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Rick Drezek and Dan Hurley Say Farewell To Town Council

Rick Drezek and Dan Hurley were honored by the Town Council at the October 7th meeting. Rick and Dan will not seek another term on the Council and were presented with Town of Plainville Chairs in recognition of their service as Councilors. Rick completed his two year term and Dan served for three terms, one of which he was elected Chairperson. Both are moving on to other interests but agreed their service to the Town was rewarding and memorable.



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P.H.S. Class of 1946 Reunion



The Class of 1946 held their 67th reunion at Tuscany Restaurant on October 16th. Seated front row left to right: Anne (Marchetti) Stasiewski, Ethal (Epsie Coons) Goodwin. Katherine (Johnson) Kalwat, Rose (Berlani) Capen, Dominic Mercugliano, Back row seated left to right: Salvatore (Sal) Santacorce, Jean (Berardy) Munson, Alice (Dolly Eaton) Chamberlin, Harold Bissonette, Leonard (Len) Wishart, Gloria Mengual, Angela (Celella) Herket, William (Honest Bill) Bergenty, Don (Red) Dalena. Don Dalena open the festivities reminiscing about the good times we had at PHS and world activities and cost of living in 1946. "Everyone is looking forward to their 68th Reunion, plans are in the works now," quote from Red Dalena.

To Submit Class Reunion Announcements or Pictures of Your Reunion Email to : hmtnn@comcast.net or Mail to: Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman St., Plainville

Lauren Spitz, UBI's AVP of Marketing Honored

By: Dolly Chamberlin

UBI's AVP of Marketing, Lauren Spitz was the proud recipient of a recent scholarship which provided her the opportunity to attend the CUNA Community Credit Union and Growth conference. To attain the scholarship an essay was required based on an innovative idea important to the credit union industry. "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." After quoting Fredrick Douglass, Spitz shared her views on the importance of educating

teens. "Our youth is our future; it is pertinent and essential that they are properly educated on the many facets of finance. Their money habits are critical in determining whether they will improve or weaken this already struggling economy."

Her vivid idea involves all Connecticut based Credit Unions. The plan is to develop a team called the Financial Freedom Leaders, consisting of one employee from each participating credit union. The team would meet regularly to grow and improve financial literacy presentations for Connecticut public schools. Together, each lesson plan would be carefully constructed to suit the needs of specific schools within

each region.

The end goal is selfless. She hopes that younger generations will value this information, and in turn develop wise money habits and become the sensible consumers of tomorrow. Initially, this idea stemmed from the UBI Financial Literacy Program she conducts at Lewis S Mills High School and Plainville High School. However, Spitz would like her work carried out on a larger scale so that many more will reap the benefits.

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{Joanne raves}

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{Rose faves}

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Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to: Town Council

October 7, 2013

Sewer User Charge Revenue Discussion

- The current user charge rate \$44.66 per 1,000 cu. Ft. of effluent discharge. The minimum rate is \$310.68. It is recommended that the user rate stay the same as the current year. However, it is recommended that a sewer rate study be performed to make recommendations regarding the current procedures.
- For example, there are inconsistencies for how the commercial businesses are being charged. Additionally, because over 50% of the residential accounts are being charged the minimum rate, there may be some justification for moving towards a unit rate method of charging for sewer use. The billing cycle also needs to be examined because the user charges are not billed until 4 months into the fiscal year.
- The current procedures have been in place for many years and with the possibility of having to make a substantial investment for phosphorus reduction as mandated by the federal government, this would be an opportune time to have a review.
- It is estimated that a rate study would cost in the vicinity of \$20 - \$25 K.
- No action is required at this time.

New Account – Webster Bank

- The Finance Department is planning to implement a check reader in order to reduce the amount of time necessary to process payments. A reader will reduce the amount of trips to the bank as well. There is a cost of \$695 per year for this service but it will be absorbed through interest earned in the account. There is an item under New Business that would authorize these services through Webster Bank.

Historic Center Lease Payment

- On September 17th the Historical Society made their annual lease payment to the Town. The lease payment was made at their annual pot luck dinner.

Equipment for Paderewski Park Splash Pad

- The Town received a state grant to install a splash pad at Paderewski Park to replace the wading pool. The Recreation Director has been coordinating the project and is requesting authorization to order the components from M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc. at a cost of \$28,870.
- M.E. O'Brien & Sons prices were set through a state bid process. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Regional Planning Reorganization

- The Office of Policy & Management recently completed an analysis of the boundaries of the existing planning regions in the State. There are currently 13 such planning regions. Their goal is to reduce the number of planning regions to no more than eight.
- The OPM study took into account several factors before making their recommendations. They included: regional economic development districts, labor market areas, workforce development areas, emergency management and homeland security regions, watersheds, commuting patterns, commercial density, urban area designations, census data and transportation corridors.
- OPM has recommended that the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency, of which Plainville is a member, consolidate with the Capital Region Council of Governments. Now that the OPM recommendations have been issued, the CCRPA towns will begin discussions with CROG regarding a possible merger.

HMGP Update

- As part of the Phase II application process for

home buy-outs in the Roberts Street Extension area, FEMA is requiring that all homeowners get a pre-disaster appraisal to determine the Fair Market Value of their house.

- Rather than getting an individual appraisal for each home, FEMA will allow Plainville to hire an appraiser to determine an aggregate appraisal value for all houses; looking at what was sold in the neighboring vicinity and then determining an average square foot selling price which would then be applied to each of the interested homes.
- Having the Town hire the appraiser would greatly speed up the application process and would also be eligible for 75% reimbursement as part of the FEMA Grant Program.
- At this time ten homeowners have expressed interest in participating in the Phase II buy-out.
- Calciano & Stern Appraisal Associates of Bristol has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$1,900 to perform the work. Town staff is recommending that the Calciano & Stern proposal be accepted so that the appraisals work can begin immediately. Homeowners can still get their own separate appraisal if they do not want their value determined by the average square foot method.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Revenue Collector Position Update

- The Town received 8 applications for the Revenue Collector position. After two sets of interviews, a top candidate has been chosen. We are currently in the process of checking references and hope to announce the new Revenue Collector in the near future.

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS

*By: Shirley Osle,
Assistant Town Manager*

- Social Services reports that utility assistance and rental assistance tops the charts this quarter. Direction, advice and in some cases emergency assistance when the State Dept of Social Services is not available to respond. Working closely with area agencies to best serve residents.
- Absentee ballots are now available for the November 5 Municipal Election. Any registered voter can access an application for an absentee ballot on the Town Clerk's website, request an application via email or call the Town Clerk's office to have one mailed out. The deadline to issue absentee ballots is November 4.
- You must be 18 by November 5, a US citizen and a resident of Plainville to register to vote in the Municipal Election. Voter registration cards are available at the Registrars of Voters and Town Clerk offices or online at www.sots.ct.gov.
- Financial Programs: The Plainville Senior Center will be hosting a series of financial workshops designed to assist individuals who want to learn more about managing their money and their assets. The workshops will be presented by the CT Money School. The CT Money School is a project led by CT Association of Human Services with five nonprofit partners. CMS provides free financial education for adults and seniors. All workshops are free. Call the Senior Center to register.
- Credit, Tuesday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m.
- Debt Management, Tuesday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m.
- Annual Quilt Raffle: Raffle tickets for the Plainville Senior Center's annual quilt raffle are now available. The tickets are \$1.00 each and are sold at the front desk of the Senior Center, at various locations around town and at the Annual Craft Fair that will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday, November 2, when the drawing will

take place. The quilt is crafted by volunteers, under the direction of Karen Kebinger, and takes approximately one year to make.

- Grandparents / Relatives Raising Grandchildren Support Group: The Plainville Senior Center and Youth Services offered a program about the unique challenges of raising a grandchild or relative. The grandparents' program provides caregivers an opportunity to share information and support on issues related to childrearing.



It Is That Time Of The Year!!

*By: Dominick Moschini,
Superintendent of Roadways*

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection in the Town of Plainville began on October 21, 2013 and will continue to December 5, 2013. Listed below is the schedule of areas to be covered on the first collection (schedule of areas are subject to change):

- Central Area, West Main Street Area
- Farmington Avenue Area, South End/
- Red Stone Hill Area
- Shuttle Meadow Area,
- Arcadia Avenue Area, Metacomet Area
- Northwest Area, Unionville Avenue Area

Every effort will be made to keep you informed as to the progress of the operation. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works department at 860-793-0221 ext. 208 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday – Wednesday, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Thursday and 8:00AM to Noon on Friday.

Please be sure to rake your leaves to the curblines as early as possible. **GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED - ONLY LEAVES** will be picked up. **NO STICKS OR STONES!!!** If your street has an island on it, please **DO NOT** put your leaves on the island. Bagged leaves will not be collected at curbside; you can bring them to the Drop-Off Center on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. During the month of November the Drop-Off Center will be opened Monday thru Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, for **LEAVES ONLY**.

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To Contact Town Councilors: E-mail: towncouncil@plainville-ct.gov

From The Office of State Senator Jason Welch

It is rare when politicians deliver on their promises. Indeed, the norm today seems to be that politicians say one thing and do another. For instance, I can vividly recall Governor Malloy's campaign promises not to raise taxes on the middle class. Six months after he was sworn into office, Connecticut's middle class got the biggest tax increase in its history. Such political sleight of hand is not necessary, and in fact Plainville's Town Council and Board of Education have shown all of Connecticut a better way.

Led by Chairwomen Kathy Pugliese and Andrea Saunders, the Republican-controlled Council and Board of Education promised an open, honest government that was fiscally

responsible. They delivered. Consider some of their achievements of the last two years.

- Reversed pay-to-participate sports programs in school;
- Restored rainy day fund balances;
- Successfully implemented all day kindergarten;
- Passed two consecutive budgets on the first ballot, which had never been done before;
- Kept the mill increase to only .25 over the past two years; and
- Fostered a spirit of unity and transparency between the Board of Education and the town that is often lacking in Connecticut by

combining the finance departments into one. Plainville's local government serves as a model to other towns and boards of education. It is a story of accomplishment that I share with others as I travel the state and it is one the residents of Plainville can be proud of.

This is why I encourage the voters of Plainville to re-elect Kathy Pugliese and Andrea Saunders and to give them the majority in the Council and Board of Education they need to keep great things happening. Please support Kathy and Andrea as well as their Republican colleagues this November.

*Jason Welch
State Senator, 31st District.*

A BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING

BY: SALLY MILLER



As Thanksgiving approaches this year, it brings me back to a Thanksgiving Day years ago. My day began at 4:30 a.m. I had to clean the turkey and get it in the oven. I also needed to prep the vegetables and make desserts. This particular Thanksgiving, I

needed extra time because we were to have rabbit and duck along with the turkey. Family and friends had gone hunting and asked me to include these meats in the meal. I was so tired of cleaning and cooking. There were a lot of meats on the table waiting to be prepared. I wish I could tell everyone that these animals got up from the table and ran away before I could get to them. But, I proceeded with the preparations because the meats were given in good faith and the guests were expecting this collection of meats with the meal.

The many dishes began to fill the tables. Bowls stemming with delectable aromas were placed along

with the main event, the turkey. On the side table was the rest of the meats along with corn pudding, scalloped oysters, cornbread stuffing, veggies, etc. We had two side tables full of food and desserts.

About ½ hour into eating our meal, one of our guests, who was a young girl in a beautiful yellow dress and about 10 years old sat back from the table and sighed heavily. I was so concerned. I jumped up and said, "Holly, are you ok"? She looked up at me and said, I am just resting my jaws, Mrs. Miller, they got tired".

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Life with Wanda



How many of you have taken your car to a garage to have something done, like air in your tires, and the mechanic tells you really need new tires. He shows you how little rubber is left and it would be dangerous to drive even a further hundred feet on those "bald" tires? Ok, you have him put on four new tires while you wait in their waiting room. The mechanic soon appears and tells you it is worse than he first thought and you need your frontend aligned and of course while you are getting those nice new tires it would be to your benefit to have it done. Ok, you tell him go ahead and he says it will only be a few more minutes until the job is completed. Before you leave he tells you that perhaps you should come back the next day and drop off the car as he noticed a leak in your water pump and your engine really could use a tune up. You came in for air and now have a bill for over \$1200 dollars. Now last month my friend went to her Chiropractor, she had pain in her back. The doctor pulled, pushed and prodded her back adjusting and aligning her spine. She left and her back felt great. She then found her hip was bothering her so back she went and the doctor pulled, pushed and prodded her hip. She left and her hip felt great. A few day later she found her legs hurt so back to the doctor she went and again the doctor pulled, pushed and prodded her legs and her legs felt great but before she left the office she noticed her big toe was killing her and she remarked to the doctor, "You know coming here is like going to the mechanic at the local garage. You fix one thing and then something else goes wrong." Without missing a bet the doctor replied; "No, I'm not like a mechanic, I'M A BODY SHOP!" You will have to admit this guy has a real knack for comedy and that is why no one feels he isn't doing the best job possible. My friend is now happy to say she is two inches taller and calls her visits to her doctor "her Kellogg Cereal treatments. Snap, crackle and pop." And the last "POP" cured her, she is back running around.

