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Plainville Town Budget Vote Set For Tuesday, April 30th

The Town of Plainville has proposed at budget of \$54,644,760 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The annual town budget vote will occur on Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00 am-8:00pm at the Fire House on West Main Street.

This year, the Town General Government Budget and The Board of Education Budget will be voted on separately by residents. Additionally, a mandatory advisory question will be available for residents to advise the Council if the expenditures are "too high" or "too low." This change of procedure was overwhelmingly approved during a referendum vote last November. There will be only two votes on the budget.

Should the Town Meeting fail to adopt a budget at the first meeting called on the Last Tuesday in April, the Town Council in conjunction with the Manager shall revise the rejected budgets in accordance with the majority results from the advisory question. A second Town Meeting to adopt the revised budgets shall be called on the Second Tuesday in May for final approval.

Should the Town Meeting fail to adopt one or both budgets after the second meeting, the Town Council in conjunction with the Manager shall revise the rejected budget in accordance with the majority results from the advisory question, which shall be deemed finally adopted by the Town Meeting and expenditures shall be made in accordance therewith. *See details on Page 7.*

April Showers, Bring May Flowers



Take a Peek....



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 around town to rave about this month!*

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{Joanne faves}

• D'Amico Ristorante & Lounge Salmon
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{Mary raves}

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Robert E. Lee, Town Manager

Report to: Town Council

on March 4, 2013

Presentation of Town Manager’s Proposed FY 2014 Budget

- Jeff Kitching and I will be presenting the proposed FY 14 budget proposal to the Town Council. The budget as proposed would increase spending by \$655,359 (1.21%) and would result in a 0.49 mill increase (1.59%). This is the lowest Town Manager recommended budget since, at least, 1991.

311-349 New Britain Avenue Property

- Town staff has negotiated an agreement with John Senese who owns the Chung property located on New Britain Avenue across from CT Commons. Under the terms of the agreement, Mr. Senese would remove all of the buildings and brush on the site within 6 months. He would also be required to keep the site clear of brush and debris going forward.
- Mr. Senese would also be required to begin the environmental clean-up of the property once the buildings have been removed.
- Under the proposed agreement, the Town would abate the current taxes on the property under Section 12-81r of the CT General Statutes for a period of up to four years or when the property is developed – whichever occurs first. The agreement allows for this tax abatement to accrue if the property is developed in stages.
- The Town would also agree to abate taxes under Section 12-65b. This statute allows for tax abatements on the additional taxes that would be generated as the property is developed. Under the proposed agreement, the Town would abate 50% of the increased in taxes for a period of three years as long as the property is developed by 50 % within four years and 100% developed within five years.
- The tax abatement could increase to 40% over 4 years if the improvements on the property exceeded \$3 million.
- Mr. Senese would also have the option of bringing all of the wood from the demolition to the Town landfill at a cost of \$50 per ton. It is estimated that this would generate approximately \$30,000 to the Town.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Blizzard Cleanup Costs

- Town staff will be submitting to FEMA for reimbursement for the costs incurred as a result of the blizzard that occurred on February 7th and 8th. The total amount incurred was \$154,264.04. FEMA is expected to reimburse approximately 75% of this amount of \$115,698.03.
- The snow removal budget for this year is \$126,296. To date, the Town has spent \$214,865.61 against this budgeted amount. If not for the blizzard, the snow removal expenses would stand at 50% of the total budgeted amount.
- It should be pointed out that FEMA will reimburse the Town for equipment used during the storm including Fire Department vehicles that responded to emergency calls. These are expenses that are not part of the Town budget.

Delinquent Tax Report

- A copy of the tax delinquency report was included in your meeting package.

Phoenix Soils Public Hearing

- The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has announced their notice of tentative determination and public hearing to approve an application submitted by Phoenix Soil, LLC for a permit to construct and operate an Astec Low Temperature Thermal Desorption Unit and a permit to construct and operate a Commercial Contaminated Media Treatment Facility.
- The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 4th beginning at 6:00 pm at the Plainville High School. The informational hearing will be moderated and recorded by a DEEP hearing officer and will proceed in the following order: presentations from the applicant and DEEP staff; a 15-minute off the record break for questions and answers between members of the public and presenters; and then the continuation of the informational hearing to receive oral and written comments from members of the public on the record. Comments will be heard in the order in which members of the public sign up at the informational hearing.
- Written comments will be accepted at the informational hearing and until the close of business on April 11, 2013.

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF March 4,

- By Shirley Osle, Assistant Town Manager*
- The Town Transfer Station located at Granger Lane will open for the season on Saturday, April 6, 2013. The hours of operation are SATURDAY’s ONLY from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and is for Plainville residents ONLY. There is a fee for disposal and identification is required. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Physical Services at 860-793-0221 ext. 208 Monday- Wednesday, 8:00a.m – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, 8:00 a.m – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NOTE: Senior Happenings for the month of April are located on page 19.

Plainville High School Hosts

Sea Perch Competition April 4th

On April 4th, Plainville High School will host the 2nd annual Connecticut Technology Education and Engineering Association (CTEEA) Sea Perch Competition. The competition will feature 2 pool events. The pool's technical competition events will consist of an Obstacle Course and a new Deep Water Transfer Challenge.

The teams compete for the ability to go to the national competition in Indiana in May. This year the US Navy will be present to support the event, including naval and hardhat divers in the pool. There are currently 19 schools from Connecticut registered to participate in this competition with a goal of 25 schools. There are currently 10-15 Plainville High School students involved in the event as part of an Engineering course.

Economic Development Agency

Mark DeVoe, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Val Dumais, Chairman

Existing Tax Fixing Agreements The Tax Fixing Agreement for CT Tool had been received and will take effect in this tax year. . As of this writing, we have not received the Memorandum of Understanding from Trico Property Management for their proposed improvements on Robert Jackson Way. We are in contact with Trico and they are processing the forms.

Phoenix Soil – A public informational hearing has been scheduled by DEEP on April 4, 2013, 6:00 P.M. at the Plainville High School, 47 Robert Holcomb Way.

GE, 10 New Britain Avenue

We did receive one inquiry regarding a potential new use at this facility. The potential buyer was made aware that the site remains in a General Industrial Zone.

Zoning Text Amendments

On April 9, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hear, and possibly act on the following self-proposed amendments:

- **Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces**
- **Fences**
- **Home Occupations**
- **Accessory Apartment**
- **Mixed Use Residential/Commercial**
- **Commercial Vehicle Storage**
- **Attached Garages**

While the proposed prohibition on outdoor wood burning furnaces is new, the remaining amendments seek to clarify or modify existing sections of the Zoning Regulations. Some do have economic implications such as the proposed expansion of home occupations. Any comments received from the Agency regarding these proposals should be in writing so they can be transmitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission to reflect your original thoughts.

In addition, a private applicant has proposed a zoning text amendment to the zoning regulations that govern farming activity. The applicant is requesting a reduction in the lot size required to raise hens.

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Robert E. Lee, Town Manager’s Report to Town Council

Water Pollution Control Plant Performance Award

- As part of the Water Pollution Plant upgrade, four Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBR) were installed to treat sewage. This was a new process for the staff to learn how to operate. The WPC staff was recently given an award for exceptional operation of the SBR’s for 2012 by Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. Since 1969, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. has been a leader in the design, application and manufacture of wastewater treatment equipment and systems for municipal and industrial markets, worldwide.
- *Joe Alosso, the Treatment Plant Superintendent is here this evening to receive the award. I want to thank Joe and his staff for their hard work and dedication in operating the wastewater treatment plant.*

Elimination of Car Tax – Potential Impact

- Governor Malloy has recommended the elimination of the car tax for automobiles valued at or below \$28,500. (assessed value at or below \$20,000). He has proposed that municipalities have the option of eliminating the car tax on bills to be mailed on July 1, 2013 and that it be mandatory for July 1, 2014.
- This proposal has been heavily criticized by both the CT Conference of Municipalities and the Council of Small Towns because it would result in a significant amount of revenue loss for all of the CT cities and towns. In order to make-up for the loss in revenue, the Towns would have to either raise the mill rate or cut back on the services provided to its citizens. (or a combination of both)
- For Plainville the loss in revenue would be approximately \$3.4M based upon the current mill rate of 30.89. **This is equivalent to 3.25 mills or a 10.49% increase in taxes to everyone else if the car tax was eliminated. In other words, instead of paying car taxes, residents and business owners would see their real estate and personal property taxes increase by over 10%.**

Bulk Pickup 2013 See Page 6 for details.

311-349 New Britain Avenue Property

- The terms of the proposed agreement have not yet been finalized. Negotiations continue, however, Town staff is recommending that the Town Council take no action at this time.

LED Streetlight Retrofit Project

- Town staff is looking into the possibility of converting the town-owned street lights to LED technology. LED lights would also move Plainville towards our goal of reducing our electricity use.
- In order to assess the difference between the current high pressure sodium lights and the LED lights, six LED’s have been installed on Broad Street between Canal Street and Pearl Street. It is expected that a work session will be scheduled later in the spring to review the cost/benefit of changing the streetlights over to LED technology.

Proposed Emergency Contingency Plan for Elections

- State law requires each CT Municipality to create a plan to cover emergencies that could occur during elections, primaries and referenda. The registrars of voters in consultation with the Town Clerk have created a proposed emergency plan for Plainville.
- The plan covers such potential emergencies as ballot shortage, poll worker absenteeism, power loss, voting machine malfunction or a natural disaster on Election Day, etc.
- The law requires the Town Council to approve the plan and that it be filed with the Secretary of State by March 28th. There is an item under New Business should the Town Council choose to accept the recommendation from the Registrar of Voters.

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**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS ~ CRONIN AND COMPANY**  
*By Lacy Zimmerman, P.R.A. Coordinator*

Cronin and Company, LLC., a full-service marketing communications agency, has promoted three employees and hired one new staffer.  
**Tracy Klimkoski of Plainville, Conn.,** has been promoted from media and analytics supervisor to associate director, media and analytics. Klimkoski has been with Cronin since 2003, starting out as an assistant media buyer/planner. She works with Amica Mutual Insurance Co. and reports to Gary Capreol, Senior Vice President, Director of Media and Analytics.  
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PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 4, 2013**

**6:30 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairwoman Pugliese called the Executive Session to order at 6:30 pm on Monday March 4, 2013 in the Conference Room of the Municipal Center One Central Square. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members, Drezek, Wazorko, Christopher, Toffey, Hurley, Town Manager Lee and Town Attorney Mastrianni.

**REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**

**Town Manager Lee Report on Page 4**

**Happenings (S. Osle) on Page 4**

**ORAL PETITIONS (New/Old Business Agenda Items)**

**Attorney Ken Laska** stated he represents Paul Matteo of Waste Management. Mr. Matteo and others participated in the public auction with respect to the Chung Property and take offense to the Town giving any benefit to Mr. Senese. Public auctions for tax foreclosures are supposed to be fair and run in such a manner that no one has a benefit. Mr. Senese agreed to pay Mr. Chung 1.8M for the property. At the public auction Mr. Senese bought it for 1.3M. Attorney Laska feels Mr. Senese already has his tax abatement of \$500,000 and for the Town Council to consider reducing the taxes to nothing is wrong and improper. His clients are taxpayers in town and expect to be treated fairly and equally by everybody.

Mr. Laska stated if the Town goes forward, he will bring a lawsuit and commence civil action and it is his opinion the Town Council is going beyond the rights, duties and obligations. He remarked that this is a sweetheart deal for a man who can afford to develop this property without any assistance from the Town.

**Tabitha Manafort**, 33 Lena Ave. commented on the New Britain Avenue property. She is not in favor of the proposed tax abatement with Mr. Senese and doesn’t understand why it is being pursued. She stated he is a very successful business man and does not need financial assistance.

Ms Manafort suggested attention should be directed at blighted properties in Town and when those properties are purchased rather than provide assistance, a time frame could be given to clean up the property.

She continued to ask questions pertaining to an agreement which Chairwoman Pugliese stated that document was confidential.

Ms. Manafort commented she was frustrated. She has bought multiple properties in Town to rehab. She stated the only time she receives a call from the Town it’s from the Assessor wanting to know what she had done to the home. She has not received nor asked for assistance from the Town and it’s disappointing when a successful business man comes into Town, buys a property that he knows is contaminated, knows that it needs a lot of work before it can be developed, and the Town offers him money.

**Richard Williams**, Spoke as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce and is in favor of having the eyesore property cleaned up. He urged the Town Council to see what incentives can be offered if Mr. Senese won’t clean the property on his own.

**Domenick D’Onofrio** would like to see the property cleaned up so property taxes can be collected.

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**Steven Schwartz** (D), 2 Seneca Road to the Plainville Area Cable Television Council for the term ending 6/30/13.

**Louis Deprey, Jr.** (D), 67 Broad Street, to the Board of Assessment Appeals to the term ending 10/1/16. .

**Debra Vazquez** (U), 39 Farmington Avenue to the Board of Assessment Appeals to the term ending 10/1/14.

**Jason Rupaka** (D), 92 West Main Street, Apt 25 as a Constable to the term ending 11/5/13. Motion passed.

At 9:25pm Councilwoman Toffey motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 311-349 New Britain Avenue. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

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## Town Council Hits Jackpot Selling Rescue Truck

The Town Council was thrilled to announce they sold a 1989 GMC Rescue truck for \$30,000. This piece of equipment was recently replaced with a new heavy rescue truck for the Plainville Fire Department.

Previous offers for the vehicle were for \$5,000 prompting the Council to advertise the vehicle in trade magazines. To the delight of all, the Gamewell Volunteer Fire Department of Lenoir North Carolina offered \$30,000 for the vehicle. Representatives from Gamewell Fire Department reported the drive back South was problem free to the pleasure of all.

## Tastefully Simple Fundraiser

I am Captain of Team Zen out of Plainville.

**We are participating in our 4th walk on April 21, 2013 in West Hartford CT.**

We are raising money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and are doing a **Tastefully Simple Fundraiser.**

A demonstration will be held on **Saturday April 6, 2013 from 2-4 pm**

**Grace Lutheran Church, 222 Farmington Ave, Plainville CT.**

For information, or to place an order, contact Irma Steeves at (860) 793-9272 or (860) 826-3531. An RSVP is recommended for those planning to attend. Thanks, Irma Steeves

## NEWS FROM THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The Municipal Animal Control Officer, in conjunction with the VCA Old Canal Veterinary Clinic, will hold a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the Town Garage on Granger Lane.

Connecticut General Statute 22-339b requires that all dogs and cats over the age of 3 months shall be vaccinated for Rabies. In order to obtain a 3-year Rabies vaccination you must provide a rabies certificate from the previous year. If you are unable to provide a previous certificate a 1-year vaccination will be given. Cost of the vaccination will be \$20.00 per animal, cash only. You do not have to be a Plainville resident to attend this clinic.

In order to ensure the safety of all in attendance at the clinic, all dogs must be on leashes and all cats must be brought in a carrier.

If you have any questions you may contact the Animal Control Officer at 747-1617, ext. 291.

## TOWN OF PLAINVILLE ROAD CLOSURE

Construction began on March 18, 2013 to replace the Stillwell Drive Bridge over the Quinnipiac River. Be advised, Stillwell Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic from Linsley Drive to Rosemont Drive beginning on that date. Detour routes have been established for vehicle traffic. The bridge is expected to remain closed until September 2013. Please note this schedule is subject to change due to weather or construction delays. Updates will be posted on the Town of Plainville home page at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

Questions regarding the project should be directed to John R. Bossi, Director of Technical Services at 860-793-0221 x 220.

## Town of Plainville On-Demand Bulk Pickup Policy

The Town of Plainville has implemented an on-demand policy for the collection of bulk pickup. Residents who currently have curbside rubbish and recycling collection from the Town can request one bulk pickup per calendar year free of charge for large items that do not fit in normal rubbish collection. For a list of acceptable bulk items and restrictions, please refer to the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website, [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

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Calls placed by 3:00pm Friday can be scheduled for collection on Monday. **\*\*Please Note:** pickups for multi-family residents (2-5 units) must be scheduled by property owners/landlords.

