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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WELCOMES AMERCO/UHAUL

U-Haul, the industry leader in do-it-yourself moving and self-storage, is pleased to announce it will offer a full-service store to Plainville customers at 10 New Britain Ave.

The real estate arm of AMERCO, the parent company of U-Haul, closed on the property in late March. U-Haul has been leasing the property while offering truck and trailer rentals, moving supplies and U-Box containers at the former General Electric building, which sat vacant for approximately seven years.

U-Haul Moving & Storage of Pinnacle Rock will undergo renovations over the next year to expand its product and service line. When completed, plans call for the state-of-the-art facility to feature: 2,500 indoor, climate-controlled storage units; towing equipment and hitch installation; propane; premium RV, boat and vehicle parking/storage with electrical and sewer hookup in a covered, gated area; drive-in load/unload zone inside the building for storage customers; and much more.

Pete Sciortino, U-Haul Company of Connecticut president, worked hand in hand with Plainville officials to make the acquisition happen. Will Cintas, former U-Haul Company of Eastern New York president who is overseeing store construction, resides just four miles from the facility and is excited to be working in his hometown and serving his neighbors. (Will Cintas is pictured in the show room.)

"It's a great advantage for customers in this area who used to have to drive to New Britain or Waterbury for a full-service U-Haul store," Cintas said. "This is an opportunity for us to come to the community and serve the community."

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**U-Haul  
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**Sr. Assistant**  
**Field Relief**  
**Manager (left)**  
**and**  
**Will Cintas,**  
**Manager**

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{Robert faves}

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Town Manager Robert E. Lee

Report to the Town Council

March 7, 2016 Meeting

Road Bond Reconstruction

- Town staff is recommending that B&W Paving and Landscaping be awarded the road repaving for Birch Tree Road, Plum Tree Road, Dogwood Road and Wheeler Lane. B&W is the same contractor who was awarded the bid to repave Cooke Street.
- The work would be performed with the same unit prices that were included on the Cooke Street bid. The total estimated cost for this work is \$367,025. There is an item under New Business that would award this work to B&W Paving and Landscaping of Waterford in the amount of \$367,025.

Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement Amendment – Covanta

- The Town sends our trash and recycling to Covanta Bristol, Inc. under a contract that includes 13 other CT Municipalities. That contract includes a clause that limits the total amount of solid waste to no more than was deposited in the previous fiscal year.
- For the current fiscal year, the maximum amount allowed is 163,000 tons. Covanta has notified the 14 Towns that they are anticipating that this maximum will be reached sometime in late April or early May. Under the contract, Covanta would be able to charge a higher rate once the maximum has been reached.
- The Bristol Policy Board has negotiated an Amendment to the existing contract that would not penalize the Towns for residential solid waste/trash that is brought to their facility in excess of the 163,000 tons. However, commercial waste would be

impacted. Covanta is requiring eight towns (out of 14) to approve the Second Amendment before April 1st to avoid the potential higher disposal fee this year and in future years.

- The Bristol Policy Board is recommending the approval of the Second Amendment. I recommend that this Amendment be approved as well.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to sign the Second Amendment with Covanta Bristol, Inc.

Fair Housing – Small Cities Grant Program

- Under the Small Cities Program, Towns are required to adopt a resolution regarding a Fair Housing Policy, adopt a resolution re-appointing the Town Manager as the Fair Housing Officer and authorize the Town Manager to sign and implement the Title VI Equal Employment Opportunity Statement.
- There are three items under New Business regarding the required Resolutions and authorizations.

Old Linden Street School Demolition Bids

- Manafort Brothers Construction of Plainville was the low bid for the demolition of the Old Linden Street School Building with a bid of \$1,761,000. The next lowest bid was almost \$230,000 higher than the Manafort bid.
- The project is currently \$612,498 under the budgeted amount and almost \$300,000 under the amount allocated for the Town share.
- The Capital Projects Building Committee reviewed the bids and recommended that Manafort be awarded the bid for the work. The Town Council awarded the contract last Tuesday evening. The contract was signed this afternoon and work will begin shortly.
- The schedule calls for the two buildings to be separated over the April vacation. Once the buildings are separated, the hazardous

materials will be removed. When school is in session, most of the work will occur from 2:00 to 11:00 pm. The building will be taken down over the summer vacation.

Tilcon Quarry Expansion Public Information Session

- A Public Information Meeting was held last Thursday evening to hear a presentation on Tilcon’s plans to expand their quarry operations onto New Britain Water Company land adjacent to their current operation. Residnets also had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposal as well. About 80-90 people attended the session.
- The plan calls for Tilcon to transfer to Plainville 157 acres as open space. Additionally, Tilcon would agree to move their quarry operation away from the existing homes on View Street, Maria Road and Ledge Road. There will be a minimum buffer of 1,000 feet from View Street and 2,000 feet from Ledge Road. Under the current approved quarry plan, Tilcon could blast less than 300 feet from the homes on Maria Road and View Street.
- Tilcon would transfer a total of 170 acres as open space in New Britain and Southington as well. The plan has to be approved by the State Legislature as the quarry would impact Class I and Class II watershed land. When the quarrying is completed, a reservoir will be created that will be utilized by the New Britain water company. The rest of the New Britain Water Company land would be restored to the Class I and Class II status.
- This afternoon the Public Health Committee held a Public Hearing on the proposed legislation.

Manager’s proposed FY 2017 Budget.

*A copy of the presentation was posted on the Town website. Anyone who has questions about the plan can contact the Town Manager’s office.*

Plainville Happenings

Excerpts of the Report at the March 7th Town Council Meeting

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

FLASH MOB

- The Bristol Senior Center formed a chorus and they are inviting eleven Senior Centers to join a flash mob event. Eileen Cyr will be coordinating the Plainville Flash Mob Group. The first meeting was March 8th, Carol Kallberg the leader of the Bristol Chorus was our guest.

INCOME TAXES

- AARP Tax-Aide is a free program that provides income tax preparation assistance for low to middle-income taxpayers of all ages, with special attention to those 60 and older. A few appointments are still available on April 12. Call the Center to make an appointment.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB

- All Wednesday Walks in the Woods are approximately 45 minutes to one hour long. Please dress for the weather - in layers. Good walking shoes are required
- The cost is \$3.00 per walk, due to Ann on the day of the trip. Call the Senior Center to sign-up has begun.

SENATOR HENRI MARTIN VISIT

- Senator Henri Martin will visit the Senior Center to update Plainville seniors on issues being debated at the State Capital.

QUESTIONS FOR THE SOCIAL WORKER

- Do you have questions about Medicare,

Medicaid, housing options, Alzheimer’s help, caregiving, homecare, or any other issues? If so stop by Stephanie Soucy’s office at the Plainville Senior Center to talk about all your questions. Open to Plainville residents only.

PLAINVILLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- A learn swim program started at the H.S. pool.

PLAINVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SPECIAL MARCH PROGRAMS

- Friends Movie Matinee: Bridge of Spies, Plainville Writer's Group
- Wednesday Book Group - Still Life with Bread Crumbs by Anna Quindl

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

- Chess Club, LEGO Challenge - all ages building fest, & Two Much Fun for two-year-olds

PLAINVILLE TAX ASSESSORS

- Assessments and Collections are currently taking applications for Elderly and/or Disabled Homeowners. If eligible homeowners receive a tax benefit off of their July tax bill. Please contact the office at 860-793-0221, ext 244 for appointments and additional information. The program runs until May 15th.
- Motor vehicle delinquent notices are being processed and will be mailed out in the next few days. Anyone having questions can contact the office at ext. 240.
- The Board of Assessment Appeals will be holding hearings next week for those people that have previously made appointments.

- Marcy Miller, office assistant, has recently received the Notary Public designation and will now be assisting the Town Clerk’s office in those duties.

PLAINVILLE HEALTH DISTRICT

- Each year the Health District offers a free training to all restaurant workers and owners. It is a little refresher of common violations our sanitarians observe during inspections and also the latest on food safety.
- The dates and times of the seminars are below:

Monday, April 4, 2016

Monday, April 11, 2016

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2:00pm – 4:00 pm

PLAINVILLE YMCA

- Don’t know if this counts, but the Y is doing our 6th Annual O’Mazing Race on Saturday which is a major fundraiser for our Annual Campaign.

# Robert E. Lee Report to: Town Council March 21st

## Proposed FY17 Budget

- The Town Council held three work sessions to review the proposed FY17 Budget. As a result of the work sessions, the Town Council reduced the Town Budget by \$71,868 and the Capital Improvement Budget by \$152,680. The Town Budget now stands at \$57,642,463 and the Capital Improvement Budget totals \$1,839,570.
- It should be noted that the state revenue estimates are based upon the Governor’s proposed budget which could change as the Legislature finalizes the State Budget. However, based upon the Governor’s recommendation, the proposed Town Council Budget would result in a 0.16 mill increase or a one-half percent tax increase.
- For the average tax payer owning a home with a market value of \$200,000 and an assessed value of \$140,000 (70%), the tax increase would be \$22.40.
- Under the Town Charter, the Town and Board of Education budgets are voted on separately. There is an item under New Business regarding the proposed FY17 General Government and Board of Education Budgets.
- There is also an item under New Business that would set the Public Hearing on the Town Council’s recommended budget for April 4th at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers.

## HMGP Phase 2 Demolition Bid

- On March 2nd, the Town received 9 bids to demolish nine homes in the Roberts Street Extension area under the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program. The low bid was submitted by Martin Laviero Contractors in the amount of \$192,800. This is the same contractor who performed the demolition of the homes under Phase 1 of the project.
- It should be noted that the grant will pay for 75% of the demolition costs of the project with the Town responsible for the remaining 25% or \$48,200.
- There is an item under New Business that would award the Phase 2 Demolition Bid under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to Martin Laviero Contractors in the amount of \$192,800. If approved, the participating homeowners could begin to make arrangements to sell their property to the Town and permanently move away from the flood prone area.

## Alumni Fields Archway

- The Turf Field Committee is proposing that two iron archways be constructed at the entrance of the fields at the high school to acknowledge the name of the complex as “Alumni Fields”. This is the name that was approved by the Town Council when the complex was constructed back in the late 1990’s.
- Three firms were contacted to perform this specialty work, but only one submitted a

proposal. The proposal was submitted by Architectural Iron Works of Plainville in the amount of \$17,925. The monies would come from the Turf Field Budget which is funded by a state grant and the Tinty Foundation.

- There is an item under New Business regarding the archway which would waive the bid process and accept the proposal submitted by Architectural Iron Works of Plainville in the amount of \$17,925.

## Nitrogen Credit History – WPC

- Each summer, the bottom waters in the western half of Long Island Sound experience hypoxia, or very low levels of dissolved oxygen. Extensive monitoring and modeling of Long Island Sound have identified the excessive discharge of nitrogen from human activities as the primary pollutant causing hypoxia. Nitrogen fuels the growth of algae in the Sound, which eventually decays, consuming oxygen in the process. There is enough nitrogen added by human activity to cause a hypoxia problem each summer.
- In 2001, Connecticut DEEP and New York Department of Environmental Conservation, in concert with US EPA, completed plans for nitrogen control that identifies the maximum amount, or the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), of nitrogen that can be discharged to Long Island Sound without significantly impairing the health of the Sound. One of DEEP’s management strategies to reduce nitrogen loading was to develop an innovative nitrogen-trading program among 79 sewage treatment plants located throughout the state.
- The Water Pollution Control Plant operates under a permit issued by the State. That permit governs how the plant will operate and what can be released into the Pequabuck River. Under the permit, Plainville has a limit of 101 lbs. per day of nitrogen that can be put into the river.
- If the plant exceeds that limit, then the Town must pay into the “Nitrogen Credit Exchange”. If the plant comes in under the limit, the Town receives money from the Exchange.
- I am proud to announce that in 2016, the Plainville Water Pollution Control Plant came in under the limit with an average daily release of 82 lbs. per day. As a result, the Town will be receiving a check in the amount of \$8,913. This is the largest amount that will be received by the Town since the Exchange program was implemented in 2002.
- In 2008, before the plant improvements were completed, the Town paid into the fund \$56,765. After the improvements, the nitrogen was greatly reduced to the point where Plainville is now receiving money. I want to thank Plant Superintendent Joe Alosso and his staff for their dedication and hard work in making the wastewater treatment plant run efficiently as possible.

## Park Improvements

- The Town has received the proposed grant agreement for the improvements to both Norton and Paderewski Parks. The grant

agreement is for \$592,500. The agreement includes a resolution that must be approved by the Town Council.

- The proposed resolution has been placed under New Business for your consideration this evening.

## Request for Use of Town Land

- In October 2014, the Town Council met with representatives from General Electric in which they described a remediation plan for their old lagoon located adjacent to the Quinnipiac River. This old lagoon is located just north of the high school property. The proposed remediation plan has been approved by the Inlands Wetlands Commission, the Planning & Zoning Commission and the State and is now ready to move forward.
- G.E. is requesting that they be allowed to use a portion of town-owned land for accessing the site and to park some of their vehicles during the remediation process. This would include temporarily re-locating the pedestrian walk-way north of the site. A copy of the proposal was included in the Town Council information package for tonight’s meeting.
- There is an item under New Business that would allow G.E. to temporarily re-locate the pedestrian walkway and utilize Town land for staging purposes for the remediation project.

