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2. CT personal income ranked 37th nationally in income growth.
3. CT foreclosures rank 6th in top 10 nationally.
4. Plainville had 130 foreclosures in past 12 months, an average of 10 per month.
5. CT income tax withholding is up just .8 percent over last year.
6. CT latest jobs report shows a loss of 10,400 jobs lost in the month of January.
7. CT economy among the worst nationally.
8. Plainville's grand list growth should be shared by providing relief to taxpayers while providing sustainable growth in government services.
9. Reducing spending will not result in job losses, loss of services, or reduction of public education or public safety initiatives.
10. "Just because you have it, you don't have to spend it"....

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The Plainville Economic Development Agency has two officers according to the By-Laws: A Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. Val Dumais was re-elected Chairman and Jean Nelson was also re-elected as Vice Chairman at the March 20th E.D.A. meeting. See page 7 for more E.D.A. news.

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{Kris Faves}

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{Jack raves}

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

Town Council Meeting March 3, 2014

Landfill Stewardship Permit Project Discussion

- At your last meeting, the Town Council held a public hearing on whether to appropriate \$80,000 for consultant services related to the Landfill Stewardship Permit. The appropriation would be used for services provided by Tighe & Bond for Task Orders
- There is an item under New Business regarding the appropriation.

Dispatch Communication Equipment Bid

- Chief Catania is proposing to purchase an AVTEC Scout radio console.
- The cost of the AVTEC Scout tower is \$117,000. The price was determined using a State of New Jersey bid process. Although the purchase is \$17,000 more than what was appropriated, Chief Catania would like to proceed with the purchase and see if the balance can be found in other areas of the budget. If not, then the additional appropriation will be sought at the end of the fiscal year.
- Chief Catania is here this evening to answer any questions that you may have regarding the bid process.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the purchase of the AVTEC Scout Dispatch Communication Equipment from Goosetown Communications for \$117,000. Passed 7-0

Serving on Multiple Boards and Commissions

- There has always been some confusion regarding volunteers serving on multiple boards and commissions. Chapter V, Section 7 of the Town Charter states, in part, "No one shall be appointed to serve simultaneously on more than one (1) board or commission with the exception of temporary commissions".
- Chapter II Town Council, Section 6 Composition states that "during the term for which such Councilperson is elected, no member of the Town Council shall hold any other municipal office, elective or appointive or employment in or under the Town government". This section speaks to the Town Council, not the Board of Education.

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Monday, April 7, 2014 @ 4:00 p.m.

- In an opinion dated March 15, 2004, Town Attorney Michael Mastrianni opined that the provisions of the Town Charter would not prohibit Board of Education members from also serving on a board or commission appointed by the Town Council or Town Manager.

Central Regional Tourism District

- We recently received a letter from the Central Regional Tourism District requesting that the Town Council appoint a representative to the Tourism District. Each representative serves as a liaison between their town and the region, updating the town about State and regional information and events, and acquainting fellow representatives with events that are happening in their town.

Budget Summary

- Superintendent of Schools Jeff Kitching and Town Manager Robert Lee will be a summary of the proposed budget for FY15. The proposed budget would be for the period beginning July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. A public hearing on this proposed budget was held on Thursday, March 6, 2014.

Town Council Meeting March 17, 2014

CT Fund for the Environment – Trumbull Park

- The CT Fund for the Environment is promoting the Save the Sound program dedicated to the protection and restoration of Long Island Sound and its watershed. They are sponsoring a project that would reduce runoff from hard surfaces. Runoff from hard surfaces can send water rushing into rivers, reducing ground water supplies, cause local flooding, change river flows, and accumulates greases, salts, fertilizers, and pesticides that can kill fish and damage shellfish beds and aquatic plants.
- They are proposing to install a pervious surface to a portion of the Trumbull Park parking area to reduce direct run-off to the Quinnipiac River. This will involve the use of porous asphalt pavement. The proposal has been reviewed by the engineering department as well as the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.
- The CT Fund for the Environment would like to install this porous asphalt pavement in April before the little league baseball season begins. They will pay for the entire cost of the installation. The Town will be responsible for the maintenance of this area which basically consists of vacuuming the area to prevent clogging of the surface.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the participation in this project. Passed 7-0

Bus Shelter License Agreement – Webster Bank

- Several months ago, the Town Council requested that Town staff look into the possibility of locating a bus shelter on the north side of East Main Street across from the Library. Mark DeVoe contacted Webster Bank officials and negotiated a proposed license agreement for a bus shelter to be located on their property adjacent to the sidewalk. In addition, the Planning & Zoning Commission has made a finding that a bus shelter would be in conformance with the Towns' Plan of Conservation and Development.
- I contacted Attorney Ken Laska who owns property next door to Webster Bank and apprised him of the possible installation of a bus shelter. He indicated that he does not have any issues with the proposed location.

- No action is being requested this evening. Action will be scheduled at the April 7th Town Council meeting. If the agreement is approved, town staff will look to secure grant funding for the project.

Recreation Department Fees

- The Recreation & Parks Advisory Board recently reviewed their program fees and determined that a modest increase was in order. The fees are deposited in a separate fund that is used to help pay for the cost of providing recreation programs.
- They are recommending that the Berner Pool pass increase from \$15 to \$18 per year and from \$12 to \$15 per year for renewals. Day Camp would increase from \$10 per day to \$12 per day for a two week session. Mini-camp would also increase by \$1 per day to \$6.
- The Learn-To-Swim fee would increase from \$15 to \$20 for the two-week class. Youth programs would increase by \$5 across the board with most programs costing \$25. Adult programs would increase from \$30 to \$40. Youth basketball would increase from \$15 to \$20 for the season.
- Finally, the picnic permit would increase to \$30 for residents and \$125 for non-residents. It is estimated that these increases would generate approximately \$16,500 in additional revenues to the Recreation Program Fund. The adjustments are necessary because of the increase cost of providing these programs including two increases in the minimum wage.
- If the fees are not changed, the Town would be required to increase the general fund support for recreation programs or certain programs would have to be discontinued.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the proposed fee changes. Passed 7-0.

Budget Update

- The Town Council has completed their review of both the expenditure and revenue line items in the proposed FY15 budget. The Town Council's next work session to finalize their recommendation is scheduled for this Thursday, March 20th at 6:30 pm. In the Town Council Chambers.

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS

~ March 3, 2014 ~

**By: Shirley Osle,
Assistant Town Manager**

- The Town Transfer Station located at Granger Lane will open for the season on Saturday, April 5, 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.

- The Plainville Farmers Market will start up again on June 27 at 3pm. This year a bread vendor has been added. (Continued on page 5)



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

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- The Plainville School Readiness along with other organizations will be sponsoring a Family Fest 2014" which provides business/organization with a wonderful opportunity to highlight what they offer Plainville, while celebrating our children! To be held at Plainville High School, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. on Saturday, May 31st (Rain date June 1st) Family Fest Spots will be available for community/school organizations and family-oriented businesses. Call 860-793-6304 or 747-3321 for any questions.

The following are activites from the Sr. Center for the month of March

- **Identity Theft and Financial Crimes** Presentation: Learn about the risks of Identity Theft, how the crimes are perpetrated, what you can do to prevent becoming a victim and what to do if you are a victim. Presented by David Baker, Security Officer Farmington Bank, and Detective David Posadas, Plainville Police Department. Friday, March 14th, 10:00 a.m. Call the Senior Center to register before March 12th.
- **The Blue Zone Community Study and the Mediterranean Diet:** Dr. Reyes, Geriatric Physician at Bristol Hospital, will talk about the latest research buzz: Blue Zone Communities! Blue Zones are places that have the greatest life expectancy and where more people reach age 100 than anywhere else. Learn about the five Blue Zones in the world and their secrets of the best practices in HEALTH and longevity. Miles Everett, RD, RN, CDE, Coordinator Bristol Hospital Diabetes Center, will talk about the heart-healthy Mediterranean Diet, a healthy eating plan based on typical foods and recipes of Mediterranean-style cooking. Thursday, March 13th, 10:00 a.m. Call the Senior Center to register by March 11th.
- **Questions for The Social Worker:** Do you have questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare Savings Program, housing options? Maybe you have questions about where to find Alzheimer’s help in the community, Caregiving, Healthcare, etc. Just stop by our Social Worker Stephanie’s office to

have an individual chat with her. This program is for residents only. No pre-registration necessary. Mondays, March 10 and 24th, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

- **Up-Right and Balanced:** This six-week class beginning March 31st is ideal for individuals who want to improve strength, balance, coordination and agility! If you’ve had a joint replacement, have arthritis, fear of falling, dizziness or are unsteady, this class is perfect for you! Each participant will receive a pre- and post-balance screening to determine your level of balance before and after the six-week session. Sign-up begins March 6th.
- **Access Health Enrollment Fairs:** Do you have health insurance? Did you know you may have to pay a penalty if you don’t sign up by March 31st? You may qualify for free or reduced price coverage only through Access Health CT. Access Health Advisor Stephanie Soucy will be doing health insurance enrollments on Thursday, March 6th and 13th from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Plainville Food Pantry and on Saturday, March 22nd from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Plainville Public Library. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, Stephanie can be contacted at 860-436-0008.
- **Medicare Savings Program (MSP):** There are new income limits, and those on MSP are automatically enrolled in the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS). In addition, those who qualify will no longer have to pay their Medicare B or or D premiums. Anyone with questions should call Bette or Stephanie at the Senior Center.

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF
March 17, 2014

(Excerpts from the Meeting)

- **The Plainville Food Pantry** would like to let everyone know that the J. Timothy’s Golf Tournament this year will be at Tunxis Plantation Golf Course on May 14, 2014.
- **The Tunxis Recycling** document shredding event will be held on April 12, 2014 from 9am – 1pm or until the truck is full at the Burlington

Recycling Center, 66 Belden Road which is next to the Town Hall. It is free to Plainville residents. Identification required for proof of residency.

- On April 22 the Plainville Chamber of Commerce will hold its 106th Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting at Nuchies in Forestville.
- **Access Health Enrollment Fairs:** Do you have health insurance? Did you know you may have to pay a penalty if you didn’t sign up by March 31st? You may qualify for free or reduced price coverage only through Access Health CT. If you would like to sign up, have any questions, Stephanie can be contacted at 860-436-0008.
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- **Friends Helping Friends:** The Senior Center has the perfect solution for those who like to eat out at a restaurant, but do not like to eat alone. The Friends Helping Friends group is made up of single, divorced, and widowed seniors. They meet for lunch at a local restaurant on the third Friday of each month... Call the Senior Center to sign-up so that we can make a reservation.
- **Outdoor Adventure Club:** Hike or snowshoe at Crescent Lake on Wednesday, March 26, 9:30 a.m. Snow shoes are available for the first 6 people. Hiking spikes worn on boots are a good idea for winter walking. Walking sticks are also recommended. Bring a water bottle and enjoy homemade treats provided by leader. The cost is \$3.00, paid to leader on the day of the hike. Call the Senior Center to sign up.
- **Caregiving Connections:** Spring is in the air! Come and celebrate the beginning of the awakening of nature on Tuesday, March 25, 10:00 a.m., with friends who share your relief. We will continue to explore ways of caregiving that will work for us, as we do our best under difficult circumstances. Caregivers from all towns are welcome. Call Bette at the Senior Center to sign-up.

Town of Plainville Budget for 2014-2015

The Town Council has finalized their recommendation for the FY15 Town Budget. The Town Council voted unanimously to bring forward a budget totaling \$55,424,977. This is an increase of \$780,217 or 1.43% higher than the current year’s amount. If adopted as recommended, the anticipated tax increase would be .16 mills or 0.5%. For the average homeowner this would be a tax increase of \$19 (based upon current tax payment of \$3,800)

The recommended budget includes an additional \$223,261 or 0.67% increase to the education budget. This is the amount that was recommended by the Board of Education and is also the smallest recommended increase by the BOE in the last 25+ years. The Town budget, including what is allocated for debt service and capital projects, would increase by \$556,956 or 2.62% as recommended by the Town Council.

As a result of their budget work sessions, the Town Council reduced \$272,135 from the Town Manager’s recommended budget. Reductions were made in the police overtime account, the unclassified account and the contribution to the capital improvement plan. As a result the proposed tax increase initially recommended in the Town Manager’s budget was reduced by more than half (.38 mills to .16 mills) and the recommended tax rate was reduced from 1.2% to 0.5%. “I fully support the actions taken by the Town Council and the recommended budget will allow us to continue the current level of service to the citizens and taxpayers of Plainville”, said Robert Lee, Town Manager.

The amount recommended for the General Government budget is \$21,808,178 and the amount recommended for the Board of Education budget is \$33,616,799 for a total recommended budget amount of \$55,424,977.

A Public Hearing on the Town Council’s recommended budget will be held on

Monday, April 7, 2014
at 7:30 pm

in the Town Council Chambers.
Plainville residents will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed
FY15 Town Budget
as recommended by the Town Council.
After the Public Hearing, the Town Council will then decide if any changes should be made before the budget is submitted to the all-day vote

on Tuesday, April 25, 2014
The vote will take place at
the Fire House between the hours
of 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Energy Export Reform Will Power Job Creation and Benefit Consumers and Taxpayers

By: David Williams

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) urged President Obama to lift the ban on crude oil exports and to reform the antiquated approval process for natural gas exports.

If she had made these suggestions just a few years ago, it might have seemed ridiculous. But thanks to tremendous innovation in the energy sector, the United States will soon be the biggest energy producer in the world. In order to take advantage of this unprecedented economic opportunity, President Obama must roll back the nation's export restrictions.

The current export restrictions are a relic of a very different time. In the case of crude oil, Congress enacted restrictions in response to the Arab oil embargo of 1973. The purpose was to secure our domestic supplies in the face of increasingly volatile global oil markets.

Natural gas exportation, meanwhile, has been strictly regulated since 1938, when the country was a net importer of natural gas. Today, U.S. producers can readily sell liquefied natural gas (LNG) only to countries with which the United States has entered into a free-trade agreement. All other gas exports require approval from the Department of Energy (DOE). Obtaining permission can take years. At the moment, more than twenty export requests are under review by the DOE.

One could argue that these policies made sense when they were enacted. But today, they're hopelessly outdated. At the moment, the United States is producing more oil than it has at any time in the past two decades. According to a projection by the Paris-based International Energy Agency, the United States will lead the world in oil production by 2015.

This growth in domestic production comes at a time when consumption has been falling across the country. The two trends together have helped make the United States far less dependent on foreign oil.

For example, in November 2013 the nation produced more crude oil than it imported for the first time since 1995. This country is already the world's largest natural gas producer. Since 2007, our natural gas output has increased by 600 percent and will increase a further 17 percent by 2018.

In light of this energy boom, the restrictions on crude oil and natural gas exports are no longer defensible. These regulations are now standing in the way of much-needed job creation and economic growth.

According to some estimates, lifting the ban on crude exports alone could generate as much as \$15 billion a year in new revenue for U.S. firms. Such a reform would incentivize investment in production. In short order, oil companies would hire more workers, driving job growth in the energy sector as well as the countless related industries that provide services for oil firms and their employees, from construction to logistics to retail.

Relaxing LNG export restrictions would also boost job growth. According to one recent study, an increase in gas exports could generate as many as 452,300 jobs between 2016 and 2035. On top of that, expanding LNG sales abroad could add more than \$73 billion to U.S. GDP each year. More people in the workforce means more revenue to the government and fewer people collecting unemployment.

Some argue that the current system of trade restrictions protects consumers by safeguarding the domestic oil and gas supply. In fact, the opposite is true. If American energy companies are prohibited from selling to willing customers abroad, there will be less incentive to shoulder the enormous upfront cost of developing oil and gas resources. In the end, domestic crude oil and natural gas production will actually decrease, endangering U.S. energy security and driving prices upward for American families. Fortunately, Sen. Murkowski is not the only leader in Washington that understands the need for reform. In June of last year,

Plainville “Digital Devils”

*By: David Gagnard, United Arts Instructional Leader
Communication Technology Teacher
Audio/Video Director*

The Plainville High School Robotics Team 5129 won two rookie awards and placed 24th out of 32 teams at the Southington Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, which took place last weekend at Southington High School.