LEGAL NOTICE~TOWN OF PLAINVILLE~ WARNING OF ELECTION LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 for the following purpose, to wit:

To cast their votes for the following offices:

- Town Council – 2-year term – vote for 7
- Board of Education – 4-year term – vote for 4
- Board of Education to fill a vacancy 2-year – vote for 1
- Constables – 2-year term – vote for 4
- Board of Library Trustees – 6-year term – vote for 2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the location of the polling places in the four districts is as follows:

- District I - Linden Street School, 69 Linden Street
- District II - Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center, 19 South Canal Street
- District III - Toffolon School, 145 Northwest Drive
- District IV - Wheeler School, 15 Cleveland Memorial Drive

Voting Machines will be used at said polls. The polls will be opened at six (6:00) o'clock a.m. and will remain open until eight (8:00) o'clock p.m.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 24th day of October, 2013.

Carol A. Skultety, Plainville Town Clerk

BOARD OF ED ACHIEVEMENTS

By: *Deb Hardy*

Under the guidance and leadership of BOE chair, Andrea Saunders, this board has successfully implemented many new and exciting improvements and educational programs to our schools. Those of which are the following:

- New math programs for 7th & 8TH Grades
- Hiring of 1 Health teacher for the MSP
- 2 additional elementary literacy teachers
- Instrumental music in grade 4(.6 teacher)
- Additional clubs, activities, & athletics
- Fully implement 2013-2014 Tech replacement plans
- Curriculum upgrades to common Core State Standards & 21st Century Skills
- Additional security at PHS & residency monitoring for the district
- Part time technology support
- 1 additional maintainer
- Funding for part-time custodial needs

This is a very impressive list of accomplishments to bring our schools into the 21st century. We were able achieve these goals without jeopardizing our taxpayers and increasing our budget through a minimal increase of only 0.98%.

Don't ASSUME!

By: *Mary Ziccardi*

In the October issue of the Hometown Connection, an informative article written by my daughter about the dangers of wood smoke, mentioned that a neighbor lighted a wood fire in their fire pit, causing smoke to fill the air and went on to explain it's effects.

Many readers assumed the neighbor was our "good neighbors" the Giannini's who I mention in my column from time to time.

Sandy began receiving phone calls from friends and neighbors saying, "I guess you are not good neighbors anymore." They just assumed the Giannini's were the neighbors mentioned in the article.

Sandy and Bruce thought the article meant them also. Being the "good neighbors" they are, Sandy called to discuss the situation.

I explained to her, it was a neighbor but not them. After our conversation she understood and we are still "good neighbors".

People just assume! There is an old expression that says, "when you assume, you make an Ass out of you and me".

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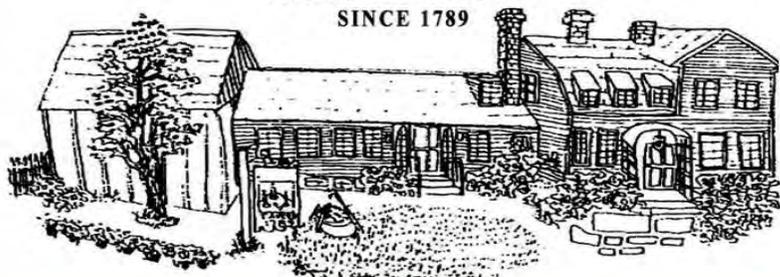
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The Plainville Democrats web site at <https://sites.google.com/site/plainvillect> features full profiles of the 2013 Democratic candidates for Town Council and Board of Education along with a page that describes their vision and their priorities for the town and its schools. Different news items and events are also posted on the web site as well as contact information for the Plainville Democratic Town Committee.

Democrats have also ventured into social media this election cycle. The party and its candidates can be followed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PlainvilleCTDemocrats>. The Facebook page will share lots of photos from the campaign trail and post short announcements and other content. Most of all, it provides an opportunity for the candidates, the party and voters to interact as the fall campaign progresses.

Democratic Chairperson Rosemary Morante comments that "Personal contact is still the mainstay of any local campaign. Our candidates are out walking door-to-door talking to residents. We also continue to use traditional strategies such as lawn signs or pieces of literature. However, it is also great to offer new digital tools that can provide more extensive information, include visuals that show the campaign in action and encourage users to comment and interact. In addition, it gives people of all ages a choice of different mediums. We hope that voters will find our web-based communications a valuable addition to the local campaign."



From the Desk of ...
Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire
SOCIAL SECURITY CALCULATIONS

People looking to take their social security payments always want to know how much they are entitled to before they apply. The administration used to send statements each year to workers notifying them of their benefits. These four-page mailings gave workers a personalized estimate of their expected social security payments based on their actual earnings history. Now everyone has to go online to get this estimate and only some of the information provided in the statements is available online. Here is what to expect when calculating your benefits.

In June 2013 the average social security benefit was \$1,230 per month and the maximum possible monthly benefit for a worker retiring at age 66 in 2013 is \$2,533 per month. In order to receive this amount, the worker would need to earn the maximum taxable amount, currently \$113,700, each year after age 21.

When calculating your benefits you must first take your 35 highest income years and average them out. Then, you may make adjustments for inflation and put in zeros for any years you do not work up to 35 years. Once you get this monthly average you may apply this number to the administration's formula.

The social security formula takes roughly the first \$800 of the worker's average monthly income and multiplies it by 90%, the next \$3,800 gets multiplied by 32% and any remainder by 15%. The sum of these three amounts equals their monthly payment amount. There are also COLA (cost of living adjustments) that accrue after age 62, even if you do not take the benefit at age 62.

There it is in a nutshell. That is the basic way to estimate your social security benefit without logging on to the internet and using the administration's calculator. Each individual may have certain criteria for varying benefits (ie. marriage, surviving spouse, etc.), which is why you should do your research if you are looking to collect. When in doubt, deferring to a later age will more than likely increase your benefit as you are only penalized for taking benefits early. So, when you make the decision to file for social security benefits be sure to do it right the first time by knowing what you are getting and what you are forfeiting. Don't let this down economy force you into a hasty decision.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing to endorse the Republican candidates for election. The current working relationship between the Board of Education and the Town Council has allowed for the combination of the Finance Boards, IT departments and Human Resources. The group is now looking to combine Building Maintenance. This has provided savings, cross training and has protected jobs and vital services, while saving money and eliminating duplication of efforts. I urge my fellow voters to keep the balance of power in the hands of our Republican neighbors and continue the good work they are accomplishing.

Frank McDonough

To the Editor of the Hometown Connection:

Local government affects our lives every day in areas from safety to education. It has tremendous impact on how well Plainville functions now and how viable it will be in the future. Our 2013 Democratic candidates understand this. They are committed to a Plainville where people want to live, raise families and do business. They will:

- Focus on economic development with attention to downtown.
- Identify ways to achieve smart spending.
- Be proactive on issues from infrastructure to a potential blight ordinance.
- Support safe, effective schools with high standards and proven leadership in technology and other programs.

Our local government officials need to have the drive and energy to do the best for Plainville. The Democratic candidates for Town Council and Board of Education demonstrate this ability. Please join me in voting Row B at the polls on November 5th. Let's elect the Democratic slate for a vibrant community in 2013 and many years to come.

Rosemary Morante

Chairperson, Plainville Democratic Town Committee

Dear Editor,

On page 29 of your October 2013 "Hometown Connection" there was a very interesting article "Scratch and Peck" by Lessha. That being said, the font was so small that one needed a magnifying glass along with reading glasses just to read it. Why was this? I noticed that all of the other articles were regular print. I almost gave up reading the article and sure would have missed an amusing article.

Please, as a senior who loves to live in Plainville and read about what is happening in my hometown, I implore you, "Do not use such tiny print!"

Thank You! S. Paradis

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask Plainville voters to support my fellow Democratic candidates on Row B on November 5th. The Democrats want the voters to feel respected, listened to, and taken seriously. While we may not always agree on particular issues, it is always important for the citizens of Plainville to feel appreciated and respected. We need leaders who understand the importance of public participation in the way their government works. Plainville's Democratic candidates understand this important fact and are ready to work for you. Please join me in voting for the Democratic candidates on Row B on November 5th.

Robert B. Ciotto Sr.

Dear Editor,

It's another election year! Signs on lawns, letters to the editors, etc. My, how time flies.

Don't let this one go by without thinking of the people you are voting for. YES, think and VOTE. If you don't like the direction this town has been taking & you haven't voted for years it is your fault!

In the last two years Plainville has taken on some challenges. The GOP Town Council members and Board of ED members have addressed these challenges in a positive and productive manner while keeping our taxes at a minimum.

Remember to vote November 5th for the Republican team.

Jay Chapman

ATTENTION: Taxpayers of Plainville

As you may or may not know, our Town Council meets twice a month to conduct the business and government of Plainville. It starts at 7pm with the Citizens Forum where YOU, the TAXPAYER, may get up and address the council with any issues you have concerns about. Until several years ago the ENTIRE meeting was televised,...then the Town Council decided to take away the voice of residents who got up and spoke by not televising this portion of the meeting. WHY, I ASK? I polled the council individually about six months ago at a town meeting, and the only council member who felt that the people should be able to hear the voice of fellow residents was Quinn Christopher. Quinn is the only one I will vote for this November. Challenge your governing body! Ask why! **It's a sure win with Quinn!**

P.S. FYI Town Council meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month with Citizen's Forum starting at 7 p.m.

Marilyn Shorette

Letter to the Editor:

The 2011 election saw a Town divided. The Board of Education and Town Council were at odds. The BOE was attempting to censure one its own members. Financial information was not forthcoming and the BOE took the stand that they worked for the State, not Plainville. The 2013 election brings the BOE and Town Council working together, significant sums of money returned to the General Fund from the Board and made available for other projects (High School Tennis Courts) and a concurrence not seen in years. Continue this harmony and vote Republican again on November 5th.

Thank you, Jennifer R. Michalek

To the Editor,

Plainville seemed to be the only bright spot visible after the last election. Today, Plainville is an even better town due to our innovative, forward-thinking Board of Education and Town Council members. They have worked diligently to keep our schools and municipality fiscally sound without cutting services. Other towns have inquired about our cooperative advances between the BOE and the Town Council.

My vote will be cast for the Republican ticket on election day in hopes we can continue the improvements made by our local government. I urge our town residents to vote on November 5th to do the same.

Barbara Davison

Dear Editor,

How far we've come! The problems started two years ago when Scott Saunders and Lee Toffey asked the BOE for financial data. Becky Tyrrell, along with the former Superintendent, refused to provide information unless they paid for every page. When Andrea Saunders asked for the data, she became the target of a very nasty vendetta by Becky and the BOE Democrats. Fast forward two years: There is peace and cooperation in Plainville politics that I've never seen before. Tax increases have been tiny, yet many improvements in the schools and town. Washington could learn from the way Plainville Republicans govern.

Charles Ellis

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the Republican Party for appointing me to the Charter Revision Commission. The people on the committee were very respectful toward each member's view. We met once a month going through the Charter page by page. This took about seven months from start to finish. I look back at what we did and I feel we did a great job. The most important part was combining the Board of Education and Town Finance Departments and separating the Town Side and Board of Education when the citizens vote on the annual budget.

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Ask the Brayne

Seeing it is November...
and voting time, my first question was:

The Question:

What is the origin of the donkey and elephant as the symbols of the Democratic and Republican parties in America?

The Answer: According to <http://www.infoplease.com>

The Donkey— Presidential candidate Andrew Jackson was the first Democrat ever to be associated with the donkey symbol. His opponents during the election of 1828 tried to label him a "jackass" for his populist beliefs and slogan, "Let the people rule." Jackson was entertained by the notion and ended up using it to his advantage on his campaign posters.

But cartoonist Thomas Nast is credited with making the donkey the recognized symbol of the Democratic Party. It first appeared in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly in 1870, and was supposed to represent an anti-Civil War faction. But the public was immediately taken by it and by 1880 it had already become the unofficial symbol of the party.

The Elephant— Political cartoonist Thomas Nast was also responsible for the Republican Party elephant. In a cartoon that appeared in Harper's Weekly in 1874, Nast drew a donkey clothed in lion's skin, scaring away all the animals at the zoo. One of those animals, the elephant, was labeled "The Republican Vote." That's all it took for the elephant to become associated with the Republican Party.

See the official sites of the Republican National Committee and the Democratic National Committee for more information.

