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Registration has begun for the Wheeler Regional Family YMCA's 4th Annual O'Mazing Race being held Saturday, March 16th, 2013 in the Plainville/Farmington area.

For those who are not familiar with the event, it's a scavenger hunt with lots of crazy things to do and find and "Every opportunity to embarrass yourself. Our team, "Shimmy & the Shenanigans" participated in this event last year and it was an absolute blast!! We've recruited more friends to compete this year, and we're sooo ready to WIN!" said Kris Dargenio, member of the YMCA.

The event is a fundraiser for the annual Strong Kids Campaign, which funds scholarships for YMCA memberships, child care and camp. Strong Kids also funds out programs including First Wave, a program of free swim lessons to every first grade child in Plainville and Farmington and the LIVESTRONG at the Y program (free 12 week program for cancer survivors and their families).

According to Sally Miller, Associate Executive Director, last year's event was very successful with \$14,000 raised. This year's goal is \$20,000.

Competitors have a list of many tasks to accomplish. Teams will walk, run

and drive to accomplish their scavenger hunt while collecting points to win. Past year's checklist included a photograph of team members paddling a canoe, getting a stranger to buy you a donut, a dip in the YMCA pool and finding many random objects. This year's list will have many more new challenges. Each team must verify its achievements with photos and/or videos. The race ends with a wrap up party from 7-10 pm complete with green beer and food!

To view the promotional "flash mob" video for the 2011 O'Mazing Race, go to YouTube on the internet and type in: Wheeler YMCA Flash Mob - 2011 O'Mazing Race.

Teams of four are being registered now. The fee is \$200 per team. Participation is limited to 30 teams so hurry up and get your team registered!!

For more information please call Sally Miller at Wheeler YMCA at 860-793-9631 or stop in for an application at 149 Farmington Avenue, Plainville.



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Robert E. Lee, Town Manager
Report to: Town Council
on February 4, 2013

311-349 New Britain Avenue Property

- Negotiations are continuing with the owner of the Chung developer. The owner of the property has expressed interest in this option as well. No specific details are available at this time. It is hoped that negotiations can be completed and brought forward in the near future.

Board of Education Capital Improvement

- At the last meeting, the Town Council heard a request from the Board of Education to reallocate \$106,203 to make some security upgrades within the school system. These upgrades include communication improvements within the schools and linkages to the police department as well as an upgrade to the electronic door locking system. This would include a panic button feature tied to the fire door system in all of the schools.
- The Board is requesting that \$80,000 in the capital improvement plan for the cooling tower replacement in the Middle School be transferred to the security improvement project. There is an item under New Business regarding this intra departmental transfer.
- The remaining \$26,203 would require an additional appropriation from the undesignated fund balance. The Board recently received an insurance payment of \$26,203 from the October 2011 snow storm. These monies have been deposited in the general fund and could be made available for this project.
- In order to consider the additional appropriation, the Town Council must first hold a public hearing. There is an item under New Business that would schedule a public hearing on February 25th.

FY 2014 Budget Schedule

- Town staff is assembling the proposed FY14 budget. The budget schedule is as follows - the budget will be presented to the Town Council on March 4th. A public hearing on the Town Manager's Budget will be held on March 7th.
- Budget work sessions are scheduled from March 11th to March 28th.
- A Public Hearing on the Town Council's recommended budget will be held during the second week in April. The all-day budget vote will be held on April 30th.

Letter to the Town of Plainville....

"Thanks for Storm Cleanup!!"

I would like to thank the town of Plainville for the fantastic job they did during and after Charlotte's visited. Our road was completely plowed when I woke up Saturday morning. Also, I want to commemorate all the neighborhoods that, like ours, joined forces and helped each other out by shoveling, snow blowing, giving rides, etc. It was heartwarming to see the unity in this minor disaster. May God continue to blessed us all!

Janice Brayne

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Town of Plainville
HAPPENINGS
as of February 4, 2013

By Shirley Osle, Assistant Town Manager

- The Tax Office has installed a program on the public computer outside their office on the middle floor of the Municipal Center. Taxpayers will be able to come into the Municipal Center to look up the taxes they paid during 2012 and print the same for income tax filing without having to wait in line at the window of the Tax Office.
- Relic Brewery is now open on Whiting Street as well as a new beauty parlor on East Street.
- The next Caregiving Connections Meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. Caregivers of all ages are welcome to join the group and share their caregiving concerns and successes. Call Bette at the Senior Center for more information.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- Blanche McCarthy Sewell, from the Lions Low Vision Center, will hold a program for individuals with low vision and those caring for those with low vision on February 12 at 10:00 a.m. Blanche will present information about the Lions Low Vision Center in our area and the services they provide to help individuals with low vision manage activities of daily living, and to make a life a little easier.
- 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. To register for this free program, call the Plainville Senior Center at 747-5728. Funding for this program is made

possible by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

- The Plainville Senior Center Nurse, Georgia Sterpka, APRN, will present a free program about achieving and maintaining a healthy cholesterol level and will offer a cholesterol screening at the Center on Wednesday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. She 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 cholesterol screenings, which will cost \$10.00, payable at the time of the screening.
- Electric Violinist Caryn Lin will perform at the Plainville Senior Center 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.

Board of Education Approves Budget

On February 11, 2013, the Board of Education approved the 2013-2014 Budget for the Plainville Community Schools. The Board received the Superintendent's Proposed Budget in mid January and then devoted three work sessions to reviewing all aspects of the budget, before approving a plan that represents only a 0.98% increase over the current year's budget.

The budget was developed through a process of reprioritizing, reallocating, and reinvesting. All possible resources and available funding sources were explored and reviewed so that resources were directed to those educational needs seen by the Board and the administration as top priorities. This increase, while still very minimal, will allow our schools to make some significant improvements at all levels.

The improvements to our schools and educational programs contained with the budget approved by the Board include:

- Curriculum upgrades to Common Core State Standards & 21st Century Skills
- New math program for 7th and 8th grade
- 1 additional health teacher at MSP
- 2 additional elementary literacy teachers (reducing 3 classroom sections)
- Support for school climate initiatives
- Fully implement 2013-14 Tech Replacement Plan
- Additional security at PHS and residency monitoring for the district
- Instrumental music in grade 4 (.6 teacher)
- PHS College & Career Readiness Center (PT position)
- Part-time technology support staff (FT position w/ .5 funded by Town)
- Additional clubs, activities and athletics
- 1 additional maintainer
- Funding for part-time custodial needs

On Monday, March 4, 7:30 PM, Town Council Chambers, the Superintendent and Town Manager will make a presentation to the Town Council to begin that process. That meeting will be followed by a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 7, Town Council Chambers, 7:00 PM, at which community members may address the council regarding the 2013-2014 Town and Board of Education budgets.

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ObamaCare Embraces Health Savings Accounts

By: Dan Perrin

Despite getting clobbered in the fiscal cliff negotiations, Republicans have something to celebrate this year -- the survival of health savings accounts, or HSAs. They had feared that President Obama would obliterate this critical cost-saving tool.

Sure, the president had promised that ObamaCare would not bar HSA-qualified plans from health insurance exchanges. But we had our doubts.

Fortunately, we were wrong.

A new regulation from the Department of Health and Human Services should put Republican fears to rest. Issued in November, the Department's proposed Actuarial Value Calculator has been tested and re-tested. Republicans and HSA experts can conclude only one thing from this mathematical tool: ObamaCare is safe for HSAs.

HSAs are accounts that allow the owners of high-deductible health insurance plans to save tax-free for medical expenses. HSA-qualified plans offer low monthly premiums, which has made them the fastest-growing type of health plan in United States for the past four years. If initial results from private health exchanges operating in Minnesota are any indication, more than half of insurance buyers want an HSA-qualified plan.

Republicans have lauded HSAs for years, both as a way to bring choice and savings to individual

consumers, and as a method for keeping overall health care expenses from spiraling out of control.

The White House and Department of Health and Human Services appear to have also concluded, rightly, that for the health exchanges to work, the option to choose low-cost, HSA-qualified health plans must be preserved.

No one has been more caught off guard by this conclusion than primed-for-battle political operatives like myself. In fact, the proposed health care regulations embodied in the Actuarial Value Calculator are so fair and reasonable that much of the Republican health care policy apparatus has been stunned into silence -- perhaps accounting for how little we've heard about the new regulation.

Literally, with one draft rule, and indications that other draft rules will also permit HSAs, the Department has silenced a huge chorus of Republican critics of the President's health care plan. On Capitol Hill, health care aides to Republican Senators and Congressmen are asking, "what do we say now?" You can hear the delete button being pressed on whole paragraphs of stump speeches pounding ObamaCare.

In a Washington, D.C., board meeting a few weeks ago, I heard this HHS rule being described as "the best Jedi mind trick, ever."

Assuming the rules don't change, the implications are enormous. Inside the beltway, it means a new era of détente has broken out in at least one corner of the health care wars. Republicans can say that one of their signature health care policies has been preserved under

ObamaCare. Democrats can point out that the President kept his promise.

More important is what happens outside the beltway. Across America, current HSA owners will get to keep the plans they have. HSA-qualified plans will remain the least-expensive type of health insurance policy on the market. And Americans will have more health care choices than we thought they would.

It's not often in Washington that we get to say "everybody wins," but this is that rare occasion.

Dan Perrin is Executive Director of the HSA Coalition

Americans For Prosperity-Connecticut Statement on Election Outcome

Hartford, CT – Americans for Prosperity–Connecticut released the following statement on yesterday's election outcome.

"We congratulate all the candidates who were elected yesterday by the voters of CT," said AFP-CT State Director, JR Romano. "We will continue our efforts to educate taxpayers in this state on public policy issues that impact them and encourage them to hold their elected officials accountable."

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After the Storm: Beware of Price Gouging

By: Senator Jason Welch

Frozen snow piles have now formed walls bordering the streets in our communities. For many families roofs and yards are still buried with hard packed snow and ice. It is the time after the storm where we dig out and get back to normal life, but how much should that cost?

In Connecticut we have laws against price gouging. In some cases, people have been charged extremely high prices for having a driveway or sidewalk plowed after the recent blizzard. One elderly woman in central Connecticut was charged \$1,500 to a contractor who normally charges \$125 to plow the same driveway and sidewalk after a snowstorm.

In our state, the law is that once the Governor declares a state of emergency surrounding a severe weather event the price gouging statute goes into effect. The law provides consumers protection against unlawful business practices.

The law was enacted after many lawmakers received complaints of price gouging from constituents after two major weather events in 2011 (Tropical Storm Irene and the October Nor'easter) that left most of Connecticut without vital services for one to two weeks at a time.

Tropical Storm Irene, which hit most of the state Aug. 27-28, left more than 670,000 residences and businesses without power. The Oct. 29 nor'easter, which dumped between 1 and 2 feet of snow on much of northern and central Connecticut as temperatures dropped below freezing, caused more than 800,000 outages.

The legislation targets goods and services considered necessary for consumer health, safety or welfare, such as lodging, snow removal, flood abatement and post-storm cleanup. Connecticut already has a statute



barring price gouging involving gasoline and other energy resources.

Under the price gouging bill, evidence of excessive pricing could include: a huge difference between the price of the goods or services and their average value at 30 days before the weather event, or a significant gap between the price charged for similar goods or services available in the area.

Any person who violates the law can be fined one thousand dollars or put in jail for a year, or both. Also, anyone who intentionally engages in a pattern of price gouging activity can be fined five thousand dollars or go to prison for five years, or both, for each offense. Each violation and each day on which the violation occurs or continues shall be a separate offense.

If a consumer believes that a business is charging an unreasonable price or raised their prices to take advantage of the emergency, they can contact the Department of Consumer Protection to report alleged abuses. http://www.ct.gov/dcp/lib/dcp/Consumer_Statement_CPFR-2.pdf

The Department of Consumer Protection advises that you to get a contract from the person or company providing the service. This way there is no dispute as to how much you are paying for a service. It goes without saying the vast majority of contractors are lawful and run good honest businesses to which these laws do not impact.

Bottom line be prepared and don't get caught off guard in the aftermath of a storm.

(Sen. Welch represents the 31st district towns of Plainville, Bristol, Harwinton, Plymouth, Thomaston)

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Little did I realize, as my husband and I packed our little car for our winter vacation in the sunny state of Florida, we would meet so many nice new friends at Wal-Mart. After folding the seats down in the rear of the car and jamming everything we thought we might need for the winter we made sure there wasn't an inch of empty space and off we went. As always we uttered those famous words, "If we forgot anything we can always buy it when we get there, cause there's no more room." Our first day on the road we made good time and reached a mid point in North Carolina around 6 pm. We checked into a hotel and my husband said; "How about bringing the suitcase up to the room and then we'll get a bite to eat." That was a good idea but when we opened the back of the car I said; "Hello, where is the suitcase, DEAR?" "You didn't give it to me." He said. Now, if you are going on a trip perhaps there should be a suitcase involved? I called home and sure enough the suitcase was right in the bedroom.