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PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MESSAGE FOR FY 2014

To the Citizens of Plainville:

The Plainville Town Council proposes a budget of \$54,644,760 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Expenditures are summarized as follows:

EXPENDITURE COMPARISON FY 2013 VS. FY 2014

|                                    | Appropriated<br>FY 2013 | Council<br>Approved<br>FY 2014 | Proposed Budget<br>Increase/(Decrease) |              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Town General Government            | \$ 15,534,464           | \$ 15,835,503                  | \$ 301,039                             | 1.94%        |
| Board of Education                 | 33,067,104              | 33,393,538                     | 326,434                                | 0.99%        |
| Capital Projects                   | 800,000                 | 800,000                        | -                                      | 0.00%        |
| Debt Service                       | 4,591,333               | 4,615,719                      | 24,386                                 | 0.53%        |
| <b>Total Proposed Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 53,992,901</b>    | <b>\$ 54,644,760</b>           | <b>\$ 651,859</b>                      | <b>1.21%</b> |

The budget totals \$54,644,760. This is an increase of \$651,859 or 1.21%. If adopted as presented, the mill rate is estimated to be 31.38 or 0.49 mills higher than the current mill rate of 30.89, assuming revenues as currently estimated remain the same.

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Proposed | Current |
| 31.38    | 30.89   |
| 0.49     |         |

Plainville Town Council

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Scott Saunders - Vice Chairperson  
Daniel Hurley  
Lee Toffey

Rick Drezek  
Christopher Wazorko  
Quinn Christopher

ESTIMATED REVENUE

|                                | Received<br>FY 2012  | Budget<br>FY 2013    | Estimated<br>FY 2013 | Budget<br>FY 2014    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Property Taxes                 | \$ 40,212,762        | \$ 41,433,066        | \$ 40,680,500        | \$ 42,060,825        |
| Licenses & Permits             | 230,330              | 174,750              | 190,450              | 176,450              |
| Fines & Fees                   | 247,773              | 221,400              | 231,752              | 226,450              |
| Use of Money                   | 18,149               | 25,500               | 25,800               | 25,500               |
| Intergovernmental Revenue      | 12,173,970           | 11,607,385           | 11,657,836           | 11,507,473           |
| Other Revenues                 | 427,663              | 237,000              | 500,833              | 324,000              |
| Sundry & Transfers In          | 294,655              | 293,800              | 293,800              | 324,062              |
| <b>Total Estimated Revenue</b> | <b>\$ 53,605,302</b> | <b>\$ 53,992,901</b> | <b>\$ 53,580,971</b> | <b>\$ 54,644,760</b> |

2013 - 2014 GENERAL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL BUDGET

| Capital Budget              | Manager<br>Recommended | Council<br>Approved |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| General Government          | \$ 735,000             | \$ 735,000          |
| Board of Education          | 65,000                 | 65,000              |
| <b>Total Capital Budget</b> | <b>\$ 800,000</b>      | <b>\$ 800,000</b>   |

Town Council Completes Work on Budget 1.21% Increase

The Town Council finished its work on the 2013-14 budget and is recommending a 1.21% increase resulting in a .49 mill rate increase. The combined budget represents a \$326,434 increase to the Board of Education, a \$301,039 increase to the General Government and \$24,386 increase to debt service. The total capital budget will be \$800,000.

Kathy Pugliese, Town Council Chairperson stated, "This is the lowest recommended budget in many, many years. The town staff in conjunction with the Board of Education administrative staff have worked diligently to reallocate and repurpose resources to ensure ongoing progress for our schools and our community. Both the Town Council and Board of Education unanimously approved the budget and are asking the taxpayers will accept the plan with a YES vote on April 30th."

This past year, the Council successfully combined the Finance departments of the Board of Education and the Town. Going forward, they will continue to explore other areas in which consolidation of functions results in greater efficiency and cost savings both locally and on a regional basis.

The Council will continue to work in partnership with the Plainville Chamber of Commerce and our Economic Development Agency to strengthen our Grand List and encourage business development within our Town.

Board of Education Unanimously Votes on 2013-2014 School Budget

On February 11, 2013, the Board of Education approved the 2013-2014 budget for the Plainville Community Schools. The Board amended the superintendent's proposed budget in three worksessions before accepting a plan that represents a .987% increase over the current year's budget.

Some of the improvements to our schools and programs that will be affected by the budget include:

- \* Curriculum upgrades to Common Core State Standards
- \* New math program for the 7th and 8th grades
- \* 1 additional health teacher at MSP
- \* Implementation of the 2013-2014 technology replacement plan
- \* Instrumental music position (.6) in grade 4
- \* Additional security measures at PHS
- \* Part-time technology position (FT position funded in part by the Town)
- \* 1 additional maintainer and monies added for part-time custodial needs

Board of Education Chairwoman, Andrea Saunders, said "This is a good budget meeting all of the needs of Plainville's students while watching out for the taxpayer. Hopefully everyone will come out and support it".

**Budget For**  
**July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014**  
**Vote**  
**Tuesday**  
**April 30th**  
**6 A.M. to 8 P.M.**  
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**Town General Budget**  
**&**  
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**Votes Are Separate**

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# Potpourri

“a little bit of everything”

by: Christina

**Potpourri is a column that can be controversial and that’s good.**

**It’s informative and that’s good.**

**At times it’s humorous and that’s good too.**

**If it generates discussion, that’s the best!**

Have no fear – spring is finally here!

**The proposed town budget appears right on – probably the best in many years. Circle yourcalendar for April 30<sup>th</sup> for the first all day vote.**

The farming ordinance should be updated by P&Z so citizens can raise a few chickens (no roosters) if they wish. Let’s get in line with Southington, Bristol and Farmington. They have updated their ordinance accordingly. We always seem out-of-step and then it’s like pulling teeth to get our act together. The neighbors of the Plainville family being challenged by the town are okay with the chickens. It looks like a *bad egg* further away has a problem.

**The deadline for filing your 2012 taxes is approaching. Did you know that \$3 1/2 billion is owed in back taxes by government workers - forty staffers in the White House owe a total of \$330,000, employees of the postal department owe \$215 million to name a few. This will rock you – contractors who do business with the government in Washington owe back taxes and still get contracts.**

Hostess has been sold to a pair of private equity firms so your *Twinkie* withdrawal is at an end.

**The TSA wants to let fliers carry small pocket knives, 2 golf clubs, a hockey stick and a plastic bat if they want to, onto airplanes. Have no fear, the planes will still reach their destination cause the pilots are locked in the cockpit so at least they’ll be safe! The new regulations may not pass because of the opposition. (TSA – Transportation Security Administration).**

You’ve all heard by now that tours of the White House have been cancelled – no money to continue them, however, 2596 new job openings have been posted since the budget cuts. Go figure! By the way the president says he had nothing to do with the tours being cancelled but his press secretary disagreed.

**Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina is the newly elected Pope – the head of the world’s 1.2 billion Catholics. The 76 year old son of an Italian immigrant, he is the 266<sup>th</sup> Pope, the first Jesuit, and has taken the name of Pope Francis.**

After the last monstrous snowstorm, the town’s backhoe, in an effort days after to widen some residential streets, scooped up the snow from the salted streets and promptly dumped the snow on the homeowners’ front lawns. Oh my, the salt is just what the dormant grass was waiting for! Is it true some of the residential streets had their snow trucked away?

**If you don’t love crabgrass, get ready. By the end of March or first couple of weeks of April you need to apply the crabgrass preventer to your lawn.**

FLOTUS, the First Lady of the United States, and her fight against childhood obesity, has revamped school lunches, vending machines and is constantly chatting up her cause of too much fat, sugar, soda, candy and not enough fruits and vegetables for the kids. Have you noticed she hasn’t attacked Girl Scout cookies yet? She knows to stay away from the Girl Scouts!

**Same subject – where is Mayor Bloomberg of New York coming from? His latest law was banning soda drinks over 16oz but that was overturned by the court. I tell ya, there is one cocky mayor!**

To help alleviate the shortage of doctors when Obamacare grabs hold, medical schools are contemplating 3 years of med school instead of the present 4.

**Met Life is the latest company moving employees down south because of the state’s business atmosphere. Our leaders do little to attract business, keep business, hold the line on taxation and provide reasonable housing. It’s just an expensive state to live in.**

Setting a good example for your children takes all the fun out of middle age.

**Governor Malloy must have had too much Irish whiskey when he proposed eliminating the car tax on automobiles worth under \$28,000. in his latest budget. It was purely political. It will never happen but he can tell the voters he tried and he’ll get their vote as a governor who cares.**

The U.S. Postal Service, to raise much needed revenue, wants to sell a line of apparel and accessories. Good idea or bad idea? What about uniformed imposters raiding your mailbox?

**The red loafers worn by Pope Benedict Emeritus, were not Prada loafers as the press was always reporting. (Prada is a \$\$\$ designer). He is now wearing brown loafers anyway.**

Red Sox fans – place your order now with the DMV for your Red Sox marker plate. Part of the proceeds will fund college scholarships for CT public school students. A minimum of 400 orders is needed to begin making them.

**Don’t cry because it’s over; smile because it was.**

The president is always telling us sacrifices need to be made because of the deficit – the Obama family vacations cost taxpayers \$20 million annually, \$1.4 billion is spent on White House household expenditures, entertainers are flown in from all over etc. Yes, I am well aware that perks go with the job of the president but these are tough times – for everyone - and he should lead by example!

**A weatherman for a midwest cable station was off target in his forecast so the station made him pay the price. He had to sit on a stool, facing the corner – like in school back in the old days. Local stations should take note!**

A senior agenda for the day: Let the dog out, Let the dog in, Let the dog out, Let the dog in

**Doesn’t take much to realize that politicians in this state are elected by uninformed voters. We keep returning them to Hartford and then complain the state is a mess.**

Let’s go back to the TSA – as part of testing their ability to protect us, an undercover agent in one busy airport was able to pass the TSA screener with a mock improvised explosive device in his pants, pass a detector and finally a pat down all before boarding a plane.

**Did you know it is mandatory that Red Cross and FEMA emergency shelters have places for pets?**

We’re told we need to educate preschoolers. Nationwide studies have concluded that any gains for preschoolers are short lived and by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade the gains were negligible. Sounds much like the Head Start program which isn’t working even though it’s been around for years. The education in this country needs to get back to the nuts and bolts instead of inventing programs that drain the pockets of the taxpayers and do not prepare the children adequately. Education is a problem in this country (we are way behind other countries). To the detriment of society we experiment too much and spend too much with little result. The argument is always we live in a tech world and times are different. Other countries live in a tech world also but their results trump ours.

**Here is an idea for our police and volunteer fire departments. Towns around us, i.e. Farmington, have a Citizen Police Academy program and Avon is offering a Citizens Fire Academy program. These programs benefit both the citizens as well as the departments. Inquire about them. It’s all about helping Plainville become a community.**

When old age sets in with flabby skin, wrinkles and muscle collapse what will all these body tattoos look like?

**As the Downtown Beautification project winds down, we need to have a Streetscape Commission to work with the rest of the town including our businesses. We are more than a downtown area and fresh ideas and a greater vision for Plainville are badly needed.**

The questionable deal between the town and the New Britain Avenue property owner appears to lack transparency – the discussion for disposal of the waste in our landfill. That was not stated prior to the Council meeting when it was then mentioned during oral petitions by a citizen. It reminds us of the sale of the airport that never revealed the destruction of the trees for the thousands of dollars worth of sand that was to be removed as part of the deal - after the sale.

When the ink was dry that was made public. A blight ordinance would solve the New Britain Avenue problem, not tax abatements..

**There’s a public hearing on April 4<sup>th</sup> by the State DEEP regarding Phoenix Soil. The notice has been posted.**

The \$570 million busway project from New Britain to Hartford is probably going to be a bust. Besides some prominent politicians (including Blumenthal and Murphy) everyone else thinks it’s a waste of taxpayer money. Do you think there will be 17,000 riders daily?

**The Plainville Chamber of Commerce endorses the incentive deal on the New Britain Avenue property. The Chamber received a sweetheart deal from our prior town council so no wonder they encourage us to give our money away! They occupy generous prime office space in our Municipal Center for a pittance monthly rent of \$150 (at the time of the move). The Municipal Center was built at taxpayer expense, its running expenses are paid by the taxpayer and it’s for town government business, although scheduled meetings are held by town boards and various organizations in conference rooms that are available. For the Chamber there are ample business vacancies in the downtown area.**

June 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Traveler’s Golf Tournament.

**We need to remember we have another food pantry in Plainville at the Seventh Day Adventists. It is also there for anyone in need of food and/or clothing.**

Does Plainville have a town flag? If not, what an opportunity for a town resident, a high school art project or even a contest to design one. Whatever – make it classy. Town residents should vote for the winning design, after the field is narrowed.

**Banks are pulling out of the reverse mortgage market. Why? Other lenders are advertising them like crazy! Do your homework if you’re contemplating such a move.**

Can you imagine a smoking ban in all condominiums, apartments and multi family homes? It’s among bills coming before the legislature of a neighboring state this year. Only single and stand alone residences will be exempt.

**SusanMcCabe of Plainville (Hometown letter to the editor February 2013) inspired me to dust the cobwebs off my keyboard for this issue.**

## MASS Exodus Out of Florida ~ Only 49 More States to Go!

This should be the rule everywhere. I can already hear the do-gooders screaming about “individual rights”, well let them or make them pay the entire welfare bill themselves. The last line says it all. Give (Unstintingly) to those in genuine need! I-95 and I-75 will be jammed for the next month or so with druggies and deadbeats heading North out of Florida, because this is the first state in the union to require drug testing to receive welfare! Hooray for Florida! In signing the new law, Naturally, a few people are crying this is unconstitutional. How is this unconstitutional? It's a legal requirement that every person applying for a job has to pass drug tests in order to get the job, why not those who receive welfare? Let's get welfare back to the ones who need it, not to those who won't get a job. **I AGREE, DO YOU?**



## Letter to the Editor:

Hi, I'm a neighbor of Roberta Lalama. I want to let you know about her pet hens. We just love the FRESH eggs she gives to us. And also we love to visit them.

We have had lunch with them on several occasions in there area she and her husband has built for them. They are truly a blessing in our neighborhood. I can't remember seeing so many children out playing and showing such an interest with them. All the kids just LOVE them. My granddaughter included. They do not make any noise except when they lay an egg, then they strut there stuff and act so proud. You just can't help but smile! It's so awesome!! I've never smelled anything foul, (no pun intended) all summer long, as she keeps the hen house immaculate. And the hens are so very pretty! They each have there own personalities.

I say to any persons not wanting these pets to be part of our community, **MAKE SURE YOUR BACK YARD IS CLEAN BEFORE YOU START STIRRING UP TROUBLE WITH SOMEONE ELSE!** These birds are harmless, and bring people together. They make people happy. Everyone should try a little happiness. Get Hens!!!

Thank you for letting me vent,  
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Dear Editor,

### "To Our Wonderful Customers"

First, I would like to offer my sincere apology about our recent write up in the Bristol Press and the New Britain Herald. Frankly, I was stunned that I could have been so misunderstood and misquoted, and that my ad hoc remarks to the reporter could have been taken as a serious statement. I have asked, and both papers have agreed, to rewrite and reprint the article.

What I was attempting to convey were the demographics of customer base. We enjoy loyal legacy customers who tend to dine early. Add to that our desire to augment that loyal base with new customers, perhaps younger, who tend to dine later. Having a broad base of customers, who dine throughout the dinner hours 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM is important to Tuscany, as it allows us to balance and fully utilize our staff, our kitchen and our facility.

For our legacy customers we offer a number of options; including Early Bird Specials from 3:00PM to 6:00PM, Senior Citizens Discounts, Free Desserts on their birthdays, and many other specials and coupons that we offer through our local papers and flyers.

For our new customers we have a number of new offerings, Nightly Entertainment, Drink Specials, new Hot Wings, new Pizza offerings, and extended kitchen hours.

At our recent Grand Re-Opening we highlighted our NEW LOOK, our NEW STAFF and most importantly our NEW MENU.

My best and warmest regards for all of our Tuscany customers and future customers.

**Carlo Zovich,**  
Owner and General Manager  
Tuscany Steak and Seafood

See pictures on page 23 of our Grand Opening!

## Thank You.....

Dear Editor:

I recently read a headline, which stated;  
**"Proposed budget increase lowest in 22 years."**

The story was related to the Board of Education budget for the upcoming year. I believe this is the first time a budget was presented without the threat, "If the BOE didn't get all the money they asked for sports would be cancelled, students would be charged fees and parents would be asked to cough up money for activities."

In the past so many demands were made of both the taxpayers, parents and students it caused turmoil within the town. I would like to congratulate our Superintendent, Jeffrey Kitching as well as the members of our Board of Education for their hard work in seeing the children of Plainville receive the best education possible without taxing the businesses and residents that are all struggling during these hard economic times.