It was the first time the recently formed team had participated in this competition. Team 5129, also known as the Digital Devils, was formed in September of 2013 so that high school students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) could compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC).

For the FRC competition, each team was given six-weeks, a standard “kit of parts” and a common set of rules to build an autonomous and tele-operated robot to compete in the regional competition’s Aerial Assist, a fast-paced and rigorous multi-robot game.

In the Aerial Assist competition game, two competing alliances with three robots each played on a flat 25 by 54 foot game field. A truss, suspended just over five feet above the field, straddled the middle of the field. The object of the game was for each alliance to score as many goals as possible during the two and a half minute match. Alliances also earned bonus points by throwing their ball over the truss and coordinating a catch on the other side of the field.

Team 5129 built its robot, which stood nearly 5 feet tall and weighed almost 120 pounds, to play defense against other robots. Their robot had a unique ability to raise an automated arm and block opponents trying to score a goal. This was successfully performed during competition.

Although they didn’t make the finals, Team 5129 won two coveted awards – the Highest Rookie Seed Award, which is given the rookie team who is ranked the highest among all first-year teams at the end of the qualifying matches. They also won the Rookie Inspiration Award, which celebrates a rookie team’s outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering and engineers within their schools and in their community.

The Digital Devils will be competing next weekend at Hartford Public High School, for another chance to advance to Boston’s district event. Winning district teams advance to the World Championships, which will take place in St. Louis April 23 through April 26 at the Edward Jones Dome.

All FIRST events are free and open to the public. Additional information about the FIRST organization and the upcoming championships can be found at <http://www3.usfirst.org/>

Congressman Ted Poe (R-Texas) introduced legislation that would take away the DOE's regulatory authority over approval of LNG export permits.

If the president serious about putting job creation at the top of his agenda this year, he needs to make both these reforms a priority. The failure to lift these antiquated restrictions on energy exports would mean squandering a historic opportunity to spur economic growth and get Americans back to work.

David Williams is president of the Taxpayers Protection Alliance, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to educating the public on the government's effects on the economy.

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- ### SUPPORT:

 - SB 70 Permanent Protection of State Conservation Lands
 - HB 5424 State Water Plan
 - HB 5330 & SB 46 & SB 443 Pesticides
 - HB 5370 Funding State Parks and Forests
 - SB 237 Ban Toxic Fracking Waste
 - HB 5354 & SB 126 Toxic-free Children
 - SB 312 Long Island Sound Inventory and Blue Plan
 - HB 5410 Reduce Methane Leakage
 - SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces
- ### OPPOSE:

 - SB 405 Eliminate Land Use Public Hearings
 - HB 5358 Regulation Repeal

For background material on these issues check below:

2014 Environmental Briefs

Help CTLCV keep these issues HOT!

Stay tuned for future updates to become more involved in protecting YOUR environment. If you have any immediate requests, questions, comments, or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email at:

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Ask the Brayne

Q: How much did it cost the City of New Britain for the Presidents visit?
A:Waiting for an answer from the New Britain Accounting Department
Hope to have an answer next month.

Q: Who had to pay to dispose the chickens from the home on North Washington Street?
A. The Town of Plainville removed the chicken to the Trash Energy Plant in Bristol. Truck and driver total cost \$30.00

Q.. I have a question about dog leashes. I see many people walking their dogs on retractable leashes and wondered if these people are covered by the dog leash law as the dogs are usually 12- 20 feet from their owners. Are their dogs under their control when on these leashes ? And should these dogs be that far into a persons yard and still be considered on a leash?
A. The dog owners have their dogs under control as long as they are on the any leash. The dog owners should control the leash and keep their dog from trespassing on others property

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 is the 15th of each month. Please, keep them coming!! I know I can’t get fired because I am one of the volunteers but I enjoy your questions. I also learn from them, you make me do the research and I love that.

Thanks, Bill Brayne!!

**Excerpts from the report of the:
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**By: Mark Devoe, Director,
EconomicDevelopment/Planning**

We offer the following report as an update to current economic activity:

- 1. Mangiafico's Bakery** – A closing was held in Town Offices on February 20th, 2014 for Mr. Mangiafico's Small Business Loan. The project consists of a full remodeling of the vacant space next to the Bakery and the addition of 840 square feet on the second floor of the building.
- 2. LDM Manufacturing, LLC** – A closing was held in Town Offices on February 20th, 2014 for LDM Manufacturing's Small Business Loan. The machinery (two metal lathes) have been installed and LDM is in the process of seeking a new employee.
- 3. CT Motor Cars** – The Town has signed a Memorandum of Agreement for tax abatement with CT Motor Cars for a new facility at Town Line Road. The Town Council ratified the EDA recommendation. Should CT Motor Cars obtain tax abatement under Section 32-70 of the CT General Statutes (State Enterprise Zone Benefits), they would not be eligible under Section 12-65b of the CT General Statutes (Town Tax Incentive Program). As of this writing, State approval is pending, but not confirmed.
- 4. Plainville Downtown** – As last reported, our office has seen an increase in the amount interest for downtown properties.
 - The Manager of the Russell Building and the old G. Jones block on the corner of Whiting and West Main Streets reported that he was in negotiations two new businesses. As of this writing, we have not heard back regarding the status of these two leads.
 - As you may have noticed, a new sign is gracing the façade of the former JP Jewelers. Plainville resident Deborah Wishon is in the process of opening "Deb's Floral Design and More". Ms. Wishon indicates that she wishes to open the new store at 47 Whiting Street by April 1, 2014. Welcome Deborah!
 - A new consignment shop was recently opened at 18 Whiting Street.
- 5. CT Commons** – As last reported, the plaza will be at 100% occupancy once the Jos. A Bank fit out (remodel) is complete.
- 6. 125 New Britain Avenue** – Mozzicato Plaza. An application has been submitted for a 340 square foot storage addition to the rear of the facility. The application requires approval of a site plan by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 7. 311-349 New Britain Avenue** – The owner has made the required abutter notifications as required by our Demolition Ordinance. Some of the structures on the site are greater than 75 years old, which requires a 15 day demolition delay while the project notification is published in newspaper of local circulation. As of this writing, a formal application is pending.
- 8. Phoenix Soil** – Phoenix has been delayed due to the severity of the winter. The owner is now making preparations to install his office and lab facility.

Much work still needs to be done to complete the site modifications required by the land use commissions; however, progress is being made.

9. GE, 10 New Britain Avenue – No changes to report at this time.

10. Hospital of Central Connecticut Cancer Center and Medical Office Buildings – No changes to report at this time. Work remains on or ahead of schedule.

11. 26 South Canal Street – a sale is pending on this 6,000 square foot industrial building. We have been speaking to the owners of an out of town manufacturer about the possibility of relocating to Plainville. We did spend time with the interested party to confirm that an addition would be possible in the future if they did choose to expand. The company is small – 3 full time employees including the owners. They are looking to add a position if the move is completed. We are hopeful that their offer is accepted as having a building in productive use is far better than having it vacant. We will report the outcome in the event that the transaction is completed.

12. Proposed Zoning Text Amendments

- **Redevelopment Design District:** As reported in the past, this regulatory concept was prepared by staff to incent new development where vacant, underutilized or contaminated buildings are sitting idle, or mostly idle. A draft of regulation has not yet been presented to the PZC. We first wanted to invite comment from the EDA. At this time, we are not seeking a grammatical review but wish to solicit comments on the general concept. We want to emphasize that this is a draft. If presented to the PZC, it will be subject to their scrutiny as well requiring a public hearing if they feel it is something they wish to pursue.

- **Recycling Operations:** A private application to permit recycling in the general industrial submitted by Neal Court, LLC, also the owner of 75 Neal Court (the old National Eastern Building and property), was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Under the new regulations, the Commission must approve any such use by special exception.

13. Farmington Avenue Welcome to Plainville Sign – The Manager at the Farmington Avenue Firestone has reported difficulty in obtaining written permission from his Corporate Entity. We asked him to provide his authorization, only this time on Firestone letterhead. We will submit the application to DOT within a few weeks of receiving this information.

14. East Main Street Bus Shelter – Webster Bank has tentatively approved the License Agreement permitting the Town of Plainville to install a bus shelter on the west bound side of East Main Street. CT Transit has reported increased ridership in that direction due to an increase in enrollments at Tunxis

Community College. Town Council Approval, the Town may seek grant funds for the construction of the bus shelter.

15. Farmington Canal Heritage Trail – No Change: This trail serves as an alternate mode of transportation and provides recreational opportunities for users along the trail system that runs from New Haven, CT to Northampton, MA. Plainville is the only municipality that has not constructed a trail system within its boundaries. The primary reason for our gap is that the owner of the rail line through Plainville has not abandoned any of its rail right of way. Negotiations have included officials from DEEP and DOT. The State has now tentatively committed funds to design the trail in an alternate location based upon the options reviewed in the 2009 Trail Master Plan and subsequent addenda. There is no doubt that if successfully executed, the trail will offer an economic development component. We will keep you updated as we work towards a signed grant contract with the State of CT.

16. 175-185 Woodford Avenue – Long vacant, this property may be recalled as the TRW (Marlin Rockwell) remediation site. The two properties total roughly 11 acres, although as much as 5 acres appear to be impacted by flood plain and wetlands. Staff has been attempting to make contact with the firm for over two years and finally those efforts resulted in a meeting with a consultant hired by O'Brien and Gere to review the possibility of development. Staff is hopeful that this new opportunity for dialogue will yield some future economic benefit.

17. Plainville Bioscience Zone – We have sent the required Mylar maps and certified resolution from the Town Council authorizing the Bioscience Zones in Plainville to our representatives at the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). As of this writing, our DECD representative informs us that the map is still under consideration.

18. CT Valley Properties has signed a lease for the building at 38 East Street – rear. Their new tenant is a personal trainer and Mr. Susco informs us that he is in talks with yet another tenant to take another third of the space. If successful, approximately 1,200 square feet will remain.

19. 333 Cooke Street – Motorcars Incorporated has applied for a 4,000 square foot expansion of their existing facility. The expansion is to the rear and will be used to house client cars as well as providing additional storage and repair facilities. The application requires approval of a site plan and special exception by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A public hearing is required and will likely be scheduled for April 22, 2014.



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(Excerpts of the Town Council Minutes below)

MINUTES: PLAINVILLE TOWNCOUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL CENTER
~ SPECIAL MEETING ~

MARCH 3, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

6:00 pm WORK SESSION:
Legislative Session Update-

State Representative Boukus

Chairwoman Pugliese called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30pm on Monday March 3, 2014 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Kilby, Christopher, Tompkins, Carrier, Town Manager Lee and Town Clerk Skultety.

State Representative Boukus addressed the Town Council and updated them on recent events at the Capitol, the current Legislative session and the impact to the State and to the Town of Plainville.

Chairwoman Pugliese called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm on Monday March 3, 2014 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Christopher, Kilby, Tompkins, Carrier, Town Manager Lee and Town Clerk Skultety.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Firefighter Retirement~ Motion to accept the retirement of Camille Albert after 41 years of service and dedication to the Town. Passed 7-0

Municipal Ethics Commission~Motion to accept resignation of Laurie Peterson from the commission. Passed 7-0

Motion to reappoint the following members of the Veterans Council for the new term 3/1/14 – 3/1/16:

David Dudek (D), 20 Overlook Drive
Daniel Kulas (D), 35 Robert Holcomb Way
Robert Berube (R), 12 Eastwood Drive

Passed 7-0.

New Business

1. Appropriation of \$80,000 for Landfill Stewardship Permit Project

Councilman Carrier motioned to appropriate \$80,000 from Account #0100-000-31220-0000, Unassigned Fund Balance, to Account #2400-000-52435-2014, Landfill Fund, for consultant services related to the Landfill Stewardship Permit Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.

2. Award Bid #2014-21, Dispatch Communication Equipment

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to award Bid #2014-21, Dispatch Communication Equipment, under New Jersey State Bid #13-x-22183 to Goosetown Communications, East Hartford, CT, in the amount of \$117,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

3. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

Councilman Wazorko motioned to authorize the tax refunds as listed on the addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bulletin “Board”

Board of Education Highlights from March:

- On March 13th the Town Council approved the Board’s 2014-2015 Operating Budget request of \$33,393,538 or a 0.67% increase. Our budget will now be voted on by the citizens of Plainville on April 29th.
- On March 5th two PHS students, McKenna Rita and Jacob Masco, attended the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education’s (CABE) annual “Day on the Hill” along with the superintendent and several Board members. It’s an event where board members, superintendents and students can voice their concerns and meet with state legislators regarding education in Connecticut.
- Project Graduation had two fundraisers this month. The first was a Comedy Night at the VFW on Northwest Drive and the other was a clothing drive at the YMCA. Graduation is fast approaching so do what you can to support this great organization.
- Plainville High School performed their annual play called “What I did last Summer” by A.R. Gurney. Once again the students and Mr. Blanchette did themselves proud.
- On April 1st PHS will host the Superintendent’s Update and Information Showcase in the cafeteria. The event will touch on various topics from the expansion of Pre-K to 21st Century Skills to the Common Core State Standards. It will be from 6:30pm-8:00pm. You don’t want to miss it.

That’s the news for now. See you next month!

Andrea Saunders,
Chairman of the Board of Education

Reminder.....
Budget Vote
Tuesday, April 29th
6:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Plainville Fire Station
West Main Street

Life With
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Update: Well my husband finally did it! We returned to Connecticut on some business with all the gadgets my husband had installed in our car designed for a safe trip. He still wasn’t satisfied with the two GPS systems so he purchased a compass, which he didn’t trust either, so he bought a second one. On the windshield we have 1 radar detector, two compasses, one GPS, and another GPS built-in by the auto manufacturer. This was not enough, so he ordered a mapping system for his laptop, and we were ready for our return trip to Florida. We got a early start from Plainville, 4 am to be exact, and decided to take an inland route so as to miss New York, the Jersey Turnpike, and Washington D.C. where we usually circle the Washington Monument at least three times during one of his short cuts. We traveled west on 84 to 81 south, then to 17 south with the expectation of picking up 95 just outside Richmond. Things were going well, and there was a sign telling us interstate was only a few miles ahead. Just then one of the GPS units announced there was another route that was nine minutes faster. Don’t you know my husband elected to listen to some woman on the GPS that had probably never been to the United States of American, let alone Virginia. As we exited the highway, my husband commented, “Boy, what a bunch of dummies, no one else is getting off here. They don’t know this shortcut. They must not have a GPS.” So off we went, and after following her every turn, three hours passed and we were still in the State of Virginia. Even in heavy traffic it doesn’t take you three hours to go through Virginia. All I wanted to do was get back to interstate 95, but over hill and dale we traveled, as my suggestion to stop and ask directions fell on deaf ears. At one point, I pointed out we passed the same horse three times, whereas my husband said, “That isn’t the same horse, the first two times we went by he was eating a bale of hay.” That is when I yelled, “He finished eating...that was two hours ago.” Finally, he agreed to stop and get the map out of the trunk of the car. You just can’t believe where we were...We were on the outskirts of the town of Cuckoo, Virginia. Although, I have said it many times, I never really believed he would actually drive me Cuckoo, and who would name a town Cuckoo?

Flying is starting to look better and better.



