3 or 7 to 2 Supreme Court majority, which will form the ideology for many years of mandates, (There goes the 2nd Amendment.)

"The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it." *Thomas Jefferson*

The same state Dept. that found it impossible to rescue a few Americans at Benghazi, now says it will rescue 200,000 Muslims.--By (Breitbartvoice)

There are over a hundred verses in the Qur'an that exhort believers to wage jihad against unbelievers. "O Prophet! Strive hard against the unbelievers and hypocrites, and be firm against them. Their abode is Hell, an evil refuge indeed (Qur'an 9:73)

As far as Connecticut goes, why do we have the highest tax burden per capita of any state? Eight days later than last years, "Tax Freedom Day" in CT Tax Freedom day in CT is May 21st. Dems have a \$950 M or way over a billion dollars plus deficit July 1st for 2017 fiscal year. Instead the governor has been busy strutting the national political stage. He has announced his administration's plans to combat climate change, to welcome refugees from the Syrian civil war, and to use the federal government's notoriously mistaken terrorism watch list to determine issuance of gun permits. He has become chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, a position in which he will raise political money for Democrats nationally.

"Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us determination to make things happen"

Horace Mann

"Life" is a gift to you! The way you live your life is a gift to those who come after" --SO THINK AND VOTE RIGHT"

a role model to hundreds of children and dozens of adults, both through her volunteer work and her career.

As a program manager with the state Department of Children and Families, where she has worked for 28 years, Snell oversees statewide services for adolescents and young adults. Her work with adolescents includes the development of a formal "Rites of Passage" program for 27 girls in the state's custody and the development of DCF's first Arts and Music Academy. She has developed and implemented the department's Life Skills program, ensuring that every adolescent in the state's custody, age 14 and older, will receive life-skills training to help them become successful adults.

She is also the founder and volunteer executive director of Queen Ann Nzinga Center, a 26-year-old nonprofit that provides arts and cultural enrichment to at-risk children and youth. She developed a program that uses arts and humanities to help young people reach their full potential. She brings talented people, including her mother – singer and bass player Gail Williams – together to create multi-cultural and multi-generational musical performances. Recently, she traveled to Spain and New Orleans to provide chaperone two teenagers from the QANC program, giving them the chance to perform as professional backup singers for the legendary soul singer Betty Harris.

Snell earned her Bachelor's degree in social work in 1987 from Bethany College, where she was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, her Master of social work degree from Southern Connecticut State University in 1992 and a Post

To the Editor:

Gene (Local Tom Paine)

You ask not for an acceptance of total destain, destain for those few of a culture highly foreign to ours (Shari laws) or to those who do no longer hold American desire for individual responsibility or those who have simply failed to understand the serious problems the nation now faces. Rather, you ask us only to "Wake Up America"

It is to folks just mentioned that your appeal is made. Let us hope our rally days have some impact, especially on them.

I notice you now have a rival who believes you resort to "misguided facts and scary lies."

We face a serious problem. As Christians we realize that only a minority of the Islamic faith prefer war with all others and we know within Christianity we have a few evil forces, too. I believe your rival might be persuaded that peace and love is a better formula.

Our goal involves many immediate problems, the national debt, defense, morality, quality of life, second amendment, etc. Our good qualities have been besmirched by those whose false claims have besmirched us.

You've done our cause proud!

Cheers, Ron Jones

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QANC Director to Receive Alumni Community Service Award

Plainville resident Dayna R. Snell, L.C.S.W., the founder and executive director of the Queen Ann Nzinga Center and a program manager with the state Department of Children and Families, will receive an Alumni Community Service Award from her alma mater, Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia.

The Bethany College President Tamara Nichols Rodenberg will present the award on May 7 during Alumni Weekend. The Bethany College Alumni Association bestows the award periodically to alumni who "demonstrate significant leadership and service to their local neighborhoods and community-based organizations," according to Ashley Kanotz, director of alumni and parent relations.

"Your professional achievements and service to your community are a source of pride to Bethany and other alumni," Kanotz wrote in a letter to Snell of the honor. In 2013, Snell gave a keynote presentation during a Bethany College Fall Symposium on Alternative Interventions, sharing her experiences of the growth she had seen in *children and youth* involved in enrichment activities, mentoring programs and public concerts.

Snell has devoted her entire professional and personal life to using her talents to help others find their strengths and shine. She is a social worker at heart and by profession. Through her commitment and example, she has served as

Master's Certificate for Clinical Supervision from Smith College in 2006.

A professional singer, she and her mother are founding members of Nzinga's Daughters, an all-women ensemble who share the gift of song and prose. She is also the music director of the Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church, where she is a life-long member, and a consultant to Bristol Youth Services.

Her professional and volunteer leadership has been recognized by several organizations: She has received the Janet E. Williams Humanitarian Award for her work with DCF, the New Britain Bar Association Public Service Award, Bristol NAACP Community Service Award and the Plainville Volunteer of the Year Award. In the fall of 2015, she and 15 other Connecticut DCF managers were selected out of nearly 100 to participate in the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute Leadership Academy for Middle Managers.

Snell works closely with Williams, who serves as a role model to the children and youth in the QANC program, as a member of the organization's board and as an advisor and untiring source of support and encouragement. Snell has been blessed with five children and two grandchildren, who give her joy and make her proud.