**Ted Rahaim**

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## An Open Letter to Citizens and Town Officials of Plainville

### Re: Roberta's Hen Dilemma

*By now, many of Plainville's residents have heard of the plight and future of Roberta's Hens.*

**This is a plea to encourage Plainville officials to consider revising Section 1.04 E of Plainville's Zoning Regulation allowing Plainville residents (with less than two acres) to have a small flock of hens on their property.**

**A Hearing will be held on this issue Tuesday, April 23rd** in the Town Hall Chamber to decide whether or not to revise this Statute.

**The Dilemma:** My nine beautiful hens of assorted colors are my dearest pets, and I am very sad to announce I have been ordered by Plainville officials to get rid of them by May 1st.

**A Little History:** Early Plainville was primarily a farming community; the Tylers, Cowles, Beckwiths, Edmans, Caiaze, Lacombs, and many others, names too numerous to mention. Times changed, and Plainville became more of a residential community.

In 1987, present farming regulations were adopted preventing commercial farming and the keeping of farm animals on lots less than two acres. These new rules were made because someone in town wanted to keep a large animal on less than two acres. Surrounding towns (Farmington, Bristol, New Britain, etc.) have much more lenient regulations for raising and keeping hens in backyards. (In Manhattan (New York), hens are allowed on roof tops.)

**Currently:** The tide has turned once again because of the economy. Many residents are planting gardens for fresh vegetables and fruit to lower the cost of their grocery bills and to get more nourishment and flavor out of their food. There is also a small number of people who have started raising hens in their backyards for fresh eggs. (Super market eggs may be up to 3 months old when purchased and heaven only knows what these hens have been fed.)

**Some Facts About the Hens:** Well-kept hens are clean, healthy and happy. There is no odor, and they do not carry diseases. They make very little noise; especially, without a rooster around. They make a proud cluck when they lay an egg, a cheerful chatter when their "Mama Cluck" comes out to feed or play with them, and a louder, raucous warning, only when they sense danger lurking; i.e., a stray dog or a hawk circling overhead.

Hens have an acute sense of vision and hearing. They are smart enough to run to their hen house for cover when they feel threatened. More facts about these wonderful creatures is they have distinct personalities; some love to be coddled or carried on your shoulder, others are more standoffish no matter what attention they get. Hen waste (bedding and "poop") is a terrific source of nitrogen-rich organic fertilizer for your garden. Also, hens eat worms, grubs, flies and ticks.

**Your support and interest in this matter will be greatly appreciated.**

Thank you. Roberta Lalana

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## Life With Wanda

Not only is the government ripping us off, but they are helping the insurance companies rip us off, as well. I won't even talk about the cable companies. If you have the movie channels, you know what I'm am talking about. When I complained about my bill, the girl in their office said; "Well, you have all those movie channels." I wonder if she meant those John Wayne movies, or perhaps the new ones they are showing like "You've Got Mail", or "Sleepless in Seattle." Tom Hanks is now a senior citizen, and he was about twenty-five when he made those movies.

This week I got a notice from my insurance company, I have or should say HAD "Lizard Insurance." My agent notified me my insurance would be going up forty dollars a month. Like that's going to happen, so I called the office and spoke to a woman that must have taken her training from the Hitler. When I complained about the extra charges, she said she would check my account. She came back on the line a few minutes later and said; "Well, you are being charged the extra money because of your husband's driving record. What do you expect, he has had two tickets in the past five years." I said; "Two tickets and never had an accident, doesn't that account for anything? "Not in my book." She said. That's when I told her I would find insurance elsewhere, and she countered with, "Well, you won't get service like we give." What service, we never had a claim. I hope when I slammed down the phone I broke her eardrum. I called another company and got insurance at half the price, and the best part of this is when I called her back and cancelled my insurance. Two days later she called back and asked to re quote our insurance. Life is good sometime!

## From My Balcony

By: Jeannette Hinkson

How many of you feel the government has gotten into the affairs of the people? The Mayor of New York wanted to ban the purchase of 16oz. soda because people are too fat and too stupid to not buy so much soda. Thank God, the courts said he couldn't do it. The next thing you know, the government will give us ration tickets for snacks because some people eat more chips, cookies, cakes and sweets than we should. They have banned smoking in bars, but patrons can stand by the front door in the rain getting pneumonia. We must strap ourselves into our cars when driving or be arrested. One Senator from California even wanted seat belts on motorcycles. So much for why California has a problem. How many years will it be before there are inspectors at supermarket exits checking what we buy, and if we are over weight we will have to put things back we enjoy. One grandmother was brought to task for putting a cookie in her grandson's lunch box. Children can't play cowboys and Indians because they might point their finger at their friend like a gun. There are some third world countries that control every aspect of their citizens' rights. Are we joining them? We cannot have certain things in our yard unless approved by government, nor can we have the type of pet we want if someone doesn't like it. We have a case right here in town where a woman has a few chickens that her neighbor doesn't like, so the town is deciding if the chickens live, die or move. Now, dogs bark because that is what a dog does and barking is tolerated. Chickens cluck and that is what chickens do. I once had a neighbor who had some type of South American bird that would scream at all hours of the day and night but that was the pet of their choice. The question I have is, "What came first, the chickens or the neighbor?" Chickens supply eggs. Fresh eggs for breakfast are great. Just hope this woman doesn't decide she wants bacon with her eggs. God, can't we all just get along? There must be some bigger problems out there!!!!

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## Plainville group fighting to save former Linden Street School

By DIANE CHURCH  
STAFF WRITER

PLAINVILLE — While one group appointed by the Town Council is suggesting that the former Linden Street School be torn down, another is gearing up to fight for its preservation.

On Monday night, Town Manager Robert Lee presented a report from the Old Linden Street School Study Committee to the council. The committee has formally recommended that the town demolish the building. It has been meeting twice a month for nearly a year and has met with PARC, the Plainville Historical Society, the town's recreation department and the Board of Education.

Some groups said they would like to use part of the building, but none of them had the funds needed to

renovate and maintain it. Renovating the building could cost up to \$6 million. Demolition, on the other hand, would cost between \$1 million and \$1.5 million.

The committee recommended that photos be taken of the building before demolition and be given to the Plainville Historical Center. It also said the council and school board should work together to determine the best use of the space.

Lee said the council could either put the demolition costs in the budget or have residents vote on it in November. The council did not make a decision Monday and no one expressed an opinion about it. Committee members did not attend the meeting.

Helen Bergenty, a member of the committee, is still trying to save the

former school, which has been mothballed. She said Tuesday that about a dozen people are circulating petition asking the council to table any recommendation until the Save the Linden Street School Committee secures an in-depth study on reusing the building, including financial options. The committee has not been sanctioned by the town.

Bergenty has said that money to renovate the building can be raised through grants, fundraising events and from in-kind donations from contractors and businesses. She has suggested the building be used as a community center with classrooms being used by various non-profits. She toured the building with the council last year and said it is still in good shape and the roof does not leak.

Most other potential uses for the building are not possible due to its proximity to the current Linden Street School and a lack of parking.

Diane Church can be reached at (860) 584-0501, ext. 7250, or at [dchurch@bristolpress.com](mailto:dchurch@bristolpress.com).

## “Save Linden Street School” Committee Organizational Meetings

Tuesday, April 16th~2 Meetings  
2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.  
Plainville Police Station

## Exchange ideas & suggestions for the project and a Committee progress report

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A petition is now being circulated to present to the Town Council. The petition reads: “We, the undersigned, hereby request that the Plainville Town Council table any recommendations for the Linden Street School until such time as the committee to Save the Linden Street School secures an in depth study on viable uses for the School, including financial options to complete any renovations.”

For a petition to circulate call 860-747-3905~ To sign a petition stop at the Courtesy Desk in Gnazzo's.

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Hello...my name is Leesha, and I am the Polish Princess. I have eight beautiful sisters, but no brothers, thank goodness! Our pet, Roberta, is "Mama Cluck". She really tries to take good care of us. So, when she comes to our house, we all run out to greet her and cheep and peck at her. It seems a little silly, but it makes her smile, so we guess it is worth it. We are so glad the snow is gone and the grass is springing up. We try to thank Roberta by keeping her yard nice and clean by eating worms, grubs, flies, and ticks. We also manufacture a lot of good nitrogen rich organic fertilizer for her garden. My sisters and I are very happy to be such good citizens of Plainville.



## Labor of Love

Susie Woerz, co-ordinator of the Plainville Food Pantry was delighted to accept over 180 mittens, hats and scarves generously created and donated by Gloria Prelli, mother of a Woman's Club of Plainville member for the Pantry's clients. Lucky Powell, chairperson of the project for the Woman's Club. For readers that don't know the gals in the picture, Lucky is on the left and Susie on the right.

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## Toffolon Safety Patrol Attends Conference



17 members of the Louis Toffolon School Student Council and Safety Patrol Captains recently attended the Connecticut Association of Schools Leadership Conference held at Naugatuck Community College in Waterbury. While at the conference, students attended three workshops that helped develop their skills for productive thinking, communication, and decision making.

The conference provided students the opportunity to participate in a variety of team-building, hands-on activities designed to foster effective leadership skills. As leaders in their schools, the conferences supported a successful positive student leadership role for our students who can guide their peers as they continually serve as role models.

## MSP Performs at Music Festival



On March 9th, twenty-six students from the Middle School of Plainville participated in the Northern Region Middle School Festival sponsored by the Connecticut Music Education Association. Their performance drew a sold out audience of 750 spectators from around the state and ended with a standing ovation!

**Back row** - Destini Waldo, Dominika Szok, Elizabeth Dinielli, Shane Hartunian, Jacob Hillburn, Jackson Anderson.

**Second row from the back** - Abbagale Tripphahn, Taylor Earley, Isabella Bantz, Shaun Simoneau, Kyle Smith.

**Middle row** - Melaina Pedrolini, Angela Zheng, Ashley LaPira, John DeAngelis, Nathan Doyle  
**Second row from the front** - Alexis DeAngelis, Elona Tanski, Natalia Sojak, Connor Mackie, Alexander Rosado.

**Front row** - William Cronkite, Bryan Buckley, Nicholas Constantini, John Kennedy, Katie Schmidt was unavailable for the photo.



## Wheeler Elementary School Budding Scientists

Fourth graders at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School

recently explored the world of electricity with scientists from the High Touch High Tech Program. They learned how to make current electricity by creating circuits with batteries, wires, switches, bells, and light bulbs. They experienced what static electricity is and how it is created, and put together their own electroscopes.

## Shadows and Light at Toffolon School



First graders at Louis Toffolon Elementary School recently participated in a science workshop on "Shadows and Light" lead by Science Instructor Bobby Castello from the High Touch High Tech Program.

## MSP Hosts . . . Read Across America



The Middle School of Plainville held its annual Read Across America celebration on February 27th. The National Education Association's Read Across America is a fun, celebratory way to promote the enjoyment of reading and provides an additional opportunity for students and teachers to share the joys of reading aloud to each other.

## MSP Unified Arts Students Receive Awards



MSP Unified Arts Student of the Session Celebration  
 The following students were honored at an awards ceremony on February 7th at the Middle School of Plainville. They were chosen for this honor because they demonstrate a high level of achievement, respect, and responsibility in the classroom.

### GRADE 6

**ART:** Ashley Romano, Ruthliann Carmona, Morgan Rogers, Abigail Czerepuszko

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES:** Benjamin Farina, Kayla DiTolla

**HEALTH:** Alyssa West, Quinton Talotta

**INSTRUMENTAL:** Daniel Szymula, Rachel Parsons, Deja Paradis, Madeline Rund

**MUSIC:** Victoria Corriveau, Ni-Asia Wells, Marlee Susco, Tanairy Barton

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Jason Badorek, Kelsey Matthews, Sarah Tomczyk, Frederick Snell, III, Ebelyn Rodriguez, Ryan Snyder, Brady Callahan, Abigail Czerepuszko, Pablo Vazquez

**TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:** Morgan Rogers, Levon Gyulgyulyan, TK McCrorey, Alyssa West

### GRADE 7

**ART:** Mark Gniadek, Ricky Freitas, Phoebe Bell, Liana Testa

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES:** Isabel Lozefski, Tara Young

**INSTRUMENTAL:** Ferenc Bagameri, Venus Syammorn, Mark Gniadek, Jacob Hillburn

**HEALTH:** Jordan Jones, Abbagale Tripphahn

**MUSIC:** Eda Bickici, Isabella Bantz, Trevor Bloom, Jacob Hillburn

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** James Avery, Cheyenne Emmendorfer, Bethany Farina, Trevor Bloom, Abigail Leander, Nicholas Cianchetti, Da'Kwie Jones, Caroline St. Pierre

**TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:** Emma Snowden, Abigail Leander, John DeAngelis, Christia Zamundio

### GRADE 8

**ART:** Sommer Abdelsame, Caterina LaBella, Angela Zheng, Autumn Parkinson

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES:** Ashley LaPira, Joey Pelletier, Jon Olson

**INSTRUMENTAL:** David Dodd, Ashley Roy, Xavier Wellington, Brandon Mello

**HEALTH:** Jessica Varrato, Jonathon Tattersall

**MUSIC:** Shaun Simoneau, Marc Liquindoli, Ashley LaPira, David Dodd

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Juan Torres, Emma Watson, Lauren Tanner, Matthew Linnhoff, Kloe Hidri, Joe Gohar, Tommy Vongsamany, Bianca Calle

**TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:** Ashley LaPira, RJ Miller, Tyrese Paradis, Ethan Hushin, Brandon Mello

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# Schools in Review

## Jim Bondi Named 2013 "Director of the Year"



*Jim Bondi (center) with food services personnel*

Plainville Community Schools' Food Services Director, Jim Bondi has been named the State's 2013 Director of the Year by the School Nutrition Association of Connecticut, according to Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Kitching. "The Plainville Community Schools are very fortunate to have Jim directing our Food Services Department. Under his leadership the program has grown, prospered, and improved in many ways," said Kitching.

The Superintendent along with a group of district administrators and Food Services personnel surprised Bondi with the news on March 18 where he was personally congratulated for the award recognition. He will be formally recognized by the School Nutrition Association of Connecticut at their spring awards banquet in May.

"Jim has taken his department from a basic level lunch program that required significant financial support from the Board budget, to a health-conscious, full service foods system that meets the needs of our entire district. Even more impressive is that he has accomplished all this while making the entire program financially self-supported," added Kitching.

The Board of Education will also congratulate Mr. Bondi at their next regular meeting on April 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM.



## Wilfrid To Sit on Music Panel

Toffolon music teacher Gregory Wilfrid has been invited to sit on a panel for the 2013 NAFME (National Association for Music Education) Eastern Division Conference in Hartford on April 4, 2013. The panel is hosted during the Pre-Conference Special Focus Sessions. The panel topic is "Possibilities and Perils of Social Media and Music Education."

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## 35th DECA Anniversary

Plans are underway for the Plainville High School Marketing Education & DECA programs 35th anniversary celebration! The event will be held on May 23 from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm in the Plainville High School Cafeteria. The evening will feature a variety of guest speakers, videos, various DECA recognitions and awards, refreshments, music and more.

## Plainville School Readiness Council Awards Scholarships



*Dr. Maureen Brummett, Jennifer Roberge, Antonietta (Toni) Cirillo, and Kimberly McLaurin*

The Plainville School Readiness Council has awarded three \$1,500 scholarships, according to Assistant Superintendent of Plainville Community Schools and School Readiness Council member, Dr. Maureen Brummett. The scholarships were presented to recipients Kimberly McLaurin, Antonietta Cirillo, and Jennifer Roberge at the March 12 meeting of the Plainville School Readiness Council.

Ms. McLaurin holds an associate degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in that field. She is currently employed in the Wheeler Regional Family YMCA's Here We Grow preschool program, co-teaching in a Pre-Kindergarten classroom. In addition, she is a State Of Connecticut, Designated Head Teacher for Child Care Programs birth to 5 years of age.

Ms. Cirillo is currently a part time student at Tunxis Community College where she is working toward earning an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. She currently holds a Early Childhood Certificate, which she earned in 2010. In addition, she is a full time Pre-Kindergarten teacher at Plainville Day Care.

Ms. Roberge is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree from Charter Oak State College. She is a full time pre-school teacher at Plainville Day Care Center At Toffolon School, in the School Readiness classroom.

"I would like to thank Dr. Linda Van Wagenen for writing the grant that allowed us to fund these scholarships. One of our missions in the Plainville School Readiness Council is to support and educate our local preschool instructors. These scholarships will allow them to continue their early childhood education goals and ultimately impact our incoming students who will benefit from their skills," noted Brummett.