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Plainville Property Transfers

102 Arcadia Ave.: USA HUD of Plainville to John Pezzenti, \$72,350

40 Bartlett St.: FHLM of Plainville to House Ventures LLC, \$91,000

48 Bradley St., Unit 6: Carrington J. Klopfer of Plainville to 48 Bradley Street LLC, \$119,750

54 Julie Road: Mark A. McWilliams of Plainville to Richard F. Barnett, \$240,000

Lena Ave Lot: Alan and Nancy Wasley of Plainville to Broadway Development LLC, \$132,402

20 Parkside Drive: Kathleen Nahorney of Plainville to Marcy Calderoni, \$154,000

4 Wainwright Ave.: David A. and Mary J. White of Plainville to Justin Jiantonio, \$175,000

16 Wayne Drive: Nancy J. Merlini of Plainville to Michelle L. Was, \$130,000

68 Cooke St.: Cospito Dominic J Est and Madeline L. Arre of Plainville to Mobilehome Parks Inc, \$3,000

15 Glenwood Drive: Nehemiah Comnty Reinv Ent of Plainville to Chandler J. Howard, \$180,000

55 Pierce St., Unit 1: FHLM of Plainville to Justin E. Dangelo, \$85,000

67 Robert St.: John L. Corriveau of Plainville to Plainville Town Of, \$171,303

44 Webster St.: Evelyn K. Gaidis of Plainville to Paola M. and Dwight E. Debow, \$165,000

4 Pershing Drive: 4 Pershing Drive LLC of Plainville to Orlando and Arleen Ruiz, \$210,000

1 Seneca Road: Broadway Development LLC of Plainville to James P. Thomas, \$270,000

64 E. Main St.: Arthur J. Zinzalet of Plainville to S&G Investments LLC, \$100,000

16 Perron Road: David D. and Joan M. Oliveira of Plainville to Theresa M. Andreoli, \$270,000

70 Robert St.: Theresa M. Andreoli of Plainville to Plainville Town Of, \$209,900

18 Great Plain Drive, Unit 18: JNS Development LLC of Plainville to Richard P. and Betty A. King, \$392,265

58 Kent St.: Alfonso and Maria Calandra of Plainville to Benjamin D. and Kristina J. Peterson, \$199,000

26 Milford St.: Lonnie S. Nelson of Plainville to Patrick Hyjek, \$177,500

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24 Mountain View Drive: L E Properties&Investment of Plainville to John A. Lalla and Nicole R. Lariviere, \$136,000

129 Tomlinson Ave.: Silas T. Johnson of Plainville to Chuc Nguyen, \$72,000

Town of Plainville On-Demand Bulk Pickup Policy

The Town of Plainville has 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, please see next column. Residents will be able to schedule their one bulk pick up free of charge either in the spring or in the fall. Bulk collection will take place on Mondays during the following periods: April 14 through June 30, 2014 (excluding Monday, April 21) and September 8 through October 27, 2014. Eligible residents must call Latella Rubbish Removal at 1-800-215-2835 to schedule a pickup. When calling, you will need to provide your name, address, phone number and a description of the items to be collected. 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.

Bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Bulk items must not block or create a safety concern for sidewalks. Bulk collections are for residential only. Please keep weekly trash separate and miscellaneous iron/steel separate from bulk. Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x208.

Transfer Station

Dominick Moschini, Superintendent of Roadways

The Transfer Station on Granger Lane will be open for the season on Saturday, April 5, 2014. The hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. SATURDAY'S ONLY. Plainville residents must show identification. There is a fee for disposal.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 860-793-0221 ext 208 from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Wednesday, Thursday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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Bulk Pick-up: Appliance/Furniture (Limit 3 per household) Tires without rims (2 per household) Iron/Still (Max length 6 feet) Mattresses/Box Springs (2 per household) Brush/Branches/Natural Wood/ Fencing (Must be 4 feet or less, tied, and no larger than 6' diameter) **NO LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS** FENCING MUST BE 3' X 5" OR SMALLER, BARRELS/DRUMS (REMOVE BOTH ENDS & CLEANED.)

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Theatrical Performance at Plainville High

By: Ashley Nalewajek

The play "What I Did Last Summer" by A.R. Gurney directed by music teacher Jeff Blanchette starring Nicholas Zaleski (Charlie), Stephen Gallo (Ted), April Pavano (Grace), Erin Brochu (Elsie), Amy Couch (Bonny), and Tyrah Green (Anna) was presented to the public on March 20th through the 22nd at Plainville High School. The play, took place during World War Two, centered around a fourteen year old named Charlie. His father is in the Pacific while Charlie, his mother, Grace, and sister Elsie, wait eagerly for the Japanese to surrender so he can return home. Charlie's friend Ted, who is from Canada, tries to woo his lady friend Bonny. Ted earns money by cutting grass and this motivates Charlie to search for work that doesn't involve working for his mother. He notices that the "pig lady" Anna is looking for someone to help her during the summer. Although she pays him a meager amount of twenty five cents, she agrees to give Charlie art lessons. Throughout his time working for Anna, Charlie is pushed to find his potential in different activities as she tells him of her own views of the world that seem bizarre. The change in Charlie's behavior concerns those around him and after writing to his father, Grace decides that the best idea would be to send Charlie to boarding school in the upcoming fall. However, Charlie is enraged and runs off to Anna. Even as his mother confronts Anna, who used to give Grace lessons when she was younger, he stays with the woman. One night, she lets Charlie fix her broken car and take it out for a ride. The boy without a license picks up Bonny, but before they can reach their destination they get into a crash. The summer of trying to find Charlie's potential and figuring out who he is comes to an end as Anna goes back to her roots and the end of the war has brought his father home.

GE ENGINEERS INTRODUCE PLAINVILLE STUDENTS TO 3D PRINTING AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

Twenty- four Plainville High School students recently visited GE's Industrial Solutions business in Plainville, Connecticut, for a firsthand look at the site's New Product Introduction (NPI) Accelerator Lab and the exciting technologies engineers are using to accelerate product development. Coordinated with Plainville High School's new program "Shadowing for Success," the GE tour was intended to further the program's mission of offering 11th and 12th grade students the opportunity to explore occupations and engage with business professionals. It is imperative for students to see and experience how knowledge and 21st century skills are applied outside of the classroom. This powerful visit to GE helps students answer the question of "why do I need to learn this?" and provides them strong incentive to achieve in school so they can pursue exciting career paths like those they saw," said Plainville High School Principal, Steven LePage. "We are grateful to GE and its employees who offered their time to students and teachers and to Mrs. Bradley for helping to build important bridges between school and career." College and Career Readiness Center Coordinator Sue Bradley accompanied students on the tour along with Dave Gagnard, unified arts instructional leader; and Mark Chase, instructor. "It was a great opportunity for students to see firsthand what goes into making a company like GE so successful," said Chase. "Relationships with local businesses such as GE are extremely valuable to the students and teachers alike," added Gagnard. "We could sense students' excitement by the many questions they asked and their high degree of engagement throughout the day," said Will Maurer, GE design engineer who played a key role in planning activities for the students. "It was wonderful to have the opportunity to bring students into our world of engineering." In addition to this visit, GE's Industrial Solutions also will be hosting future job shadowing opportunities for Plainville students who are interested in technology and engineering. (Excerpts of the News Release)

Plainville Fire Company 2014 Scholarship Applications Available

By Allyn K. Kall, Secretary

Plainville Fire Company is now in the process of accepting scholarship applications for the fall of 2014. Applications are available at the Guidance Offices of Plainville High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical School, and St. Paul High School. They are also available at fire headquarters, 77 West Main Street, and the Plainville Fire Company Web Site. www.plainvillefireco.com Deadline for filing is May 1st, 2014. For further information please contact the Fire Department Administrative Office, Monday thru Thursday, 10 am til 2 pm at 860-747-4660. Send all completed applications to:
Plainville Fire Company Scholarship Committee
77 West Main Street, Plainville, CT 06062

AAA Speaks Out: Helping Seniors Drive Safer and Longer

Older Americans today are healthier and more active than ever before. The aging baby boomer generation is the fastest-growing demographic in the U.S. By 2030, there will be more than 70 million people age 65 and older, and approximately 85-90 percent of them will be licensed to drive. Senior drivers are among the safest drivers on the road, they are however more likely to be injured or killed in a crash due to age-related fragility. Older drivers experience physical changes such as decreased flexibility, reduced field of vision and hearing loss that can affect driving ability and reaction time. More than two-thirds of people age 65 and older regularly take medications that can impact driving ability, yet only half speak to a medical professional about possible safety issues related to driving. Certain types of medications, such as antidepressants, have been shown to increase crash risk by up to 41 percent. To address the special needs of the mature driver, AAA launched a senior mobility program dedicated to keeping senior drivers on the road as long as safely possible. Visit the website SeniorDriving.AAA.com to learn more about AAA's senior mobility initiatives. The information and free resources available on the website can help senior drivers maintain confidence and independence and enhance their ability to drive safely.

Roadwise Review
The free computer-based program identifies steps to reduce risk in eight key areas and offers feedback along with suggestions to keep you safe behind the wheel.

Roadwise Rx
A free online tool that provides confidential, personalized feedback on how medications can impact safety behind the wheel. Drivers are encouraged to discuss the confidential results with their doctor or pharmacist to learn how to mitigate possible crash risks.

Driver Improvement Course
AAA's Driver Improvement Course offers classroom and online courses to help increase confidence and awareness behind the wheel. Other benefits related to taking a safe driving course are a potential discount on insurance premiums and learning more about the latest in vehicle technology, such as anti-lock brakes (ABS) and lane-departure warning systems.

CarFit
CarFit technicians assist older drivers with adjustments to their vehicles by creating a better "fit," which helps drivers feel more comfortable and allows for better control of their vehicle. AAA, working with traffic safety partners, holds four CarFit events a year in Greater Hartford and also provides one-on-one appointments. For more information, please call 860-570-4319.

Smart Features for Older Drivers
A vehicle is one of the largest purchases a person makes, and it is critical to find the right one for you. To help older drivers know what to look for in a vehicle, AAA worked with the University of Florida Institute for Mobility, Activity, and Participation to help identify smart features for older drivers (SFOD) to optimize their comfort and safety.

AAA provides travel, insurance, financial, and automotive-related services to 54 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 or call 860-236-3261.

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Dental Health

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

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD FIRST SEE A DENTIST?



Your child's first visit to the dentist should happen before his or her first birthday. The general rule is six months after eruption of the first tooth. Taking your child to the dentist at a young age is the best way to prevent problems such as tooth decay, and can help parents learn how to clean their child's teeth and identify his or her fluoride needs. After all, decay can occur as soon as teeth appear. Bringing your child to the dentist early often leads to a lifetime of good oral care habits and acclimates your child to the dental office, thereby reducing anxiety and fear, which will make for plenty of stress-free visits in the future.

How do I prepare my child and myself for the visit?

Before the visit, ask the dentist about the procedures of the first appointment so there are no surprises. Plan a course of action for either reaction your child may exhibit – cooperative or non-cooperative. Very young children may be fussy and not sit still. Talk to your child about what to expect, and build excitement as well as understanding about the upcoming visit. Bring with you to the appointment any records of your child's complete medical history.

What will happen on the first visit?

Many first visits are nothing more than introductory icebreakers to acquaint your child with the dentist and the practice. If your child is frightened, uncomfortable or non-cooperative, a rescheduling may be necessary. Patience and calm on the part of the parent and reassuring

communication with your child are very important in these instances. Short, successive visits are meant to build the child's trust in the dentist and the dental office, and can prove invaluable if your child needs to be treated later for any dental problem.

Child appointments should always be scheduled earlier in the day, when your child is alert and fresh. For children under 36 months, the parent may need to sit in the dental chair and hold the child during the examination. Or, parents may be asked to wait in the reception area so a relationship can be built between your child and the dentist.

If the child is compliant, the first session often lasts between 15 and 30 minutes and may include the following, depending on age:

- A gentle but thorough examination of the teeth, jaw, bite, gums and oral tissues to monitor growth and development and observe any problem areas
- If indicated, a gentle cleaning, which includes polishing teeth and removing any plaque, tartar buildup or stains
- X-rays
- A demonstration on proper home cleaning
- Assessment of the need for fluoride

The dentist should be able to answer any questions you have and try to make you and your child feel comfortable throughout the visit. The entire dental team should provide a relaxed, non-threatening environment for your child.

When should the next visit be?

Children, like adults, should see the dentist every six months. Some dentists may schedule interim visits for

every three months when the child is very young to build up a comfort and confidence level or to treat a developing problem.

How do I find a good dentist for my child?

Many general dentists treat children. If yours does not, ask for a referral to a good dentist in your area. A word-of-mouth recommendation from a friend or family member can also yield the name of a quality dentist.

How can I protect my child's oral health at home?

Parents typically provide oral hygiene care until the child is old enough to take personal responsibility for the daily dental health routine of brushing and flossing. A proper regimen of preventive home care is important from the day your child is born.

- Clean your infant's gums with a clean, damp cloth after each feeding.
- As soon as the first teeth come in, begin brushing them with a small, soft-bristled toothbrush and water. If you are considering using toothpaste before your child's second birthday, ask your dentist first.
- To avoid baby bottle tooth decay and teeth misalignment due to sucking, try to wean your child off of the breast and bottle by one year of age, and monitor excessive sucking of pacifiers, fingers and thumbs. Never give your child a bottle of milk, juice or sweetened liquid as a pacifier at naptime or bedtime.
- Help a young child brush at night, the most important time to brush, due to lower salivary flow and higher susceptibility to cavities. Perhaps let the child brush their teeth first to build self-confidence, then the parent can follow up to ensure that all plaque is removed. Usually by age 5 or so, the child can learn to brush his or her own teeth with proper parental instruction.
- The best way to teach a child how to brush is to lead by good example. Allowing your child to watch you brush your teeth teaches the importance of good oral hygiene.

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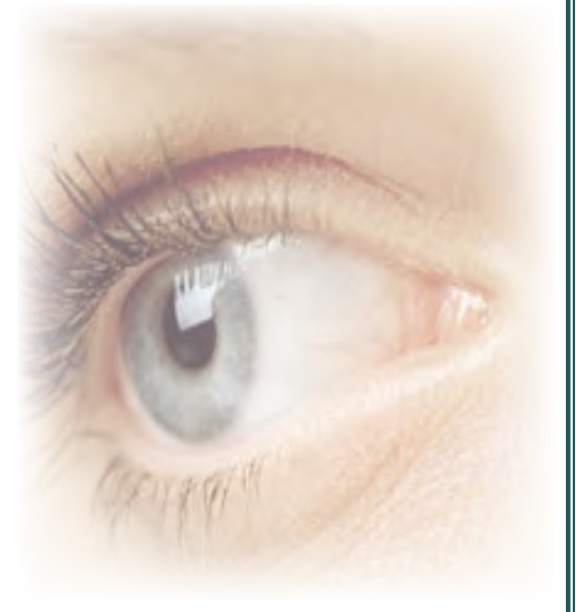
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Schools in Review

PHS DECA Chapter Attends Career Development Conference



Students in the Plainville High School DECA program recently attended the 62nd Career Development Conference at the Aqua Turf in Southington, Connecticut, where they competed against other DECA chapters from across the state, and placed in a number of events. Kristen Couture placed second, Joey Esposito and Leslie Mrozcek placed third, Jennifer Juarez and Storm Caswell, Timothy Sullivan, and Paige Pratt were all finalists in their events. Kasey Mahan and Alex Kane also placed in the national contest provided by National DECA. Six of the Plainville DECA students are eligible to attend the national competition in May. Plainville High School Faculty member Trevira Boatright oversees the Plainville DECA chapter.

Toffolon Students Learn About Dental Hygiene



Students in several classes at Toffolon enjoyed a visit by Tunxis Community College student Luisa Gonzalez who shared information about cavities and dental hygiene. As part of the lesson, students used yarn and play dough to learn how to floss and brush away plaque correctly.

MSP Art Poster Contest



Students from the Middle School of Plainville, under the direction of art teachers Laura Meehan and Lori Vigue, designed and created posters for Scholastic Art's Poster Contest celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. Students created posters that are designed to inspire others to serve, and answer Dr. King's question, "What are you doing for others?". The following students won the school wide contest and their entries were sent to represent Plainville in the national contest: Jade Humphrey, Hannah Lennon, Zoe Leider, Nathan Michalek, and Morgan Rogers.

Friends of Rachel Focus on Kindness



Shown above Friends of Rachel club members with "Rocky" the Rock Cat

Friends of Rachel Club at the Middle School of Plainville designated February as the month to focus their "Kindness" on helping patients and their families who are struggling with blood cancers. The students worked together to raise \$924.00 to donate to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patients initiative. The students were educated on the different types of blood cancers and how the money raised will benefit the patients and their families. Efforts were made to raise this money through many different events throughout the month, including a school wide dance with the New Britain Rock Cats mascot, Rocky the Rock Cat, school wide Penny Wars, the sale of Candy Grams, and a Hat Day.