For more information about the Queen Ann Nzinga Center, please see www.qanc.org. For more information about Dayna R. Snell, check her LinkedIn profile: <http://bit.ly/1NxpCtr>

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Business owners will always have to weigh whether they should buy or rent their commercial space. If you choose to rent you should be fully aware of your rights if for some reason your landlord wants to evict you from your space. One essential right was recently enacted by Public Act No. 12-133, effective on October 1, 2012.

Public Act No. 12-133 changed the pertinent section of the Connecticut eviction statute to require a claim for the forfeiture to the plaintiff of the possessions and personal effects of the defendant in a commercial eviction. The statute used to provide commercial landlords with the option of making such a claim. However, there was an apparent lack of notice the legislature recognized for defendants in commercial evictions. Therefore, the legislature changed the language to require landlords to make a claim for the defendant's possessions so that it would be clear that the business being evicted had the potential to have all their possessions on the property removed as part of the eviction.

This change in the law seems to fall in line with residential evictions as tenants being evicted from their homes run the risk of having their personal possessions removed if they fail to leave after judgment has been rendered against them. Ultimately, under the old law a commercial tenant would run the same risk, which is exactly why the law should be definitive in its language. Most of the time landlords do not want what is in any given space. Regardless, it is about having all parties properly notified.

While no business ever wants to be in such a circumstance the reality is they might find themselves there... even if it is not their fault. There are always pros and cons to renting, but the most important thing is being well informed about what the terms are in your lease and your rights as a renter in a commercial setting.



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.



Amelia Rose Reed

Daughter of Paul and Chelsey (Buehler) Reed, of Plymouth MA, granddaughter of Bud and Trish Buehler, of Plainville, great granddaughter of Bob Fabrizio and Linda Zommer of Plainville and Bud and Linda Buehler of Bristol will celebrate her first birthday on May 24.



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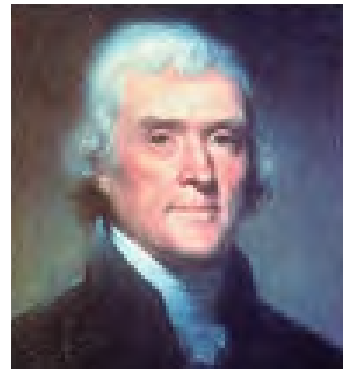
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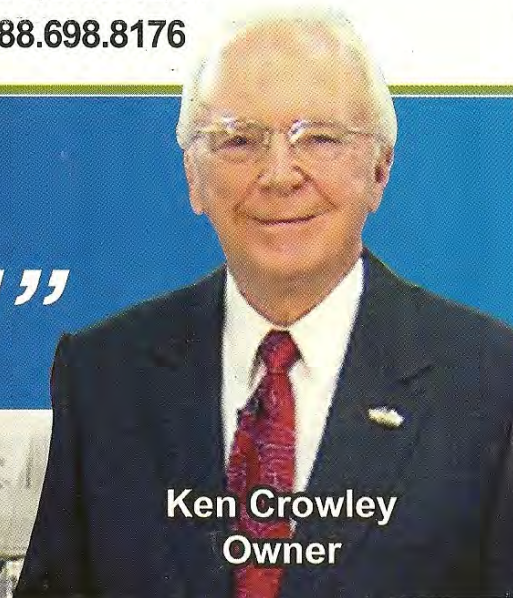
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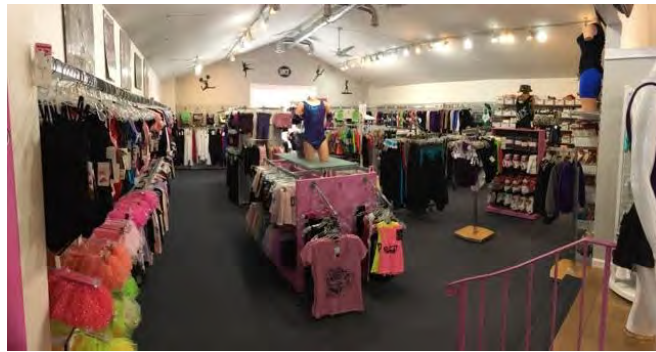
Dancingly Yours, LLC is the prime destination for everything a dancer could need. Conveniently located at 125 East St. Rt. 10 in Plainville, Dancingly Yours is easy to get to from anywhere! Since 1989 owner, Marsha Mierzejewski, and her DY gals have been helping dancers from all backgrounds find the perfect shoes and apparel for class, recital, and competition.



As you enter the quaint boutique your eyes will be drawn to the unique furnishings such as the chandelier made of pointe shoes and the tutu lights sparkling over the large dressing rooms. Young dancers love to play and get fitted for their shoes on the one-of-a-kind stage equipped with princess chairs and curtains. The large floor space at Dancingly Yours is ideal for showcasing the latest fashion trends as well as basic apparel and accessories.

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According to many long-time customers, the best part of Dancingly Yours is the friendly and knowledgeable staff. All of the employees have been, or are currently a dancer so they understand what it takes. With patience and



exuberance these girls are always there to help you find the right pair of tights, and offer fitting advice. For the DY Gals Dancingly Yours is like a home away from home. "We work hard, but we also have a lot of fun here," says Megan, Manager of the store. Brittany, an employee for over 5 years says, "The staff at DY has become a family to me. We lift each other up with constant support and compassion and treat our customers the same, like an extended family."



