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Connecticut Secretary of the State. Denise W. Merrill and Kevin Bronson, Denise's Executive Assistant recently visited our Registrar's Office. She gave her seal of approval on the efficiency of the office.

Pictured Left to Right: Sue Abram, Democrat Assistant Registrar, Jean Lombardo, Democrat Registrar, Secretary of State Denise W. Merrill and Beth Gasparini, Republican Registrar.

State of the Town 2013

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce Economic Development and Legislative Affairs Committee hosted the annual State of The Town Thursday, January 24 at the Plainville Public Library. The purpose of the event was to highlight the fiscal outlook for the Town and review various projects the Council and Town staff have underway.



Shown above (left to right) Robert E. Lee, Town Manager; Richard Williams, Chamber Economic Development Chair; Kathy Aubrey-Bergonzi, Chamber of Commerce Chairperson; Mark DeVoe, Economic Development Director/Town Planner; Kathy Pugliese, Chairperson Plainville Town Council. Missing from photo but also a presented was John Bossi, Technical Services Director.

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 around town to rave about this month!

{Jean raves}

◦ **THE LUNCHES AT THE SENIOR CENTER ARE GREAT AND THE SERVICE IS THE BEST!**

{Dolly raves}

◦ **We had some small electrical jobs needing to be done, so we called Jeff Petillo of Petillo Electric, LLC and were very satisfied with his promptness, excellent service and reasonable rates. If you are in need of an electrician, you will not be sorry calling Jeff to get the job done.**

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Robert E. Lee, Town Manager Report to: Town Council on January 7, 2013

Roadway Maintenance Discussion

- John Bossi, Director of Technical Services is here this evening to discuss roadway maintenance issues. He will talk about roadway pavement maintenance, what roads have been repaired over the last ten years and a potential maintenance program for addressing short and long-term needs.

Engineering Agreement – RDT Project

- In June of 2011, Town staff reported to the Town Council on the need to replace the Rotating Drum Thickener (RDT) at the wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost of the project was \$600,000. The money would come from the sewer fund.
- The Town Council authorized moving forward with the project and CDM was engaged to provide engineering services for the project. CDM performed some work on the project, however, the Town was subsequently notified that the state was moving forward with imposing new phosphorous removal standards that could impact the RDT project. These new phosphorous standards, if imposed, would increase to amount of solids that would be handled by the new RDT. Town staff suspended work on the RDT project to get a better handle on the phosphorus impact.
- Town staff solicited three proposals to perform a Phosphorus Study to insure that all upgrades (including RDT) are made with consideration with the future Phosphorus limits. Once this study is completed, the Town could then move forward with the replacement of the RDT. Town staff interviewed three firms: CDM, Tighe & Bond and The Water Plant Company. The staff is recommending that Tighe & Bond be selected to perform the Phosphorus Study at a cost not to exceed \$38,000. After the Study has been completed, the Town could then move forward on the completion of the RDT project.
- Both Joe Alosso, Treatment Plant Superintendent and John Bossi, Director of Technical Services are here this evening to answer any questions that you may have concerning the Phosphorus Study.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

HMGP Sub-Grant Award

- FEMA has notified the Town that the grant to purchase 14 homes impacted by the flooding of the Pequabuck River has been approved. The grant is for \$2,018,448. This amount would pay 75% of the value of the properties before the flooding occurred in August 2011.

If the homeowners participate in the program, they will receive 75% of the pre-flooding value of their homes. The grant would also pay for 75% of the Towns' cost to demolish the homes after they have been purchased.

- The next step in the process will be to see if the Town can secure funding from the State for the 25% that will not be covered under the grant. If we are successful in obtaining the funding the property owners will receive 100% of the pre-flood value if they participate in the program. A letter has already been sent to Representative Betty Boukus requesting her assistance in securing this funding.
- Over the next several weeks Town staff will be contacting the homeowners to determine which ones will be going forward with the buy-out.

Municipal Parking Lot Agreement

- The Municipal Parking Lot Agreement with the three property owners on Whiting Street expired towards the end of 2012. Town staff is recommending a 5-year renewal of this agreement with the same terms and conditions. There is an item under New Business regarding this agreement.

Small Business Energy Advantage Program

- The Clean Energy Task Force continues to review strategies to reduce the Towns' electrical use. They are recommending that the outside lighting at the Municipal Center, Police Department, Fire Department, Senior Center and Library be converted to LED lighting.
- The cost to convert the lights will be partially paid by a 40% grant from the CL&P Conservation Fund. The remaining amount will be paid through the savings that will occur with the lower electricity costs. It is estimated that the annual electricity savings will be \$12,302. The installation costs are estimated at \$11,830. This results in an annual savings of around \$500, however, once the installation costs are paid off, the Town will realize the full \$12,300 savings from reduced energy usage.
- The work will be performed by PTE Energy of Plainville. The terms of the financing varies for each building with a range from 40 to 48 months.
- The installation of the LED lights is expected to occur at the beginning of March. No action is required by the Town Council.

PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS Month of January & February

By: Shirley Osle, Assistant Manager

- Residents will be allowed to drop-off Christmas trees ONLY to the Town's Transfer Station located at Granger Lane starting on December 26th and continuing thru January free of charge. The Roadways department (weather permitting) will do a town wide collection of trees on January 13th for those that have not been brought to the Transfer Station. Residents are asked to have trees brought to curbside, free from ice and snow and off the roadway and sidewalk area. Christmas trees missed during the collection date can call the Public Work's office at 860-793-0221 ext. 208 and have their name put on a list for a later pick-up date.

- The Municipal Center, Senior Center and Library will be closed Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All Municipal Offices will open again on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Refuse collection will take place as usual.
- The next Caregiving Connections Meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, January 15. Caregivers of all ages are welcome to join the group and share their holiday caregiving concerns and successes. Call Bette at the Senior Center for more information.
- Representatives from the Plainville Veterans' Commission will be at the Plainville Senior Center on Thursday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. They will hold an informational session about the Commission and how they can assist veterans, their widows and dependent children with medical expenses, emergency authorizations, weekly benefits and burial expenses.
- The Plainville Senior Center Nurse, Georgia Sterpka, APRN, will present a "Know Your Numbers" program at the Center on Tuesday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. Georgia will talk about "normal" numbers for blood pressure, blood sugar and hemoglobin alc-goal numbers, cholesterol, and BMI (body mass index). Blood glucose screenings will also be available after the presentation.
- Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will hold Coffee with a Social Worker, at the Center on Mondays February 11 & 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 Plainville Senior Center Members who are residents of Plainville.
- The Plainville Senior Center, in conjunction with the Hartford Hospital Injury Prevention Center, is offering free and confidential one-hour assessments of one's safe driving abilities on Monday, January, 28 and **Monday, February 11, by appointment.** Participants will be guided through a program using a touch screen computer. The results and recommendations will be available immediately. A \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card will be awarded for participation.
- **Students from the University Of Connecticut School Of Pharmacy will offer a File of Life Event at the Plainville Senior Center on Wednesday, February 6, by appointment.** Participants should bring their medications with them to their appointment and the students will make a list of those medications, along with their emergency contacts and other pertinent health information. The computer program the students use will take all of this very important information and print it out onto a small piece of paper that can be kept in a purse or wallet, along as a bigger version to be kept on a refrigerator. In case of an emergency, where paramedics are called, they can simply take the "file of life" off the refrigerator or out of a wallet and instantly have all needed information at their fingertips.
- The library had 125 visitors on its first Sunday afternoon opening yesterday, January 6, 2013.

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Robert E. Lee, Town Manager

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This project was truly a "team effort". A lot of individuals contributed to the success of this project.

- Thanks to Michael Tomasso and the Tomasso family for their commitment to preserving this facility and working with the Town to insure that Robertson Airport would continue to remain open for years to come.
- Thank Loureiro Engineering Associates and Passero Associates for their design and coordination of the project. Special recognition to both Ed Shelomis and Jim Orfitelli who spent countless hours overseeing the project from beginning to end.
- Thanks to Mizzy Construction of Plainville and their sub-contractors, Anderson Electric and Tilcon CT, Inc. of Plainville for the work that they performed to reconstruct, repave and install the new lighting and paint the graphics.
- Thanks to our state representatives – Betty Boukus and Jason Welch for their support and efforts to assure that the state funding would be available for the project. The State Department of Transportation provided a grant equal to 7.5% of the project costs. Special thanks to Bob Bruno for being the liaison from Conn DOT for this project.
- Thanks to the Federal Aviation Administration officials - Craig Bailey and Gail Lattrell - for providing 90% of the funding for this project and working diligently with the Town to insure that the declared distances did not get reduced as a result of the improvements.

- Thanks to Ruth Hummel for her continued efforts to document and preserve the aviation history in Plainville and her unbridled enthusiasm to the continued success of Robertson Airport. Ruth is also to be congratulated for being re-appointed by the Town Council as the Town Historian for another two-year term.
- I want to recognize Lynn Michaud, Brian O'Leary and Bill O'Leary and all of Interstate Aviation for their input to the design and their cooperation in coordinating with the Town by closing down their operation for two months so that the project could be completed.
- I want to thank the Town staff for their efforts to complete the project – Shirley Osle, Rob Buden, John Bossi, Carmen Matteo, Dominic Moschini, Mike Widger and Mark DeVoe. It is very comforting to me to have such competent and dedicated staff to assist me in these endeavors.
- Thank you to the Town Council for their support of the project and to Robertson Airport. They certainly recognize the value that this Airport contributes to the Town of Plainville.
- Want to thank the Aviation Commission for their tireless efforts towards the continued improvement of Robertson Airport. It is their vision and dedication that is the driving force behind most everything that we do at this Airport. Members of the Aviation Commission attending included Richard Piotrowski, Bob Mercer, Robert Zirpolo, Bill Durnhal, Bob Mercer, Mark DePucchio and Larry Morse)
- Finally, I want to thank Bob Heslin from Loureiro and Lisa Metayer from my office for coordinating this ribbon cutting ceremony.
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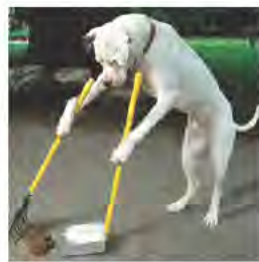
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The History of Aprons

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a pot holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids...

When the weather was cold Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that ole apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Send this to those who would know (and love) the story about Grandma's aprons.

REMEMBER . . .

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think anyone ever caught anything from an apron - but LOVE.....



What Happened??

Inland Wetland & Watercourse

Commission O.K.'s Permit

Robert McDuff of Triton Environmental Inc. said Factory Square Inc., property owner of 336 Woodford Ave. home of Nickson Industries will remove contaminated soil. The second day they will replace it with clean soil. McDuff answered the commissioners questions and the permit was issued.

Council Approves Trash Disposal

Contract with Covanta

The 20 year contract will charge the town \$60.00 per ton, which is burned to produce energy at a plant in Bristol. Under the energy-share Plainville will receive \$5 per megawatt annually for the megawatts of power sold.

FEMA to Pay 75% Value for 14 Plainville Homes

Agency will compensate homeowners in the flood-proned Robert Street Ext., Norton Place Ext. and Forestville Ave. U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy, U.S. REp. Elizabeth Esty, D-5th District and State Rep. Betty Boukus were on hand with town Manager Robert E. Lee and Kathy Pugliese, Town Council Chairperson to announce the FEMA funding.

No Luck for Pet Chicks

The Zoning Board of Appeals denied the request of Roberta LaLalama's to keep her pet chickens on her property. The Town regulations require a lot 87,120 square feet to house livestock which includes chickens. LaLalama's lot is 21,700 square feet. Many neighbors attended to speak in favor of her keeping the chickens. It was still denied.

My Clothing Helper Available at Gnazzo's

About four years ago while trying to think of a new business idea, Michael Aiezza ran into an old problem: "I was in my closet, reaching for a flannel shirt, but I couldn't recall which ones I had worn before". It dawned on Michael that solving this common problem—not knowing which clothes are still fresh enough to wear—could become a new business idea.

Michael, an Ellington resident who grew up in Plainville, invented MyClothingHelper to solve this problem. MyClothingHelper is a closet tool that tracks and organizes what you wear. "It's a simple little device," explains Michael, "you can use it three ways: to know when you last wore something, to vary your wardrobe, and to track clothing freshness." Michael says that the simple convenience of knowing the status of your clothes saves time and money, and helps reduce stress—especially in the morning when you are racing to get ready.

"Some people are highly organized," says Michael, "but for most of us, it's hard to keep track of how many times we've worn something." Yet knowing this simple bit of information not only saves time, it also prevents over-washing of clothes that saves the consumer money. Michael says that if you can normally get three or four wears out of an item, but you forget and wash it after only one or two wears, then you are over-washing. He further points out that over-washing not only wastes money and natural resources, it also beats up your clothes: "You reduce the life expectancy of your clothes when you over-wash," says Michael. "If you regularly dry-clean, the product can pay for itself in a month's time," contends Michael, adding, "the savings in water, energy, and dry-cleaning also make MyClothingHelper earth-friendly."

A second feature of MyClothingHelper lets you know when you last wore an outfit. Many people rotate their outfits regularly and this feature will help them prevent repeat-wears, that is, repeatedly wearing the same outfit on the same day of the week. "MyClothingHelper is a tool and as a tool it can benefit anyone who uses it. Different people will use it in different ways." The common feature, says Michael, is that using MyClothingHelper will make your life a little easier when you are trying to decide what to wear. Michael enthusiastically adds, "if you love your clothes you'll love MyClothingHelper."

MyClothingHelper is available locally at Gnazzo's in Plainville; Highland Park Markets; Fitzgerald's Foods in Simsbury; Phau's Hardware in West Hartford; and Better Healthcare Products in Farmington. MyClothingHelper is also available online at myclothinghelper.com and on Facebook.

LET YOUR YOGA DANCE FOR CHARITY

Yoga dance classes will benefit the Plainville Food Pantry. Yoga Dance is a delightful breath, yoga and dance set to a variety of popular and world music. Experience the joy of movement to tone muscles, build cardiovascular health and mental fitness. All physical levels welcome. The class will be taught by Robyn Brooks, Certified LYYD Instructor.

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AAA

Speaks Out: Nearly Nine in 10 Seniors Drive a Car that Doesn't Fit their Aging Needs

More than one in five licensed drivers in Connecticut is age 65 and over. Nationally, nearly 90 percent of drivers in this age group suffer from health issues that affect driving safety. These conditions include diminished vision, arthritic joints, hip and leg pain, and limited upper-body range of motion. Selecting the proper vehicle for an older driver is key to improving safety and comfort.

Data from a recent AAA survey reveals that only one in 10 senior drivers with aging health issues is driving a vehicle that has features like keyless entry and larger dashboard controls that can assist with such conditions. With that in mind, AAA has updated its Smart Features for Older Drivers resource to address a broader range of health conditions. This resource is available online at SeniorDriving.AAA.com.

"We know that families will be coping with these age-related driving safety issues for years to come," said AAA Public Affairs Manager Aaron Kupec. "The good news is that specific 'smart features' on today's cars can help older drivers and their families deal with these conditions."

Because everyone ages differently, AAA recommends older drivers look for vehicles that address their specific needs and medical conditions:

- Drivers suffering from hip or leg pain, decreased leg strength or limited knee range of motion should look for vehicles with six-way adjustable power seats and seat heights that come between the driver's mid-thigh and lower buttocks. These features can make it easier for drivers to enter and exit a vehicle.
- Drivers with arthritic hands, painful or stiff fingers or diminished fine motor skills benefit from four-door models, thick steering wheels, keyless entry and ignition, power mirrors and seats and larger dashboard controls with buttons. These features reduce the amount of grip strength needed and reduce pain associated with turning or twisting motions.
- Drivers with diminished vision or problems with high-low contrast will find vehicles with auto-dimming mirrors, large audio and climate controls and displays with contrasting text helpful. These features can reduce blinding glare and make controls and displays easier to see.

Underscoring the critical need to improve older driver safety is new research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety that found that older drivers have the highest rates of death compared to other drivers largely due to their inability to survive a crash. Conversely, the research found significant gains in overall motorists' safety in the past decade. While crashes per mile driven decreased for drivers of all ages between 1995 and 2010 by 28 percent, the biggest decreases were found in drivers ages 75-79, down 42 percent; and drivers ages 80-84, down 40 percent.

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

Excerpts of Maya Angelou interviewed by Oprah:

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that making a living is not the same as "making a life".

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn!

Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's

Report To Town Council

January 22, 2013

Board of Education – Capital Project

- Since November, the school system and the Plainville Police along with an outside consultant have been collaborating on a project to evaluate the security measures and procedures within our schools. As a result of the evaluation, the consultant has recommended upgrades to some of the system.
- I would like to ask Superintendant of Schools Jeff Kitching and Police Chief Matt Catania to step forward and discuss some of the recommended improvements, the timeline for moving forward and how these improvements could be funded.

311-349 New Britain Avenue Property

- Town staff continues to work out some details to an agreement that would result in the removal of the structures on the Chung property. Due to the fact that these details have not been finalized, it is recommended that the Town Council defer taking action on the proposed \$300,000 appropriation at this time.
- It is anticipated that a recommendation will be available at the next Town Council meeting on February 4th.