## Road Paving Project

- Town staff continues to move forward with the Road Bond project. Town staff is recommending that Tilcon be used to provide an estimated \$405,000 of paving under the State Bid Program.
- Additionally, Town staff solicited prices from ten contractors for work relating to the construction, repair and adjustments to catch-basins as part of the paving project. Seven full proposals were received. While some of the catch basin work will be performed by the road crew, due to the anticipated amount of work to be performed, a contractor will be used as well.
- After reviewing the proposals, Town staff is recommending that Tobacco & Son of Bristol be engaged to perform the work. Tobacco submitted the lowest quote for the work to be performed.
- The estimated value of this work is expected to be around \$20,000.
- There are two items under New Business that would award the paving work to Tilcon for an amount not to exceed \$405,000 and to award Tobacco & Son for catch basin work in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
- It is expected that work will begin in April on the Road Bond and the Cooke Street projects.

## VOTE ON 2016-2017 TOWN BUDGET REMINDER

Residents are reminded voting for the annual budget will be Tuesday, April 26,  
6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
at the Firehouse on West Main Street

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# Why blocking Trump nomination would be unfair

By Helen Delich Bentley

*Helen Delich Bentley, a Republican from Maryland, was a member of the House of Representatives from 1985 to 1995.*

Britain’s Conservative Party is moving to restrict the ability of the unelected aristocratic House of Lords to block the will of the British people as expressed through their elected representatives in the House of Commons. What an interesting idea, that every citizen’s vote should have the same weight, and one man should not have, in essence, more votes and greater say because some ancient king put a gold coronet on his ancestor’s head to reward him for his military service in a battle centuries before.

It is thus ironic that while the Tories are going in one direction in Britain, certain self-proclaimed leaders of the Republican establishment in the United States are moving in the exact opposite one and are seeking to use arcane convention rules and the funds of shadowy billionaires, promised in smoke-filled backrooms, to deny the 2016 Republican presidential nomination to Donald Trump, who, after the dust has settled from Super Tuesday, has almost certainly earned it.

The depth and breadth of Trump’s successes in the first 15 states to vote have been, well, to quote Trump himself, huge. Nine of his 10 victories were by wide margins. And where he has not won, he has generally been close behind the winner. He has shown dominance in states in the South, in New England, in the Mid-Atlantic and in the West, making him the only candidate to show strength outside his home turf and with a national campaign. He has won with evangelical Christian voters in the South and Hispanic voters in the West. And perhaps most important, he is bringing out hundreds of thousands of new voters, nearly quadrupling the Republican primary turnout in Virginia from just four years ago.

Democratic voters participating in primaries and caucuses at this point eight years ago outnumbered Republicans by almost 2 to 1, but this year that has flipped, giving Republicans a similar advantage. There is no doubt this is due to Trump and the legions of new people he is bringing into the political process. I was first elected to Congress as part of the Reagan landslide in 1984, and if anything this year is clear to me, it is that Trump is reassembling the Reagan coalition and making it bigger and stronger and more diverse than ever before.

In light of this, it is stunning how the Republican establishment and the donor class in Washington have struggled in vain against Trump, while he has been simultaneously connecting on a personal level with so many voters across the country. Undoubtedly this is because Trump is an agent of change, change that tens of millions of rank-and-file Republicans desperately want, and change that the Republican establishment in Washington will do anything to avoid. Rank-and-file Republicans are sick of illegal immigration, and the joke that it has made of our borders, while the Republican establishment does not want to lose this source of inexpensive labor. Rank-and-file Republicans are sick of seeing well-paying jobs siphoned off to Mexico, India and Asia, while the Republican establishment does not want to lose the illusory short-term corporate profits that this brings at the expense of our manufacturing and industrial base and high-tech industries. It is clear that Trump is speaking to rank-and-file Republicans and that the Republican establishment is bordering on desperation. The chicanery going on in Washington today threatens to divide the Republican Party, not just for this election cycle but also perhaps for a generation. At the core of American democracy is the principle that one person equals one vote and that when “We the People” have spoken, that voice is respected. If Trump receives more votes in Republican primaries and caucuses than any other candidate, and if he receives more delegates to the Republican convention than any other candidate, any plan cooked up to force a brokered convention or other such nonsense could

relegate the Republican Party to the dustbin of history. Trump is inspiring tens of millions of Americans of all ages, races, religions and ideologies. He is inspiring them with novel ideas such as requiring that immigrants and visitors come into this country legally with proper documentation and making sure that we can properly vet everyone who wants to come to this country. He is inspiring them with novel ideas such as not rewarding corporations for taking jobs out of the country to parts of the world that have no minimum wage, environmental or child labor laws so that they can turn around and sell cheap goods to the Americans whose jobs they exported. He is inspiring them with novel ideas such as not expanding benefits to illegal immigrants while veterans — American heroes — are dying because we cannot treat them quickly enough.

If the Republican establishment does not like Trump’s ideas, it should try to beat him fair and square, by capturing the hearts and imaginations of the voters, as Trump has done over the past six months. If it can beat him fair and square, with a majority of votes and a majority of delegates, then the party — including those of us who support Trump — will come together behind the eventual nominee. But if the nomination is stolen from Trump through shadowy billionaire super-PAC money and “brokered convention” chicanery, I sadly predict that the party that I love and have helped to build for more than half a century will suffer a massive schism that may send it the way of the Whigs.

It has taken the British Parliament nearly a thousand years to wrest power away from the lords and nobles and place it where it belongs, with the commons. My beloved Republican Party has a little more than two weeks to figure this out before its establishment wing risks permanently dividing itself from “We the People.” I hope and pray the lesson is learned in time

*This article by Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley was first originally posted in the Washington Post. Congresswoman Bentley sent this to the Plainville Hometown Connection with permission granted to reprint by the Washington Post. Thank you for sharing!*

# Life With Wanda



Modern technology has passed some of us by! Some years ago my husband helped a friend install a central vacuuming system in her office and with the passing of time all seemed to be going well. About three months ago she called and said the vacuum had stopped working and perhaps I might know what the problem might be, as the office staff had been sweeping the floor with a broom, which created a lot of dust. I was away on vacation but asked when was the last time they had emptied the unit or changed the bag. “Emptied it? Changed the bag?” She replied. “Well, duh, you really need to do that at least once a year.” I said. Well,

yesterday she called and said she had called *Bill* the handy man because he is a *real brain*, when it comes to fixing things. She related how they went down into the basement where the unit is located, flashlight in hand and checked the entire system out. Bill did a great job of tapping the unit, pushing the reset button and after forty-five minutes of working on the vacuum he turned to my friend and said he couldn’t find a thing wrong with it but it might be kaput. Thinking they might have burned out the motor by not cleaning it, the entire unit could be a loss. She could just visualize a big repair bill for the replacement of the vacuum. Just then her three and a half year old great-grandson came down the basement stairs and after quietly viewing the goings on for a short while, he walked over to Bill the handyman and his great-grandmother with a cord in his little hand, said, “Maybe you should plug it in Grandma.”

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# Young at Heart: Plainville Senior Center Happenings

## AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

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

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

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

## IPAD CLASS

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

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

## QUESTIONS FOR THE 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 18 and April 25 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 residents of Plainville, 60 years of age or older or their caregivers. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for more information.

## FEBRUARY 2016 BOWLERS OF THE MONTH

The Plainville Senior Center Bowling League announced that Shirley Hotchkiss, Mary Oakes, Richard Bushey and Joe Terzini won the title of

Bowlers of the Month for February 2016. The Plainville Senior Center Bowling League meets at Laurel Lanes, 136 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 per person, per week and includes three games of bowling, open bowling discount card, automatic scoring, and free weekly beverage.

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

## CAREGIVING CONNECTION

Caregiving Connection is a support group for caregivers from all surrounding towns. Come join friends on April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Caring for another is hard work mentally, physically and emotionally. Remember, good self-care is the secret to providing care for another. Individuals with shared experiences can offer insight and caregiving survival tips. Please call Bette at the Senior Center if you have any questions or concerns at 860-747-5728.



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All Letters must be submitted by April 15th No exceptions, please limit words to 300 All letters must have your name , address & phone number The volunteer staff reserves the right not to publish letters and the right to edit all letters E-mail to: **hmtnn@comcast.net** If you don't have a computer you may mail to: Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 Must be received by the 15th of the month we are getting short on space each month.

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## Town of Plainville Welcomes AMERCO/UHAUL

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# From My Balcony

*By Jeannette Hinkson*

Being in the state of Florida on Super Tuesday March 15th 2016 I was able to see firsthand the working of crooked politics.

On that day, at 9 am mind you, the polling places, where Donald Trump was expected to be very strong, RAN OUT OF BALLOTS! I remind you it was only 9 am and the polls just opened at 7am and were to be open until seven that night. How did they run out of ballots? Someone in charge blamed it on the printer but he also added the numbers of ballots needed were transposed on the order form so the printer didn't print enough. Believe that one will you! The people that stood at the polls from the time they opened were told they could not vote and perhaps they could come back later.

Another polling place said their automated machines were down and they had only one person operating as a checker. Now this is in Central Florida where thousands vote and they only had one checker. God, we do better than that in Plainville, perhaps they should call Carol, Beth, Jo, Sue and Jean and see how they do it.

All the candidates, not just Trump, should be angry. In Washington D.C. there was only one polling place for four thousand voters. Isn't that great? We are talking about Washington D.C. where our government is supposed to know how to run government. I remember, as many of you will, when something like that happened in the city of Bridgeport and bags of marked ballots were found in a unsecured room and the count giving Malloy the position of Governor of the State of Connecticut. And there are people that wonder why our government, on both a State and Federal level, are not trusted.

Now, it is my feeling the reason people are in Donald Trump's corner, even though he might be a little radical to say the least, is he is saying what the average person has been saying all along. It is my feeling the reason the Republicans, Democrats and Washington politicians don't want to see Trump as president is they are not going to buy him and the first lobbyist; reporter or politician that tries to do so, will be exposed.

I hope he dumps all those put in office by Barak Obama and surround himself with persons that can bring our country back to what we all remember as the good old days.

I wonder every day why isn't there any help for the small business men and women in the town of Plainville. When a new business opens and closes the attitude of those in town government seem to say, "Oh well, I didn't shop there anyway." What we need to remind them is that dream of their own business is what makes America great as well as every little town in American. If the men and women that built Plainville didn't have a dream of making it here in Plainville, Plainville would have been called Farmington.

Most politicians couldn't make enough money to eat if they had to run a business so why do we let them run our lives?

Having our food made in Mexico, I find, is one of the worst things that can happen to us, I can just picture the sanitary conditions of those food processing plants. I can just picture some overweight man sweating in the cookie dough as he makes our Oreo cookies.

Don't sit on your butts, get involved and do your homework. You can and will make a difference.

# Main Street Community Foundation Welcomes New Members

Before a gathering of more than 30 board members, past directors, founders and staff at Main Street Community Foundation's Annual Meeting, the Foundation welcomed **Kathy Reinhard of Southington and Byron Treado III of Plainville to the Board of Directors. In addition, the following Board members were reelected to a second three-year term: David Aldieri of Bristol; Todd Burton of Wolcott; Kris Dargenio of Plainville; Margi Fletcher of Bristol; and Jeff Sonenstein of Burlington.**

"The Board of Directors plays an essential role in guiding the Foundation's work in the region," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Foundation. "We are grateful for their generous commitment of time and the valuable expertise each brings to the Foundation."

Kathy Reinhard is a Southington native and does everything with the best interest of Southington in mind. She has held leadership positions with nearly a dozen local nonprofit organizations, including Bread for Life, the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs, the Calvanese Foundation and STEPS.

Byron Treado III previously served on the Foundation Board of Directors a decade ago and is deep within the Plainville Community. A bank officer for more than 25 years, Byron is a past president of the Plainville Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Plainville Aviation Commission, Founder of the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame and has been involved with several other nonprofits in Plainville.

## 2015 Provides Strong Foundation for Coming Year

Additionally, the Annual Meeting celebrated 2015, which saw the distribution of \$1.3 million in grants and scholarships to benefit the residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

Furthermore, the Foundation received \$1.7 million from over 1,000 contributors in 2015 and 17 new funds were established at the Foundation by local individuals, families and businesses to support causes they care about to better their communities.

"Our local communities have very generous residents," Sadecki explained. "They have established a total of 212 funds and made contributions that fuel these grants to their favorite nonprofits, their towns and their most passionate causes, like education, healthcare and the environment. We are honored to help our donors carry out their wishes and accomplish their goals – now and forever."

*The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$12 million in grants and scholarships.*

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# George Washington and Presidential Retirement

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

President Obama recently announced that the First Family intended to stay on in Washington D.C. through the spring of 2019 after his second administration ends next January. The spring 2019 date corresponds with his youngest daughter completing her high school education. While the President and his wife’s decision to stay in the Nation’s Capitol after the end of his term is one many parents can understand it is a decision which runs counter to the tradition of former Presidents leaving the political stage of the capitol both literally and figuratively since the nation’s first President, George Washington, left Philadelphia to return home to Mount Vernon at the end of his second term in 1797.

George Washington, as the first President of the United States, set numerous precedents in how the Presidency functioned including how a President left office. Washington, often referred to as “the American Cincinnatus,” effectively withdrew from public life by declining to run for a third-term as President and returning to his estate in Virginia. In doing so he emulated Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus, the Roman statesman, who accepted power as “tyrant” c. 458 BC during a crisis only to relinquish those powers and return to his farm after the crisis to the Roman Republic had been vanquished. So to Washington returned to his home at Mount Vernon relinquishing command of the Continental Army at the end of the American Revolution in 1783. Though called back to serve the young American Republican first as President of the Constitutional Convention then as the United States’ first President in 1787 and again in 1789 respectively, Washington firmly established the concept and tradition of voluntarily ceding Presidential power and influence for the American Republic as Cincinnatus had for the Roman Republic. A concept of the Presidency that has held by tradition until Franklin D. Roosevelt successfully ran for a third term as President in 1940 and led to the 22nd Amendment enacted in 1951 limiting any President to two terms.