—The Editors

Read more: *Why the Donkey and Elephant?* | [Infoplease.com http://www.infoplease.com/askeds/donkey-elephant.html#ixzz2htvywhpd](http://www.infoplease.com/askeds/donkey-elephant.html#ixzz2htvywhpd)

Next question is from a reader who writes:

My husband and I have apple trees with Cedar Rust disease. The trees look to be at least 20 years old, but still produce a lot of fruit. We have used the fruit least affected, but we notice, while some apples are fine, some are really hard. Is the hardness caused by the Cedar Rust disease? Is it caused by the age of the trees? It seems strange that apples from the same tree can be so different.

Answer: *Wow, I am really stymied on this one! I checked a lot of websites and cannot find an answer to this dilemma. If any of our readers know about this subject, I would love to have you write an email to inform the rest of us.*

To submit questions: Call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@comcast.net, or write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office. Deadline for submitting questions and/or articles is the 15th of each month. Thank you for the above questions. Keep them coming!!

Thanks, Bill Brayne!

Not Your Washington Politicos....

by: *Helen Bergenty,*

Vice Chair of Plainville Republican Town Committee

Needless to say, our representatives in Washington are in the cross hairs these days. Running out of money for funding government programs, refusing to negotiate and losing the respect of Americans across the board are hallmarks of career politicians who are more interested in their guaranteed pensions and benefits than taking care of the American people. Washington should take a page out of the Plainville Republican playbook.

Republicans in Plainville have contained costs and tax increases, found efficiencies in combining services with the Town and Board of Education and created and passed two consecutive budgets on the first ballot. Washington has not approved a budget in years.

There will be no debt defaults, program cutbacks, closing of schools, parks or any functions our citizens depend upon and deserve. Plainville citizens take note...your elected Republicans did the job ensuring the Town's prosperity, safety and outstanding education programs while Washington continues to flounder.

To Film or Not To Film????

By: *Helen Bergenty*

Regarding citizen input at Council meetings, Old Business and New Business sections are televised and public comment is encouraged. The public is also welcome to speak to the Council during any public hearing, also televised. Citizen's Forum presents yet another avenue for members of the public to speak to the Council on any topic they wish. Although this portion precedes the televised segment of the meeting, many members of the public use this time to communicate with the Council and town staff. Mail, email and telephone are other options individuals may utilize to express concerns or have questions answered.

This Council has listened to those who came before them and have provided clarity and additional detailed information when requested. Public input is a valuable tool by which elected officials continually attempt to improve government. Respectful communication results in positive feedback for both sides.

AAA Speaks Out:

Finding the Perfect Place to Stay on Your Next Vacation

Selecting a hotel can be an overwhelming task. On vacation your hotel is your home away from home and base of operations. The right hotel enhances your vacation experience, while the wrong choice can lead to unexpected expenses, inconvenience and frustration. The first step to selecting the perfect hotel for your next trip is determining what is most important to you and your travel companions.

"Every traveler and every trip is just as varied as the lodging options available," said Dianne Bourgoin, AAA's regional travel sales manager for the Hartford market. "Whether you are looking for a weekend getaway, an oceanfront room or a hotel with activities for kids, the right hotel will enhance your vacation experience. A little research goes a long way in successful vacation planning."

Look Beyond Per-Night Rate

Whether travelers are looking for a budget motel or luxury beach-front resort, they want to be sure they are getting the best property within their budget. In a recent AAA survey, 85 percent of respondents cited overall value for money as the top consideration for choosing a hotel.

AAA Travel recommends travelers look beyond the price. Be sure to investigate fees that are not included in the price, such as resort fees or parking charges. Check what facilities are available at the property which will enhance your stay such as a pool, arcade or children's programs that could save money on entertainment expenses. Be sure to take advantage of any discounts, such as AAA discounts available to members at partner hotels.

No Such Thing as a Free Lunch Unless it's Stated

Added benefits such as free breakfast (63 percent) and free hi-speed Wi-Fi (51 percent) also ranked as very high considerations when choosing a hotel. Free Wi-Fi is even more important to younger travelers with 71 percent of respondents age 18-34 saying free, high-speed Wi-Fi is a top consideration when choosing a hotel. Wi-Fi access for a family can add a substantial cost when the kids bring along their laptops, tablets and smartphones, while a free breakfast for every travel companion can lower overall vacation costs.

Research Reward Programs and Pet Policies

Frequent travel programs or points are important to more than one-third (35 percent) of all respondents. Other considerations for selecting a hotel involve the personal needs of travelers including pet-friendly accommodations (29 percent), spa services (23 percent) or programs for children (23 percent).

Showing your loyalty can result in extra savings or free nights on future trips. Consider signing up for a hotel's reward program from your first stay. Even if you do not plan on staying long enough to earn a free room, some chains offer benefits to participants in loyalty programs right away.

Travelers with pets should check with the hotel in advance to confirm pet policies and the related costs. Price can vary greatly and some hotels charge a pet fee by the night or one fee for the entire stay. Also ask about any size or breed limitations and the rules for leaving your pet alone in the room. Traveling with Your Pet: The AAA PetBook is a great resource for travelers who bring Fluffy or Fido on vacation. It's available in print at local AAA offices and bookstores and in digital format online.

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PUPPY MILLS ARE INHUMANE, SHOULD BE BANNED

To the Editor: Many people in Connecticut do not realize that a high number of puppies presently for sale in our pet stores come from puppy mills. They also do not realize that the incredibly abusive circumstances in which the dogs are kept is actually legal under the present laws. These dogs bred for commercial resale are kept in cages not much bigger than the dogs' bodies and are often stacked on top of each other. They have wire flooring which injures the paws and legs of the dog, but allows the waste to fall on top of the poor dog below.

By law, Connecticut pet shops must display the name and address of the breeder and broker of every puppy for sale. So, when customer enters a pet store, they can check the state where the puppy came from -- they will rarely find a listing from Connecticut. Many USDA-registered breeders breed their dogs over and over with no concern for the well-being of them or their puppies. They treat their dogs purely as disposable property. The dogs are used simply to make money for the owners and the pet stores that sell their puppies. When breeder dogs can no longer serve their purpose they are often killed.

While these dogs are being abused, and the pet industry is making lots of money, many wonderful dogs are being euthanized in our shelters. In 2012, 2,700 dogs and cats in Connecticut were euthanized.

There are humane alternatives to puppy mills and the pet stores that sell their puppies. Petco and PetSmart, for example, partner with nonprofit rescue organizations to find homes for needy dogs and cats.

We can put puppy mills out of business, but Connecticut residents need to care, stop buying from them, and support legislation to require current puppy stores to adopt a more humane business model. A humane state is a state we can be proud of.

Barbara Rudnick - East Berlin

PECK & SCRATCH BY LEESHA

Years ago almost every home had a veranda or a front porch or a stoop depending on what one called it. Often they had a swing suspended from the ceiling, rocking chairs or benches where the folks would sit and watch the world go by. The kids would play board games on the floor or on card tables. The card tables also made good hiding places when covered with an old blanket or a sheet. They used their imaginations, not electronic games & TV.

On one memorable Halloween when I was a teenager, after Trick or Treating, a group of us decided to "redecorate". We took every movable piece of furniture from every veranda on the street & relocated it to another veranda. Oh, we thought we were clever! In retrospect, I can't believe that we were not seen. It was never spoken of, but all was returned to where it had been by our parents the next day. I suspect that today it would be considered VANDALISM.

Another bright aspect of verandas occurred at Christmas when this same group of juvenile delinquents would gather on those same verands & carol lustily, if usually out of tune. And then be rewarded with cookies & cocoa. Can you imagine that happening on a backyard deck? Not likely. We would probably be tossed into the above ground swimming pool if the Police weren't called first.

Neighbors walking by would simply stop to chat, have a soft drink (or not so soft) enjoy a cigarette or cigar (before everything enjoyable became taboo).

Times change. That is not necessarily a bad thing, but it did change the dynamics of community.

Now, backyard decks, swimming pools & fences predominate. How many of you know your neighbors?

Do you drop over without an invitation just to say "HI, how ya' doing?"

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Submitted by Roberta LaLama

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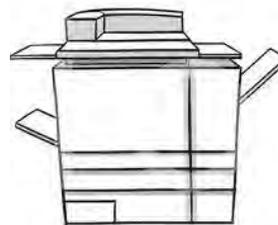
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PACIFIERS HAVE NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE EFFECTS

It's one of the hardest habits to break and can require a great deal of persuasion: Parents often struggle with weaning their child off of a pacifier.

There is much debate regarding the use of pacifiers, but there is evidence to show that there are both pros and cons, according to a study in General Dentistry, the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) clinical, peer-reviewed journal.

Contrary to popular belief, there are some positive effects that result from sucking on pacifiers. One is that they assist in reducing the incidence of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). Babies who are offered a pacifier do not sleep as deeply as those who sleep without a pacifier. Pacifier sucking makes it possible for the infant to be aroused from a deep sleep that could result in the stopping of breathing. Pacifiers also increase sucking satisfaction and provide a source of comfort to infants.

However, parents should be aware of the negative effects of pacifier sucking on an infant's oral health. Children should stop using pacifiers by age 2. Up until the age of 2, any alignment problem with the teeth or the developing bone is usually corrected within a 6-month period after pacifier use is stopped. Prolonged pacifier use and thumb sucking can cause problems with the proper growth of the mouth, alignment of the teeth and changes in the shape of the roof of the mouth.

There is also an association between pacifier use and acute middle ear infections (otitis media).

Continuous sucking on a pacifier can cause the auditory tubes to become abnormally open, which allows secretions from the throat to seep into the middle ear. Transmission of bacteria in secretions would lead to middle ear infections.

The bottom line is that if your child is continuously battling middle ear infections, you may have an alternative to surgery or antibiotics to stop this problem which would be to remove the pacifier.

Breaking the pacifier habit is not always easy, and there are several methods parents can use to stop it. Parents can dip the pacifier in white vinegar, making it distasteful; pierce the nipple of the pacifier with an ice pick or cut it shorter to reduce sucking satisfaction; leave it behind on a trip; or implement the "cold turkey" method.

Tips and recommendations:

- Pacifier use should be restricted to the time when the infant is falling asleep.
- Pacifiers can cause severe lacerations if the shield is held inside the lips.
- Look for a pacifier with ventilation holes in the shield, as they permit air passage. This is important if the pacifier accidentally becomes lodged in your child's throat.
- In order to prevent strangulation, do not place a cord around your child's neck to hold a pacifier. Look for pacifiers that have a ring. Dispose of the pacifier after use; it is not sanitary to keep it or give it away.

~ Welcome Dr. Peretto ~



Dr. David R. Edelson would like to welcome Dr. Kaitlin Peretto to the practice of general dentistry at 92 East Street in Plainville. Dr. Peretto graduated with honors in molecular

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The Reading Partners Program began in the late 1990s, and through the loyal support of General Electric employees for the past 16 years, AXA Equitable Insurance in their second year, and members of the local community, this program continues to thrive.

The Reading Partners Program meets once a week during the school day, for 45 minutes, and will begin in late October. Books are provided or you can bring in your favorites.

If you are interested in becoming a Reading Partner, please contact Sue Bradley, Plainville Community School's Volunteer Program Coordinator at 860-793-3210x212, or email at bradleys@plainvilleschools.org

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The Plainville Board of Education is seeking additional members for its Policy Subcommittee. The subcommittee meets 2-3 times annually to review Board policy. Interested citizens are asked to contact the Superintendent's Office at 793-3210 X202.

MSP Hosts Nutmeg Nominated Author



Tim Green with MSP students

The Middle School of Plainville hosted Nutmeg nominated author Tim Green on October 9th with two presentations for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Green played for the Atlanta Falcons as a linebacker and a defensive end during the 1980s and 90s. He was also a radio and television sports commentator for National Public Radio and Fox television. Currently, Mr. Green is a practicing attorney who graduated from Syracuse University Law School. He is the best-selling author of 26 books for adults and children including the Baseball Great and the Football Genius series. His characters are all faced with serious issues which they must overcome, making them excellent role models for middle school students.

Plainville Community Schools November Calendar

- 11/4 Early Dismissal, Professional Development
- 11/5 Election Day/Professional Development
- 11/27 Minimum School Day
- 11/28-29 Thanksgiving Recess

"Pay to Participate?"

By Laurie Peterson

The Republican led Board of Education made the decision this year to only cut programs that did not directly impact the students. There was no talk of "pay to participate", cutting sports, music, teachers, etc. Instead, the Superintendent and BOE realigned teaching staff to better meet needs, added all day Kindergarten, purchased Chrome books for grades 8-12, and implemented a new Math program. While the surrounding Towns saw projected increases of 8%, 10% or more, Plainville BOE asked for an under 1% increase in their budget, the second lowest in the State. Re-elect the Republican's on November 5th.

Notes from your PTO...