Municipal Parking Lot Agreement

- The Parking Lot Agreement with the three property owners on Whiting Street expired last year. Town staff is recommending that the agreement be extended for five years.
- At the last meeting, Town Council members expressed concern about the rubbish and bulky waste that accumulates and is not taken away in a timely fashion as required by Section 4 of the Agreement. I met with the property owners and they have agreed make daily inspections of the lot and have their staff remove bulky waste items on a daily basis – Monday through Friday. It should be pointed out that a significant amount of the bulky waste such as mattresses and other furniture items are not originating from the these property owners but – is being dumped there illegally by others.
- Additionally, a fence will be erected between the Library and the parking lot to visually screen the dumpster located near the property line.
- It should be noted that the total maintenance costs has averaged less than \$1,450 per year over the last five years. The property owners pay 60% of the costs (\$870) while the Town absorbs 40% of the costs which is mostly involves snow removal costs.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the extension of the Parking Agreement.

Clean Diesel Grant Program Award

- The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection has awarded Plainville a \$45,000 towards the purchase of a replacement maintenance/snow plowing truck under the Clean Diesel Program. Plainville was one of only seven towns in the state to receive this grant.
- The requirement of the grant is that the truck purchase be completed by December 2013. The new truck will save money because it will have improved gas mileage and will also reduce pollution with cleaner diesel emissions. The replacement will be included in the upcoming Capital Improvement Program.
- I want to thank Carmen Matteo and other town staff for putting together the successful grant application.

Proposed Movie Production in Plainville

- Mr. Dennis Broderick, a Plainville resident has approached me with a plan to film a full length movie in Plainville this summer. With your permission I would like to ask Mr. Broderick to step forward and discuss his plans for the movie.

Health Insurance Agent of Record Discussion

- At a meeting held last fall, several Town Council members expressed a preference for putting out a “Request for Qualifications” for the Towns’ Agent of Record for health insurance. Town staff is ready to move forward with this process and is recommending that some Town Council members serve on the search committee.

Bridge Replacement Discussion – Stillwell Drive & Tomlinson Avenue

- The State Department of Transportation inspects all of the bridges that span at least 20’ every two years. There are four such bridges in Plainville that are inspected. They are: Shuttlemeadow Road Bridge, Stillwell Drive Bridge and the Tomlinson Ave. Bridge all over the Quinnipiac River and the Northwest Drive Bridge over the Pequabuck River.
- The Shuttlemeadow Bridge and the Northwest Drive Bridge have been rated “Fair”.
- The Stillwell Drive Bridge and the Tomlinson Avenue Bridge have been rated “Poor”. It was pointed out by the D.O.T. that both of these bridges have been rated “Poor” for many years. Shuttlemeadow has been rated “Poor” since 2003 and Tomlinson Avenue since 2006.
- The Town secured 80% grant funding to replace these bridges several years ago and plans have been finalized to replace the bridges. The Shuttlemeadow Bridge has been bid and Dayton Construction is the low bidder with a bid of \$1,395,381. The bid has been approved by the D.O.T. and there is an item under New Business regarding the award of the bid. Construction is expected to be begin in late spring.
- The design of Tomlinson Avenue Bridge is being finalized and its replacement is expected to occur in 2014.

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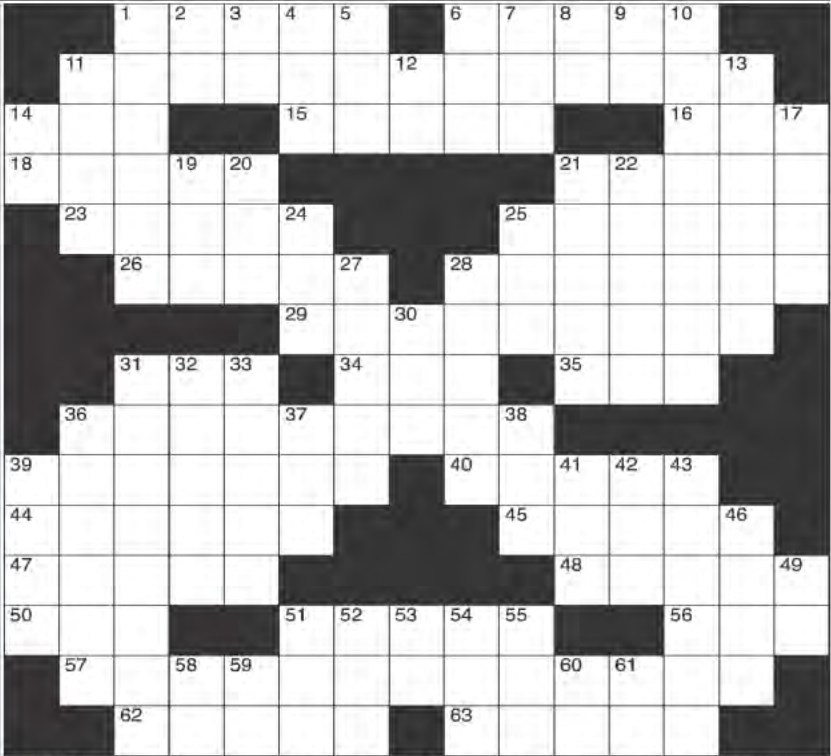
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6. SO. AFRICAN MUSIC AWARDS
11. THE BAY STATE
14. A DISORDERLY CROWD
15. ACTRESS GRETA
16. EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE
18. STORYBOOK ELEPHANT
21. JOHN JACOB ____ CAPITALIST
23. MULLED WINE
25. MEMBRANE AROUND THE LUNGS
26. SHOWS HOW SOMETHING WORKS
28. CANONIZED
29. LAYERS BONDED TOGETHER
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34. THE FIRE HAD BEEN ____
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36. ISRAELI CAPITAL
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45. LIGHT SNACKS WITH DRINKS
47. SUPPLEMENTING WITH DIFFICULTY
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62. ____ AND VENZETTI
63. FEMALE SERVANTS

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2. EQUALLY
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14. MEGABYTE
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20. DISTILLED FROM FERMENTED MOLASSES
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22. ESTONIAN KROON = 100
24. THE SUN

25. WIDE METAL COOKING VESSEL
27. CAESAR OR COBB
28. BUILDING LOTS
30. 1/1000 INCH
31. APEXES
32. FIRTH OF CLYDE'S LARGEST ISLAND
33. BRINGING SUIT
36. FORSYTH NOVEL "THE DAY OF THE ____"
37. PERCEIVE WITH THE EYES
38. WAS INTRODUCED TO
39. LINES OF VERSE
41. HOUSEHOLD GOD (ROMAN)
42. MILITARY MAILBOX
43. CHALLENGE AGGRESSIVELY
46. POSTED
49. ONE THOUSANDTH OF AN AMPERE
51. GENERAL'S ASSISTANT (ABBR.)
52. BOVINE SOUND
53. ASSOCIATED PRESS
54. OPPOSITE OF LTM
55. A VERY LARGE BODY OF WATER
58. MA'S PARTNER
59. INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
60. RHODE ISLAND
61. POTATO STATE

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WHITE OAK POND

By: Mary Ziccardi

In the November issue of The Hometown Connection, I wrote about the spring at White Oaks and my memory of it as a child. It was located at the entrance where Tilcon is today.

As my curiosity always gets the best of me, I wrote to Angelo Tomasso and asked if he knew what happened to our Spring. His welcomed reply follows:

Dear Ms. Ziccardi:

Your story of the Spring at White Oaks brought back many great memories of our growing up at the mountain.

My father spoke with great pride about the spring and never allowed anyone to damage it in any way.

The spring had a long life and really appeared to be struggling to make its way to the surface. He loved it.

In the early 40's he had the company drive a 6 inch diameter steel pipe into what he felt was the source of the water. He was very happy when no sooner had the pipe reached his goal, water came to the surface by way of the pipe and freely flowed for many years.

As the spring popularity grew, most every day it was visited by people filling jugs of water to take home or just stopping for a drink.

In no time at all, we realized that we had actually created a safety hazard and could not allow this to remain. We took what we thought would be the natural way for this to be corrected by cutting the pipe and piping it in the direction of White Oak Pond where it continued its journey to Hamlin Pond.

The spring has been liberated and I'm sure my father feels good about the whole process.

I hope this letter is a little bit of history, and is most helpful to your story.

Personal Regards, Angelo Tomasso, Jr.

Route 84 travels on what once was White Oak Pond. The body of water was larger than a pond; I would classify it as a lake.

It was long and we swam in the summer, ice skated in the winter, plus many people fished the pond, summer and winter.

As mentioned in my previous story, it was a left over of a popular amusement park in the early 1900's, abandoned and left to vandals to destroy. I remember the bridge going over the lower end of the pond; only the frame remained and eventually even that was taken apart as the years went on.

There were foundations of the Dance Hall and other buildings. Nature took over and eventually it became a forest and I remember picking mushrooms with my father and brother in the fall and came upon the decaying foundations.

The railroad tracks passed between the pond and a large old red wooden building which was the ice house.

In the winter when the ice on the pond was twelve inches or more thick, the men cut chunks of ice from the pond and stored them in saw dust for preservation.

In the summer, before refrigerators, the ice was used to keep food cold in the old wooden ice boxes most families owned.

I know the pond was spring fed. I can't imagine that large body of water filled in for RT. 84, my next quest.

Flu Outbreak Prompts Reminder From Senior Care Experts

This flu season is shaping up to be one of the worst in decades with the Centers for Disease Control already reporting widespread outbreaks in many states.

While anyone can get the flu, seniors are especially susceptible to the virus and are at greater risk for serious flu-related complications that can lead to hospitalization and even death. Ninety percent of flu-related deaths and more than half of flu-related hospitalizations occur in people age 65 and older.

To fight the flu, senior care experts recommend the following:

Get a Flu Shot, Practice Good Hand Washing, Cover Coughs and Sneezes, Stay In to Stay Well, Avoid Contact: Those with flu-like symptoms, especially school-aged children, should avoid contact with senior loved ones. Rest Well, Eat Well: Get plenty of sleep, drink plenty of fluids and eat healthy foods. Experts also recommend a diet rich in Vitamins C and D and plenty of exercise.

If senior loved ones begin to show symptoms of the flu, contact their health care provider immediately. Antiviral medications (like Tamiflu) are available to help make symptoms less severe.

For more information about senior and caregiver well-being, please visit www.caregiverstress.com.

AARP ANNOUNCES ADVOCACY AGENDA FOR 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Priorities include protecting safety-net programs, maximizing home-and community-based services, supporting family caregivers, protecting energy and utility consumers and ensuring quality, affordable health care

Hartford, CT—AARP Connecticut is kicked off the 2013 Legislative Session with free coffee* and urging legislators and policymakers to "Get to Work" on key issues critical to residents age 50 and older. The Association today released its advocacy agenda for the Connecticut 2013 Legislative Session.

"AARP Connecticut is working to help residents age 50 and older live life to the fullest by fighting for them on critical priorities, such as protecting state safety net programs, helping people stay in their homes and communities as they age, saving seniors money on their utility bills, and ensuring access to quality, affordable health care" said AARP Connecticut State Director Nora Duncan. "There's no doubt we have a challenging agenda ahead, but AARP looks forward to working with state legislators and the Governor to help improve the quality of life of those age 50 and older and their families."

AARP legislative priorities emphasize approaches that maximize federal funding, save the state money in the long term and maintain health and economic security for adults age 50 and over and their families. AARP Connecticut's 2013 legislative priorities include:

Protecting the Safety Net

With the threat of a major State budget deficit looming in 2013 and beyond. AARP's focus will be on programs that allow older residents to remain independent and age with dignity in their own homes.

Maximizing Home and Community Based Care

Home care services help keep people out of nursing homes, allowing them to remain independent longer and ultimately saving the state millions of dollars in Medicaid costs. Yet, the Nutmeg State continues to spend a disproportionate share of its Medicaid long-term care dollars on more costly nursing home care.

AARP will advocate for consumer choice in the state long-term care system by requiring that a higher percentage of funding go to home and community based supports for older people and adults with physical disabilities rather than institutional care. We will also advocate for enhancements and tools that facilitate consumer choice and allow individuals and caregivers to find and navigate their long-term care

options. AARP supports utilizing federal financial incentives as part of the Affordable Care Act to improve access and broaden the options available.

Supporting Family Caregivers

AARP also supports options for caregivers, including legal and system reforms, as well as respite programs that give caregivers a break. More than 700,000 family caregivers contributed an estimated \$5.8 billion in free care in Connecticut in 2009.

Research also shows that having a family caregiver can prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, and prevent or delay nursing home use among care recipients.

Ensuring Energy Affordability

For older individuals, particularly those living on fixed incomes, utility expenditures become a larger portion of the household budget as rates increase. AARP will carefully scrutinize efforts to fund new energy programs through ratepayer fees and fight any unnecessary cost-shift to low-income and older consumers.

Protecting Basic Telephone Service

In 2012, AARP Connecticut fought efforts to deregulate the telecommunications industry. AARP supports programs to ensure vital telephone assistance programs like Lifeline for low-income customers.

Defending State Property Tax Credit

AARP will advocate to ensure residents 50+ are financially better able to maintain their homes and receive much needed relief from Connecticut's regressive property tax system that disproportionately burdens older residents.

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Another case of never give out your credit information, PIN number or personal information.

Subject: Another Scam

Passing this one on.....

<http://www.snopes.com/fraud/sales/express.asp>

Wednesday a week ago, I had a phone call from someone who said that he was from some outfit called "Express Couriers" asking if I was going to be home because there was a package for me, and the caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package", which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is.

Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

Help a Local Program Save Another Life *By: Terry Martine*

Turning Point New England is a faith-based, addiction recovery program, which has been serving the tri-state area for 12 years. Recognizing how life-controlling problems, such as substance abuse, anxiety and depression, affect entire families and not just individuals, Turning Point designed an extensive, multilevel program that has maintained a success rate of over 75%. Their program has been nationally recognized and is now serving the North Texas area, as well. Turning Point's present goal is to become a model that will be copied in cities throughout the country.

Their 24-hour residential facility is located in Bristol and offers help to men who are at least 18 years old and have completed a detox program. After being accepted, students start an intensive 12-month program. Graduation marks the opportunity to pursue dreams and realize their potential as productive citizens in their respective communities. A key component is education, followed by community involvement and vocational training. The first four to six months are comprised of group-lecture classes that teach the students how to cope with everyday life issues. Through discussions and exercises, they discover the root cause of their addictions and then work on eliminating them.

Positive community involvement reduces the risk of drug-related crime. It instills a sense of value as the student sees himself making a meaningful contribution. Turning Point partners with Calvary Life Family Worship Center along with other area ministries to create a series of opportunities in which the men can participate. These events also help to elevate awareness about what Turning Point can offer men in crisis.

Vocational training is another vital part of Turning Point's program. Students are assigned tasks, learn how to work on teams and are mentored. They develop good work habits, a strong sense of ethics and practical skills they'll need to become successful in a profession. An example of such training is home improvement. Terry Martine, owner of CT

Property Group, LLC (860-656-6607) located in Plainville, has been an enthusiastic supporter of Turning Point. Mr. Martine rehabs residential and commercial properties. He takes on several students in each program cycle to work with his crew of professionals. The students learn skills that can lead to permanent, living-wage jobs in the future.

Since Turning Point is funded solely through donations, various fundraising avenues have been implemented. They accept vehicles in any condition, as well as equipment and any goods of value that can be resold. Terry Martine is a regular supporter in this area, too. When he purchases a property, he tells the seller that any items left behind will be donated to Turning Point for resale. It's a sensible and warmhearted way to support a vital local program and the sellers are happy to know their unwanted items are not just being tossed into a dumpster.

Turning Point also has a sponsorship program in place. For just \$35 per month, a sponsor will receive regular updates about the person who is benefitting from their kind donation. They have the option to write to their student to encourage him to finish the program. The sponsor also receives a personal invitation to the student's graduation. It's amazing how much of a difference a donation can make in transforming a broken man back into a whole person. Graduates return to their families to start their lives over again as sons, brothers, husbands and fathers.

Businesses, schools and clubs can invite a Turning Point representative to speak about the dangers of substance abuse. Their presentations help raise awareness, combat myths about drug and alcohol use and help lower insurance costs for businesses. Readers interested in helping Turning Point to continue its important work can volunteer by holding a fundraising event, make a monetary donation or drop off goods for resale. For large items, Turning Point will be happy to pick them up. Please call 860-314-1101 to schedule a pickup. To send a tax-deductible donation, please mail it to P.O. Box 1913, Bristol, CT 06011. You can contact Turning Point New England at HELP@turningpointct.info or visit www.turningpointct.info to learn more.

E-Mails & Letters

Re: bicycle

Has the HTC ever printed a story regarding the "bicycle man" that for years rode along Route 10 from Northwest Drive to Plainville center? He always wore a long heavy topcoat, even in the summertime. He lived in the woods off N.W. Drive, and hasn't been seen in many months.

Mike E.

Answer:

Dear Mike, If you know him, please write the story and please get it to us for the February issue. Thanking you in advance for your contribution.

Sincerely, Helen Bergenty

Reply:

Unfortunately, I don't know anything about him other than he rode a bicycle along Route 10 for many years at a very slow pace, and was always dressed in a long overcoat 365 days of the year, and lived in the woods of Scott Swamp. Some times he would emerge from the Plainville side and other times from the Farmington side. I'm sure you have seen him.