Washington’s precedent was followed by his successor John Adams, who didn’t even wait until Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated President to flee the new capitol city of Washington D. C. to return to his home in Quincy, Massachusetts. Presidents of all parties, Federalist, Democrat, Whig, and Republican have almost all universally followed the standard set by the First President. Most have returned to their home states, Harry S. Truman returned to Independence, Missouri by train in January 1953 and more recently both George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush both returned to Texas by airplane. Others have moved to states to create new residency outside of Washington such as Gerald Ford moving to Colorado and Bill Clinton relocating to New York after their Presidencies.

While recent ex-Presidents have been active with a series of public intellectual, philanthropic, and corporate ventures few Presidents have been overtly active politically with most ceding the public political arena as Washington did. Richard Nixon wrote numerous books after his resignation, Jimmy Carter worked tirelessly with Habitat for Humanity, and Gerald Ford sat on a number of corporate boards of directors. Few have had an overt political career after leaving the White House as John Quincy Adams and John Tyler did both returning to Congress (the United States and Confederate respectively) and none since William Howard Taft left his professorship at Yale Law School to become Chief Justice of the United Supreme Court in 1921, all a number of years after the end of their Presidencies.

President Obama’s decision to remain in Washington D.C. after the inauguration of his successor is a major change in the tradition of the American Presidency. George Washington helped establish a tradition of political transition from one administration to the next in which the former Chief Executive of the Nation stepped off the political stage allowing his successor to assume the mantel of the Presidency without his predecessor in the proverbial wings of the political stage. Essentially the President is the American Cincinnatus, the leader who relinquishes power to return to his home as a citizen of the Republic. While the modern media age gives any ex-President the means to seek continued political relevancy President Obama will be the first ex-President to still walk the political stage in the nation’s capitol during his successor’s term in office. How that will impact the political experiment that is the Republic of the United States has yet to be seen.



# “I.T. Jim’s” ....

## Recycling Computers, Electronics & Small Appliances

Spring has sprung. Time for spring cleaning. Over time many of us have accumulated a small mountain of old computers, laptops, printers, vcrrs, tvs, stereos, cell phones, and more that have become obsolete or broken. Disposing of this old electronic equipment is no longer a matter of tossing it to the curb. The components in these devices (especially older electronics) are loaded with PCBs, plastics, lead, mercury and other substances harmful to the environment. Another important factor in disposing computers, laptops, and cell phones is that they may contain important personal information like account numbers, social security numbers, passwords, pictures, and more. In the wrong hands, this information can be useful for criminals gaining access to your credit cards, bank accounts, email accounts, and may eventually lead to identity theft.

There are numerous ways to dispose of your electronics safely and responsibly. The regional collections held in years past at the General Electric parking lot no longer are being held. However, according to Plainville, CT’s website, Plainville residents may dispose of electronics (e-waste) at the Transfer Station on Granger Lane. The transfer station is open to residents between April and November on Saturdays from 8am to 3pm. Identification is required for proof of residency and the service is only available to residents. Questions may be directed to the Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x208. This method of disposal does not necessarily guarantee the security of files saved on your computer. Before using this method, I recommend finding a tech-savvy friend or family member to help you destroy the files stored on your computer, laptop, or smartphone.

**According to the town website ([bit.ly/1oYmnot](http://bit.ly/1oYmnot)), here is a list of acceptable items that can be disposed at the transfer station.**

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DVD, CD, Blu-Ray Players, VCR's	Ipods, Walkmans, PDA's
Microwaves	Video Game Consoles
Stoves	Air Conditioners, Humidifiers
Refrigerators, Water Coolers	Household Appliances (Coffee Makers, Mixers, etc)
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Several area companies also offer electronics recycling services, in most cases, free of charge. Green Monster E-cycling of West Hartford ([greenmonsterecycling.com](http://greenmonsterecycling.com)) accepts almost any electrical item. Their list of acceptable items is a little bit more limited. Their website states that the computer disposal service includes guaranteed secure data destruction. This means they will either destroy the hard drive (the part inside your computer where your files are saved) or use a program that erases the data according to US Department of Defense specifications. They will also destroy the drive in front of you for a small fee. If you are unable to transport your items, they also offer pickup service for a small fee. Green Monster Recycling is located at 150 Brook St. in West Hartford and is open Monday through Thursday 7am to 5pm, Fridays 7am to 3pm, and Saturday 8am to 1pm.

The Computer Recycler ([thecomputerrecycler.com](http://thecomputerrecycler.com)) is a service of The Computer Works and is located in Rocky Hill. They provide much of the same services as Green Monster Recycling. Typically, if it has a cord, they will take it. They will also accept empty toner and ink cartridges, compact discs, cables, and much more. Televisions are not accepted though. Designated drop-off times are limited to Mondays from 12pm to 5pm, Thursdays from 12pm to 6pm and Saturdays from 11am to 1pm at their location at 38 New Britain Ave. (rear) in Rocky Hill.

Your not-so old electronics may be worth some money. Most cell phone service providers and electronics retailers have trade in programs that may get you a discount on your new purchases. Amazon.com offers trade in services for many items including books, movies, music, and more. Gazelle.com is one of several internet services that may offer you money for your electronics. Just go to their website and tell them about the device you’re looking to get rid of. After answering a few questions about the condition of your device, they will make a fair offer to purchase it. If the device doesn’t have any value for them, they will offer to recycle it for you. They will even supply shipping labels or send you a box to ship your items in.

*If you have any questions about this article or have suggestions for future articles, please email me at [jim.phc@gmail.com](mailto:jim.phc@gmail.com) JIM*

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**Needed Some Sprucing Up**

During her first year as principal at Linden Street School Lois Lanning decided the walls of the almost 70 year old school needed some sprucing up.

she talked with the school’s art teacher Mrs. Linda Helming about doing a mural on the hallway wall across from the office. Mrs. Helming agreed to do the mural. The next question was, what would be the topic for the mural? Believing that reading and art go together, Sharon Baillargeon a library aide was asked to conduct a survey of the children in grades kindergarten through fifth-grade.

“What is your favorite book?” was the question asked of the students. The winners were: “Brown Bear, Brown Bear”, “What do you see?”, “Where The Wild Thinga Are”, “Tikki,Tikki, Temba”, “Rollof Thunder, Hear My Cry”, “Trouble Riber”, and “The Indian in the Cupboard”.

Once the winning books were picked Mrs. Helming selected different subjects from each of the winning books. Realizing the size of the project, the wall measured ten by twenty feet, she knew she would need some help. She asked a friend of hers Mrs. Anita Bacon an art teacher at the DiLoreto School in New Britain if she would help and Mrs. Bacon agreed. They had worked together on other art projects. The two women worked on the mural on Friday nights, sometimes until 11:30. On Monday mornings the children were anxious to see what had been done “on the wall”.

It took the women almost four months to complete the mural. It was done in vibrant acrylic paint, in a relatively simple form appropriate for elementary students. The women hoped the mural would be permanently sealed. The mural was certainly a labor of love by Mrs. Helming and Mrs. Bacon to make the children’s books come alive.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE--  
WILL BE FRIDAY APRIL 1ST AT 2 PM AT  
THE PLAINVILLE HISTORIC CENTER

**CHECK IT OUT...**

Rich Ireland made a video of the stunning mural on the wall opposite the Principal’s office. You can find it on Facebook, click on the PLAINVILLE TALKS page. Nan Eberhardt has done some fascinating research on the mural and will fill us in on its artist and literary basis soon.

**LINDEN CORNER**

**WE ARE HERE!!!**

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Ask the Linden Project Committee  
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The “Linden Corner” will be dedicated to reporting and discussing progress involving the Old Linden Street School project. Keep watching!!!

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## PHS Competes in SEAPERCH



On Thursday, March 10th, Plainville High School hosted the SEAPERCH competition in the school's pool area. The event was coordinated by Plainville High School faculty member Mark Chase. Plainville High School engineering students participated in the day-long event which also featured over 140 student guests competing from school districts across Connecticut along with teachers, members of the Navy, divers and faculty from Central Connecticut State University's Technology and Engineering Department. A SEAPERCH is an underwater rover built to be controlled remotely from land to complete certain tasks and navigate through an underwater maze.



## Linden

## School

## Hosts

## "Kidathlon"

On Friday evening, February 26th the second annual "Kidathlon" was held at Linden Street School. The hallways were transformed into a fun-filled obstacle course with climbing, jumping, running and more! More than 25 faculty & staff members assisted with the event, attended by many Linden students and their families. Everyone had a great time exercising and cheering each other on!

## Wheeler Elementary School "Reads Across America"



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Principal Andrew Batchelder reads to Wheeler students during the Read Across America celebration

Students and staff across the Plainville school district celebrated Read Across America, a national reading and motivational awareness program that commemorates Dr. Seuss' (Theodore Suess Geisel) birthday on March 2nd! Students at Louis Toffolon Elementary School celebrated Read Across America by participating in "Green Eggs and Ham Yoga", where they read the Green Eggs and Ham book and incorporated a variety of yoga poses. They also participated in Dr. Seuss themed dances and activities.

## Maureen Brummett Named New Plainville Schools Superintendent



## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SUPERINTENDENT KITCHING

The Plainville Board of Education will hold a "Farewell Reception" for Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching, who will be leaving the Plainville school district in April to become the Executive Director of Education Connection, one of Connecticut's Regional Education Service Centers.

The reception for Dr. Kitching will be held on Monday, April 4, 2016, from 3:00PM – 6:00 PM in the Plainville High School Cafeteria, 47 Robert Holcomb Way.

The reception is open to the public, but please RSVP to Tina Gryguc at (860) 793-3210 x206 or gryguc@plainvilleschools.org.

## PHS Digital Devils in Robotics Competition



The Plainville High School "Digital Devils" FIRST robotics team recently participated in a competition at Wilby High School in Waterbury, Connecticut. The team members in both the high school's Robotics class and Robotics Club have spent many hours completing the build and preparing for the competition at Wilby High School, and an upcoming competition at Hartford Public High School on April 2nd and 3rd.

## PHS Students Perform "A Doll's House"



Bryan Skarb and Tyrah Green playing the lead roles of Torvald and Nora.

Plainville High School presented the play "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen, English adaptation by Simon Stephens. The performance took place on the stage of the high school's Mel Perry Auditorium on March 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 pm and March 19 at 2:00 pm. The production was directed by Plainville High School faculty member Jeff Blanchette.

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## YMCA/PHS CLASS of 2016 PROJECT GRADUATION NEWS

The next meeting for the 2016 Plainville High School Project Graduation is Wednesday, APRIL 6th, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA. Project Graduation is an all night alcohol and drug-free party, held for Plainville High School Seniors right after the graduation ceremony. The party is held at the YMCA the night of graduation and is filled with many fun activities. All junior and senior parents are invited to attend the meetings. If interested in helping, please contact Inna Masco at 860-205-9911 or June Burns at 860-793-4942.

### USED CLOTHING/ITEM COLLECTION

Projecting Graduation will receive cash for every pound of used items we collect.

#### We will be collecting:

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

**DROP-OFF:** March 26th, 2016, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the lobby or call:

**June Burns at 860-793-4942** to arrange for a pick-up.



### LOOK OUT for Those Crazy Flying Flamingos!!

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



### Graduation Party Volunteers Needed!

The **PHS Class of 2016 Graduation Day** is quickly approaching and Project Graduation Members have been busy all year long preparing for the graduate's big party at the YMCA. Many volunteers are needed to put this party together, from decorators to food helpers, to game organizers and everything in between. *If you're the parent of a PHS Senior or Junior this year, please consider getting involved in this exciting night!* For more information how you can help, please contact: Inna Masco at 860-205-9911 or June Burns at 860-793-4942.

### Mother's Day Flower Sale at the YMCA

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



## Wheeler Elementary School Hosts Invention Convention



The annual Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Invention Convention was held on March 9th. Each year all fourth graders at Wheeler are taught the process of inventing. Students think of an every day 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 on items that already exist) in a science fair format. Several students are selected to represent the school at the state-wide invention convention with other students in grades K-8 from over 100 schools in Connecticut at UCONN. This year the Connecticut Invention Convention will be held at Gampel Pavilion on April 30th and four students will represent Wheeler at the competition.

### PLAINVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE

#### THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR BENEFACTORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce is offering scholarships to Plainville residents entering their 3rd or 4th year of college. This Scholarship is funded by Manafort Brothers, Inc. and Mizzy Construction through the Benefactor Scholarship Fund. Applications for the scholarships are available at the Plainville Chamber of Commerce Office, 1 Central Square (Town Hall). All applications must be returned to the Chamber of Commerce Office by Friday, May 13, 2016.

#### SECOND YEAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP STAFF KELLAM BOOK AWARD

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce is offering a scholarship to Plainville residents entering their 2nd year of college. This is for a student who personifies dedication and leadership. Applications for the scholarship are available at the Plainville Chamber of Commerce Office, 1 Central Square (Town Hall). All applications must be returned to the Chamber Office by Friday, May 13, 2016.

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Maryssa Nieves, Miranda Ricci, Dilana Krpata, Michele Krpata, Leader.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls develop 5 skills that they use throughout their lives: 1. Goal Setting 2. Decision Making 3. Money Management 4. People Skills 5. Business Ethics. Proceeds help your local Girl Scouts do big things. Thank you for everyone’s support. Troup #66010 You can learn more about Scouting at [girlscoutcookies.org](http://girlscoutcookies.org).



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The Plainville Recreation Department is issuing Picture I.D.'s, renewal stickers and passes for the 2016 summer season.