OK, no problem, we'll just go to Wal-Mart and get some P.J's, undies, shirts, jeans, sox, toiletries, etc. Well, \$207.56 later we had everything we needed and off to dinner at Cracker Barrel we went. Nice folks at Wal-Mart, as well as Cracker Barrel. The next morning we were on the road by 6:45, found the ramp to the interstate and were just picking up speed when some sort of metal bar came sliding across the highway and struck our tire. Next thing you know the little warning light that indicates "low tire pressure" was on. We pulled off the next exit and into a gas station that had an air hose, if you had seventy five cents I might add. After we had used every quarter we had it was evident the tire wouldn't hold air. It was only 30 degrees, the back of the car was jammed full and it was almost impossible to get to the spare tire without freezing so we decided to call road service. After two hours we finally got the owner of a truck repair shop. He said he didn't fix car flats but had a friend he could send out. Now, keep in mind we are in North Carolina. About an hour later along comes a very nice young man with one of those retriever trucks and tells us, in a real southern drawl, he doesn't fix flats but for \$100 he can put our car on his truck and take us to a place that will fix it. Hi, Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to WAL-MART we go. I've seen some of those e-mails about weird Wal-Mart shoppers but I never thought I would be one. Even at the Wal-Mart in North Carolina we got some looks when we pulled in with our car on a retriever truck and were dumped at the auto repair department. In about forty-five minutes we were waving goodbye to the "girl," I think, that put the new tire on our car in the repair department. At last, we were again on the road south, but not so fast. Could I be seeing right? The little light on the dashboard that said "low tire pressure" was on again and I could feel the car getting that little wobble. Next exit, another station with an air pump but the sign read "OUT OF ORDER." The temperature was now around fifty-eight so we decided to empty the back of the car, get that little donut tire and head for the next Wal-Mart which was only a mile down the road. Wal-Mart stores are the greatest invention known to mankind. I wonder what the settlers did when the wheels on their wagons broke. Maybe that is why Sam Walton started Wal-Mart in the first place. Clothes \$207, tires \$215, tow truck \$100. Room \$129. food \$140, gas \$104, Total \$895.00 Time: 27 hrs. Stress level 100% .

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42 Lena Ave., \$444,600,
Corriveau Custom Horns
LLC to Philip D. Cox and
Karen M. Cox.

22 Grant Ave., \$196,000,
Patricia A. Nelson and
John R. Nelson to Jocel Y.
Perez.

6 Dallas Ave., \$121,000,
David Soli and Marisa
Veloccia to Jonathan R.
Albair and Sherianne O.
Albair.

27 North St., \$119,900,
Dion D. Speranza and
Rolland B. McLellan to
Pamela Cody.

**69 Northwest Drive, Unit
14, \$40,000,** Lisa M.
Kendall to Wesley Kendall
and Filomena Kendall.

68 Macarthur Road,
\$185,500, Scott Close
to Kevin A. Dutcher and
Nikki J. Beppu.

2 Cross St., \$151,000,
Davis Real Estate LLC to
Jonathan Mercado.

**64 Diamond Ave.,
\$100,000,** Karl H. Wal-
lace to Derek W. McLe-
lan.

**39 Great Plain Drive, Unit
39, \$376,300,** JNS Dev.
LLC to Ashley M. Chap-
man and John M. Chap-
man.

5 Jeanette Drive,
\$187,500, Diane Miller
Estate and Seth D. Miller
to Michal Zapadka.

63 Robert St., \$65,000,
Jared Barsaleau to David
Chevette.

7 Bradley St., Unit 23,
\$285,000, Lepage Homes
Inc. to Albert Radke.

7 Bradley St., Unit 13,
\$275,900, Lepage Homes
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"We want to make sure every business in CT knows we're here and that there is a viable competitive alternative," said Discount Power's Chief Marketing Officer, Mike Ferreri. "Even more compelling is how easy it is to make the switch. It can be done online or on the phone, either enrollment taking only a couple of minutes."

"We were so impressed with the savings that we have adopted and incorporated a program for our members to save on electricity with Discount Power," said Nutmeg State FCU President & CEO, John Holt. "We now promote Discount Power's services on our website and inside our branches."

Zingarella Pizzeria and Italian Ristorante in Southington is another example of a business that's cashed in on the savings. Shortly after opening about a year ago, owner Mark Zommer quickly realized the steep cost involved in heating and cooling a 10,000 square-foot restaurant, full of compressors, pizza ovens and busy gas burners.

The difference between .087 and .0724 per kilowatt-hour doesn't sound like much but for Zommer, the cost savings by buying electricity through Discount Power frees up cash flow for other parts of the business. He estimates savings between \$100 and \$150 per month.

"It's important to save in areas I can control, such as my electricity supplier, to better equip me for the things I cannot control -- such as recent spikes in wholesale food prices," said Zommer.

Zommer is also looking to free up every penny of capital possible to expand Zingarella. In spring 2013, he plans to launch a walk-up window for gourmet ice cream -- and on the rooftop above it -- a lounge which will expand on his 44-seat, second floor banquet room.

"As a local business we certainly want to empower other local businesses to grow and thrive," said Ferreri. "If we can play a small role in keeping a local business afloat that's a huge win for us."

Discount Power is able to offer some of the best rates in the industry due to its seamless automation. Most residential and commercial customers have saved approximately 10% off the supply rate on their bill, which equates to hundreds of dollars to private homeowners and thousands of dollars to businesses last year. Most Towns in CT can use Discount Power as their electric supplier and the company is establishing its licensing in other States.

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MY FRIEND LIZ . . .

by: Mary Ziccardi

We grew up together in the White Oak section of town, many years ago. We went to school from kindergarten to graduation in 1944. We are in our late 80's now. I remember Liz and her sister Arlene and their many adventures.

I could not participate. I lived on a farm and my brother Alex and I had to do farm chores and I missed out on all the fun.

Often in the summer Liz and her sister would pack a lunch and hike to Boy Rock for the day. When the gypsies came to town each summer and camped in the abandoned apple forest on Crooked Street where the Fairfield-Marriott is today, Liz would play with the gypsy children.

My mother always frightened us about the gypsies. She told us if we didn't behave she would sell us to the gypsies and they would take us away with them.

Whenever Alex and I had time between chores, we climbed the hill in back of my father's property, lay on our stomachs in the tall grass and watched the gypsies down below.

They had a real camp with horses, wagons and tents. Their clothes were bright and colorful and we especially enjoyed watching them sing and dance to the men playing instruments.

We saw children and dogs running about and the women gathering water from the stream that came from White Oak pond and ran alongside their camp.

They came every summer and stayed for a few weeks then always left during the night.

Liz had many adventures, like the day she and her sister went down the path to Hamlin Pond and found a wooden boat tied up. It was without oars and the girls decided to float the pond. Without oars they could only go where the waves took them. Two little girls in a boat on Hamlin's Pond could be dangerous.

Eventually the waves took them to the far side of the pond, near the railroad tracks and they dismounted, leaving the boat untied to float wherever the waves took it.

She married. Her husband passed away very young leaving her with three little boys. Liz is tough. She went to work, participated in her son's activities. She was father and mother to her boys. They all graduated college and today one son owns the company Liz worked for.

She was active in her church, exercised and swam several times a week and had a fulfilling life until she fell in her living room and broke her hip.

Now my friend will be in a convalescent home for the remainder of her life. I visit her regularly and she is the same "Old Liz", cheerful and friendly.

I would like to do something for my friend. I am asking everyone who reads this story to send Liz a card or a note. It will surprise her and make her happy.

It takes only a few minutes to be thoughtful.

Liz Campanelli
Andrews House
66 Clinic Drive
New Britain, CT 06050

From Charlie's Book May 17, 1867

One day last week one of the proprietors of Tuttle and Neal's store in Plainville, was left alone for a few minutes in charge of the store. Having occasion to go into another store on the opposite side of the street, he asked a man who was just about to enter, to remain until he returned. Over the store is a milliner shop, kept by Miss Georgiana Neal, who, knowing that both proprietors were out, and hearing someone moving stealthily below, seized a pistol, and, going down stairs, discovered the man at the money drawer. She immediately pointed the pistol at him, commanded him not to stir, and kept him in his uncomfortable position until one of the proprietors returned. Miss Neal is deserving of much praise for her coolness and courage.

Thanks, Charlie Weldon



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- DISNEY'S "___ AND STITCH"
- COLLEGE ARMY
- ESSENTIAL OIL FROM FLOWERS
- SOLO VOCAL PIECE
- "BODYGUARD'S" FEMALE STAR
- LIZ'S 3RD HUSBAND MIKE
- A WEAPONS EMPLACEMENT
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- ON BEHALF OF
- ENOUGH (ARCHAIC)
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- WAITED WITH ___ BREATH
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- THOSE WHO INSPIRE OTHERS
- CAPABLE OF BEING SHAPED
- CARDINAL COMPASS POINT (SCOT.)
- TV ADVERTISING AWARD

- ZEN BUDDIST RIDDLE
- HILL (CELTIC)
- UNIVERSAL STANDARD TIME
- PASSOVER FEAST AND CEREMONY
- ZANZIBAR COPAL
- NE ARIZONA PUEBLO PEOPLE
- PITH HELMET
- SMALL TROUT-LIKE FISH
- GREEK HELL
- HERBAL TEAS
- STRUCK A GOLF BALL
- DASH
- REMOVES WRITING
- COAL LABORERS
- OLD WORLD, NEW
- MENTAL REPRESENTATION
- SOMEONE WHO BITES
- GREEK GOD OF WAR
- ALBANIAN WORD FOR SNOW
- RESOUNDED
- SOLO RACING SLED
- GULL SUBORDER
- CRIMEFIGHTER ELLIOT
- ALBANIAN MONETARY UNIT

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Community Foundation Elects Officers and Board

The Main Street Community Foundation elected officers and four new board members during the Foundation's annual meeting on February 8, 2013. The community foundation serves the towns of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott by enhancing the quality of life of the residents through donor-driven philanthropy.

Officers elected to serve for 2013-2015 are Janis L. Neri, Chairman; John A. Letizia, Vice Chair; Robert M. Caiaze, Secretary; John D. Scarritt, Treasurer; and William J. Tracy, Jr., Past Board Chair. Newly elected board members are:

- David Aldieri of Bristol, a certified appraiser and licensed real estate agent who is an owner of Aldieri Associates, Inc. located in Bristol.
- Todd Burton of Wolcott, the Assistant VP and Regional Manager for Thomaston Savings Bank.
- **Kristine Dargenio of Plainville, the marketing coordinator for Kaestle Boos Associates in New Britain. She was the lead organizer in Plainville to design and fundraise for the building of a skate park at Norton Park. Kris is active on several Plainville community committees including the YMCA/Healthy Plainville Coalition, Project Graduation, Plainville Hometown Connection and Plainville Downtown Beautification Committee. She was the past president of the Plainville Junior Women's Club.**
- Jeffrey Sonenstein of Burlington, the President of Globe Travel Service in Bristol.
- The board of directors also reelected two board members with terms to expire in 2016. Those directors are Marguerite P. Fletcher of Bristol and Anita Hamzy of Plymouth.

Additionally, the annual meeting celebrated 2012, which saw the creation of six new funds and the distribution of over \$957,000 in grants and scholarships. Furthermore, the Foundation provided an education series for local nonprofit organizations and assisted many donors to achieve their local charitable goals.

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$9 million in grants and scholarships.

The Plainville Community Fund, an endowed fund of Main Street Community Foundation. All funds in the Plainville Community Fund are used for only Plainville's non-profit organization.

To make a donation: Plainville Community Fund, P.O. Box 156, Plainville, CT 06062

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration.

TEA PARTY PATRIOTS

By: Gene

Tea Party News

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 edition of the Hometown paper is read, all factors of gun control decisions 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 nation of entitlements addicts and racists, or do we still find great pleasure in using our creativity, ingenuity and will continue to pursue our dreams?

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

Lights Went Out in America on November 6, 2012

By: Judy McLeod

President Obama, whose policies have creaked havoc on America, is back in the driver's seat, equipped with the pen he uses to sign executive orders.

Pundits who predicted a Mitt Romney landslide will be trying to justify their numbers to voters numbed by Obama handy win.

Incredibly, it appears as if nowhere on the electoral map did the Republicans show an overall huge increase from 2008 in people who came out to vote. Yet polls right up to Election Day had Obama and Romney running neck and neck.

The vote count for Obama was 54,773,837, while 53,716,689 cast their vote for Romney, (2 a.m., EST, Wednesday).

Worries about jobs and the sagging economy have plagued average Americans, and will now add the anxiety that because Obama will never have to face a third term, he has nothing to lose by governing by fiat. Rumors are rife that the election was rigged, but who is in a position to prove or do anything about it?

The future looks bleak. Setbacks like the reelection of the most anti-American president to ever hold office, are difficult to ponder.

But giving up is never the answer. None of us know what will happen to American under a second Obama administration for four more years, or if there might be a way to lead America out of the dark.

Only God knows what is to come in the days ahead. But people will need to stand their ground and remain strong because only the strong will survive under Obama.

And the freedom of America depends on the strong who survive willing to fight for their country's freedom. *God Bless America. God Bless every American still willing to stand their ground.*

Bristol Legislators Support "WELCOME"

Message for Troops

Sen. Jason Welch, (R-Bristol) and Rep. Frank Nicastro, (D-Bristol) are proposing a bill to allow electronic highway boards to host messages to our troops when they return home from active duty.

"We owe so much of what we have to these troops," said Rep. Nicastro, a veteran of the Navy and Army National Guard. "This legislation is a small first step towards showing these troops how grateful we are to them."