Mike E.

To Our Readers:

If you know of his whereabouts, please let us know. We too are interested to know where he is now ! Thanking you in advance for your help.

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The next meeting for the 2013 Plainville High School Project Graduation is **Wednesday, February 6th, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA**. Project Graduation is an all night alcohol and drug-free party, held for Plainville High School Seniors right after the graduation ceremony. The party is held at the YMCA the night of graduation and is filled with many fun activities. All Senior and Junior parents are invited to attend the meetings. If interested in helping, please contact **Doreen Corriveau at: 860-250-4443**.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, February 6th, 2013

Wednesday, March 6th, 2013

Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013

USED CLOTHING/ITEM COLLECTION

Project Graduation will receive cash for every pound of used items we collect from **January 26th** until **April 27th, 2013**.

We will be collecting:

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

Drop off at the YMCA on **January 26th** from **10 am – 12 pm** in the lobby or call: **Jen Slabinski at 860-793-2803** to arrange for a pick-up. Future drop-off dates at the YMCA: **February 23rd, March 30th, April 27th**.



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Wednesday, February 6th, 2013, 5 pm–8 pm at MOE'S, 720 Queen Street, Southington, CT. MOE'S will donate a percentage of your check to PHS Project Graduation when you show them a flyer so spread the word to your family & friends!! **Need the flyer? Contact: Jen Slabinski at 860-793-2803 or stop by the front desk of the YMCA, they have plenty!!!**



all-you-can-eat
**"PANCAKE
BREAKFAST"**



WHERE: Applebee's, Plainville

WHEN: Sun, Feb. 24, 2013 from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

COST: \$5.00

For Tickets: Doreen Corriveau 860-250-4443



OUR LITTLE TOWN NOT SO PLAIN ANYMORE

Town resident Dennis Broderick has what he says is the coolest hobby and he wants to share it with the whole town. He is a Producer who makes movies with an

independent movie company called Moongoyle Entertainment. They are making their third feature length movie starting this summer. It is a post-apocalyptic Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror called "Altered Evil". They will be using locations all over town for shooting the movie scenes and also are looking for hundreds of extras to be involved as well. Moongoyle Entertainment is also looking at locations to make a permanent home here in Plainville for all future movie projects. They are also offering to a group of High School seniors the opportunity to be a Production Assistant on the movie set to see what the movie making experience is like from behind the camera. An upcoming date will be announced for auditions which will be held at the High School for anyone interested in some of the speaking roles. Everyone from town who is interested can be involved in this project. If you are interested in being part of this project, you can contact Dennis at dennis.broderick@moongoyle.com.



164 Center Street, Route 72, Forestville, CT

860.582.1108 or 860.582.2079

info@nuchierestaurant.com ~ www.nuchiesrestaurant.com

Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, Feb. 19th, 2013 ~ 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Reservations required call 860-582-1108

go on-line and visit:

www.nuchiesrestaurant.com for further details

Menu/ Italian Cheese Table~Dinner Featuring...

Home-Made Soup, Pasta Rotini, Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mike's Winter Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, & Broccoli Florets

\$20.00
(pp incl tax/tip)

DESSERT

Unlimited Wine, Beer and Soda

Doors open at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00

50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes-Many Vendors and Nice Gifts

Next Ladies Night: Tuesday, March 19th 2013

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry

Men's Night Out

Thursday, Feb. 21ST, 2013 ~ 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Reservations required call: 860-582-1108

Simple Italian Table with Suffrette and Sausage

Dinner Menu featuring.....

Chicken Orzo Escarole, Macaroni & Cheese, Mike's Winter Meatloaf with Gravy, Wedge Roasted Potatoes, & Broccoli Florets and DESSERT

Unlimited Bottled Beer, Wine, and Soda

Served only at the bar

GREAT WAY TO GET

THE GUYS TOGETHER!!

\$30.00
(pp incl tax/tip)

50/50 Raffle & Door Prize

Remember our Fabulous Take-Out Menu!!

If you're planning a STAG EVENT for the upcoming Spring Season contact Nuchie's Catering for various Stag Pkgs. available.

Also: FIRST COMMUNION PARTIES

Take-Out Menu available

Next Mens Night: (Back by popular demand)

Thursday March 21st, 2013

THE SEAFOOD SPECTACULAR

~ALTERNATIVES~

A Private Gathering Room Located Downstairs at Nuchies

**Special Discounts & Rates for
Office Parties**

**30th, 40th & 50th Birthday Parties in the
Alternative Room starting at \$12.00 up**



Linden School Safety Poster Contest

Linden Street School recently held a safety themed poster contest. As a culmination to the contest, approximately 26 Linden students who participated were invited to create and enjoy snacking on a Cornucopia “work of art” made from healthy foods provided by the district Food Services Department. Nearly 60 students participated in the poster contest, where the characters had to be fruits and vegetables, with the focus being providing safety tips.



PHS Students Join UCONN Early College Experience Program

For the first time since its inception in 1992, 100% of the students in the Spanish 4 course at Plainville High School are enrolled in the University of Connecticut’s Early College Experience (ECE) program, according to faculty member and advisor Joanne Curley. A total of 52 students from Plainville High School are enrolled in the ECE program this year, which offers college credit that the high school students can take with them upon graduation from high school. According to Curley, the college credits are transferable to any Connecticut state school and many private institutions.

PHS Swim Team Raising Funds For Florida Trip



Left to right Jennifer Heslin, Jarrad Karal, Erica Mikulak, Joshua Schilling at Gnazzo Foods

MSP Attends Manufacturing Mania at State Armory



Governor Malloy declared October, 2012 to be Connecticut. Dream It. Do It. Manufacturing Month. Middle School of Plainville Technology Education teachers Camille Westfall and Kim Coyle along with Music teacher Laurel Schwartz and 41 students from the Middle School were chosen to attend the first annual Manufacturing Mania day at the State Armory in Hartford, Connecticut.

Marta Cruz Awarded Parent Recognition Honor

Linden Street School volunteer Marta Cruz was one of 11 individuals honored with a Parental Involvement Recognition Award by the State Education Resource Center (SERC) and Connecticut Parent Information and Resource Center (CT PIRC) as part of the National Parent Involvement Day program.



In photo from left: Donna Cavallaro, Plainville Family Resource Network, Marta Cruz, Amanda Johnston, CREC, and Janette Hernandez, CREC

PHS DECA Club Fundraising for Plainville Community Food Pantry

Through the end of January the DECA Club at Plainville High School partnered with the town’s Clean Energy Task Force fundraising for the benefit of the Plainville Community Food Pantry.

Nick Evangelista, PHS senior and an active member of DECA originated the idea to support the local Food Pantry while developing his budding professional skills in marketing for a national competition. Nick will coordinate a team from the high school with the goal of signing up as many community members as possible to a renewable energy option through their utility bill.

Community Energy will donate \$30.00 to the Food Pantry for every household that signs up for the clean energy option.

Wheeler Receives E-Reader Donation



Mr. Zhamkochian presents E-Readers to his niece Emma Lopez, and fellow Wheeler student Abby Feyerabend

Mr. Vahan Zhamkochian, President and CEO of Transatlantic Commerce in Newington, Connecticut, recently donated 140 Sony E-Readers to Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School. Mr. Zhamkochian donated the E-Readers to encourage students to read more independently and be successful in their education. Mr. Zhamkochian has two nieces who attend Wheeler School.

P.H.S. SPORTS BRIEF

PHS Junior Kelsey Clemens continues to shine as key contributor to Lady Blue Devils offense. Coach Jen Mikowski recently noted “ Kelsey has played a lot of basketball. She’s a very good player.”

PHS Wrestling exhibits winning ways with big contributions from Dom Dillard, Mischa Hoffman, and Marcus Slibinsky, Joey Kennedy, Gabe Hernandez, Dominic Pedrolini, Alex Hernandez, Kael Williams, Kyle Voisie, Ben Root, Kaleb Korona, Seby Aoli, Austin Bush and Jordan Root-Yearby.

Congratulations to Kathryn Dressel for being named as Athlete of the Week in November by the New Britain Herald. She is a star performer for Plainville’s volleyball team and is also a member of the PHS basketball team.

Looking forward to another winning season for Plainville’s Baseball team. Coach Lou Mandeville celebrated his first year as head coach last year by winning the Class M State Title.

Council Hears Request For Security Funding

Superintendent of School Jeffrey Kitching visited the Town Council requesting a budget allocation for additional security measures. Police Chief Catania joined the Superintendent explaining the \$107,000 expenditure would be used for digital radio communication enhancements and self-locking door systems in four schools. The funds would be from \$80,000 designated for the Middle School cooling towers and a \$27,000 payment received from storm damages that occurred in 2011. The Council will take action at their February meeting.

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....



Schools in Review

SUPERINTENDENT HOLDS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Kitching presented the Superintendent's Budget to the Board of Education for the 2013-14 school year. The Superintendent and Board of Education encouraged the community to attend and learn more about the plan for the future of Plainville's schools.

"One of the most important tasks of the Superintendent and Board of Education is the development of the annual budget. The process began with the budget presentation to the Board and community on January 17th and will continue throughout the winter and into spring. It is essential that all community members understand the importance of the school system's budget, and the impact it has on the children's education in Plainville. As such, I encourage parents and community members to attend the budget related meetings," explained Superintendent Kitching. At the monthly Board of Education meeting on February 11, at 7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria, Board members will approve a budget for the 2013-14 school year. This meeting is also open to the public.

Two Upgrades for School Security Planned

Jeffrey Kitching, School Superintendent and Matthew Catania, Police Chief explained the two upgrades. Install self-locking door systems in the four schools that lack such mechanisms and better communication systems for all five schools.

The upgrades would cost about \$107,000. and would be completed this fiscal year and funded by some budget adjustments.

The new radio system for all five schools will cost \$70,000. to \$80,000.. The system will link the school system into the police dispatch system.

AXA EQUITABLE GRANT SUPPORTS DISTRICT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Students in the Plainville Community Schools' Mentor and Reading Partners programs will enjoy additional books, materials and supplies thanks to a \$1,000 grant from the AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company. The grant was part of the company's Day of Service national volunteer program, which focuses on giving back by partnering with community organizations and supports "AXA Achievement " – the company's initiative to provide America's youth with the resources that help make college possible through access and advice.

"We are glad to be able to help and participate in Plainville's volunteer programs. The Reading Partners and Mentor programs give those employees who are participating a refreshed outlook and a genuine sense of accomplishment. So, thank you!" said Anna S. Napoli, FLMI, ACS Senior Manager - Financial Underwriting, AXA-Equitable.

Wheeler Elementary School Observe Native American Day



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School third graders recently participated in a Native American Day. This event integrated the arts into their unit of study of Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands. Students participated in a variety of different activities that included designing and building models of villages, learning games that Native American children played, creating a stylized shape paper pattern on an animal symbol using an array of Native American colors, weaving and experiencing Native American music through songs and dance.



Wheeler Students visit Pequot Museum

Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School third graders also recently visited the Pequot Museum, the largest tribal museum in the country, after completing a unit of study in social studies on Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands. The interactive exhibits promoted an understanding of life as a Pequot. One highlight of this trip was a the guided tour of the 16th century village. This "Through the Eyes of A Pequot Child" Program demonstrated the importance of family and community to the Pequot people.

P.H.S. GRADS HAPPENINGS

Goodwin College announces Nursing Associate Degrees: Kimberly Caron, Plainville

Christopher Varano of Plainville participated as an oral language assessor and classroom substitute for Eastern CT State University's Community Partners for Early Literacy Program.

Josh Bouchard of Plainville recently received the Most Improved Learner in Science and for his achievement during the fall semester at the independent, character-based Hyde School in Woodstock.

Daniel Zuckerman of Plainville has been named to the Misericordia University dean's list for the fall 2012 semester.

Troy Miller of Plainville is a Fall 2012 graduate of Tunxis Community college receiving his Associates Degree in Business Administration: Accounting, CERT Business Administration.

VFW Madeley-Roberts Post No. 574 Partners Partners with Plainville Schools



The local VFW Madeley-Roberts Post No. 574 generously sponsored the Plainville Community Schools Reading Partners Program at both Linden and Toffolon elementary Schools with a financial donation for books. This is the second year that the local Post has sponsored the program, providing funding for holiday books for each Reading Partners program student participant at both schools. Steven Wowk, Service Officer and Senior Vice Commander of the VFW coordinated the support, and Renny Rastolfi, Adjutant for the VFW helped to distribute the holiday books to Toffolon Elementary School Reading Partners program participants. In addition, students and volunteers in the Mentor and Reading Partners Programs across the school district made over 400 cards for an Army Aviation Unit "adopted" by the VFW. Madeley-Roberts Post No. 574, recently deployed to Afghanistan.



RALPH F. LOSTOCCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Ralph F. Lostocco is offering the Third Annual \$500 Scholarship in his memory to a Plainville High School graduating senior.

Mr Lostocco, a life-long resident of Plainville, was a graduate of Plainville High School Class of 1956.

Applications can be obtained at the guidance office at Plainville High School.

When completed, they can be mailed or dropped off to the Lostocco Family, 14 Betsy Rd. Plainville.

All Plainville High School graduating Seniors, who plan to further their education at a 2 or 4 year college, are eligible to apply.

The deadline to submit applications is April 15, 2013.

of The United States of America...

Pitchers of Lemonade & Happy Birthday



By: Sally Miller

Her name is Mary Adeline Gomes. She is my mother. She was born in Plainville, Ct. As I sat down to write, I was not sure what I was going to write about until I realized that her birthday was just a few days away. I think about the struggles that she went through just to teach children, which was her passion. She was one of the first African American's to graduate from New Britain Normal School following in the footsteps of her Aunt Caroline Mason who WAS the first African American to graduate from the school. Mom was the first black principal in the state of Ct and sole teacher of the one room school house, the Sand Bank school in Burlington Ct. While looking for work in Waterbury years later, she found it hard to find work as a full time teacher. She was forced to take on many substitute jobs over the years. She would handle classes of children who were considered to be "the bad kids" that no one else wanted to teach. When I think of all of the troubles that she went through just to teach I think about the phrase, "when you have lemons make lemonade". I realize now, that she made pitchers of lemonade. As years went by, she became known as the teacher who could calm students to the point where they could begin to learn. The Superintendent of schools became aware of her capabilities with children and in the 1950s mom was asked if she would be willing to open the first pilot program for retarded children in a public school system. She did not hesitate. Unbeknown to her this was her fate in life this is what she was put here for. This was one of her pitchers of lemonade. Mom became very excited about this new challenge in her life. She made plans to set up her classroom and insisted that a piano be placed in the room. That met with some disagreement but she finally won her argument on having the piano. She felt that music would reach certain children where words could not. She played piano like a concert pianist. Every morning, she would start the class by playing the piano. I am so proud of her I am proud of the struggles that she went through and how she overcame them.

I remember, one evening, mom came home and said that she was very troubled because there was one student that she knew was not retarded and she needed to investigate. She went to the child's home and met the parents. She found out that the child had many difficulties to overcome within the home and mom had her retested. She made a huge difference in the child's life because the child was deemed not retarded.

Mom was supposed to retire at the age of 65 but was asked, and chose to stay on until the age of 70 years old. She traveled from Plainville to Waterbury until her retirement. When she wasn't teaching children she was taking classes at Southbury training school to enhance her capabilities of assisting these children through their life challenges. Throughout her life, she helped many children and adults through their life challenges as well.

Mom died in 1980, shortly after retiring from her lifelong dream of teaching. The year she passed away the city of Waterbury held their first Special Olympics. A proclamation was made in her name by the city of Waterbury and given to my sister and I. I think often about how gently mom walked through life but what a big difference she made quietly, with sincerity, charity and with love for these children. Happy birthday mom we miss you so much. You made a huge difference not only in our lives but in the lives of others. You were symbol of love and caring and you taught us well.

Love, your daughter.....Sally



Celebrating Four Generations

The Ouellette family gathered recently to celebrate with the visit of Great Grandfather Lucien Ouellette. Front from left to right are Patrick Ouellette, Sr. of Plainville, Lucien Ouellette of Fort Kent, Me., Standing Patrick Ouellette, Jr., Emery and Maia Ouellette of Newington.

This article brought to you in the interest of better....



Dental Health

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

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, diabetes affects nearly 24 million people in the United States. The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) encourages those with diabetes to pay extra attention to their oral health. Studies have shown that those with diabetes are more susceptible to the development of oral infections and periodontal (gum) disease than those who do not have diabetes. In addition, oral infections tend to be more severe in people with diabetes than in those who do not have the condition.

Dental professionals urge individuals with diabetes to take care of their mouths and have dental infections treated immediately. People who receive good dental care and have good insulin control typically have a better chance at avoiding gum disease.

Because diabetes reduces the body's resistance to infection, the gums are at risk for gingivitis, an inflammation usually caused by the presence of bacteria in plaque. Plaque is the sticky film that accumulates on teeth both above and below the gum line.

Without regular dental checkups, gum disease may result if gingivitis is left untreated. Gingivitis also can cause inflammation and destruction of tissues surrounding and supporting teeth. To

prevent problems with bacterial infections in the mouth, a dentist may prescribe antibiotics, medicated mouthrinses, and more frequent cleanings to a patient with diabetes.