All Plainville Residents ages 5 and up are eligible for a picture I.D. pass card. Under 5 year's of age no card required. Children under 9 year's of age must be accompanied by adult to use facility. Initial picture Pool I.D. Card fee is \$20.00/card proof of residency is required. Passes are issued in the Recreation Office only.

I.D. Cards must be renewed annually at a fee of \$17.00/card in the Recreation Office only. If the Recreation Department determines that a new Pool I.D. Card is needed, it will be the responsibility of cardholder to do so. This cost will be \$17.00. Senior Citizens will pay a \$16.00 fee for I.D. Cards and \$14.00 for renewal (65 & Over). Replacement I.D. Card Fee is \$20.00/card. Issued in the Recreation Office only (Lost Card).

Daily pool passes for residents are available at the fee of \$4.00/each and are limited to 10 per season per adult. Minimum age to purchase pool pass is 18 years of age and proof of residency is required. If you leave the facility, you must have your hand stamped to re-enter. Passes are available at the Pool or Recreation Office. POOL PASSES ARE NON REFUNDABLE AND NON TRANSFERABLE.

Residents must show their I.D. Card or a pool pass to be admitted into the pool area. Rules are strictly enforced. Due to the large numbers of residents using the Berner Pool we are unable to grant access to this facility for groups or local organizations.

Non-residents (including children) may obtain a daily pool pass at a fee of \$14.00/each. If you leave the facility, you must have your hand stamped, to reenter. Passes are available at the Pool or the Recreation Offices. Passes purchased at the Berner Pool must be used at the time of purchase.

The Recreation Office is located at 50 Whiting Street. Office hours are Monday through Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Please contact the Recreation Department at 860-747-6022 if you have any questions.

# What's going on ? Check Here.....

## FREE Passes to Museum

The Plainville Public Library now offers a pass to the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, MA. The mission of this museum is “to inspire a love of art and reading through picture books.” The Eric Carle Museum is not far from Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory & Garden and the Yankee Candle Village Shops, so you can turn your visit into the museum into a full day trip of fun family activities.

The pass provides free admission for two adults and four children during museum hours (closed on Mondays.) If you are a Plainville resident with a library card, you can reserve this and other museum passes in the children’s department of the library by visiting or calling 860-793-1450.

Ericka Bajrami Children's Librarian  
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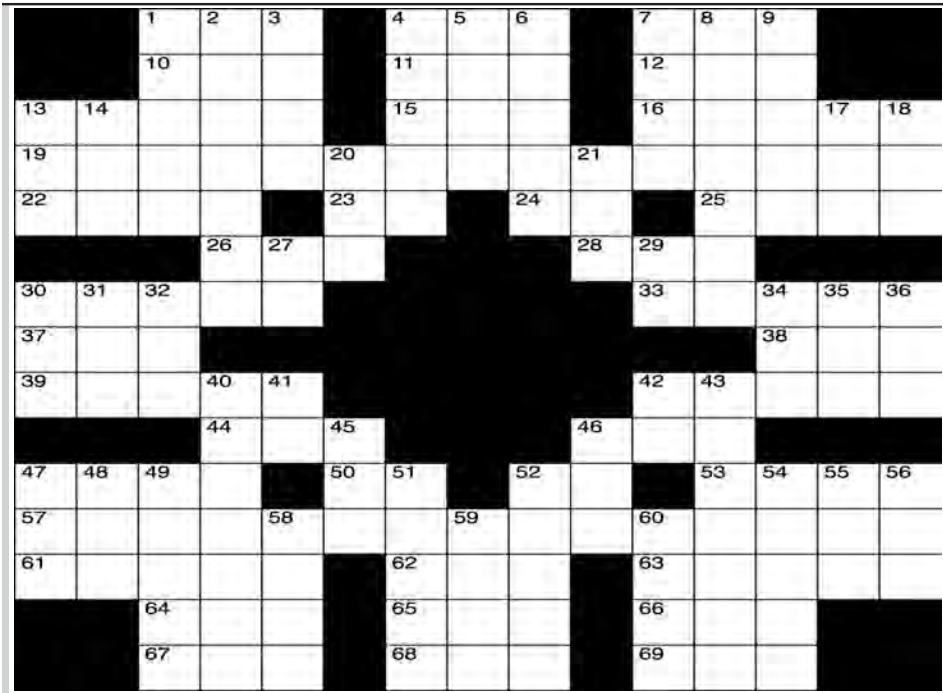
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P.H.S. Class of 1986 Reunion  
Plainville High School Class of 1986 will be having its 30th reunion at Testa's in Southington on April 30, 2016.

The reunion committee is searching for the following classmates:

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Laurie Ann Champagne, Donna Cote  
Izabella Dudzik, Johanna Gorneault  
Richard Hamilton, Kimberly Hogan  
Alicia Jones,Roxanne Kane, Olivette Moore  
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# What's going on? Check Here.....

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The sale will be held Friday, April 8th from 6 to 8PM and Saturday, April 9th from 10AM to 3PM at the library at 56 East Main Street.

Prices will range from 50 cents for paperbacks (or 3 for \$1) to \$1 for hardcover books. There will also be some DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks available. Customers can pay by cash and check.

During the final hour of the sale on Saturday, there will be a **bag sale**, where customers can fill up an entire bag for a set price.

The Friends of the Plainville Public Library have been sponsoring a book sale for over 25 years. The event typically attracts hundreds of browsers throughout the course of two days.

Almost all of the items are donated to the library, but there are also some pre-loved library books.

Library Director Douglas Lord gives credit to the Friends of the Plainville Public Library for "many hours sorting the books into categories and setting up the sale. There are cookbooks, children's books, hardcover mysteries as well as gardening, biography, and history titles. Good stuff, and cheap!

Friday night is a 'preview' day for which there is a \$3 per family admission charge; admission on Saturday is free of charge.

100% of all sale proceeds benefit the library. There are no buyer restrictions – purchase as many as you like.

For more information, to volunteer, or to join the Friends, call the library at 860-793-1446.

## Lions Club Annual Pancake Festival

**Sunday, April 3rd**

**8:00 am to Noon**

**Our Lady of Marcy**

**Parish Center**

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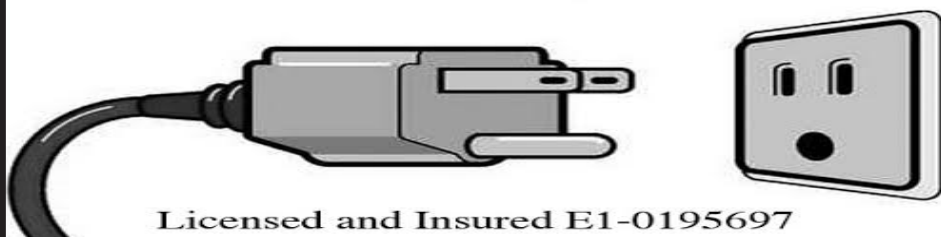
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The remaining six classes with dog will be held on Saturdays at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. All classes are held at Norton Park. The classes teach basic dog obedience behavior and control as well as insight on behavior problems for ages 6 months and up. All vaccinations must be current.

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## LIVING HEALTHY CHEMICAL FREE

By:  
**Donna Ziccardi**

### What You Don't Know Won't Hurt You..... or Will It?!

A couple weeks ago, I saw the most interesting movie called The Confession, starring Alec Baldwin. It was about a contractor who won a municipal bid to build a road through a city and he used contaminated dirt to capitalize on the project. The road crew, who had to work with this contaminated dirt, all developed terminal cancer. At this point, I wondered where the line is drawn between fact and fiction. It brought to mind the Southington company, Solvents Recovery, that contaminated the ground and aquifers surrounding their property and most of the children in that neighborhood came down with cancer. Now that Spring is around the corner, when we purchase products such as dirt, wood chips and mulch for landscaping, how do we know we are not getting contaminated waste? Do we ask the provider if his product contains carcinogenic toxins? Good luck with THAT one! I can assure you, you will most likely get an answer that sounds good and a "dirty look". So, again, it's buyer beware.

Upon doing some quick research, I found the latest craze that is being pushed on the gullible consumer is "commercial compost". In order to reduce the waste in municipal landfills, cities collect what they pleasantly call "green waste", compost it and sell it back to the public for a tidy profit. This commercial compost is sold by the yard to farmers, landscape services and companies that bag it and wholesale it to garden centers for you to purchase and use in your gardens and flower beds. This "green waste" is made up of plant and animal material such as shrubs, grass clippings and other yard wastes, crop residues, forest products, animal manure, food wastes, dirt,

sewage sediments and sludge, newspapers and other approved paper products. This compost is also sold as "organic" but is it really? The USDA has come up with the National Organic Program (NOP) final rule that mandates the plant and animal material that can be permitted to enhance soil, may contain URECs: unavoidable residual environmental contamination. And this contamination includes pesticides and other dangerous chemicals and toxins such as antibiotics, heavy metals, prescription drugs, bacterial pathogens, arsenic, copper and lead. When this compost is applied to the soil, the pesticides and toxic poisons will leach into the soil when exposed to watering and rain and over time you will have a tidy acid-alkaline soil imbalance as well as contamination. Your garden will not grow so nice and your flowers, grass and shrubs may discolor and die.

And you will not even be aware that it was your compost and mulch that did you in. At first, commercial compost was considered a win-win for everyone concerned. But after a short while, the chemical contaminants started to rear its ugly head and death and devastation came to the surface. Farmers were noticing lower yields and dying crops, as well as soil contamination. The culprit was found to be Clopyralid, a widely-used dandelion herbicide, found to be present in City-manufactured compost. Golf courses were noticing their shrubs and trees were dying and after years of agonizing over the cause, they discovered that the DuPont herbicide Imprelis, was present in the compost used on the fairways. Trace residues of dichlorophenyl-dichloroethylene, a breakdown product of DDT, and bifenthrin, an ant killer, have been found in compost for potted plants and potted organic herbs, where they can be taken up into the plant through the root system. And you then eat the ant killer in the herb. These pesticides and herbicides mentioned are also classified as known carcinogens. This information was devastating to me, as I go out of my way to buy organic food, only to find out it is grown smothered in pesticide laced compost. I OBJECT, your Honor!!! In a world run by psychopaths, who have gone out of their way to kill everything good in God's creation.....I do my best to live healthy chemical free. Please visit my blog at [www.livechemicalfree.blogspot.com](http://www.livechemicalfree.blogspot.com).

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## Board of Education 2016 April Bulletin Board *Happenings during the month of March:*

Dr. Maureen Brummett was appointed the new superintendent of Plainville Schools on 3/14/16 at the monthly Board meeting. Dr. Brummett is currently serving as assistant superintendent and will begin her new role as of 4/16/16.

Dr. Kitching's going away reception will take place on 4/4/16 at the PHS Cafeteria. All are welcomed but should call Central Office to RSVP.

The Town Council approved the BOE budget at a 1.33% increase for the 2016-2017 school year.

On 4/20/16 PHS will be hosting the annual Superintendent's Information Showcase.

A variety of topics will be discussed:

1. Hour of Code
2. Discovery Tech Books
3. New SAT
4. Maker Spaces
5. PLC/Data Teams
6. Elementary Wellness
7. Reading Units of Study
8. Culturally Responsive Teaching
9. Music Program
10. Strategic Planning
11. Building Projects (MSP, Wheeler, and PHS paving)
12. Unified Sports

*It's a great event and should not be missed.*

*That's the news for now,  
see you in May!*

*Andrea Saunders*

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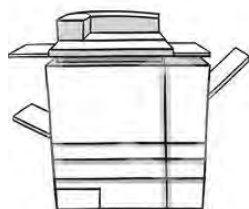
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# A SKEWED VIEW

*from the desk of RICK DREZEK*

For the sake of discussion: Barack, Hillary, Bernie, Betty, Dannel, Murphy, Kerry, Blumenthal, I suppose I could go on and on, but I ask you this.....

*Why would you ever vote for a Democrat?*

## PLAINVILLE TRAIL GAP CLOSURE PLANNING CONTRACT SIGNED

The Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has just signed an agreement with VHB of Wethersfield to begin planning a route for the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCHT) through Plainville.

The Heritage Trail stretches from New Haven to the Massachusetts borders and beyond. Its recreational use has earned it the nickname of "linear park". Plainville is the only town of 11 along the 55-mile long trail that has yet to begin design or construction. VHB will examine various options for connecting the Heritage Trail to the soon-to-be-completed segment in Southington, which will end at Townline Road, and the soon-to-be-completed segment in Farmington, which will end at Northwest Drive. Farmington's segment will include a new bridge over US Route 6.

The main impediment to progress in Plainville has been the existence of active freight rail traffic along the route normally used by other towns. VHB's planning project will examine such alternatives as rail-with-trail, off-road routes, or on-road options. It will measure options according to the criteria envisioned by local advocates: first, the route must be safe; second, it must be pleasant for cyclists, runners, and walkers of all ages; third, it must give trail users easy access to Plainville's attractions and services.

VHB has a great deal of experience with trail planning and construction. Due to the unique challenges in Plainville, they have assembled a team of associated consulting firms to assist them. One such firm is Blue Zones, a specialized company that will engage the public in making choices that will improve the livability of the community and the health of its members, the two main benefits of the trail.

VHB's second consulting firm is Mobycon, which is based in the Netherlands with offices in America. Mobycon will apply innovative methods to better integrate bicycles and pedestrians into local transportation infrastructure. Overseas, these methods have proven to be beneficial. By virtue of the way streets and crosswalks are constructed, motorists are more comfortable around cyclists and pedestrians, and cyclists and pedestrians are afforded safer and more pleasant options for negotiating a shared roadway space. In fact, road conditions in the Netherlands are so safe that 49% of Dutch children bike to elementary school.