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STUDENTS EXPAND READING VIA NEW DIGITAL LIBRARY ACCESS



Middle school and high school students in Plainville now have expanded access to books via the new "OverDrive" digital library accessible at both schools. Students are able to access the online library via their respective schools' website home pages using their own devices including Chromebooks, laptops, e-readers and more. Students are able to create wish lists of books they'd like to read and borrow, and are able to check out books online, even determining how long they would like to keep the books logged out – up to 21 days "Our goal is to keep expanding the online library to provide access to a variety of books for as many of our students as possible," said Middle School of Plainville Library Information Teacher Joyce Lynch. The Schools' Library Information Teachers research book genres and poll students for books they'd like to have available through the OverDrive system. Some of the titles are rented for a period of time, and some are purchased. In addition, through "Project Gutenberg" a volunteer effort to digitize and archive older works, there are over 1,000 books on multiple topics, available through the OverDrive system free of charge, and students may check out as many as they like.

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Schools in Review

DHS Students Perform "What I Did Last Summer"



In the photo - seated, April Pavano, Erin Brochu, Tyrah Green; standing, Nicholas Zaleski, Amy Couch, Stephen Gallo

Plainville High School presented the play *What I Did Last Summer* by A. R. Gurney. The performances were in March.

The play takes place during the waning days of World War II in a summer vacation community on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie. It is a coming of age story about a 14 year old boy. The story is both funny and heart-warming and is based on the playwright's own life. The production was directed by Jeff Blanchette. The technical director was TJ Riccardo and the costuming was done by Barbara Willard.

Toffolon Staff in "Teachers Rock Giveaway"



Ten Louis Toffolon Elementary School faculty members were recently selected to win school supply bags as part of the Cellular Connection / Verizon Wireless national Teachers Rock Supply Giveaway on February 23. Toffolon faculty member names were placed in a drawing coordinated by Verizon, and ten teachers were selected to receive the supply packages which included glue, pencils, pens, markers, erasers, paper, and more. As part of the program, residents in the community of each participating store supported the program by rounding their purchases up to the nearest dollar and donating the difference to the Teachers Rock Program.

Wheeler Students Visit Connecticut Science Center



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary school fourth-graders recently visited the Connecticut Science Center. Students viewed the "In The Lost Egypt" exhibit where they saw mummies and ancient artifacts, dug for clues, built a pyramid, and read ancient hieroglyphics. The group also ventured into the "Invention Dimension" - a hands-on gallery featuring inventions and inventors from Connecticut. Students were able to explore and demonstrate the process of inventing. This is a valuable experience for these particular students as Wheeler fourth graders will be involved in the Connecticut State Invention Convention Program later this spring.

Brownie Troop 66136 Toffolon School



It's that time again....Brownies from Toffolon School are busy selling cookies at Ganzzo's Food Center.

Invention Convention at Wheeler

The annual Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Invention Convention was held on March 13th. Each year all fourth graders at Wheeler are taught the process of inventing. Students think of an everyday problem or "something that bugs them." These young inventors then brainstorm multiple ways to solve the problem. The solution becomes the invention. This program promotes problem solving, creativity, and other critical thinking skills. Students present their inventions (or improvements to items that already exist) in a science fair format. Several students are selected to represent the school at the state-wide Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC) at the University of Connecticut, with other students in grades K-8 from over 100 schools in Connecticut. This year the CIC will be held on May 3rd.

Linden Hosts "Recess Rocks and Dental Assembly"



Students and staff at Linden Street School recently enjoyed a "Recess Rocks and Dental Assembly" with representatives from Community Healthcare. The program included dancing, dental health trivia with prizes, recess rocks songs and dance freeze with Mr. Tooth!

MEMORIAL WALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY APRIL 21ST

The Plainville Board of Education and the Plainville Community Schools' Naming Committee will hold an induction ceremony on April 21, 2014 at Plainville High School for the Memorial Wall of Honor, according to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching.

The ceremony, honoring inductee in memoriam Eugene Millerick, 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.

Mr. Millerick served as a member of the Plainville Board of Education for 12 years, also serving as Chair during his tenure on the Board. In 1986, he was elected to the first of four, two year terms in the Connecticut House of Representatives, representing the 22nd district. Mr. Millerick was also a former chairman of the Plainville Economic Development Commission, member of the Plainville Sewer Commission, Plainville Historical Society, and Plainville Knights of Columbus, and was active in the United Way campaigns in Plainville and Bristol. He is a former president and long-time member of the Plainville Rotary Club, and was a Paul Harris Fellow for the organization.

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, William Petit Sr., Steve Martino, Lynn Davis, Kathy Pugliese, 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.

PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO HOST SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE AND INFORMATIONAL SHOWCASE

Plainville Community Schools will host a "Superintendent's Update & Informational Showcase" on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. The program will be held from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Plainville High School Cafeteria, 47 Robert Holcomb Way.

of The United States of America.



Woman's Club of Plainville Birthday Baskets

Members of the Woman's Club of Plainville, Inc. donated Birthday Bags to the Plainville Food Pantry.

Shown in photograph are left to right, Bonnie Carilli, Lucky Powell, club members of the projects and Susie Woerz, Director of the Plainville Food Pantry.



JUDY HUMPHREY

The Snappy Seniors instructor Judy Humphrey stands in front of the Photography display organized by the Snappy Seniors Camera club at the Plainville Library. The display was shown during the month of March.

Submitted by:
Wendell Copeland

One of the Three "R's" of Recycling-Reusing

By: Jennifer Zakrzewski for The Plainville Recycling & Solid Waste Commission (Members, Richard Ireland, Jr., Rebecca Ireland, George Fensick, III, Marie Cassidy, Wayne Fish and Kathleen Cole)



"Z" is for Zaneta! As I came out of the Plainville post office one morning, I noticed that a new shop had opened directly across the street—Z Consignment. I love consignment because you can find great bargains and, from a recycling standpoint, it covers one of the three "R's" of recycling – Reusing. I stopped into Z Consignment to chat with the owner, Zaneta, who told me that her own consignment store shopping morphed into a dream of owning her consignment store. She started frequenting consignment stores during her weight loss journey because she did not want to spend money on a new wardrobe for each size she dropped. Last year, Zaneta saw Jillian Michaels speak at the Bushnell. Michaels told the audience to not put off dreams until tomorrow. With that inspiration, Zaneta is making her dream a reality in Plainville today.

Z Consignment offers a multitude of wardrobe items including jackets, pants, scrubs, prom dresses, belts, scarves, etc. Not only can you find great bargains, but you can make money by going through your closet. Z Consignment pays a 50/50 split on items sold and if your item does not sell at the end of 60 days, you have the option of picking up your item or having it donated to a local organization such as the Plainville Food Pantry. Watch out for a coupon in the Bargain Book the first week of April.

To sum up, the benefits are finding bargains, making money, reusing clothing, supporting a local business owner, saving on gas by shopping in town, and potentially donating to local organizations. The Recycling and Solid Waste Commission hopes that you will check out her shop and other consignment shops (sporting, clothing, baby items, tools, etc.) in town and in Plainville's surrounding towns.

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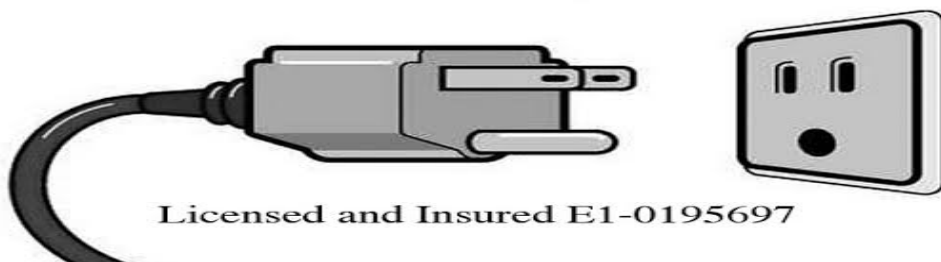
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By: LEESHA



Let me introduce myself. My name is Leesha, and I am a Polish Princess hen. I lived happily in Plainville with my eight (8) sisters and all of our friends until we were evicted for lack of a two-acre home. My sisters and I now live on a 27-acre farm with our adoptive parents and siblings of assorted species, including horses, ducks, a dog, a turkey, and several aging roosters. Mama Cluck visits us sometimes, and she and our new Mom exchange news about us. Still, there is no place like home; we miss our Hen Mansion and our other two-legged friends.

The following is the second part of a 2-part article series on the joys and trials of pet ownership... specifically...Rescued Pets

The following are a few stories of pets with exceptional medical problems who were rescued: Zoey was a stray kitten full of fleas, and a viral infection cost her left eye to the tune of almost \$400.00. Luckily for her she was found and adopted by a caring woman who called upon her church members and friends for small donations that enabled her to have the surgery done. She will live a full and happy life.

Emma is a bunny born with a deformity in her hind leg and somewhat foreshortened front legs. What a little fighter she is. Her human Mom had her leg amputated. She is undergoing aquatic therapy to strengthen her front legs. Yes, rabbits can swim. She will live a full and happy life.

Ginger is a hen who developed a blocked ova duct before she was even one year old. She continued to produce eggs but could not lay them. The fluid built up in her abdominal cavity. She would have died a slow and painful death except for the care she received. She now has a birth control implant that will last a year, then needs to be replaced for another year, and so on. This will prevent eggs from forming. She will never be a layer, but she will live happily with her sisters and extended animal family for the rest of her days. These situations are exceptions, not the rule, but as you can imagine strange things happen to animals, too..

For those of you who would like a pet, I strongly urge you to call your local Animal Control Officer and/or visit a rescue shelter or a pound. There are many animals in need of a good home through no fault of their own. Some are lost, abandoned, abused, or occasionally have to be put up for adoption because their owner has died or been forced to move into a facility where pets are not allowed. Unfortunately, some rescued animals have been abused and are distrustful of people. Once their distrust has been overcome, they are often the most loyal and grateful companions. Please avoid “puppy mills” and expensive pet stores, unless you intend to show or breed the animal yourself. There are too, too many wonderful mutts looking for love who may otherwise be euthanized. And always, always have your pet spayed or neutered. It improves their disposition and tractability. This is one service that is generally offered by vets or clinics at a reasonable price and lasts a lifetime.

Rescued animals are usually gentle, sweet-tempered dogs, cats, and occasionally, other breeds who are specifically trained to be therapy animals. These animals are often used in pediatric wards, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities to bring companionship, laughter, and stimulation to those who may not have much else to do the greater part of the day.

Equine therapy has long been known to help troubled adolescents and teenagers for those that can afford it. For some reason girls (*especially*) and horses find a meaningful bond with one another.

Service dogs are more than just pets. They are a lifeline and safety net to the outside world for their keepers. Police, search and rescue, and trained cadaver dogs are invaluable in cases of natural disaster and missing persons. They generally live with their handlers as a member of the family; but again, are far more than just pets.

TEA PARTY PATROITS

Anyone know of Saul Alinsky, a community organizer (from Chicago?) The occupant of the White House took his advice. The (8) levels to control and create a social-state are: (1) Healthcare (2) Poverty (3) Debt (4) Gun Control (5) Welfare (6) Education (7) Religion (8) Class Warfare) **“Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know...it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave.”**

Common Core

What does Bill Gates have to do with our children’s school experience? Since 1994 the Gates Foundation has spent \$6 billion trying to improve U.S. education. He experimented with “small schools”, which turned out to be a failure. Now, he has turned his attention to a completely new agenda, the introduction of a national set of standards, the Common Core. Unfortunately, parents are usually upset about certain books being used for a specific activity. These controversial activities count. Little do the parents know that it’s more, a complete transformation of education. Now, the government is targeting your individual child through the Common Core.

Once the envy of the world, the brightest, most productive, creative, economic power the world has ever known (*the United States*) will fall to its knees. Not because we don’t have smart citizens, because we have indoctrinated citizens who have had heavy doses of psychological manipulation and mastery learning and cooperative education since kindergarten. Remember, Common Core Standards identify Johnny in the classroom, and federal funding, ESEA Title I and IDEA (*Special Ed*), (*HR 5, plus SB 1994*) proposed by the Obama administration, the Democratic held Senate, and the Republicans pushing Charter Schools and Choice to individuals educational plans for EACH student, there will no longer be doses of manipulation. It will be constant manipulation by computer programming and Master Teachers, no matter how long it takes. Different models have kids graduating from high school at the age of 19, 20, or older. More indoctrination will be needed before those students are released as global workers, but the indoctrination must begin at birth.

The End of Higher Education and Freewill

It’s all about equality and what is fair. Equalization across the board. Socialism. Those universities in the United States that think they are exceptional; well, think again. The United States creeps close to a world without borders. We are a nation at risk from losing all that is dear to us...freedom. The individualists of our country are being identified. Strong-willed students and leaders of the Constitution are zeroed in on for psychological cleansing and group thought. Will your child survive? Will our country survive? It is up to us...YOU. (*Some excerpts taken from The Patriot Grass Roots Newspaper, March 2014 Volume 5, Edition 5*) #Parents should have the option to take their children out of “Common Core” testing.

#Could the reason the President came to CT and visited Gov. Dan Malloy (*his newest best friend*) be because he is supporting the new wage increases job-killing agenda? #Harry Reid (D-NV) said you are a liar if Obamacare hurt your health-care plan. #Did I hear right? ABC has banned all American Flag lapel Pins for their people? #What religious leader taught his followers that there was nothing better (*or holier*) than Jihad warfare? He also told his men to offer only three choices, conversation, subjugation or death. These teachings are not marginal relics - they are taught in his mainstream religion. #Who is the big Democrat donor in California who will **not** donate \$100,000,000 to their election if the Keystone pipeline is approved? #CPAC (Conservative Political Action Conference) held their convention in the middle of March in Maryland. A straw poll was taken and anyone of the ones mentioned would be better that what we have now; #Overcoming his inner “world” called thoughts or imprint, etc. was the first phase for overcoming the outside world, call it TYRANNY,. In other words, one must defeat the INNER enemy before you can defeat the outer enemy(*ies*)! These tools are all available to all of us who mean to do well and help others. *“To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them.”(G.Mason)* *“Criminals love gun control...it makes their jobs safer.”*

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LIVING HEALTHY CHEMICAL FREE

By: Donna Ziccardi Gross

Does Your Food Belong in the Pesticide Isle?



Monsanto, the same company that gave us Saccharine, Aspartame, Agent Orange, DDT, PCB's, Bovine Growth Hormones and Round Up (Glyphosate) has now provided genetically modified seeds (GMO) that have glyphosate bio-engineered right into them. Farmers plant the GMO seeds, and you eat the GMO food. And what happens next? The GMO Food that you are eating turns your stomach into a little pesticide factory and your body becomes toxic (poisoned). Recent studies have proven, GMO food sets you up for cancer. It is also responsible for the rise in digestive disorders, food allergies, wheat intolerance or celiac disease and Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS).

So why does Monsanto put Round Up in their seeds? As the plant grows, the herbicide Round Up will be in every cell of that plant. When the insects eat the plant, their stomachs will rupture and explode and the insects will die. Guess what, folks? **YOU ALSO EAT THE FOOD THE PLANT PROVIDES!** So you are eating the herbicide too!!! You are eating the herbicide Round Up. Just think what it is doing to your stomachs.

This has been going on for so many years now, that GMO Food has contaminated the Food System. And GMO Food does NOT have to be labeled. You are eating pesticides and herbicides without your knowledge and consent. If you are not buying certified organic, these foods and any product that use these foods in their manufacturing, are sure to be Genetically Modified: corn, soy, sugar beets, cotton, canola, peanuts, alfalfa, squash, zucchini, papayas and tomatoes, just to name a few.

If you are eating a product that contains cottonseed oil, corn oil, peanut oil, soybean oil, canola oil, high fructose corn syrup, beet sugar, etc....that item is a genetically modified food product and not only is it detrimental to your health, but your bodies were not designed to digest GMO Food. Hence, a rise in digestive disorders and allergies and, yes, Cancer.