The established connection between oral health and systemic health suggests that diet and exercise may be the most important changes that people with diabetes can make to improve their quality of life and oral health. People with diabetes should be sure that their medical and dental care providers are aware of their medical history and periodontal status. To keep teeth and gums strong, people with diabetes should be aware of their blood sugar levels and have their triglycerides and cholesterol levels checked on a regular basis, as these factors may have a direct correlation with their risk for gum disease.

Individuals with diabetes who do not have good control over their blood sugar levels tend to have more oral health problems. If your blood sugar is not under control, talk with both your dentist and physician about the possibility of receiving dental treatment beyond routine checkups and cleanings.

It is recommended that patients with diabetes schedule their dental appointments for the morning hours, because blood glucose levels tend to be under better control at that time of day. Patients should eat and take their medications as directed prior to a dental appointment.



David R. Edelson, D.M.D., M.A.G.D.

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Doctor of Dental Medicine, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine;
General Practice Residency Boston City Hospital, Boston, MA
Master of the Academy of General Dentistry; Fellow of the: Association
Orthodontics



Dr. Linh Nguyen, D.M.D.

Dr. Nguyen graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a double major in Biology and Business Administration, graduated cum laude from the Goldman School of Dental Medicine at Boston University with a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree and then continued her training at the University of Connecticut Health Center's Advanced Education in General Dentistry program.

“Young at Heart”

Plainville Senior Center News

AT RISK LIST

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

The Connecticut Light and Power Company, not the Police Department, should be called to report a power outage or to inquire when the power will be back on. The Connecticut Light and Power Company can be reached at 860-947-2000, option #1. In a true emergency, call 9-1-1.

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

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

The Senior Center is offering a trip to the Boston Flower and Garden Show at Seaport World Trade Center on Thursday, March 14. The cost is \$54.00 per person includes transportation and admission to the show.

The Senior Center is offering a 4-Day Washington D.C. Cherry Blossom and Mount Vernon Trip on April 5-8. The cost is \$629.00 per person double, \$579.00 per person triple, \$789.00 per person single or \$549.00 per person in a quad room. The trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, 3 nights at the Holiday Inn in Arlington, VA, room taxes and baggage handling, full breakfast for 3 mornings and dinner for three evenings, guided cherry blossom tour of Washington, visit to Arlington National Cemetery, museums of the Smithsonian Institution, U.S. Capitol Tour, Mount Vernon admissions, Tours of Distinction Tour Escort, tips for escort, driver and local guide. A complete itinerary is available at the Senior Center.

The Senior Center is offering a trip to the Western Frontier, June 18-27, featuring Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone and the Badlands.

The Senior Center is offering a trip to the Westchester Broadway Theater in Elmsford, NY to see Guys and Dolls.

The Senior Center is offering a 3-day trip to Cape May, May 29-31. **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB**

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

MATURE DRIVER SCREENING PROGRAM

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FILE OF LIFE EVENT

See page 4 under Plainville Happenings for details.

LIONS LOW VISION PROGRAM

Blanche McCarthy Sewall, a Lion's Club Board of Low Vision Member and former Senior Center Director, will present information about the Lions Low Vision Centers in our area (Bristol, New Britain, Waterbury) and

the services they provide on Tuesday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m. Blanche will discuss devices that can be to make daily living a little easier for an individual with vision loss. Also, a display table will feature glasses, which audience member can try on to see what is like to suffer from macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, cataracts, or vision loss from a stroke or trauma. Call the Senior Center to register for this free program.

HEALTHY CHOLESTEROL LEVELS

Senior Center nurse, Georgia, will present a free cholesterol program on Wednesday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. Georgia will talk about HDL, LDL and triglycerides and how these numbers play a role in reducing your risk for heart disease. Following the talk, Georgia will be available to do a cholesterol screening for a \$10.00 fee, payable at the time of the screening. Call the Senior Center to register.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held at the Plainville Senior Center on Monday, February 25 from 1:00-5:00 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 \$12.00 for AARP members, providing a membership number and \$14.00 for other attendees. Register and pay at the Plainville Senior Center in advance, between 9:15-10:15 a.m.

THE PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER IS COLLECTING CELL PHONES AND SMALL ELECTRONICS

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

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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

THE GIFT AND CONSIGNMENT SHOP AT THE PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

The store hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER WELCOMES THE “OTH” BAND

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

SENIOR CENTER CAFÉ IS OPEN FOR LUNCH

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

MAHJONG

Mahjong players meet at the Senior Center on Mondays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Beginners to experienced players are welcome. Experienced players should bring their 2012 card. Those who have their own Mahjong sets are asked to bring them. Call the Senior Center to register or for more information.

COFFEE WITH A SOCIAL WORKER

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GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

The Plainville Senior Center and Youth Services will co-host a program about the unique challenges of raising a grandchild or relative on Wednesday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m., held at the Plainville Senior Center.

The grandparents' program provides caregivers an opportunity to share information and support on issues related to childrearing. Childcare is available. To register for this free program, call the Plainville Senior Center, 747-5728, or Plainville Youth Services, 793-0221, ext 261. Funding for this program is made possible by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS

(Alzheimer's Support Group)

The next Caregiving Connections meeting will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Tuesday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. Caregivers of all ages and all towns are welcome to exchange their ideas and insights about caregiving issues. Refreshments will be served. Call Bette, 747-5728, to register for the meeting, and let her know if you need a loved one cared for during the meeting.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by every moment that takes your breath away.....

Ask the Brayne

Q. Someone told me that the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club published a Community Resource Guide for 2013-2014. I would love to secure one, could you please tell me where they are available?

A. *The Community Resource Guide of Plainville should be in every home in town. It features: Local Government, Emergency Numbers, Places of Worship, Map of Plainville and much more! The guides are FREE and are at the Municipal Center, Chamber of Commerce Office, The Congregational Church, Plainville Library, Our Lady of Mercy Church and from any member of the Rotary Club of Plainville.*

Please submit any questions for the March Issue by February 15th. To submit questions: Call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@aol.com, write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office.

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month. Thank you for the above question. Keep them coming!!

**“Happy Valentine’s Day”
Thanks, Bill Brayne!!**

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invites you to join them at a

Country dance on:

February 17, 2013--Sunday

at Coyote Maverick,

48 Newtown Road, Danbury, CT

From 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Dj --- Alan Kohn

Instructor --- Jill Kaufmann Weiss

Cover: \$9 member & \$11 non-member

Cash Bar and food menu available.

Donations for our raffle will be appreciated

www.newdact.com

860-589-2523--for more information

"All You Can Eat" "BREAKFAST" O.L.M. PARISH CENTER

19 S. CANAL ST.

Sunday, February 10th

8 am to 10:30 am

Donation: Adults \$4.00

Children \$1.00 Under 6 FREE!

**Orange Juice, Eggs, Texas Toast,
Sausage, Ham, Hash Browns, Bagels,
Donuts & Coffee**

"Kid's Corner"

Children activities will be a surprise!

Maybe Not!

Valentine's Day is coming

"There are no strangers in Plainville,
only friends you have yet to meet"

Open to the Public

Plainville Historical Society Upcoming Program

On Saturday, February 16th at 2 pm at the Plainville Historic Center a program on the Centennial Celebration of the Plainville Women's Club will be presented by Gertrude LaCombe. The program will include the story of the women volunteers from 1913 to the present day who helped to create a caring community. Come join us for this interesting program. The building is handicapped accessible. For more information call (860) 747-6577. The Historic Center is located on Pierce Street.

Library eBook Class Back By Demand

On Wednesday February 6th at 7:00 PM, the Plainville Public Library will hold a class to show just how easy it is to download free library eBooks to an eReader. Reference Assistant, Tim Molnar, recently taught this class in January. "We had over 40 people at our last session and many more have expressed interest," says Molnar. "We decided to offer another class for those who had missed the first session."

The presentation is designed for anyone who may have some apprehension with digital media and the internet. Anyone interested in learning more about the library's eBook catalog and how to download books to a Kindle or a Nook (or other eReader) will benefit from the presentation.

The hour-long session will conclude with a Q&A period. Those who attend may bring their eReader device, although this is not a requirement. Please call the library at 860-793-1446 to register for the free class.

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Saturday, March 9 to Thursday, March 14

Presenter: Fr. Thomas Hoar, S.S.E. President of St. Edmund's Retreat, Ender's Island

Saturday, Fr. Tom will preach at

Our Lady of Mercy 4:00pm Mass.

Sunday he will preach at Bristol St. Stanislaus 9:00 am Mass and St. Anne at 11:00 am.

Monday through Thursday at 7:00 pm

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What's Going On...

"Safety Awareness" Program

Offered by PARC, INC

By Linda Garcia, Executive Director

PARC, a Family Centered organization, who supports people with developmental disabilities, has scheduled their 2nd annual "Safety Awareness" program, funded by the Petit Family Foundation, for persons with Developmental Disabilities in our community. This program will be held at PARC's facility at 28 East Maple Street in Plainville began on Wednesday January 16, 2013 at 6:00-7:30 pm through June 2013.

You don't need to be a member at PARC to join this series for safety awareness, but you do need to register for the program; this program is FREE. PARC also offers many Healthy Living Activities. We welcome future participants to join us in these activities. Please visit our web site at www.plainvillearc.org and download our activity calendars.

Please call 860-747-0316 to register or email PARCplainville@gmail.com

Plainville Recreation Dept. Winter & Spring Programs

Winter/Spring program registration began on January 8th in the Recreation Office at 50 Whiting Street. The Recreation 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.

Recreational programs are offered for youth and adults. Youth activities include: Co-ed Basketball clinic, Grade 4, Ski/Snowboard Lessons grades 3 to 8, Girl's Volleyball grades 5-8, Toddler Time ages 2-3, Kidz-R-Size ages 3 to 6, Pillo Polo grades 1-5, Gymnastics ages 1-6, Youth Dance grades K-3, Modern Dance grades 4-8, Kempo-Kung Fu Martial Arts grades K-7, Water Safety Instruction ages 16 & up, Lifeguard Training 15 & Up, Synchronized Swim Program ages 8-16, Parent & Child Aquatics 6 months -5 years, and Red Cross Swim Instruction.

Adult programs include: Adult Swim Instruction, Water Aerobics, Zumba, Jewelry Making, Co-ed Volleyball, Yoga, Golf Clinic, Adult Fitness, Men's Basketball, Plainville Wind Ensemble, Men's Over 30 Basketball, Public Boating Course, Dog Obedience and Knitting Circle.

Fee payment must accompany registration for programs carrying a charge. To obtain further information please call the Recreation Department at 860 747-6022.

To list a notice on
"WHAT'S GOING ON" pages
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Library Adult Winter Reading Club

Win prizes and chase away the winter blues with the Plainville Public Library's adult winter reading club. Escape the winter cold with a good book. Plainville Library will launch its Hot & Spicy Adult Winter Reading Club. Adults are encouraged to register for the club and pick up a club packet at the Adult Circulation Desk. Packets include a bookmark, reading suggestions, prize drawing entry forms and a surprise. Read as many or as few books as you wish (audiobooks count too!) and return your entry forms for a chance for one of our four prize drawings and for the grand prize. The bi-weekly prizes will be on display at the library. The club continues through the winter, ending with a wrap-up party on April 7 featuring a Korean wedding ceremony reenactment and a Korean feast.

Join the club, and spice up your winter.

Electric Violinist Caryn Lin to Perform at the Senior Center

Electric Violinist Caryn Lin will perform at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Friday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m. This program, co-sponsored with the Plainville Library, is being held during school vacation and children are invited.

Caryn Lin is a classically trained violinist who became an electric violinist and education innovator. Caryn finds influence in everything from baroque to rock, although she thinks of her music as new age/world/classical-ish. At a recent show, Caryn jokingly described for the audience, her next musical piece as "Native American, West African, techno-tribal, Australian, cosmic, Celtic, dance, rock, Egyptian." There is no previously-defined category for Caryn's unique genre.

The Cherry Hill, New Jersey native started violin lessons at the age of 9 and soon began studies with the Philadelphia Orchestra's Larry Grika. She earned a bachelor's degree in violin performance from Northwestern University where she took an inspired approach to the violin, and after class she would contentedly jam to her Jackson Browne and Bob Dylan records. After graduation she moved to Germany to study under virtuoso Suzanne Lautenbacher and played in several bands. During a show on her last night, Caryn wondered what would happen if she plugged an echo box into the pick up on her acoustic violin. Caryn listened as the sound of her violin as it filled the room and created a fantastic soundscape unlike anything else she ever heard, as exciting as an electric guitar, but closer to her heart. The misfit musician found her place. She will be bringing her sound to the Senior Center to share with us.

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to register for this free program*

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What's Going On...

Plainville Community Fund Announces 2013 Grant Opportunities

The Plainville Community Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation is now accepting applications for grants from 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that serve the residents of Plainville, Connecticut. The deadline for submitting proposals is March 15, 2013.

The application, which includes the grantmaking criteria, is available on Main Street Community Foundation's website, www.MainStreetFoundation.org.

Interested organizations must contact Jarre Betts, Director of Programs & Community Relations at the Foundation office at 860.583.6363 before submitting a proposal. All proposals are due by 4 p.m. on March 15, 2013.

The Plainville Community Fund was established at the Main Street Community Foundation by a group of Plainville leaders in early 2006 to create an additional resource for charitable projects and programs that would enhance the lives of Plainville residents. This is the sixth year that grants will be awarded from this fund. In 2012, \$6,000 was distributed to five organizations to support educational and cultural programs at Plainville schools and nonprofit organizations, to support an event benefitting Plainville High School seniors and to provide food baskets for the holiday to residents in need.

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future 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.

American Red Cross Community Blood Drives Scheduled for February

The American Red Cross encourages all those who are eligible to donate blood to help patients in need at a community blood drive near you. Thousands of blood donations are needed each and every day to meet the needs of accident victims, cancer patients, and children with blood disorders. Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Blood has a limited shelf life and must constantly be replenished.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

During the month of February, all those who come in to donate blood at American Red Cross blood drives in Connecticut will receive a coupon for a free appetizer or dessert from Chili's Grill & Bar. *Coupons are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

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The Woman's Club of Plainville celebrates 100th Year of Community Service

"The Woman's Club of Plainville was organized in February, 1913 and we will be celebrating our 100th year in February 2013. Its purpose was to promote literary, social and civic interests in Plainville. The original 18 club women deposited in the bank \$8.00 to start a "Literary Fund" for the newly formed club. In November 1913 the women voted to make their civic work a new Library. They campaigned to convince the community to donate to the library fund. Together they raised over \$50,000. The beautiful granite structure was dedicated on August 8, 1931 and still stands today as a symbol of their dedication to the town of Plainville.

Our Club was incorporated in October 1921 and joined the General Federation of Women Clubs (GFWC) on June 14, 1949. The GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service and their mission encompasses being an innovative leader in education, growth and development of women to benefit their children, their community and their government. Today, we continue to promote literary, social and civic interest in Plainville. We hold an Annual Tea in April to raise funds so we can provide two yearly scholarships to High School Senior. We have raised funds to purchase the circulation desk at the Plainville Library, a thermal imaging camera for the Plainville Fire Department, the Town Seal and window blinds for the Plainville Police Department, and ongoing donations to the Plainville Food Pantry and the Veteran Oasis room at Tunxis Community College.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the Month at the Faith Bible Church and welcome new members or guests to our meetings. Please contact Sue Marinelli, Membership Chairman at 860-747-3665 if you would like to attend a meeting.

At our next meeting on **February 5, 2013** will be guest Nancy Kaylan, GFWC CT President, celebrating the Woman's club of Plainville's 100th anniversary.

Please join us as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2013.

February Dates to Remember

Groundhog Day Sat. 2nd

Boys Scouts Founded (1910) Fri. 8th

Lincoln's Birthday Tues. 12th

Ash Wednesday 13th

St. Valentine's Day 14th

Washington's Birthday Fri. 22nd

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Fighting Medicare Fraud

Ray Hurd, Acting Regional
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Recently, while sitting at home on a Sunday afternoon, I received an email from a concerned friend asking about a potential Medicare scam. Their mother had received a call from someone claiming to be from Medicare who was offering to provide some free medical equipment. All that was needed to complete the transaction was a Medicare number. I quickly replied that the phone call was indeed a scam because no one from Medicare would ever call and ask you to provide your Medicare number. Those individuals who commit fraud face tougher rules and sentences. From 2008 to 2011, there has been a 75 percent increase in individuals charged with criminal health care fraud.

Here are a few ways you can guard your benefits and join us in the fight against fraud:

- Guard your Medicare number. Do not share it with anyone other than your doctor or other Medicare-approved health care provider.
- Don't give credit card or other financial information to anyone calling saying he or she represents Medicare. Medicare will never call and ask for your bank accounts or credit card numbers, and we also never ask people for their Social Security or Medicare numbers in a blind call.
- Never use another person's Medicare card or allow anyone else to use yours.
- Beware of suspicious activities. Do not allow anyone except your doctor or other Medicare-approved provider to review your medical records or recommend services.
- Never let anyone give you "free" equipment or supplies in exchange for your Medicare number.
- Review your Medicare Summary Notice thoroughly to ensure you received each service listed and all the details are correct.
- Report any and all suspicions of fraud by calling 1-800-HHS-TIPS or 1-800-MEDICARE.
- To learn more about health care fraud and ways to protect against it, visit www.stopmedicarefraud.gov.