The tentative schedule for this project involves 18 to 24 months of planning. As the project develops, public meetings in both Plainville and Southington will provide information on current route options and seek input on these options and on final route selection. VHB's consulting team will provide information to and solicit feedback from interested parties, engaging people via electronic media such as websites, weblogs or social media, as well as more conventional means such as print, radio and TV. Toward the end of the process, it is anticipated that conceptual diagrams will be available to illustrate how the proposed trail will look.

Once the preferred route through town has been decided, VHB's consulting team will plan a connection from the Heritage Trail to the beginning of the 5-mile long, multi-use trail that begins at the CTfastrak station in downtown New Britain. This trail extends into Elmwood, and presents a viable option for trail users to connect with Hartford and points further east.

When the planning project is complete, local officials and advocates will enlist the aid of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) to finalize the design and begin construction of the trail gap closure. With construction of the trail gap closures in Farmington and Southington likely to be completed within 2-3 years, it is probable that the trail in Plainville may be complete in 3-5 years.

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# Ask the Brayne...

Q. The new baseball team that will be playing at the New Britain Stadium is called the Bees. What significance do bees have with New Britain?

A. *On the official Seal of the city New Britain is a "Beehive" and the Motto: "Industry Fills the Hive and Enjoys the Honey"*

Q. I had an ultra-sound done for dense breast tissue. I was told there is no code classifying this exam as "Preventative", even though I had breast cancer before. Other words, I had to pay out of pocket. Luckily, I have health insurance, which covered part of it. Is it like this in all the states, or is Connecticut the only state where it's not covered under "Preventative"? Someone should look into this.

A. *In checking, the states that are involved with "Obamacare" would fall into this group. Connecticut is sorry to say, there are many changes to your coverage and watch the deductible.*

Q. I saw the movie "13 hours", about our Navy Seals in Bengazi, that called for help while under attack, and didn't, receive any. (If I remember correctly, only 2 U.S. soldiers arrived-late) I was told that Hiliary was the one in charge at the time. Is this true? Who would want to vote for a person that would leave our soldiers to die? What a heart breaking movie!!

A. *Sorry, I didn't see the movie. I am sure it was heart breaking and I believe the FBI is working on getting the truth about Bengazi from Hiliary's computers.*

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

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

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month.

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

*Hold your breath!"I think Spring has arrived".*

*I will be looking for yours for the next issue in May!*

*Thanks, Bill Brayne*

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## Children's Library April Events.

Registration for each person can be done in person or by calling 860-793-1450:

The following storytimes are drop-in and no registration is necessary.

### Once Upon a Story, Ages 3-4

Mondays at 10:30 a.m., (no class April 11)

Each week our preschool storytime will explore themes through books, songs, rhymes, educational activities, and crafts. Take-home literacy tips will be included.

### P.A.L.S., Ages 0-23 mo.

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., (no class April 12)

This early-literacy-based program features a short age-appropriate story and song session followed by "learning through play," as well as weekly handouts to take home.

### Two Much Fun, Two-year-olds

Thursdays at 10:30 a. m.

This storytime geared toward the terrific two's features lots of movement and music, as well as handouts for families supporting early literacy activities at home. (The April 14th class will be an open family storytime as it is April vacation week.)

### APPetizers, for caregivers with children 6 and under

Wednesdays April 6 and 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Caregivers and children will explore new apps each week and learn about how to safely incorporate technology into children's lives. Register please. (Space is limited)

## LEGO® Challenge, all ages

Every Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

Each week we'll feature a different theme so you can create something incredible with our LEGO® bricks. While creations won't go home, we'll take pictures and display everyone's masterpieces each week at the library.

### Flying Fingers Knit & Crochet Group

Fridays at 4:00 p.m., All ages

Come learn to knit or crochet, or bring your current project.

## April Vacation Specials

### Two Right Feet Toddler & Preschool Concert

Tuesday, April 12th, 10:30 a.m.

Get ready to move with this high-energy concert for toddlers and preschoolers presented by Two Right Feet Arts. So much fun!!! Please register.

### Dinner Movie Theater

Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your dinner and a blanket and enjoy a movie in our auditorium. Movie titles TBA—call or visit the library for more information.

## Mini Movie Theater

Wednesday, April 13th, 10:30 a.m. All Ages

You love the books, now see them animated. We'll watch Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus and two other Mo Willems mini-movies.

### Recreate! Aliens vs. Robots

Wednesday, April 13th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. All Ages

It's Aliens vs. Robots in our recycled art program. Give new life to everyday objects and see what you can create! Register please.

### Family Storytime

Thursday, April 14th, 10:30 a.m. All Ages

Bring all the kids to this vacation week storytime. We'll share stories that will appeal to various ages as well as lots of movement and music.

### Tech-splorers, for kids in grades 4+

Thursday April 14th at 6:00 p.m.

We'll use our iPads to explore creative apps. Space is limited so please register in advance.

### Hodgepodge Collage

Friday April 15th, 11:00 a. m. - 4:00 p.m. All Ages

This drop-in craft is suitable for anyone who can use scissors and glue. We'll have supplies on hand for you to create your own unique collage.

# We the people: We're more than politicians think

Some of the comments on the possibility of 'The Donald,' Mr. Trump, actually being the Republican candidate for president of the United States are a wonder to behold. No one has really attacked him on his 21st century morality or lack of it — that would be too much pot-calling, you know, the pot calling the kettle black. So they say he will be like a dictator; most presidents are.

The question is who will the dictator help, Joe the plumber or Steve the hedge-fund manager. Steve seems to have been getting all the attention for the last

### A POINT TO PONDER



Phil Mikan

three or four presidents (at least that's the sense all us plumbers have), and that's with either party in office.

So here comes Trump out of the real world saying he's for the plumbers. Guess what? The American people have been waiting for someone to point to them and say 'let's change this America and make it better,' and not tell us we didn't make our business, other people did. We can't get a job; they've been sent overseas to India, China. "Off shore" is the nice term. The standard politicians from both parties seem to say whatever needs to be said at the time they're

saying it to get elected, and then they betray their own political message. And then they tell the public they never said or promised any such thing. "You can have any doctor you want" or "weapons of mass destruction" or "I'm not sending American boys to fight someone else's war" or "I never had sex with that woman." Anyone seeing a pattern here?

These are the memorable lines of four different Presidents from both parties through the years. The power elite thinks Joe the plumber is not too bright; they are wrong. We the People are very bright but have not the power, other than the power to try and change the leadership of the country and put the bosses on notice.

We will make America better, not great again — it's always been great — but the people are on to the short-term lies and long-term chains. They want someone to try and make us better. A lot of Americans think Trump looks like he might be able to. Can he?

A point to ponder.

Phil Mikan is the host of the Phil Mikan Show on WMRD 1150/ WLIS AM 1420 daily at 10 a.m. and the Weekend Corner Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. You can reach him at phil@philmikan.com or write him at Phil Mikan, Central Connecticut Communications, One Herald Square, New Britain, CT 06051

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50 Newton Ave.: Ana D. Mulero of Plainville to Jennifer Moemeka, \$165,000 on 02/01/2016

Stillwell Drive: Richard F. and Madeline Drake of Plainville to Maiden LLC, \$160,000 on 02/01/2016

66 Atwood St., Unit 3: Shirley M. Heiskari of Plainville to Albert and Aneta Stavidlo, \$92,000 on 02/16/2016

33 Loomis Ave.: Debra L. Cawley of Plainville to Silver Developers LLC, \$115,000 on 02/16/2016

104 Williams St.: Jade Property LLC of Plainville to Lynde C. Kayser, \$217,000

52 Macarthur Road: LE Properties & Investment of Plainville to Bethany L. Pearson, \$167,000 on 03/01/2016

27 Meriline Ave.: Teresa and Robert Bilodeau of Plainville to Christina Brown, \$145,000 on 03/02/2016

31 Pershing Drive: David F. and Sheila E. Dow of Plainville to Tasha Kattermann, \$168,000 on 03/01/2016

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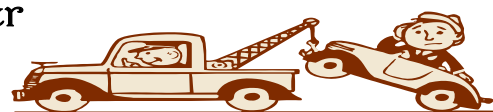
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## Healthy-Behaviors

By: *Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach*

# Time to Spring into Action

Spring is a time of growth, renewal and new life. What’s on your mind as you transition from winter to spring? Are you looking to add more energy and vitality to your days and to break free of habits that no longer serve you? Perhaps you are slightly concerned about how you are going to show up now that you are shedding all those winter layers of clothes.

The good news is that spring provides a seasonal “fresh start”. Nature is amazing. The foods that spout up this season help you to counteract the heavy comfort foods of winter and 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. According to WebMD, “Research suggests that vitamin D could play a role in the prevention and treatment of a number of conditions, such as diabetes, hypertension, glucose intolerance and multiple sclerosis. It can also lessen the symptoms of mild depression.” Get your best Vitamin D outside in the sun. Most people can also benefit from a Vitamin D supplement. Check with your physician, who can get your levels tested in your yearly blood test.
2. **Walk Outdoors** - Why not multi-task and walk while you are soaking up the sun. Walking and sunshine are sure ways to boost your energy levels and elevate your mood.
3. **Join a CSA** – Community Supported Agriculture. CSA programs provide you an opportunity to know exactly where your food is coming from and how it was grown. You will have access to the fresh, high quality, usually organic produce for your family. Take your kids and help them to appreciate what it takes to grow a garden and raise fresh food. 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, and fiddleheads** - Fiddleheads are high in vitamins A and C, omega 3 essential fatty acids and fiber. Sautee fiddleheads in ghee (clarified butter) or olive oil with onions and garlic and serve over brown rice or quinoa. Leafy greens such as kale, collard greens, Swiss chard, and bok choy are nature’s perfect Spring Cleanse.
5. **Spring Clean** - Your home has been tightly sealed all winter and you are likely breathing in toxic air. 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.

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”.

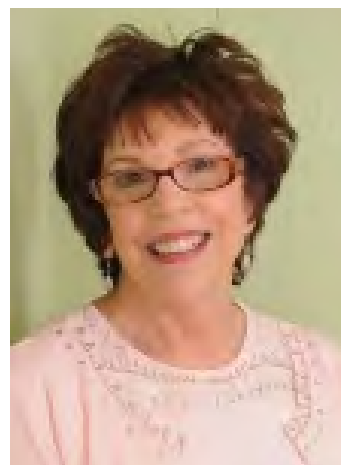
Lastly, spring clean your kitchen to remove any temptation to eat foods that lack nutrients, raise blood sugar and are toxic. Check your labels and remove foods that contain corn syrup, high fructose corn syrup and trans fat or other words you can’t pronounce. Add in foods that fill your plates with colorful, delicious and nutrient rich options.

**Here’s a Spring Green Smoothie Recipe you may want to try to energize your morning:**

**1 fresh apple or pear (no need to peel if you buy 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 of hemp seeds and a little fresh pineapple if you need a little more sweetness.**

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## Enjoy!



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## Rotary Club of Plainville's 42nd Annual Penny Sale – April 9th

For more than forty years, the Penny Sale has been the Rotary Club's signature fundraising event. Participants have the opportunity to win numerous prizes throughout the evening. A single dollar buys a ticket, which provides 100 chances to win the 100 prizes drawn during one of the sale events of the night – hence, the name "Penny Sale." There are three separate sales events conducted during the Penny Sale, and more than three hundred items are given away. In addition, there are also special raffles and various door prizes, which in years past have included reclining chairs, tablet computers, and flat screen HD TVs.

"We welcome everyone to come and participate in this year's Penny Sale," said Sue Abram, President of the Rotary Club of Plainville. "The Penny Sale is a great time for the entire family. There are contests and drawings not only for adults, but for the kids as well. Please join us for an exciting evening on Saturday April 9th."

Items for the Penny Sale are donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Proceeds support various local causes, including college scholarships for deserving high school graduates, the Plainville Community Food Pantry and Fuel Bank, PARC, the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, and several YMCA summer camps for those less fortunate.

"The Rotary Club truly appreciates all the donations and support that we receive from the local community," noted Abram. "The Penny Sale has always been our most popular event. I encourage everyone to come to Plainville High School on Saturday April 9th and help us make this one the best yet."

**"Check ad on page 14 for coupon"**

## From Desk of: John Bossi, Director of Technical Services Reconstruction of Bohemia, Forest, Fairbanks and West Main Street Bond Program

The Town of Plainville will be initiating the 2016 Paving Program. This referendum-approved project consists of a five-year program to repave various street.

The Town of Plainville and their subcontractors began construction activities encompassing the repair of the existing pavement and the installation of new roadway surfaces on the above named streets. During construction, motorists could expect a gravel roadway surface. The construction activities will involve the replacement of catch basin grates and frames. Construction activities are anticipated to continue for approximately five(5) weeks. (May 6, 2016).

Construction is most likely to occur during the hours of 7:00AM to 5:00PM., Monday through Friday. Some activities may occur on some Saturdays contingent upon scheduling and weather conditions. Motorists can expect delays. It is also likely that vehicle traffic at times will be restricted to residents only. Motorists should consider an alternate route during these times.

Anyone having questions may contact the Plainville Engineering Department at 860-793-0221 Ext. 208

# AAA Speaks Out: Self-Driving Car a Frightening Concept

## *Survey Raises Questions about Rapidly Advancing Technology*

As automakers race to add more and more 'autonomous' features to their vehicles and compete to develop the first 'self-driving' car, a new AAA survey suggests most drivers are in no hurry to give up control. In fact, they're afraid.

"The idea of a car braking when the driver does not is, at first glance, a frightening concept for most motorists" says AAA spokesperson Amy Parmenter. "Embracing autonomous technology requires more serious consideration than, let's say, heated seats, so drivers are taking longer to warm up to the idea".