Since GMO food is NOT labeled, the only way you can make sure you are NOT getting a Genetically Modified product is to purchase Organic and GMO Free Verified food. Jeff and I go to Big Y right here in Plainville and they have a wide variety of organics to choose from. The price is coming down now because more and more educated people are demanding Organic Non GMO Food. Genetically modified food is so undesirable and lethal that countries in the European Union and South America are BANNING them!!! China will not import any of our wheat or corn because they are GMO. But GMO Food continues to be sold in America. Why do you think that is? Companies like Subway and Kellogg's sell food to other countries that are GMO Free, so why do they sell GMO Food here? Why do you think that is?

GMO food is not only found in the produce section of your grocery store, but the meat section as well. If you purchase red meat and the cow was corn fed,

that steak is now contaminated with a Genetically Modified Organism. If your milk comes from corn fed cows, your milk is GMO. If your baked goods and ice cream are made with canola oil, cottonseed oil, soy oil, High fructose corn syrup? GMO. Most American chocolate is now contaminated with Genetically Modified Organisms so that Hershey Bar should tell you that you are also ingesting the herbicide glyphosate.

This brings me to the Cereal Isle. If you are not giving your children and grandchildren Certified Organic GMO Free Verified cereal, they are eating a GMO product. So let's pick on Kellogg's favorite cereal with children, Kellogg's Fruit Loops. Fruit Loops was sent to a genetic testing lab, and the corn used to make it is 100% Round Up Ready, pesticide producing GMO corn. "Corn" is now registered with the EPA as a pesticide as it produces Round Up, the most toxic of 9 herbicides and pesticides recently tested. It produces Bt toxin from inside every cell of the plant and kills insects that bite into it. Food that kills! If that corn were on the shelf at Home Depot, it would have a label on it with an EPA pesticide registration number. But the EPA has no jurisdiction over food labeling so Kellogg's is feeding children pesticides without their parent's knowledge or consent.

Jeff and I eat delicious Cereal by Nature's Path Organic. This company has been ethical from the beginning, always sold 100% Organic and GMO Free Verified products. Our favorite is their Ancient Grains and I made some of my Christmas Cookies with their Pumpkin Flax Granola. We purchase this at Costco but you can also find this line of Organics at Big Y right here in Plainville.

Glyphosate Round Up is now showing up in the blood and urine of humans. And humans with health problems have a higher rate. It's a killer. Not only do we eat it in our food, but we are breathing it in our air. People continue to purchase Chemical Lawn Service and they even purchase Round Up to spray everywhere they can think of. It gets into the ground water and ends up coming out of your tap. It also evaporates off your lawn and you and your neighbors are breathing it in. It is taken into the clouds and comes down on us again as rain and snow. So we eat it, drink it and breathe it.

Studies show, early life exposures to pesticides result in pediatric cancers, decreased cognitive functions and behavioral problems. Did you know Gerber Baby Products are made with GMO pesticide plants? You are feeding your baby pesticides. Isn't that child abuse? Did you say what can you do about this? **CALL THEM!!!!1-800-284-9488.** Tell them you will no longer poison your child with their product.

In adult males, exposure to pesticides is linked to kidney and bladder cancer and in females, breast cancer. When I lived in Canton my neighbor was spraying Round Up constantly, because he was told it was safe. I tried to explain the truth to him but who am I? A few years later he lost a testicle to cancer and his wife lost a breast.

Don't you think it is time to take personal responsibility for the products you buy and use? Do your research before blindly trusting that a product is safe. Take control of your health and Go Organic.... and most important, choose to Live Healthy Chemical Free.

Dear Hometown Connection,

Regarding the recording of oral petitions raised during the Citizens' Forum, I stand corrected by Rick Drezek in his March 2014 edition of "A Skewed View". I paid Town Hall a visit to be sure and apologize for my unintentional "factual misstatements", as he termed them. In its meeting minutes, the Town Council does summarize the contents of the oral petitions raised during the Citizens' Forum. However, it continues to block the televising of that portion of the Town Council Meeting.

Prior to January 5, 2009, oral petitions could be raised by Plainville citizens on any topic and were televised as part of the Town Council Meeting. After that date, only oral petitions concerning the Old Business and New Business portions of the agenda were televised. Why is this significant? Well, firstly, the Town Council controls the agenda topics and, therefore, what topics are televised. Secondly, the Town Council, and Nutmeg T.V. for that matter, do not advertise that the televised meetings have been censored, so the public is not informed that something is missing.

Having been present at that January 5, 2009 meeting, I disagree with Rick Drezek's remarks, "Please don't blame Mr. Wazorko, he just happened to be the Council Chairman when Citizen's Forum was taken off television, he didn't remove oral petitions from anywhere." Seated on the Council that day were Members Bergenty, Ciotto, Deegan, Hurley, Rupaka, Szach, and Wazorko. I never witnessed anyone force Chairman Wazorko or any other members of the Council to do anything. At that meeting, eleven people stood up and spoke against Chairman Wazorko's proposal. Absolutely no one spoke in favor. The majority implored the Council not to stop the televising. Aware that Nutmeg T.V.'s videographer had a scheduling conflict with the Citizens' Forum's earlier timeslot of 7:00 p.m., the Council deliberately moved the Forum to that timeslot. So, our so-called representatives deserve no blame?

A few days after that disturbing Town Council meeting, I telephoned Nutmeg T.V. and asked if Nutmeg T.V. would air the Citizens' Forum if I could find someone to videotape it. Imagine my shock when the company's representative told me Nutmeg T.V. would not air the Citizens' Forum on its government station! The representative did say that Nutmeg T.V. might be willing to air the half hour segment on its other station, but I doubt viewers would understand portions of each Town Council Meeting being shown on two different channels. One can only assume that the Town Council had instructed Nutmeg T.V. not to air the Citizens' Forum as part of its meetings anymore. Frankly, it bothers me that Rick Drezek has taken the stand that censorship is not "sweeping something under the rug". It also bothers me he seems to feel that Council members belong to some elite group who should not be held accountable for what they do. And, yes, it bothers me that he implies that the only people who care about this issue are those who lament that the "Citizen's Forum has not been picked up as another reality TV show". Anyone who values free speech and a free press should be bothered by what the Plainville Town Council has done here.

Very truly yours, Francesca Heap

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Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach, AADP

5 Steps to a Healthier Spring

Spring is a time of growth, renewal and new life. With the arctic blast finally over, you may find yourself needing a fresh start to get your health goals back on track. Perhaps you are slightly concerned about how you are going to show up now that you are shedding all those winter layers of clothes.

Good news. Spring provides a seasonal "fresh start". Try some delicious spring foods that are beneficial to detox away those extra pounds and that add essential nutrients to your diet.

Here are a few tips to help you put some spring into your step, feel lighter and have more energy.

1. Get some Vitamin D. Vitamin D is commonly known as the sunshine vitamin. The body in response to sunlight produces Vitamin D. According to WebMD, "Research suggests that vitamin D could play a role in the prevention and treatment of a number of conditions, such as type 1 and type 2 diabetes, hypertension, glucose intolerance and multiple sclerosis. It can also lessen the symptoms of mild depression.

Get your best Vitamin D at noon by spending 10 minutes outside in the sun. Unless you have skin cancer, you can wear your sunscreen the rest of the day.

2. Walk Outdoors. Why not multi-task and walk those 10 minutes at noon when you are soaking up the sun. Walking and sunshine are sure ways to boost your energy levels, shed a few pounds and elevate your mood.

3. Join a CSA – Community Supported Agriculture. CSA programs directly link you with a farmer who practices sustainable farming practices. You will have access to the freshest, high quality, usually organic produce for your family. It can be fun for kids to see how your food is grown and you can get lots of good recipes from your farmer. It's good for the community and good for you! Just Google CSA Connecticut for local resources.

4. Increase your consumption of seasonal foods, such as apricots, arugula, asparagus, garlic, fava beans and fiddleheads. Fava Beans are excellent sources of fiber, folate and protein. Fiddleheads are high in vitamins A and C, omega 3 and 6 essential fatty acids, and fiber. Sautee fiddleheads in ghee (clarified butter) or olive oil with onions and garlic and serve over brown rice. Leafy greens such as kale, collard greens, Swiss chard, bok choy are nature's perfect Spring Cleanse.

5. Spring Clean. Your home has been tightly sealed all winter. Time to open the windows and let some fresh air in. Try adding some detoxing plants to your home, such as Aloe Vera, Spider Plants, Snake Plants and Pathos to help clean the indoor air. Just be careful if you have a cat, because they could be allergic to some of these species.

It's also a good time to spring clean your thoughts. If the lack of sunshine has influenced negative thinking, it's time to reintroduce positivity and gratitude. Instead of saying, "I feel fat", how about "I am helping my body and mind feel lighter by introducing exercise and healthier foods to my routine".

Lastly, spring clean your kitchen. Remove foods that are high in refined sugar – corn syrup or high fructose corn syrup and trans fat. Any label with word "hydrogenated" includes trans fat, despite what the front of the packaging indicates.

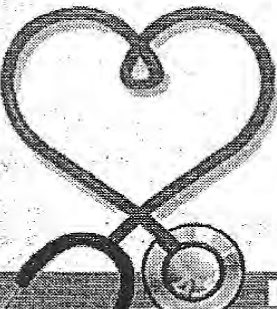
Here's a Spring Green Smoothie Recipe you may want to try to energize your morning: 1 cup fresh pineapple, 1 fresh apple (okay to use skin if organic), 3 bunches of parsley, ½ peeled cucumber, 2-3 stalks celery, Small bunch of kale leaves, Add water – ½ - 1 cup until you get the consistency you want

Optional: 1 Tablespoon chia seeds~Put all in high powered blender and give it a whirl for about a minute.



Linda Coveney is an AADP Certified Health Coach who provides one-one coaching and group wellness and detox programs that will help Spring you into action. Contact Linda if you want to find out more.

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"I.T. Jim's" Important Windows XP Information

Computers that were sold between October 2001 and October 2010 came with Windows XP. Microsoft ended main stream support for XP in April 2009. However, due to its popularity and a misstep with Windows Vista, Microsoft was forced to extend that support. The time has come though, after over 12 years, for Microsoft to move on and end its support completely on April 8th. Yes, that is this month.

23% of computers used today still have Windows XP. What does this mean for those that are still running it? There is no reason to panic, yet. Windows XP won't just stop working. However it is time to seriously consider replacing that old computer. Really, Seriously!

Every month, vulnerabilities are found in all versions of Windows that hackers use to gain access to your computer, steal your information, and use your computer for nefarious activities. Every month, Microsoft works hard to fix these vulnerabilities and they release updates to patch them up. (You are installing these Windows Updates every month, right?)

After April 8th Microsoft will no longer patch those holes in Windows XP. As time passes, Windows XP will become more and more unsafe to use. Hackers may already know about unfixed vulnerabilities and could be waiting for this day to unleash new malicious software. Your antivirus software will continue to attempt to protect you as long as they continue to provide support for Windows XP.

Your programs may already be making your Windows XP computer unsafe. Many companies that have made programs for Windows XP have already or soon will follow suit and stop supporting their programs on Windows XP. Chances are, if you are still using a computer running on Windows XP, it is at least 4 years old, perhaps much older. Some folks spent a lot of money on these old computers. Good computers sold for well over \$1,000 back then. You spend that much money on something, you expect to use it for a long time. I know several people that have computers that are 5, 7, and even 10 years old. They say it's slow and newer programs don't work right on it anymore, but hey, it still does what I need it to do. Horse and carriage can still get you across country too. In my experience, these old computers are the source of many peoples frustration. New computers are so much faster and responsive that many of those old frustrations are no longer a problem. Programs open near instantly. Videos play in high quality.

The most inexpensive new computers available today are light years ahead of anything 5 years old or more. In 2004, a good computer cost \$1000 to \$1500 or more. Today a good computer can be had for as little as \$300. Those \$300 computers are more than enough computer for someone that wants to browse the internet, check email, use Facebook and Twitter, manage your photos, watch videos online, and more. And they are as reliable as the more expensive ones. The only drawback with the least expensive computers are that the computer makers sometimes sell placement on those computers for programs and search engines and built in tools to use their services. Those can be removed and you don't have to use them. Spend a little more and you'll see much less of that junk. I typically recommend spending between \$400 and \$600 to get a really great computer for everyday use.

If you're just browsing the web and checking email, you may not necessarily need a computer. You may be satisfied using an iPad, Android tablet, or Windows tablet. Those tablets run from \$200 to \$1000 and they are convenient and mobile. They are also easy to use and less trouble than a regular computer. It really is your decision. The latest generation of computers, laptops, and tablets come in som many shapes and sizes, there is bound to be one that fits your needs at a very reasonable cost. It's time to let that old computer with Windows XP go.

I welcome your suggestions for new columns and questions about any columns I have written. Email me at jim.phc@gmail.com.

From My Balcony

By: Jeannette Hinkson

One of the things looming over our heads and supported by our Governor and the President is the subject of minimum wage. Both the President and the Governor are in support of raising the minimum wage. I believe neither of these men ever ran a business or a held a "real" job in the "real" world. Law makers like to tell businesses what they should do, but have no idea what it is to operate any business on a day-to-day basis. Anyone over sixty can tell you as a teen you got a job and your rate of pay was not very much. As a former business owner, I paid my employees by their performance and how much my business took in. If it was a good year, I would give a bonus. You people remember what a bonus is. It is a 'thank you' for a job well done. I am all for a good living wage, but persons that get that first job have no idea what it is to work, and that first job teaches them working skills. This means the employers are actually teaching these people working skills. Those skills consist of how to wait on customers, learn the product, give good service, show up for work on time, and make sure the customer is happy...period!

How long do you think a business will survive if an employer has to school these people and pay top dollar to educate them. These people should be paying the business owner. Many new employees never learn the job and perhaps it is because they just don't care, or don't like the job in the first place. One woman told me recently how she has been training a woman to take over her job when she retires, and after many weeks of training, this woman can't even answer the telephone so she allows the calls to go to voice mail.

The fast food industry is one of the first places young people get their work experience, and the hike in the minimum wage will have the most impact on that industry. In the "old" days you started work with the understanding if you did a good job for the company, you would be given a raise in thirty days. Getting good service from employees in the retail business, banking, food service, or almost any business today, unless you are helped by the owner of the business, it is a crap shoot. Employees rely on machines to do the simplest tasks, such as giving change. It is not just the young persons working in a fast food restaurant that give the wrong change, I have had bank tellers give more money than I had coming. When I told her perhaps she should recount as there was a mistake, she pushed the drawer back and said, "I don't makes mistakes". I took the extra \$600 back to my office and called the bank manager and we let her try to find the \$600 she was short that night. She no longer had a job a short time later. Oh yes, the bank failed. Mistakes can happen but it is the feeling of many I have spoken to that the average worker just doesn't care. Little do they know if the boss goes out of business, they are out of a job. I have also heard some say, "Well, if the place closes, I can collect unemployment." There seems to be no loyalty to the business in the world today. In the "old" days most people got a job and worked there for their entire career, retired from that business and received a pension. Many times, employees went on to purchase the business from the boss. Does anyone retire with a pension today? Of course, government didn't tell a business owner what to do (if the employer fires the employee) that the employee collects employment and the employer pays. It seems today the free ride is the best employment.

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Fashion in Fiction Show at Library

By Peter chase, Library Director

The Plainville Historical Society and the Plainville Public Library will co-sponsor a presentation by Kandi Carle titled "Fashion in Fiction" on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. She will show that clothing speaks volumes in Jane Austen's regency novels

While dressed in authentic Regency attire, Ms. Carle will give a detailed overview of the clothing of the Regency Eras (early 1800's) for both gentlemen and ladies. Then she will share excerpts from Austen's personal letters as well as passages from some of the novels, highlighting Miss Austen's use of clothing and fashion to define points. Teens and adults will enjoy discovering just how important fashion was 200 years ago.

Ms. Carle draws on her extensive background in theatre, dance and historical fashion to engage and enthrall audiences. It will be a delightful show and tell on the clothing of Regency England as reflected in Jane Austen's fiction, including dressing "Elizabeth Bennet" and "Mr. Darcy" and readings from Miss Austen's letters and novels.