The Plainville School Readiness Council was formed in 2008. The Council is comprised of representatives from area education providers, municipalities, childcare providers, community organizations, businesses and parents. The group collaboratively supports and fosters high quality Pre-Kindergarten programs and delivers services that assist in the transition to Kindergarten while encouraging public participation.



State Senator Jason Welch (R-Bristol) visited the Linden Street Elementary School on March 1, in Plainville to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Sen. Welch read a book entitled, "Baby Brains" to the 3rd grade class of Miss Melissa Tynik. Students really enjoyed the story about a genius baby and his adventures. They thanked Senator Welch for visiting the class and taking the time to read to them.

## Joan Deegan Named to Memorial Wall of Honor

The Plainville Board of Education and the Plainville Community Schools' Naming Committee will hold an induction ceremony on April 8, 2013 at Plainville High School for the Memorial Wall of Honor, according to Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Kitching.

The ceremony, honoring inductee in memoriam Joan Deegan, will be held at the Memorial Wall of Honor in the east corridor outside of the Plainville High School pool. The ceremony will take place at 6:00PM, with a reception following immediately after in the Plainville High School cafeteria.

Mrs. Deegan served as a member of the Plainville Board of Education for 18 years, from 1963-1981, serving as both Secretary and Board Chair. In addition, she dedicated herself to the Linden Street School PTO, the Plainville Association of Retarded Citizens, the Central Connecticut Mental Health Council, Wheeler Clinic, and was a member of the Tunxis Community College Board of Directors. Further, Mrs. Deegan was a member of the Democratic Town Committee, the Plainville Human Relations Council (Humanitarian of the Year), the Women's Club of Plainville (1983 Woman of the Year), Past Chair of the Plainville Chamber of Commerce, Campaign Chair for the United Way, member of the Plainville Economic Development Commission, and member of the Plainville Rotary Club.

The Memorial Wall of Honor is a permanent tribute to recognize local individuals for their service to the educational community. The memorial was established by the Plainville Community Schools' Naming Committee, which includes Chairperson Lorri Goldsmith, Stacey Norton, Steve Martino, Lynn Davis, Kathy Pugliese, Scott Saunders, Becky Tyrrell, and Ex-Officio members Andrea Saunders, Jeffrey Kitching, and Steven LePage. The Memorial Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony event is open to the public.

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# May Day

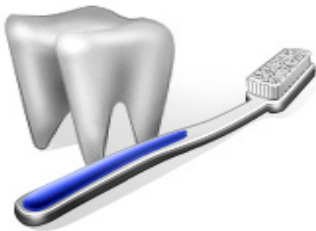
By: Sally Miller

It has been years since I have heard anyone speak of May Day celebrations but when I was a little girl, I looked forward to May Day which was celebrated on May 1s,t. May Day marks the beginning of the growing season. The original maypole was a hawthorn tree that was cut down and brought to the center of the village. Members of the community would dance around it. The maypole did not always have ribbons. By the 1900s, a maypole with ribbons became the well-established norm.

The month of May, which conjured up pictures of magnificent flowers, was in sharp contrast to the grey winter months we had just endured. May Day, May flowers and Maypoles helped to start the spring season. These things were important in my life as a child. On May Day my mom would make baskets filled with a colorful array of flowers. Shiny bright yellow and purple ribbons adorned the colored baskets and she would place them by our bedside so that when we woke we would be engulfed by wonderful fragrances. Our eyes followed the delicious scents of flowers to the actual basket and we smiled with still another confirmation of moms love contained in the bouquet. During the day we would happily deliver flowers to friends and neighbors. We would knock on their doors; leave the plants, and flowers and run away giggling to ourselves. We would give neighbors, family and friends pots of yellow tulips with many ribbons wrapped around them. Some received purple or pink hyacinths in used coffee cans which were wrapped with yellow and purple crepe paper. Sometimes we would hide behind a tree to watch their faces as they opened doors to find the wonderful symbols of spring and friendship waiting for them. My Aunt Bertha would always plant the hyacinths we gave her and we would see them in her garden the following year as we delivered more plants. Upon arriving back home, we were delighted to discover gorgeous flowers on our own doorsteps from friends. My next door neighbor had a flag pole in her yard and she would have a May Day party for some of us children. We would dress in spring dresses, put flowers in our hair. She had a flag pole which was decorated with flowing pink, yellow, green and white ribbons and crepe paper. The beautifully colored ribbons hung from the top of the pole and swayed slightly in the breeze as if teasing us. We children would claim our favorite color ribbon, gently hold it as we weaved in and out and around each other skipping and laughing. The ribbons would become intertwined and somehow plaited. This was a celebration of springtime and friendship. Life was simpler then. The innocence of the day seems astounding compared to life in today's world. Celebrations like this don't seem to exist anymore. This year, again, I will deliver flowers to someone in my mom's memory and smile as I remember the day of flowers, ribbons, and colored crepe paper, baskets of flowers, laughter and joy. It was of the special moments in my life.

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# Dental Health

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

## Good Oral Health is Essential During Pregnancy

It's no secret that pregnancy is an important time in a woman's life. While women often hear about how pregnancy causes physical changes that affect their hormone or appetite levels, these changes can have a great effect on their oral health as well. Despite the fact that good oral health is essential for the overall health of both mother and child, only 22 to 34 percent of women in the United States visit a dentist during pregnancy. In fact, dental care during pregnancy is not only safe and effective, it's essential for combating the adverse effects of oral disease, according to an article published in General Dentistry, the peer-reviewed clinical journal of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). Dentists have the ability to maintain the oral health of expectant mothers by treating the dental findings that are common during pregnancy. Hormonal changes during pregnancy can result in several changes in the mouth. Studies show that the most common oral disease is gingivitis, which has been reported in 30 to 100 percent of pregnancies. Gingivitis, a buildup of plaque that causes inflammation of the gums, should be treated with a professional cleaning and proper toothbrushing and flossing. If left untreated, gingivitis can lead to periodontitis, a more serious form of gum disease. Patients tend to delay the treatment of oral disease due to concerns for fetal safety; however, routine dental treatment can be performed safely at any time during pregnancy with preference being toward the first and third trimesters. What's more, untreated dental disease can lead to pain, infections and unnecessary exposure to medications, any of which could harm the developing fetus. Poor oral health also can affect the nutritional intake of expectant mothers, which is essential for fetal growth and survival.

The hormonal fluctuations that result from pregnancy can produce benign pregnancy tumors in the mouth. These tumors usually appear after the first trimester and typically go away after delivery; however, surgical removal may be required when these tumors bleed, interfere with eating or do not resolve after delivery.

In addition to examining for oral disease, dentists may notice dental erosion—the chemical or mechanochemical destruction of tooth material—in pregnant women, due to increased acid in the mouth following morning sickness.

To neutralize acid after vomiting, pregnant women should rinse the mouth with a mixture of a teaspoon of baking soda dissolved in a cup of water. Teeth should be brushed only after the mouth has been rinsed and the acid has been neutralized to prevent further damage to the enamel. Oral health assessment and treatment should be an essential part of prenatal care, as these steps allow the patient to receive ongoing advice concerning proper oral hygiene and infant oral health care.



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## Ask the Brayne

**Q.** What are the vines that are choking some trees and what can be done to eradicate them or prevent the spread of them. They seem invasive and I've noticed that they mainly affect the hardwood variety. I would appreciate any information on what they are, why they're here and what can be done to get rid of them? BL

**A.** *I am sorry that I am not going to be too helpful on this subject. There are too many varieties of vines to speak of but the best information I could find for removing them is below ( I just Google searched the title). I have no idea who would pick up the tab for doing such procedures, but the information may be helpful to private owners.*

### **How to Kill Ground Vines Without Harming Trees**

1. Cut the vines at the base of the tree, at about ankle height, with hand pruning shears. Cut larger vines with hand loppers or a pruning saw.
2. Cut the vines attached to the tree at shoulder height with hand pruning shears. Cut the larger vines with hand loppers or a pruning saw. In many cases, ground vines grow from the ground and up tree trunks.
3. Spray water onto the ground about 6 feet in diameter around the base of the tree. Water the soil deeply and allow to soak overnight. Saturating the soil around the base of the tree softens the soil and makes it easier to pull out vines by hand.
4. Dig up stubborn vine roots from the soil with a shovel. Use extra caution when digging around the base of the tree so you don't cut or damage the tree roots.
5. Allow the vines that are attached to the tree between the cuts to completely die. It's easier to remove the vines from the tree when they are dead. Any vines above the shoulder-height cuts will die off after a few days and aren't as securely attached as when they are alive.
6. Pull the vines from the tree gently, working a few inches at a time to prevent damaging the tree bark. Pull the vines from the around the tree between the cuts until you have removed all the vines from the tree. Allow overhead vines to die off and decay or fall on their own because you risk pulling dead tree branches out of the tree if you tug on the vines.
7. Place the vines in a compost pile or put poisonous vines in a garbage bag and dispose of them with your regular household garbage.
8. Spread a 3-inch layer of mulch 6 feet in diameter around the base of the tree where you pulled up the vines. Keep the mulch 3 inches away from the trunk of the tree to prevent insect and rodent infestations. Mulching prevents the vines from reestablishing themselves around the tree. Alternatively, you can sow grass seed or lay sod in the bare area to crowd out the area and restrict vine growth.
9. Check around the base of the tree periodically after removing the vines and pull out any new vine growth. If you've removed the vine roots from the soil, there is less chance of vines reestablishing in the area.

**Q.** How many restaurants are there in Plainville?

**A.** *There are 51 and 2 new Pizza Restaurants opened last month*

*Please submit any questions for the May Issue by: April 15th.*

*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 article is the 15th of each month. Thank you for the above questions. Keep them coming!!*

**Thanks, Bill Brayne!!**

## AARP and the U. S. Postal Service

### **Team Up to Fight Fraud**

#### **New Educational Campaign Aims to Protect**

During this year's National Consumer Protection Week, March 3 through March 9, AARP and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPS) teamed up to combat foreign lottery fraud, one of the most pernicious scams targeting older residents.

You might even recognize the hallmarks of the trickery: stacks of direct mail inviting you to play this or that offshore lottery; callers from mysterious phone numbers claiming you "won the Jamaican lottery," but demanding you pay the foreign taxes in cash.

One of just dozens of foreign lottery frauds, the Jamaican scam alone could be bilking older Americans out of as much as \$1 billion a year, according to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. But the FTC estimates that more than 90 percent of lottery scams go unreported because the victims are too ashamed to file a complaint.

In order to catch seniors' attention, the educational postcards are designed to look like the fraudulent lottery mailers.

According to AARP Connecticut State President, Laura Green, "When it comes to lotteries or other sweepstakes, the bottom line is this: Never wire or send money to anyone, anywhere who says you've won a prize. Odds are, it's a scam."

For more information about foreign lottery scams, go to [www.deliveringtrust.com](http://www.deliveringtrust.com). For more information about how to protect yourself and your loved ones from fraud, visit <http://www.aarp.org/protectyourfinances>.

## AAA Speaks Out . . .

### **CarFit Coming to Plainville**

*By: Aaron Kupec, Public Affair Manager*

Older drivers are often the safest drivers, in that they are more likely to wear their seatbelts, and less likely to speed or drink and drive. However, older drivers are more likely to be killed or seriously injured when a crash does occur due to the greater fragility of their aging bodies.

Driver safety programs improve adult driver safety by addressing cognitive abilities and skills, however, older drivers can also improve their safety by ensuring their cars are properly adjusted for them. A proper fit in one's car can greatly increase not only the driver's safety but also the safety of others.

Many older drivers have difficulty in fitting into their own cars well. Whether it is adjusting mirrors in order to see the blind spot, positioning seats to be far enough away from the steering wheel yet with enough room to reach the gas pedal, or getting the seat belt to fit comfortably, there are many adjustments that can be made to find the safest fit. The CarFit program was developed to meet this need—and it is coming to Plainville.

AAA is partnering with the Injury Prevention Center of Hartford Hospital/Connecticut Children's Medical Center, AARP, and the American Occupational Therapy Association to bring CarFit to AAA's Plainville office at 17 Farmington Avenue. This free event is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in AAA's rear parking lot.

Trained volunteers will lead drivers through a 12-point checklist with their vehicle, recommend personal vehicle adjustments and adaptations, and offer community specific resources and activities that could make their personal vehicles "fit" better or enhance their safety. An occupational therapist will also be on hand to provide information to older drivers on how to maintain and strengthen driving health. Individual appointments will take approximately 30 minutes.

For an appointment, please call 860-249-1245. AAA also offers free one-on-one CarFit sessions with a trained technician at many of its Connecticut offices. For more information, please call 860-570-4319.

AAA has assembled a full range of resources for senior drivers and their families on the internet at [SeniorDriving.aaa.com](http://SeniorDriving.aaa.com). This website includes tools to evaluate driving ability, improve driving skills, maintain mobility and independence, and understand how prescriptions and over-the-counter medications can impact driving.

AAA provides travel, insurance, financial, and automotive-related services to 53 million people nationwide and is located locally at 17 Farmington Avenue in Plainville. For more information about AAA, members and non-members can go online to [AAA.com](http://AAA.com) or call 860-236-3261.

## Step Up is a Step in the Right Direction

*By Sen. Jason Welch and Rep. Frank Nicastro*

How many help wanted ads are in the newspaper these days? Are there signs in the windows of local businesses? It's a rarity but there are jobs out there. However, matching the unemployed with a job opening is not so cut and dry. That is why a program called STEP UP has become so important.

STEP UP: subsidized training and employment program is a bridge that allows employers to expand their business by hiring job seekers and in some cases provide them with special training paid for through grants. Many businesses don't have extra money to hire during this down economy and don't have extra money to pay for specialized training, this program provides an incentive. Connecticut has one of the highest unemployment rates in the entire country. So providing some help and stability is the goal behind this legislation.

The program was passed in October of 2011 in a Jobs Bill. Last June the bill was expanded to include an incentive to hire military veterans.

Small businesses in our state are looking for help. This is one way in which the state can be proactive and help employers expand and grow.

Step Up is delivered by the state Department of Labor and Connecticut's five Workforce Investment Boards. To learn more about the STEP UP program contact: Rina Bakalar Executive Director, Office of Workforce Competitiveness [rina.bakalar@ct.gov](mailto:rina.bakalar@ct.gov)



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# What's Going On...

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email lvccoffice@gmail.com or

check our website

www.literacycentral.org

## "Happy Birthday"

**April 7th-Jacob Mandeville**

**April 16th-Lou Mandeville**

**More April Birthdays**

**on Page 30**

## "All You Can Eat"

### BREAKFAST

**O.L.M. PARISH CENTER**

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**Sunday, APRIL 14th**

**8 am to 10:30 am**

**Donation: Adults \$4.00**

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Coffee/Tea provided

Donations for our raffle will be appreciated,

and any baked goods

www.newdact.com\*\*

**860-589-2523--for more information**

## ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY TEA

**Sunday April 7th  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

### "Everybody Needs a Nest"

**Bird Houses are part of Wheeler Clinic's  
initiative, which helps raise awareness  
about the need for foster homes.  
They will be used as decorations  
for the Tea Party**

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center**

**19 South Canal Street**

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## Welcome!

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# What's Going On...

## Our Lady of Mercy Semi-annual Tag Sale

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**Friday, April 19th**

**9 am to 6 pm**

***FREE Admission***

**Saturday, April 20th**

**9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

## Grace Killelea Chosen as 2013

### WOW Guest Speaker

The Women & Girls' Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation is pleased to announce Grace Killelea as this year's guest speaker at their 12th Annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event to be

**Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.  
at the Aqua Turf Club in  
Plantville, CT**

For over 15 years, Grace has been keenly focused on developing, supporting, mentoring, coaching, and connecting women. Grace believes that real power is generated when one's passion and purpose meet, and she was instrumental in establishing some of the first programs designed for women in her organizations.

"Grace is the perfect selection as our guest speaker for this year's WOW event. She truly embodies the mission of the fund which is to improve the quality of life for all women and girls in the communities we serve," stated this year's WOW event chairs, EJ Conlin and Sandi Perrillo.

Seats for this year's event are \$55 and are now available. Please contact Sam Rajotte at the Main Street Community Foundation at 860-583-6363 to reserve your seat or table. Donations for silent auction items are welcome, and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please visit our website at [www.mainstreetfoundation.org](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org).