WHEELER SCHOOL

- The PTO Walk-a-thon on Thursday, October 3 raised \$1500.
- The PTO is selling holiday wreathes \$18 and poinsettias \$10 through November 8.

TOFFOLON SCHOOL

- Toffolon will be holding a Veteran's Day program. It will include a flag ceremony, songs, and 2 plays which will teach children about our veteran's and the day we set aside to honor them. Toffolon has asked families to invite friends and family members who served in the armed forces to join them and be honored by the students.
- The PTO is selling KidStuff books. They are \$25 and have been very profitable in the past.
- The Fall Fair will be November 8th. The school is looking forward to games, crafts, food, basket raffles and an all new, expanded Haunted Hallway.



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Schools in Review

Homecoming King Tyler Acey Queen Emma Andy and the Court

Annual Homecoming Parade

By: Ashley Nalewajek



The homecoming candidates were picked for various categories. Students were given the choice of voting for a male and female candidate for categories such as "nicest to know", "most involved" and most community service hours". The attendees were: Nick Bendas-Giano and Alicia Gorski, Katie Bernier and Joey Esposito, Jacob Jones and Shayla Beausoleil, Lissa Little and Chris Arduini, and crowned Queen and King were Emma Andy and Tyler Acey.

On Friday October 19th, Plainville High School had its annual homecoming parade before the homecoming football game against rival Berlin. The candidates rode in convertibles down Robert Holcomb Drive and behind them followed floats made by each grade. The freshman class float was themed Willy Wonka with students dressed as oompa loompas, the sophomore float was Toy Story themed with students dressed as characters such as Buzz Lightyear, Jessie and Woody. The class of 2015 junior float was zombie themed. The senior class theme flower power, had loud 70's music playing.

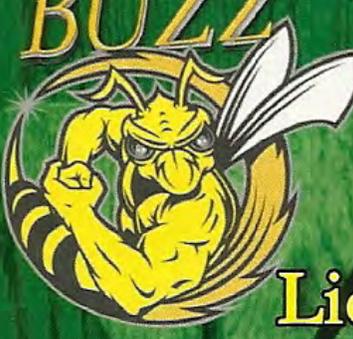
During the homecoming football game, people had the chance to vote for their favorite class float. The float with the most votes was the senior class.



P.H.S. Class of 1963 Reunion

Mike DeAngelo and members of the P.H.S. Class of 1963 reunion committee recently Presented a check of \$1,000.00 to Susie Woerz of the Plainville Community Food Pantry. The class held the first Annual PHS All Alumni reunions. Class mates attended dating back to 1943, the reunion was held at the V.F.W. Hall.



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Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast Gets Cooking



Chris and Olivia Wazorko, Tim Lagano and Bill Gaughan tend the grills at the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast.

Plainville Art League Winner Painters of the Month



Local Artists, John Deegan, Oil Painting, named Autumn Colors will be exhibited at Magiafico's Bakery. Fern Waskowicz, 2nd winner, her painting will be exhibited at Oasis Restaurant in Bristol. Next painting of the month will be November 19th.

Blessing of Animals



On Saturday October 5th Father Jose Martinez, after saying the prayers and leading us all in the singing of "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" blessed the water and made sure every animal present, including the human variety was sprinkled and blessed. Saint Francis felt he had a strong connection with the animals as did many people there sharing how much their animals mean in their lives and how much they are loved.

Republicans Gather At Fundraiser



Justin and Jenny Bernier recently hosted a fundraiser at their home in Plainville for local Republican candidates. Show above are Bill Brayne, Laurie Peterson, Kathy Pugliese, Senator Jason Welch, Scott Saunders, Danny Carrier, and Andrea Saunders. Shown in front are two of Jason Welch's children.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Charity: Our Witness to Faith DONOR APPRECIATION DINNER Aqua Turf Club



Pictured at the dinner with The Most Reverend Henry J Mansell are from left to right Janice & Bill Brayne, Deb & John Hardy, Archbishop Mansell, Carol Miliski, Bill Bergenty and Greta Moore. After dinner a Video Presentation of the charities that benefited from the 2013 Appeal.

Photo by Helen Bergenty

Donations For New Horizons Living Center



Shown above is Matthew Gastringer collecting donations for the New Horizons Living Center. The center provides supportive housing for children and adults with special needs, group and individual pastoral counseling. Local living centers are located at 534 N. Main Street, Bristol and 34 Fallsbrook Rd, Bristol. Matthew wishes to thank Gnazzo's for their assistance.

FREE Shred Event

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What: Farmington Bank is providing secure destruction of confidential documents (e.g., old checks, tax returns, financial statements, medical records, legal documents, monthly bills, etc.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editors Note:

On behalf of our staff we wish to Thank everyone that authored letters this month.

Dear Editor,

On November 5th, the voters of Plainville will have the opportunity to vote for their leaders for the next two years. I want to encourage all voters in Plainville to vote for Christopher Wazorko.

Over the last two years, Christopher has fought hard to maintain services while limiting the burden on the taxpayers of Plainville.

In his 16 years on the Town Council he has proven his leadership abilities get the job done. He is open-minded and leads by example. He has the experience, knowledge, and motivation to make sure the citizens of Plainville are the highest priority. I support Christopher Wazorko without hesitation and urge all voters to support him also on November 5th.

Todd Cello

Dear Editor,

I ask Plainville voters to support our Democratic slate for the Board of Education. During the 12 years I have served on the Board, we have made great strides in many areas including curriculum and school climate. However, we still have much work to do. Democratic candidates Cheryl Provost, Foster White, Randall Peck and I are committed to expanding communication with parents and the overall community, as well as expanding the use of technologies that will prepare students for the future. Our decisions will be made based on what is best for Plainville students. Please support us on November 5th.

Becky Tyrrell

Dear Editor

It's that time again where town vote for their respective candidates for Council and Board of Education. Plainville has had a good run with our current Republican controlled Council and Board of Ed. Some of their accomplishments include:

- We have passed two consecutive budgets on first ballot..never before accomplished since the all day voting procedure was adopted
- Only increased the mill rate .25 in last two years
- Restored fund balance to 7.5% from low of just over 2%.
- Combined the Town and Board of Education Finance Depts. to save money and to better work with one another.
- Successfully implemented recommendations by Charter Revision Commission to have separate budgets for Town and Board of Ed respectively. Democrats opposed these suggestions.
- Added new police positions.
- Reversed Pay to Participate program which the Democrats imposed on our children/grandchildren saving \$\$ for families.
- Returned excess funds to General Fund two consecutive years.
- Purchased Chrome Books for students 8-12 grades.
- Instituted All Day Kindergarten
- Hired additional Music and Health teachers

By working together the Town Council and Board of Education have not only saved taxpayer dollars, but made transparency and accountability a priority. Taxes have been minimally impacted while services have been retained or expanded.

Let's continue to elect the Republican candidates in helping Plainville to strive in these difficult economic times.

John Gasparini

Dear Editor

Brent Davenport, Board of Education member and lifelong Plainville resident is committed to our children. As a graduate of the Plainville school system, he understands excellence in education. As a father, he realizes that every decision impacts future generations. Finally, as a teacher he understands the challenges facing education.

Today's education is driven by financial constraints and curriculum shifts. The board of education needs to make decisions that are best for kids and understand the economic impact on taxpayers. Brent has met these challenges and made decisions with careful thought and deliberation. Please join me in voting for Brent Davenport.

Jennifer Michalek

To the Editor,

My name is Richard Ireland Jr. and I'm a Democratic candidate for Town Council in the Town of Plainville. I would like to take this time introduce myself to the residents of Plainville

My wife Rebecca and I have lived in Plainville since 1991 and have found it to be a friendly town. Since moving here, I have been part of various committees such as the Linden Street Steering Committee and the Plainville Schools Steering Committee. More recently, I have served as both Vice-Chairman and present Chairman of the Plainville Recycling & Solid Waste Commissions since 2002. I feel that these experiences working on town committee and commission plus being on committees during my work experiences make me qualified to being elected to the Town Council.

While serving as Chairman of the Plainville Recycling & Solid Waste Commission, I have worked with Town Council, Town Manager, and various town departments, and along with commission members have improved the recycling rates in the Town of Plainville. Working with Plainville Police Department, we now have a Drug Takeback program. This program collects unused drugs and prevents them from be thrown into the sewer systems and from getting into the hands of children.

We have also worked with the Board of Education to hold furniture giveaways so that town residents have an opportunity to reuse school furniture. Our commission was an early advocate of the automated trash collection and single stream recycling.

Also, we have sponsored NIKE REUSE-A SHOE program and have established a web page on the town website offering recycling information and for the public to contact us with questions.

By using these experiences, I believe that I would be an effective Council member. My goals would be improved economic development, especially in the downtown area, finding efficient and meaningful ways of keeping the budget under control and maintain the quality of life issues that I believe are an asset to Plainville. I would accomplish these goals by working with Town staff and agencies, and public input.

I hope you vote for me and my fellow Democrats on ROW B on NOVEMBER 5TH.

Sincerely, Richard Ireland Jr.

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17. CONFISCATE
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19. MOSS, LACE OR BANDED STONE
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23. NEW ROCHELLE COLLEGE
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25. RAYS OR DEVILFISH
28. CUTTING IMPLEMENTS FOR SEWING
33. TWO-TOED SLOTH
34. LIGHTLY FRY
35. JAPANESE APRICOT
36. GARGLE
38. CONSUMED FOOD
39. SWATS
41. DOCTORS' GROUP
42. BASEBALL TEAMS
44. JAPANESE WAIST POUCH
45. IMPAIRED BY DIMINUTION
47. A FIXED PORTION OF FOOD
49. GALL
50. A BLOCK OF SOAP OR

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51. POLITE PHRASE FOR "WHAT?"
58. BLACKBERRY DRUPELETS
59. WILD SHEEP OF NORTHERN AFRICA
60. RIVER IN FLORENCE
61. CARRIED
62. WAS VISUALIZED
63. GIANT ARMADILLO
64. DWARF BUFFALOES
65. AN ACCOUNT OF EVENTS
66. AVERY DARK BLACK

CLUES DOWN

1. MORSELS
2. INDIAN WET NURSE
3. COOK A CAKE
4. RETIRED WITH HONORARY TITLE
5. CONDUCTOR'S INSTRUMENT
6. MANILA HEMP
7. YELLOW PORTION OF AN EGG
8. CURVED SUPPORT STRUCTURE
9. REASONINGS
10. MOLTEN ROCKS
11. HILLSIDE (SCOT.)
12. LEASES
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25. WALL PAINTING
26. COLORFUL JAPANESE ANIMATION
27. GRANDMOTHERS
28. FULLY SATISFIED
29. BILLIARDS STICKS
30. A CITIZEN OF OMAN
31. DUPLICATE OR COPY
32. MUNICIPALITY IN PHILIPPINES
34. MENTALLY HEALTHY
37. CAPACITIES FOR WORK OR ACTIVITY
40. ABLE TO READ AND WRITE
43. DARK BLUIISH BLACK
46. LOUDENVILLE COLLEGE
47. SEIZURE OF PROPERTY BY FORCE
48. ALIAS
50. SHOWING NO MERCY OR PITY
51. SACRED PICTURE
52. HUNGARIAN PEN INVENTOR
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THOUGHTS TO PONDER..... By Rose Hyjek

The Town Council and the Board of Education have done an exemplary job over the past two years on the following;

- *Town/Board of education budgets,
- *Merging of finance departments,
- *Spending and mill increases kept to a minimum,
- *Services to schools and the town have not been reduced even with small increases.

Thank you for the time and hard work you do to make our town prosperous, safe, and a pleasure to live in.

**Holiday Fair Senior Center
Saturday November 2nd
See Details on Page 19~ Young at Heart**

Are You Better Off Today Than You Were Two Years Ago?

Submitted By: Ronald Zup

The question is frequently asked : The answer for Plainville is a definite yes. The Republican majority has managed to keep our services, expand school programs, and streamlined how the Town and Board of Education do business. At the same time they have held tax increases to a bare minimum. Their decisions have benefited the taxpayers, the school children, and the businesses of our beautiful community. Join me in voting Republican this November and Plainville can continue to be the envy of our neighboring Towns.

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Open to the Public

The St. John Ladies Guild
will hold their annual craft fair on
Saturday, November 9th, 9AM-3PM
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The Plainville Wind Ensemble Veteran's Concert

Members Stacey Pratt~right and Kathleen Marsan~left and Len Papluaskas behind them~ performing with members of the Plainville Wind Ensemble in concert (courtesy of Plainville Wind Ensemble)

The Plainville Wind Ensemble enters their 26th concert season with the ninth annual Veteran's Concert on November 10, 2013, 2 pm in Welte Hall of Central Connecticut State University. "American Songbook" will feature the music of America with pieces such as "Shenandoah, "Girl I left behind Me" and "Old American Songs". Directed by Christopher Dresko and sponsored by the University's Veterans Affairs Department, the concert is dedicated to all veterans and those presently serving in the military. Cyndi Simms, morninging traffic reporter for Clear Channel Radio and Fox Connecticut TV, and evenings as a news writer for Fox, will emcee.