"YOUNG AT HEART" Sr. Center News AARP DRIVER SAFETY

An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Tuesday, April 22 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Upon completion of the course, an insurance company must give a discount of at least 5% on auto insurance.

The cost for the class is \$15.00 for AARP members, providing a membership number and \$20.00 for other attendees. Sign-up at the Senior Center has begun.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 25, 11:30 a.m. at Great Taste in New Britain. Call the Senior Center for more information or to register for the lunch.

OPEN PAINTING GROUP

Senior Center members are welcome to join the Open Painting Group at the Plainville Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. No registration necessary.

QUESTIONS FOR A SOCIAL WORKER

Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will be available to answer questions on a "walk-in basis" (no appointment needed) on Mondays, April 7 and 28 from 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.

DENTAL CLINIC AT SENIOR CENTER

The Plainville Senior Center, in cooperation with Community Health Center, Inc., will hold a dental clinic, by appointment, Wednesday, May 14 at the Center, 200 East Street.

Individuals without dental insurance will be billed a flat rate of \$30.00 for the visit. More info in May. An Enrollment Form needs to be picked up at the Center and completed prior to the appointment. Call the Senior Center, 747-5728, if you have any questions or to make an appointment.

CARD PARTY

Join us on Sunday, April 27, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Plainville Senior Center for an afternoon of fun. Play cards, enjoy refreshments, participate in the 50-50 raffle and maybe even win a door prize! Tickets are \$4.00 per person. Advance tickets are available at

the Senior Center. Tickets will also be available at the front door. This event is sponsored by the Committee on Aging. All proceeds will benefit Dial-A-Ride.

EGG AND CHOCOLATE UPDATE

Join Miles Everett, RD, RN, CDE on Thursday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. to learn the latest news in cholesterol. Know the numbers so that you can watch yours and learn what is best avoided and what is best indulged in when it comes to fatty foods. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728 to sign-up beginning Tuesday, April 1.

POSTURE AND YOU

On Thursday, May 22, 10:00 a.m., Miles Everett, RD, RN, CDE will give a presentation on posture at the Plainville Senior Center. He will talk about how to stand on your bones and begin to release the aches and pains caused by years of poor posture in sitting and standing. He will explain how to get the best use of your body by putting it in the right place and prepare to lose some waist inches at the same time. Call the Senior Center 860-747-5728 to sign-up beginning Tuesday, April 1.

MEXICAN TRAIN

Mexican Train will now be offered at the Plainville Senior Center on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., beginning Thursday, April 17. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728 to sign-up beginning Tuesday, April 1.

INTRO TO MEDITATION

Tuesdays, April 8, 22, 29 and May 6 (no class April 15), 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Plainville Senior Center. Cost is \$12.00 for Members; \$24.00 non-members. Instructor: Jayaprabha Mare. This class is perfect for anyone new to meditation. It will provide simple, accessible techniques to foster the skill of conscious, sustained attention (presence) which connects us to the equanimity and objectivity that allows for internal wisdom, happiness and peace. The focus will be to help you develop a personal practice suited to your personality and daily life. Sign-up at the Plainville Senior Center, beginning Thursday, April 3.

THE "NOT-SO" EMPTY NEST

A special conference at the Plainville Senior Center for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren on Tuesday, May 13, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Keynote Address, "Raising Positive, Caring Children in Challenging Times", presented by: Robert Franks, PhD, Vice President & Director, Child, Health and Development Institute of CT, Inc. Complementary Lunch, Free Raffles, Win a Kindle! Call the Senior Center 860-747-5728, for more information, and to register beginning Monday, April 1.

(More Senior News on Page 5
by Shirley Osle, Assistant Town Manager)

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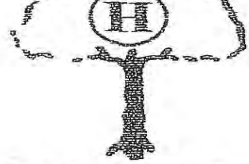
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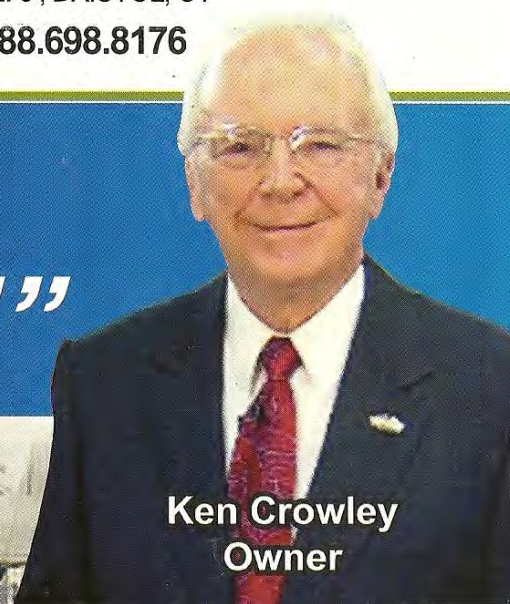
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Wonder of Women Event to Feature

The 13th Annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event, held by the Women & Girls' Fund at Main Street Community Foundation, will be Monday, April 28, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. The event will feature guest speaker Cari Champion of ESPN.

The WOW event is an annual fundraiser to benefit the Fund's fall grant cycle. In 2013, proceeds from the WOW event allowed the Fund to distribute over \$30,000 to 12 local organizations and causes serving women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

"This event allows the Fund to do what it does – improve the quality of life for women and girls in the communities we serve," stated Sandi Perillo and EJ Conlin, this year's WOW event co-chairs. "And it's a great evening – networking with hundreds of like-minded individuals, a silent auction with an assortment of items and an inspiring speaker."

The guest speaker, sponsored by ESPN, is Cari Champion, host of ESPN2's First Take. As a broadcast journalist and host, Champion has also worked across the country covering network news, entertainment and sports stories of national interest for ABC, CBS, NBC as well as other cable networks.

Seats for this year's event are \$55 and are now available. The WOW event is sponsored by Barnes Group Foundation and MassMutual, as Premier Sponsors; KPMG LLP, as a Presenting Sponsor; and several others businesses, organizations and individuals whose contributions are most appreciated.

Please contact Samantha Rajotte at the Main Street Community Foundation at 860.583.6363 for further information or to reserve your seat or table.

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YMCA/PHS CLASS of 2014 PROJECT GRADUATION NEWS

The next meeting for the 2014 Plainville High School Project Graduation is Wednesday, APRIL 2nd, 2014, 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 Dawn Angelillo at: 860-637-6640.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, May 7th, June 4th, 2014

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LOOK OUT for Those Crazy Flying Flamingos!!



2014 PHS/YMCA Project Graduation is having a "Flamingo Fundraiser." With Spring just around the corner, don't be surprised if you see a **Pink Flamingo** on your lawn! If you are lucky enough to be "flamingoed", simply follow the instructions on the envelope attached to the flamingo. This fundraiser gives everyone in our community a chance to get involved in a very worthwhile event!

Graduation Party Volunteers Needed!

~ FRIDAY, JUNE 20th, 2014 ~
(confirmed date as of 3/24/2014)

The PHS Class of 2014 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: Dawn Angelillo at: 860-637-6640*

Mother's Day Flower Sale at the YMCA

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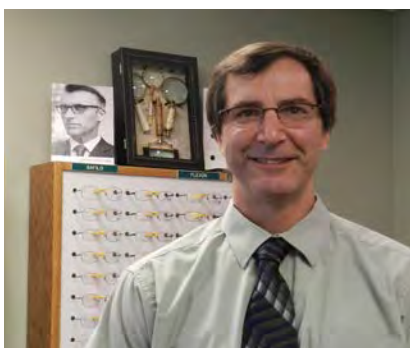
Members of Class 1964 making final plans for the 2nd Annual Reunion of the Alumni Classes of PHS. Pictured at a recent meeting held at the Library are from left to right: Joe Stifko, Carol Kallberg, Mary Susco, Maryann Laska. Second row Roger Letendre, Terese Chadwick, Margaret Arcari, Deidra Ierardi, Laurie Arcari, Greg Mazur, Shirley O'Neil, Nancy Gennett, Michael Orzechowski and Tom Cottrell.

The committee announced that about 6 Alumni Classes have indicated that they will attend, so far one a classes is Class of 1947. Last years Reunion had class members from 1938 to 2013. The 2013 Alumni that attended accompanied his grand father. They hope there could be a member of each class from 1938 again this year.

The reunion will be held at the VFW Hall, Northwest Drive, Plainville on Friday, May 9th from 6 pm to 12 midnight.

Contact persons and details about the event are on Page 17.

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New AARP Report Profiles the Most Likely Victims of Online Fraud “Caught in the Scammer’s Net”

Finds 34 Million May Be at Higher Risk Based on Behavior and Life Experience.

What traits do victims of online fraud share, and how can you protect yourself from becoming a victim? The answers to these questions and more may be found in a new national study released by AARP which identifies an online victim profile based on 15 key behaviors and life experiences that increase a person’s vulnerability to online fraud. The report, “Caught in the Scammer’s Net,” a national survey of 11,000 adults, finds that 34 million Internet users may be at increased risk of being victimized based on this new profile.

The study was released in conjunction with the announcement of the establishment of the AARP Fraud Watch Network, a national campaign to fight fraud and identity theft and give Americans access to information about how to protect themselves and their families.

“In Connecticut, AARP is working with community TRIADS, the Attorney General’s Office, Dept. of Consumer Protection, The Office of Consumer Counsel and the Dept. of Aging to educate seniors and the public about fraud, arm people with information about what makes them vulnerable and give them access to the tools they need to outsmart con artists before they strike,” said AARP State Director, Nora Duncan. “That’s why AARP launched the Fraud Watch Network – to connect people to experts, law enforcement and people like them who can help them spot and avoid scams.”

Available free of charge to AARP members and non-members alike, and people of any age, the Fraud Watch Network provides: Watchdog Alert emails that deliver breaking scam information, Prevention tips based on the latest information from experts, An interactive map with the latest law enforcement warnings from each state, A phone number people can call to talk to volunteers trained to help fraud victims, and

• Access to a network of people who are sharing their experiences with scams so they can help others protect themselves.

For a copy of the survey, click:
<http://www.aarp.org/onlinefraud>

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse.

Plainville Historical Society ANNA GRANNIS “More Than a Poetess”

On Tuesday evening, March 18th, Dolores Martin presented an interesting picture of Plainville’s national renowned poetess Anna Grannis. In explaining about Ms. Grannis’s life, Ms. Martin told of Anna’s experiences as a worker in the Plainville Manufacturing Company starting at age 15. She became the sole supporter of her mother upon the deaths of her brother and sister. She worked in the mill for 20 years. Poetry was not the only thing Anna Grannis had published. Unknown to many people was the fact that she was a song writer as well. Her love of nature, her values, her faith all come through in her poetry. Perhaps the least known fact about Anna Grannis was her love of her neighbors. She set up and ran an exchange during the 1930s (*the Depression Era*). Any one who needed food, clothing, shoes, or help of any kind could go to see Anna Grannis and she would help. The money that she received from her published works went into helping others. She kept very little of it for herself. She was doing social work before the word came into use. A suggestion was made by an audience member that perhaps we should consider renaming the Plainville Pantry after her because what it is now doing is what she did. What do you think?

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When I called to complain, the person at Comcast in Massachusetts (a woman) said, “What do you expect, you have all those movie channels. Your bill is a lot lower than if you purchased the movies separately.” That was the package I had.” I do not consider movies from 1940 and Sleepless in Seattle movies to want to spend an additional \$50 a month on. And why do I have all those Spanish channels? I don’t speak Spanish. Answer: “Those are part of my package!”

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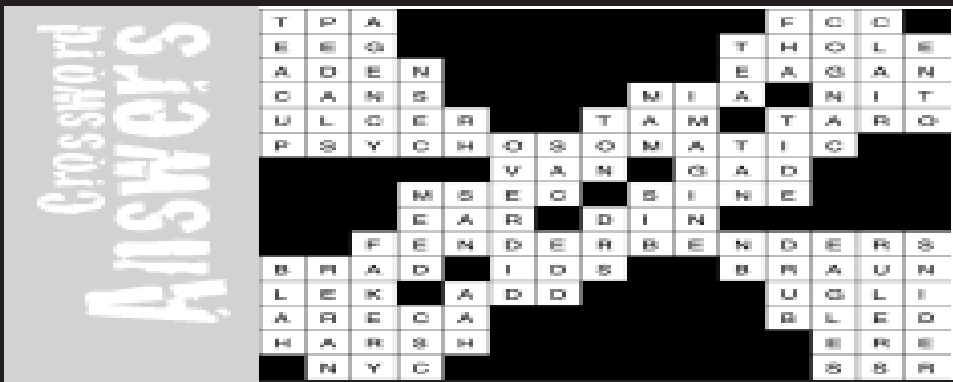
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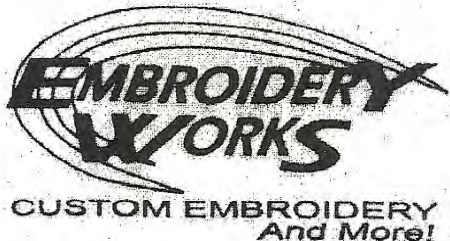
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A SCHOOL DAY IN PLAINVILLE

By Donald Liljedahl

When I was a young boy in the Nineteen Forties.
The working class area in Plainville was awakened
each morning by a factory whistle for the start
of a new day at work. This was my wake up call
to prepare for school. The first bell of the day
announced the opening of the school doors.

The beginning of many bells ringing that day
calling for order and discipline of students there
were also other bells. The Fire Alarm bell alerted
me to leave the school in an orderly fashion. The
Air Raid bell also rang for a Military like departure
to a safe area.

The loud sounds of those startling and disturbing
noises scared me. The best bell sound of the day
was the last one. This allowed me to leave the
school building.

Then I was free to go out and play with my friends.

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Beef With Eggplant

By: Avis

2 lbs. Lean Hamburger
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Cheddar cheese

- Wash the eggplant and slice it without
peeling. Salt each slice and wait 15 or 20
minutes to take out the bitterness.
- Mix hamburger and onions and form into
8 patties.
- Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a heavy skillet
and brown the patties on both sides.
Arrange four of them on bottom of a
casserole. Pat the eggplant slices dry, dip
them in flour and brown lightly in 1/4 cup
of oil.
- Arrange half the slices on top of the beef
patties. Spread 1 tablespoon of tomato
sauce on each. Cover with remaining
patties, then eggplant. Pour the remaining
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- Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Serves
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Spring Rituals



By Sally Miller



Spring reminds me of days with my childhood friends. We played outside most of the days during the season. We shook off winter blahs and skipped in the world of spring. We would play pickup sticks, kick the can, baseball. We played red light, double dutch, hop scotch, and marbles. There were chalk marks all over the driveway and we rode bicycles hard and fast as if our life depended on it.

My next door neighbors, my sister and I would go out in the morning as the morning glories began to wake up. We would lay on the lawn and marvel at the lily of the valley which looked like little white bells to us. Daffodils were beginning to wake up and bring with it its lovely yellow blooms and robins held court on branches trying to chatter louder than the other. As we lay on our bellies on the lawn with our faces cupped in our hands, we would stare in wonder as we watched families of birds begin to make nests in trees and birdhouses. Oh, how wonderful it was to watch them scurry around with twigs in their mouths. There was a community of bird families busily creating dynamic little communities.

Some days we would find a bird which had fallen from the nest and died. Our hearts were broken as we came upon these little creatures. It was too much to bear for little 9 and 10 year old children. It was almost too much to comprehend. We understood though, that since we found the little bird, it was up to us to bury it. None of us girls were brave enough to pick up the bird. My friend MaryLou had a brother who appeared to be a "tough guy". He was about 12 years old. We begged him to help us. After much begging and crying, he said that he would dig a hole for the baby robin. We little girls would make a tiny box out of a cut up cereal box and scotch tape. Grandma let us have two of her beautiful handkerchiefs. We lined the box with one and covered the baby bird with the other. We then got together and held a ceremony and we even sang as birds sitting in trees above us joined in as if they knew what was happening. We would pick the daffodils and lily of the valley and place the flowers on the little grave. The picture of the three of us children standing over the grave of little birds with a cross made out of sticks makes me look back at their innocence, kindness and caring.

I then remember the rituals of spring of years gone by.