Lifelong Learning Association

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

**Plainville Library on the 3rd Monday
of the month at 1 pm**

You may call the Library
for more information.

VETERANS' ISSUES FRONT AND CENTER

By Senator Jason Welch

It's our obligation to look out for those who serve their country. I have served in both the United States Coast Guard Reserve and Army National Guard and I am keenly aware of how hard it is for some of our service members to transition back to civilian life, or for them to continue active duty while worrying about loved ones at home. It's stressful but it is part of the job.

To that end, it is important to have support from your community and your government with any issues that arise. I'm very proud to say the leaders in Hartford have agreed to make the Veterans' Affairs Committee, which has been a temporary committee for eight years, into a full standing entity with equal power in the legislative process. As a member of the committee charged with overseeing public policy related to veterans, elevating this committee simply makes sense.

Allowing the group to have a permanent status is extremely important to the veteran community.

For instance this move will now allow the Committee Co-Chairmen Senator Carlo Leone, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Rep. Jack Hennessy, a veteran of the U.S. Army to move legislation faster. Prior to this the committee could not bring bills directly to the floor of the House or Senate for a vote. Instead, bills had to be debated and passed onto another committee, then brought to the floor by that committee's chairperson. It was certainly, a long and complicated road for any bill that veterans were anxious about getting passed.

Laws like the recent one that places the veteran status flag on drivers' licenses, thus allowing veterans to prove their status. This simple measure will give them access to health programs and discounts at stores.

On the first day of the 2013 Session of the General Assembly both the House of Representatives and the Senate voted to adopt rules elevating the Veterans' Affairs Committee to permanent "standing" status. The decision had both Republican and Democratic support.

The move was also applauded by the Connecticut Veterans' Military Coalition and many other veterans' advocacy organizations. Here are some of their comments on the vote.

- Dan Thurston, Chairman of the Connecticut Veterans and Military Coalition (CVMC) and Past State Commander of The American Legion said, "This is a significant event for our States' Veterans and active duty military to be represented by a Standing Committee in the halls of our government."
- "I think this is one big step that the State of Connecticut has made to help its veterans," said Wayne Morgan, State Commander of the American Legion.
- American Legion Department Adjutant Everett G. Shepard III added, "This is an action that we have endorsed for several years and re-affirmed by vote as recently as our November

25th Department Executive Committee meeting. We look forward to many years of support to the Veterans Affairs Committee."

- "This upgrade of the Veterans' Affairs Committee creates the best access we can have for veterans to the state legislature. It brings veterans' concerns into parity with other issues. Those who raised their right hand and swore service to their country deserve that. It has been a long time coming," said General Daniel McHale, Transition Assistance Advisor for the State of Connecticut, and Chapter President of the Association of the United States Army.
- "As an increasing number of Connecticut's active duty servicemen and women rejoin their civilian population, the Standing Committee on Veterans' Affairs will for the first time since 1947, stand poised to most effectively address their needs as veterans," said Bob Hunter, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Connecticut (VFW) Legislative Chairman.

It is great to know that our veterans groups are being supported by leaders in Hartford. And I look forward to continuing my work on behalf of veterans. I have also dedicated a section of my senate website to Veterans Affairs. Please visit it at www.SenatorWelch.com click on the Veterans Corner.

I also can be reached at Jason.Welch@cga.ct.gov or at 800 842 1421 if you would like to share your ideas or concerns.

(Sen. Welch is a ranking member of the Veterans Affairs Committee and represents the towns of Bristol, Plymouth, Plainville, Thomaston, and Harwinton.)

From Charlie Weldon's Book January 11, 1867

The holiday which just passed, produced no great excitement in our quiet little village. True, mother earth put on her winter dress. The almost constant jingle of sleigh bells, and occasionally the merry laugh, which has been heard in our streets, told that the young were enjoying the winter sports. New Year's Day was ushered in with a cold, raw, northeast snow storm, which was anything promising for the success of our anticipated party in the evening. Notwithstanding the storm, tables were set in good Templars Hall during the day loaded with good things, tempting to the eyes and to the appetite; and in the evening, a good number assembled for the double purpose of having a good social time, and to contribute their mite for the laudable object for which the party was given. But at the close of the evening, so many good things were left untouched, that it was unanimously voted to meet again the next evening. Wednesday evening witnessed as large a gathering as the preceding and quiet as pleasant. The net receipts of the two evenings were something over \$150.00 - enough with the benovolent contributions of a few individuals, to accomplish the object for which the effort was made. So we have the prospect of having our church well and pleasantly lighted.

Thanks, Charlie Weldon

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To Your Health !!

What Resolution?

By: Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach, AADP

According to the University of Scranton, Journal of Clinical Psychology, 64% of people maintain their new years resolutions for at least one month. Are you in the 64% shooting for another month of success or in the 36% hoping for a new start? Perhaps you didn't set any resolutions, but know you want to experience a new level of health and vitality in 2013.

Setting goals can be motivating. Lose weight, exercise more, clean up the clutter, get that degree or just have more fun. We set an intention, we visualize what we can be, or we clear space for what's new and have every good intention to get started. Then what happens? Life! We get caught up in our familiar routines, we make excuses and procrastinate, or we just give up. Sound familiar? You are not alone.

Research suggests that if you want to change a habit, you have to make it realistic and then consciously do one thing different for 21 days straight. So, reel in that BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal). Step away from something that feels unrealistic or just too hard right now and focus on the first small step that will open the path to a life you will love. Decide what you can do differently that will reduce the attraction for the thing you want out of your life. For instance, if it is to stop eating empty calorie candy, try eating dates when you get a craving. Dates provide a sweet treat with added benefit of fiber and vitamins.

If you are looking for a healthier lifestyle here are 3 simple suggestions for a great start to your day.

- Drink a glass of lukewarm water with lemon upon waking. According to Ayurveda medicine, water hydrates your cells, stimulates the digestive tract, and act as a natural diuretic. Water and lemon will help your body maintain a healthy PH balance. PH refers to how acidic or alkaline a body is. The optimal PH balance is 7.4. Outside of this range, the body's metabolism is out of balance and more susceptible to illness. While lemons are a naturally acidic food, the end products they produce after digestion and assimilation are very alkaline so, lemons are alkaline forming in the body.
- Eat a healthy breakfast. Your mother was right. Don't skip this important meal of the day. Think high fiber or protein with a low glycemic index, like oatmeal or quinoa. Donuts and bagels and sugary cereal won't make the cut. If you start the day with a smoothie, make it green by adding some kale, celery or spinach. Your body will thank you for the added vitamins and minerals.
- Stretch, twist and turn. Ever watch an animal when they first wake up? My dog, Cooper, doesn't do anything until he fully stretches out his body – every day, no exceptions. It only takes a few minutes and feels so good. Not only will it loosen up those muscles and make you a little more limber; the twisting will actually give your internal organs a massage and aid in digestion and flow throughout the day. Morning Yoga poses can help to release tension, increase energy and vitality as well.

By making simple morning changes, you will begin to feel healthier and more aware of what your body, mind and spirit needs. These healthy rituals will influence the choices you make for the rest of the day and open up the possibilities for something bigger and better to enter your life.

Wait - One more thing. Valentine's Day is right around the corner and those chocolate candy boxes are just so tempting and beautiful. Please give consideration to what goals you may be helping or hurting when you decide to express your gift of love this year. Would a promise of a long walk, a membership in a fitness center or just a night at the movies be more appreciated and send a message that you care about the health and happiness of your Valentine.

My Valentine Gift to you: A healthy recipe to start your New Day!

Quinoa with spiced, warm almond milk

Quinoa is actually a small dried seed that has been cultivated for thousands of years in South America. This powerhouse has the highest protein content of any other grain. It contains all eight essential amino acids and is gluten free

Ingredients (4 servings)

1	c	quinoa
2	c	filtered water
½	t	ground ginger
½	t	ground cinnamon
¼	c	honey (agave, maple syrup or brown rice syrup can also be substituted)
2	c	almond milk (unsweetened)

1. Rinse your quinoa. This is an important step. The seeds are coated with saponins, a naturally-occurring plant chemical that can cause a bit of a bitter taste. Their purpose is to keep insects from eating the plant! While most quinoa is rinsed prior to packaging, it's best to be safe and rinse it again. Add quinoa to water in a small pan and bring to a boil. Simmer, stirring occasionally until the quinoa is tender and the mixture thickens, for about 15 minutes. Add more water if necessary.
2. When the quinoa is almost done, add almond milk, ginger, and cinnamon in another small saucepan. Whisk and warm it over low heat.
3. Pour the warm almond milk mixture over each serving and drizzle with honey.

Linda Coveney is an AADP Certified Health Coach who provides one-one coaching and group wellness programs and lunchtime learning. If you would like more information, you can reach her through www.healthy-behaviors.com or lindacoveney@healthy-behaviors.com, or 860-614-1548. Feel free to contact Linda and let her know what health topics you would like to read about in upcoming issues.

Focus on Healthy-Behaviors

The Chamber of Commerce "Women in Motion" series will begin, watch for the dates. Any Woman's Group interested in the benefits from a Wellness Workshop, please contact me at the address above.

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"I.T. Jim" Social Media A Beginners Guide

What is social media? Why would I want to tweet? What is there to "like" about Facebook? Over the next two months we will go over the basics of the two prominent social media services, Twitter (twitter.com) and Facebook (facebook.com). This month... Twitter!

Social media is a communication medium that has grown in popularity over the past several years. It has evolved significantly from a goofy way to share your day to day or minute to minute activity into a significant source of communication, news, and information from news organizations to advocacy groups, to family and friends. It is a way to connect with likeminded individuals, family members nearby and abroad, businesses and organizations throughout the world.

Twitter is a fast paced micro blogging service that limits a person's activity to 140 characters at a time. Anyone can join and discuss anything they wish. The limitation of 140 characters actually forces folks to think about what they want to say, cut through the bloviating and get to the point. With hundreds of millions of user accounts and over 300 million tweets a day the stream of information could be quite overwhelming. But, it is up to you who and what you see in your stream.

Here is how it works. Once you go to twitter.com and create an account, you will be guided through suggested accounts that you can "follow". When you follow an account, you will see that persons "tweets" show up in your twitter stream of information. When those folks see that you have followed them they have the option to follow you and see your "tweets". There is an option for you to be able to lock your account so that you must approve anyone that chooses to follow you. Depending on your interests, you choose what you want in your stream. Take myself for example. I follow a wide range of people and topics from political figures (@ChrisMurphyCT, @SpeakerBoehner) to country music stars (@CharlieDaniels, @BlakeShelton) to local news (@FoxCT, @WFSBNews, @NBCCConnecticut). I also follow people across the country that share my interests. Combined, this provides a stream of news, commentary, and information that is entertaining and useful to me.

When a topic becomes newsworthy, you can keep up with it on Twitter using something called "hashtags". A hashtag appears with a pound sign (#) followed by a word or words relating to a newsworthy or popular subject. For example, during the big football championship folks might use the hashtag #SB47. When you see a hashtag that interests you on twitter, you can click on it and see what everyone on twitter is saying about that subject. To express your opinion, you simply include that hashtag in your tweet. Also, look for hashtags on the TV during shows and events and use them to share your opinion about that event.

You can communicate with others either publicly or privately on Twitter. If you wanted to say something publicly to another twitter user, start your tweet with that persons twitter handle. For example, to tweet me, "@PHCITJim Hello there Jim. Thanks for explaining twitter." If you follow someone that also follows you, you can send them a direct message, "DM @PHCITJim Hello!" I usually avoid using twitter for private messages.

As with anything having to do with the internet, it is always important to use caution. There are a lot of fake twitter accounts. There are also spammers and malicious folks that want to trick you into clicking on links that take you to bad sites. Avoid clicking on any links tweeted from people you don't know or don't follow. Celebrities and businesses that have legitimate accounts will have a blue circle with a checkbox verifying that account.

Next month I will go over the basics of Facebook. Used judiciously, it really is a great tool to keep in touch with family and friends anywhere in the world. Stay Tuned!

As always, if you have any questions about this column or ideas for future columns, please send along an email to jim.phc@gmail.com. You can also follow me on Twitter @PHCITJim! I will be tweeting all about technology and following up on my monthly columns!

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By: Rev. John Brinsmade, Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Nutrition experts have been telling us for years, as have mothers, that the most important meal of the day is breakfast. We're told this is so to get the day off to a good start.

What is the most crucial moment in a short race? It the first step out of the starting blocks. Very often sprints are won by the racer who can anticipate the start. Begin too soon, and you have a false start. Begin too late and there might not be enough time to make up that millisecond difference at the start.

What is the most delicate sentence to write in a novel? It's the opening line. That's the line that will hook the reader. Oftentimes, great authors will agonize over just how to craft that first sentence of book or a chapter.

Good starts. Isn't that what we all want in these opening days of the year 2013? Many thought since the Mayan calendar ended this past December, it signaled a prediction of the end of the world. December 21 came and went without a hiccup. And here we are, with time still ticking away. So now that we are past those concerns, maybe we can focus on the beginnings this time gives us, and not worry about endings.

Today as Church we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. It is that time of year when we read scripture that shows how God reveals his glory and his love to all people of all time. We hear of the Magi who visited Jesus when he was a tiny child, and the gifts they bring: gold to signify his Kingship, frankincense to illustrate his priestly role, and myrrh as a sign of the sacrifice he would make for our sins. For those of us who want to make a good start this year, maybe the Magi can give us a couple of pointers.

First, pay attention to mystery. If you really want to start this year right, ask God for the wisdom to notice the mystery of holiness all around you. Try to see the small miracles in life, and be grateful. Don't just wait for that one lollapalooza that might never come. Pray for the openness to see the goodness in unexpected places and unexpected people. Learn to look for signs of God at work in the world. To do all this we first must slow down. We tend to rush through life, and that doesn't give us the time to have a sense of humor, a sense of trust and a sense of wonder. Try this: if you haven't already read today's news, try to do so with an eye for goodness. I know the news outlets on line and on paper specialize in stories of gloom and tragedy, but that is only a part of the whole human story. There are also stories of heroism in tragedy, courage in a difficult moment, a sense of value in the midst of turmoil. Find those people and thank God for them.

As you slow down the pace of life, soon you have the time to notice the presence of good in people. You might catch someone red-handed in the act of doing right. You will see people being kind and caring, maybe even courteous! And as this goodness continues to surround you and envelop you, so to does the presence of God. The Magi had the sense of wonder to look up in the night sky and see a sign, a new star that led them to God in the flesh. We too have to look for God's signs in our lives and then follow them. Where God is at work, join him. And as you arrive at the presence of God, as did the wise men in Bethlehem, open your heart and your treasures with gladness. You will find yourself giving away your gifts instead trying to keep them to yourself.

In short, you will have become Magi. You will become a shining star, a sign of God at work in the world. You will have become an epiphany, the manifestation of God's love in the world. And that would be the greatest start to this new year of grace.

Today's Short Reading from the Bible... from Genesis:

"And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth"

*Then he made the earth round...and he laughed
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TEA PARTY NEWS

"To disarm the people is the best and most effective way to enslave them" By George Mason

Do you recall Nancy Pelosi's statement on the Obama Health Care Plan (Rush vote)? Vote on it now and read it after the bill is passed.

Yes, he told us in advance what his plans were but few were listening. Check out Agenda 21. For central planning and gun control (One world government)

Like Jonah Goldberg said (Article in Hartford Courant dated December 16, 2012) "Conservative must revise rules when game is (fixed) rigged".

Those who have been bashing the Tea Party lately haven't been paying attention to the good it has accomplished. Study what's going on, educate yourself, read and check with snopes.com, fast check, or whatever for truth and accuracy. Study the issues.

By the time this February edition of the Hometown Paper is read all factors of gun control decision might have already been made.

The appointed commission by the President headed by VP J. Biden has already decided on the gun Control matter.

Could the last elections define who we really are: a notion of entitlements ad-dicts and racists or do we still find great pleasure in using our creativity, ingenuity and will continue to pursue our dreams?

God bless America, God bless every American still willing to stand their ground.

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

This should be the rule everywhere. I can already hear the do-gooders screaming about "individual rights", well let them or make them pay the entire welfare bill themselves. The last line says it all. Give (Unstintingly) to those in genuine need!

I-95 and I-75 will be jammed for the next month or so with druggies and deadbeats heading North out of Florida, because this is the first state in the union to require drug testing to receive welfare!

Hooray for Florida! In signing the new law, Republican Gov. Rick Scott said, "If Floridians want welfare, they better make sure they are drug-free."

Applicants must pay for the drug test, but are reimbursed if they test drug-free. Applicants who test positive for illicit substances, won't be eligible for the funds for a year, or until they undergo treatment. Those who fail a second time will be banned from receiving funds for three years!

Naturally, a few people are crying this is unconstitutional. How is this unconstitutional? It's a legal requirement that every person applying for a job has to pass drug tests in order to get the job, why not those who receive welfare?

Let's get welfare back to the ones who need it, not to those who won't get a job. **I AGREE, DO YOU?**

Statement From the National Rifle Association of America Regarding White House Task Force Meeting

Fairfax, Va. – The National Rifle Association of America is made up of over 4 million moms and dads, daughters and sons, who are involved in the national conversation about how to prevent a tragedy like Newtown from ever happening again. We attended today's White House meeting to discuss how to keep our children safe and were prepared to have a meaningful conversation about school safety, mental health issues, the marketing of violence to our kids and the collapse of federal prosecutions of violent criminals.