## 2013 Racing Season Join in The Fun!! Benefit....

### Shawn Thibeault VFW Hall

Northwest Drive, Plainville

**Friday, April 12th**

**7:00 pm ~ 12 Midnite**

**\$25.00** per person

**Food & Cash Bar**

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## The Metacomet Bear is Back!!!!

He destroyed two Bird Feeders belonging to Bruce & Sandy Giannini, left one untouched and carried the fourth bird feeder away with him or her.

He did not leave any "Bear Poop" this time. But it is still early in the season.

**Neighbors, Beware!!!!**

## Annual "HAM DINNER"



~Mark Your Calendar~

The Plainville  
United Methodist Church

**Saturday, May 4, 2013**

The dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:00 pm  
featuring home baked ham with fresh potatoes and  
vegetable, assorted breads and dessert.

There will be a bake sale as well.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, 4 and under  
are free. Reservations are strongly suggested by calling  
the church office at 860-747-2328.

## The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development invites you to attend 2nd Annual Community Business Breakfast "Bridging our Community, Business, & Local Youth"

Hear about what our current partnerships  
are doing today.

**Learn How YOUR Business Could  
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\*Positive publicity and networking opportunities

\*Making a lasting impression on  
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**DATE: Tuesday, April 9th**

**TIME: 8:00 am-9:15 am**

**PLACE: Plainville High School  
Cafeteria  
47 Robert Holcomb Way**

**Contact: Tina Gryguc for information  
& RSVP**

**Phone: 860-793-3210 ext. 206**

**Email: [gryguct@plainvillschool.org](mailto:gryguct@plainvillschool.org)**

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# What's Going On...

GFWC/The Woman's Club Plainville

## Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, April 20th

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

First Bible Church Chapel

Unionville Ave.

Plainville

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For Tickets contact:

Phyllis Roche 860-287-2366

Hilda Stifel 860-628-7532

Antonella Zompa 860-938-4240

## Chamber of Commerce

### 105th Annual Dinner

Tuesday, April 23rd

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*Awards will be presented for.....*

### EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER BUSINESS RECOGNITION

A committee of independent judges will select the winners of the above mentioned awards. For tickets contact Maureen Saverick at the Chamber office 860-747-6867

## Wheeler to Host Informational Session for Prospective Foster Parents

May 18, 12-2 pm, 88 East Street, Plainville

Wheeler Clinic will offer an informational session for prospective foster parents. This no-obligation event provides information about Wheeler's foster care program. For more information, call 860.793.7277, or email: fostercareprograms@wheelerclinic.org.

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### "Come and Help Update Zoning"

I have been following Roberta Lalamas journey with her chickens for a while now. It seems that Plainville is the only town forbidding chickens unless you have 2 acres of land. Well, doesn't that seem silly seeing that rarely anyone owns that much land in Plainville. All the surrounding towns, Southington, New Britain, Bristol and Farmington can all have backyard chickens and have fresh eggs. There is a petition going around to change the regulation in zoning and I have signed it and have actually taken some and got signatures myself. There will be a meeting at town hall April 23rd. Anyone interested please come and help us update this zoning regulation. Diana Doughty

## APRIL Dates to Remember:

April Fool's Day--Mon. 1st

Income Tax Day--Mon. 15th

Earth Day--Mon. 22nd

Administrative Professionals Day

Wed. 24th

Arbor Day - Fri. 26th

*Remember that someone special  
Birthday /Anniversary*

## Public Hearing

Phoenix Soil, LLC

8 North Washington Street

The draft permit seeks authorization to operate a commercial waste management facility for the purpose of storing and treating non-hazardous waste.

### Public Comment

All interested persons are invited to express their views on the tentative determination concerning the Air permit application in accordance with Section 22a-174-2a(c) Written comments may be submitted to DEEP until April 11, 2013.

Hearing Date: April 4, 2013

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Plainville High School

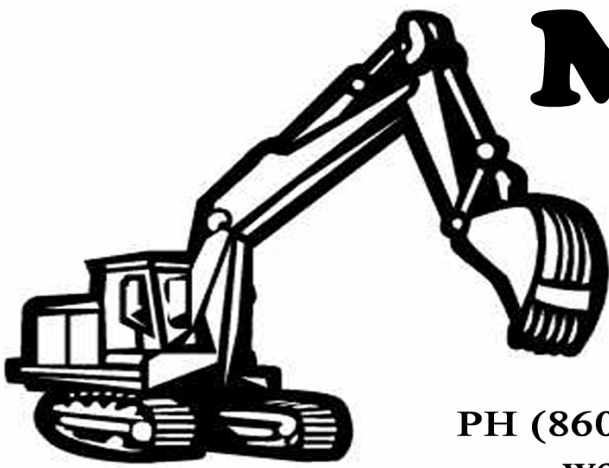
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## Lifelong Learning Association

A group from Tunxis Community College called Lifelong Learning Association met at Tunxis CC. Starting this month they will meet at the

**Plainville Library on the  
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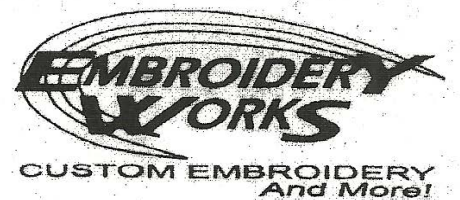
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## Young at Heart...Senior News

### AT RISK LIST

The Plainville Senior Center maintains a list of Plainville residents who are at risk in the event of an electrical power outage. Individuals of any age, who have medical problems dependent on electrical power to operate medical equipment, should be on the "At Risk List". Those who are not on the "At Risk List", and need to be, should call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728.

In the event of an electrical power outage, Plainville residents with health risks and no other alternative, should call The Connecticut Light and Power Company, not the Police Department, should be called to report a power outage or to inquire when the power will be back on. The Connecticut Light and Power Company can be reached at 860-947-2000, option #1. In a true emergency, call 9-1-1.

### SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

The public may sign-up for trips seven days after a trip is made available to Senior Center members. Sign-ups, held at the Plainville Senior Center Monday through Friday, are between 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. only. Payment is due at the time of sign-up.

The Senior Center is offering a trip to Boston, on May 23, for lunch at the Cheese Cake Factory, followed by a Charles Riverboat Cruise. The cost is \$75.00 per person and includes transportation, sightseeing, attractions, lunch and driver gratuity.

The Senior Center is offering a trip to the Western Frontier, June 18-27, featuring Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone and the Badlands. The cost ranges between \$3,135 and \$4,035 per person. There is optional trip insurance available for an additional cost. A complete itinerary is available at the Senior Center.

The Senior Center is offering a trip on Sunday, June 23, to the Stageloft Theatre in Sturbridge, MA to see Fiddler on the Roof. The cost is \$74.00 per person and includes transportation, show, lunch and driver gratuity.

### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB

There are many exciting trips planned for the outdoor adventure club. For more information about the club, contact the Plainville Senior Center.

### SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL PROGRAM

What is the Senior Medicare Patrol Program? The Senior Medicare Patrol program (SMP) is a national program funded by the United States Administration on Aging (AoA). The SMPs help Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries prevent, detect and report health care fraud.

Senior Medicare Patrol Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Walsh, will present a short presentation about how Medicare fraud affects you and how you can help fight fraud and abuse in three easy steps.

This free presentation is sponsored by the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) and will be held at the Plainville Senior Center on Tuesday, **April 9 at 1:00 p.m.** Please call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register for this free program. To learn about the Senior Medicare Patrol Program, visit their website at [www.smpresource.org](http://www.smpresource.org). Please contact Carol Wash by email, [carol.walsh@ncaaaact.org](mailto:carol.walsh@ncaaaact.org), or by phone, (860) 724-6443 ext. 271 to find out how you can volunteer with the Senior Medicare Patrol Program and learn more about the upcoming SMP Volunteer Foundation Training on April 18.

### MATURE DRIVER SCREENING PROGRAM

The Plainville Senior Center, in conjunction with the Hartford Hospital Injury Prevention Center, is offering a free and confidential one-hour assessment of one's safe driving abilities, on **Monday, April 8**, by appointment. Participants will be guided through a program, using a

touch screen computer. The results and recommendations will be available immediately. A \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card will be awarded for participation. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for an appointment.

### THE PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER IS COLLECTING CELL PHONES AND SMALL ELECTRONICS

The Plainville Senior Center has expanded its collaboration with Cellular Recycler to make the most of not only used cell phones, but also laptops, cameras, iPod players and video game consoles. Don't throw your old electronics away, donate them to the Senior Center and raise money for the Dial-A-Ride program. Please bring used cell phones and small electronic donations to the Senior Center front desk.

### CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Plainville Senior Center Members are invited to the Center on Mondays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for a friendly, lively discussion of local, state, and national current events. Call the Center, 747-5728, to register for this program.

### THE GIFT AND CONSIGNMENT SHOP AT THE PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

The Plainville Senior Center Gift Shop sells an ever-changing assortment of consignment items, collectables and handcrafted items. They also have vendors that have items in the shop for sale, including jewelry, home-goods, clothing, bibs, aprons and much more. They also have a selection of holiday specific items and beautiful greeting cards, at great prices. The Senior Center Gift Shop is easy to get to and the perfect place to shop for all your gift giving needs.

### ~ STORES HOURS ~

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

### PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER WELCOMES THE "OTH" BAND

The "OTH" Band plays at the Senior Center every **Thursday at 2:30 p.m.** Members and non-members, over the age of 60, are welcome to come and dance the afternoon away or sit back and just enjoy listening to the music. Refreshments are served.

### SENIOR CENTER CAFÉ IS OPEN FOR LUNCH

The Senior Center Café is open on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** They serve soup, salads, sandwiches, and Panini, all fresh and made to order. Stop by the Senior Center for a menu or go the Town of Plainville Website, under the Senior Center tab.

### MAHJONG

Mahjong players meet at the Senior Center on Mondays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Beginners to experienced players are welcome. Experienced players should bring their 2013 card. Those who have their own Mahjong sets are asked to bring them. Call the Senior Center to register or for more information.

### COFFEE WITH A SOCIAL WORKER

Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will hold Coffee with a Social Worker, at the Center on **Mondays, April 1 and 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m.** Stephanie will be available to answer questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare

Savings Program, Housing Options, Alzheimer's Help, Caregiving, Homecare etc. No registration is necessary for these one-on-one meetings. This program is open to Plainville Senior Center Members who are residents of Plainville. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for more information.

### CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS

The next Caregiving Connections meeting will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on **Tuesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m.** Caregivers of all ages and all towns are welcome to exchange their ideas and insights about caregiving issues. Refreshments will be served. Call Bette, 747-5728, to register for the meeting, and let her know if you need a loved one cared for during the meeting.

### GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

The Plainville Senior Center and Youth Services will co-host a program about the unique challenges of raising a grandchild or relative on Wednesdays, April 10:00 a.m., held at the Plainville Senior Center.

The grandparents' program provides caregivers an opportunity to share information and support on issues related to childrearing. Childcare is available. To register for this free program, call the Plainville Senior Center, 747-5728. Funding for this program is made possible by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

### DIABETES PROGRAM

Bristol Hospital Certified Diabetes Educators, Miles Everett RD RN and Katherine Deusch RD will hold a program on diabetes at the Plainville Senior Center on Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. Miles and Katherine will help dispel hype, myths and misconceptions about diabetes. They will also teach about prevention and control through diet and lifestyle changes. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register for this free program.



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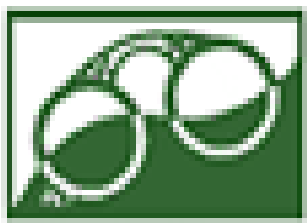
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# What's on your Plate?

*By: Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach, AADP*

Our lifestyles are so busy these days. We tend to fill them with more tasks than we can possibly handle. Along the way we forget to take time for self-care and relaxation. This can lead to frustration, poor eating habits and resentment. Here are a few tips to help you juggle all the plates in your life.

What's for Dinner?

How to ensure your plate will nourish you during your busy days.

1. Add Color: Just like an artist's palette, your plate should reflect how wonderfully colorful life is. Spring is here and the beautiful colors of the season will remind you to add bright green, yellow, red and purple vegetables and fruits to your meals.
2. Be Balanced: A healthy balance of food includes 50% of calories from good carbs, such as leafy greens, vegetables and fruits, 30% of calories from healthy fats, such as olive oil, fatty fish, avocados, and nuts, and 10-20% of calories from proteins, such as beans, lentils, poultry or meat.
3. Recognize that Size Matters: Put aside your large 10" dinner plate and replace it with a 7-8" diameter lunch size plate. This will help you eat less especially if you have unresolved issues around having to clean your plate before you leave the table.

Can you visualize the colors and size of these plates? What are the one or two changes you could make to get a positive result?

Priorities First!

Sometimes, the plates that create the most stress and ill health are the ones that are not on the dinner table.

Are you spinning your wheels on projects or tasks that aren't aligned with your goals and are draining all your energy? At the end of the day, do you feel hopeless and buried by the many undone tasks and guilty because it appears that others have clearly figured this out?

Here are 3 quick tips to create a healthy work/life plate:

1. Clarify your values, your goals to align your actions.

I recently attended a conference where one of the speakers discussed goal setting in terms we don't normally think about. We tend to look at goals as things to be done vs. setting goals based on our core desired feelings. Think of how you might adjust your priorities and actions if your goal changed from "I want to save enough money to go on a vacation" to "I want to feel more energized and relaxed". You could work really long hours to afford an expensive vacation and still come back feeling physically and mentally exhausted. Make sure your actions align with how you want to feel. This will help you tackle the next item:

2. Even nice people say NO once in a while.

Just because someone asked, doesn't mean you have to accommodate. This is a purely personal decision, but if you find that your plate is more focused on what others want vs. what is most important to you, you will find your plate feeling heavy, not so colorful and too big.

Check in frequently to assess whether the requests of others align with your core desired feelings. If saying yes to leading a book club will result in feeling more energized, then go for it. If it doesn't not, politely say no and perhaps refer someone else whom you know would love to do this.

3. Tackle those big rocks first.

You may be familiar with the rocks in a bottle example that was made famous by Stephen Covey. If not, try to follow this or if you are truly a visual learner, check out this YouTube video: [http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6knc7\\_first-things-first-aka-covey-s-big\\_school#.UTTghaUSOfQ](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6knc7_first-things-first-aka-covey-s-big_school#.UTTghaUSOfQ). It's a lot to type, but worth it!

a. You have a number of big rocks – these represent the most important things in your life, the ones you value the most and have the highest return for you. These are things like your work, career, family, finances, community, and health.

b. Then there are a number of other tasks, that aren't so important, but we want to fit them in. These to do's can be washing the car, checking Facebook, going grocery shopping, watching your favorite TV, show, answering e-mails, etc.

c. Finally, imagine a glass container to represent the time available to you each day.

The premise of this exercise is that if you start to fill the container with pebbles, there will be no room for the rocks. However, if you start by filling your day with big rocks, you will see that you can fit in a lot of the pebbles and if not all of them, perhaps they didn't really need to get done in the first place.

In summary, give careful thought to your food and work/life plates this Spring and make colorful and energizing selections that will fill you with joy and health.

*Linda Coveney is an AADP Certified Health Coach who provides one-one coaching and group wellness programs. She can help you set up wellness programs that are sustainable and deliver results for both the employer and employee. You can reach her through [www.healthy-behaviors.com](http://www.healthy-behaviors.com) or [lindacoveney@healthy-behaviors.com](mailto:lindacoveney@healthy-behaviors.com). Let her know what topics you would like to hear about in the next newsletter.*

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# "I.T. Jim" .....

## Part #3 Social Media

### How IT Jim Came to Be

I'd like to tell you a little bit about how I became the IT professional that I am today. Who I am today is owed in large part to my father. My dad grew up in the 1940's and 50's, served in the Army, Reserves, and National Guard. He always had an interest in technology and gadgets. In his day, technology was televisions and radios. He was a TV and radio repair man back in the days when electronics were repairable. He worked as a TV antenna installer too. He didn't have time to repair our own TV's at home though. We'd have two TV's in the living room. On one TV, the sound worked, but not the picture. On the other, the picture worked, but not the sound.

As I grew up, I chased my dad's coattails. I followed him around when he worked on various TV's and electronics. He'd explain what he was doing and showed me how schematic diagrams described the circuits he was trying to repair. One if his friends played keyboards and accordions. He'd take me with him while he repaired them. For a time he belonged to a signal corps in the National Guard. Several times, he'd come home with an Army signal van. It was filled with all sorts of radio and communication electronics. It was such a thrill to see as a kid.