A.A.R.P. ~ PROGRAM ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION



The Webster Bank presented a great program on Preventing Elder Financial Abuse at the recent meeting of the A.A.R.P. Chapter #4146. Thanks to the Webster team, we received a lot of good information.

Pictured above are from left to right: lisa Holts, Webster Bank VP Branch manager, Jim Stuart, Chapter President, Carol Perry, AARP Program Chairman, Kim L. Syrop, Senior Vice President, Kari L. Miller and Lucinda Prigionieri, Vice President.

Photo and Caption by: Wendell Copeland



From the Desk of

Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire POLICE AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

In the State of Connecticut there never seems to be a shortage of laws that shock and amaze. Specifically, the state has granted the police authority to seize your license without due process. Grounds for license suspension are specified in more than 20 statutes. The justification for enacting these laws revolves around the idea that a driver's license is a privilege, not a right. I know more than a few of your out there would beg to differ. While I would love to get into a Constitutional debate, I will limit my opinion to the proposition that redefining a right as a mere "privilege" cannot change the true nature of the freedom.

One of the laws on the books granting police the authority to seize your license is outlined in CT DMV regulation 14-217-1. To paraphrase the regulation, any one pulled over by the police while operating a motor vehicle and either apprehended or arrested may have their license suspended and seized if in the "judgment of the officer in charge of any established police barracks, precinct or police station is an unfit person to operate a motor vehicle without endangering the safety of the public due to his physical or mental condition." The on-scene officer(s) take possession of the operator's license. Thereby effectively suspending your license immediately because you are required by law to carry your operator's license when operating a motor vehicle. This is where Due Process is out the window!

The next step of this regulation requires the police to forward the driver's license to the DMV within 24 hours with a brief statement and explanation of the offense or violation. This is done with a state form where the police are free to recommend whether the driver should be required to take an on-road retest or provide medical evidence of their current fitness to drive. Why are the police asked for their recommendation? Why do we presume that they know what is best for someone they are only charging with a crime or infraction? I am not saying we should not place our confidences in the police. Rather, it is too broad to presume that every fact and perception regarding the stop will always be correct to authorize such power based solely on an officer's judgment. Whether the driver is arrested or given a ticket, they are only charged with something, not convicted. So why is their license subject to automatic suspension, as if they were convicted, which then requires the operator to prove his/her ability to drive in order to get their license back?

So once the DMV gets the paperwork from the police, they will send you either medical forms to have filled out by a doctor, a notice for an on-road retest or both. Once all of the required material is completed the DMV will either reinstate your license or you may have a hearing. For this undeterminable time period your license is suspended. It may be a week, two weeks, three weeks, a month... This undefined suspension is the most blatant abuse to me. My solution is simple; just provide an immediate hearing within 48 hours at the DMV so evidence may actually be presented as opposed to deferring to the on-scene officer's judgment.

As always, be safe out there and if you ever are on the wrong side of the law contact a license attorney so you can best protect your rights!



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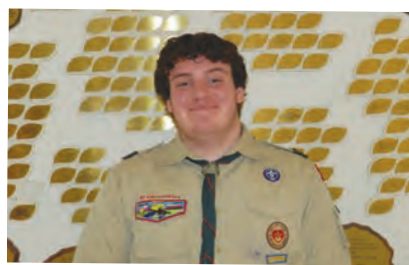


Jack Shea lead the Dinner guests
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in the
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(we didn't
spell his
name wrong,
thanks to
his shirt)



Students from the Shamrock School of Irish Dance on East Street
were the highlight of the evening.

Troop #67 Scout Working for Eagle



James also would be pleased to accept donations. Anyone interested in helping him earn Eagle may send checks to: O.L.M./Eagle, 19 S. Canal Street, Plainville, CT 06062. If he receives more funds than needed. A donation to the Youth Group will be made for Field Trips

Boy Scout James Ferro project to earn Eagle was to build a shed for the Youth Group of Our Lady of Mercy at the Parish Center.

James started building the shed. He wishes to "Thank" Father John and the parishioners that helped him with the bake sale at the church to raise the money for the shed. Also, Thank the Town Council for waiving the building permit fee.

Weather permitting it should be completed very soon..

New Plainville Knight of Columbus Achieves Prestigious Award



On Thursday March 13th during the regular council meeting one new brother Knight received an honor that only 1% of the members of the Knights of Columbus ever achieve. Brother Christopher Kelley received the "Shining Armor Award". The concept of the award program is to get new members active in the many facets of the Knights of Columbus as early as possible and honor them as a valued council member.

To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award" new Knights must during their first year of membership:

- Be involved in at least 3 council service programs.
- Attend at least 3 council business meetings.
- Receive their Second and Third degrees.
- Recruit at least one new member.

Grand Knight, Mark Germain noted, "Normally, this is done in the first year of membership...Christopher achieved this in his first three months!" Not only did Chris earn the award quickly, he also recruited two new members in his short time with the council. He has quickly become a key member of the Plainville Knights of Columbus.

District and Regional Results in Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship



The local winners from the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship held in January competed at the district level contest hosted by the Plainville Knights Council on February 16th. The Plainville winners competed against sharpshooters from Southington. Local district winners were Jacob Demmons in the 10 year old boys division, Gabrielle Schenkel won in the 11 year old girls category, Caitlin Barker won in the 12 year old girls group, Brandon Zheng won the 12 year old boys contest, Cheyenne Emmendorfer prevailed in the 13 year old girls group, Jared Demmons won among the 14 year old boys. These district champions advanced to the regional competition which was held at St. Rose of Lima School in Newtown on February 22nd. Congratulations to Jared Demmons who drilled the highest number of free throws in his age group to be named Northwest Regional 14 year old champion for 2014.

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~ Beverly Joyce ~

March 19, 2014

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your beautiful smile.

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Love, Larry, Craig & Linda, Deanna, Zoe and Katie
xoxoxo

~ Elinor (Wilbur) Silverio ~

92, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by her family on Sunday, March 23, 2014. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, Joseph, who predeceased her in 2009.

Born in Hartford, Ellie was a daughter of the late Bernard and Wilma (Rau) Wilbur. Raised in West Hartford, she was a graduate of Hall High School. Predeceased by her first husband John Sullivan in 1945, Ellie married Joe with whom she settled in Plainville, where they raised their two children and shared 52 years of marriage. Ellie and Joe were longtime members of the Human

Relations Council, and dedicated members of Our Lady of Mercy Church where Ellie spearheaded many fundraisers and shared her beautiful voice with the church choir. She began her career as a medical secretary, working for New Britain General Hospital for several years, and retired from Corsini-Hill Management in 1988. She enjoyed being surrounded by her family and caring for her grandchildren in their early years, and was a devoted volunteer and supporter of the Plainville Community Food Pantry. Ellie's kindness and generosity towards others will forever be remembered by her family and her community.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, John "Jack" and is wife, Susan of Lincolnville, ME, and Joseph and Jo-Ann of Plainville; her adored grandchildren, Elizabeth Morin and her husband, Dennis of Tolland, Emily Kosswig and her husband Eli of Plainville, and Matthew and his wife, Beticie of Lincolnville, ME; her great-granddaughter, Elinor Ann Silverio of Lincolnville, ME; her brother, Bernard Wilbur of West Hartford; sister, Janet Cosby of Midlothian, VA; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Ellie's life was held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Family and friends may gather at the church prior to the Mass, from 10-11 a.m. Ellie may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville. Bailey Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, visit www.baileyfuneralhome.com

~ Peter A. Penta ~

88, of Plainville passed away Monday March 24, 2014 at Hartford Hospital. He was the husband of the late Dorothy (Colson) Penta.

Peter was born August 14, 1925 in Waterbury, a son of the late Umberto and Rose (Anastasio) Penta and was a longtime Plainville resident. He was a graduate of Plainville High School and was a veteran of WWII proudly serving in the US Navy aboard the USS Abbot.

Pete was a carpenter and cabinet maker and was the owner and operator of Penta Woodworking having worked in the family business since 1939. He had a never ending work ethic and worked seven days a week up until a few days before he died. He truly had a love for his craft. He was a member of the VFW post 574 and the American Legion Post 33 both in Plainville. Pete will be remembered as a gentle and kind person always willing to help anyone who needed it.

He leaves his sons, Gregory Penta of Plainville, Kenyon Kramer of Medina, Morocco and Anthony Kramer of North Palm Beach, FL, his daughter, Rhoda Valentine of Plainville, his brother, Albert Penta of Madison, his grandsons, Jason Penta and Patrick Haggerty both of Plainville, his great granddaughter, Toni Jean Penta of Southington, his niece Joanna Penta of West Hartford and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Josephine Metcalfe. Family and friends gathered at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville on Friday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00p.m. Burial in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville will be held in the spring. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.baileyfuneralhome.com.

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OPINION

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Stolen signs hurt Plainville Fire Company

To the Editor:

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this letter at this time. I am writing to an unknown individual or a small group of individuals who destroyed some very important property to not only two local families but also the entire past, present and future firefighters in the town of Plainville.

Let me begin this letter with some history of the fire department in Plainville. On Jan. 12, 1885 — that's right, 1885 — a group of 30 individuals got together and formed the Plainville Hose Company for the protection from fire for the town of Plainville.

On Jan. 2, 1952, through the help and dedication of Attorney Milton Koskoff, the Plainville Fire Company became incorporated in the state of Connecticut, by which it is now known.

Since that group of 30, an additional 475 men and women who call Plainville their home have joined forces to fight the ravages of fire.

On the window of the apparatus now stationed on West Main Street is a decal which reads "Everybody Goes Home." In the past 129 years, this did not hold true for two individuals, namely Herbert Ewald and Dominic Moschini, Sr. who did not return home after serving at an alarm. What a Christmas present for Herb's family, as well as the real-

ity for Barbara Smedick and Dominic Moschini, Jr. not to have their father ever return to their home again. This is a very sad statistic that two of our brothers had to give their lives, but nonetheless true. Will this tragic scene happen again? Probably, seeing that fire fighting is one of the world's deadliest professions. Will we like it? Absolutely not, but as long as there are fires, it will happen.

In the summer of 2010, the fire company celebrated its 125th anniversary. In celebration of their membership in this brotherhood, the Plainville Town Council gave the fire company permis-

What it means to be a firefighter: jump out of a warm bed at 3 a.m. to fight a fire, leave your dinner that your wife has prepared for you on the table, or leave the birthday party for your 2-year-old son while your family sings 'Happy Birthday' to go and help a neighbor in distress.

sion to change the names of the two streets in Norton Park to Herbert Ewald Way and Dominic Moschini, Sr., Lane. Street signs were made and, at the parade ceremony, were dedicated to these two men with their families present. Shortly after, the street signs were erected by the Park Department where they have been displayed since.

A few weeks ago, it was brought to the attention of the fire company that two of the signs in the park had been removed and destroyed. The Dominic Moschini, Sr., sign was later found totally beaten in

the high school parking lot, but not the one for Herbert Ewald, which has not as of yet been found.

We are asking the individual or group of individuals to come forward and meet with fire company personnel.

We are not looking to punish this individual but to sit down at the table and discuss with him/her what it means to be a firefighter, jump out of a warm bed at 3 a.m. to fight a fire, leave your dinner that your wife has prepared for you on the table, or leave the birthday party for your 2-year-old son while your family sings 'Happy Birthday' to go and help a neighbor in distress.

The fire company with the blessings of Fire Captain Bob Planeta is in the process of replacing these signs

along with the scroll work supporting the signs. The cost for the replacement will be about \$1,300 which will be taken out of the company's treasury.

Please hear my closing thoughts, which can be read at fire headquarters in the entrance way of our meeting room on West Main Street: "All Of Us Gave Some, Some of Us Gave All."

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OBITUARIES

~ Thelma DeLaite Cody ~

69, of Plainville, CT died March 4, 2014. Thelma leaves behind her husband Frederick and two children Donald Cody and his wife Sue, also of Plainville, CT and daughter Lori-Ann Johnson and her husband Bill, of Atlanta, GA. Thelma was preceded in death by her youngest daughter Christine Cody. Thelma passed away peacefully after a long battle with dementia. Thelma also leaves behind five grandchildren, Kaitlyn (also known as Katherine during the dementia years), Derek and Landon Cody and Zachary and Colin Johnson. Thelma was born and raised in Kingman, ME with three brothers and one sister. Her brothers, Herbert DeLaite and Richard DeLaite both remained in Maine, while her brother, Ronald DeLaite moved to Independence Missouri and her sister, Kay Ogden, like Thelma, settled in Plainville, CT. Thelma worked for years at the University of Connecticut Heath Center in the department of Psychiatry, before spending ten years in Florida. Those who remember her younger days will remember her fierce intelligence and determination. In the later years, we remember her love of coins and black coffee. There will be a small private family service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. The Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Jean T. (Prachniak) Kordek ~

98, of Plainville, passed away Friday February 21, 2014 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was the widow of Bill Kordek, who she married on May 9, 1936 and who predeceased her in 1993.

Mrs. Kordek was born September 13, 1915 in New Britain, a daughter of the late Ladislav and Maria (Malou) Prachniak. She leaves her children, Anita Kordek, Geri Kordek and Margaret (Bernard) Grabeck all of Plainville, Sandra (Joseph) Hayes of Port St. Lucie, FL. and Carl (Kathleen) Kordek of North Haven., her grandchildren, Maria, Elizabeth and James Grabeck, Kimberly, Kristen and Joseph (Kristen) Hayes, Karen (Joseph) DeFurio, Jennifer and Carl Kordek and her great grandson, Jackson Wyatt Hayes. She was predeceased by her son, Richard Kordek, her sister, Helen Meleski and her brothers, Walter and Edward (Louise) Prachniak.

Jean's family would like to express their thanks to the staff of Apple Rehab in Plainville for their care and support. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will be held in the spring in St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. There were no calling hours. The family asks to please omit flowers. The Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

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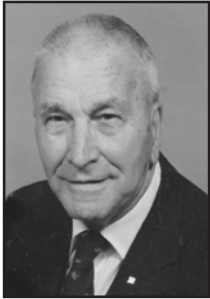
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~ Calvin L. Lyon ~



97, retired Captain of the First Company Governor's Horse Guard, passed away at home, surrounded by his family on Monday, March 3, 2014. He is now reunited with his beloved wife, Marjorie, who predeceased him in 2006.



Born in New Britain, Mr. Lyon was the last surviving of six children to the late Harry and Delia (White) Lyon. He and Marjorie settled in Plainville, where they raised their son and shared 66 years of marriage. They were longtime members of the Congregational Church and Plainville Senior Center, and had a love for travelling, taking several cross country trips. He began his employment at Stanley Works in 1936, retiring as an electrician after 43 years. He raised and showed numerous Irish Setters, having been an active member of the Hartford Obedience Training Club for 67 years, where he was an active long term board member and Past President. Having an affinity for motorcycle riding, Calvin belonged to the Meriden Motorcycle Club in the 1940's, riding his Indian alongside Marjorie. He went on to join Troop A of the Connecticut State Guard's Military Police Motorcycle Unit, followed by his 48 years of service with the First Governor's Horse Guard, as First Lieutenant Adjutant, retiring as Captain in 1983. Mr. Lyon was a Mason for more than 50 years, initially with the Harmony Lodge #20 where he served as Secretary for 15 years, and was the first and only Honorary Past Master of the Frederick Franklin Lodge #14 where he has been a member since 1980. Calvin fulfilled his life with service to others and was recently honored by the American Red Cross as the oldest donor in the state. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, leaving many cherished memories.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John and Pamela Lyon with whom he made his home for the past seven years; his twin granddaughters, Dawn and Denise Lyon; and several nieces and nephews. His family extends their appreciation to his caretakers, Diane Bradshaw, Glen Spino, and Marcus Mack for the extraordinary care shown to Calvin over the past year, and to his dear friends and lodge brothers who supported him when he needed it most.