"The simple act of placing a 'Welcome Home' message on our highway signs will let the soldiers know that Connecticut appreciates them and is grateful they are home safe," said Sen. Welch, a veteran of the Coast Guard Reserve and Army National Guard.

The bill the two lawmakers have proposed is Proposed S.B. No. 102 AN ACT ALLOWING "WELCOME HOME" MESSAGES FOR RETURNING CONNECTICUT MILITARY UNITS TO BE DISPLAYED ON OVERHEAD ELECTRONIC SIGN BOARDS ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

The idea was brought to the attention of the lawmakers by constituents who wanted to honor military in their communities. This is similar to the idea of congratulating the UCONN men's and women's basketball teams when they win a national championship as was done in previous years.

Similar legislation was voted out of The Transportation Committee last year and passed the State Senate. Both Nicastro and Welch would like to pick up where the legislature left off and try to get the bill passed this legislative session. They are expected to meet with Department of Transportation Commissioner James Redeker to discuss the idea.

Meantime, The Transportation Committee held a public hearing on February 13 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Rep. Nicastro and Sen. Welch's bill was heard by the committee. Members will consider the legislation. It could come up for a vote or be passed on to another committee for consideration.

(Sen. Welch is the ranking member on the Veterans Affairs Committee.)

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GOD BLESS OUR TEACHERS

By: Michael A. Aun "Behind the Mike"

I often write about my three sons and their wives, of whom I am immensely proud. Cory and his wife Casey are school teachers as is another daughter-in-law, Viviana.

I'm always amazed at the sacrifices that teachers make to pursue their profession. At the outset, they don't teach for money. Cory makes a fraction of what he earned when he worked with me as an agent in the insurance business.

Moreover, there seem to be no prospects for teachers in Florida to see any kind of financial improvement. Teacher salaries are highest in California and in many of the northeastern states, largely because they are unionized states. That notwithstanding, even in those states teacher's incomes lags behind other colleagues in other professions.

Let's see if I have this right. As a parent, I'm going to entrust you the teacher with the care and education of my child but the powers that be feel that's only worth a starting salary that would almost qualify you for food stamps.

You expect these brave men and women to literally fight for the lives of their students and themselves. One of my daughter-in-laws was assaulted by a student in her second grade class. She should be getting combat pay for correcting their disruptive behavior.

Teachers have to observe students for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love for

learning. Cory has built a reputation among the students of his school as being a teacher who makes learning fun. Students are fighting to get into his science and biology classes. Nobody fights to get into biology! Biology is supposed to be boring and if he stuck to the script, it would be. Cory goes off script and challenges his students to think and learn.

He takes below average lifters on his weightlifting teams and teaches them to use the proper technique to achieve greatness. Many exceed their own expectations. Why... because they do what he tells them to do.

When Cory worked with me in my insurance practice, I had a plaque on the wall of my office, quoting my mentor: "If you do the things I train you to do...in the manner in which I train you to do them... I guarantee you'll succeed in this business!" Cory applies the same philosophy to his students.

Teachers have to always be on the lookout for weapons. They wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and they raise their sense of self-esteem and personal pride in their students, some of whom come from broken homes or are victims of abuse or drugs.

Cory, Casey and Viviana and all their colleagues teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play. I've spoken to Viviana's Middle School students at Neptune Middle School and have had to focus on issues like bullying, which is everyday behavior in all schools.

Recently at the local fairgrounds, Viv spotted a student who skipped school earlier that day and here they are at the fair.

Teachers have to inspire children to register to vote, balance a checkbook, and apply for a job, all while not being bullied by a fellow student. Sadly, many will go into a world where corporate bullying is now the rule, not the exception.

My daughter-in-law, Casey, when not defending herself from possible physical attack, is charged with checking her kids for lice in their hair. She has to recognize signs of antisocial behavior all while making sure that her kids all pass their tests so her school won't be downgraded.

Like all her colleagues, she constantly goes into her own pocket for supplies or drops by our office to get extra envelopes and other items we always have on hand.

Teachers are charged to provide them with an equal education, regardless of their handicaps. They have to communicate regularly with student's parents in English, Spanish or any other language, by letter, telephone, e-mail, newsletter and report card. These are the expectations, not the exceptions.

Teachers to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile... all for a starting salary that qualifies them for welfare.

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Wheeler Students Treated to Hartford Hawks Basketball Game



A group of fifth-graders from Wheeler Elementary School attended a Hartford Hawks basketball game at the University of Hartford earlier this month. Students had an opportunity to earn a ticket to this trip by participating, achieving, cooperating, and knowing that they can in the classroom during the month of December. 100% homework completion was also required in order to go to this event. Pictured: Some of the many Wheeler Elementary School students who earned a trip to see the Hartford Hawks in recognition of their hard work and effort in grade 5.

Middle School Poster Contest Highlights Energy Conservation



Middle School of Plainville students recently created posters for the school district's energy conservation program around the theme of "Turn Off. Unplug. Reduce Our Use." The posters will be laminated and hung in faculty work rooms and common spaces in each of the school buildings as a reminder to conserve energy wherever possible. Middle School art teachers Laura Meehan and Lori Vigue coordinated the poster project.

Author Visits Toffolon Students



Suzy Kline, Author of the **Horrible Harry and Herbie Jones* series recently visited students and staff at Toffolon Elementary School. Kline explained to students the importance of keeping a writers' journal to collect good story ideas. In addition, teachers participated in a readers' theater excerpt of a **Herbie Jones** story.

Wheeler Hosts Science Night



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School held Family Science Night on January 24. Faculty members Reggie McConachie and Marianne Hogan prepared 10 experiment stations that included electro rheological fluid, water glue, transparent tea, inertia hat and 'gravity got you down.' Students and their families enjoyed hands on activities and great discussions during the program.

P.H.S. GRADS HAPPENINGS . . .

University of Hartford Dean's List Fall 2012:
Lilly Bosco, Alexandra Bruno, Michael Bruno, Stephen Bruno, Lindsey MacMenamin, Rebecka Moisch, Kelly Quinlan, Katherine McLellan.

Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy Honor Roll: Olivia Zagula

University of Vermont Dean's List Fall 2012:
Avalon C. Guarino.

Springfield College Dean's List Fall 2012:
Samuel Dostaler, Megan Cagno.

Mount Ida College Dean's List Fall 2012:
Heather Zup

Elmira College Dean's List Fall 2012: Jessica Foertsch

2013 Community Foundation of Greater New Britain Scholarships

Application deadlines are quickly approaching for more than \$150,000 in scholarships available through funds managed by the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain (CFGNB).

Scholarships are available to 2013 high school senior class students in New Britain, Berlin, Plainville and Southington, with select scholarships available to students in Farmington, Newington and Wethersfield. Several scholarships are also available to local students already enrolled in the higher education program of their choice. Last year, the Community Foundation awarded 58 scholarships from 40 separate donor-established funds totaling more than \$147,000.

"With the cost of higher education continually rising, scholarship programs such as those managed by the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain are more important than ever to ensure that deserving students get the assistance they need to realize their dreams," said James Jones, Dean of Students at Slade Middle School in New Britain and chair of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee. "Now is the time for students to speak to their guidance counselors."

Though deadlines for application vary by scholarship and town, the vast majority of deadlines arrive in late March. Accordingly, students and their parents are encouraged to act promptly.

How to Apply for CFGNB Scholarships:

Students enrolled in a public high school should speak immediately with their guidance counselors, who have detailed information on the available scholarships, deadlines and the application process. Students enrolled in a private or parochial high school should visit the scholarship section of the Community Foundation's website (www.cfgnb.org) for detailed scholarship application information. For more information on CFGNB scholarships, contact Cheryl Farmer, Director of Administration at cfarmer@cfgnb.org.

Wheeler Clinic Hosts Session for Prospective Foster Parents

Wheeler Clinic will offer an informational session for prospective foster parents on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 88 East Street, Plainville, CT from 3 - 5 p.m. This no-obligation event provides information about Wheeler's foster care program. Mature adults who are single or married, working or at home, are encouraged to become foster parents. Those who are interested can stop by the session to learn about foster care without making a commitment of any kind.

Wheeler's team of experts coordinates services for youth from diverse backgrounds with the goal of providing a nurturing home and a structured environment. Families are part of a team of professionals and are provided with financial support and training to ensure they are well-equipped to meet the needs of youth in their care. For more information, call 860.793.7277, or email pkobles@wheelerclinic.org.

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....

Our Lady of Mercy Annual
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
Saturday-March 16th-5:00 PM
19 South Canal Street
Tickets must be purchased in advance
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Hot Dog & Chips Plate \$1.50

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Event & Dining Guide



Saint Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. Most importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.

The biggest observance of all is, of course, in Ireland. With the exception of restaurants and pubs, almost all businesses close on March 17th. Being a religious holiday as well, many Irish attend mass, where March 17th is the traditional day for offering prayers for missionaries worldwide before the serious celebrating begins.

In American cities with a large Irish population, St. Patrick's Day is a very big deal. Big cities and small towns alike celebrate with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green!

Please visit our local establishments to celebrate and a taste of some popular Irish fare:

- First & Last Tavern ~ 32 Cooke Stret**
- J. Timothy's ~ 143 New Britain Avenue**
- Central Cafe ~ 24 Whiting Street**
- Pagliacci's ~ 333 East Street**
- West Main ~ 97 East Main Street**
- Saint's ~ 1248 Queen Street, Southington**

Connecticut St. Patrick's Day Parade Listings

- 2013 Danbury St. Patrick's Day Parade**
 Greater Danbury Ancient Order of Hibernians
 Sunday, March 24th, 2013 at 2 p.m.
 March 25, 2012. Step off from Rogers Park at 2 p.m. to West Street and Town Hall parking lot.
- 2013 Greater Bridgeport St Patricks Day Parade**
 Friday, March 15, 2013 at 12 noon
 Parade Kick-Off
- 2013 Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day**
 Saturday, March 9th, 2013 at 11:00 a.m
 The parade begins at Capitol Avenue by the State Capital, takes a left on Main Street, a left on Asylum, a left on Ford Street, and then ends by the Memorial Arch.
 The parade is held rain or shine.
- 2013 Greenwich St Patrick's Parade**
 Sunday, March 24th, 2013 at 2 p.m.
 Greenwich Hibernian Association is sponsoring their 36th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade The parade will form at the Greenwich, Connecticut Town Hall at 101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT and march down Greenwich Ave.
- 2013 Mystic St. Patrick's Day Parade**
 Sunday, March 24 th, 2013 at 1 p.m.
- 2013 New Haven's Saint Patrick's Day Parade**
 Sunday, March 10th, 2013 11:00 p.m.
 Downtown New Haven

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Plainville panel supports razing the old Linden Street School

By DIANE CHURCH
 STAFF WRITER

PLAINVILLE — The Old Linden Street School Study Committee is going to recommend that the former elementary school be demolished, but the vote at last week's meeting was not unanimous.

Helen Bergenty, a committee member, would rather see a new committee formed to examine converting the school to a community center, a proposal that other members balked at due to the cost of rehabilitating the building.

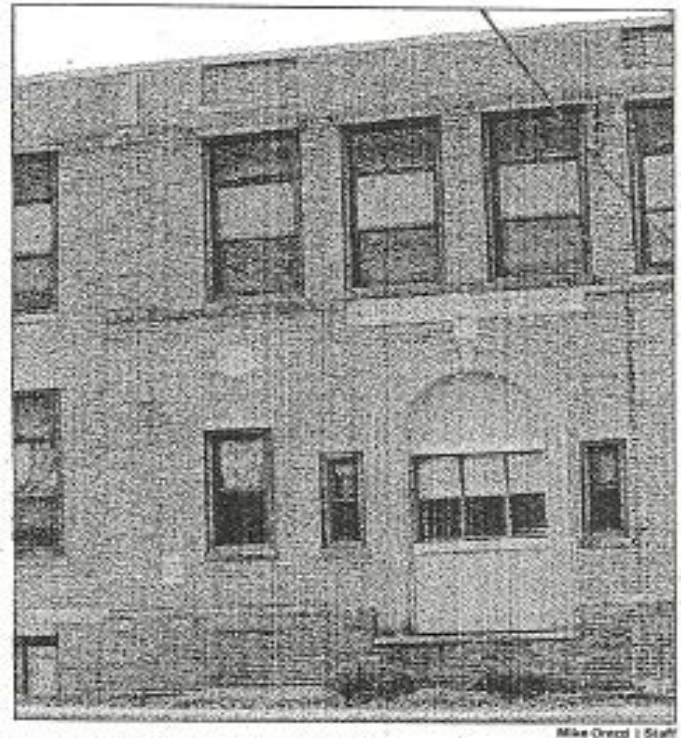
"There could be federal grant money out there," Bergenty said. "The only way you know is if you form a committee and go after it."

The committee's job is to do research and make a recommendation, but the Town Council will have the final say about the building's fate. The building would not be suitable for offices or apartments due to its proximity to the present Linden Street School and a lack of parking.

Estimates for making the building suitable for community use varied.

Bergenty said Manafort Bros. gave her an estimate of \$2 million to \$3 million. Town Manager Robert Lee said he was told it would cost \$5 million to \$6 million. The building would have to be brought up to code and, to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, restrooms would have to be made handicapped-accessible and an elevator would have to be installed. There may also be structural issues, as pieces of the facade are falling off, and the roof may need to be replaced.