When the first affordable home computers hit the scene, my dad nurtured my interest as well as his own and bought me a Commodore 64. This was it. This was the start of my lifelong love of computers. In the early days we would spend hours typing in a program with hundreds and hundreds of lines of code from a computer magazine, troubleshoot it for bugs, and then play with it. They were usually very simplistic games. The only problem was that we could not turn the computer off. If we did, all of that programming would be gone. So, we added on a cassette drive. Yes, a drive that stored files on an audio tape. As my interest grew, we added more technology including one of them fancy mouse devices to use an operating system called GEOS which was a predecessor to Windows. I was definitely the first person I knew that had a computer with a mouse! I even ventured out onto the internet before it even existed as we know it. I'd connect to bulletin boards (BBS's) using a phone and a 600 baud modem. That's 1.2 kilobits per second. Compare that to a cable modem running at up to 50 megabits or 50,000 kilobits per second.

All along the way, my dad continued to nurture our shared interest. We later moved on to an Apple II clone and then a fancy IBM computer running DOS and then Windows. At some point though, the teacher became the student. My dad held his own and enjoyed using his computer. He enjoyed making cards, pictures, letters, invitations, and later brochures and ad-books for the Governors Foot Guard. His favorite place to shop was Staples. If one looked in his computer room, one would think they were in Staples. There are stacks and stacks of different types of paper, envelopes, and labels. He had pens, erasers, tape and couldn't get enough of it. He liked the internet. He enjoyed all of the information that was at his fingertips. Though he loved spending time on his computer, he grew increasingly frustrated with it. He didn't care for them always changing things in Microsoft Windows and Office. As long as he could find his Solitaire though, he was in good to go.

I really enjoyed the days he would call me over to his house. We would spend hours playing around on his computer. I would do my best to show him how the newfangled stuff worked. He'd do his best to soak up the knowledge, just as I did as child watching him.

My advice for younger folks helping their parents working with computers is to be patient. BE PATIENT! Be patient and be prepared to explain things several times. Try to explain things in their terms without belittling them. Let them have the controls and walk them through doing it themselves. And, most importantly, be PATIENT!

I love you dad. I miss you so much already. Thank you for making me the man I am today.

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](mailto:jim.phc@gmail.com). You can also follow me on Twitter @PHCITJim! A Facebook page is coming soon!

**Thought for today.....**

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1. JAM INTO  
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16. "THE FOAMING CLEANSER"  
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37. PENINSULA OFF MANCHURIA  
38. AS FAST AS CAN BE DONE (ABBR.)  
39. APULIAN CITY 70121  
40. TALK SHOW HOST PHILBIN  
42. USA'S FAVORITE UNCLE  
45. MORE COHERENT  
46. PBS DRAMA SERIES  
49. RETIREMENT PLAN  
50. BE OBEDIENT TO  
51. FRENCH RIVER  
53. \_\_\_\_ FATALE, SEDUCTIVE WOMAN  
56. MADE A SURPRISE ATTACK  
60. WINGLIKE STRUCTURES

**CLUES DOWN**

1. CHEW THE FAT  
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3. A FAR EAST WET NURSE  
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5. THE FRAME AROUND A DOOR  
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65. DEPARTMENT OF TROYES FRANCE  
66. MAINS  
67. SHOE TIES  
68. A CAREFREE ADVENTURE  
69. MARINER OR SAILOR  
70. MODERN CHAIR DESIGNER  
71. \_\_\_\_ GIN FIZZ COCKTAIL

25. HIGHEST CARD  
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44. \_\_\_\_ STUDENT, LEARNS HEALING  
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**\*Roberta Brown,** \*Director of\* \*Plainville Youth Services. The mission of the Youth Services department is to coordinate programs and services for Plainville youth that promote positive youth development and prevent delinquency and other negative behaviors. This mission is accomplished by providing and coordinating a continuum of services that include prevention, intervention and treatment programs. In her 25 years as director, she has been involved in the substance abuse action council as chair of prevention committee and she works with the Plainville school system.

**\*Angela Geddis, M.D\*,** a board-certified pediatrician who has practiced medicine for 22 years at the Grove Hill Medical Center. She's a graduate of the Cornell University Medical School.

**\*Nancy Holyst, M.D.,** \*\*who has \*25 years' experience and background in medicine.

Board Certified in Pediatric Medicine. She received her medical degree from New York Medical College. She is the pediatrician to two participants in the Queen Ann Nzinga Center's programs. She is the physician representative for Bristol Hospital's Child Protection Team. Dr. Holyst, who accepts patients with Title 19, works as a partner with parents, has a wonderful bedside manner and gets to know her patients and their families.

# TEA PARTY PATRIOTS

“One of the penalties for refusing to participate in Politics is that you end up being governed by inferiors”. (Plato)  
“Congress needs warriors...not puppets!”  
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Have you noticed something suspicious about your paychecks this year? (*Wait there's more*) The message you hear from **Washington...it needs more money.**

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Could it be that the (*NTSA*) National Transportation Safety Association (*without Congress approval*) could install black boxes after September 2014 tracking speed, location, number of passengers, etc.? Could this be big brother coming to America? It's coming so fast, what little privacy we have left in America today will be gone.

The Marxist abolishment of the family unit as we know it (*church groups, boy and girl scouts, service and fraternal organization, etc.*) is being pushed by the one world UN insiders. *Goggle: Dr. Ben Carlson (Lightning rod and Neurosurgeon)*

“Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.” (Voltaire)

“If your heartache seems to hang around too long and your blues keep getting bluer with each song, well, remember sunshine can be found behind a cloudy sky (find out for yourself) and cry.”

# Letter To The Editor

## March 12, 1867

The following letter appeared in the New Britain Herald from the book of newspaper articles authored by: Charley Welden

We have some wonderful hens in Plainville, as you will see by the egg I sent you as a specimen. One egg of Dr. George A. Moody's hens laid this egg last Saturday. It measures 2" in circumference one way, and 1 3/4 inches the other, and can be easily put into a small sized thimble. You can have it for breakfast some morning if you please, or what would be better still, you can use it to make an election cake with which to celebrate the re-election of Governor Hawley. It seems, they have some wonderful snow drifts and some wonderful icicles up in Collinsville. But if any of our subscribers there, or anywhere else have hens that lay eggs which beat this, we would like to have them make it known through the columns of the record. The young ladies of our village are getting up a festival or something of the kind, for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of the sufferers at the south. They will hold it at ground templers Half Tuesday evening March 19th. We should be happy to see any from the neighboring towns, who may wish to give their aid to help forward so worthy an object.

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More about Roberta's Hens

To Plainville Citizens:

On Tuesday April 23rd, 2013, there will be a **public hearing at the Municipal Center with the Planning & Zoning Commission** regarding the keeping of **backyard hens**. As of now, we need a two-acre lot which is 87,120 sq. ft. Our surrounding towns have much less stringent requirements. In Southington and Farmington, the minimal lot size is 12,000 sq. ft. In Bristol, it is only 10,000 sq. ft. New Britain has no regulations concerning poultry.

I am encouraging the Town of Plainville to revise its regulations to conform with our neighboring towns, which we have lately teamed up with to share many services to keep our costs down.

So, Plainville Citizens, whether you are for this change or not, please let us know. Thank you. Carmine Lalama

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Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship

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State level competition held this past Sunday, March 17 at St. Paul’s High School in Bristol brought together the best of each of four regions in the state in each age group to determine the state champions. Congratulations and accolades for Cheyenne Emmendorfer, winning the 12 year old girls state title, and Jessica Masco, who earned the title for the 13 year old girls division. The state champ’s scores from all the levels of competition will be forwarded to Knights of Columbus national headquarters where they will be compared to state & province winners from all participating nations to decide on the international champion.

Plainville Knights of Columbus wish special thanks to local sponsor JR Heating and Cooling for their support to the local and Northwest regional contests of this program.



Regional Champions from Plainville (L-R) Cheyenne Emmendorfer, Jessica Masco and Gabrielle Schinkel, competed at the State Level Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship at St. Paul’s High School in Bristol on March 17.

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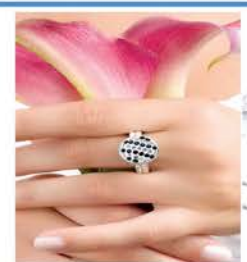
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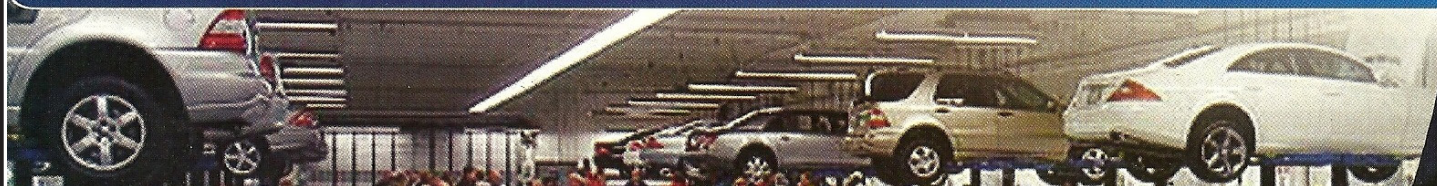
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My Sycamore Tree

By: Mary Ziccardi

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Some how a thin little tree, about four feet tall,escaped the bulldozer. One day the builder called and asked if I wanted that “piece of scruff” cut down. I decided to keep it to see what it would become.

For several years we hardly gave it much thought until one day my husband noted it had grown considerably, both tall, wide and the truck was slightly crooked. It was a Sycamore tree. We began to pay attention and soon it was taller than the peak of our raised ranch style house.

The leaves of a Sycamore are large and thick. We noticed that birds did not nest in our tree and the squirrels preferred the trees that eventually grew in the woods behind our house.

I called Mike Mastrianni to see if he could tell me why birds and squirrels avoided our tree. He could not help me. I always call Mike when I have a nature question and he always has the answers. This time he did not.

My good neighbor, Bruce Giannini calls it my dirty tree. In the spring it makes little round balls that fall to the ground. In the summer it sheds its bark in large pieces which I need to pick up so they won’t damage his tractor when he mows my lawn.

In the fall, after the maples and other trees have dropped their leaves, and the neighbors have tidied their yards, my Sycamore holds it’s leaves until mid October. Then the breeze and winds carry them to Bruce’s lawn, many fall under my tree, many more blow over to the neighbor on the other side.

One day this neighbor called my attention to the leaves on his property, I could not deny they came from my tree.

The ice storm last October caused small branches to fall , I think it is natures way of pruning. I have not measured the circumference of the trunk, it is too large for me to measure. The tree is now three times taller than my house, it makes welcome shade all summer long. I love and admire my Sycamore tree, it is now bare of leaves. I can see the pattern of growth and the curve that remains in the trunk. I know that Sycamores live for hundreds of years. Right now my tree is probably as old as I am. Yes, I love my Sycamore, it reminds me of the poem “Trees” written by Joyce Kilmer and I truly believe “only God can plant a tree”

Trees By: Joyce Kilmer (a man)

I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed against the earth’s sweet flowing breast

A tree that looks at God all day, and lifts her leafy arms to pray

A tree that may in summer wear a nest of Robins in her hair.

Upon whose bosom snow has lain; who intimately lines with rain.

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ICE CREAM PIE

- 1-1/2 C Graham crackers, crushed
- 1/2 C confectioner’s sugar
- 1/2 C melted butter
- 1 C softened maple walnut ice cream
- 6 ozs semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 C heavy cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 QT. softened ice cream (your favorite flavor)

Combine the graham crackers, confectioner’s sugar and butter. Press onto the bottom and up the sides of an ungreased 9” pie plate. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Spoon maple walnut ice cream onto crust, freeze one hour. In a double boiler, melt chocolate chips with cream. Turn off heat and add vanilla extract. Cool. Spread half of chocolate chips over chocolate ice cream. Freeze one hour. Spoon your favorite flavor of ice cream over chocolate chips. Freeze one hour. Spoon remaining chocolate chips over pie. Freeze several hours until hard. Makes 6-8 servings.

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL RECIPE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH OUR READERS, PLEASE EMAIL, MAIL OR DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE. ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE ON PAGE 3.

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After several seconds of silence, a 75 year old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding Cake."

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Happy Belated Birthday March 11th ~ Dale Nightingale

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To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE SHADE TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 2013, or visit arborday.org/april.

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MR. PHS 2013 DUSTIN CORRIVEAU!!



On March 21st, 2013 a New Mr. PHS was crowned: Dustin Corriveau! The 1st Runner-up was Eddy Lee and 2nd runner up was Marcus Slivinsky. Senior boys were judged on dancing, talent, swimsuit, formal wear, and Q&A. The event was a fundraiser for the PHS/YMCA Project Graduation, a drug & alcohol-free party the night of graduation. Congrats to all 13 Seniors who participated along with the Senior "Black Dress Girls" who escorted them!!!!

YMCA/PHS CLASS of 2013 PROJECT GRADUATION NEWS

The next meeting for the 2013 Plainville High School Project Graduation is **Wednesday, APRIL 3rd, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.** Project Graduation is an all night alcohol and drug-free party, held for Plainville High School Seniors right after the graduation ceremony. The party is held at the YMCA the night of graduation and is filled with many fun activities. All junior and senior parents are invited to attend the meetings. If interested in helping, please contact **Doreen Corriveau at: 860-250-4443.**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Wednesday, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, 2013

USED CLOTHING/ITEM COLLECTION

Projecting Graduation will receive cash for every pound of used items we collect from **now until: MAY 11th, 2013.**

We will be collecting:

- **Wearable/Usable Clothing** (men's, women's, children's)
- **Shoes, Belts, Handbags**
- **Linens** (bedding, curtains, towels)

Next Drop-off: April 27th, 2013, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. in the lobby or call: Jen Slabinski at: 860-793-2803 to arrange for a pick-up.

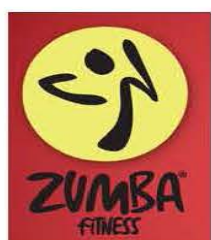
LOOK OUT for Those Crazy Flying Flamingos!!



2013 YMCA Project Graduation is having a **"Flamingo Fundraiser."** With Spring just around the corner, don't be surprised if you see a **Pink Flamingo** on your lawn! If you are lucky enough to be **"flamingoed"**, simply follow the instructions on the envelope attached to the flamingo. This fundraiser gives everyone in our community a chance to get involved in a very worthwhile event!

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

to be held at the Plainville High School Kegel Gym on **Thursday, April 11th, 2013 at 6:00 pm.** Cost: \$30 for a team of 6 players. General Admission: \$2.00. Prizes awarded to the winning team members. Public participation highly **WELCOME** including businesses, town/school employees, civic organizations, kids, adults. Please call: **Doreen Corriveau at: 860-250-4443** to register your team or for more information.



"ZUMBA FOR A CAUSE" @ YMCA!!! "Ditch the Workout and Join the Party!"

Join the latest Latin-inspired dance fitness craze sweeping the nation while raising money for the PHS Senior's Graduation Party! **Sunday, April 28th, 2013, 4-5:30 pm** at the Wheeler YMCA Gym. **Cost: \$15/adults, \$10/students** call: **Doreen Corriveau at: 860-250-4443.**

Graduation Party Volunteers Needed! ~ THURSDAY, JUNE 27th, 2013 ~

The PHS Class of 2013 Graduation Day is quickly approaching and Project Graduation Members have been busy all year long preparing for the graduate's big party at the YMCA. Many volunteers are needed to put this party together, from decorators to food helpers, to game organizers and everything in between. *If you're the parent of a PHS Senior or Junior this year, please consider getting involved in this exciting night!* For more information how you can help, please contact: **Doreen Corriveau at: 860-250-4443.**

The George T. Gaudette PHS Class of 1958 Scholarship

The George T. Gaudette Foundation is pleased to announce a generous scholarship opportunity for a member of the Plainville High School Class of 2013. The scholarship amount will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Academic performance, financial need, volunteerism and work ethics will be considered. Applications are available through the office of Denise Jacobsen 860-793-3220 ext.352.

To date, the Foundation has awarded scholarships for four years to four outstanding students who are pursuing degrees in education. The total amount of these four awards is \$38,400.

The scholarship is made possible by the generosity of Gaudette family as well as donations by the PHS Class of 1958 for which Mr. George T. Gaudette was the advisor. Mr. Gaudette was a teacher to students at Plainville High School from 1950 to 1963 and highly esteemed by everyone. The first George T. Gaudette scholarship was presented in 2009 and has continued to present day.