A celebration of Calvin's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, with the Rev. Dr. Claire Bamberg officiating. Committal services followed at West Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, Calvin may be remembered with donations to the Frederick-Franklin Lodge #14 Scholarship Fund, PO Box 223, Plainville, CT 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Calvin's memorial page at www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Marilyn (Schurman) Warnat ~



75, of Plainville, beloved wife of 55 plus years to Robert J. Warnat, passed away Friday (March 6, 2014) at home surrounded by her loved ones after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late Joseph and Leocadia (Dombroska) Schurman, she lived in Plainville since 1970. A graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1956,

she was employed at Precision Punch in New Britain and then Berlin for 15 years, retiring in 2007. Prior to that, she had worked in the main office of American Savings Bank in New Britain for 12 years. Marilyn was a member of St. Patrick's Church in Farmington; served 14 years on the Plainville Board of Education and over 20 years on the Plainville Democratic Town Committee. An avid Red Sox and UConn basketball fan, she loved her annual trips to Las Vegas and was especially proud of attending President Bill Clinton's First Inaugural Ball in 1996.

Besides her husband Bob, she leaves four daughters, Deborah Dombroski and her husband Roland of Bristol; Cheryl Baehr and her husband James, also of Bristol; Laura Boland and her husband Thomas of Plainville; and Lynne Warnat, also of Plainville; a brother, Roger Schurman and his wife Veronica of North Carolina; seven grandchildren, Ashley and Rachel Dombroski of Bristol; James and Danielle Baehr also of Bristol; Christopher Boland of Southington; Amanda Boland of Boston; and Stephen Boland of Plainville; as well as an eagerly awaited arrival of her first great granddaughter Olivia Christine Baehr; several nieces and nephews. Marilyn was predeceased by triplet grandchildren, Edward, Nicole and Robert Dombroski.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Patrick's Church in Farmington. Burial will be at a later date. Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Center, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

~ Catherine (Mullen) Murray ~



95, of West Hartford, widow of Vincent J. Murray, passed away Thursday (March 20, 2014) at St. Mary's Home in West Hartford. Born in Belfast Ireland, Catherine was raised in Brooklyn, NY.

She moved to New Britain with her husband where they enjoyed raising their family. Later Catherine moved to Plainville and then to West Hartford in 1987. She

was employed at the former Burritt Mutual Savings Bank in New Britain for 25 years as an Assistant Branch Manager until her retirement in 1978. "Kate" treasured any time she could spend with her family at the beach in Niantic and Rhode Island. She loved salt water and swimming was her joy. Many of her summer adventures were spent with her best friend Vera Murray in Riverhead, Long Island. They would laugh themselves to tears.

Surviving is a son, Timothy Murray and his wife Laura of Oswego, IL; two daughters, Katherine Pugliese and her husband Robert of Plainville; and Patricia Dworak and her husband Thomas of West Hartford; eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Nicole and Grace Murray; Erin Pugliese-Vlahakis and her husband Peter Vlahakis; Robert and Vincent Pugliese; Theodora Dworak, M.D.; and Thomas Dworak; a great granddaughter, Evelyn Vlahakis; several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband Vincent, she was predeceased by a brother, Albert Mullen and three sisters, Lorraine Lynn, Jane Ranks, Mary Paetow. Kate enjoyed many years of traveling with her sister Lorraine Lynn. Looking like twin sisters they made sure to have double the fun.

The family wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at St. Mary's Home. Catherine was cared for by longtime physician Dr Larry Broisman whom she credits for her long life. Catherine's greatest joy were her grandchildren, her wish is for them to keep smiling and remember the good times.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday (March 29th) 12 Noon at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Calling hours were held Saturday from 11 AM until the time of the service at noon. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to the St. Mary Home C/O Development Office, 2021 Albany Ave. West Hartford, CT 06117.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Catherine's family at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

~ Earl C. Snyder, Jr. ~



66, of Farmington, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at John Dempsey Hospital.

Born in Bristol on December 9, 1947, he was one of seven children to the late Earl C. "Tickey" Snyder, Sr. and Etta L. (Swett) Snyder. A lifelong resident, he was a 1966 graduate of

Plainville High School, where his love for softball began. He went on to play for several years as a well-known and respected player with the ASA Region 8 & 9, sponsored by Gartenhaus. Earl enlisted in the U.S. Army, proudly serving his country during Vietnam as an expert rifleman, and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1970. He was a strong supporter of veterans' organizations, attended many of his reunions and recently reconnected with some of his fellow brothers from the H troop, of which he was very proud. He was an engineer in the manufacturing industry for many years, and enjoyed his retirement playing golf, shooting pool, and spending time with his family, who all share his sense of humor and will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his son, Earl C. Snyder, III, his wife Kristen, and their children, Rayah, Peighton, and Sage, all of Raleigh, NC; his daughter, Rhonda Wisniewski, her husband, Michael and her son, Ty, all of Plainville; his brothers and sisters, Lawrence and his wife, Martha of Plainville, Gloria and Steven Hartke of Rockfall, Robert of Plainville, David of Plainville and Janet of California; his longtime companion, Carol Maguda, her children, Debby DiLoreto and her son, Nathan with whom he shared a special bond, Dennis DiLoreto, Jr., Marc DiLoreto and his wife, Michelle, and their son, Alec; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Susan Snyder Hooper, and his sister-in-law, Colleen.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Words of remembrance, followed by military honors was held at the conclusion of the visitation. In lieu of flowers, Earl may be remembered with contributions to No Vet Left Behind, 14 Jewett St, Ansonia, CT 06401. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

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The chief priests couldn't come to the conclusion that Jesus was indeed the Son of God, the Messiah of Israel because of their rejection of Him.

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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.....SPECIAL EVENTS
METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
(MYF):
Friday, April 4, 6:30~9 PM
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION:
Sunday April 6, 10 AM

HOLY THURSDAY WORSHIP:
Worship with Holy Communion,
April 17, 7 PM
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:
Friday, April 18, 1 to 6 PM
Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
[redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to make an
appointment.
"WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS
THIS - A TIME OF PRAYER AND
MEDIATION" AT PUMC:
Good Friday, April 18, 3 to 8 PM

*A guided program of meditation will begin
every 30 minutes on the hour and ½ hour.*
Join us at anytime.

All members of the community are invited.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP:
Sunday, April 20, 10 AM
Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 9 AM

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:
Sunday, April 27, 2 to 4 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL:
Sundays, April 6, 13, 20, 27, Following
Worship

Catch the Spirit
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
18 East Main Street
Sunday Worship Service
9 AM
Bible Study
Wednesday Evening ~ 7 PM
860-747-1426

Rev. Donald Helmandollar, Rector
Website www.holytrinityanglican.net
God Bless and Welcome to Join Us!



FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

168 Unionville Avenue
Plainville, CT 06062
860-747-5209

Rev. Dr. Jim Caron, Pastor
Web: www.faithbiblect.com

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Your Spiritual Growth**

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Junior Church for ages 4-12 & Nursery

Available for 1 month to 4 years)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

"The Gospel of John"

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month
6:00 p.m.

Ladies Group

Wednesday Night Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

New Study: "Angels and Demons"

Thursday Night Youth Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

New Study: Maturing in the Christian
Faith: A Look at Doctrine

860-747-5209

Call the church for info/questions
and church prayer line/ FAX
(747-5011)

Call us for your requests (confidential)



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115 West Main Street
Plainville, CT 06062
860-747-3109

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Holy Communion 10:00 am
Church School 10:00 am
Nursery Care during the service
Followed by coffee hour

Holy Communion Thursdays~12:00pm
OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am -1:00pm
PARISH PROGRAMS

Daughters of the King Chapter
3rd Saturday of the month 10:30am

Twelve Step Programs

Every Tuesday	NA	7:30pm
Every Thursday	AA	7:30pm
Every Saturday Women's	AA	9:00am
Every Saturday of the Month		9:30 am

Ample Parking in rear of Church

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94 BROAD STREET, PLAINVILLE, CT
06062
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ROBERT BERUBE, DEACON
PARISH/CEMETERY OFFICE
19 S. CANAL STREET
OFFICE HOURS: MON. TO FRI. 9 AM TO
4 PM
PHONE 860-747-6825
FAX 860-747-5407

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGY
MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:00 AM
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APRIL 7TH & 11TH ~7 P.M.

DURING LENT CONFESSIONS

APRIL 7TH~ 7:00 P.M.

APRIL 14TH~ 10 AM & 6 PM

APRIL 15TH~ 7:00 PM

APRIL 16TH~ 4:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

APRIL 9TH~3 TO 7 PM

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

SAT. APRIL 12TH ~4 PM &

SUN. APRIL 13TH~8:30 & 10:30 AM

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 17TH

7:00PM (ONLY MASS)

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY~ APRIL 18TH

3:00 PM~PASSION OF THE LORD
SERVICE

PARISH OFFICE ~CLOSED

HOLY SATURDAY~ APRIL 19TH

10:00 AM~ BLESSING OF FOOD IN THE
GATHERING SPACE

8:00PM~EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY~APRIL 20TH

8:30 & 10:30 AM

EASTER MONDAY~APRIL 21ST

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

GIFT PROGRAM

APRIL 25TH ~6 TO 8:30 PM &
APRIL 27TH~9:30 AM TO NOON

NO MONTHLY BREAKFAST ON
PALM SUNDAY~JOIN US ON MAY 11TH

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is now on Facebook!

**www.Facebook.com/Our Lady
of Mercy ChurchCT**

MEET OUR STAFF AND LEARN SOME
CATHOLIC TEACHINGS & HISTORY.

THE LIST OF OUR ONGOING EVENTS

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130 West Main Street Plainville, CT
Phone 747-1901



ALL WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Claire W. Bamberg Minister

Email:

Congregational94686@sbcglobal.net

Website:

www.uccplainville.org

WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL

Every Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour: 11:15 a.m.

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion
celebrated the first Sunday
of each month*

THE PLAINVILLE THRIFT SHOP

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Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

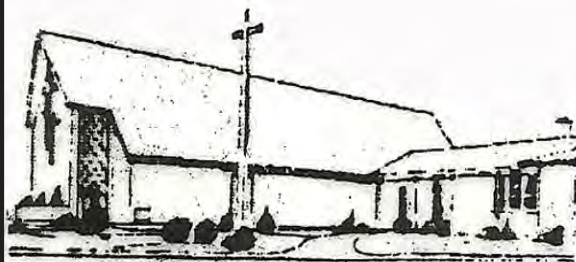
Grace Lutheran Church

222 Farmington Ave.

Plainville, CT 06062

Phone: 747-5191

The Rev. Stephen Brisson, Pastor



Worship with Holy Communion
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Learning Hour for all ages
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Our Lady of Mercy Church

Come and offer praise to the Lord, as
we become friends with Jesus.
ADORATION April 9th from 3:00 to 7:00
P.M. Please come and stay as long as your
time permits.

Deacon Robert Berube

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139 New Britain Avenue
P.O. Box 551 Plainville, CT 06062
Suffragan Bishop- George M. Green, Pastor
Elder Joseph Green, Associate Minister

Phone 860-747-3128 Church

Residence & FAX 860-224-9409

~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP~

SUNDAY: Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship @ 12:00 Noon

TUESDAY: Prayer & Deliverance-7:00pm

Bible Class @ 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: 1st Evangelistic Service

2nd Pastor's Care~ 3rd Missionary Service

4th Men's Ministry~5th Youth Service

MONTHLY SERVICES

1st Sunday – Fellowship Day

2nd Sunday – Family and Friend's Day

3rd Sunday – Building Fund Day

4th Sunday – Pastor's Care Day

5th Sunday - Communion & Youth Day

We welcome everyone to our services.

Come, bring a friend and enjoy Jesus with us.

REDEEMER'S

A.M.C. ZION CHURCH

110 Whiting Street, Plainville, CT 06062

Rev. Elvin Clayton, Pastor

Phone: 860-747-1808

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday School 9:00-9:40 a.m.

Praise & Worship 9:45-10:00 a.m.

Church Service 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY

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

BOARD MEETINGS

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

Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

(2nd Sun after service)

Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

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

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

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

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

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.

Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:00 p.m.

Mass/Youth choirs

(Mon. after 1st/2nd Sun) 7:00 p.m.

PLAINVILLE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

97 Broad Street

Church Phone **860-747-5867**

Pastor 1-646-522-3471

E-mail: plainvillesda@gmail.com

jacksonsg5@sbcglobal.net

Pastor Franklin Jackson

Saturday Morning

Bible School @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

FREE lunch after service

Wednesday Evening

Family Prayer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

The Lord Jesus Christ loves you ... John 3:16

A STORY FOR HOPE AND THE SPIRIT FOR SURVIVAL

"Hope" is a barn cat that arrived at VCA Old Canal one morning after her family's barn burned down. "Hope's" sibling cats both died in the fire, but "Hope", about 14 years old, just barely escaped. When "Hope" arrived at VCA Old Canal, she suffered from full body burns with the worst on her face and feet. Her owners were in emotional distress due to their own loss of personal items, vehicles, etc., and could not incur the financial expense of what would be involved in this cat's treatment. The doctors and technician team rallied around "Hope" and decided to do whatever they could to save her. Unable to care for her any longer, Hope's owners surrendered her to the care of the VCA Old Canal team.

The owners were so appreciative and touched that the team was willing to go above and beyond for this pet they loved so much. After many months of supportive care, ointment, skin soaking, tube feeding, etc...Hope is doing Fantastic! All thanks to the doctors and technicians that donated their time to helping her. The skin on her face is healing nicely, her feet feel much better, and she is in great spirits.

"Hope" will live out the rest of her years at Old Canal, getting all the love and attention she deserves in her senior years. She holds her own in the hospital and has made certain to put the male house cats in their place. She is a fighter and has earned the right to be queen of the hospital! You are welcome to come and visit her and see the progress she has made.

The staff at VCA Old Canal have started a "Hope Fund". If you are interested in helping to perpetuating this sort of rescue and subsequent medical treatment for other sick or injured animals in dire circumstances, your donations will be most welcome and very much appreciated.

NOTE: Cats and kittens are usually available at VCA Old Canal for adoption and looking for loving and forever homes. Please contact us at 860-747-2759.

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 19, 2014 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.



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# Pet Page

**"By: Cathy, The Pet Spa at Twin City"**

Now that Spring is here, it's time to think about flea and tick control, particularly tick control, even though we've discussed this before. While we don't really expect the flea population to start to grow for another month or two, ticks are already out there, as we have seen in our grooming salon.



Ticks can be found in brush and shrubs, tall grasses and other types of growth – and that includes the shrubs around your yard. Ticks are also prolific; a single female tick can easily lay 3,000 eggs. Therefore it is not surprising to find one or more ticks on a dog that "only goes out in the yard".

Since ticks can transmit several diseases, we obviously don't want them feeding on our pets. The best known of the diseases in this area is, of course Lyme disease, which can be transmitted by an infected tick after 24 hours of feeding on your pet. Perhaps less generally known is the fact that ticks can also transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever, anaplasmosis and ehrlichiosis,

all after feeding for as little as 4 hours.

While fleas won't appear in large numbers for a while yet, we'll talk about them, too, as it is much easier to prevent an infestation than to get rid of one.

Fleas can be found anywhere there are warm-blooded animals – and that includes squirrels! So your pet can pick up fleas from your yard, even if it is fenced. A dog going outside for a potty break is enough time to pick up a flea. If that flea happens to be a female that is carrying fertilized eggs, you have the makings of an infestation. After taking a blood meal, a female flea lays 40-50 eggs daily. These eggs fall off your pet into the environment. In warm humid conditions, the eggs hatch into larvae, which form a cocoon in 2 to 21 days, depending on conditions. This stage is very resistant to outside damage, and persists until conditions are right, at which time adult fleas emerge, ready to feed. In the humid summertime, this entire cycle can take as little as a week.

Fleas can cause anemia, especially in the very young and very old, can infect your pets with tapeworm or with the organism that is responsible for cat scratch fever, and can cause flea allergy dermatitis. The latter is an allergic reaction to flea saliva and can be severe enough to require veterinary care.

To avoid all these problems, we recommend using a good quality waterproof spot-on that kills both ticks and fleas, such as (in alphabetical order) Advantix® II, Fiprogard™ or Frontline Plus®.

## Golden Retriever Puppies

**Happy Easter from Us!**



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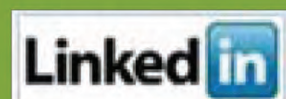
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