We were disappointed with how little this meeting had to do with keeping our children safe and how much it had to do with an agenda to attack the Second Amendment. While claiming that no policy proposals would be "prejudged," this Task Force spent most of its time on proposed restrictions on lawful firearms owners - honest, taxpaying, hardworking Americans. It is unfortunate that this Administration continues to insist on pushing failed solutions to our nation's most pressing problems. We will not allow law-abiding gun owners to be blamed for the acts of criminals and madmen. Instead, we will now take our commitment and meaningful contributions to members of congress of both parties who are interested in having an honest conversation about what works - and what does not.

-NRA-

Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. Four million members strong, NRA continues to uphold the Second Amendment and advocates enforcement of existing laws against violent offenders to reduce crime. The Association remains the nation's leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the armed services. Be sure to follow the NRA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationalRifleAssociation and on Twitter @NRA.



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PLAINVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS AND CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARIES



Kevin Toner and wife Leatha are all smiles at the January 7th Town Council meeting. Kevin began his term as Fire Chief upon his appointment by the Council.

HEATING SAFETY

**Larry A. Sutherland, Fire Marshal/
Emergency Management**

1. Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
2. Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
3. Never use your oven to heat your home.
4. Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
5. Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
6. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
7. Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
8. Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
9. Test smoke alarms monthly.

Plainville Fire Company Service Awards



1st row Herbert Lilliridge, Stephen Chapman, 1st Chief Adrien Paradis; 2nd row Timothy Lennon, Jeff Romano, William Costello, Bruce Lauzier and John Myska. Photo courtesy of David Wm. Laurie

At the January 22nd Town Council meeting, firefighters were recognized for years of service to the community. Rick Drezek presented proclamations to each member for their contributions. State Representative Betty Boukus also presented proclamations from the State of Connecticut recognizing the members' contributions. 35 year awards, Douglas Doughty, Herbert Lillibridge; 20 years Bruce Lauzier, Timothy Lennon, Adrien Paradis; 15 years William Donovan, Antonio LaBella, Jeffrey Romano; 10 years Stephen Chapman, Christopher Dayton, Timothy Holcomb, John Myska; 5 years Paul Brousseau, James Lenois Sr, Thomas Moschini, Jr.

FACT:
Half of home heating
fires are reported
during the months
of December, January,
and February.



Fire Chief Kevin Toner, 1st Assistant Chief Thomas Moschini, Sr. and 2nd Assistant Chief Adrien Paradis Photo by Andrea Saunders

Town Council Names First Assistant Chief and Second Assistant Chief



Rick Drezek, Town Councilor, presents badges to First Assistant Chief Thomas Moschini, Sr.(above) and Second Assistant Chief Adrien Paradis. Family members Abigail, Thomas Moschini's daughter and Sue, Adrien Paradis' wife were present to pin Chief's badges for the honorees.

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Robertson Airport Opens New Runway at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Shown above, local officials attended the ribbon cutting at Robertson Airport runway dedication ceremony. Kathy Pugliese, Town Council Chairman, had the honor of cutting the ribbon.

Complete story by Robert E. Lee, Town Manager on page 5.

Pictured with Lynn O'Leary Michaud, Office Manager (*Director of Operations*) of Interstate Aviation, Inc. is Robert Nardiello, Interstate's Corporate Jet Pilot and Chief Flight Instructor. As you can see they are delighted with the new improvements on the runway.

Plainville Officials Present "State of the Town" Address to Community

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce served as the host for the State of the Town Address on January 24 at the library. It was very well attended by residents, business and property owners. One downtown property owner came from New York and were very pleased with the message.

Richard Williams, Chairman of the Economic Division of the Chamber of Commerce opened the program with a welcome and then introduced Kathy Pugliese, Chairperson of the Town Council.

Kathy thanked the Plainville Chamber of Commerce for hosting the event and also gave particular thanks to her fellow Councilors for their ongoing work on the Council and most especially for the tremendous spirit of volunteering they uphold.

The council has been very busy the past year with a variety of projects... some are complete and some are still on the "to do" list.

1. Consolidation of business office functions with Board of Ed and Town... The project is complete and new relationships within the staff have progressed in a very positive fashion. Although there was some resistance to the idea initially in the community, the result is more that expected. There is a great spirit of cooperation and collaboration. Town Engineering, Fire Marshal, Planning and Building departments have relocated to lower level resulting in easier access for the public and a better layout for departments involved... truly a win for all involved.

2. Chung Property – The Council recently had a public hearing for the purpose of allocating \$300,000 for assisting clean up of location. Currently the Council is considering a couple of options and will finalize the decision at the February 4th meeting. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Agency for their support.

3. Old Linden Street School – The Linden Street School reuse committee has been meeting over the past several months studying the fate of the old portion of the school. The Council is awaiting the report from the committee weighing the option of tearing down the building or some other reuse.

4. A subcommittee of Council members and Fire Department members have been meeting for the past few months reviewing the fire ordinance. Substantial changes have been proposed by the committee to update sections not reviewed in over 30 year. Much was learned about the current state of fire protection and prevention. Lately there has been an upswing in membership requests and hope that continues on. All other ordinances are currently being reviewed for updating as well.

5. Our police department is also moving forward as our Chief Catania brings the force in a new direction of community policing while dealing with personnel turnover due to retirements. Some have been promoted from within the ranks and the Chief continually seeks to improve the overall performance of the department. We continue to monitor DUI activities although with refined frequency than previously experienced.

6. Currently we are working on the budget. We have some grave concerns with funding specifically related to the State of CT deficit situation. Municipal aid is now in the mix for decreased funding which will directly impact local revenues and services. The Council is acutely aware of escalating costs to citizens and businesses with new health care laws, increased FICA deductions from paychecks, and trends of many businesses that are cautious about expanding their full time workforce. The Outlook remains uncertain for many and our work will keep the impact of these forces in the forefront during our budget work. Again, Thank You to the Chamber for making this opportunity available and thanks to everyone for attending.

Robert E. Lee spoke about several items that are on the table at this time. The bicycle trail, CT Transit which provides bus service in town and of course the budget. He also touched on pending bridge repair projects and a potential long term capital improvement plan that will address many municipal and school projects. He introduced Mark DeVoe, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Mark DeVoe reported on the residential development being "lackluster" at this time and foreclosures are still in the picture. He said the commercial and industrial development is slow but steady. With the activity of Bismarch Real Estate, Mott Corporation and Walker Crane adding additional space and 70,000 sq. foot medical office building is in the works on the New Britain town line. Mr. DeVoe said the town is working to fill existing space, National Eastern, White Oak and the GE North Plant. He introduced John Bossi, Technical Service Director...

John spoke about the infrastructure of the roads, sidewalks and bridges. Following the presentation, a number of questions were posed to the presenters.

Mr. Williams thanked the Chamber of Commerce and the Town officials for "The Plainville State of the Town".

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National Automotive Technology Competition



Pictured from left: Larry Eiden, Technology Competition Manager for the State and Gary Stebbins, Parts & Service Manager at Crowley's with one of the 4 student teams.



Pictured from left: Abe Basmajian from Megatech Corporation with one of the 4 student teams.

On Tuesday, January 29th, the top performing Automotive Technician students in the state came to Crowley Ford Lincoln in Plainville CT to prepare and compete for a spot in the National Automotive Technology Competition of 2013. Since 1993, the competition has brought the countries top high school automotive technicians together in a competition designed to test their knowledge, measure their skills and challenge their abilities.

The winners of the competition on the 29th will advance to the National Competition where there will be a total of 30 students competing. The National Championship takes place in April at the New York International Auto Show. More than \$3 Million dollars worth of prizes and scholarships will be awarded to participants and participating schools. It was a great pleasure and honor to have the students in the Crowley Ford Lincoln service department. Interacting with up and coming Automotive Technicians and watching them perform was a great experience!

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Tino was the chef for Uncle Bob, got to know the customers and loves Plainville. Uncle Bob made Tino's accomplishment come true. Now he is his own chef, We wish him the best of luck! The restaurant is located 164 Woodford Ave.

*My old father used to have a saying that
"If you made a bad bargain, hug it the tighter"
~ Abraham Lincoln ~*



Lifelong Learning Association Celebrates Black History Month

On February 11th at 1:00 pm at the Plainville Library, the LLA will be celebrating February's Black History month and will have as its guest speaker, Professor Dorothy E. Mosby. The subject of her talk will be, "Roots and Routes: Afro-Latin Americans and the US." Professor Mosby is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Spanish, Latino American Studies at Mount Holyoke College. She has authored two books related to literary works by four generations of black Costa Rican writers and as a Fulbright Scholar has traveled to the Central American republic.

Refreshments will be served and there is a \$3.00 admission fee for guests and non-members. For further information, please call (860)747-1492.

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Dear Editor,

As with any letter submitted, I'm sure you want my full name, address, phone number etc. which is common practice and I don't have a problem providing.

Your paper is clearly "right wing" and caters to those of like mind. I don't understand why you consistently print opinion letters with only a first name, or with no name at all. You have in the past carried a regular column full of right wing propaganda where the author was not even required to print her last name.

I was wondering how your paper would handle the recent election - I suspected it would be largely ignored and to some extent I was correct.

However, several articles were printed that were just amazing. Jeanette Hinkson, who I must say is at least not ashamed to put her name on her column - **ARE YOU KIDDING?** Do you really believe the election was rigged? Do you honestly believe that union members who may or may not have been pro-Obama actually had the will or the means to "fix" voting machines? **Wow.** Why do so many Republicans refuse to believe that their candidate lost - fair and square? And what about numerous Republican Governors trying to push through voter ID laws to prevent fraud that does not exist. The sole purpose was to keep voters who would vote for Obama away from the voting booth. The PA Governor admitted this in public. Author Unknown - let's leave religion out of politics the way our founding fathers intended. "Evil Advisor" - aka Vallery Jarett - who do they think she is? Darth Vader? If this author is truly unknown why would you at least not say where you got this from and who at the PHT decided to print it? It could have been said that the editorial staff thinks this is so important and true that we have decided to share it.

Gene - again no last name - no surprise as with all Tea Party writings, we don't know whose opinions these are. Who is he speaking for? Many "Tea Party"ers are "so well educated" that while screaming out against entitlements they were talking about items such as Medicare and didn't even know it- do they really want this taken away from them? Gun control - why don't people understand that the 2nd Amendment was written over 200 years ago and has no relevance today? I am not against all legal gun ownership but the population is now far too large for us to properly control it. Handguns are far more likely to kill a family member by accident than they are to kill a home intruder.

In a nutshell, my biggest concern/question is why do you print unsigned opinions? Will you answer this in print?

Sincerely, Susan McCabe

The above question about the article by "Author Unknown" of where it came from and who at the PHT decided to print it? It was delivered to the newspaper office and I decided to print it.
~ Helen Bergenty ~
*Whoever left it at the office, please contact me.

Only "Pro-Republican" letters seem to make it in the PHT.....WRONG!

An answer to Reader Susan McCabe....

Being an all volunteer paper many articles are dropped off at the office for publication. Yes, we did have a monthly column which was signed with only the pen name of the author. This person wrote for years giving her opinion on local, state and federal happenings and then she had to take some time off because of other commitments. When this happened we were flooded with requests from not just local readers but readers that subscribe to the paper from other states. We all hope she will start writing again, that is her right. We knew who the person was but sometime the mystery of who the author of a column is, is part of the fun. No one has ever complained about the column "Life with Wanda" and you have no idea who is the author.

Now to answer you on your other complaint, I believe I know what article you were complaining about in the December/January issue. I also questioned this article and somehow it slipped by when someone was trying to fill the page. It is not the opinion of the staff of the paper but I must assume it was the opinion of the person who wrote it. You mentioned me, Jeannette Hinkson, by name so I will address that part of your letter. I researched every part of my article. I spoke to people in Florida, Arizona and Indiana. Let me first relate what happened in Florida because I was there on Election Day. People stood in line as late as 2 o'clock in the morning to cast their vote only to find many of those votes were NOT counted. According to media and internet sources votes in Ohio, Pennsylvania and California were uncouned. Now those people went to the polls or sent in their votes expecting they would have a say in the election of the next president of the United States only to hear millions of votes went uncouned, their votes. These votes could have been for Obama or Romney, but the people that took the time to go to the polls deserved to have their votes counted. You question if an election can be fixed. Anything is possible but one thing I know for sure, when people vote ALL the votes should be counted not put in bags and hidden away. We all wish the best to those elected to run this great country where we still enjoy the right of free speech, or do we? If a person feels a certain way he or she has a right to express their feelings, and that my dear is the First Amendment of the United States of America. I invite you to submit articles and even join the staff at the paper. Before the November election the staff of the paper made several calls to the Democratic Party asking for articles on their candidates and did not receive ONE response. If you would like to give us a call we would be happy to give you the names of the people we called. Come join the staff, you might be surprised to find we are not the villains you think we are. Remember, if you are not part of the solution, then perhaps you are the problem.

~ From the desk of the Publisher ~

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Letter of Sincere Thanks

Thank you to all of my neighbors, friends, Diane & Annelisa of the New Britain Herald, Dan Kane & Mike of Channel 3 News who brought my predicament with my pet chickens to attention and encouraged others to come forward in support.

Some offered to foster "my girls", others have promised to help to change the ordinance so that those who have or want to have a small flock of chickens will not live in fear.

Many towns in CT have reasonable ordinances including the towns surrounding us. Even Manhattan, NY allows chickens.

As of now in Plainville you need two acres to keep any farm animal. A few small quiet chicks (no roosters) cannot be compared to horses & pigs.

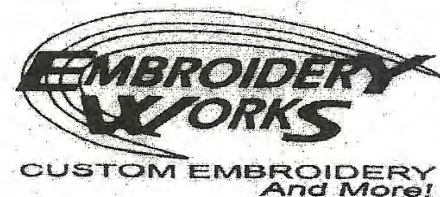
We believe that this ordinance should be revised to suit the circumstances of individual property owners.

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- Battery-powered or crank radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- First aid kit, extra glasses, hearing aids with extra batteries, and copies of prescriptions
- Important documents such as insurance and bank information, Social Security numbers for every family member, and cash and credit cards.

Put these important documents in a waterproof container ready to pick up at a moment's notice. Move anything that may block your path to the exit if you need to evacuate, particularly if the power is out.

Plan for pets as well. Plan to take them with you if you have to evacuate. Take along appropriate food, water and other necessities. Who knows when you might be able to return?

Stay informed about your local situation. Know what the local officials are advising and be ready with your emergency kit. You may need more than one kit: one for sheltering at home and one to take with you.

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It was pretty quiet around town for most of this weekend in mid-January but on Sunday afternoon of January 13th there was a lot of noise at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center as local youth and cheering families turned out for the 2013 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship. There were several great contests to watch in this local level of a program which the K of C sponsors annually around the world to promote youth and family activities. All boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14 were invited to compete for some prizes and the chance to advance to the area advanced level contests.

8 winners were named local champions and earned the right to compete at the district level. Ethan Wellington was best among the 10 year old boys and Tyler Mandeville was the 11 year old boys winner. Gabrielle Schinkel was the winner among the 11 year old girls. Cheyenne Emmendorfer won in the 12 year old girls group and Timothy Keating was the victor among the 12 year old boys. Jared Demmons shot the best of the 13 year old boys and Jessica Masco won the 13 year old girls category. Xavier Wellington was the boys 14 year old champ.

Runners-up were Daniel Emmendorfer in a close tie-breaking contest of the 10 year old boys, Ryan Snyder who was just missed out in a tie breaking shoot out for the 11 year old boys division, Caitlin Barker for the 11 year old girls, Joe Capozzi for the 12 year old boys, Caroline Sechrist for the 12 year old girls; Marc Liquidoli for the 13 year old boys, and Adam Centurelli for the 14 year old boys.

Other contestants were 10 year old boys, Zachary Rutovich and Daniel Leclair, 11 year old boys Christian Peterson, Jacob Sargis and Jason Demmons; 11 year old girl Melanie Boucher, 12 year old boy Brian Collins, and 13 year old boys Christopher Centurelli and Derek Schinkel.

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In December I was co-counsel with Attorney Theodore J. Wurz on a criminal trial representing a client of the firm. Throughout the jury selection process and the trial, the standard of proof to convict someone of a crime was repeatedly emphasized to the jury. This repetition was necessary to clarify to the jury that criminal and civil standards of proof are not the same. In my view, the jury members were able to reconcile all of the facts of the case and the standard of proof as they rendered a verdict of not guilty. That being said, I will now take this opportunity to outline the criminal and civil standards of proof for you the reader.

In order to find someone guilty of a crime, the jury must find the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The prosecution bears this burden of proof as they attempt to prove that no "reasonable doubt" could exist in the mind of a "reasonable person" and therefore the defendant is guilty. A jury could still convict if they have doubt, but only to the extent that it would not affect a reasonable person's belief regarding whether or not the defendant is guilty. From the perspective of the defense, they do not need to prove anything. It is the complete burden of the prosecution to prove all elements of the crime charged beyond a reasonable doubt. That being said, of course the defense will attempt to make the jury aware of some particular issues, which may cast enough doubt in the jury's mind so that they have to find the defendant not guilty. So in criminal matters, the state of Connecticut is trying to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant violated a law that our legislature in Hartford enacted in order to keep the general public safe.