Students Visit Veteran's Home



This is Pam Christiansen, Mother to Sydney Christiansen, a Plainville student in the 5th Grade at Linden Street School. Sydney wanted to do a bake sale to raise money to be donated to the Veteran's Home in Rocky Hill (she chose this organization and location as a connection to her late father, SSG Frank W. Christiansen 5/1963 - 10/2010). She talked with her teacher, Mrs. Bravado about doing it and promoted to her class and the rest of the 5th grade. She initiated the process, did the organization of it all, including setting up and running the bake sale with her friends from school, for three days during parent teacher conferences in December. She requested baked goods from the 5th grade students who could help, teachers, family and friends.

This is one photo of three that was taken the day Sydney Christiansen, Anneli St. Lawrence, Connor Blanchette and Matt Bonney (all 5th graders at Linden Street school in Mrs. Bravado's class) went to the Rocky Hill Veteran's Home to donate the funds raised during the bake sale held during the fall/winter conferences. With everyone's help including the others in the fifth grade as well as teachers, staff and friends, a total of \$364.45 was raised and hand-delivered to the Veteran's Home. The students were able to meet with a group of WWII Veterans to actually say "thank you" and hand the card that was made by the group along with the funds raised to the facility. What a successful endeavor. The Veterans were so overwhelmed and thankful that they were remembered.

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Sen. Martin Backs Measure to Boost CT Veteran-Owned Businesses



Photo left to right: Sen. Henri Martin, Martin's uncle Jim Martin from Vernon (U.S. Army veteran) and Martin's uncle Danny Martin from Arizona (U.S. Marine Corps veteran). The Martins gathered at the State Capitol Apr. 20 to show their support for legislation to make it easier for veterans to start and maintain local businesses in Connecticut.

The bill was passed by the State Senate and now awaits a vote in the House of Representatives.

Sen. Henri Martin on Apr. 20 joined with lawmakers and family members in supporting legislation to make it easier for veterans to start and maintain local businesses in Connecticut.

Sen. Martin, the ranking senator on the legislature's Committee on Veterans' Affairs, voted in favor of legislation which allows the State of Connecticut to give a 15 percent price preference to veteran-owned small businesses which bid on state contracts.

The bill was passed unanimously by the State Senate and now awaits a vote in the House of Representatives.

"Our veterans have served their country, they have defended our freedoms, and they have made tremendous sacrifices on our behalf," Sen. Martin said. "We want to lessen burdens on veterans who want to grow their businesses and grow jobs right here in Connecticut. By passing this law, we will send a positive message to veterans and the entire Connecticut business community. This is one way for us, as state legislators, to say 'thank you' to all Connecticut veterans."

Sen. Martin (www.senatorhenrimartin.com) represents Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth and Thomaston. He can be reached at Henri.Martin@cga.ct.gov or at 860 240-0022.

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Today we mock those who are absolutely sure of something. After all, are there really absolutes? The Bible is absolute! I could spend a lot of time proving the Bible to be absolute but I don't have the space to do so. There is one absolute in the Bible that I am so thankful for. What is that? 1 John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of "God." Did you catch the word "know?" That word "know" means that we can be certain, absolute. We don't have to hope so or wait until we die to find out. John says that He wrote his epistle that we might KNOW that we have eternal life. How can we know? In 1 John 5:11-12 he says this, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." We can know we have eternal life if we have received the Son of God (Jesus Christ). Have you received Him? No, I'm not talking about communion, I am talking about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Do you know Jesus Christ as your Savior? Have you ever asked Him to come into your life and save you from your sins? If you haven't then you are not saved and thus without life, God's life. If you have then you are saved because you have the Son and therefore you have life. I am absolutely certain that I have eternal life because when I was ten years old I asked Jesus Christ to come into my life and save me and He did! Praise the Lord He saved me and gave me new life. *I am ready to die for I know I am saved. I am ready for His any moment return? Are you?*

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MAY SCHEDULE SUNDAY SERVICES

CHURCH SCHOOL
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WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM
REGULAR EVENTS
 Tuesday Ladies.....Tuesdays, 9:30 AM
 Boy Scouts.....Tuesdays, 7 PM
 AA.....Sun., Mon. & Wed., 7 PM
 Al-Anon.....Mondays, 7 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 Sunday, May 1, 10 AM

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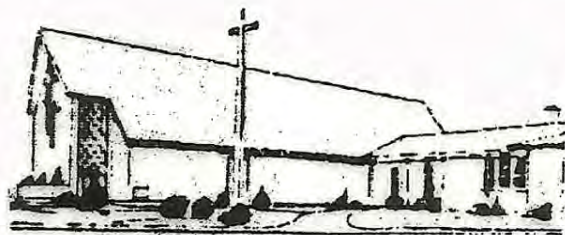
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Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Weekday Liturgy

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 8:00 A.M.

Devotions

Rosary- Monday through Saturday before the Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

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Church Service 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETINGS

Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11:00 a.m.

Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

(2nd Sun after service)

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.

PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 4 beaten egg whites

Cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Blend the beaten egg yolks into the butter mixture, sift the flour with baking powder, add alternately with milk and vanilla and fold in the beaten egg whites last. Pour into three 8 or 9 inch cake pans. Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 minutes or until the cake springs back when touched lightly with a fingertip. Cool on a rack for a few minutes then loosen from the pan and turn out on a rack to cool. This cake can be the base for many fillings and frostings..