Marines from the Naval and Marine Center of Plainville, Sea Cadets, Hardware City Detachment Marine Corps League and members of the Veteran's Affairs Department of CCSU will accept donations of a new toy at the door. The "Snappy Seniors", a program of the Plainville Senior Citizen, will have a display of patriotic photos in the foyer of Welte Hall.

With assistance from programs such as this concert, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" Program in Connecticut is able to successfully meet their mission "to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted" and to complete their goal to "deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens." Toys are needed for ages infants to teens.

The concert is free and family oriented. For more information on the Plainville Wind Ensemble, visit www.plainvillewindensemble.com or Face Book. We are looking forward to another successful event! Thank you for your continued support of the performing arts,

What's Going On...

Plainville AARP Chapter #4146

The AARP Chapter #4146 next meeting is Wednesday, November 20th 1:00 pm at the Plainville Public Library, 56 East Main Street. The Meeting Room is located in the lower level with elevator access.

Library Director Peter Chase was the guest speaker at the first meeting held at the Library in October. He welcome the members and spoke on all the new services offered at the library that includes the InfoAnytime which lets you interact online with a reference librarian 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Support Plainville Soccer Club

The Plainville Soccer Club is holding it's
4th annual Soccer Social on:

November 16th, 2013 at 7pm

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From My Balcony

By Jeannette Hinkson

First, I want to thank the gentleman who was so nice to call and spend so much time telling us how spot on my last month's balcony story was. It is indeed nice, and an honor I might add, to hear someone referred to us as "the Fox news of Plainville." I hope my readers will agree with what I have to say this month. The big news in October was OUR GOVERNMENT HAS SHUT DOWN! My next question is...does anyone miss them? I don't really feel sorry for those poor workers that are on furlough as they are collecting unemployment and if they are union, and I can only guess they all are, their unions also kick in and pays them while they are out of work. It is reported when they return to their jobs they will be paid for the time they are off. To me this means they are getting a paid vacation, at the taxpayer's expense, without using up their vacation time. The President is only making it hard on those that want to go to the national parks and putting the squeeze on visitors to Washington. If we can get along without these people this long, my question is: DO WE REALLY NEED THEM? Have you ever gone

to the offices of any state or federal agency? There is so much deadwood walking around doing nothing it is a shame. Just go to the Motor Vehicle Department, which will make you angry for days. They have more unmanned windows than a window factory. Yet, you can see people chatting in the back of the room while you wait for hours. This may be getting off the track, but I learned this week of an elderly couple, 90 and 96 respectfully, and their visit to the DMV. Because of their inability to walk long distances their doctor recommended they get a handicap sticker for their car, and he filled out the proper papers so they could get the sticker. These two elderly people went to the New Britain DMV, waited an hour and a half and after the examiner looked over the papers they were refused. They called and told their doctor, who was very angry, and he wrote a letter to the DMV and they were then told to return where they waited an additional hour and a half and were finally given their handicap tag. I must say, "New Britain DMV, you've really outdone yourselves. I know there is a special place for you when you are gone, and I hope it is real hot there and you have to stand in a long, long line and when you get to the window it closes or you have to re-due your paperwork and come back the next day."

The rest of us are already struggling with the health insurance and when I hear people say, "When I get to be sixty-five I won't worry about health insurance, I'll be on Medicare," I know they are not in tune with what happens when you retire. Let me tell you Medicare is not free! The government takes part of your social security check each month to pay for Medicare. Then you have to purchase secondary insurance, because Medicare only pays a small part of your medical bill. That will cost you about \$230 per month each, for a husband and wife that is \$460. Next you need drug insurance and that will cost around \$50 per month each. When you add it all up an elderly couple is paying around \$10,000 a year for their medical insurance and that isn't what I call free, and you have to pay a co-pay as well. Some persons I have spoken to find their Social Security checks don't even cover their medical insurance payments. After speaking to my insurance carrier I found my supplemental plan will be costing me about \$60 per month more. Do you wonder why you are seeing so many senior citizens in the workforce?

Instead of "OBAMA CARE" it should be "OBAMA DOESN'T CARE AND NEITHER DOES ANYONE ELSE IN OUR GOVERNMENT."

Plainville Historical Society's DECADE DINNER

When: Saturday, November 2nd Where: Grace Lutheran Church
Time: 4-7 pm Farmington Ave. Plainville

Menu: Mulligan Beef Stew, Salad, Breads,
Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Soda

Adults: \$10 Children: \$5 For tickets call (860) 747-6577

The Plainville Historical Society will hold its annual fund raiser, The Decade Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at Grace Lutheran Church on Farmington Avenue. This year we honor the 1860's the "Decade We Became a Town". In holding with our tradition, the menu will reflect the times. This year the meal is Civil War or Mulligan Beef Stew, salad, rolls and biscuits, desserts, coffee, tea and soda. A booklet with the events of the decade, in town and in the nation, will be given to guests. There will also be a choice raffle. You purchase your tickets and chose which basket you hope to win. Each basket will contain items and/or certificates in excess

of \$50. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased at the Historic Center at 29 Pierce Street, or you may call the Center and reserve tickets. Please leave your name, phone number, and number of tickets you wish to reserve. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

*Come join us for a great dinner and an
interesting trip into the past!*

LOOK FOR.....OUR COMING EVENT IN DECEMBER

Festive Family Fun Day

When: Sunday, December 8th

Time: 2-5 pm

Where: Plainville Historic Center,
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Goodbye and Good Luck to Marcy Miller

The Staff of the Hometown Connection wishes to THANK YOU Marcy you for the years of providing our paper with the "Young of Heart" News every month and wish you well in your new career.

Schools in Review Cont.

From Page 12 & 13

PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL EXPANDS COLLEGE AWARENESS FOR STUDENTS

This year, Plainville High School will increase college awareness for students through two schoolwide initiatives, according to Principal Steven LePage.

The third annual College Fair was held on October 25th. The event, coordinated by the School Counseling Department, featured over 100 colleges and representatives from each who were hand to meet students in the school's Wood Gymnasium. Students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades at the high school visited the college fair throughout the course of the morning, and had an opportunity to speak to college representatives from the institutions that will be present. "Having the College Fair in our building is a great way to introduce the underclassmen to a wide variety of schools and gives seniors a chance to talk with colleges on their lists." said Plainville High School Counselor Denise Jacobson.

Plainville High School students also participated in a "college awareness" event on October 2nd. As part of the school's monthly mentoring sessions, all students took part in a 30 minute activity facilitated by faculty members in their homerooms. The mentoring activity on October 2nd was entitled "Increasing College Awareness at PHS." As part of the activity, homeroom teachers first picked a college name from a hat which had the names of all the colleges that are attending the high school's college fair on October 25th. Next, faculty members and students in each homeroom began to research the college they picked and decorate their respective classroom doors with the information found about that college, including size, location, admissions criteria, majors, and more. The goal of the activity is for students to learn to research in a fun way, give them a special connection to a college for the college fair, increase college awareness and encourage team building and collaboration. In addition, students' motivation to perform to the best of their ability will be heightened as they review facts and information regarding college acceptance.

"Our School Counseling Department has done a terrific job of building excitement around the college options for our students' future. Our faculty and staff reinforce this through their dedication to prepare students for success after high school. Development of an early awareness about college expectations and opportunities provides a target for students to strive for during high school. It is important for students to have a sense of purpose for the hard work and effort they must apply in school and activities at PHS. Setting goals is a great way to build intrinsic motivation and to develop a sense of purpose of education," noted Principal LePage.

Ashley's P.H.S. Home Coming Game Story and Pictures on Page 13



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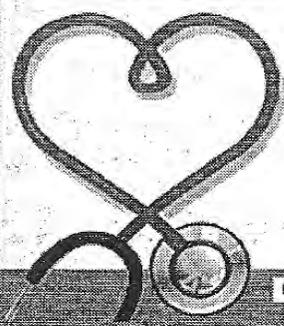
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Pass the Minerals Please

By Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. It's not as complicated as Christmas, which, while joyous, can be a frenzy of holiday parties, shopping, baking, cards, travel and everything in between. Not to mention the loom of New Years and all those goals from last year that got swept under the rug.

At Thanksgiving, we get to enjoy good food, family, friends, parades and football. Turkey naturally contains tryptophan that helps the body produce serotonin. This acts as a calming agent in the brain and plays a key role in sleep. I'm not quite positive that it's the small amount of turkey consumed that causes the majority of guests to snooze after dinner or if it's the mashed potatoes, gravy, wine or the drop in blood sugar after so many delectable desserts. May I suggest a nice walk after dinner to keep the blood flowing and help with digestion before you sit back on the couch.

Thanksgiving began as a tradition of celebrating the harvest of the year. Perhaps we should consider thanking our local growers who supported our various farmers markets this year. They bring us delicious and nutritious leafy greens, vegetables and fruits. They do their best to rotate and attend to their soil to make sure that the crops have all the minerals we need to be healthy.

I attended a talk on minerals recently and according to this naturopathic physician, North America has seen an 85% depletion in minerals in our food over the past 100 years. He explained that some of the diseases and symptoms of chromium deficiency alone include low blood sugar, prediabetes, learning disabilities, depression, infertility, and decreased sperm count.

There was a report presented to Congress about decreasing levels of minerals in 1936. The report claimed that the decreasing rate of minerals in our soil was a national emergency that will increase chronic illnesses that will bankrupt the country. While there are some people that dispute this, it does make you wonder about the quality of our food today.

So what can you do? You can eat healthy and have a diet that is 2/3rd alkaline based and 1/3rd acidic. This will help you maintain a good balanced pH (like you might have wanted in your swimming pool this year). A body with a high acidic level will rob these precious minerals from elsewhere in your body to maintain balance. Examples of alkaline food are kale, parsley, broccoli, brussels sprouts, garlic, onion, almonds and quinoa. Examples of high acidic foods are bacon, beef, eggs, butter, cheese, artificial sweeteners, solid oil, apples, oranges, coffee and peanuts. You don't want to avoid all these acidic foods, just make them a smaller percentage of your total diet.

Thankfully, our cells are on constant watch to protect us from some of the less than healthy things we incorporate into our diet. On Thanksgiving, let's also appreciate this miraculous system that is working so hard to help us do some of the simplest things in life. Think about how you can offer some relief to your internal army of cell protectors by reducing sugar, saturated fats and processed foods for a few days or longer.

So enjoy the holiday and get those running shoes ready for your Black Friday adventures.

PS – Did you know that another rare occurrence this year is that Thanksgiving is also the first day of Hanukkah.

So a Happy Hanukkah and Happy Thanksgiving is in order! Enjoy!



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Anti-Virus and Windows 8.1 Information

Anti-Virus Information

In May 2012, I covered computer security, anti-virus, and anti-malware protection. At the time I recommended a free tool from Microsoft for Windows computers called Security Essentials. While it still protects against a lot of malicious software, Microsoft has come out and suggested users find more comprehensive software to replace its own offering. If you are running Security Essentials, I suggest looking for another program. Your internet service provider likely offers a free comprehensive security suite of software for free with your service. Xfinity (Comcast) customers can download Constant Guard. (constantguard.comcast.net) It offers extensive suite of protection tools. They will try to get you to install a bunch of tools. I suggest only installing the Norton Security Suite. AT&T (uVerse) offers AT&T Internet Security Suite powered by McAfee. To find it, log into myAT&T (www.att.com/olam), hover over internet and click McAfee Internet Security. Remember to uninstall Security Essentials before installing the new software. Windows 8.1 is now available.

Windows 8.1 was released on October 18th. It is an update to Windows 8 which came out about a year ago. If you have a computer or tablet with Windows 8, you'll want to upgrade. This update fixes some of the awkwardness that came with the new generation of Windows. Here are some things to look for.

- The start button is back. Sort of. A start button has been added to the desktop where you were used to seeing it before. When clicked, it brings up the start screen which is a redesigned and enhanced start menu.
- Customizable start screen background. In 8.1 you can make the start screen background match the desktop background. This will make things less jarring going back and forth between desktop and Start screen.
- Skip the Start Screen altogether. An option will be available to boot the computer directly to the desktop.
- The lock screen can now be made into a photo slideshow. Make your monitor a picture frame when the computer is idle.
- New tile sizes for the start screen. Beside the full rectangle and the half size square tiles, you can now create quarter sized tiles. The start screen also scales better to different sized screens.
- Aggregated search. The search capability of Windows 8 is pretty incredible. Just start typing when you are on the start screen and your search results appear. With 8.1 your search will not only search your computer and apps, it will also search the web with Bing automatically.
- The built in apps including Mail and Xbox music will get an update and new features. New built in apps including Alarm Clock, Food & Drink, Health & Fitness, and Reading List.
- In Windows 8, you have the ability to snap an app to one side or the other and work with two apps at the same time. In 8.1 you can now snap to half screen and have two apps taking advantage of that wide screen monitor you own.
- The app store has been redesigned to make it much easier to browse and explore now apps.
- There are a bunch of other new features and updates to Internet Explorer, Windows Explorer, Skydrive integration, control panel, and mouse and keyboard functionality.