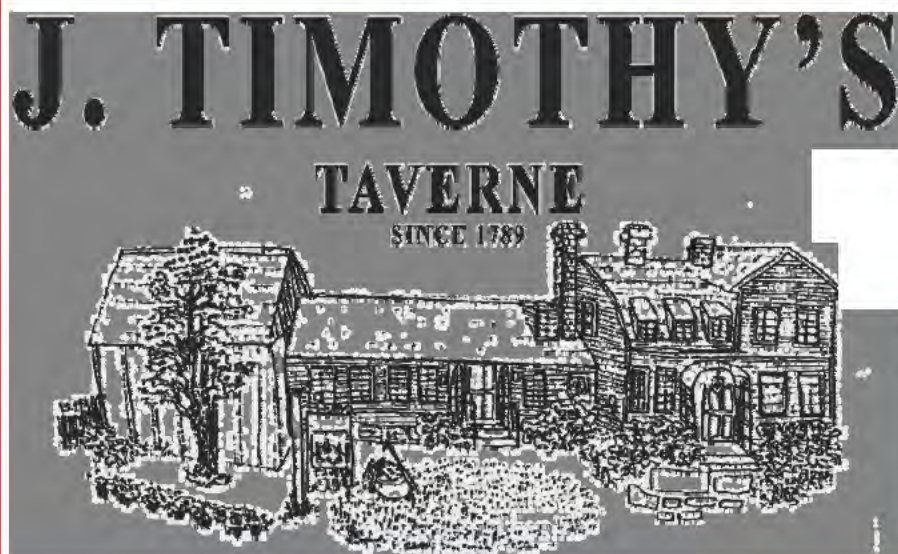
In civil matters the standard of proof is merely the weight of the evidence. Civil matters arise when one person feels they are wronged by another and wants to be made whole by being compensated by the other person. An example of a civil matter would be if you hired someone to replace your roof and immediately after they finished the roof leaks. In order to win civilly, the jury must believe you more than the other guy. This is not the criminal standard of reasonable doubt, which is a much greater burden to prove. Instead, the civil standard is a lower standard for the jury to decide as they figure out who owes what. Certainly, we would not want this lower standard for criminal cases as the defendant may be facing a lengthy jail sentence.

Hopefully, this clarifies the difference between the criminal and civil standards of proof. As always, if you ever find yourself in a criminal or civil action, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.



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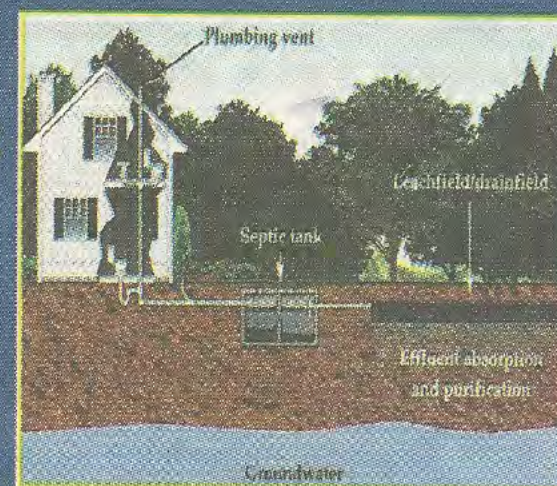
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"Ode to Ruthie"

Eulogy for Ruth (Cosgrove) Healy
Given by Lisa Mandeville

MAY 11, 1916

JANUARY 18, 2013

Good people often are credited with doing great things on occasion. But GREAT people do GOOD things ALL THE TIME! Grandma Ruthie as we affectionately called her was a GREAT PERSON. She was ALWAYS there to care, share her time or help others.

Here are the TOP TEN EXAMPLES OF HER GREATNESS

Number 10, Grandma Ruthie was a great concierge. In fact, 109 Woodford Ave Extension should have been zoned commercial property. She welcomed several family members back to Hotel Healey over the years. Some of us stayed weeks, some of us longer. Whatever the length, she was there to greet us with open arms.

Number 9, Ruthie was the town's greatest consumer of chocolate. I think she may even own stock in Hershey's. There were bags of candy in her refrigerator, her pocketbook, and candy dishes next to where she sat. It's a wonder she wasn't diabetic. As a kid, I couldn't wait to go to church because I knew grandma would have candy in her pocketbook. After receiving her welcome kisses from the kids, she always offered them a piece of chocolate. Funny she never had to twist any of the kids' arms! Might have been the only time Matt and Tyler didn't get yelled at for eating candy.

Number 8, Grandma was the greatest bell ringer. 1 and 3 o'clock in the morning were her finest hours. She eagerly rang that bell until my mother, father, or I awakened to take her to the bathroom. She was so great, one time the neighbor even came to the door to help. She could really ring that bell! I even fell down the stairs racing to a bell that I only imagined was ringing.

Number 7, Ruth was the greatest daytime dozer. She could snore in perfect rhythm to Beethoven's 5th. Yet she'd tell you in all honesty that she was awake, just resting with her eyes closed. It's no wonder she had so much energy at night to ring that bell.

Number 6, Gram was the town's greatest historian (I'm sure even Ruth Hummel would concede this title). Of course, my grandma shared all the newsworthy stories like President Calvin Coolidge's visit to Plainville for the wedding of Governor Trumbull's daughter, and the plane that crashed in the backyard of a home off Bohemia Street. But it was the more colorful history grandma shared that separates her from other historians like who earned their money the hard way and who made their money during prohibition that made for titillating conversation. Over the years, I learned a lot. Bless her heart; she'd repeat them often during our car rides home. I know where her second grade classroom was, where one of her boyfriends lived, the grandson who inherited the SEARS ROEBUCK Kit house, the place where she and my grandfather played cards on Saturday night, the boots she wore that had holes in them, and what life was like during the depression. I only hope I can remember all the stories to pass on to my grandchildren.

Number 5, Mrs. Healy was CC and Company's greatest patron. She kept her hair appointment religiously. First every Thursday, then every Friday, without fail, one hour for a shampoo and set, a little longer for a cut, color or perm. She always made sure she looked her best, in case she met a fine looking gentlemen. All kidding aside, my grandfather and my uncle were the loves of her life. Hopefully, she has met a beautician as good as Karen and Louise, so she can look as beautiful for Jack, Dave, and the rest of the angels with whom she now resides.

Number 4, Gramma was the greatest Disney guest. Oh how she loved It's A Small World. I always called her on the phone or by text right before we were about to board the ride. We HAD to ride at least once for Grandma Healey. Clearly, she has passed on her affinity for Disney to me and my family. Speaking of Florida, she and my grandpa took me one year in the motor home with Marsha and Roger, Debbie and Danny. My parents gave me spending money but for those of you who know me, you know spending money is not one of my fortes. Yet, I still came with lots of souvenirs and a full belly. Fact was I agonized over the cost of a souvenir until my grandma just bought it for me. Rest assured, my parents gave her all my spending money that I hadn't SPENT but really did?????

Number 3, Grandma Ruthie was the greatest traveler. In addition, to her many treks to Florida, she accompanied Debbie and her family to Akron and other Soap Box Derby. She was such a great fan they called her Soap Box Grandma. Debbie also took her to the Amish Country, Hershey Park, Niagra Falls Hampton Beach, Virginia Beach, and Old Orchard Beach. She cruised Alaska with my parents and visited Puerto Rico while we were on a cruise of the Caribbean Islands. She visited South Carolina with Marsha and Earl and Debbie's family too. She and my grandfather visited Saratoga for the big race every year. Like I said, she was a great traveler. But more important, she was always invited! We simply enjoyed the pleasure of her company and the beauty of her smile.

Number 2, Ruth was the greatest hugger. No matter where she was or whomever she met, she would always give a hug accompanied by "a so NICE to see you." It was her way of showing people how much she loved and appreciated their time and enjoyed their company.

AND THE Number 1 EXAMPLE OF WHY Ruth Cosgrove Healey IS GREAT IS...

She was the greatest role model for her family and friends. In her every word, action and deed she epitomized the meaning of unconditional love. It is for this reason and the 9 others above that I am sure she is sharing in heaven's love and glory. I will forever keep Gramma's memory in my heart. I will forever be reminded of her loving legacy every time I look at my mother. She is truly her mother's child. She watched, listened, and learned how to be great by watching "the greatest." I only hope I can carry on the tradition in my Grandma's honor. For right now three things remain: faith that she is an angel in God's kingdom, hope that we will join her in due time, and love. But the greatest of these is love. Love that she showed each one of us every day.

AMEN TO RUTH COSGROVE HEALEY- THE GREATEST!!!!!!



Celebrating a
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Eulogy for Walter J. Majsak
Given by Michael J. Majsak

FEBRUARY 21, 1926

DECEMBER 27, 2012

I am pleased to share some words of remembrance of Walter Majsak on behalf of the Majsak children, Joseph, Steven, Elizabeth, James and our relatives.

Walter Majsak...Walter Majsak...I challenge you to not smile and shake your head when you think of him. Everyone who has met Dad has a Walt Majsak story to tell. I could be here for hours...but I will keep it simple.

Because Dad was a simple man...and I mean that in a respectful way. Simple, defined as: SIMPLE - FREE FROM ADDITIONS OR EMBELLISHMENT Natural, forthright, pure, SIMPLE - FREE FROM INTENT TO DECEIVE OR IMPRESS OTHERS, Genuine, honest, unpretentious, sincere.

Dad defined his world in a very simple way...God, family, community.... Education, hard work, honesty, loyalty, service to others...

He believed in and followed simple rules in life...as can be found in Matthew 22:36-40: When Jesus was asked

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments".

These were Dad's rules...Anyone who knew Dad knew of his love for God and the church. Anyone who knew Dad also knew of the love he had for others, how willing he was to serve others; to make their lives a little better, a little happier. He was truly a loving man...

We know from 1 Corinthians 13: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth. It always protests, always trusts, always hopes Always preserves. My friends... THAT is Walt Majsak.

The eternal optimist, the believer in good, the believer that all things were possible. If that square peg didn't fit in the round hole, you just weren't pushing hard enough. The man could drive you crazy, because he had his way, he was going to do things his way, and he had no problem telling you what should be done.

Dad didn't like bad thoughts, so he just didn't think about them. He felt there was too much good in this world to dwell on the negative and that negative thoughts just didn't get you very far..."It'll be all right" ... "It's not so bad" ... "C'mon, cheer up". Dad made the world and those around him a little brighter, a little lighter, a little happier every time he came around.

Dad's loving spirit always showed through...even in those times when he said things or did things that were so...Walt-like. "He couldn't have just said that...He couldn't possibly have meant that..."

Dad could somehow get away with it because people could see that underneath his foibles that he was a kind and loving man. His love for people, for life won people over. They could see that his joy in interacting with people was genuine and sincere.

Possibly all of the Majsak children cringed at the same words in their different workplaces when they were told by a work associate..."Your Dad's on the phone" ... but somehow that phrase always followed a roll of laughter from the person delivering the message. "Oh no, what had Dad done? ...Dad had just made a new friend. He enhanced the lives of everyone he met.

Dad loved to sing, to dance, to live life to the fullest. And he did. It is for those reasons that we celebrate Walter Majsak's life and his passing. For as expressed by the poet Kahlil Gibran:

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun? And what is it to cease breathing but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when you have reached the mountain top, then shall you begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

My friends, I believe Walt Majsak is now truly singing and dancing in heaven with God. Maybe even leading a song or a dance... definitely telling a few jokes.

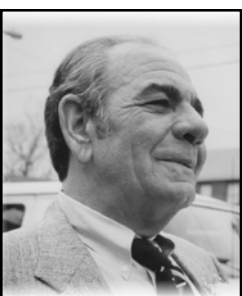
I thank Walter Majsak, my father, your friend, for what he brought to us, for what he brought out of us, for what he has left us. He will continue to be with us as he lives in us, and through us in our thoughts and actions.

In his memory, may we all make the world and those around us a little brighter, a little lighter, a little happier every time we came around.



OBITUARIES

~ Stephen P. Damiano, Sr. ~



82 of Bristol, formerly a longtime resident of Plainville, passed away Saturday December 29, 2012 at The Village Green of Bristol. He was the husband of the late Dorothy (Pierce) Damiano.

Mr. Damiano was born April 13, 1930 in Plainville a son of the late Michael and Theresa (Sansone) Damiano Sr. A very respected businessman, he was the longtime owner of the Comeback Lounge in Bristol where everyone knew him as "Dad". He had also worked as an operating engineer for Union Local # 478. He was proud to serve his country during the Korean War in the US Marine Corps and was a member of the American Legion Post #2 of Bristol. He was a strong advocate in helping children and all like causes.

He leaves his children, Stephen P. Damiano, Jr and his wife Donna of Terryville, Thomas H. Damiano and his wife Allison of Bristol, Pamela L. Button and her husband Kenneth of Plainville, Matthew M. Damiano of Bristol and Susan D. Conrod of Bristol, his brother, Michael Damiano, Jr. of Meriden, his sisters, Evelyn DeMauro and Dina Feracci both of Plainville. He was the devoted grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Rita Bleau of Southington.

A memorial service for Mr. Damiano was celebrated on at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial was held at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Stephen P. Damiano, Jr.

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~ Joseph Charles Dulac ~



88, of Plainville, passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at Apple Rehab, Plainville. He now joins his beloved wife of 60 years, Dorothy, who predeceased him in 2005.



Born in Bristol on September 3, 1924, Joseph was one of four children to

the late Edmund and Corinne (Pelletier) Dulac. A lifelong resident, he graduated from Plainville High School where he excelled at baseball and shared in the state championship basketball game in 1943. He married his childhood sweetheart and neighbor Dorothy in 1946, residing and raising their family of three on the same street where they met and grew up. Joseph proudly served his country during W.W. II in the US Navy aboard the U.S.S. Midway. Upon his discharge, he returned home and began his career at G.E., from where he retired in 1985 after thirty seven years. A sports enthusiast, Joe won many trophies in both bowling and golf. He bowled a perfect 300 game and achieved 2 holes in one as a golfer. He was also a die-hard Red Sox fan, delighting in their World Series wins. A man of great faith, he attended church and said the rosary daily, and was a lifelong member and generous supporter of Our Lady of Mercy Church. He took great pride in his home and his yard, where he enjoyed gardening, planting flowers and feeding the birds. Above all, he was a devoted father and grandfather whose greatest joy was being surrounded by his family, including the many animals he inherited over the years, and enjoyed hosting the holidays alongside Dorothy, with Christmas being his favorite. He was a very social and kindhearted man, making friends wherever he went, and will be greatly missed, leaving his family with many special memories.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and John Zadnik of Bristol; and his sons and daughters-in-law, David and Barbara of Scarborough, ME and Brion and Susan of Montague, MA. He also leaves his grandsons, Christopher, Michael and Todd Zadnik and step-grandchildren, John and Michelle; his sisters who will miss their "pie and pie" Sundays with Joe, Elizabeth Lackey and Theresa Rapacky; and many adored nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard.

Funeral services were held from Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services with Military Honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Joe may be remembered with contributions to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S. Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com.

~ Shirley Mary Ford ~



from Plainville, CT passed to eternal life on January 10, 2013.

Born in Torrington, Connecticut on February 4, 1936, Shirley is survived by her sons; Randy, Glenn, and Todd Ford, and two daughters; Diane Cook and Lisa Pleban-Ford, as well as twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and her sister, Elizabeth Corey. She was predeceased by her son, Jeffrey.

A service was held in her faith at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. The family requests that in lieu of gifts or flowers, Shirley would prefer a donation be sent to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund at <http://www.curealzfund.org>.

For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com

~ Jane (Ciecierski) Gerke ~



70, of Plainville, wife of Albert Gerke, passed away with her family by her side on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Born in New Britain on July 14, 1942, Jane was one of two children to the late Matthew and Josephine (Chaper) Ciecierski. Raised in Plainville, she was a 1960 graduate of Plainville High School, and resided in Torrington shortly after where she raised her family. Jane had a love for children, and was proudly known to many as "Grandma Jane". She enjoyed more than thirty years as a nurses technician in labor and delivery at New Britain General Hospital, retiring in 2008. She and Al shared 35 years together, and enjoyed their retirement years traveling in their R.V. and made a hobby of operating her HAM radio, under the handle KB1SNK. She was a member of the Plainville Senior Center, and could be found many days trimming the shrubs and caring for their family's home. A loving wife and mother, her kindness and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

In addition to her husband, Al, she leaves her children, Barry Brzozowy of Torrington, Paul Gerke, Lori Seigny and her husband, Andre, Linda Lieder and her husband, Craig, and Tracy Boodley and her husband, Andy, all of Plainville. Jane was a loving grandma to many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family, and leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, including her chihuahua "Rascal". She was predeceased by her brother, Fred.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Jane may be remembered with contributions to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center at www.connecticutchildrensfoundation.org.

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~ Alice (Jones) Michaud ~



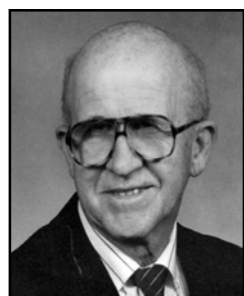
91, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2013 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. She now joins her beloved husband, Oscar, who predeceased her in 1988.