As our advisor, Mr. Gaudette took a deep interest in the class as well as individual students. Mr. Gaudette was highly respected as an extraordinary teacher and as a caring insightful advisor by his colleagues and by the class of 1958. In all of these roles, he helped class members find what best suited their abilities and inclinations. Plainville High School seniors are encouraged to submit applications for this very worthwhile scholarship.

Plainville Fire Company Scholarship Applications

By: Jim Lenois, Sr. Assistant Secretary

The Plainville Fire Company is now in the process of accepting applications for its 2013 fall scholarships. Eligible applicants should be Plainville Residents. Applications are available at the Guidance Offices of Plainville High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical School, and St. Paul's High School. They are also available on our website plainvillefireco.com

Deadline for filing is May 10th, 2013. For further information please contact the Fire Administrative Office, Monday thru Friday, 8 till noon at 860-747-4660. Applications should be sent to Plainville Fire Company Scholarship Committee, 77 West Main Street, Plainville, CT 06062.

Deadline Near for Foundation Grants and Scholarships ..

Application deadlines are quickly approaching for grants and scholarships from funds administered by the Main Street Community Foundation. Grant applications are due on April 5, 2013, and scholarship applications are due on April 1, 2013 by 4 p.m. Information is available on the Foundation's website at www.mainstreetfoundation.org. The Main Street Community Foundation serves the Connecticut towns of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

The Foundation accepts grant proposals from 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. Proposals are due April 5, 2013, at 4 p.m.

The Foundation also accepts applications for scholarships from area residents who wish to pursue their educational goals. The 2013 scholarship directory and the common application form are available on the Foundation's website, www.mainstreetfoundation.org. The deadline for the majority of the scholarships is April 1, 2013 at 4 p.m.; consult the directory for the few exceptions.

For more information, contact Jarre Betts at 860.583.6363 or jarre@mainstreetfoundation.org. All information is available on the Foundation's website, www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

OLM Memorial Scholarships

The Guild of Our Lady Memorial Scholarships offers two \$1,000 available to graduating high school seniors furthering their education in the fall. Eligibility requirements: a registered participating member of the parish. Applications may be picked up in the Parish office M-F, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and must be returned by April 30th.

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A TOPIC REVISITED

When perusing through the news this week I couldn't help but notice an unfortunate situation that reminded me of an article I had written in June 2012. Due to this most recent incident in the month of March, I figured it would be as good a time as any to revisit my cautionary article. Let's pick it up near the beginning... Whenever there is a party, the threat of alcohol being present should always be on the minds of parents. Some parents may try to control the consumption of alcohol by allowing their children to drink under their supervision. However, the dangers associated with underage drinking will persist even when adults are present.

Connecticut criminal law penalizes anyone who sells, ships, delivers, or gives alcoholic liquor to a minor, by any means, with a fine not to exceed \$1,500 or imprisoned not more than 18 months or both. The law specifically outlines parents as a person who may be guilty of this crime. If the minor child were ever to be charged with possessing and consuming the alcohol given to them by their parent(s), then the parents could also be charged with a crime. This law extends to any minor, so if you child's friends consume the alcohol you provided, you expose yourself to criminal charges. The application of the law is probably not that shocking for any parent who may be reading this article. The law may not even be enough to deter some from allowing alcohol at a graduation party. Although, after considering the potential civil liability you expose yourself to you may want to reconsider facilitating any underage drinking.

The potential for anyone to get injured after consuming alcohol is always apparent. When that person is an underage, inexperienced drinker the odds obviously increase exponentially. Therefore, when an adult gives a minor alcohol and that minor injures themselves or others, that adult will be liable for the result. The adult is liable because they set forth the chain of events by supplying the alcohol. Civilly, this opens them up to be sued for the damages they helped create. If the parent or other adult gets a civil judgment ordered against them they may have their wages attached or just about anything they own in order to pay the judgment. Most people would not risk everything they have or may potentially have with someone they trust. So why would anyone risk everything they have to a group of people they may hardly know and have no control over? Regardless of how responsible your children and their friends may be, supplying alcohol to them will always expose you to whatever they do under the influence. Whatever perceived control you may think you have, the reality is that you can never prevent some things. You may end up being liable for something as small as a trip and fall or something as big as a death.

Graduation season is a time for joy and celebration. The last thing anyone wants to think about is an unfortunate incident when they reflect on a graduation. So don't hesitate to tell your kids "No" when it comes to underage drinking. As always, if any of these situations become a reality in your life, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.

I revisited this topic for all the parents out there who may have missed my article last June. Good riddance to winter!



Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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



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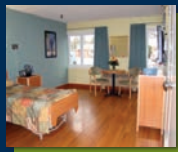
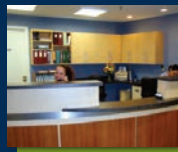
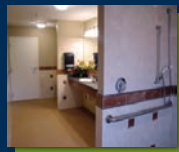
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Plainville Senior Citizens' Center Bowling League Announce Bowlers of the Month for January & February

Just in case You missed this.....

The Plainville Senior Center Bowling League announced that Ken Lyons and Elsie Senaldi won the title of Bowlers of the Month for January 2013

Tina Wishart and Frank Robinson won the title for February 2013.

The league meets at Laurel Lanes, 136 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person, per week and

includes three games of bowling, open bowling discount card, automatic scoring, and free weekly beverage.

Bowlers of all abilities, including beginners, are welcome to join this fun league. To receive more information or to join the league, contact Frank Robinson, Bowling League President, at 860-747-2918.

Plainville Chapter #4146 Celebrates 25th Anniversary



Pictured above with President Jim Stuart are Past Presidents of the Chapter as he presented the Plaque they received from the Washington A.A.R.P. Headquarters. Don Ragaglia, Ann Krupinski, Jim, President, Helen Bergenty, Frank Macri and Sally Miller, present Vice President of the Chapter. The presentation was made at the recent A.A.R.P. meeting. The meetings are held at the Dance Hall on Woodford Ave. on third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 1 o'clock. Chapter #4146 welcomes all A.A.R.P. members to attend as a guest.



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O.L.M. Hosts United Action CT Immigration Forum

Our Lady of Mercy Church here in Plainville is a founding member of United Action Connecticut (UACT) which is made up of various congregations from different faith backgrounds such as Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal, Unitarian-Universalist and Jewish. UACT member congregations have worked together on social justice issues that express our faith values. Access to affordable health care, quality pre-k education and affordable housing have been some of the issues that UACT has worked on over the years. Immigration reform has also been an issue for UACT since 2006.



Pictured at the Forum are: L-R, Michael Verrett, Angie Swanger, Steve Volpini, Father John Brinsmade & Tim Eakins

On Monday, March 11, 2013, the Our Lady of Mercy Social Justice Committee, UACT and Ministerio de Hermandad from St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Meriden presented a forum on Immigration reform to parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Joining the parishioners were other members of UACT, some coming from as far away as Waterford and Niantic. Also in attendance were people who live in the area who are dealing with our present Immigration system. Fr. John Brinsmade, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church, started the evening with a prayer of understanding and compassion and then joined the group for the evening's program. Steve Volpini, President of UACT, welcomed everyone to the forum and Mark Kosnoff, Acting Executive Director of UACT gave a short presentation about United Action. Tim Eakins, an Organizer with UACT, alternating between Spanish and English, gave those present an overview of the present situation in Washington with regard to Immigration reform and that it is likely there will be a vote on Immigration reform sometime this summer. Tim also shared how immigrants have contributed billions of dollars to the US economy. Immigrants provide at least 70% of the labor in the food production sector of our economy, much of it back-breaking, low-wage work.

The eye opener for most of the group was doing an exercise together. Breaking into small groups, we all took on the role of becoming someone living in another country who was faced with making a decision over whether to stay where one was living, move to another location in one's country or leave for another country. What people found out during the exercise was that the decisions one had to make were not easy ones. The exercise also showed what obstacles one faces coming to the USA and what obstacles there are once one is in the USA. One story in the exercise involved a mining company evicting a family from land on which they had been farming. Making the decision to stay, someone sets their home on fire. What does one do? Where does one go?

The last part of the evening was given over to immigrants sharing their stories. Jose shared his ordeal as a child crossing the desert with his father to come to this country. Patricia shared about how she was treated at work. Those of us from Plainville were left with a lot to think about as our country moves forward on the issue of Immigration reform.

The Shamrock School of Irish Dance



The dancers from the Shamrock School of Irish Dance entertained the guests at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner held at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. They are the premiere studio for Irish Dance. The Shamrock School is a family business and teach all levels of Irish Dance and start at the age 3-4. The main studio is located at 75 East Street (Next to Gnazzo's). They offer Regular classes, Private Classes and Mommy & Me classes. To sign up e-mail Shannon Barry at shamrockbarry@comcast.net.



A Sing-a-Long Lead by Jack Shea was enjoyed by all!!

Pictured to the left at the dinner
Rev. Dinh Van Pham
O.L.M. Week- end Deacon and
Rev. John Brinsmade, Pastor

"Everyone Needs A Nest"



The St. Anthony Society members painted the Bird Houses to be displayed at their Tea to be held at O.L.M. Parish Center in April. (Details on Page 16) "Everyone needs a Nest" is a project for the Foster Care program at the Wheeler Clinic. There are over 4,000 children in the Foster Care in CT. May is "National Foster Care month. Pictured are the members as they get ready to paint are: Allison Casinghino, Penny Kobles, Wheeler Clinic Coordinator, Kathryn Egri, Elaine Ospiowicz, Claire Camp, Laurie Fasciano, Carmela Russo, Evelyn Case, Stella Massa, Barbara Bordeau, Valena J. Palumbo with Collin Casinghino, Ethan Casinghino is being held by his grandmother Laurie Fasciano (in the middle of the picture). Photo by Helen Bergenty, member of the St. Anthony's Society.

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OBITUARIES

~ Donna M. (Barry) Aldieri ~



50, of Southington passed away after a short illness on Monday, (March 18, 2013) at her home. She was the loving wife of Jerry Aldieri, and the adoring mother of their daughter Jenna Aldieri.

Donna was born June 1, 1962 in Meriden, the cherished daughter of Richard "Paul" and Sophie (Hubeny) Barry. Donna worked as a business manager at Gladstein Dental Center in New Britain for over 25 years. She also worked with her husband at JSA Electric as his business manager. She volunteered for the Red Cross and loved taking care of her flowers in the backyard of her home in Charlestown, RI. Some of her best memories were made with her friends and family at her beach home. In addition to her husband Jerry, her daughter Jenna and her parents, she is survived by her three sisters: Susan Buden and her husband Patrick of Plainville, Paula Barry of Southington and Pamela Carnemolla and her husband Frank of Watertown, her father-in-law Stephen Aldieri of Southington, her brother-in-law John Aldieri and his wife Jennifer of Southington, her sister-in-law Joanne Guimond and her husband Mel of Bristol and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother-in-law Anita Aldieri.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Aloysius Church, 254 Burrill St., Plantsville. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St., Plantsville, assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations in Donna's memory may be made to the Southington Fire Department Companies 1, 2, 3 or to the Local 2033 Scholarship Fund, 310 North Main St., Southington, CT 06489. For online condolences, please visit: www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.



~ Eugene J. Autunno ~



84, widower of Myrtle (Gilbert) Autunno, lifelong resident of New Britain, passed away on Tuesday, (March 19, 2013), at the Hospital of Central CT.

Eugene was born in New Britain and was son to the late Peter and Carmella (D'Amore) Autunno. He attended local schools in New Britain and had been employed as an assembler at New Britain Machine for 27 years and then as a maintenance mechanic at AGC Inc. He was a parishioner of St. Joseph Church as well as active in the GAS House Gang and the Hi-Comps Car Club of New Britain and a Nascar enthusiast. He owned and built race cars, and raced car #81 and #4X at Tinty's Stadium, Plainville for several years. He is survived and will be dearly missed by; a son, Peter Autunno Sr. of Plainville, a daughter Juliann Lapollo and her husband Vincent of New Britain, a brother, Julius Autunno of West Hartford, a sister, Mary Roderick of Avon, four precious grandchildren; Peter Autunno Jr., Jody Autunno, Vincent Lapollo Jr., and Andrea Lapollo, six great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and his best friend and companion, Daisy. Eugene was also predeceased by two brothers: Ludwig and John Autunno, three sisters; Theresa Panarella, Virginia Alderuccio and Anna Flynn. Special thanks to the Larese family for their caring and compassion and becoming part of the family. The family would also like to extend special thanks to the staff of N-4 at Hospital of Central CT.

Funeral services were held from the New Britain Memorial Donald D. Sagarino Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Ave., New Britain followed by the funeral liturgy in St. Joseph Church. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Assoc. and National Kidney Foundation. For directions or online messages, please visit www.newbritainsagarino.com.

~ Dennis Dee Chapman ~



66, of Plainville, husband of Johanna (Petit) Chapman, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, March 15, 2013.

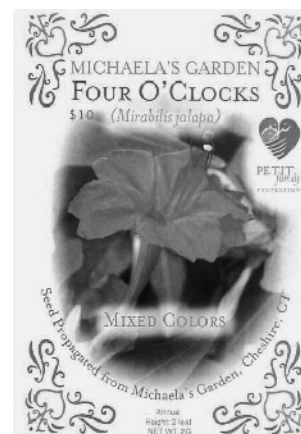
Born in Blue Springs, Nebraska on September 6, 1946, Dennis was one of three children of Robert Chapman and the late Margaret (Feit) Chapman. Raised on his family's farm, he took pride in his farming heritage and remained one with nature throughout his life, having a passion for the outdoors and gardening. He attended grammar school in a one-room schoolhouse and was a graduate of Beatrice High School, enlisting in the U.S. Navy shortly after. After his military discharge, he graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with a B.S. in Education and Journalism. He accepted positions at various publications in Chicago and Philadelphia, where he met his best friend, Hanna, with whom he shared more than twenty three years. They spent the early part of their lives together in Pennsylvania, where they ran the Quarry House Bed and Breakfast, and Dennis shared his passion and knowledge for antiques. Upon starting their family, they moved to Connecticut where they raised their two adored children. After his retirement as the Vice President of Marketing and Sales from the Connecticut Lottery in 2007, Dennis devoted his time to developing and promoting Michaela's Garden to benefit the Petit Family Foundation. He made a wide circle of friends with farmers and garden clubs throughout the state and at the Connecticut



Science Center. A strong, quiet and gentle soul, Dennis approached everything in life wholeheartedly. His children were his greatest pride. He will be greatly missed, leaving a legacy of dedication and many cherished memories.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Johanna, and their children, Abby and Andrew all of Plainville; his father, Robert, his brother, Larry and his wife, Cindy; his sister, Lori Dorn and her husband, Alan, all of Nebraska; his mother and father-in-law, William and Barbara Petit. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law William Petit Jr. and his wife, Christine; Glenn Petit; Michael Petit Sr. and his wife Erin; and Brian Petit, as well as their children and extended families; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Funeral services in celebration of Dennis' life were held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com. In lieu of flowers,



Dennis may be remembered with contributions to Michaela's Garden Project, c/o the Petit Family Foundation, PO Box 310, Plainville, CT 06062 or www.petitfamilyfoundation.org.

Beware of False Prophets

By Leslie Teffs

This article is written for two different reasons. First, as therapy for myself, and second, that it will hopefully help others.

I'm 48 years old. I'm a shy, down-to-earth, king-hearted Christian, with a sense of humor. I have old-fashioned values and morals. I respect others. I have one brother that will tell you, I don't have a mean bone in my body. My other brother doesn't like me, because I am a good, caring, church-going person. I see, this world doesn't always recognize a good people. Maybe, there aren't enough of us around anymore? So, when a good person does now up, they can't be trusted?

I have been the victim of bullying for the last 8-9 months, in my workplace. My friends have called it harassment. To me, they're both one in the same. Either way you slice it, it hurts!

There is one person in particular that started the trouble. This person has been spreading rumors about me. It started out with lying to my boss. Next, people were told not to talk to me, because I talk. It really hurts, because I always considered everyone I work with, as friends. My other boss told me long ago, "We're not here to make friends." "We're here to work." Fine, but I never asked for enemies. What bothers me is that the person doing this, used to bring in his Bible to read. Well, since things have escalated, I don't see that Bible, anymore. Probably not in the last two months or so. I feel now, the Bible was just a play, to get people to think he's this great Christian. People, don't believe everything you see, and also, just because someone says something, doesn't make it true. Now, I look at rumors as a "disease". It spreads so quickly.