The cost of demolition has been estimated at \$1.6 million.



The old Linden Street School in Plainville.

Some committee members noted that, before considering reuse of the building, an architect would have to inspect it, which would cost money.

The committee has no budget.

"We have gone as far as we can with what we have available to us. We would need a building committee with money available to take it to the next level."

TOM ARCARI
 Committee chairman

"We would need a building committee with money available to take it to the next level."

Bergenty said there are several organizations that have said they would use a community center if it were available.

However, none of them can afford to help out financially.

"They want to use it, but the money's not there," said committee member Steve Martino. "You will need money to maintain it."

Arcari said he will present a draft of the panel's decision at the committee's next meeting, scheduled for Feb. 28.

The committee plans to present it to the council after the budget is passed.

Bergenty isn't giving up hope. She plans to circulate a petition asking the council to appoint a committee to look at turning the former school into a community center.

She also said that 30 people have expressed interest in the idea.

"All of them want to save the building," she said. "Now it's serious."

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

The petition will ask the Council for a little more time to set up a committee to raise funds for an architect (perhaps we will get an architect to volunteer to serve on this committee), make contact with organizations to work on securing information about the cost to maintain A Community Center once the monies are available to make the renovations. If you are interested in working to save the Old Linden Street School from the "WRECKING BALL" be it raising money, contacting surrounding towns that have Community Centers for information on running one, circulate a petition, in general volunteering your "Time, Talent and/or Treasure". Contact Helen Bergenty (860) 747-3905 P.S. The school has been moth balled (secured/pipes drained & etc.)

Easter with Granddad

By: Sally Miller



When I was a little girl my sister and I would wake as early as 4:00 on Easter Sunday and get ready for sunrise service on the hill by Ledge Road in Plainville, CT. We would grudgingly fight the morning but be encouraged by the anticipation of having our grandfather all to ourselves. Gram would be in the kitchen with our hot chocolate, toast and mittens. It was always cold on the top of that hilltop early in the morning and she prepared us for it. We drove in silence, while trying to continue to wake up. When we got there we proceeded to start the climb to the hilltop. It was a magical and special morning. It was a morning which helped to shape my life.

As we stood on the hill singing, Amazing Grace, we were bathed in the warmth of the sun as it rose over the hill. We were comforted by breathtaking scenes as the day began to wake up. Birds sang in anticipation of a great day. I can still smell granddads Old Spice after shave, remembering that he stood close to keep us warm as the sun continued to rise. It seemed as if this group of people was a secret society waiting on the hill in anticipation and joy. I knew I would remember this moment for the rest of my life. Arriving back at home, the aroma of bacon cooking summoned us into the kitchen. The smells that emanated made my stomach ache as if I had not eaten in weeks. The warmth of the kitchen and fragrances of breakfast and dinner being prepared at the same time was overwhelming and captivating. Even though I had not eaten breakfast yet, the smells in the kitchen seemed to touch my tongue. I could actually taste the food as the bouquet of wonderful scents came swirling through the room. The warmth of family, food and the significance of Easter morning engulfed me. I was secure in this family scene. After breakfast we chose to go to regular church services with Granddad. We always wanted to spend as much time with this wonderful man as we could. I would put on my patent leather shoes (that always hurt), and my straw hat that was stiff and had really ugly fruit or flowers on it. The hat had elastic under the chin that almost cut off my speech. I was so uncomfortable in these outfits but would wear anything just to be with granddad.

After church, we shed the outfits and sat down to dinner. The orchestrated scene would start, “prayer and then, “please pass the ham, mac and cheese, biscuits, etc. “

Now, years later, I think of those days with granddad and family. Years after, I went to sunrise service in church but it was not the same. I finally found an outside sunrise service in Bristol. Even though granddad is no longer alive, when I attend sunrise service outside, I feel that granddad is with me. I watch the breathtaking sunrise and I even imagine that I smell his Old Spice cologne. I smile as the sun rises and quietly say, Happy Easter granddad I love you. ” As I walk away from the service, I hear birds sing and I look off into the distance as if I can see him and I whisper, “thanks for the memories”.



Legislators Attend Governor’s Budget Address



The Plainville delegation joined for a photo outside the Hall of the House at the State Capitol on Wednesday February 6. The group including: Robert E. Lee, Plainville Town Manager, Sen. Jason Welch (R-Plainville), Rep. Betty Boukus (D-Plainville) and Kathy Pugliese, Plainville Town Council Chair gathered after the Governor presented his budget address to the General Assembly.

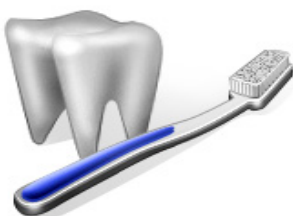
Giant Snowman From Giant Storm



Shown above is Avis Flanders, secretary volunteer of the Hometown Connection, with her new ‘buddy’.

Avis works at Total Maintenance, LLC, 26 Bristol St. Southington. The snowman is 20 feet high, the nose is a traffic cone and the mouth and eyes are plastic dinner plates. A tire and a trash can were used to form the top hat with plastic sheeting completing the scarf.

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



Dental Health

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

A recent study published in the May/June 2012 issue of General Dentistry, the peer-reviewed clinical journal of the Academy of General Dentistry, found that an alarming increase in the consumption of sports and energy drinks, especially among adolescents, is causing irreversible damage to teeth—specifically, the high acidity levels in the drinks erode tooth enamel, the glossy outer layer of the tooth.

Young adults consume these drinks assuming that they will improve their sports performance and energy levels and that they are ‘better’ for them than soda, however most of these patients are shocked to learn that these drinks are essentially bathing their teeth with acid.

Researchers examined the acidity levels in 13 sports drinks and nine energy drinks. They found that the acidity levels can vary between brands of beverages and flavors of the same brand. To test the effect of the acidity levels, the researchers immersed samples of human tooth enamel in each beverage for 15 minutes, followed by immersion in artificial saliva for two hours. This cycle was repeated four times a day for five days, and the samples were stored in fresh artificial saliva at all other times.

This type of testing simulates the same exposure that a large proportion of American teens and young adults are subjecting their teeth to on a regular basis when they drink one of these beverages every few hours.

The researchers found that damage to enamel was evident after only five days of exposure to sports or energy drinks, although energy drinks showed a significantly greater potential to damage teeth than sports drinks. In fact, the authors found that energy drinks caused twice as much damage to teeth as sports drinks.

With a reported 30 to 50 percent of U.S. teens consuming energy drinks, and as many as 62 percent consuming at least one sports drink per day, it is important to educate parents and young adults about the downside of these drinks. Damage caused to tooth enamel is irreversible, and without the protection of enamel, teeth become overly sensitive, prone to cavities, and more likely to decay.

Teens regularly come into our dental office with these types of symptoms, but they don't know why. We review their diet and snacking habits and then we discuss their consumption of these beverages. They don't realize that something as seemingly harmless as a sports or energy drink can do a lot of damage to their teeth.

We recommend that our patients minimize their intake of sports and energy drinks. We also advise them to chew sugar-free gum or rinse the mouth with water following consumption of the drinks. Both tactics increase saliva flow, which naturally helps to return the acidity levels in the mouth to normal.



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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.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing my letter to the editorial staff of Plainville's Hometown Connection. I disagree that sometimes the mystery of who the author is, is "part of the fun". It is not fun for me to read some of the downright hateful opinions that you print from authors who, let's face it, don't have the guts to sign their name to their opinions. If "Christine" (I assume that is who you are referring to) does decide to resume writing for your paper I hope she will re-think her decision to use only a "pen" name. I completely support the First Amendment (you seem to imply otherwise). I completely agree that everyone has the right to voice their opinion, whether I agree with it or not. What I don't agree with is printing articles full of hateful language, anonymously, when you know who the author is. Is the person ashamed of their opinion? If it is truly not known who the author is, then the editorial staff should take responsibility for its content, despite your disclaimer on page 2. If you don't know who the author is, and you print it, it becomes your opinion, by default. One final comment - I don't see anywhere in my letter where I referred to you as villains.

Susan McCabe

Dear Editor:

I am a frequent reader of "Plainville's Hometown Connection." I find it interesting reading, politically balanced, and I frequent many of your advertisers.

In the interest of full disclosure, I am a regular at the Southington "Tea Party" get together on the curb in front of the Southington "Starbucks" location. This is one of the ways that I choose to exercise my right to free speech and I respect the right of others to do the same.

I turn your attention to a letter on page 29 of the February 2013 issue of your paper by Ms. McCabe..

I read many letters to the editor and honestly can't say that I pay a lot of attention to who signs them or in what form. What would I do with that information? I don't understand Ms. McCabe's issue about full names, etc. on letters to the editor. What constructive use could she put them to?

If Connecticut were a totally "red" state, would I be happy?----Yes!! Liberals should be happy with the situation Connecticut is in right now, and put their energy into improving things.

Sincerely, David Kimmel

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Editor:

I am so proud of Dominick Moschini, Roadways Superintendent and his snow removal crew for their fine work after our recent snow storm.

Metacomet Road was open to traffic almost immediately.

I also want to thank Bruce and Sandy Giannini for plowing my driveway and sidewalk.

Love ya, all! Mary Ziccardi

LABRIOLA RESPONDS TO MALLOY GUN CONTROL PROPOSALS

Connecticut Republican Party Chairman Jerry Labriola, Jr. made the following statement in response to Governor Malloy's gun control proposals.

"Even on an issue as sensitive and critically important as gun control, Governor Malloy has demonstrated that he is not above making it political. It is clear that the Governor wanted to be in front of the bi-partisan legislative committee studying these issues. It is clear he wants the headline to read 'Malloy proposes gun control' ahead of the Vice-President's visit to Connecticut. I hesitate to call it grandstanding, but the Governor's hunger for a headline is making Dick Blumenthal look like he has stage fright."

Dr. Charles N. Leach to Speak on "Hospital Rock"

The Plainville Historical Society is pleased to announce that Charles N. Leach M.D. will be the guest speaker on March 19th at 7 p.m.

Dr. Leach has a long and honorable history in the medical profession, being educated at Amherst Columbia University/Bellevue and Memorial Sloane/Keeting, among others. He also served in the Military.

But, his subject on March 19th, while Medical, is about a tiny hospital up on Pinnacle Mountain.

While the huge new Cancer Complex on the other end of the same mountain is being welcomed by one and all, such was not the reception for an immunization spot proposed by Drs. Eli Todd and Theodore Wadsworth. They hoped to save many of the valley's young people by immunization, which was still in its infancy.

Villagers were against it from the start, and the story of the two young doctors' persistence is an important one in medical history.

A huge boulder marked the spot where young people gathered near the now obliterated site of the tiny hospital. Dozens of names were scraped into the rock, sometimes by those waiting for the stage to take them home.

The site of the actual building has never been found. Probably rather make-shift, since it was only used in the summer, it long ago disappeared.

The Plainville Historic Center is in the old Town Hall, 29 Pierce Street. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 860-747-6577.

Welcome!

Plainville Republican Town Committee invites you to attend the Town Committee Open Meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

**The Municipal Center
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*For information or questions Call
Robert Pugliese, Chairman 860-(747-2583)*

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~ George Washington ~*

Ask the Brayne

Q. When you enter a school zone and a 25 mile an hour speed limit is posted, does this apply when school is not in session?

A. Yes! It is the posted speed limit and therefore is applicable at all times. Thank you for your question and your kind words.

This space reserved for your question!!

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

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

**"Top of the Morning, to All!"
Thanks, Bill Brayne!!**



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Plainville Youth Joins the Cast of NCTC's Disney's Cinderella Kids ~ March 8-10, 2013

By: Claire Van Cott

Contact Phone: 860-666-6282

Eight year old Plainville resident, Dale Neyra, is no stranger to the Newington Children's Theatre Company's Stage. Last seen as an elf in Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells, Dale will try his hand as one of Cinderella's mouse friends in Disney's Cinderella Kids, taking to the NCTC stage March 8-10, 2013.

Dale is joined by a cast of over 35 youth, ages 5-15, from over a dozen area towns, to bring this classic off the page to the NCTC stage. The timeless fairy tale meets the magic of Disney in this adaptation of the treasured animated film. Poor Cinderella is endlessly mistreated by her wicked stepmother and stepsisters, and denied a chance to go to the Royal Ball. With a little help from her mice friends, and a lot of help from her Fairy Godmother, Cinderella goes to the ball, meets the Prince, and falls in love!

Performances are March 8-10 (Friday & Saturday at 7:00pm and Saturday & Sunday at 2:00pm) and will be held at the NCTC Performing Arts Theatre (743 North Mountain Road in Newington). Tickets in advance are \$12 for adults (\$15 at the door) and \$10 for seniors, students and children (\$12 at the door). For tickets, or more information, call 860-666-NCTC.

More on NCTC Performing Arts Theatre . . .

NCTC Performing Arts Theatre provides year-round quality entertainment and hands-on educational programs in the performing arts to children and young adults from preschool through college. NCTC Performing Arts Theatre is the home of the Newington Children's Theatre Company, Connecticut's oldest operating children's theatre. www.nctcarts.org

Lifelong Learning Association March Meeting

Marie Lavendier is an adjunct lecturer at Tunxis Community College. On Monday, March 18 at 1:00pm at the Public Plainville Library, she will give a talk about the history surrounding her residential home in Farmington. The original owner, Isabel V. Lyon, her widowed mother and siblings arrived in Farmington circa 1884. She caught the eye of Mark Twain, started as a secretary and then became something more than that as the years went by. Come and join us to hear this fascinating story. Everyone is welcome. 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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What's Going On...