According to the newly released survey, three out of four US drivers report feeling "afraid" to ride in a self-driving car – a fear that could be a concern for the automotive industry as it races full speed ahead with the advancing technology.

"Despite a recent AAA survey that found most drivers to be unsafe, they still trust their own abilities over the new technology" Parmenter says.

But there is hope that autonomous technology will be embraced over time.

Despite their fears, AAA also found that drivers who own vehicles equipped with semi-autonomous features are, on average, 75 percent more likely to trust the technology than those who do not own it, suggesting that gradual experience with these advanced features can ease consumer fears.

In fact, while only one-in-five Americans say they would trust an autonomous vehicle to drive itself, AAA's survey revealed that consumer demand for semi-autonomous vehicle technology is high.

Nearly two-thirds (61 percent) of American drivers report wanting at least one of the following technologies on their next vehicle:

- Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB)
- Adaptive cruise control
- Self-parking technology (video of self-parking technology can be found here)
- Lane-keeping assist

Among drivers who want these features on their next vehicle, AAA found their primary motivation to be safety (84 percent), followed by convenience (64 percent), reducing stress (46 percent) and wanting the latest technology (30 percent).

- Baby Boomers are more likely to cite safety as a reason they want semi-autonomous features on their next vehicle (89 percent) than Millennials (78 percent).
- Millennials are more likely to cite convenience (75 percent) and wanting the latest technology (36 percent) compared to older generations.
- Women are more likely to cite reducing stress as a reason for wanting the technology (50 percent) than men (42 percent)
- AAA's survey also offered insights into why many Americans shy away from advanced vehicle technology. Among those who do not want semi-autonomous features on their next vehicle, drivers cite trusting their driving skills more than the technology (84 percent), feeling the technology is too new and unproven (60 percent), not wanting to pay extra for it (57 percent), not knowing enough about the technology (50 percent) and finding it annoying (45 percent) as the top reasons.
- Millennials (63 percent) and Gen-Xers (62 percent) are more likely to cite not wanting to pay extra for semi-autonomous technology, compared to Baby Boomers (49 percent).
- One-in-four female drivers (23 percent) cite feeling the technology is too complicated to use as a reason for not wanting the technology in their next vehicle, compared to 12 percent of male drivers.

Learn more at [AAA.com/mobile](http://AAA.com/mobile). AAA clubs can be visited on the Internet at [AAA.com](http://AAA.com).

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April 26, 2016

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Preference Primary of the Republican and Democratic Party will be held on April 26, 2016, in each town.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the candidates (including the category "Uncommitted") which are to appear on the ballot at said primary in the manner and in the order in which such names and category are herein listed, under the office designation "Nomination for President of the United States", together with the addresses of such candidates:

Democrats	Republicans
<u>Name and Address:</u>	<u>Name and Address:</u>
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, San Diego, CA	Ted Cruz, Houston, TX
Hillary Clinton, Chappaqua, NY	Ben Carson, West Palm Beach, FL
Bernie Sanders, Burlington, VT	Donald J. Trump, New York, NY
Uncommitted	John R. Kasich, Genoa Township, OH
	Uncommitted

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 22<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State in accordance with Secs. 9-433 and 9-471 of the General Statutes. As provided, such primary will be held on April 26, 2016. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

Hours of Voting: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

<u>Voting District</u>	<u>Location of Polling Places</u>
I	Linden Street Elementary School, 69 Linden Street
II	Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center, 19 So. Canal Street
III	Louis Toffolon Elementary School of Plainville, 145 Northwest Drive
IV	Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, 15 Cleveland Memorial Drive

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

*Carol A. Skultety*  
Carol A. Skultety, Town Clerk

RECEIVE

News Release From Town of Plainville

Reconstruction of Cooke Street and various other surrounding streets

The Town of Plainville will be initiating the reconstruction of Cooke Street. Included in this project will be the reconstruction of Birch Tree Road, Dogwood Road, Wheeler Lane and Plum Tree Road. Beginning on or about April 11, 2016, the B & W Paving and Landscaping LLC and their subcontractors will begin construction activities encompassing the repair of the existing pavement and the installation of new roadway surfaces of Cooke Street and various surrounding streets, (Birch Tree Road, Dogwood Road, Wheeler Lane and Plum Tree Road). During construction, motorists could expect a gravel roadway surface. Additionally, the construction activities will involve the replacement of catch basin grates and frames. Construction activities are anticipated to continue for approximately eleven (11) weeks, (July 1, 2016). Construction is most likely to occur during the hours of 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Construction activities may occur on some Saturdays contingent upon scheduling and weather conditions. Motorists can expect delays. Night construction is not planned. However should traffic conditions on Cooke Street warrant or impede construction activities night construction may be implemented. It is also likely that vehicle traffic at times will be restricted to only residents, (local traffic only), and emergency vehicles during the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A detour route will be established and identified should it be necessary. Motorists should consider an alternate route during these times.

Anyone having questions may contact the Plainville Engineering Department at 860-793-0221 Ext. 208. John Bossi, Director of Technical Service

Dear Editor'

Re: Tea Party "Patriots"  
Question: Why do you allow "Gene" to spew his hateful, misguided "facts" (he clearly makes up his own) and other really scary lies, but do not require him to give his name? While I support his right to voice his hateful, racist, Islamaphobic, twisted opinions, I do not support his ability to do so anonymously. Why does the Hometown Connection allow him (or her) to do this month after month? And the bigger question I guess is why does he not have enough pride in his opinions to identify himself? I believe it is your paper's policy to require anyone writing to the paper and expecting their letter to be printed to include their name, address, etc. While I realize the "Tea Party Patriots" is not a letter to the editor, it is an opinion piece - hopefully not an opinion shared by many - wouldn't these same rules apply? Please enlighten me.  
Susan McCabe Plainville, CT. 06062  
*Answer: When someone submits an article, we know their real name. Many people use a Pename which is a name used by an author in place of his true name; nom de plume.*  
*You are right the article is not a Letter to the Editor. Thank you for your concern.*  
*Helen Bergenty for The Editor Jeannette Hinkson*  
*(She is on vacation)*

Dear Editor,

The real story of Donald Trump's rallies is not his rhetoric. It's the Left's endless war on freedom of speech, plain and simple. When Hillary attacked Citizens United by name after losing in New Hampshire, all she was doing was trying to spin her attempt to silence free speech that she disagreed with. The left-wing mobs that have been disrupting Donald Trump's rallies are doing exactly the same thing. In fact, you might even say they are following her lead. Speech is central to both our freedom as individuals, and our freedom as a nation. And we'll stand up for it at all costs. Whether or not you support Donald Trump is not the point. He has a right to speak, and his supporters have a right to hear him. The same goes for every other Republican candidate, as well as Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. That's how democracy works. At Citizens United, we are dedicated to taking the fight to anyone trying to undermine such a basic freedom, whether they are radical Leftist activists or Hillary Clinton. Thank you for your support.  
*Sincerely, David Bossie, President, Citizens United*

Did you know? It's not too late for unaffiliated voters to register to vote in our Republican primary!

Registration updates by mail are accepted until April 21st, or in person until noon on April 25th at your local town hall.



Post this on your social media streams and encourage your unaffiliated friends & neighbors to visit [www.REGISTER.GOP](http://www.REGISTER.GOP) today! Registering is EASY! Call your local Registrar of Voters for more information or visit: <http://www.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp>  
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## KEEPING YOU IN "THE LOOP"

**Have you heard? The Loop has moved!**



In its new location on 311 East Street (Snow-White Plaza) in Plainville, The Loop has some exciting offerings. Shirley Bloethe, owner and holistic practitioner, has moved her business to an intimate space central to everything. It is easy to locate now on RT 10 with plenty of parking. The Celebrations Dance Hall opened in 2000 with Dan Hurley

of Plainville running it for many years and then his daughter Meghan Mitchell of Plainville renamed it RockWells in honor of the history of the industrial buildings' beginnings. In 2013, Shirley Bloethe took over the space and renamed it The Loop. When the lease ended, she moved to the new location on Rt 10 to better serve her growing holistic clientele and practitioners' needs for an intimate more central location and private treatment room as well as the larger group gathering space.

What does this new location have for you? Classes and events such as spiritual classes, Zumba with Joy Perugini (formerly of Core Fitness in Plainville), private & gallery readings with renowned psychics and mediums, Holistic Fairs (Benefitting The Plainville Food Pantry), Tai Chi/Qigong (with Cindy & George Hoag) and a Spiritualist Church that meets there every Sunday



at 10:30am to name a few. There are multiple practitioners who offer individual body work like massages and healing in the treatment room by appointment too.

Shirley Bloethe stated, "This space is more in keeping with the connected holistic feeling I hope to provide to my clientele. I love having a space where people can come together to celebrate, learn and grow".

This multi-purpose events venue has a 1000 square feet which can accommodate up to 50 people seated. The Loop is great for trainings, workshops, parties, showers, fundraisers, dance recitals, bereavement receptions and so much more. Corporations love the clean and welcoming atmosphere for their business meetings and corporate trainings. The space is ideal for baby or bridal showers or family gatherings when your house is just not big enough nor do you want to clean up afterward!

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## From the Desk Of.....

**Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire**

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

When opening an IRA account or Life Insurance policy it is easy to glance over the fine print on the beneficiary page. Usually, we are just concerned with who will get the money and where do I sign. However, you need to be aware of where your money will go if something happens to your beneficiaries. The fine print is where these details are spelled out.

Typically, when opening a financial account or a life insurance policy you will be required to name a beneficiary and a contingent beneficiary. This is not always the case though. Sometimes you may just be asked to name multiple primary beneficiaries allocating a percentage to each. So what happens if a primary beneficiary dies? Upon such an event, it is incumbent upon the account holder to change the beneficiary to an entity that may receive the funds. This could be a person, a trust, or some other legally enforceable entity.

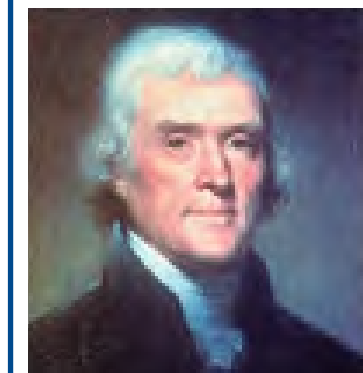
What happens when a primary beneficiary dies and the account holder fails to change the beneficiary before they die? Then, we go to the fine print! There will be some indication as to how the conveyance was made. The standard language is either "per capita" or "per stirpes". This is where it is importance for an account holder to know what they are conveying. If they want to give their beneficiary a sole interest so that the money only goes to them if they are alive then they should indicate that it is a per capita transfer. If the account holder wants to convey all rights and responsibilities so that the beneficiary's heirs can make a claim for the money then they should indicate that it is a per stirpes transfer.

If the account holder fails to spell out exactly the interest they are transferring, than their heirs may find themselves in a dispute down the line. Also, many people place too much faith in their financial institution to have all their ducks in a row. Simply put... don't think that the finance guys can properly advise you about your legal rights and obligations. More often than not, they don't know because they didn't draft up the paperwork. Proper estate planning requires the eye of a trained legal professional.

Most of us hope that none of these issues will ever come to a head and end up in court. Yet, when there is money on the table and competing interests, nothing should be left to chance. Spending some time properly planning your estate and reviewing financial documents will help keep the peace after you have passed. Something we all should strive for in these crazy times.



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



### Thomas Jefferson's Corner

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THOMAS JEFFERSON, letter to Samuel Kercheval, Jul. 12, 1816

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## Plainville Community Fund Sponsors Easter Flower Sale at Gnazzo's



The Plainville Community Fund held its annual Easter Flower Sale at Gnazzos. Shown above are Mary Couture, Rich Piotrowski and Robin Poulos, Community Fund Advisory Board Members. The members wish to Thank, Keith, Ken Gnazzo and everyone that supported The Plainville Community Fund.

## Plainville Navy and Marine Reserve Center

The Marine Reserve Center held a DRILL WEEK-END last week at the Center on Lindsey Drive.

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# Plainville Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers

## Chief Catania Introduces New Candidates

### Jessica Martins

Jessica is 22 years of age. She attended high school in Naugatuck, CT. Jessica knew she wanted to become a police officer from an early age. She worked hard in high school, was an excellent student, and lettered in Varsity track.

Jessica participated in the Prospect Police Department Explorer program where she attended the Explorer Police Academy.

Jessica has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Investigation Services from the University of New Haven where she



graduated Magna Cum Laude maintaining a 3.7 grade point average for four years. Jessica is currently employed by Education Connection of Litchfield, CT where she works one-on-one with special needs children.

I have found Jessica to be an intelligent, mature, young woman with a strong desire to serve the public. She is ambitious and focused on success.

I am recommending Jessica Martins for the position of entry level police officer with the Town of Plainville. If approved, Jessica would attend the Police Academy on April 1st.



### Sean Heald

Sean is 25 years of age. He is currently a certified police officer with the Plymouth Police Department and has served there for approximately one year.

Sean is very close to completing his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Central Connecticut State University.

Sean has served in the United States Army National Guard where he held the rank of sergeant. He was deployed on active duty twice, once to Iraq and later to Afghanistan.

Sean has impressed me with his dedication to service. He has demonstrated that service to

others is very important to him. In my interview with his current chief, I was told that Sean is dedicated and focused on serving the public – that he is polite and approachable. The chief told me that Sean is very ambitious and hard working.

In my conversations with Sean, he has impressed me with his desire to work in a police department that values community oriented policing.

I am recommending Sean Heald for the position of entry level police officer with the Town of Plainville. If approved, Sean will be assigned to the patrol unit for field training. Shown between Sean and Chief Catania is Sean's grandfather, former Hartford Police Captain Larry Jetmore.