Next time something is said, question it. Anybody who "really" knows me, knows that I'm a caring, trustworthy person. I don't talk about others, and I don't report people. I'm saying this, because I've gotten "digs" left and right, from all different people. They think I'm this "backstabber", and I'm not.

Things are said and done for a lot of different reasons. I feel this "evil" person wants my job, or knows of someone needing a job. I'm not going anywhere. The Lord has given me inner strength, which I have never known before. I think the evil one is getting very frustrated. I was on a 10-ft ladder a few weeks ago, and had the lights shut off on me, for a few seconds. I guess to put a scare into me. You know what? It didn't work. The Lord has my back - who has yours?

To the person doing the bullying:

How would you like this done to you? Better yet, how about your daughter? Mother? Sister? Have a heart, and stop, before really hurting someone.

To employers:

Consider have a 10-minute meeting once a week. Let employees vent if they need to. Everything will be out in the open. Maybe rumors would be a thing in the past. And, you know what? Happy employees make better workers.

To the person being bullied:

Try to build inner-strength. I pray "every" morning before going out the door. I'm not saying everything goes away, and it's okay, but it helps you to move forward. It gives you an inner peace. Also, talk to that one "true" friend. Vent!! It works wonders! This is the prayer that get me through the tough times:

A PRAYER OF HOPE

Lord Jesus, I pray this day for strength,
because there are times when things get tough,
and I feel like quitting.

Lord Jesus, I ask this day for the comforting
reassurance of your love, because there are times when
people fail me, and I am tempted to lose hope.

Lord Jesus, I seek this day for your light, to guide my
steps, because there are times when life is confusing and
difficult, and I lose my way.

Help me, O Lord, to pick up the pieces, wipe my tears,
face the sun, and start over again, for all is possible
when I place my faith and trust in you, my Saving God.

Amen.

I believe everything happens for a reason. I feel the Lord wanted me to get my story out to help others. If this article has helped just one person, then I say, "Mission accomplished." Take care! God Bless!!

OBITUARIES

~ John Bednarz ~



John Bednarz, SFC (Ret), 76, of Portland, CT passed away on February 27, 2013 at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, CT. John was born on February 26, 1937 in New Britain, CT, the son of the late Joseph and Jean (Bingiel) Bednarz and stepson of the late

Andrew Bednarz. He was the devoted husband of Virginia (Campion) Bednarz for over 25 years. He was predeceased by his first wife Barbara (Bothe) Bednarz in 1983 and their son Christopher Bednarz in 2011. He is survived by his brothers Andrew Bednarz and wife Ann of Grapevine, TX, Robert Bednarz and wife Linda of Ft. Pierce, FL; sisters Joyce Ciaffaglione of Farmington, CT and Joan Smith and husband Daniel of Ft. Pierce, FL, and his beloved children Elaine Bednarz of Plainville, CT, John J. Bednarz of West Hartford, CT, William Bednarz and wife Diane of Portland, CT, and James Bednarz of Plainville, CT, as well as stepchildren Brian Christensen and wife Patricia of Portland, CT, Carol Thompson and husband Greg of Rocky Hill, CT, and Bruce Christensen of Bolton, CT.

He dearly loved his grandchildren Sheri Bednarz of New Britain, CT, Amanda and Kimberly Bednarz of West Hartford, CT, Ali Christensen of Portland, CT, Kyle and Dylan Christensen of Bolton, CT, his great-grandson Landon Alicea of New Britain, CT, and his many nieces and nephews.

John was very proud of his service to his country. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1954 and served in Korea in 1955. In 1957 he joined the U.S. Army Reserves and for a period of time worked in the Nike Missile System. He joined the Connecticut Army National Guard in 1963 and served in the 169th Infantry Corps, and later the 1109th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD). In 1991, his unit was deployed to support Operation Desert Storm. He was also employed full time in the National Guard as a calibration technician and supervisor until he retired in 1996. Upon his retirement, he joined the Connecticut First Company Governors Foot Guard and also served as an Honor Guard for the funerals of many area veterans. He also contributed a regular retiree's column in the Connecticut Guardian Newsletter for five years. He was a longtime member of American Legion Post 1771, Officers Club of CT, 169th Infantry Veterans Corps and was a member of numerous other organizations.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary Church in Portland, CT followed by interment with full military honors at CT Veterans Cemetery in Middletown, CT. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CT National Guard Foundation, 360 Broad St., Hartford, CT, 06105

~ Walter Lemanski ~



87, of Plainville, passed away Saturday March 16, 2013 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. He was the husband of June (Farrar) Lemanski whom he married in 1953.

Walter was born October 9, 1925 in New Britain the youngest child of Valentine and Rosalie (Perzan) Lemanski and has been

a Plainville resident since 1953. He attended New Britain Schools and was a graduate of E.C. Goodwin Technical School. Walter was a proud veteran of WWII serving in the US Navy in Normandy. He later enjoyed attending Navy reunions, reminiscing with his fellow servicemen. After his discharge from the Navy, he was employed as an Engineering Specialist at General Electric, retiring after 39 years of service. He was a member of the Plainville Choral Society where he was a soloist. Walter was a longtime Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church where he was a member of the choir and served as a reader.

Besides his loving wife June he leaves his sister, Genevieve Pustelnik of New Britain, his sons-in-law Dr. James Santacroce and Robert Kopec, his grandson Joseph Santacroce and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son James Lemanski, his daughters, Susan Kopec and Patricia Santacroce, his brothers, Valentine, Joseph, Stanley and Frank and his sisters, Stella Waskitz, Celia Lemanski and Anna Socha.

Funeral services for Walter were held from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Rites of Committal followed by military honors were held in St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit:

www.bailey-funeralhome.com.



~ Veronica "Ronnie" (Devine) Mastrianni ~

100, of Plainville, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at Apple Rehab, Plainville. She now joins her beloved husband of 63 years, Benjamin, who predeceased her in 1995.

Ronnie was born on September 20, 1912, in Utica New York, the daughter of the late John and Amelia Devine, of Amsterdam, New York. Her sisters, Winifred Rockland and Anna Mae Kazy, predeceased her.

She is survived by her son Jack Mastrianni and his wife Janet, of Plainville, her daughter Sharon Simpson of Plainville; her former son-in-law and friend John Simpson and Brenda Zipp of Bristol; Four grandchildren, Gregory Mastrianni of NYC, Christopher Mastrianni of San Diego, Shane Simpson of Plainville, and Shawn Simpson of Caroga

~ Edward Frederick Ehle "Ed" ~

a longtime Plainville resident passed away Monday, February 4, 2013 from Alzheimer's disease. Ed was born February 5, 1922, son of the late Edward Herman Ehle and the late Mary (Frederick) Ehle. Ed graduated from New Britain High School, "Class of 39". Ed also attended the E.C. Goodwin Technical School.

In 1942, a young adventurous Ed traveled to Hanford, Washington. Upon arrival, Ed signed a Declaration of Secrecy and took a construction job at the Hanford Nuclear reservation on the Columbia River. The construction site of Reactor "B", the world's first full-scale Plutonium production reactor. The purpose of the construction project at Hanford was concealed until public disclosure of the "Manhattan Project" was made in August of 1945.

Ed was a WWII Army Veteran assigned to the Fifth Armored Division as a tank crewman in Western Germany; he was later reassigned as an M.P. with U.S. occupational forces.

Ed was a versatile individual who was always employed in a heavy metalworking and machining environment. He retired from The National Welding and Manufacturing Company as Assembly Department Foreman after 38 years of employment.

Ed took pride in his modest but very productive vegetable garden. He liked to relax listening to Big Band Swing music. Ed enjoyed time spent with family at Lake Beseck and the cottage on Pine Creek in Fairfield. Ed always looked forward to saltwater sport fishing trips. Ed was a soft-spoken gentleman, always ready to greet you with a welcoming handshake and a twinkle in his eye.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of 68 years Lorena (McNamara) Ehle; sons and daughters-in-law Edward J. Ehle, Patricia Ehle, Gregory M. Ehle, and Jean Ehle, all reside in Plainville; a brother Richard Ehle and sister-in-law Elizabeth Ehle of Bristol; a sister-in-law Gloria Ehle of Danielson and a sister-in-law Verna Dunn of Redwood City, CA. Ed was predeceased by his brothers George and Walter. Ed leaves extended family members Christopher and Debra Barton and their son Griffin of Barkhamsted. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and relatives. Ed was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy church in Plainville where he ushered the faithful to their seats before Mass for many years. The Ehle family would like to thank the staff of Touchstones at Farmington for the compassion, care, and comfort they provided to Ed.

Lake, NY. She adored her five great grand children, Katie Simpson of W. Hartford; Avery and Cecilia Mastrianni of NYC; and Allison and Madeline Mastrianni of San Diego, CA. She greatly appreciated the help and kindnesses she received from her nieces and nephews in the twilight of her years; Al (Sonny) Mastrianni, Jr. of Plainville; Mickey Mastrianni and his wife Honey of Plainville; Katherine and Anthony Badolato of Plainville; Mary Lou Reccord and her husband Edward of Chattanooga, TN. and her dear friend, Jack Joyce of Plainville. Ronnie had many friends from her GE days, before and after she retired. After retirement Ronnie and Ben moved to Florida for the next 22 years. Always a Plainville native, they returned home for the remainder of their later years. Ronnie was a volunteer at the Senior Center, helping to put together the monthly News Letter. She also volunteered for the "Telephone Reassurance Program," which was provided by the Senior Center with calls to shut-ins', making sure they were all right and hopefully to brighten their day. Always the life of a party, she loved to dance, and did so, until health problems told the Irish in her, she needed to slow down, as she approached the century mark of her life. But if there was ever a chance to go shopping, Ronnie did it. A dedicated communicant of Our Lady of Mercy in Plainville, she will be greatly missed by all. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Staff at Apple Rehab for all the care they provided Ronnie in the past three years. In lieu of flowers the family asks that any contributions be made to the exceptional care she received in her last days to; Masonicare Partners, Home Health & Hospice, 111 Founders Plaza, East Hartford, CT 06108.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Ronnie's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Committal services followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Claire (Padelli) Tanguay ~



82 of Plainville passed away Thursday February 28, 2013 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut at New Britain. She was the widow of Francis J. Tanguay.

Mrs. Tanguay was born February 7, 1931 in New Britain a daughter of the late Charles and Julia (Lange) Padelli and was a longtime New Britain resident before moving to Plainville. For

the past year Mrs. Tanguay resided at Brittany Farms in New Britain. She was employed as a bookkeeper at Bradlees Department Stores retiring after 35 years of service. Mrs. Tanguay was also a member of the Plainville Senior Center.

She is survived by her children, Gary Tanguay and his wife Diane of Waycross, GA, Jill Blackwell and her husband Larry of Plainville, Timothy Tanguay of Berlin and Thomas Tanguay and his wife Lisa of Newington, her brother Charles Padelli of New York City, her grandchildren, Matthew, Philip, Melissa, Jeffrey and Nanette, 3 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Robert Tanguay.

Funeral services for Mrs. Tanguay were held at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will be private in Fairview Cemetery in New Britain. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

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Sunday	10:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages	11:00 am
Morning Worship Service	11:00 am
Junior Church ages 4-8	6:30 pm
Evening Worship Service	
Wednesday	7:00 pm
~ Bible Study and Prayer ~	

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IS THERE SUCH A THING AS ABSOLUTE TRUTH?

We are hearing more and more in this world that truth is whatever you want truth to be. If you want to believe something to be true and that makes you feel good about yourself then believe it. At least this is what we are being told. Yet, the last time I checked $2+2=4$. Now you can believe that $2+2=5$ but your belief is in something that is not true. What saith the Bible about this thing called "truth?" Listen to what Jesus says about Himself in John 14:6 – "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus claimed to be the truth.

Since Jesus is the truth means that He can never lie and whatever He says is absolute truth. Jesus says that no one can come to the Father but through Him. This means that there is only ONE way to heaven and that is through the person of Jesus Christ. That is the truth whether one chooses to believe this or not. Listen to what Jesus says in John 17:17 when He is praying to His Father – "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." Jesus says that all the words of God are true. Did you know that the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God? 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that ALL scripture is God breathed. This is why we find in the Old Testament repeated phrases such as "Thus saith the Lord..." or "And the Lord said..." My friend in spite of what we are being told today there is such a thing as absolute truth and that truth is found in God's Holy Word, the Bible. I would urge you to read the Bible for yourselves so that you can find out the truth.

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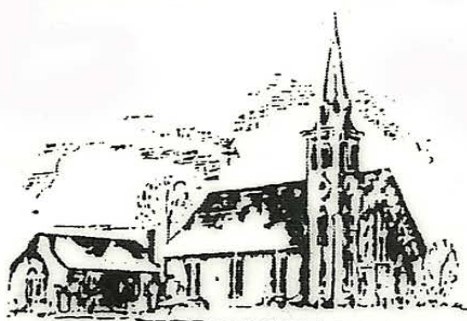
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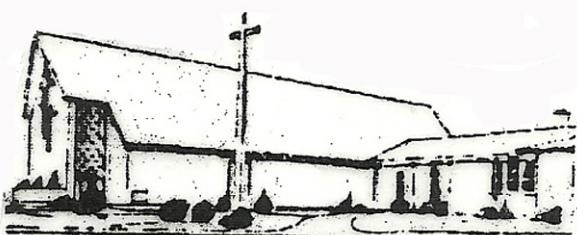
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Wednesday – Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

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3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am  
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SUNDAY SERVICES  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
Pre-K to High School: 9:00 AM  
WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM  
REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesday Ladies..... Tuesdays, 9:30 AM  
Boy Scouts..... Tuesdays, 7 PM  
AA..... Sun., Mon. & Wed., 7 PM  
Al-Anon..... Mondays 7 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS  
SCOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION:  
Sunday, April 7, 10 AM

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:  
Sunday, April 28, 2 to 4 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:  
Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 7 to 8:15 PM

POTLUCK SUPPER AND FELLOWSHIP:  
Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 6 PM

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Sundays, April 7, 14, 21, 28,  
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Bible Class @ 7:45 p.m.  
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2nd Pastor's Care  
3rd Missionary Service  
4th Men's Ministry  
5th Youth Service

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4th Sunday – Pastor's Care Day  
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Church Service 10:00 a.m.

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BOARD MEETINGS  
Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11:00 a.m.  
Gladys Floyd Missionary Society  
(2nd Sun after service)  
Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)  
Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.  
Christian Education (3rd Tues) 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.  
PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Trustee/Steward (2nd Sat of Aug., Oct., Dec.,  
Feb. & Apr. at 9:30 a.m. and 2nd Mon. of  
Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar. & May 16 6:30 p.m.


CHOIR PRACTICE  
Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 p.m.  
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You may ask if there are any advantages to adopting a dog from a responsible rescue group. One big plus is that when you adopt a rescue dog, you are saving a life. In addition, if the rescue dog has been fostered in a private home, as many of them are, you will get an accurate report of what the dog is like in a home environment. You will know whether or not the dog is fully housebroken, if s/he is at all destructive, how s/he reacts to people other than family, walks on a leash and reacts to cats and children. You also will be able to ask questions about any other issues that you may be concerned about.

How about adopting a dog from animal control (sometimes called the pound)? This is certainly another option and also saves a life. These are dogs of varying ages and breeds that have been picked up as strays or, in some cases given up by owners during the course of an investigation. While the majority of these dogs are not fostered in a private home, which limits some of the information you can get, an experienced Animal Control Officer can tell you a lot about what a given dog is like. The adoption fee is usually less, and may include a voucher for spaying or neutering if this is needed. The rest of the veterinary expenses will be your responsibility, so the overall cost will be similar.

What if you would love to have a dog but don't feel able to make a permanent commitment? Perhaps fostering is for you. Fostering entails opening your heart and home to a dog you know is not going to stay with you. Sometimes I've been asked "How can you part with a foster dog?". The answer is what we fosters call "foster mentality" - that for every dog that leaves for a forever home another dog will be saved. That's a pretty good reward!

What does a foster parent do? Naturally, you'd take care of the every day needs of your foster – feeding, walking, grooming, playing. You also would be responsible for training the dog in such a way as to make the dog more adoptable. This can be basic obedience training, but may also be things like teaching your foster not to bolt out the door, not to steal food or chew on the furniture. If you choose to foster, you can ask if your local animal control has a foster program, or you can apply to foster for one of the rescue groups. Of course, you can foster in addition to having your own dog!

Only you can decide where your dog will come from, but it's good to know about all the options before you make a lifetime decision.

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