Bayberry Knitting Announces Closing

Bayberry Knitting, located at 36 Whiting Steet, Plainville, CT has announced it will be closing its doors.

Owner, Betty Ouelette, recently commented, "at this time, Bayberry has decided to announce that all Gift Cards, Store Credit and Knitter's Helper Cards should be used before March 30, 2013. If you are unsure if you have a Store Credit, please contact us at 860-410-4250 and we will be more than happy to check that for you. As for the Knitter's Helper Card, if you do not currently need any knitting help, any unused portion of the card can be used towards the purchase of merchandise."



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Adding Confidence – Subtracting Fear: When Should Your Child Take on More Responsibility for His Diabetes?

Adding Confidence – Subtracting Fear: When Should Your Child Take on More Responsibility for His Diabetes” will be presented by Jo Ann Ahern, APRN, CDE, pediatric nurse specialist, on Saturday, March 2nd from 10am – 12noon at the American Diabetes Association office located in Rocky Hill. This program will provide parents with information and resources to help your child become more confident and independent.

The program is free but pre-registration is required. Children with diabetes, their siblings and friends as well as caregivers for your child are welcome to attend. For more information and to Register call, 1-888-DIABETES (1-888-342-2383) x3532.

FARMINGTON BANK'S PLAINVILLE OFFICE HOSTS INFORMATION SESSION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Farmington Bank today announced it will co-host with the Town of Plainville an information session for small business owners or those thinking about starting their own business.

The event will include a presentation about Connecticut's Small Business Express Program (EXP). This program is designed to provide small businesses with access to capital, support job creation, and encourage expansion.

The event takes place on Tuesday, March 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at Farmington Bank's Plainville branch office, located at 129 New Britain Avenue (Route 372). The program is free and open to the public.

Presenting the EXP Program will be Mark S. Devoe, Town of Plainville director of planning and economic development, along with William, J. Curtin, Farmington Bank vice president and business development manager, who will cover small business lending and the impact this type of funding has on local business communities and statewide economy.

Farmington Bank was recognized as the #1 small business lender by volume by the Small Business Administration (SBA) of Connecticut in 2012.

Those who wish to attend this event must RSVP by March 11 to Solidea Pitruzzello, Farmington Bank's Plainville branch manager, at 860-284-4590 or spitruzzello@farmingtonbankct.com. Space is limited.

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PARC's Annual Spring Dance Fundraiser

PARC is a non-profit organization that provides services for “Families for People with Developmental Disabilities”, raising funds to support their programming through their yearly fundraisers. This event will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 6:30-11:00 pm at Nuchies Restaurant located in Bristol.

Nuchies is recognized for their tasty cuisine, so come and join us. Our fundraiser this year features an Elvis impersonator, DJ, with an open bar for the first hour with beer, fine wine and soda, desert tables with choices, and door/raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person which can be purchased through PARC and board members. Please call ahead at 860-747-0316 or email to parc.plainville@gmail.com. Please look on our web site for more information www.plainvillearc.org.

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast The Plainville Lions Club Spring Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 24, 8 a.m. to noon Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center 19 South Canal St.

**The breakfast offers pancakes,
French toast, sausages, strawberries
and cream, and beverages.**

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What's Going On...

Thousand of Books at Bargain Prices

7,000 books and tapes will go sale at the Friends of the Plainville Public Library

The Friends have spent many hours sorting the books into categories and setting up the sale. Cookbooks, children's books and mysteries are always popular sections but there are dozens more including: home and garden, biography, general fiction, literature, business, reference and history.

The Friends book sale has been held for the last 25 years and attracts hundreds of browsers through the two day event. All of the proceeds from the sale will go toward improving the library. Prices range from \$.50 for paperbacks to \$1.00 for hard cover books. There will also be video tapes and DVD's. Almost all of the items are donated to the library, some are discards.

The sale will be held starting on Friday night, March 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. and will continue on Saturday, March 23 from 10 to 3 p.m. There is a \$3.00 / family admission charge for the Friday night sale. The final hour of the sale is the "bag" sale, where customers can fill up an entire bag for a set price.

Please call the library at 793-1446 for details or to volunteer.

"Cow Pots" Talk at Library

Amanda Fruend, whose father invented the "Cow Pot", will be at the Plainville Public Library on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. to show the plant potting idea.

The Fruend family dairy farm is located in East Canaan. The owner, Matt Fruend, was looking for uses for excess cow manure and hit on an idea. He reasoned that the dried and odorless manure could be pressed into the shape of a pot and used for seed starting and transplanting.

The idea caught on and became the CowPots company. The free talk will include information about the plight of Connecticut dairy farmers and the durable and biodegradable Cow Pot. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library.

Author of "Stealing Lincoln's Body" at Library

Tom Craughwell, author of "Stealing Lincoln's Body" will give a talk at the Plainville Public Library on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. The book is about a real historical event happened more than 100 years ago.

On the night of the presidential election in 1876, a gang of counterfeiters out of Chicago attempted to steal the entombed embalmed body of Abraham Lincoln and hold it for ransom. The custodian of the tomb was so shaken by the incident that he willingly dedicated the rest of his life to protecting the president's corpse.

In a lively and dramatic narrative, Thomas J. Craughwell returns to this bizarre, and largely forgotten, event with the first book to place the grave robbery in historical context. He takes us through the planning and execution of the crime and the outcome of the investigation. He describes the reactions of Mary Todd Lincoln and Robert Todd Lincoln to the theft—and the peculiar silence of a nation. He follows the unlikely tale of what happened to Lincoln's remains after the attempted robbery, and details the plan devised by the Lincoln Guard of Honor to prevent a similar abominable recurrence.

Along the way, Craughwell offers entertaining sidelights on the rise of counterfeiting in America and the establishment of the Secret Service to combat it; the prevalence of grave robberies; the art of nineteenth-century embalming; and the emergence among Irish immigrants of an ambitious middle class—and a criminal underclass.

This rousing story of hapless con men, intrepid federal agents, and ordinary Springfield citizens who honored their native son by keeping a valuable, burdensome secret for decades offers a riveting glimpse into late-nineteenth-century America, and underscores that truth really is sometimes stranger than fiction.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library and is free. Refreshments will be served.

'SNAPPY SENIORS' PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT & SALE

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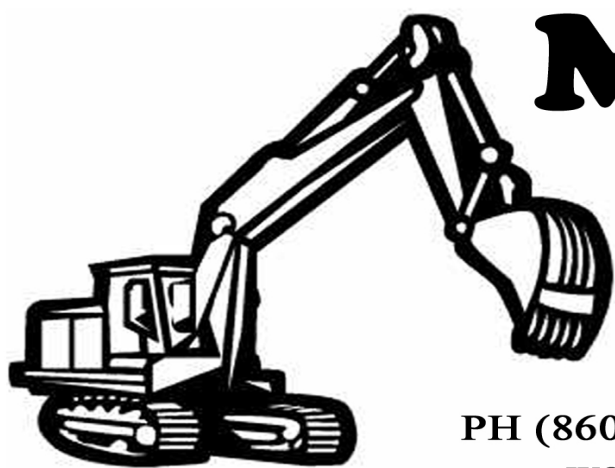
The Plainville Senior Center Snappy Seniors' Camera Club is proud to present their annual photography show that will be held at the Plainville Library, 56 East Main Street, March 2-March 30. Many of the beautiful matted photographs showcased will be on sale for \$20.00 apiece, with the proceeds going to the Snappy Seniors to help defray the costs for trips and supplies. The Opening Reception will take place at the Library on Saturday, March 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The public is invited to come to the reception, meet the photographers and enjoy some refreshments.

The Snappy Seniors' Club is made up of Plainville Senior Center members who are photo enthusiasts. The club meets at the Senior Center on the third Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. to plan photo excursions and to review pictures and techniques from previous trips. They have gone on photo shoots at nearby venues, such as Norton Park, Hubbard Park in Meriden and the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington. They have also traveled as far as Old Saybrook, where they participated in a photo scavenger hunt.

The group grew out of photography classes that were taught at the Senior Center by Center volunteer Judy Humphrey. In the past year alone, the group has grown from fourteen to twenty-two active members, who have all taken the basic photography class. The class may be offered again in the future. To find out how you too can become a Snappy Senior, call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728.

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AARP OPPOSES GOVERNOR'S ENERGY AUCTION PROPOSAL

By: Jennifer Millea

Urges Lawmakers to Respect Consumers' Right to Choose Their Own Supplier

AARP Connecticut has come out in opposition to a proposal contained in the Governor's Budget that would switch electric service suppliers for hundreds of thousands of Connecticut ratepayers without their permission. Under the Governor's proposal, the State would oversee an "energy auction" that would sell off the rights to provide electric service to Standard Offer customers to the highest bidder. Here's how it would work:

- Residential customers and small businesses that are on the Standard Plan from UI or CL&P would be aggregated into groups. Competitive suppliers would then "bid" to take over as the electric supplier for those customers.
- The state will then decide which company will supply electric service for hundreds of thousands of households and small businesses.
- The bidders only have to promise a 5% savings for one year. There is no guarantee of savings after the first year.
- Winning bidders will pay the State an estimated total of \$80 million for taking over these customers.
- Customers who have been forced to change suppliers could then switch to a different supplier, but the proposal does not guarantee they won't be charged a termination fee.
- The Standard Plan would become a short-term option and as such, the rates charged would be subject to volatile short-term energy market prices.

According to AARP State Advocacy Director, John Erlingheuser, "Taking away electric ratepayers' right to choose and forcing them into the competitive supply market will have a long-term negative impact, especially on the elderly. While the Governor's proposal might seem appealing in the first year, there is no guarantee of long term savings. The proposal eliminates an important benchmark that customers use to compare the cost of plans offered by electric suppliers, allowing prices to rise unchecked in future years."

POLL FINDS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR STANDARD OFFER

AARP conducted a poll of 800 Connecticut residents age 50+ in April 2012 which found overwhelming support for a Standard Plan option for electricity, as well as requiring distribution companies to offer a Standard Plan option. According to the poll:

- Two-thirds of respondents said it is extremely or very important for customers to have a standard plan to use as a price point when comparing plans from alternative electricity suppliers. Another 20 percent said that it is somewhat important to have the standard plan.
- 82 percent supported the requirement that Connecticut distribution companies continue to provide the standard plan to customers.

AARP fought for years to lower electric rates in Connecticut, by reforming the way the state purchases electricity to ensure the lowest rate possible," Erlingheuser said. "Because of the market reforms AARP fought for as a part of Public Act 11-80 consumers are finally reaping the benefits of a lower Standard Plan. This proposal puts in jeopardy the progress we've made in creating a fair and stable electric market and we urge lawmakers to respect their constituents' right to choose."

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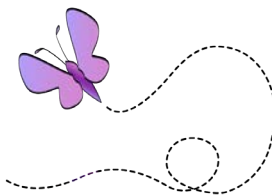
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created Hope, was
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he created Spring!!*

Bern Williams



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.

AAA Speaks Out:

Tax Time is a Good Time for a Financial Checkup

W-2 and 1099 forms have arrived, the year-end financial statements have been gathered, and for many it's time to prepare state and federal tax returns. It's also the perfect time for a financial checkup.

At the top of the list: know what you spend.

If you're way off—and are spending more than you earn—you have to cut expenses or figure out a way to raise your income so that your numbers are more in balance.

If comparing your income to your expenses isn't giving you the budgeting results you're looking for, try these tips to kick your budget into gear:

- Get personally involved with your money. In a challenging economy, it's even more important that you watch your pennies and understand where your cash is going.
- Distinguish between your wants and your needs. Think about every purchase, no matter how small, and make sure it's necessary. If you don't need to buy it immediately, you may not need it at all.
- Learn to appreciate deferred gratification. If you think you need something, wait a week or two to be really sure you aren't making an impulse buy. This will also give you time to shop around to see if you can find the item for less online or if you can use a coupon to save more on the purchase.
- Make a spending pact. Be careful not to set the dollar amount so high that it exceeds what you typically spend anyway and defeats the purpose of the pact.
- Don't buy without a plan for payment. If you've planned for your purchase, it's fine to use your credit card to get cash back or other rewards. But if you're mindlessly blowing money, you could quickly get out of sync with your budget.
- Bank your refund. If you are receiving a tax refund, deposit it in a bank or retirement account to pad your savings rather than to fund splurges.

Direct deposit your savings. The easiest way to save is to have the money deducted from your pay before your check is issued—putting away as much as possible through company-sponsored plans, like a 401(k). Then, ask your human resources or benefits manager if you can have some of your pay directly deposited into a high-yield account in an institution other than your primary bank such as in a AAA Deposit Savings Account.

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American Red Cross Community Blood Drives Scheduled for March “Red Cross Month”

By: Elaine St.Peter

The American Red Cross encourages all those who can to donate blood during Red Cross Month and be an American Red Cross Everyday Hero. Your blood donation can potentially help up to three patients in need.

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 at a community blood drive near you. 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. Blood Donations at Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave., Farmington March 2nd-6:30am to 11:15 am, March 6th-12:30 pm to 5:15 pm and March 9th-6:30 am to 11:15 am.