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Thank you, Avis Flanders

Wedding Engagement

~ Conrad & Cynthia Fontaine ~

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Each summer, nearly 4,000 children visit volunteer host families in rural, suburban, and small town communities along the East Coast from North Carolina to Maine and Southern Canada. Host families simply want to share their homes with city children and the pure joys of summertime outside of the city. First-time Fresh Air visitors are seven to 12-years-old, and Fresh Air hosts range from young families to grandparents. All it takes is the willingness to welcome a New York City child to your community.

"Hosting a Fresh Air child has a great impact on your own family. The gift is really to us, not to just our Fresh Air child, Carlos. It's an opportunity for our children to learn, and it opens their eyes to things may not have known. It also gives my children and Carlos a sense of pride," says Jennifer, a Fresh Air host mother.

Fresh Air volunteers need your help to create another fun-filled summer for children from New York City!

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877.

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Plainville Republican
Town Committee Meeting
Wednesday May 25th
7:00 P.M.
Municipal Center Upper Floor

Happy Mother's Day to All Women

Most women are nurturer's and tend to look out for others. I have been fortunate in my life to be surrounded by such women. I would like to talk about a village of women who have mothered me and I want to say thank you.

Aunt Bertha took time out of her busy day to answer questions and when necessary, give me a hug. She taught me how to become a better woman by her example.

Aunt Carrie, always seemed so sophisticated to me. She taught me etiquette and taught me that life is wonderful if you just sit and listen to the earth around you.

My best friend Anne Pearl became a second mother to my daughter by babysitting and taking great care of her when I had to work. Sometimes I thought she was a better Mom than me and therefore, I learned from her.

My friend, Lillie Lee, would call her Mom every Sunday morning without fail. She was such a faithful daughter and a great mother to her 2 children.

Mr. Franklin used to babysit my sister and I after work. She would have cookies and milk ready for us and treated us just as well as she treated her 2 children who I still keep in touch with.

My friends in the year 2016 are truly mothers without even thinking about them. I watch them look after their friends at the Plainville Senior Center and AARP. They call each other if one does not show up and we help each other out as necessary. They continue to be mothers whether or not they have had children or not. Mothering is an instinct and a process that they continue to follow.

My friend Myrtle takes care of my kitty when I am away. She mothers the _____ out of the kitty and I am so appreciative.

I cannot finish this article without giving kudos to all of the people I know who have done a wonderful job of mothering during their lifetime.

A special Happy Mother's Day to my grandmother Sara Amelia who wore a blue robe, braided her hair in two long braid down her front and made sure that I was well loved.

A final Happy Mother's Day to my Mom who always seemed to make sure that my life was what it should be. One Mother's Day, as I gave my mom a carnation with the head broken off, she told me that it was the most beautiful flower she had ever seen. As I looked up at her blinded by tears, I knew that I had the best Mom in the whole wide world.

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



A bright and beautiful smile can give your confidence a boost. Your general dentist can perform a variety of cosmetic procedures to help you improve the look of your smile. Learn more about the cosmetic dentistry procedures that your dentist provides today!

What is cosmetic dentistry?

Cosmetic dentistry refers to any dental work that improves the appearance of a person's teeth, gums, or bite.

What are some common cosmetic procedures?

Common cosmetic procedures include bleaching, bonding, contouring and reshaping, crowns, and veneers.

Bleaching

Bleaching is a chemical procedure used to whiten teeth, which often become discolored over time. Some people have their teeth bleached to remove stains, while others simply want a brighter smile. Your dentist may perform bleaching in the office or provide you with an at-home bleaching kit to be used under his or her supervision.

Bonding

Bonding is the process of using a composite resin to fill in gaps between teeth or to whiten them. Bonding also may be used to correct chipped teeth or minor decay. The bonding procedure may be completed in a single office visit, and the results often last for several years, although some bonding resins are more susceptible to staining or chipping than other restoration materials.

Contouring and reshaping

Often combined with bonding, contouring and reshaping procedures are used to correct crooked, chipped, irregularly shaped, or overlapping teeth. Contouring and reshaping procedures can alter the teeth's length, shape, or position; contouring also can be used to improve bite. Contouring and reshaping procedures may be completed in a single visit and are ideal for patients with normal, healthy teeth who want subtle changes to their smiles.

Crowns

Also known as caps, crowns are placed over a tooth to create a normal appearance. Crowns can be used to restore fractured, misshapen, or discolored teeth, or those with significant structure loss. Crowns have a longer life expectancy than other cosmetic restorations, but they also are more expensive and time-consuming to place, requiring more than one office visit. Crowns are generally used in cases in which other cosmetic procedures would not be effective.

Veneers

Veneers are thin pieces of porcelain or plastic placed over the front of teeth to change their color or shape. In addition to improving teeth with uneven surfaces, veneers can be used to correct chipped, discolored, oddly shaped, unevenly spaced, or crooked teeth. Placement of veneers often requires more than one office visit, but they are less expensive than crowns and have better color stability and a longer life expectancy than bonding restorations.

Which procedure is right for me?

The condition of your teeth and your desired results will determine which cosmetic procedures are best for you. Your dentist can answer your questions and make recommendations on how best to improve your smile. For more information about cosmetic dentistry procedures, speak with your general dentist.

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Fr. John Brinsmade blessing the Easter Food on Holy Saturday.