If you haven't already updated your computer, the update is free for Windows 8 users through the Windows Store. The Windows 8.1 boxed retail version is also available at stores and online. New devices are also available with Windows 8.1 pre-installed.

The holiday season has come around once again. Look out for a small holiday technology shopping guide in the December issue.

As always, if you have any questions about this column or ideas for future columns, please send along an email to jim.phc@gmail.com.

TEA PARTY PATRIOTS

By Gene

By the time the ink is dry on this November *Hometown Connection* issue that you are reading right now, the compromise on the Government shutdown and debt ceiling might be done. Just kicking the can down the road again.

You can keep your insurance company and your doctor at what rate and network. Now, there is a shortage of doctors, mass leaving of practice or going elsewhere?

Not a time to compromise if they haven't already. Look how ruthless the Washington establishment's fear and scare tactics are trying on Senators and Congressmen. "Our way or no-way".

If Obamacare can not stand on its own, it should "NOT stand at all".

The reality of Obamacare is starting to take hold. Skyrocketing deductibles, new taxes, and fees. Should members of Congress and their aids be exempt and forced into exchanges? Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Wall Street was bad enough.

Why are certain groups being scrutinized and flagged after being cleared? IRA and Obamacare - a deadly combination. Do you want to wait while unelected bureaucrats (*Navigators*) decide on hip or knee replacement? (*Maybe six months or more*).

Remember - "The easiest way to give away your power is to have you believe that you don't have any".

Agenda 21 proposes and array of actions that are intended to be implemented by every person on Earth...It calls for specific changes in the activities of all people. (*TheNewAmerican.com*)

The admission is so staggering as to require recapitulation: "profound reorientation," "all human society," "every person on Earth," "every human action," "every level," "demand," "require". In short, it is an undisguised call for the total regimentation of all life on the planet. (*TheNewAmerican.com*)

No one fully understands how, or ever if, sustainable development can be achieved; however, there is a growing consensus that it must be accomplished at the local level if it is ever to be achieved on a global basis. (*TheNewAmerican.com*)

Who said, "If they have a knife, bring a gun"? It's like holding a gun to your head, to negotiate.

No elected position is more influential than on the "Board of Ed" in this year's municipal election; learn who your candidates are, step up to run or help conservatives fight off the reckless liberal over-spending on public-education. Stay tuned in with their every move re. "Common Core".

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# CHIROPRACTIC AND YOU

By: Dr. Marc Leuenberger

## ~ ASTHMA ~

Asthma is a mechanical disturbances of respiratory function. It is a chronic inflammatory condition of the lungs that is characterized by episodes of wheezing, difficult expiration and breathlessness. It is the number one chronic illness in children and boys tend to be affected twice as often as girls. In adulthood, however, women are more likely to experience this illness than men. These episodes can occur several times throughout the course of one day or as infrequently as once every several years. Often, the attacks occur during the night or early morning hours and usually leave it's victims exhausted for several hours following each event. A hereditary link is suspected in some patients. It is of often misdiagnosed, especially in the elderly, because it resembles several other respiratory illness.

During an asthma attack, a complex chain of events occurs innning with the narrowing or constriction of the primary and secondary breathing tubes (bronchi and bronchioles). The muscles around these airways tighten and the inner airway lining swells. Finally, the development and secretion of mucous occurs which further blocks the airway. Aside from the obvious difficulty in breathing and the typical wheezing sounds that accompany most attacks, patients may experience include tightness in the chest, cough, an increase in pulse, sweating, anxiety or agitation and perhaps a blue tint to the face or lips. To get an accurate idea of what an attack feels like, take a deep breath, hold it for a few seconds, and then try to trace another deep breath without exhaling the first one.

The cause of this disease is due to either extrinsic or intrinsic factors. Extrinsic asthma is thought to be "triggered" by certain stimuli outside of the body. Allergies to dust, animals, perfume, detergents, plants and plastics are just a few of the substances thought to act as trigger. Certain viral respiratory infections, drugs and hormones can also cause this. Stress and emotional factors do not trigger asthma attacks, but attacks can be worsened by strong emotional feelings. Hypersensitivity to any of these triggers may cause an inflammatory reaction in the airways which ultimately leads to both constriction, or narrowing, of the airway and secretion of the MICOUS. This chain of events is related to the production of certain antibodies in the blood, called IgE, whose purpose is to find and neutralize foreign substances, and therefore dangerous substances, within the body called antigens.

Additionally, cold and dry weather or sudden changes in humidity and temperature stimulate the illness. Vigorous exercise may also act as a stimulant. But don't take that as an excuse to stay inactive! Regular nonvigorous exercise usually helps to manage the condition.

Chiropractic focuses on the intrinsic condition of asthma. With this type of asthmatic reaction, external triggering mechanisms do not play a role in stimulating an attack. The antibody level of IgE remains with normal limits and there is no apparent hypersensitivity to any substance that typically triggers attacks as seen in extrinsic asthma. A neurologic disorder is thought to be the cause. We are most concerned with spinal subluxations that may interfere with the nervous system's supply to the organs of respiration.

Spinal subluxations interfere with the health and performance of your nervous system. When a nerve isn't doing it's job properly, it will let you know! Usually, that the signal will come in the form of pain, but it can also display itself as decrease or loss of function. Bronchoconstriction is such a signal in intrinsic asthma. Certainly, interference to spinal cord at the upper neck or cervical spinal level, where the parasympathetic nervous system is housed, could disrupt normal respiratory mechanisms. The bronchoconstriction (airway narrowing) that occurs during an asthma attack is the direct result of parasympathetic nerve activity. This activity is involuntary and not under your conscious control.

The primary goal of the chiropractor is to locate and correct any spinal subluxations that may be affecting the parasympathetic nervous system that contribute: to intrinsic asthmatic attacks. Many patients under chiropractic care for subluxations related to intrinsic asthma improve as the underlying neurological condition improves.

Many studies have been published on the effectiveness of chiropractic treatment of asthma. These studies show a qualitative improvement in asthmatic patients under chiropractic care. Asthma is serious, sometimes life threatening and prevalent worldwide and more studies of treatment for both intrinsic and extrinsic attacks, are needed.

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What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving? ~Erma Bombeck, "No One Diets on Thanksgiving," 26 November 1981

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The home of Francis LeDuc, 43 Birchtree Road, was selected for renovations by the House of Heroes Connecticut. The all volunteer group from ATT Pioneers, Home Depot Foundation and a host of others supplied labor and materials on Saturday, October 19th. Mr. LeDuc's windows were replaced along with improvements to his heating system. Outside clean up was also part of the project. The ceremonies for House of Heroes were coordinated by The Plainville Veterans' Council representatives Dan Kulas and Robert Berube. Bill May and Steve Cavanaugh are Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the organization. Pictured with Mr. LeDuc, (L-R) Kathy Pugliese, Lee Toffey, Andrea & Scott Saunders.

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**When: Saturday, November 16th  
9 am to 3 pm  
Where: Plainville High School  
47 Robert Holcomb Way**

Crowley Ford Lincoln and Plainville High School are partnering on Saturday, November 16th for Lincoln's Driven To Give event. At this important event, members of the community can support the start-up of a FIRST Robotics team at Plainville High School simply by taking a test-drive in any Lincoln vehicle at the school! For every test drive taken, Lincoln and Crowley Ford Lincoln will donate \$20 to the school! In total, the community can help raise up to \$8,000, an amount that will prove to be beneficial to their mission! This fundraising event is a unique way to fill some of the funds necessary to running a robotics team. A fun filled day is planned at the school - with face painting, hot chocolate, coffee, cider and more!

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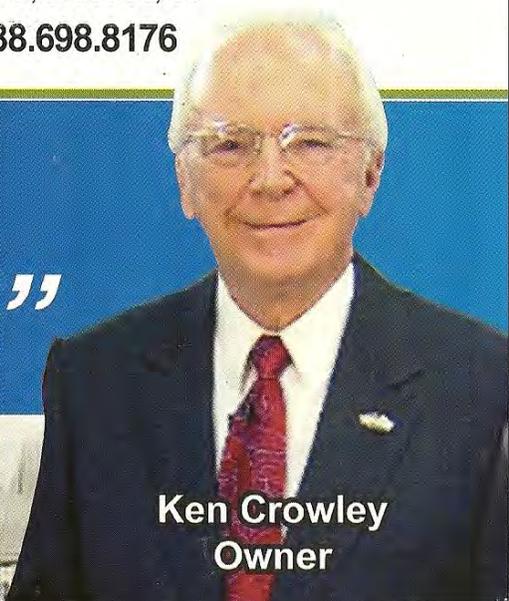
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## Plainville Optical 20 Years & Counting ~Part One~

By: *Jonathan Lindberg*  
Licensed Optician



Plainville Optical is celebrating 20 years in business and our new location has plenty of parking. The central location with easy access will ensure another 20 years of service to our customers and patients.

Plainville Optical opened for business in June of 1993 amidst a moderate recession. The genesis of the store was a laboratory and door to door service business called Licensed Optician Services based out of my home in Plainville. I attended to disabled clients in their own homes and convalescent facilities, filling their prescriptions at my laboratory in the cellar then returning to dispense the eyewear. Soon after the business was up and running well I expanded the service to Medicaid clients in their own homes. Optometrists in four different cities referred examined patients to me for eyewear fittings. That kept me busy 3-4 days each week while I filled in the days with freelance coverage at independent practices all over Connecticut. In three years I worked at nearly 50 different stores. Many of these businesses also used my laboratory for fabricating their eyeglass orders. During those 3 years I worked an average of 6 days a week for about 70 hours per week covering about 100,000 miles in Connecticut. The job taught me that good service, competency and a friendly willingness to help was all I needed to do to succeed with a retail store front.

So I was confident when I signed a 3 year lease June, 14th 1993 with the Olde Canal Square owners for 1500 sq. ft. at about \$1,000/month that Plainville Optical would grow. It did and next month I will write about the changes and improvements that were made over the earlier years.

### Yes, This is a Correction .....

These two articles Part One and Part Two about Plainville Optical are both in this months paper because we goofed last month. I said we but it was brought to my attention that it was my mistake. "I guess my eyes weren't focused right, I better see Jonathan"

Part Three hasn't happened yet, with their customers help it will!

*Helen Bergenty*

## Plainville Optical 20 Years & Counting~Part Two~

By: *Jonathan Lindberg* Licensed Optician

Two months ago I wrote about how Plainville Optical came to be and now as the late great radio man used to say "Is the rest of the story". Olde Canal Square was close to home and a relatively new plaza with a nice mix of local businesses already open. As expected the first year was tough waiting for customers to bring in prescriptions to be filled and for patients to make appointments with my associate Dr. Armando Rafael who established his Plainville Optometry practice in a sublet office space there. While preparing the new location I had requested my former business phone number be transferred and a yellow page advertisement was contracted but neither the phone number or the ad were published due to a mistake by the phone company representative. So the first year I had to rely on newspaper ads to get the word out and a rollover phone line to get my calls at the business.

Business improved eventually using other advertising media and word of mouth became the most effective source of new clients. Each year afterward the people of Plainville and nearby towns helped the business grow. For 10 years we offered exams two days a week but in January 2004 we added Dr. Shreya Patel to offer exams a third day and in September 2009 Dr. Mark DiLoreto began his practice there and we now offer exams 4 days a week. The three optometrists also work together at an office in Meriden owned by Dr. Rafael and my wife Lori Lindberg L.O. By that time in 2009 the business had suffered two years of declining sales and revenue due in part to the poor economy but mostly due to lack of parking and a viable handicap space in the plaza. I began searching for a better location where I could control the destiny of the business. I made a serious offer for the bank building next door to Rite Aid Drug Store but the owner decided to lease to Liberty Bank. I then considered with less interest the two story framed house the VNA had occupied for years but it too had access issues and two floors which did not make much sense for retail eye care.

In the spring of 2011 a real estate agent approached me to lease space where Blockbuster Video had vacated next to C.V.S. I had told her I'm only interested in moving if I buy a building that's the right size and location close by. The very next day she called me about 28 East St. our present location. I was fortunate to have a working spouse to help with the purchase and remodel. The contractor was well known to me and he rushed the renovations and did very well only needing about 7 weeks and the Town of Plainville made sure I had few if any snags in the process. I was impressed with the interest and efficiency of all those who assisted the builder and myself.