About the American Red Cross . . .

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Are Fats Getting a Bad Rap?

By: Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach, AADP

From rich fatty foods on Fat Tuesday to Corned Beef, Cabbage and Green Beer on St. Patrick's Day, we love food that tastes good and gives us comfort.

Fat is a macronutrient along with carbohydrates and proteins. Ideally, our daily intake of calories should be 50% carbs, 10-20% proteins, and 30% fats. I'll cover good carbs vs. bad carbs in another article. For today, let's focus on the facts and myths around fats.

Somewhere along the way, we decided to shy away from fat and began eating low or no fat foods out of concern for weight gain and clogged arteries.

I'm here to tell you that you can have your fat and eat it too!

First of all, Fat is Essential for Survival.

We need fat for:

- 1.Normal growth and development
- 2.Energy
- 3.Absorbing certain vitamins
- 4.Providing cushioning for the organs
- 5.Maintaining cell membranes
- 6.Providing taste, consistency, and stability to foods

Not all Fats are Created Equal.

There are three main types of fat: saturated, unsaturated and trans fat.

Saturated fat (found in foods like meat, butter, lard, and cream) and trans fat (found in baked goods, snack foods, fried foods, and margarines) have been shown to increase your risk for heart disease.

Replacing saturated and trans fat in your diet with unsaturated fat (found in foods like extra virgin olive oil, avocados and nuts) has been shown to decrease the risk of developing heart disease.

Saturated fats should be limited and trans fats found in processed foods should be avoided entirely. Now remember, except for trans fat, I'm not suggesting that you should avoid all foods with saturated fat. Meat is also a good source of protein, along with many plant foods. However, we know that not everyone is cut out to be a vegetarian.

Lets Talk Trans Fats.

Adding hydrogen to vegetable oil through a process called hydrogenation makes trans fat. Using trans fats in the manufacturing of foods helps it to have a longer shelf life and reduces the cost. This is why your favorite snack food could be around longer than you! Oftentimes products that are claiming to be Zero Trans Fat are misleading. Manufacturers are allowed to have 0.5g of trans fats/serving and still label it as 0 trans fat. That may not seem like a lot, but if you are consuming a lot of fried foods, fast foods, cookies, microwave popcorn or other snack foods, it can add up.

Trans fat, like saturated fats increases LDL, but unlike saturated fats also lowers HDL, the good cholesterol, so this is something to pay attention to. Be a smart consumer and read the ingredient label. Look for the words "partially hydrogenated" vegetable oil. That's another term for trans fat.

Don't Fall for Low Fats.

Many low fat options have more calories and lots of sugar per serving or contain partially hydrogenated vegetable oils. They are not always the best choice. Go for the real deal.

So, What can You Do?

Unless a medical practitioner has advised you otherwise, consider incorporating more healthy fats into your diet. These include items like almonds, walnuts, sunflower or pumpkin seeds, avocados, extra virgin olive oil, olives, and fatty fish, such as wild salmon or sardines. These items can be high in calories, so watch your portion sizes. Even though Coconut Oil is a saturated fat, it is considered to have properties that lower LDL "bad cholesterol", so it becomes another good cooking option and has the added benefits of being a great skin moisturizer.

So, with St. Patrick's Day around the corner, you will make your friends "green" with envy when they see you eating and loving these healthy fats. Enjoy an avocado and tomato dip with your favorite veggie. Your body will thank you for this.

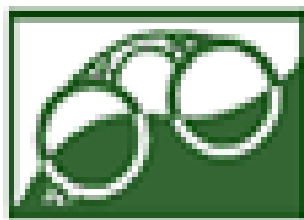
Linda Coveney is an AADP Certified Health Coach who provides one-one coaching and group wellness programs and lunch and learns. You can reach her through www.healthy-behaviors.com or lindacoveney@healthy-behaviors.com. Let her know what topics are of interest to you.

What is a Health Coaching?

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A Health Coach can also support Corporate Wellness programs through workshops that can help to encourage employees to take healthy steps. This leads to more productive, engaged employees and lowers health care costs.

Linda received her health coaching certification from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition, the World's Largest Nutrition School, based in New York City.



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"I.T. Jim" Part #2 Social Media "A Beginners Guide"

Last month I wrote a brief primer on the social network Twitter. This month I'll go over the basics of Facebook. Facebook is the number one social network on the internet with over 600 million active daily users. To many, Facebook is perceived as a place for youth and a waste of a busy person's time. Like Twitter, if the medium is used judiciously, it can be a great place to communicate and share. Unlike Twitter, it can be a place set aside for communicating with family, friends, and to reconnect with people you may not have talked to in years or decades. I find great value in using Facebook to share life moments, photos, and to communicate with friends and family near and far. Many readers are likely to already be members. For those who are not yet, here is what you need to know to get started.

If you haven't created an account, head on over to Facebook.com, fill out your information, and click Sign Up. You will be taken through several steps that will help you make connections with people you know. You will be prompted to fill out your profile, add some pictures. Remember, it's your choice to include as much or as little about yourself as you would like. Next to the Save & Continue button is a skip link you can click to bypass filling out this information. I choose to limit the amount of personal information I include in my profile.

Before continuing, take some time to adjust your security settings. I choose to limit my Facebook activity to Friends only. When you are logged into Facebook you will see a little lock icon at the top right corner of your screen. Go through these settings and set them as you like. I try to turn off as many public settings as I can.

It is important to note that you should always approach social media with the assumption that, despite your privacy settings, it is possible that the things you post can and will become public. Never post anything that you might regret posting in the future.

Now that you have created your account and adjusted your security settings, it's time to find some friends. I choose to use Facebook for family, friends, coworkers, and old classmates from high school. Be careful when 'friending' people. Make sure the people you friend are truly the people you think they are. When you add a friend, you send a friend request to that person. It is up to them to choose whether or not to "approve" your friendship. The same goes for incoming friend requests. Be judicious about who you choose to approve as friends. If you choose not to approve them, you can simply ignore the request. At the top of the screen a question is posed to you... "How's it going, ...". You can post information here to share with your friends. You can also click Add Photos/Video to add pictures and videos that you like. Below that is your news feed. All of the posts from your friends will show up here. Not necessarily in chronological order though. By default, Facebook judges your usage and places posts it thinks are more important than others. I personally dislike this. Just below the "How's it going" is a Sort option where you can change from Top Stories to Most Recent. Unfortunately, if you prefer Most Recent you have to choose it each time you visit the page.

It seems every business, organization, and celebrity has a Facebook page you can 'like'. Again, it's up to you what you choose to like. I choose to limit the amount of pages I like to stuff I really like. Add too many likes and your news feed can get cluttered. Facebook can get pretty complex, too complex for me to detail here. There is an excellent website that provides a more detailed explanation. Visit GCFLearnFree.org/facebook101 for more details including video.

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! A Facebook page is coming soon!

AARP Opposes Telecom Deregulation Bill Consumer Advocates Launch "Don't Hang Up on Connecticut Seniors' Campaign

AARP Connecticut today joined with other consumer advocates to oppose legislation (H.B. 6402) that would allow AT&T to drop competitive land line telephone service as defined by CT law in certain areas of the state, without a regulatory hearing or review. AARP fights on issues that matter to Connecticut seniors and their families and is working to protect competitive telephone land line service for statewide customers who rely on it for safety and security.

Advocates also are opposed to legislation (H.B. 6401) that would prohibit future state regulation of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). Both bills are being considered by the General Assembly's Energy and Technology Committee.

According to Coralette Hannon, AARP Senior Legislative Representative, landline service is a lifeline for many seniors and low-income residents. "Telephone communication is a basic necessity, allowing older people to maintain social contact, preserve health and safety, and gain assistance in an emergency," Hannon said. "AT&T's bill would put thousands of telephone customers at risk of losing their service, with no reliable alternative."

State Representative Matthew Lesser (D-100) said, "AARP is right: folks across Connecticut and particularly seniors rely on their landlines. It's not just about convenience, it's about public safety. I see no public benefit to this legislation and considerable danger."

"It is clear that AT&T wants all of the benefits of being Connecticut's phone company without any of the responsibilities. We urge the legislature to reject this anti-consumer piece of legislation," said John Murphy, Organizing Director for Connecticut Citizens Action Group (CCAG).

H.B. 6402 would allow AT&T to drop "competitive" telephone services upon 30 days' notice without regulatory review or hearing. In Connecticut, "competitive" is defined as basic telephone, plus one additional feature, such as caller ID, call waiting, long distance, etc. Services like caller ID are a critical tool to protect seniors from telemarketer fraud.

Although the legislation would not allow AT&T to withdraw noncompetitive services (plain old telephone), as soon as a customer purchases an additional feature or service that customer would be at risk. Most landline customers would fall into this "competitive" category.

In addition to putting land line telephone service at risk, the legislation also would eliminate the Connecticut annual audit of AT&T and Verizon and sharply curtail PURA's regulatory oversight of AT&T, jeopardizing network reliability and service quality and putting older people's safety at risk. The legislation would provide a compelling incentive for AT&T to encourage its noncompetitive customers to migrate to "competitive" services so that AT&T could avoid oversight of its service reliability and quality.

"There is nothing in this bill that benefits consumers, and plenty that would harm them," AARP State Advocacy Director John Erlingheuser said. "In its own advertising for wireless telephone, AT&T includes a disclaimer to warn customers that it is not considered an alternative to a landline telephone. We agree and that's why we urge legislators to stand up for their constituents and oppose this bill."

Consumer advocate organizations joining AARP in opposition to the bill include: Citizens for Economic Opportunity (CEO), Connecticut Association of Human Services (CAHS), Connecticut Citizens Action Group (CCAG), ConnPIRG, Common Cause Connecticut, Communications Workers of America, CT Working Families, and Legal Assistance Resource Center.



About the AARP....

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of more than 37 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment security and retirement planning. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Learn more at www.aarp.org.

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Community Foundation of Greater New Britain Adds Three New Members to Board of Directors

Plainville's Rebecca Karabin-Ahern Among Those Filling Retirement Vacancies

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain has filled retirement vacancies on its board of directors with three local, long-time business and community leaders. The new board members are Rebecca L. Karabin-Ahern, Executive Vice President of New Britain-based Acme-Monaco Corporation; James M. Jones, Dean of Students, Slade Middle School, New Britain; and Stephen L. Mangan, Esq., Principal with New Britain-based law firm Ericson, Scalise & Mangan, P.C.

Karabin-Ahern, a Plainville resident, is a past president of the New Britain Lions Club and a past president/trustee of the New Britain-Berlin YMCA. She plays a key executive management role with Acme Monaco, a leading contract manufacturer of medical devices and orthodontic hardware with plants in New Britain, Presque Isle, Maine and Singapore.

"Having immersed myself in the community during my service with the Lions Club and New Britain-Berlin YMCA, I believe I have an insight into the people of our towns that will be of value to the work of the Community Foundation," said Karabin-Ahern. "I look forward to this special opportunity."

Jones, of New Britain, is no stranger to the Community Foundation. He has served on the Foundation's Scholarship Committee for four years, the last two as chair, as well as the Grants Committee.

Mangan, a New Britain native who resides in Farmington, is a member of the Foundation's Building Committee. School Foundation.

Community Foundation bylaws stipulate that board members may serve a maximum of nine years. The new board members supplant three community leaders whose terms have expired: Gerry Amodio, Executive Director, New Britain Downtown District; Donna Rutola, Vice President, Okay Industries; and Dr. Charles N. Leach, Jr., retired director of cardiology at the former New Britain General Hospital, now the Hospital of Central Connecticut Established in 1941, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain connects donors who care with causes that matter in Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington. It does this by raising resources and developing partnerships that make a measurable improvement in the quality of life in each of these communities. For more information, visit www.cfgnb.org

Community Foundation of Greater New Britain Tops \$1 Million in Grantmaking for 2012 ~

Congregational Church of Plainville Among Year-End Beneficiaries

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain concluded its 2012 grantmaking year with grant awards and scholarships totaling more than \$1 million, impacting and advancing a wide variety of programs, projects and causes vital to the health and well-being of its four service communities of Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington.

The Foundation's Board of Directors recently approved \$228,349 in year-end grants, bringing the Foundation's total impact for the year including all grant and scholarship categories to \$1,065,311.

Health and Human Services

\$50,000 to Foodshare to provide direct support for food and supplies to 22 food pantries and shelters in Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington.

\$10,000 to the Congregational Church of Plainville to provide the last dollars needed for the church to rebuild and equip its kitchen following winter storm damage in 2011. The kitchen is used for the Food for Friends program, which provides hot meals to those in need from Plainville.

\$10,000 for Hoops for the Homeless for one-time start-up costs associated with an annual fundraising event that will raise awareness of and generate funding for organizations that provide services to homeless children and families.

\$13,500 to House of Heroes to provide no-cost home improvements that will help veterans from Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington maintain a safe, secure and accessible home.

For a complete listing of 2012 grants and scholarships, please visit www.cfgnb.org.

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PRESIDENT DECLARES A EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR CONNECTICUT

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal aid has been made available in the state of Connecticut to supplement state and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from a severe winter storm beginning on February 8, 2013, and continuing.

The President's action authorizes the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in all eight counties and the Tribal Nations of Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan in the state of Connecticut.

Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent federal funding. This emergency assistance will be provided for a period of 48 hours.