Easter Vigil was held at 10 pm Saturday

Easter Sunday Masses were held at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

A children's Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Parish Center after the 10:30 am service.

Please check out our Facebook Page @ www.Facebook.com/ourladyofmercychurchct and our website at www.olmct.org.



Plainville Chamber of Commerce 108th Awards Dinner & Annual Meeting



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- * **"Employee of the Year" - Lisa Metayer.** Lisa is the Executive Assistant to the Town Manager whereby she performs a variety of administrative functions, Lisa does all of this with grace and aplomb.
- * **"Distinguished Volunteer of the Year"- Jane Buden.** Jane has been Sec./Treas of the Plainville Police Association for over 37 years. This is just one of her many volunteer projects. She is also the Town Assessor.
- * **"Business Recognition Award" – Nick Scata,** Plainville Oil/Tower Energy. Nick sets an example to others by encouraging his staff to support local organizations. His contributions to the fuel bank at the Food Pantry have been \$8,000-\$10,000 each year.

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Farmington Bank's branch managers from its two Plainville locations, from left, Antonella Calabrese and Solidea Pitruzzello, surprised customers at Bagel's Plus in Plainville by paying for their coffee and breakfast on St. Patrick's Day.

Farmington Bank's On Us free breakfast morning also surprised people at five other locations in central Connecticut and western Massachusetts.

Farmington Bank's On Us campaign is one of many ways the Bank supports and thanks the communities in which it lives and works throughout the year. For more information about Farmington Bank's involvement in the community, visit www.FarmingtonBankCT.com.

Surprise 100th Birthday Party!



A Surprise 100th Birthday Party was held at J. Timothy's on Sunday, April 3rd for Lorraine Woerz. Pictured with Lorraine is her son Jim, Daughters Susan Stockman and Gail Ferreira.

Family and friends were honored to celebrate Lorraine's 100th birthday with her.

Plainville AARP Chapter #4146

Annual Picnic

The annual picnic will be on Wednesday, June 22nd beginning at noon at Paderewski Park. The price is \$13.00 and you must be a member to attend. Ann Krupinski is starting to collect the money at the meetings. Saint's Restaurant will do the catering. Call Ann to make your reservation 860-747-3252

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Matthew Miskin at AARP

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He is a graduate from the Hartford Hart School of Music.

Sally Miller, President's Invitation:

The next AARP meeting is Wednesday, May 18th at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the Faith Bible Church, 168 Unionville Ave. If you are an AARP National member you are invited as our guest to join us for a meeting.



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OBITUARIES

~ Gisele (Soucy) Ayotte ~

85, of Plainville passed away Saturday April 9, 2016 in the loving arms of her husband of 67 years, Alcide Ayotte.

Gisele was born September 16, 1930 in St. Hildaire, New Brunswick, Canada, a daughter of the late Levite and Ida (Pelletier) Soucy. Gisele worked at the Clipper

in Edmonston, New Brunswick where she met her husband Alcide, the Hotel Royal in Edmonston, the Franklin Diner in New Britain and at Food Mart in various locations in Connecticut. After living in St. Agatha, Maine for one year following their marriage, they moved to New Britain. In 1956 they moved to Plainville to a home they built themselves where they lovingly raised their four children. She loved card parties with her family on Saturday nights and was a long standing member of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville.

She leaves her children, Lisette (Ayotte) Steben and her husband Richard, Daniel Ayotte and his wife Denise and Gerald Ayotte, her grandchildren, Jill (Gauthier) Gautreaux and her husband Dave, Monique (Gauthier) Hebert and her husband Allen, Jake Hebert, Sean Ayotte and Neal Ayotte, her great grandchildren, Sara Gautreaux, Tori Hebert and Logan Hebert, her siblings, Valiere Soucy, Corrine Boucher, Pauline Fournier, Jacqueline Soucy, Jules Soucy, Roselle Davey and Guil Soucy and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews who were all well-loved. She was predeceased by her daughter, Rosemarie (Ayotte) DuBois as well as her siblings, Lauren Soucy, Harve Soucy, Donald Soucy, Robert Soucy and Conrad Soucy.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Gisele's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation P.O. Box 650309 Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

~ James F. Bailey, Sr. ~

69, of Plainville passed away on March 31, 2016. He was the loving husband of Aliceann (Covaleski) Bailey, with whom he shared many loving years of marriage.

James was born on October 20, 1946 in New Britain, CT to the late Clarence and Bea (Sorel) Bailey. James graduated

from Goodwin Technical High School in New Britain and as a proud American; he joined the United States Army immediately following high school. He served our country in the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged. He worked as a spring maker and went on to work for the United States Post office at the Hartford and Plainville location, retiring from the Plainville office. James was a member of the Knights of Columbus and American Legion in Plainville.

In addition to his wife, Aliceann, James is survived by his two sons, James Bailey Jr. and his wife Christine, and Sean Bailey; his granddaughter, Victoria Bailey and his step- granddaughter, Annalisa Sega; his brothers, Clarence Bailey Jr. and Albert Bailey; and his caregiver and friend, Darlene Russell. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Mary (Bailey) Dulac and JoAnne (Bailey) Ryan.

A memorial service in celebration of James's life was held on Tuesday, April 12 beginning at 9 A.M. from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville for Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville at 10 A.M. Burial will be held at a later date in the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown with military honors accorded.