As we approached 2 years at 28 East St. we have survived a storm of the century, two tropical storms, and a second early winter storm that knocked out power in each occasion. Earlier this year we received three feet of snow which I had to carefully shovel off my flat roof to avoid a collapse or major leak. But any one of my customers know I will say it was one of the best decisions I've made in my professional career. We have handicap access near the front door, more parking than necessary, and more room to care for our customers and the doctors' patients. At Plainville Optical where Fashion and Value see eye to eye we look forward to another 20 years of great service to the community.



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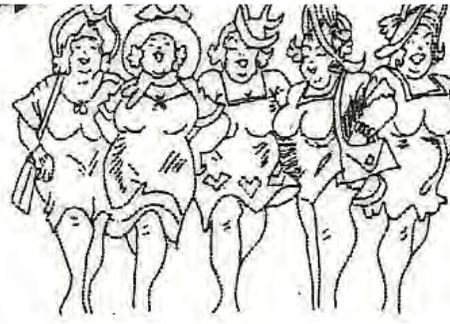
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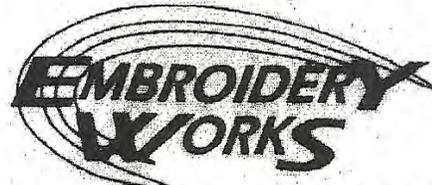
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Candidates L to R: Danny Carrier, Deb Tompkins, Lee Toffey, Kathy Pugliese, Scott Saunders

Board of Education



Candidates L to R: Ezio Capozzi, Andrea Saunders, Laurie Peterson, Brent Davenport

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November 5th
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- ✓ Combined Town and Board of Education Finance Departments
- ✓ Mill increase kept to .25 over past two years
- ✓ Passed two consecutive budgets on the first ballot

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Republican Town Council Candidates



Lee Toffey

I ask for your support being re-elected to the Town Council. The Republican led Council accomplished Charter Revision, passed the budget on the first vote two consecutive years, and combined the Town and BOE Finance Boards, which resulted in unprecedented financial transparency. We reinstated Sunday Library hours, controlled tax increases, and embraced cooperation. On October 11th AFSCME Council 4 in New Britain voted to endorse me as a municipal candidate. I am an Executive Board Member and Union Stewart for AFSCME Local 538 in Hartford.

Plainville now needs to broaden our tax base with additional businesses and employment opportunities and continue to look for ways to reduce redundancy in government. I wish to continue my service to our community and ask for your vote on November 5th.



Kathy Pugliese

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve the residents of Plainville as a Town Councilor. The past two years have been truly exciting and productive as the Republican leadership changed the focus and organization of town government. Uniting the financial, human resource, technology and payroll functions of the Town and Board of Education have produced efficiencies and cost savings with measurable results.

Going forward, we will research additional efficiencies and sensible mergers of services between both boards. We can also expand our effectiveness by participating in regionalization of services when it makes sense to do so. Your vote supporting Republicans will ensure ongoing progress and improved effectiveness for your local government.



Scott Saunders

Two years ago, I ran for town Council with the idea that things needed to change. The relationship between the BOE and the Council were strained and the community was hurting. Much has been accomplished since then. The Town and BOE Finance departments are now one, an achievement few towns can claim. The Republican-led Council combined other departments with the BOE proving we can work together in your best interests.

It's truly been a pleasure serving you and I have many ideas for the future. I'm asking for your vote on November 5th so I may continue working for you.

VOTE!

VOTE!



Deb Tompkins

I attended Quinnipiac College and University of Connecticut with a major in English. I have worked in the insurance industry for more than twenty-eight years, and am a Senior Reinsurance Analyst for the Corporate Finance department of the Hartford Insurance Group. I am a member of the Plainville Art League, and a founding member of the Connecticut Artist Network. I have been a member of the Republican Town Committee since 2005, and served as its Secretary 2008 to 2013. I am a Commissioner on the Plainville Inlands Wetlands since 2010, currently serving as Secretary. I will focus on keeping the Town's tax rates stable by controlling spending. By doing this the Town will attract new business to the community, and will increase the grand list without putting a burden on town services. I am asking for your vote on November 5th.



Danny Carrier

I was born and raised in Bristol as one of five siblings and currently live in Plainville with my wife and two children, Cody and Taylor. I enjoy sports such as roller hockey and I play at Plainville Indoor Sports Arena. I've been playing since I was a kid, and hope my kids will also enjoy the same. I also enjoy being outdoors as much as possible with activities such as camping, fishing, hiking, boating, and target shooting. I work with my family construction business that has been based in Plainville for the last sixteen years. My background in construction can provide insight for many projects that the town may be funding or managing because infrastructure and maintenance is one of the larger expenditures in the town budget. My overall goal with the Council would be to keep budgets as low as possible, but also to make sure we try to solve issues that face the town currently and not hand them down to our children. My family means the world to me, and I would like the opportunity to give back to the town and help keep this a great place to live for my children and the citizens of Plainville.

Q & A

Voters Want To Know Town Council

Q. *What is the main function of the Town Council?*

A. The primary job as the Finance Board is to scrutinize the Town Manager's recommended budget, make adjustments and present the final budget to the voters for approval.

Q. *How can I contact Town Council members?*

A. There are a variety of methods for contacting council members. Council members may be contacted by email at the Town of Plainville website (PlainvilleCT.com), by phone to the Municipal Center (860-793-0221) or attending a Town Council meeting the first and third Mondays of each month. Many Council members are also listed in the telephone book.

Q. *How much are Town Councilors paid?*

A. The Town Council receives no compensation for their service. Councilors volunteer hundreds of hours during their two year term in office attending meetings, acting as liaison to boards and commissions, attending community events and participating in conferences of importance to the Town of Plainville.

Q. *If I have a problem with my trash pick up, leaf removal or other service the town provides, where should I go for help?*

A. Your first call should be to the Municipal Center (860)-793-0221 or the Town Manager's office (860)-793-0062. They will make sure your questions and concerns are addressed.

*Letters to the Editor may be found
on pages 8 and 15*

Republican Board of Education Candidates



Ezio Capozzi, Jr.

My name is Ezio Capozzi and I am a candidate for the Board of Education and have lived in Plainville for over forty years graduating from PHS. You may know me through my work as the General Manager of Capozzi's Custom Car Line, Inc. I have a daughter and a son, both of whom currently attend Plainville schools. I am a strong believer in traditional educational values, such as the expectation that all our children graduate from our high schools prepared to undertake their next challenge in life. As a business man, I am also sensitive to the changing values and needs of our society. I was actively involved as an officer in the Wheeler PTO and am currently serving our community as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, a Justice of the Peace, and a Town Constable. I am also the Vice President of the Plainville Soccer Club and coach the Boys U14 Soccer Travel Team. I ask for your vote as a candidate of the Board of Education. Like you, I want Plainville to remain a great place to raise a family.



Andrea Saunders

Over the past few years it has been a privilege to serve the students and citizens of Plainville. As Board of Education Chairperson I have seen that combined cooperation, transparency and fiscal responsibility have united us into one community. Combining the Finance Departments, reversing pay-to-participate and passing reasonable budgets are just a few of the reasons that our town has come together, especially over the past two years. In addition to the financial improvements we were able to add many new programs to our schools. All day kindergarten, enhanced security at all schools, new tennis courts at PHS, new math curriculum in grades 7th & 8th, Chromebook rollout for grades 8th through 12th and a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) initiative. This has been possible because of your faith in our leadership. Please re-elect me for the Board of Education and support all of the Republican candidates on November 5th.



Brent Davenport

I was born in Plainville and continue to reside here. My wife Joanne and I have been married since 2004 and have two children, one of whom just started Kindergarten at Toffolon Elementary School. I am a 1997 graduate of Plainville High School, and attended Briarwood College earning an Associate's Degree in Business Management. I also worked for three HVAC companies obtaining five different trade licenses in that field. In 2004 I started my own HVAC company which led me to my current job as an HVAC instructor at Bristol Tech High School. I am currently the 2013 Teacher of the Year and work as a Student Council Advisor. I have served on the Plainville Little League Board and worked as the Safety Officer, T-ball Director, Coach and Umpire while continuing to be a team sponsor. Being a Teacher has given me the chance to understand what the education system needs and to use that knowledge on the Plainville BOE. I am passionate about helping students overcome challenges to ensure their success.



Laurie Peterson

I have been a resident of Plainville since 2003. I graduated from New Britain High School and continued my education at the University of Alaska and then on to Ventura College in California, majoring in Commercial Art and Graphic Design. While still in school I was hired as an Art Director by an Advertising Agency in Ventura County and stayed there for 9.5 years and then moved on to open my own design studio, now in it's 16th year. 10 of these 16 years have been in Plainville.

I am currently a member of the Republican Town Committee and a candidate for the Board of Education. As a parent, a taxpayer and a business owner I know the importance of making every dollar count. Knowing the value of a good education, and the high cost of this education to the Plainville taxpayers, I look forward to working with the Board of Education who have, for the past two years, did and will continue to do, an exceptional job for the taxpayers.

Constable Candidates



Gail Pugliese
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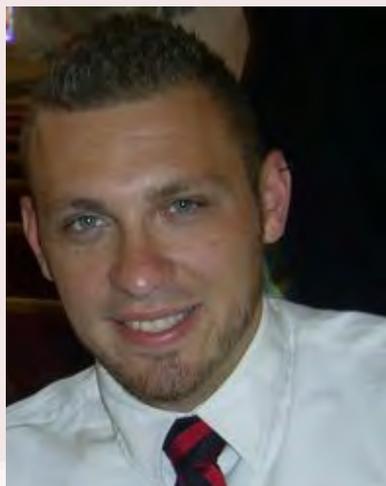
Ezio Capozzi
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Nancy O'Toole
17 A



William G. Brayne
13 A



Anthony Bartolotta
16 A

Library Trustee

Did You Know???

Board of Education

Q What is the main function of the Board of Education?

A Our primary duty is to review and adjust the Superintendent's recommended budget. Our goal is to make sure we continue programs of excellence that support our students achievements.

Q What has been done to ensure safety and security at Plainville schools?

A A security assessment audit has been completed and implemented according to the recommendations of the audit team. The findings include a specific emergency plan at every school.

Q What is the best way to contact the Board of Education or its members?

A The Board of Education may be reached by email at boe@plainvilleschools.org, or by phone at 860-793-3200. Parents are always encouraged to attend monthly Board of Education meetings the second Monday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Middle School of Plainville.

More Questions???

Give Us A Call...

BOE Candidates

Ezio Capozzi ~ 860-747-6379
Andrea Saunders ~ 860-747-8837
Brent Davenport ~ 860-637-0806
Laurie Peterson ~ 860-747-6474

Town Council Candidates

Lee Toffey ~ 203-509-5796
Kathy Pugliese ~ 860-747-2583
Scott Saunders ~ 860-747-8837
Danny Carrier ~ 860-604-4400
Deb Tompkins ~ 860-793-0558

ATTENTION ALL VOTERS OF PLAINVILLE... TOP 12 REASONS TO VOTE REPUBLICAN

By: Rick Drezek

Political letter writing season is once again upon us, Fred did better than Joe, Mary is better than Lucy, Blah, Blah, Blah. Ask yourself this, has our town government ever been in better shape in recent memory? Has the Town Council and BOE ever worked more closely than you can remember? We now have true transparency with financial matters, significant changes to our Town Charter that have resulted in increased efficiencies, productivity, and more information to the voters.

As you enter the voting booth, please consider the following:

1. The Town and BOE financial departments have been combined, all are now located in adjacent offices in the Town Hall, and working with increased efficiencies.
2. Successful passage of the Charter Revision created a process for adopting our Town Budget giving voters a bigger voice on how their money is spent.
3. Two budgets passed on the first ballot.
4. Minimal tax increases with no reduction of service.
5. Entire review of all of Plainville's Ordinances, some of which have not been reviewed in over 30 years.
6. Implemented All day Kindergarten Chrome books for all students in grades 8 through 12
7. Sunday hours restored at the Public Library
8. Plainville Police Department back to a full compliment.
9. Hired Residency Officer/High School Monitor at PHS
10. Repurchase of homes in the Robert St., Extension flood area at 100% value.
11. The BOE has returned funds the last two years to the Town, and I don't mean 27 cents, it was in the TENS OF THOUSANDS of dollars.
12. The Council and Board worked together to redo the long overdue PHS tennis courts and upgraded essential security improvements.

There's 12 reasons to elect our Republican candidates. Katherine Pugliese has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities. Council members Scott Saunders and Lee Toffey have also done the same. Dan Carrier and Deb Tompkins will be a valued addition to this team. And please don't forget our BOE Chairwoman Andrea Saunders; she has done an outstanding job of leading our Board. A vote for Andrea will ensure an additional term of co-operation, keeping our schools on track for greater advancements while keeping the taxpayers concerns in mind.