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Club members and guests partake of the abundant refreshment served at the birthday gathering.



Women's Club members shown (left to right) Lucky Powell, Gert LaCombe, Audrey Zack (President), Claire Stuart and Barbara Birkett.

American Legion Post #33 Serves Up Breakfast



Left to right Don Grant, Commander, Mick Buden, Assistant Commander and Jason Grant, volunteer. were chefs for recent breakfast at Post on Race Avenue. The Commander would like to thank all those who supported the Legion at their fund raiser.

"Cooking with Karen"

David Santaro and Karen Morton



The Plainville Senior Center Presented "Cooking with Karen at a Heart Healthier cooking demonstration. Karen Morton and David Santaro gave new cooking tips and recipes. They are from TouchPoints in Farmington CT. For information call 860-916-4161

Spring Soccer Registration Plainville Soccer Club



The Plainville Soccer Club is excited to announce 2013 Spring Registration!

The March registration session for the Plainville Soccer Club is Saturday, March 2 at Recreation Dept from 9am-12pm. The youth soccer program ranges from ages 3-4 all the way up to 7th grade.



Programs to suit children as young as three through 7th grade. Soccer is a great way for kids to meet new friends, gain new skills and have fun while exercising. Beginners welcome.



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Judy maintains the 7, 63 and 65 security licenses as well as Connecticut State life and annuity licenses. She also holds the Certified Fund Specialist (CFS) designation from the Institute of Business and Finance.

A former member of the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department, she was a licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certified by the State of Connecticut. She has a passion for Fire and Rescue work and hopes to provide this service again soon in Glastonbury.

Judy and her family reside in Glastonbury where they are active in various activities including sports, gymnastics and fostering animals for the Connecticut Humane Society.

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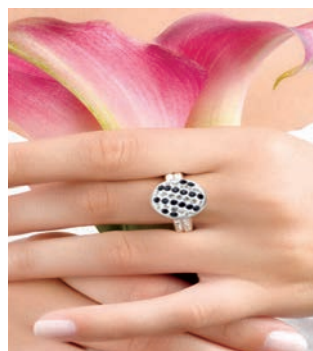
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March ~ Women's History Month

Are the Arts Getting Snubbed During 2013

March is Women's History Month?

3 Reasons Girls Need Music as Much as Math

One simple yet profound quote by Emily Dickinson might summarize the position of women throughout much of the history of the United States: "I dwell in possibility."

Today, women have choices that most of their predecessors just a half century ago did not. Professions once dominated by men are open to them; they can have a successful career and a family -- or choose to remain independent throughout their lives.

"As we observe Women's History Month in March, we need to take stock of our past but also look to the future," says Elayne James, author of "Destiny's Call," the first installment of the young adult fantasy series "The LightBridge Legacy," (www.lightbridgelegacy.com).

"This year's emphasis during Women's History Month is on the STEM fields -- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. I understand that the United States is lagging in these disciplines, but I join my voice with the many who feel the arts and STEM education should not be mutually exclusive. Both are equally important, and actually very complementary fields of study, for both girls and boys."

James reviews the many ways in which the arts can benefit a young woman's education:

- Mentors and outside-the-box teaching: Young girls need to learn in many different ways and by using all their senses, including their innate creativity. They will be better equipped for the emotional complexities.
- Ample studies supporting academic improvement: Research throughout the past decade and earlier consistently show students who participate in arts perform higher on tests involving critical thinking, reading comprehension, oral examinations and various standardized tests.
- The STEM fields are not monolithic: Anyone who thinks the STEM disciplines do not require creative thought does not understand them, James says. As in the visual arts, music and literature, there are rules to follow in STEM, but advances in these fields come with inspiration and ingenuity. "Women's History Month is a reminder of the strides women have made in every field -- a young girl is not an island unto herself, and neither are her interests."
- A reason to stay in school: James credits the arts for saving her academic career. Because of music, I graduated with a 4.0 GPA, and got into a good college. The arts literally transformed my life."

"The arts programs keep kids interested and involved in school, keeps their cognitive skills sharp, and provides vital social interaction, fostering rich relationships that can last a lifetime," says James. "Art teaches the perception of beauty. It is essential humankind. Without it we would surely perish."

About Elayne James: Elayne G. James has been a lifelong advocate of the arts. In addition to being an author, she has been a recording artist, a Hollywood sound effects editor, a successful playwright, a theatrical lighting designer, a graphic artist and a professional photographer.



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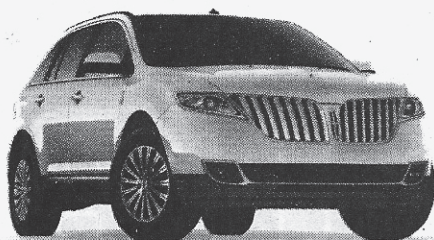


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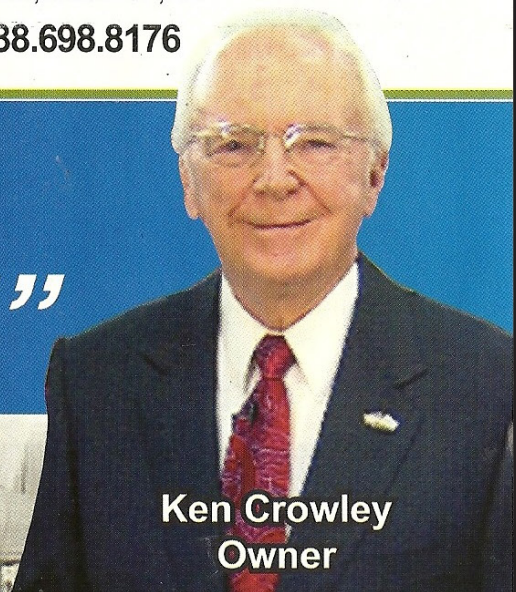
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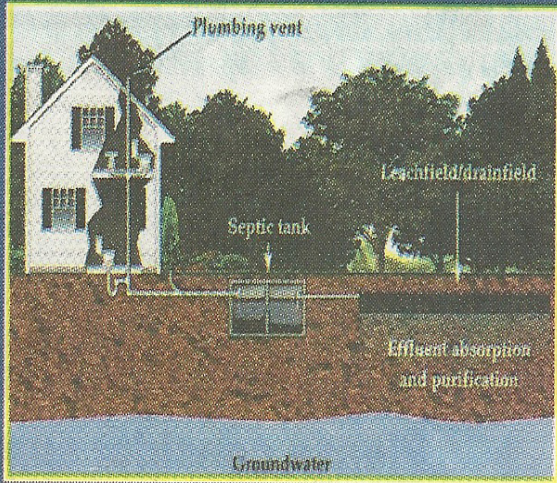
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AT RISK LIST

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In the event of an electrical power outage, Plainville residents with health risks and no other alternative, should call the Plainville Police Department at 860-747-1616. Neither the Police Department nor the Senior Center will call them.

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 Plainville 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 trip to the Westchester Broadway Theater in Elmsford, NY to see Guys and Dolls on Thursday, April 11. The cost is \$90.00 per person and includes transportation, preshow lunch, show and gratuity.

The Senior Center is offering a 3-day trip to Cape May, May 29-31. The cost is \$405.00 per person and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, 2 nights lodging at the Grand Hotel in Cape May, hotel room tax and baggage handling, 4-meals (two full breakfast and two great dinners), meal taxes and waiter's gratuities, a cocktail party at the Grand Hotel, Cape May sightseeing, including all admissions, cash bonus at Atlantic City Casino on the Boardwalk, a full time tour escort and tips for tour escort and bus driver. There is optional trip insurance that can be purchased. A complete itinerary is available at the front desk.

LIVING WITH COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)

Join David Santoro, MBA, OTR/L, from Touchpoints at Farmington, for a program about living with COPD, at the Plainville Senior Center on Thursday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. This informational session will provide some helpful hints to living well with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. The presentation will include an overview of COPD, including signs and symptoms; treatment options and energy conservation techniques; healthy diet options and the importance of parameters for safe exercise, including some exercises for home. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register for this free program.

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.

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.

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COFFEE WITH A SOCIAL WORKER

Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will hold Coffee with a Social Worker, at the Center on Mondays, March 11 and 25, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Stephanie will be available to answer questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare Savings Program, Housing Options, Alzheimer's Help, Caregiving, Homecare etc. No registration is necessary for these one-on-one meetings. This program is open to Plainville Senior Center Members who are residents of Plainville. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for more information.

CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS

(Alzheimer's Support Group)

The next Caregiving Connections meeting will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Tuesday, March 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.

GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

The Plainville Senior Center and Youth Services will co-host a program about the unique challenges of raising a grandchild or relative on Wednesdays, March 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. Funding for this program is made possible by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

CT Senior Facts...

Did You Know??

~CT is the 7th oldest state in the nation, for median age. It is 10th for people aged 85+.

~ CT is home to one million "Baby Boomers" - people born between 1946-1964 - or roughly one third of its population.

~ From 2006 to 2030, CT's older adult population is expected to increase by 64%.

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- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
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- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a mixing bowl, combine butter and sugar, beat in egg. Combine flour and baking soda, add to butter and sugar mixture and mix well. Stir in pineapples. Spread mixture into a greased 13” x 9” x 2” pan. Combine brown sugar, pecans, cinnamon, and vanilla, then sprinkle over batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool and cut into squares. Serves 12-16.

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

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The next meeting for the 2013 Plainville High School Project Graduation is **Wednesday, March 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, April 3rd, 2013

Wednesday, May 1st, 2013

Wednesday, June 5th, 2013

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God's Grocery Store (the Seventh-day Adventist Church Regional Community Services & Food Distribution Center), a ministry of the Plainville Seventh-day Adventist Church at 97 Broad St., Plainville offers free food, and clothing, medical and other services every Wednesday starting at 10:30am until 4pm. Our database is now over 1800 families and continues to expand as needs continue to increase.

With the help of Foodshare, United Way and my outstanding volunteers during Thanksgiving we were able to distribute the food necessary to provide turkeys & chickens more than 500 families to complete their holiday meals.

As soon as the Thanksgiving holiday was over it was time to prepare for the Christmas season. We needed to provide both food and toys. It was a challenge we met head on and defeated.

We would like to especially thank Eric Reardon of Penske Truck Rental in Plainville who donated a large box truck to make it easier to hand out the thoughtful gifts generously donated every year from Northeast Utilities, Toys-for-Tots, and United Way. We had enough food for over 500 families and gifts for 300+ children of all ages.

In addition, we have been making a lot of changes for the improvement of the program and to lessen the load on my outstanding volunteers. With a donation of freezers from Aldi's, Foodshare provided me 3 of those freezers. This allows us to provide clients with a lot more of the frozen products. We placed one of the freezers upstairs eliminating the need of having to run up and down the stairs with frozen food all day. Also, with a generous grant from Foodshare we were able to replace one of the windows with double doors making it easier to bring the groceries into the church Community room on the main floor level.

We are now looking to acquire a forklift or Bobcat to pick up the pallets and place them inside making it much quicker and easier to set up every week for distribution. If anyone has a forklift for donation or lost cost please contact Laurie Tompkins @ 860-680-6668. We were able to stay open through the major blizzard caused by storm Nemo, primarily because of help from the Town of Plainville public works clearing Canal Street for our Tuesday delivery and because Mr Zarella of Zarella Farms was able to clear the front of the church on Broad Street with his bucket loader. We deeply appreciate all of the volunteer help on snow removal around the church property.



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Town of Plainville 2013 ~ 2014 Budget Meetings

The Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools will present their Budgets at the **Monday, March 4th Town Council Meeting**

A Public Hearing on Thursday March 7th ~7 P.M. at the Municipal Center

From the Desk of . . . Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire

A COMMENTARY ON WRITTEN AGREEMENTS



In order to have an enforceable agreement it is not always sufficient to have merely an understanding between the parties. In fact, there are specific instances when it is required by law to have an agreement formalized in writing. Particular examples of such transactions include the purchase of goods for \$500 or more and a service contract for a job that cannot be completed within a year as defined by its terms. The Statute of Frauds is the "code" adopted by most states requiring certain agreements to be put in writing. Since it seems like we are constantly bombarded with agreements to click on or sign, I figured I would discuss some of the code and what I would ideally change.

If I had the power to redraft an area of the code, I would change the area that speaks to implied warranty disclaimers by making the standards less rigid to form a valid disclaimer. Instead of requiring the language to use the term merchantability and have everything be considered conspicuous. I would only require a disclaimer section in the contract, in the standard 12 point font, and a valid signature from the buyer. The responsibility to review the contract should be on the buyer, so long as they have a reasonable opportunity to do so and are not subjected to any deception on the part of the seller. To favor a wholesale prohibition of implied warranty disclaimers would be too great a windfall to consumers. By taking away certain protections from sellers less people would be willing to enter the marketplace as a business owner, hurting commerce. Furthermore, markets need competition, so if you take away peoples incentive to start businesses you could end up with monopolies. Implied warranty disclaimers should function as a way of limiting sellers' liability while buyers are afforded the right to agree to them or to not agree.

The phrase "as is" is afforded too much power in the code and should be discarded due to its oversimplification of what a buyer is entering into. Whereas the technical aspects of disclaiming warranties should be clear cut, so should the rights of what the buyer is giving up. The limiting of implied warranties should be spelled out in the contract so that there are no surprises when entering a contract. A buyer should have all the facts laid out before them when they are making a purchase not merely left to wonder what "as is" really entails. The goal of a sales contract should be to provide a product that suits the wants and needs of a customer while ensuring a seller that they will not be subjected to overreaching liability after the sale.