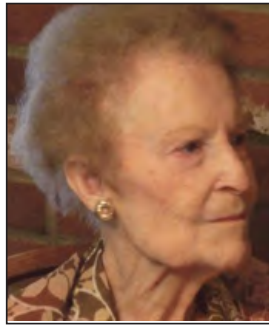
~ David G. Bakaysa ~

10-19-49 to 4-5-16. MY POP POP, MY FRIEND. You will be missed every day for the rest of my life!

David leaves his daughter, son-in-law, grandson and brother, Michael J. Bakaysa and his family.

Funeral services and burial for David were celebrated privately. There were no calling hours. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements.

~ Polly E. Camerato ~



90, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2016 at the Country Side Manor in Bristol.

Born in Royston, GA on June 2, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Cora and Charles Payne. Polly grew up in Ware Shoals, South Carolina graduating from Ware Shoals High School.

Polly moved to Connecticut in 1946 and remained a resident of Plainville for more than seventy years. Polly will always be remembered as a loving mother to Ann Marie Raucci, Susan L. Kennedy (Robert Kennedy), Kathy E. Narcum (Ronn Narcum), and Michael J. Camerato (Catherine Camerato). The legacy lives on in the grandsons, Todd and Kevin Raucci, Graham Narcum, and Justin and Kyle Camerato, and the great-grandson Jamie Raucci and great-granddaughter, Leah Raucci.

Funeral services in celebration of Polly's life were celebrated on Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Plainville, U.C.C. 130 West Main Street. Family and friends may gather at the Bailey Funeral home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville prior to the service from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Polly's memory to the recreation department at the Country Side Manor, 1660 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, CT 06010

~ Lincoln Charette ~



77, of Plainville passed away Thursday April 7, 2016 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut at Bradley Memorial in Southington. He was the husband of the late Louisette (Tanguay) Charette.

Mr. Charette was born June 30, 1939 in Fort Kent, Maine a son of the late Willard and Amanda (Therault) Charette and has lived in Plainville and New Britain for most of his adult life. He attended schools in Fort Kent and was a self-employed contractor for many years. He was a 35 year friend of Bill and was a Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

He leaves his sons, Norman Charette and his wife Jacqueline of Plantsville and Tom Charette and his wife Julie of New Britain, his grandchildren, Kristi Del Aguila, Tom Koczon, Caitlin Charette, Ryan Charette and Patrick Charette, his great grandson, Isaac and his brothers and sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Lincoln was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial was held privately. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to A.A. World Services, Inc. 475 Riverside Drive at West 120th Street New York, NY 10115.

Heaven Needed Mom

*A beautiful garden now stands alone,
missing the one who nurtured it
But now she is gone, her flowers still bloom,
and the sun it still shines,
But the rain is like tear drops,
for the ones left behind.*

~ Miss you Mom ~

~ Dorothy Grant ~



89, of Plainville passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home on Monday, April 4, 2016. She was the beloved wife of the late George Grant Jr., with whom she shared over forty years of loving marriage.

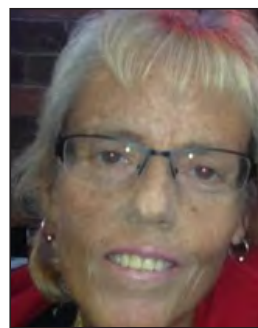
Dorothy was born on March 30, 1927 in New Britain, daughter to the late Walter and Susan Walicki. She was a resident of Plainville for over fifty years and was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in town. Dorothy had a love for the shore and enjoyed spending time surrounded by her family and friends. She was a loving, strong, independent woman having taking care of her home on her own and driving up to her last days. Her strength is admirable to all, having beat cancer twice in her lifetime. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends and they will cherish the memories they share with Dorothy.

Dorothy is survived by her three daughters, Barbara Daigle, of Sanford, ME, Susan Montbrand, of Coventry, CT, and Linda Plouffe and her husband Tom, of Plainville, CT; her sister, Barbara Cepiel, of Stafford Springs, CT; her nine grandchildren, her six great-grandchildren, her one great-great grandchild and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Dorothy was predeceased by her two son-in-laws, Donald Daigle and Allen Montbriand.

Funeral Services in honor of Dorothy's life were held on Friday, April 8 at 12PM at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville.



~ Lori J. Hedman ~



55, of Plainville passed away at the Hospital of Central CT on April 7, 2016. She was the beloved wife of Keith Hedman, with whom she shared 22 loving years of marriage.

Lori was born on July 1, 1960 the daughter to Robert Socolosky (MaryAnn Socolosky), of North Palm Beach, FL, and Jean (Rec) Szpak (Lu Szpak), of Sarasota, FL. She attended Windsor High School and graduated in 1978. She continued her education and earned an Associates Degree at Green Mountain College, and Bachelor Degrees at Merrimack College, and Westfield State College. She worked as an accountant for various companies for most of her career. She enjoyed music and was an avid guitar player. She also enjoyed skiing when she was younger. She loved spending the summers at the Cape where she made many lasting friendships. Lori was the salt of the earth that nobody else could compare to. She will be missed dearly by her loving family and friends and they will always cherish the memories they shared with her.