I ask you to please vote for Kathy Pugliese, Scott Saunders, Lee Toffey, Danny Carrier and Deb Tompkins for Town Council and Andrea Saunders, Brent Davenport, Ezio Capozzi, Jr. and Laurie Peterson for the Board of Education.



Plainville's Budget is in the

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REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP



DECIDE FOR YOURSELF.....

MYTH: *Town Council meetings not televised.*

FACT: The meetings are televised by Nutmeg TV on Comcast channel 96. You can view the program on Tuesday at 6:00 pm and Saturday at 11am and 6pm the week of the meeting.

MYTH: *Claims have been made that we do not have a way to handle blight in our community.*

FACT: Section II-17 of the Town's Ordinances adopted 8/1/66 Amended 2/17/69, 1/6/92, 8/4/03 and 8/20/07 specifically addresses "Parking of unregistered or inoperable vehicles or other unsightly materials or equipment." This ordinance also outlines enforcement and penalty for each day the violation is ignored. Violators shall become liable to the Town of Plainville for any expenses, costs, losses or damages occasioned the Town of Plainville by reason of such violation.

2014 PHS/YMCA PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT!



Project Graduation is an All-Night drug and alcohol-free graduation party held in partnership with the Plainville YMCA to provide a safe, fun-filled night for the Senior Class. The Party is full of activities, prizes and tons of food held every year as a way to congratulate the Seniors for their years of hard work!

**Please Come to Our Next Meeting
Held at the Plainville YMCA Teen Center on
Wednesday, November 6th, 2013 at 7:00 pm**

***** **Future meetings** *****

- December 4th, 2013 at 7:00 pm
- January 8th, 2014 at 7:00 pm
- February 5th, 2014 at 7:00 pm
- March 5th, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month until it gets closer to graduation at which time we meet more frequently. Anyone interested in volunteering, especially Senior parents, should plan to attend this meeting. Junior parents are also very welcome as they will be Senior parents next year and this is a great way to see how the whole process works. It takes a lot of organization and planning to make the night a success like in past years so any time you can give is very much appreciated! We promise you, there's something for everyone to do so please consider joining us to help plan this year's exciting event! **For more information contact: Dawn 860.637-6640**

Students Volunteer to Help ~ House of Heroes ~



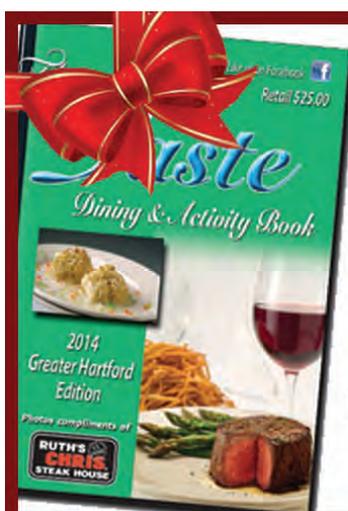
Plainville High School Technology Education teacher Mark Chase and students from the Unified Arts Department at Plainville High School volunteered their free time assisting the Plainville Veterans' Council and working with the House of Heroes organization to make improvements on a Veteran's home in the Plainville community on Saturday, October 19th. Students assisted Veteran Francis LeDuc by making general repairs and home improvements which included window replacement, exterior painting, yard work and clean up.

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 He is living like a king and has absolutely no expenses whatsoever.
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 I was just thinking about all this, and suddenly it hit me like a ton of bricks . . .

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OBITUARIES

~ William Cooper, Sr. ~



84, known as "Plainville Bill" to his many friends, passed away Saturday October 5, 2013 at Bristol Hospital. He was the husband of the late Julie (Young) Cooper. Bill and Julie shared 55 years together.

Mr. Cooper was born August 5, 1929 in Cambridge, New York a son of the late Esau and Daisy (Wells) Cooper and was a longtime Plainville resident. He attended

Hartford Schools. Bill was always a hardworking man and had been self-employed. But most people knew him as "Cooper the Unflushable", as Bill was the owner of Cooper Septic Tank Service for almost 60 years. He enjoyed Boxing, spending time with his friends at McDonalds and going to car shows. But most of all he loved being with his family, especially his great grandchildren and his family will always remember the power of our love.

Mr. Cooper leaves his daughters, Patti Preleski of Maple Grove, MN, Gail Savage and her husband Clarence of Plainville, Carol Curylo of Plainville and Diane Cooper and her husband John Huria of Terryville, his grandchildren, Michelle, Julie, William, Mark, Sara, Angel and Brian and his 13 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, William Cooper, Jr., his brothers, Thomas Cooper and Esau Cooper of Hartford and his sister Lorraine of Campbell Hall, NY.

Funeral services for Mr. Cooper were held Friday at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Committal services followed in West Cemetery in Plainville.

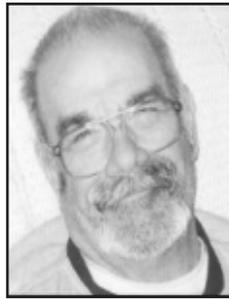
~ Mary Durant Ehrlich ~

90, of Plainville, beloved wife of Robert J. Ehrlich, passed away Oct. 8, among her family. A 1941 graduate of Plainville High School, Mary leaves her daughters, Christine Rowan of Needham, Mass., and Rebecca Parales of Davis, Calif.; sons-in-law, Gregory Rowan and Juan Parales; granddaughter, Mary Rowan; and grandson, Louis Rowan. She was predeceased by her son, Robert Ehrlich Jr.

A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Mary was also an accomplished artist. She studied drawing and painting at Central Connecticut State University, the University of Hartford, and Tunxis Community College, where she received an associate degree in visual fine arts, graduating in 1993 with highest honors. Her work has won numerous awards, and has been exhibited by the Connecticut Watercolor Society and several local art associations.

Burial will be private. Memorial donations may be sent to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018; or online at <http://support.pdf.org>.

~ Salvatore Anthony Genovese ~



69, of Bristol, passed away Saturday, (October 5, 2013). He was the husband of Cheryl (Gagnon) Genovese.

Sal was born in New Britain on October 10, 1943 a son of the late Anthony S. Genovese and Rose DePietro Genovese. He had been employed at G.E. in Plainville. Sal was a former member of the Bristol French Club and enjoyed NASCAR especially the late Dale Earnhardt, Sr. Sal was also a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter and her husband Rachel and Robert Johnson of Plainville; a sister, Frances Curtis of PA; and several nieces and nephews. O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Forestville/Bristol assisted the family with arrangements. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Sal's page at www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com.

~ Joyce A (Martin) Grohoski ~



69, of Plainville, wife of Norbert R Grohoski, died Friday (October 11, 2013) after a long battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 6, 1944 in Hartford and was the daughter of the late Howard and Edna (Bunn) Martin II. She was raised in Plainville and graduated from Plainville H.S. in 1962. She attended Boston University, before settling down in Bristol to raise her three children with her husband Norbert. She remained in Bristol for 33 yrs. before moving back to Plainville. She worked for Travelers Insurance for the last 23 yrs as a SLG claims analyst. She loved the outdoors and was an avid birder, hiker and backpacker. During her life she belonged to the Appalachian MT club, American Youth Hostel, New Haven Hiking club, Harris Ctr for Conservation Education, Humane Society and Hartford Audubon Society. She also was a member of the DAR (Daughters of The American Revolution).

Beside her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Grace Reese of New Jersey, Susan Caiazzi of New Hampshire, Jean Grohoski of Plainville, a sister, Charlotte Clark of Florida, many nieces, nephews, cousins and one grandson. Burial and memorial services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society online at: www.cancer.org.

~ David A. Oakes ~



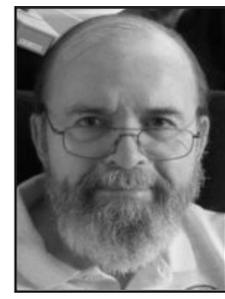
74, of Plainville, passed away Wednesday October 2, 2013 at Hartford Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Charlotte (Rogers) Oakes.

Mr. Oakes was born August 29, 1939 in Manchester, NH a son of the late Oakley O. and Bertha (Giddings) Oakes and was a longtime Plainville resident. He attended Plainville schools and proudly served his country in the US Marine Corps. Mr. Oakes was an Operating Engineer for Union Local # 478 and had also worked at O & G Industries retiring after many years of service. He was also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

Besides his wife he leaves his sons, Kevin Oakes of Plainville and Mark Oakes and his wife Michelle of Choctaw, OK, his daughters, Robin Oakes of Newington and Karen Oakes of Plainville, his sister, Patricia Plourde of Winsted, his grandchildren, Kelley Hartley, David Oakes, Kyle Martin, Alycia Martin and Connor Oakes and his great grandchildren, Lucas Hartley and London Oakes.

Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Graveside services for Mr. Oakes were held in Oak Hill Cemetery in Southington. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association 45 Ash Street East Hartford, CT 06108. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Kevin J. Strasser ~



75, of Shavertown, Pennsylvania, formerly of Plainville, Connecticut passed away Monday October 7, 2013 at the United Methodist Homes Wesley Village Campus, Jenkins Township, PA.

He was born in Plainville, CT on August 15, 1938 to the late Loyal Lauridsen Smith and Mary Fleming Smith. He graduated from Plainville High School in 1956, and was president of the senior class. At PHS he played football, basketball and baseball, pitching for the Blue Devils. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN in 1960 with a B.S. in Business Administration. He was a Monogram Club member at Notre Dame, earning his letter as the manager of the baseball team.

Russ went to work in the Field Lease Department of Aetna Life Insurance Company in Hartford, CT in 1960 and remained at Aetna until 1989 when he retired as an officer of the company. He then relocated the family to PA to work for Prudential Asset Management Company as Director of Defined Contribution until he retired again in 1994.

He was an active member of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville, CT, initially serving as an altar boy in the 1940's and 1950's as well as serving for many years on the parish finance council. He later became an active member St. Therese's Church in Shavertown, PA, also serving on the parish finance council.

Russ was a founding member of the Tridex Investment Club in Plainville, CT. He was also a founding member of the Plainville Exchange Club. He was co-owner of Connecticut Gold Stamping, a business he shared with his good friend, Thomas P. Maskery. He continued his lifelong interest in sports, playing golf and softball in Plainville's "Over 35" league.

Russ is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Patricia Blair Smith; their four children, Cara Smith Shackelford and her husband Patrick, of Erwin, NC; Michael Loyal Smith and his wife Sandra, of Milford, OH; Maureen Hamilton Doctoroff and her husband Jeffrey of Medfield, MA; and Samuel Franklin Smith, of Natick, MA; and six granddaughters, Julia Shackelford, Diana Shackelford, Maura Smith, Abigail Smith, Hannah Doctoroff and Lillian Doctoroff. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Smith Wrona and her husband Edward of Wallingford, CT.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Avenue and Davis Street, Shavertown. The Reverend James J. Paisley officiated.

A prayer service was held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville, CT 06062. Interment was made in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Plainville, CT.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis Street, Shavertown, PA 18708 or to the Holy Cross Association, Box 771, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

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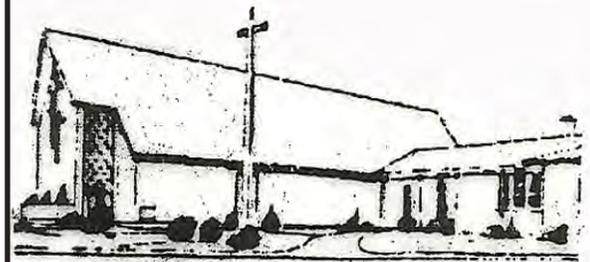
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No matter the size or age of your dog, the secret to training any dog not to jump is to be totally consistent and just a little more persistent than your dog. The important things to remember are that you have to keep correcting every time your dog jumps, and that many repetitions are often needed. And everyone in the family must be working together. It's somewhere between hard and impossible to train a dog not to jump up if just one person allows jumping up!

Different approaches work for different dogs. For some dogs, turning your back to the dog or leaving the room every time the dog jumps up works. For others a stern bark-like "Eh!" is enough.

Some dogs respond better to a more physical correction. This can be as simple as a squirt of water, which works if your dog doesn't enjoy getting wet. You can use a squirt bottle or simple water pistol for this.

A more traditional correction is a knee to the dog's chest. This should only have enough force to get your dog off you, not enough to move him significantly backward. The goal is to have your dog's chest bounce off your knee, rather than actively hitting out with your knee. You will also have to be careful not to kneel your dog in the belly if he jumps high enough, as this can cause injury.

Some dogs respond better to having their front paws squeezed (like a hard hand shake - uncomfortable, but not harmful) when they jump on people. Of course, your dog has to be big enough for you to reach his paws!

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