## Plainville Republicans Attend Tri Town Lincoln Day Dinner

Members of the Plainville Republican Town Committee recently attended the Annual Lincoln Day Dinner hosted by New Britain's Republican Town Committee. The Farmington Town Committee also participated in the annual fundraiser and political gathering. Shown to the right are Plainville RTC members Deb Hardy, Helen Bergenty, State Senator Henri Martin, Laurie Peterson, Deb Tompkins, Kathy Pugliese, Andrea Saunders and Scott Saunders. Senator Henri Martin is seeking re-election for a second term in the upcoming November election.



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### APRIL SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

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WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

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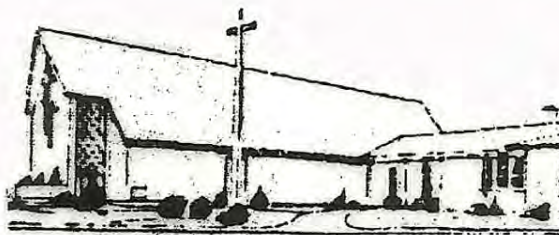
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Wednesday – Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

### PARISH PROGRAMS

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Sunday Liturgy - Church

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

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

### Weekday Liturgy

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

### Devotions

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

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Church Service 10:00 a.m.

### BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. &amp; 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 &amp; 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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Feb. &amp; Apr. at 9:30 a.m. and 2nd Mon. of

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1-1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1 tablespoon salad oil  
1/2 teaspoon tarragon leaves  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
6 Hard boiled eggs  
Thoroughly wash spinch, drain and wrap in a  
clean towel to absorb water. Tear leaves into  
bite-size pieces and put into salad bowl. Add  
chopped green peppers, onionrings, lemon  
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Back during the great depression, Herbert Hoover  
ordered the deportation of ALL illegal aliens in order  
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Harry Truman deported over two million illegal  
aliens after WWII to create jobs for returning  
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In 1954 Dwight Eisenhower deported 13 million  
Mexicans. The program was called Operation  
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veterans would have a better chance at jobs. It took  
two years, but they deported them!

Now, if they could deport the illegal aliens back  
then, they could surely do it today. If you have  
doubts about the veracity of this information, and  
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Why, you might ask, can't they do this today?Actually  
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# Memories of The Old Oak

By: Sally Miller

I recently drove past my grandparent's old property. The individuals who bought it knocked down every single tree and dug up every flower on the land. I felt like crying but a friend told me, you have those memories and they live within you always. So, I sat back and reminisced about a day long ago.

That day, I watched as Granddad sat on the picnic bench under the ocean blue sky and watched marshmallow clouds float by. He smiled. The sun was shining on this wonderful man who smelled like old spice, Bengay and apple pipe tobacco. This wonderful man was my granddad.

As Granddad walked into the yard, the pansies slowly raised their sleepy faces as he passed. He stopped to admire the morning glories that showed their brilliant color as they woke. Robins and sparrows drank from the birdbath that he had so carefully placed in the center of the rock garden last year. The garden was filled with purple alyssum and yellow tulips the color of egg yolks. Butterflies that were as glorious as stained glass windows fluttered lightly above the garden.

He carefully shifted the burlap bag that he carried as he continued to walk. He stopped and opened the bag and ever so gently removed a tiny oak tree. He smiled at it as warmly as if he were smiling at a newborn son. The tiny young branches thrust upward just as a young child would reach for a parent. He knew this oak would produce acorns for families of squirrels, supply a home for birds to burrow their nests in and it would show its beautiful multi colored leaves in the fall. He gently placed it in the earth. The old walnut tree which had a tire hung by a rope on its gnarled branches hovered over the tiny tree as did the dogwood with its fragrant lacy white flowers. Their branches moved in the breeze as if to say Welcome little one! The man smiled and the oak grew and produced acorns for families of squirrels, supplied a home for birds making nests for their children and for squirrels to make nests in its burrows for their children. Granddad would look at it lovingly as he worked around the yard.

During the winter when there was little sunshine and no need for the tree to provide shade, it shook of all of its leaves. The leaves would surround it on the ground and provide fertilizer for the earth.

It has been over 70 years since the tree was planted. It is old and gnarled as if it has arthritis, the branches fall but it still stood tall and proud .Granddad is no longer with us and as of yesterday, when the tree was cut down and its roots were dug up, it is no longer with us. I am melancholy but am left with wonderful life long memories of happy days with my grandparents and the wonderful trees and flowers that adorned their yard. I carry the memories in my heart and in my soul.



# This article brought to you in the interest of better dental health!

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



However, as with any herb, vitamin, or mineral, excess intake of zinc could pose a potential health hazard. Denture wearers are advised to pay special attention to the amount of zinc they consume, according to an article published in the March/April 2011 issue of General Dentistry, the peer-reviewed clinical journal of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD).

If a patient wears dentures, it is essential that he or she follows the instructions and recommended dosages on the product label. Many times, patients will overuse the adhesive and, although it happens rarely, they can ingest toxic levels of zinc, with adverse neurologic effects.

The optimal use of denture adhesive involves placing a thin film or a series of dots across the denture surface, which will ensure that a patient is not overusing the adhesive. A single tube should last three to 10 weeks with daily use, although actual usage depends on the number of applications per day.

An ill-fitting denture is one reason that a patient could be overusing adhesives. With age, your mouth will continue to change as the bone under your denture shrinks or recedes. If the denture doesn't fit correctly, the patient tends to use more adhesive to try to get the denture to stay in place.

To maintain a proper fit over time, patients should be evaluated by a dentist every six months.

Abusing denture adhesive could cause nausea, stomachache, and mouth irritation. Over time, toxic levels of zinc could cause a copper deficiency, which has been linked to neurological damage.

Currently, the FDA has issued no warnings regarding the use of denture adhesives, but patients should limit their usage of adhesive in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions and speak with their dentist if they have additional questions or concerns.

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# Knights of Columbus Honor Jim Rio on his 100th Birthday



The Plainville Knights of Columbus #3544 honored Jim Rio with a Birthday Party at the Peter Chase Room at the Library to celebrate his 100th Birthday. Jim has been a fellow Knight for over 53 years.

Invited guests State Senator Henri Martin, State Representative Betty Boukus, Plainville Town Council Chairwoman, Kathy Pugliese presented him with Certificates of Appreciation for his long standing as a valued person to his family, the Church and community.

Pictured with Jim are his son, Jim, and daughter-in-law Deb. The honor guards are Knights, Left to right: Michael Baczek, and Doug Wright.

# Our Lady of Mercy Celebrate St. Patrick's Day



The Our Lady of Mercy Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner was held the Saturday before March 17th at the Parish Center. Don and Sue Melanson served as co-chairmen of the event. After dinner they led the diners in Irish song.



Father John Brinsmade, Pastor Our Lady of Mercy served as Master of Ceremony with several Irish stories. Followed by more songs by the ladies of the parish.

## Our Lady of Mercy Monthly "All You Can Eat" Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus #3544 Breakfast Committee held the March Breakfast the day after the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Parish Center. The committee served Green eggs (only kidding). Pictured with the largest Shamrock in Plainville are K of C members Left to right, Edward, Philip Newsome, Rick Broderick, Regina Berube, she is not a member of the Knights, Regina is co-chair with Peg Mattro of the crafts "Kid's Corner" at the breakfast. Ted Durion, Grand Knight and Bill Brayne, Chairman of the Breakfast Committee.

The April Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 10th.

Check details on page 15



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Presidential Preference Primary-Details on Page 22**

## Plainville AARP Chapter #4146 Events

### AARP Chapter #4146 Bunny Hop



Chapter members donated over 150 Easter Bunnies to be distributed to the residents of Apple Rehab in Plainville and Touch Points in Farmington. Members visited the Rest Homes Easter week to brighten the Easter Holiday. PICTURED are left to right, Elsie Senaldi, Joanne Cephas, Sally Miller, President, Barbara Cichon, seated is with the bunnies is Olga Callender.

### AARP Annual Picnic

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

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**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:** Wednesday, April 20th, 1:00 PM at Faith Bible Church, 168 Unionville Ave. (RT.177) Plainville at the corner of Unionville Ave. and Northwest Drive.

*All National AARP members are invited to attend as our guest, we meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the same place.*

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## FRAUD WATCH NETWORK AARP Real Possibilities



Pat and Richard Brite, were the guest speakers at the AARP March meeting.

They are with the Connecticut Fraud Watch Network/AARP Real Possibilities representatives. Carol Perry, Program Chairman introduced the speakers.

A Watchdog Alert Handbook on 13 Ways Con Artists Can Steal Your Money and The Con Artist's Playbook on the Psychology behind ID Theft, Fraud and Scams were distributed to the members.

Who to contact for help in Connecticut?

Attorney General: Consumers can call Consumer Assistance Unit at 860-808-5420. Better Business Bureau: Reserch businesses, brands and charities you can trust. You can also file a complaint by calling 860-740-4500.

If you have any reason to believe you are a victim a SCAM call your local Police Station.

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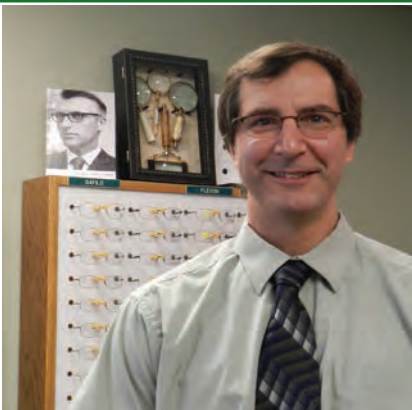
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## OBITUARIES

### ~ Marielle Brousseau ~

91, of St. Petersburg, died Friday March 4, 2016 at home with family by her side. Born in St. Camille, PQ, Canada and long time resident of Plainville, CT., she moved to Florida in 2002. She was predeceased by her husband of 68 years Paul Brousseau.

She is survived by sons Donald Brousseau and wife Charlotte, and Alain Brousseau and wife Rini, of St. Petersburg, daughter Jocelyne Lessard and husband Marcel, of Southington, CT., 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Marielle's life was held at Saint Dominic Church 1050 Flanders Road in Southington. Committal services followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the charity of your choice. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements.

### ~ Domenica (Bianchi) DiLernia ~



78, of Plainville passed away peacefully at home with her loving family by her side on March 17, 2016. She is now reunited with the love of her life, Osvaldo DiLernia, who predeceased her in 2015. Together they shared 56 years of marriage.

Domenica was born on November 7, 1937 in Luco Deimarsi, Italy daughter to the late Pedro and Piacentina (Digiaberaidino) Bianchi. She relocated to Australia where she and her husband had their two children and then established a home in Plainville to raise their family. Domenica was a lifelong communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville.

Domenica was a very loving, friendly, and welcoming person to all that she met. She was an amazing cook and embraced this talent for any occasion, especially her family holiday gatherings. She enjoyed vacationing to her son's condo in Florida and spending the summers in Rhode Island cooking seafood and walking the beach. She was a seamstress by trade and worked for Arch Coat Company in New Britain for several years. In her free time, she loved playing card games, going to the casino, and playing bingo with all of her friends. Her family and friends will dearly miss her cooking and most importantly her love, but will cherish the memories they shared with her.

Domenica is survived by her son, Felice DiLernia and his wife, Susan, of Bristol; her daughter, Rosalba Forcella and her husband, David, of Plainville; her grandchildren, Vincent, Bianca, Angela, Vanessa, and David; five great grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Angelina Magnano; her sister-in-law, Vittoria Spera and her husband, Guiseppe, who currently live in Italy; and several nieces and nephews. Domenica also leaves behind her best friends, Domenick and Filomena D'Onofrio, and Josephine Rizzo. She was predeceased by her sister, Francesca Rubino and her brother, Lorato Bianchi.

Domenica's family would like to extend their gratitude to all of the nurses and doctors who cared for their loved one, including Dr. Jason Chang and his entire office staff of Bristol Hospital Hospice, Linda and Tessa from Bristol Hospital, and Jill Lincoln who cared for Domenica in her last days.

Funeral services for Domenica were celebrated from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial. Entombment followed in in the garden mausoleum at Saint Mary Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Domenica to Hospice of Bristol Hospital, 41 Brewster Road, Bristol CT 06010.

### ~ Marguerite R. Celella ~



78, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of her home on March 7, 2016.

Marguerite was born on August 26, 1937 in Bristol, one of five daughters born to the late Carmen and Delia (Santore) Celella. She was a lifetime resident of Plainville and graduated from Saint Anthony High School, Bristol in 1955. She began her career in the insurance industry shortly after high school and worked for various insurance companies in the Hartford area. A devoted Catholic, Marguerite was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville and over the last several years was a communicant of Saint Jerome Church in New Britain. She was a very loving, patient, and outgoing woman with an amazing sense of humor. She had the natural instincts of a caretaker, always accepting of people and helping them in any way that she could. Her family will miss her dearly but will always remember all of the fond memories they share with Marge, especially family trips and gatherings and the special Christmas stockings she would knit for all of her nieces and nephews.

Marguerite is survived by her two sisters, Angela Herkert, of Kenmore, NY, and Lucille Domingue, of New Britain; her ten nieces and nephews, twenty-four great nieces and nephews, and twelve great-great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Johanna Celella and Carol Ann Celella, her brothers-in-law, James Herkert and Rene Domingue, her niece, Debbie Herkert, and her nephew, Tommy Farr.

Funeral services in celebration of Marguerite's life were held from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Jerome Church, New Britain. Committal services followed in St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marguerite can be made out to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to Special Olympics, Attn: Web Gifts, 1133 19th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3604.