In addition to her husband and parents, Lori is survived by her sister, Lynn Leveston, of Avon; her parents-in-laws, Kenneth and Nancy Hedman, of Plainville; her sisters-in-laws, Susan Hedman, of Gloucester, MA and Karen Hedman-Ouellette, of Plainville; her nephews, Avery, Cole, and Blake Leveston, all of Avon, and Elliot Simone, of Plainville; her niece, Melissa Ouellette, of Plainville; her step-sister, Vicky Tuite and her husband Mark, of Tampa, FL; her lifelong friends, Donna Blanchette, Mary Ellen Mix, and Liz Howard; and all of her dear friends at the Cape. She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Socolosky.

Funeral Services in celebration of Lori's life were held on Friday, April 15 at 9 AM at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM at Our Lady of Mercy, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Contributions in memory of Lori's life can be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or to the charity of choice.

OBITUARIES

~ Dominic Marotta ~

66 of Fort Myers, FL, died Wednesday December 23, 2015 at his sisters residence surrounded by his loving family.

Dominic was born in Turi, Italy May 25, 1949 to the late Angelo Marotta and Elenora Sabattelli Marotta. Before retirement he was a

machine operator for New Britian Machine Co. and had also worked at Goss & DeLeeuw in Kensington

Survivors include his two sisters, Stella Massa of Plainville, CT and Maria Adams of Calhoun; three nieces, Jennifer Stewart and her husband Clay, Lisa and her husband Taran and Jessica Adams; two nephews, Jeff Adams and his wife Chasity and Frank Massa.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Dominic's life was held on Saturday April 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Committal services will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 Saint Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

~ John L. Martin ~

55, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at the Hospital of Central Connecticut on April 19, 2016.



John was born on January 18, 1961 in St. Agatha,

Maine, one of the four sons to Charles and Loretta (Collins) Martin. He was a lifetime Plainville resident and a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church. John attended local schools and graduated from Plainville High in the year 1979. Following graduation, as a proud American, John joined the United States Army and was honorably discharged after four years of service. He worked underground laying pipes and retired from this career. He was an avid Yankees fan and looked forward to his yearly trip to the stadium. John was a happy man who enjoyed the simple things in life, such as strolling through Norton Park in Plainville. He had a love for music, capable of naming the song title or artist of any tune he heard. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends, but they will always cherish the memories shared with him.

John is survived by his mother, Loretta Martin, of Southington; his three brothers, Dennis Martin and his wife Gloria, of Plainville, Peter Martin and his wife Denise, of Plainville, and Russell Martin and his wife Kim, of New Britain; and his nieces and nephews, Allan, Michelle, Paul, and Sean Martin, all of Plainville. He was predeceased by his father, Charles Martin.

A Mass of Christian Burial for John was celebrated on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial was held in Saint Joseph Cemetery, 151 Farmington Ave., Plainville with military honors accorded.



~ David M. McMahon ~



42, of West Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on April 2, 2016 at Hartford Hospital.

Born January 10, 1974, he was the son of Gilbert E. McMahon and Mary Ellen McMahon of Savannah, GA and Margaret (Graney) Arcari and Thomas Arcari of Plainville, CT.

David grew up in Plainville, attending local schools and graduating from Plainville High School in 1992. David then earned his Bachelor's Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences in Consumer Economics from the University of Georgia, an MBA in finance from Kennesaw State University in Georgia, and finally a master's degree in Forensic Accounting. David worked as a contracted financial analyst.

David's world centered around his love for his daughters. He will be dearly missed by all who crossed his path. He will always be remembered as an outgoing, fun, loving, person who made friends wherever he went.

In addition to his parents, David is survived by his beloved girlfriend Maritza Alvarez, his two daughters, Meagan (McMahon) Evans (with Janie McDaniel Evans), of Georgia and Avalon McMahon (with Julie Hafford) of West Hartford; his brothers, Jonathan McMahon with Tami Christopher, of Meriden, Thomas Arcari II and his wife Anna, of Watertown, Joel Arcari, of Plainville; his sisters Katie McMahon, of Savannah, GA, Jill (Arcari) Couture and her husband Christopher, of Plainville, and Kim Arcari, of Plainville. In addition, David is survived by nine beloved nieces and nephews, several cousins, aunts and uncles. He was predeceased by his cousin Brian Maskery and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral Services in celebration of David's life was held on Thursday, April 7 at 9 AM at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM at Our Lady of Mercy, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial will be held at a later date, at the convenience of the family. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, April 6th, from 4 PM to 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home. In Lieu of flowers, David's family requests any donations be made in his honor, to a trust for his daughter, Avalon McMahon, at Webster Bank, Custodian: Joel T. Arcari.



~ Reverend Ruby M. Rose ~



was born in Jasper, Florida on October 6, 1920 to the late George and Idella (Taylor) McQuay. She died peacefully at CT Hospice, Branford.

The family moved to Live Oak where she attended school. After completing the eighth grade she had to quit

and help take care of the family.

In 1943 she and two friends moved to Middletown, CT to begin a new and exciting life. She had strong Christian values and prayed that God would send her a companion that He selected for her. For twelve years she kept busy working various jobs and was very active in her church, Shiloh Baptist. God answered her prayers and on March 24, 1956 she married Albert Michael Rose at Parker Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Meriden, CT. He called her "Chief" and she called him "Dearie". They never had children of their own but became Godparents to more than 150 boys and girls taking many into their home to nurture and care for. After 13 wonderful years, Albert passed away suddenly. After a period of mourning she heard the voice of God calling her into the ministry.