Alice was born in Montpelier, VT on April 6, 1921, one of six children to the late Harry C. and Una (Huntington) Jones. A lifelong Plainville resident, she was retired from Pratt & Whitney after more than 25 years. Alice enjoyed reading, gardening, and vacationing in the Caribbean. A devoted mother and grandmother, she was known for her excellent cooking, and was happiest when surrounded by her family at their many gatherings. She will be greatly missed, leaving behind many cherished memories.

She is survived by her children, Diane Watson of Laconia, NH; Peter and his wife, Donna of Newington, and Michael of Bristol; her grandchildren, Scott, Jim, Karen, Deborah, Robin, and Todd; her 7 adored great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Clifton, Burnham, George, and Harry Jones and her sisters, Harriet Crowley.

A celebration of Alice's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. Committal services followed at West Cemetery. Alice may be remembered with contributions to the National Kidney Foundation, 1463 Highland Ave, Cheshire, CT 06410. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Cadwell "Caddy" Hoerle ~



85, of Plainville, beloved husband of Margit "Peg" (Benson) Hoerle, passed away on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at John Dempsey Hospital.

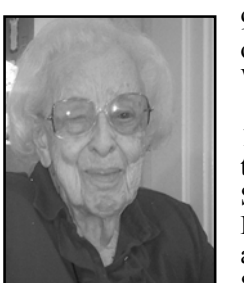
Born in Plainville, he was one of four children to the late Rowland E. and Marion (Cadwell) Hoerle.

A lifelong resident, he was a member of the Plainville High School class of 1945 never missing a reunion thereafter. He proudly served his country, enlisting in the U.S. Navy just after W.W. II. He returned home, pursuing the lovely bank teller at Plainville Trust, Peg, whom he married in 1954. After living in Canton for a short time, they returned to their home town, building the Redstone Golf Course and Swim Club on their property in 1959, which was enjoyed by many throughout the years. He was the third generation owner and operator of his family's business, Ideal Machinery, becoming Vice President in 1945 and President in 1992, until its closing after 90 years in 2009. A founding member of the Plainville Rotary Club in 1955, Caddy never missed a meeting as an active member, and remained a pillar of the organization. He was a lifelong member of the Congregational Church of Plainville, and served on Board of Education for 19 years in the 60's and 70's. He and his wife shared 59 years of love, devotion and life adventures, raising a family of five and enjoyed many family road trips to their home in Florida where they lived part time and full time since the early 1960's. Caddy had a love for the outdoors, and shared many of his passions with his children. He enjoyed working in the yard or gardening, going skiing in his earlier years, and had a special fondness for the ocean, spending many days at the family cottage in Rhode Island going fishing, boating, and clamming. He was a kind and gentle soul, who could easily strike up a conversation with everyone he met and will be greatly missed by his family and many friends, leaving many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his children, Rowland "Skip" Hoerle and his wife, Cathy, Christian "Chris" Hoerle and his girlfriend, Angie, Signe Guzzo and her husband, Tony, Arthur "Art" and his fiancé Amy Snow, and Theodore "Theo" Hoerle; nine grandchildren, Diana, Jon, Suzanne, Alex, Evan, Ethan, Patrick, Colleen, and Linnea; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Fred and his sisters, Patricia Hoerle and Martha Soule.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational Church of Plainville. Committal services with Military Honors followed at West Cemetery. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Caddy may be remembered with contributions to the Congregational Church of Plainville, 130 West Main St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com

~ Alta M. Saunders ~



97, of Farmington, formerly of Plainville, passed away on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

Born in Brockton, MA on April 8, 1915, she was one of two daughters to the late John and Mary (Dube) Saunders. She attended schools in Brockton, MA and Camden, ME, and graduated from Nashua High School in New Hampshire. She went on to attend teachers college in Keene, NH, from where she received her Bachelor's Degree in education in 1942. While teaching in Dublin, NH and Amherst, MA, she earned her Master's Degree from Boston University, where she majored in Reading. Alta moved to Plainville in 1949, where she became a reading consultant, working with elementary children and teachers in Plainville and Newington, retiring in 1976 after 34 years. Alta led a full and productive life, as a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church, the Pi Lambda Theta of Boston University, and the Delta Kappa Gamma, National Honor Societies for women educators, and was a charter member of the Connecticut Association for Reading Research. In her retirement years, she pursued art courses at Tunxis Community College and was a member of the Plainville Art League, where she enjoyed sharing and gifting her paintings to others, and was a volunteer at the New Britain Public Library.

She is survived by her niece, Sandra L. Smith; and many great-nieces and nephews and their families; as well as a foster brother, S. Francis Lessard and his family. She was predeceased by her sister, Mildred Danti.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services were held privately in Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged, in honor of Rhianna Logan, to the Children's Medical Research Foundation, PO Box 70, Western Springs, IL 60558. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com.

OBITUARIES

~ Orest "Presty" Salmoiraghi ~



95, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by his family, on November 26, 2012 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley. He is now reunited with his beloved wife of 67 years, Elinor (Landry) Salmoiraghi, who predeceased him in 2006.

Presty was born in Bristol on August 17, 1917, and was the last surviving of seven children to the late Agostino and Livia (Marieni) Salmoiraghi. A lifelong resident, he attended Plainville High School and EC Goodwin Technical Institute, and has been a longtime active parishioner of Grace Lutheran Church.

A master mechanic and talented craftsman, Presty was a jack of all trades and master of all. He could build or fix anything and never said no to a project. He retired after 46 years of hard work at Marlin Rockwell at the age of 62, and was a proud member of UAW. Presty was an outdoors enthusiast, having a special love for fishing and gardening, and fulfilled his love for nature by building a vacation cottage in New Hampshire where he spent many years with his family. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Presty was a true gentleman, whose kind and caring ways and sense of humor created a wide circle of friends. He leaves his family with many cherished memories and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his children, Jacqueline Peterson of Middletown, Peter and his wife, Denise of Colchester, Richard and his wife, Wendy of Guilford, William and his wife, Bonnie of New Britain, Cynthia and her partner, Maureen Palmer of Torrington, and David and his wife, Patricia of Manchester. He also leaves nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 2 grandchildren, his brothers, Edward, Joseph, and Lewis and his sisters, Inez, Amelia, and Ida.

A celebration of Presty's life was held at Grace Lutheran Church, 222 Farmington Ave, Plainville. Committal services followed at West Cemetery. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St. Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, Presty may be remembered with contributions to Grace Lutheran Church or a local hospice of one's choice. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Philip Lloyd Theriault ~



68, of Forestville, died on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at home with his devoted wife of 25 years, Monique (Morga) by his side, after a courageous two-year battle with lung cancer.

Philip, affectionately known as Lloyd to his family and friends, was born in Frenchville, ME, one of five children to the late Theodule

and Elsie (Dubé) Theriault on April 18, 1944. His family moved to Plainville in 1956, where he attended high school and later devoted the rest of his life to the trucking industry, both locally and interstate. He retired after more than twenty years as a driver for Manafort Brothers in 2007. Lloyd had a longtime passion for Corvettes, having been one of the first in town to own one, and collected several throughout the years. He was a former race car driver at the Plainville Stadium, and continued his love for racing as a NASCAR enthusiast, in addition to being a Dallas Cowboys fan. Lloyd proudly served his town as a volunteer fireman with Plainville Fire Department for more than twenty years. He will be forever remembered and missed by his family and many friends for his kindness and sense of humor, leaving many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, Monique, he leaves his children from his first marriage to Roberta Robertson, daughter Kim Marie Theriault Dinelli and her children, Elizabeth, Dakota, and Cooper, and his son, Ted Anthony, his wife Sarah and their children, Mike and Aiden; his brother Ralph, his wife, Rosemary, his sister, Mert and her husband, George Kemzura and his sister Betty and her husband, Leo Ouellette, along with their families, his many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He also leaves his mother-in-law, Marianna; and his brothers-in-law, Michael and Edmond and his sister-in-law, Therese and their families. He was predeceased by his sister, Jeanne D'Arc.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services followed at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements.

~ Salvador Joseph Scapellati ~



86 of Plainville passed away Wednesday December 26, 2012 at Touchpoints of Farmington. He was the husband of Marion (Weber) Scapellati and the late Gladys (Wilton) Scapellati who passed away in 1954.



Mr. Scapellati was born January 13, 1926 in New Britain a son of the late Joseph S. and Victoria (Dorbeck) Scapellati and was a longtime Plainville resident. He was a 1943 graduate of New Britain High School and attended the University of Connecticut. He was a machinist at Fafnir Bearing Company in New Britain starting in 1950, retiring after many years of service. Salvador proudly served his country during WWII in the US Navy serving in the Asiatic Pacific from 1944 thru 1946. In his spare time he enjoyed golf, photography, bowling and crosswords.

Besides his wife of 56 years he leaves his daughters, Susan Pearson and her husband Barry of Plainville, Gayle Scapellati and her husband Lewis Johns of Bristol, Anita Amento and her husband Fran of Barkhamsted and Lynne Lerosé and her husband Robert of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, his son, Steven Scapellati of Huntington Beach, CA, his grandchildren, Barry Pearson, Jr and his wife Amy Nguyen of Westlake Village, CA, Katje Pearson of Avon, Stacy Rosay and her husband Brian of Bristol, Keith DeVoe of Kensington and Stephanie Lerosé of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, his great grandchildren Chloe and Macyn Rosay, Xander and Kacie DeVoe and Elliott Pearson.

Funeral services were at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will be held at the convenience of his family.

~ Catherine (Scranton) Whitney ~



74, beloved wife of Ronald Whitney, of Southington, passed away surrounded by her family, on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

She was born in New Britain on October 16, 1938, one of two children to the late Edward and Mary (Burns) Scranton. Raised in Plainville,

she was a 1956 graduate of Plainville High School. She met the love of her life, Ronald, on a blind date one year later, whom she married in July 9, 1958. Together, they shared a lifetime of love and happiness, raising a family of three. They moved to Southington in 1998, and have been longtime members of St. Dominic Church. Catherine worked in the administrative field for many years, though she was best known for her caring personality and love for her family, around whom she centered her life and was entirely devoted.

In addition to her husband, Ronald, she leaves her daughters, Lori Legere and her husband, Butch of NH, and Cathleen Grip and her husband, Christopher of Plainville; her grandchildren, Matthew Legere and his wife, Heidi and Nicole Riley and her husband, Jacob; and five great-grandchildren, Connor, Brayden, Hunter, Makenna, and Mason; her brother, David Scranton of Southington, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Whitney.

Funeral services in celebration of Catherine's life were held from Bailey Funeral Home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Dominic Church. Committal services followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Catherine may be remembered with contributions to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

~ Donald Kingsley Williams ~



95, of Plainville, died on Saturday, December 1, 2012, with his two daughters by his side at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain. He is now reunited with his beloved wife, Carolyn (Morton) Williams, who predeceased him in 2001.



Born on June 3, 1917, in Westhampton, MA, he was one of two sons to the late Jared C. and Grace (Kingsley) Williams. A 1937 graduate of Northampton High School, Don went on to earn his degree in horticulture from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in Amherst, MA, and for many years, maintained a nursery on his parent's property in Westhampton. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, proudly serving his country during W.W. II with the 9th Infantry Division. Stationed in Africa and Europe he was honorably discharged in 1945. Don returned to Westhampton where he met the love of his life, Carolyn, whom he would marry on June 20, 1947. Together they settled in Plainville where they shared 53 years of marriage, raising two loving daughters. Don retired from Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in Southington in 1983. A longtime active member of the Congregational Church of Plainville, Don served as a member of the Diaconate and was a volunteer along with Carolyn at the Plainville Thrift Shop. Don was a member of Frederick-Franklin Lodge #14 and was proud to receive his 50 year pin in 2010.

Family was of the utmost importance to Don. He led by example, showing kindness, loyalty, and commitment. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren and celebrating their many milestones. An avid Red Sox fan since childhood, watching baseball and golf were favorite past times. His passion for horticulture was ever present in his well-kept yard where he spent much of his time. A true gentleman, he will be greatly missed by his family and many dear friends, leaving them with many special memories. Don's family extends their gratitude to the staff at Apple Rehab and the W-2 staff at Hospital of Central CT, New Britain, for the compassion and care shown to all of them during his recent stay.

He is survived by his devoted daughters, Lynette Susco and Pamela Thomas and her husband, William, all of Plainville; his adored grandchildren, T.J. Susco and his wife, Arielle, Megan (Susco) Wesoly and her husband, Marc, and Michael and Matthew Thomas. In addition, he leaves two sisters-in-law, Jane Morton and Esther Williams; his niece, Debby Taggett and her family; and nephews, Gary and Rick Morton and their families. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard; his son-in-law Thomas Susco, his brothers and sister-in-law, Henry and Polly Morton and Frederick Morton; and nephews, Jeffrey Morton and Henry "Skip" Morton, Jr.

Services in celebration of Don's life was held at the Congregational Church of Plainville. Committal services were held at the Center Cemetery, Westhampton, MA. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Don may be remembered with contributions to the Book of Remembrance at the Congregational Church of Plainville, 130 W. Main St, Plainville, CT 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com.



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Evening Worship Service
Wednesday 7 :00 pm
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But, the Bible makes it very clear that Jesus Christ is coming back to rapture every born again believer to heaven after which the world will experience the most devastating time on earth known as the Seven Year Tribulation Period outlined in Revelation chapters 6-19. Paul tells us in I Thessalonians 4:16-17 – “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up (raptured) together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” Paul tells us in I Corinthians 15:52 that the rapture will happen “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

The rapture will happen one day and those who are not saved (born again) will be left behind to experience seven years of the outpouring of God’s wrath upon earth.

People can make fun of those who believe in this rapture thing all they want but it doesn’t matter what individuals choose to believe because what the Bible says is so whether you believe it or not. My friend, why not trust

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New Study: Maturing in the Christian
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Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

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Before Weekday Morning Mass

Ash Wednesday ~ See Page 37

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SUNDAY SERVICES

CHURCH SCHOOL Pre-K to

Adult: 9:00 AM

WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesday Ladies.....Tuesdays, 9:30 AM

Boy Scouts.....Tuesday, 7 PM

AA.....Sun., Mon., & Wed., 7 PM

Al-Anon.....Mondays, 7 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION:

Sunday, February 3, 10 AM

HARTT SCHOOL OF MUSIC,

WINTER BENEFIT CONCERT:

Sunday, February 10, 7 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:

Wednesday, February 13,

Agape Meal, 6:30 PM, Worship with

Holy Communion, 7 PM

METHODIST YOUTH

FELLOWSHIP:

Sunday, February 3, 10, 17, 24,

5:30~7:30 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays, February 20 & 27

7 PM ~8:15 PM

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FELLOWSHIP:

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6 PM

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TUESDAY: Prayer & Tarrying

@ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Bible Class @ 8:00-9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY: Evangelistic Service

(1st) 7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Aid Service (2nd)

Missionary Service (3rd)

Men's Ministry (4th)

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP SERVICES

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

BIBLE STUDY

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

BOARD MEETINGS

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

Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

(2nd Sun after service)

Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

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

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

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

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

Trustee/Steward (2nd Sat of Aug., Oct., Dec.,

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

Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar. & May 16 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 p.m.

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

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12:00pm

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13. On that day "Ashes to Go", we be distributed in front of Gnazzo's Market from 10 am to 11 am, there will be distribution of Ashes at 12 pm and simple service with distribution of Ashes at 6 pm, both at the church.

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

PARISH PROGRAMS

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Wednesdays 3 to 6 PM

Daughters of the King Chapter

3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am

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One of the major categories of natural remedies are the homeopathic remedies. Homeopathy was developed for people in Germany in the late 1700's based on the medical philosophy that the body can heal itself. The remedies themselves are very dilute solutions of active ingredients, usually from plants or minerals. Now homeopathic remedies are also made for pets.

Because the homeopathic solutions are very dilute, some people have suggested that any results are a placebo effect – that if you believe something will happen, it will. But it's hard to argue that dogs can show a placebo effect. How can a dog believe that (for example) treatment with a skin and itch formula will stop allergic itching or that a formula for digestive upsets will stop diarrhea? Yet we have seen many dogs (and some cats) have their symptoms improve or go away after treatment with the right homeopathic remedy.

For pets there are homeopathic remedies for several kinds of anxiety (including fear of thunder or other loud noises), upper respiratory problems, deworming, joint problems, digestive problems, urine leakage, skin and coat allergies, and even to speed healing after injury or surgery.

Homeopathic remedies are not used to treat cancer, heart disease, major infections or emergencies.

Another type of natural remedy is the Bach flower essences, developed for people in the 1930's. They are made from diluted flower material, and are used mostly for emotional conditions such as anxiety and stress. The best known of these is probably Rescue® Remedy.

While talking about natural remedies, we shouldn't forget the arthritis products. In addition to homeopathic products for treating arthritis, there are many that are based on glucosamine, with or without chondroitin. These can improve the symptoms of arthritis in pets, but sometimes you will have to try more than one product to find the one that works best for your pet. Some products contain anti-inflammatory herbs or vitamin C or MSM to add to the relief given by the glucosamine.

Natural remedies can certainly be a part of good care for our pets, as long as we remember to use the right product. So read about the products or talk to people who know about them instead of just grabbing something off the shelf. Also, remember that natural remedies do not replace your veterinarian, and that your veterinarian should be told what natural products you are using to treat your pet.

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