### ~ James R. Hines, Jr. ~



73, of Plainville passed away Tuesday March 15, 2016 surrounded by his loving family at Hartford Hospital He was the husband of the late Dorothy Ann (Hart) Hines.

Mr. Hines was born December 12, 1942 in Hartford, a son of the late James R. Hines, Sr. and Mary (Gallagher) Hines. He was a graduate of New Britain High School and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force serving in France and Germany. Mr. Hines was employed by Cerro Fabricated Metals, Inc. (formerly Accurate Forging) in Bristol, retiring after many years of service. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Reverend Gerald T. Corrigan Council 3544 of Plainville, as well as the Knights of Columbus of Bristol. He was a Secular Franciscan Brother as well as an ACTS Brother. Mr. Hines was a volunteer for Food share and the Plainville Food Pantry and was also an usher at Our Lady of Mercy Church where he was a longtime Communicant.

Mr. Hines leaves his daughter Annmarie Somers of Plainville, his brother, Robert Hines of Florida, his sisters, Mary-Alice Hines of Manchester and Kathleen Davis of Canton, his grandchildren, Jacob and Ashley Somers and his longtime companion Alicia Ohlmeyer of New Orleans, La.

Funeral services in celebration of Mr. Hines' life was celebrated from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial with military honors followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the Plainville Relay for Life C/O Team Craving for a Cure.

### ~ George N. Lewis ~



78, of Plainville passed away Monday March 21, 2016 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. He was the loving husband of Audrey (Melbourne) Lewis.

Mr. Lewis was born October 29, 1937 in St. Albans, VT, a son of the late Nelson Hatch and Eleanor (Stone) Lewis

and was a longtime Plainville resident. He was a 1955 graduate of Plainville High School and was an active member of his classes' reunion committee. George also attended Central Connecticut State University. He was employed as a Production Manager at TRW in Plainville for many years and had also worked as a real estate agent and appraiser for Peltzer and Ziegler Real Estate. Being a very civic minded person, George was a member of several organizations in Plainville, including, the Rotary Club of Plainville, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Plainville Y.M.C.A., a longtime member of the Plainville Choral Society, a 50 year member of the Frederick Franklin Lodge #14 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as well as the Congregational Church of Plainville, U.C.C, where he had been a member since 1942. In his spare time, George was an avid fisherman and enjoyed bowling in the TRW bowling leagues. But mostly he loved spending time with his family at their house on Cape Cod.

Besides his loving wife Audrey, he leaves his sons, Craig Lewis of Plainville and Dwight Lewis of Burlington, his grandchildren, Christine, Melissa, Steven and Caitlin Lewis, his brother, Robert Lewis of Berlin and his sister, Susan Lewis of Steep Falls, Maine. George was predeceased by his brother, Donald Steven Lewis.

Members of the Fredrick Franklin Lodge # 14 A.F. & A.M. performed a masonic service at the Bailey Funeral Home. A memorial service in celebration of George's life was celebrated at the Congregational Church of Plainville, U.C.C. 130 West Main Street. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in George's memory to the Plainville Choral Society Youth Theater P.O. Box 255 Plainville, CT 06062.

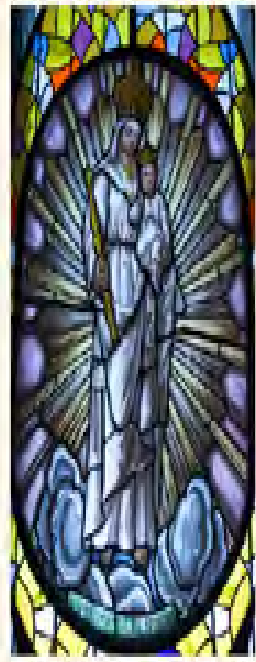


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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Jeanette Ann (Spencer) Nelson ~



85, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville passed away Tuesday February 23, 2016 at her home surrounded by her loving family after a long and courageous battle with cancer. To the very end she was stoic, loving and always cared about the well-being of everyone around her.

Jeanette was born June 7, 1930 in Plainville a daughter of the late Leon and Gertrude (Morton) Spencer. She attended Plainville High School where she played drums in the school band. Jeanette went on to work at General Electric, retiring on April 1, 1991 after 20 years of dedicated service. She enjoyed camping, dancing, traveling, music, going out to eat at area restaurants, card games, weekly get togethers with her five sisters and spending time with her family and friends. Jeanette was also a lover of animals and nature. She will always be remembered for her beautiful and radiant smile that would light up any room.

She leaves her sons, Ronald Nelson and his wife Nancy of New Britain, David Nelson of Southington and Michael Nelson of Bristol, her sister Corinne Trepanier of Plainville, her grandchildren, Eric and Heidi Nelson, her great grandsons, Jimmy and Justin Nelson and numerous nieces and nephews. Jeanette also leaves her special and dear friend, Rella Aho and her family as well as the Spencer and Flanders families. She was predeceased by her former husband, Stanley A. Nelson, her sisters, Vick Schwab, Leona Spencer, Doris Mullen and Mildred Yeski and her brothers, Kenneth, Edward, Ralph, Russel and Robert Spencer. Jeanette was also predeceased by her dear and special friends, Thelma Spencer and Theresa Flanders

Jeanette's family would like to offer special thanks to all the staff at the McLean Hospice for their special care and support.

Words of remembrance in celebration of Jeanette's life were held at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Animal Rescue Foundation 366 Main Street Terryville, CT 06786. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit:

233, 54 South Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062  
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## Nearly Two-Thirds of Americans Don't Have Living Wills — Do You?

WASHINGTON — It's a difficult topic for many to discuss let alone take action on. What are your legal health care wishes in the unfortunate chance you are incapacitated and can't speak or act for yourself?

With the nation's elderly population increasing, America's emergency physicians urge adults of any age to get their affairs in order when it comes to advance directives.

"A living will expresses your own health care wishes in written form if you were unable to verbally do so yourself, said Jay Kaplan, MD, FACEP, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "If you were in a coma from an accident, for example, and never wanted a feeding tube — your living will would need to say that."

Only about a quarter (26 percent) of Americans currently have an advance directive — like a living will, according to a 2014 study by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Lack of awareness was the top reason for why the majority do not.

National Healthcare Decisions Day is April 16th. There's a push to help people across the United States

### What is a Living Will?

A living will expresses your own healthcare wishes if you were unable to do so yourself in the written form. For example, if you were in a coma (let's say, from an accident) and you never wanted to have a feeding tube placed. If you stated this in your living will, then a feeding tube will not be placed if this was documented in your living will advance directive. Some other living will directives may include whether or not to undergo dialysis, to donate any of your tissue or organs, and/or whether to have your heart restarted (either chemically or electrically) if it ever stopped. Again, your living will can be changed at any time and again, refer to your local state laws for specific governmental details.

There are state specific guidelines for this as well, so again contact your local state governmental agency for additional information or an Attorney.

## ~ Paul Anthony Urso ~



73, of Farmington, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2016, at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville, Connecticut. He was born on October 31, 1942, in New Britain, Connecticut, to the late Anthony Urso and Theresa (Melito) Urso.

A graduate of Plainville High School, Class of 1960, Paul went on to attend Porter School of Design from which he graduated in 1963. An eye for detail, he was an expert craftsman specializing in woodworking and held a long career as a draftsman in tool design for various Connecticut-based companies. A proud American, Paul served his country in the United States Navy. Paul was known for being a highly knowledgeable and well-read man with a quick wit and refreshing sense of humor. In addition, he was an avid stamp and coin collector, sportsman, and cook. A member of the Irish Club in New Britain, the Bristol, Connecticut Lodge of the Elks Club, and the Quartette Club in New Britain, Paul will be fondly remembered by many for his loving, loyal heart.

Paul is survived by his sister, Mary Susco, and her husband, Frank; his nephew, James Susco, and his wife, Michelle Moore; his niece, Cary Bastin, and her husband, John; his nephew, Michael Susco, and his wife, Madeleine; his grand nieces, Morgan Susco, and her fiancé, Tyler Johnson, Marlee Susco, Elizabeth Susco, Tessa Susco, and McKenna Bastin; his grand nephew, Michael Susco; and numerous cousins, as well as his second family: the members of the Quartette Club, where he was a lifetime member.

Paul's family would especially like to extend their gratitude to the staff of Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley for taking exceptional care of Paul during his last days.

A graveside service in celebration of Paul's life was held directly in Saint Joseph Cemetery, 151 Farmington Avenue, Plainville, Connecticut. Military honors were held in the cemetery immediately following committal services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, inc., P. O. Box 233, 54 South Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062 (www.Plainvillefoodpantry@yahoo.com).

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*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

The emptiness of Thursday’s betrayal and terror of Friday’s bloody cross is now but a memory deep in history’s vault. As with Peter, with John, the Beloved Disciple, all the apostles and disciples then and through the ages celebrate our Lord’s risen life. What else could possibly be written, said, or imagined that has not danced through the minds of preachers and the faithful for two thousand years? But text must give way to voice, and voice to preachers’ words, and preachers words to listeners’ ears declaring this story that must be told today and for all time. But what new can be said?

This call to be witnesses to the resurrection demands a hearing! The lessons from the Gospel and the other scripture readings tell us so. On that first Easter, Mary Magdalene became the resurrection’s first witness. In near darkness, just as the sun was poking its light over the horizon, she made her way to our Lord’s tomb only to find the stone rolled away. Confused and terrified, she ran away to find the disciples

that his body was gone.

When they arrived at the tomb they found just as they had been told, empty, still, quiet. As more of the story is told in sentences we did not hear today, our Lord appears to Mary Magdalene in the garden and then, later that day, to all the disciples. Easter’s witnesses – Peter, the Beloved Disciple, Mary Magdalene, and all the apostles – give unison voice to the good news Christians celebrate in every land around the world. Christ is risen! And we – all of us – are witnesses.

Our lessons on this Easter day (night) are a call to be witnesses to our Lord’s saving life, his sacrificial death, and his glorious resurrection. The temptation each of us face this Easter this day is to focus on the event of Easter, the rolling away of the stone, the empty tomb, and the glory of seeing the risen Lord and leave it at that. Share the bread and the wine, receive an Easter blessing, and go home to a delicious meal with family and friends.

But the Easter good news will not let us off the hook so easily. Our Christian faith rests on the resurrection of Jesus. If the events of Easter, as important as they are to all we believe, stop at the empty tomb we fail to tell the whole story. We have a story of life beyond death, hope beyond the grave that must be told.

Will you tell it today? None of us are witnesses to the event of Easter. But what if all of us are witnesses to the reality of Easter? We who (only a few moments ago had) (in a few moments will have) baptismal water dripping off our brows are witnesses to the reality of the resurrection. In baptism, we died with Christ and are raised with Christ. In confirmation, we affirm the faith that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and on the third day rose from the grave. When we take the bread and share the cup, we hear again our Lord say, “This is my body given for you. This is my blood shed for you”. We are witnesses to the resurrection because we are born again into God’s very life through baptism.

Yes, my friends, on this Easter 2016, we are witnesses to the reality of the resurrection. We demonstrate this through every act of kindness, every thoughtful expression of love, every prayer asking God to heal the sick and give comfort to the grieving. The risen life of Jesus Christ who loves us will never let us go. We cannot help but imagine how the resurrection happened. It was a unique event in human history unlike any other. But go beyond speculation, wonder, even the mystery of it all. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Tell that story! **By God’s grace and with great love, we – all of us – are witnesses!**

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# Tea Party Patriots

## Wake Up America

*By: Gene*

“ The superior man, when resting in safety, does not forget that danger may come.” *Confucius*

With the elections this year, all the candidates are blasting “We the People” with their political speeches. Anything to get elected is ‘open season’ for our citizens.

We the people are P..OFF.. We hear the same promises and speeches from the career politicians’ year in, year out. Congress is a giant boys club’. You wash my back, I will wash yours-let the American people be dammed.

Will 2016 be a pivotal year in America’s history? A turning point? Will the career politician be a thing of the past?

A candidate , who has no qualms about lying under oath to congress when questions about various actions, would be the candidate in the running for the presidency of the United States?

What does this say about OUR political environmental today? Can a normal citizen hold the greatest office in our land? Can they even get elected into Congress? Today, our political system is a high=stakes undertaking, unfortunately, it takes financial backing to win an election-with that comes ‘strings and promises’ to ‘special interest groups’ and ‘political lobbyists’.

# Some excerpts from the Patriot Paper

Shari Laws are a major threat to our Bill of Rights and US Constitution.

First Amendment: Freedom of speech

Constitution: First Amendment: Congress shall not abridge “the freedom of speech.”

Shariah: Speech defaming Islam or the religion is considered “blasphemy” and is punishable by death or imprisonment.

Second Amendment: Right to self-defense

Constitution: Second Amendment: “The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

Sharish: Under historic and modern *dhimmi laws*, non-Muslims cannot possess swords, firearms or weapons of any kind. (And there are many more)

A few facts on refugee resettlement:

Infiltration-”We don’t obviously put it past the likes of ISIL to infiltrate operatives among these refugees.. That is a huge concern of ours.” *James Clapper- Director of National Intelligence*

Vetting-”There is a risk associated of bringing anybody in from the outside, but specifically from a conflict zone like that.” *FBI Director-James Comey*

Islamic distaste for unbelievers is a constant Islamic history and persists today.

As we have seen, the Qumran’s surest guarantee of Paradise is given to those who “slay and are slain” for Allah: theirs in return is the garden of Paradise...a

promise binding on him in truth.” (Qur’an 0:1111)

“Those who vote decide nothing. Those who count the vote decide everything.” *Joseph Stalin*

*Attention: The Tea Party Patriot’s Rally is held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5:00-6:00 PM on Queen Street Southington, in front of Starbucks, Exit 32 off I-84.*

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