Rev. Rose also served at the Beulah AME Zion Church. She lived walking distance from the church. She received her GED at age 63 and after attending The Hartford District A.M.E. Zion School, she enrolled in the Hartford Seminary, graduating from the Black Ministries Program. She was ordained a Deacon in 1992 by Bishop Alfred G. Dunston, Jr. while serving at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Hamden, CT assisting the Rev. Elvin Clayton until his move to the Plainville church. Rev. Rose later took a leave from Zion and associated with Union Temple FWB Church, New Haven, CT.

After retiring from New Departure in Bristol, CT she continued to work until the age of 92 as a Home Health Aide. She joined Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church, back with her Pastor, Rev. Clayton, again, where she has maintained her membership. When asked how she has lived such a long, productive life, she would always respond, "Love people; receive a good dose of Jesus and live according to His Word."

Ruby was predeceased by two brothers and a sister. She leaves to cherish her memory, nieces, Vivian Goodman, Live Oak, Florida, Ollie Mae Hill, Augusta Ga, and Elouise Walters of Florida, nephews and cousins, a host of God-children and "adopted" children; one was Keturah Jackson and close friends Robert, Barbara and Julia Salinger of Terryville, CT.

Funeral services in honor of Rev. Ruby McQuay Rose's life was held at Redeemers AME Zion Church, 110 Whiting St., Plainville, CT 06062. In lieu of flowers, Rev. Rose requested donations be made in her honor to the Redeemers AME Zion Church, 110 Whiting St., Plainville, CT 06062.

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The Judeo-Christian values that led America to greatness are under full assault by the mob mentality of political correctness, and we're slowly losing our soul.

Let me tell you something - our Founders fought a revolution and wrote a Constitution to defend and promote religious freedom. If we can no longer speak freely about our faith and practice it without fear of coercion, this is no longer America. I will not let that happen.

So together with my friends at Citizens United, I'm leading a new effort called Speak Freely: Stand Tall for Religious Freedom.

Those trying to drive faith from our society, whitewash our history, and lie about what we believe are not many -- but they're loud. It's time to drown them out.

We can do it by building a movement of courageous Americans who value the Constitution and our shared Judeo-Christian principles, and are willing to engage in the debates of our times.

Part of this effort will be educational. Sometimes it will require action. But ultimately, this is about numbers and persuasion.

I'm a God-fearing man of deep faith, but this is about more than religion. It's about our history, and what kind of country America was meant to be.

If you're willing to speak freely and stand tall for religious freedom, please support this effort. Thanks for your time.

God Bless, Phil Robertson

Feast of Pentecost

The congregation of Church of Our Saviour cordially invites all members of the community to join us on May 15 at 10:00am for a special celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. Bishop Ian Douglas will be with us to celebrate the Eucharist as well as the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. A reception will follow.

Originally a Jewish festival observed fifty days after Passover, Pentecost is celebrated by Christians fifty days after Easter. It is sometimes called the "Birthday of the Church" because it commemorates the day that the first followers of Jesus inspired by the Holy Spirit left the place where they had been in hiding and went forth into the world to proclaim the message of the Gospel. It is one of three major feasts of the Christian calendar.

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to improving the quality of care and life of many," said Lynne Uhl, M.D., Chief of the Division of Laboratory and Transfusion Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. "Blood donation does save lives."

"The Boston Red Sox are proud to support the Red Cross through the Blood Donor of the Game and our other programs," said Sheri Rosenberg, Manager of Alumni and Player Relations, the Boston Red Sox. "The Red Sox believe in giving back to our community and supporting our fans throughout New England. We encourage our fans to present to donate blood with the Red Cross and have a chance to step foot on the Fenway Park grass and become the Blood Donor of the Game!"

In addition to game tickets and the chance for a special on-field honor, winners will also be presented with a commemorative souvenir.

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The Blood Donor of the Game program runs through the 2016 regular baseball season.

For additional information about the program and information regarding donor eligibility please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

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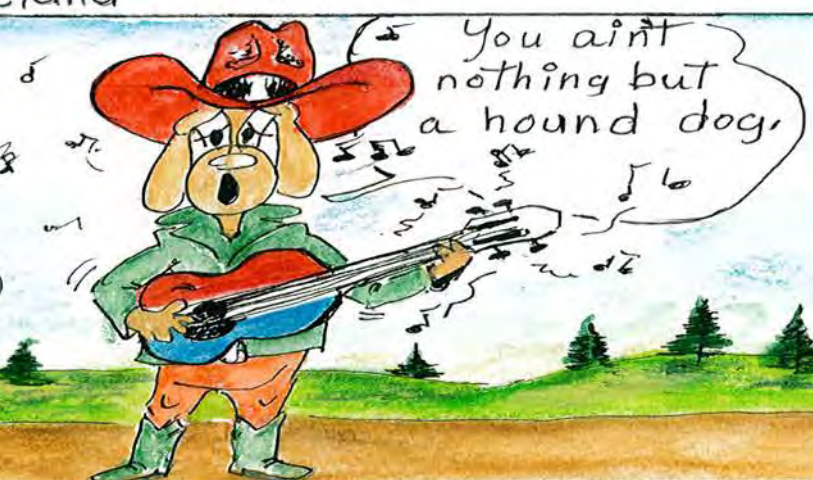
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