In section 108 of the Magnuson-Moss Act, the ability to disclaim implied warranties is made quite difficult. However, I am not wholly opposed to the language that 108(a) uses because it relates to what the seller contracted with the buyer to provide in terms of warranties. By making a written warranty to a seller the buyer should be held to such a warranty. The idea that parties should be able to contract for whatever they want is something that should be upheld, as long as there is no fraud or coercion involved. In section 108(b) the limiting of duration for implied warranties is a standard I would not redraft because again it would have to be made clear and unmistakable. The seller should only have to include it in the contract instead of making it rise to some level of prominence that would be decided by a court. By keeping a durational limit in place a seller will be insured of limiting their liability and a buyer will be afforded an adequate amount of time to bring any concern to the seller.

Ultimately my redrafting would be an attempt to help fair dealing to ensure customer confidence while providing sellers the incentive to continue in their business, which would hopefully strengthen the marketplace.

Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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



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The guest speaker at the February meeting of the Chapter was Simone Conforto, Congressional Liaison, Elderly Veteran Coordinator. She spoke of the benefits Senior Veterans could be eligible for by contacting the V.A.

Pamphlets on Veterans Benefits were distributed. For more information contact Simone at 860-667-7910. Pictured with Simone are: L to R- Jim Stuart, President of the Chapter, Simone Conforto, Sally Miller, Vice-President and Carol Perry, Chairman of Social Affairs.

You are Invited!!

AARP Chapter #4146 meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Rockwell Industrial Center, 161-B Woodford Ave. The next meeting is Wednesday March 20th~1:00 pm. Guests and new members are cordially invited.

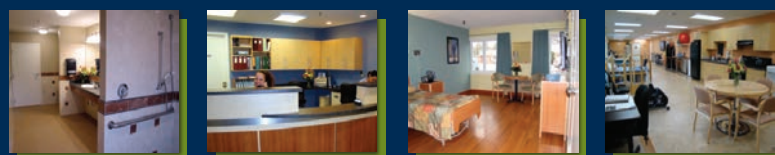
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OBITUARIES

~ Robert Theodore Statchen ~



attorney and life-long Connecticut resident, passed away on February 21, 2013 in New London at age 77, surrounded by his loving family.



A U.S. Army veteran and retired Connecticut Assistant Attorney General, he was raised in New Britain, son of John and Catherine Statchen, both immigrants from Eastern Europe. He graduated from New Britain High School and then attended Central Connecticut State University, receiving a football scholarship and playing on the team for all four years. He received his MBA from the University of Hartford Graduate School of Business, and his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He leaves his wife of 52 years, Jane Rogers Statchen; and his children Lee Louise Gluck (Daniel Gluck), Martha Jane Slater (Alexander Slater), and Robert Rogers Statchen (Harriet Jones); his most beloved grandchildren, Sammy, Rosie, Danny, Chloe, Hannah, Tommy, Janey and Cate; and dear friend Hoover James. As the youngest of four brothers and five sisters, he also leaves many nieces, nephews, and cousins as well as his brother Richard Statchen of Berlin, and his sister Florence Dorsey of Westford, MA. He raised his family in Burlington and greatly enjoyed the many summers he spent with them on Lord's Point in Stonington. Attorney Statchen retired in 1997 from the Connecticut Attorney General's office after 25 years of service. Before that, he was in private practice in Plainville. He was very active in the Federal Bar Association, serving on the National Council as Circuit Officer and Chairperson for both the Public Legal Education Standing Committee and the State and Local Government Relations Section. Prior to getting his law degree, he worked as a claims adjuster at the Travelers and Pheonix Insurance companies. He enjoyed traveling to his land in Readsboro, Vermont and his condo in Cocoa Beach, Florida. In his later years, he was an avid reader, particularly interested in history. He also enjoyed watching any sporting event, but was always ready for any football game he could find. Most important, he enjoyed attending music, sporting, school and any other events in which his grandchildren participated.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville, CT assisted the family with arrangements. Funeral services with Military Honors were held at the United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill, in Plainville. In honor of his wife and in lieu of flowers, he asked that donations be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., 2600 Network Blvd, Suite 300, Frisco, TX 75034 (www.nationalbreastcancer.org). For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com.

Our Lady of Mercy Sharing Memories Program

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~ Doris Jeanette (Delage) Addressio ~



92 of Plainville passed away in the presence of her family Sunday February 17, 2013 at her home. She was the wife of the late Frank J. Addressio.

Mrs. Addressio was born July 8, 1920 in New Britain a daughter of the late John and Odia Delage and was a lifelong Plainville resident. She was employed as a sales clerk at Petit's General Store retiring after many years of service. Doris enjoyed gardening and loved to take care of her yard and gardens. She was the matriarch of her family and was a strong willed woman who loved all of her grandchildren and was proud of all her accomplishments. Mrs. Addressio was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Doris's family would like to thank Dr. Pendleton and Stacia, VNA of Plainville and Justyna for all off their care and support during her illness. She leaves her son Francis Addressio and his wife Barbara of Los Almos, NM, her daughter, Kathleen Frederick and her husband Mark of Kensington; her grandchildren, Laura McGurk and her husband Todd, Ryan Frederick and his wife Kathryn and Courtney Frederick; her great-granddaughter, Clara Sophia McGurk, her special cousin, Claudette Laflamme and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Addressio were held from the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St. in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial followed St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Petit Family Foundation, PO Box 310, Plainville, CT 06062. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com

POPE BENEDICT XVI RESIGNS

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Pope Benedict XVI's resignation is nearly unprecedented. The last pope to resign was Pope Gregory XII in 1415 during the great western schism. What makes it even more interest is that author's Cris Putnam and Thomas Horn predicted it in 2012 in their bestselling book, "Petrus Romanus the Final Pope is Here." They not only discussed a likely retirement, they documented how a Jesuit professor, writing in 1950, predicted it would occur near the year 2012. There were reports Pope Benedict informally announced his impending retirement in 2012 after he returned from South America but formalized it on February 11, 2013. This prediction was based on a 900 year old Catholic prophecy which foresaw 112 popes spanning from 1139 AD until the Great Tribulation from the biblical book.

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OBITUARIES

~ Jeffrey LaBarge ~



49, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, February, 8, 2013.

Jeff was born in New Britain on February 21, 1963, the son of Betty (Miller) LaBarge of Plainville and the late John LaBarge. Raised in New Britain, he attended local schools, and went on to work as a CNC machinist. He was a

dedicated employee at Royal Machine and Tool Corp in Berlin, where he has worked for more than 15 years, leaving many friends and co-workers. Best known for his hard work, he was also a passionate cat lover and Giants fan, who enjoyed his weekend visits with his family, and will be dearly missed.

In addition to his mother, Betty, he leaves his sisters, Renee LaBarge of Plainville and Michele Dozier of Southington; his brothers, John LaBarge and his wife, Courtney of Cobleskill, NY and Michael LaBarge of Cheshire; his brother-in-law, John Pisiakowski of MA., and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Debra Pisiakowski. Jeff's three feline companions, Cooney, Fluffy, and Rusty, who were his pride and joy, passed away alongside him on Friday.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Jeff's life at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, Jeff's love for animals may be remembered with contributions to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.



~ Ronald A. Osborne ~

64, of Plainville, beloved husband of Diane (Zajac) Osborne for over forty years, passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, surrounded by his family at Bristol Hospital.

Born in Bristol on March 21, 1948, he was one of three sons of the late Warren and Evelyn (Palardy)

Osborne and was raised in New Britain. After graduating from Pulaski High, Ron earned his BS degree from Central Connecticut State University, and then went on to attain his Masters Degree in Geography from the University of Vermont in Burlington. Ron was very much involved in the community: as a coach and board member of the Plainville Little League, a committee member of Cub Scouting, and an active member of the Athletic Backer's Club. A longtime real estate appraiser, Ron earned his MAI (Member of the Appraisal Institute), the highest professional designation for appraisers. Ron started his appraisal career at John F. Adams real estate of New Britain. He went on to work as a commercial real estate appraiser for Heberger Associates in Cheshire, People's Bank in Bridgeport and most recently as a Valuation Director for UBS Global Asset Management in Hartford. Along with his dedication to his career, spending time with family was most special to him. He enjoyed get-togethers with family, vacations, and reunions with his relatives in West Virginia. Ron was also an avid reader, sports fan and enjoyed watching classic car television shows. He will be greatly missed, leaving his family and friends with many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind loving sons Michael, his wife, Sarah, and adored granddaughter Gwenevere of West Suffield, and Matthew of West Hartford. He also leaves his brothers, Robert, his wife Pat of Plainville, William of Evans, GA and sister-in-law Marge of Somers. Additionally, he leaves behind nieces Lindsay, Ashley, Katie, Jennifer and nephew Alex. He also leaves behind his faithful labrador retriever, Artie.

Our family thanks everyone for their support and would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Bristol Hospital for their care and compassion.

Honoring Ron's wishes, a Memorial Mass in celebration of Ron's life was held at the Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main St in Farmington. Per his request there are no calling hours. Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville is assisting the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, Ron may be remembered with contributions to the Melanoma Research Alliance Foundation 1101 New York Avenue, NW, Suite #620, Washington, DC 20005 or by visiting www.CureMelanoma.org

~ Raymond Fabrizio ~



95, of Zephyrhills, FL, formerly of Plainville and Otis, MA, passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, January 17, 2013.

Ray was born in Hardwick, VT on March 28, 1917. He moved to Plainville in 1941, where he raised his three children, and was employed for Marlin Rockwell for 45 years until his retirement in

1977. He moved to Otis, MA shortly after his retirement, where he met his beloved wife, Virginia. They shared 16 years together, moving to Florida where Ray fulfilled his passion for the game of golf. Affectionately known as "Pop", he was a kindhearted man and devoted father who will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Robert of Plainville and Anthony of Virginia; his grandchildren, Dena, Trisha, and Michael; his great-grandchildren, Chelsey, Zachary, Paige, and Griffin; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Cynthia, his sister, Phyllis Neri, and brothers, Guy and Tolstoi.

Honoring Ray's wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately.

~ Cecile (LaBonte) DuBois ~



84, of Plainville, passed away with her family by her side, on Friday, January 18, 2013. She now joins her beloved husband of 64 years, Rene "Ernie" DuBois, who predeceased her this past October.

Cecile was born in Soldier Pond, Maine, on September 14, 1928, one of seven children to the late Josephel and Gertrude (Daigle)

LaBonte. A 1947 graduate of Fort Kent High School, she married her soul mate and best friend, Ernie one year later. They moved to Plainville in 1952, where they raised their family of four, having been predeceased by their 8 month old daughter, Gail. Cecile was employed for a brief time at General Electric, and served as a waitress for the remainder of her working days while she raised her family. A NASCAR enthusiast and Red Sox fan, Cecile, above all, took great pride in her children and grandchildren, and was their number one supporter through all of their life endeavors. A true optimist, she had a love for life. Cecile was always singing and laughing, had an unforgettable smile and never passed up an opportunity to tease those that she loved. A devoted mother and grandmother, she is now at peace with her Ernie, and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her children, Steven and Leslie of Plainville, Richard and Sheila of Bristol, Jeffrey and Dawn of Plainville and Denise Kubala of Bristol; her grandchildren, Nicole DuBois, Angela, Melissa, and Jason Maloney; her sisters, Jean Manning of NC and Sylvia Sirois of TX; her brother, Paul LaBonte of New Hartford, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Leo, Gilman, and Pete, and her son-in-law, Jimi Kubala.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services followed at the State Veteran's Cemetery in Middletown. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.Bailey-FuneralHome.com.

~ Janet (Ross) Watkins ~



72, of Bristol, passed away at her home on Tuesday, February 5, 2013. She is now reunited with her beloved husband of 34 years, Joseph, who predeceased her in 2000.

Janet was born on January 19, 1941, one of three children to the late James and Rose (Sorenson) Ross. Raised in Plainville, she

attended St. Anthony's High School in Bristol, and went on to work as a telephone operator for SNET shortly after graduation, where she worked until her retirement in 1995. She and Joe retired to upstate New York, where they enjoyed the outdoors and going trail riding on their quads. Janet made a hobby of various crafts over the years, including caning chairs and quilting, and was an avid flower gardener. Her proudest role was a devoted mother and grandmother, affectionately known as "Nana Watkins" to her grandchildren and their friends, to whom her door was always open. Janet will forever be remembered for her unwavering sense of humor and her selflessness towards others, while always sharing the quote "Never wear out the words 'I Love You'". She will be dearly missed, leaving behind many cherished memories.

She is survived by her adored daughters, Janet Vidal and her husband, Chris and Jodi York and her husband, Ron, Jr.; and her pride and joy, her grandchildren, Zachary Watkins, Joseph, Brianna, and Clint York and Halina Vidal; along with her extended family. She was predeceased by her grandson, Regan Vidal.

The family extends their gratitude to her nurse from Gentiva, Ellen Roback and physical therapist Mark Manetti, as well as Drs. Zebrowski and Baran, for their compassionate care.

Funeral services in celebration of Janet's life were held from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Janet may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Fire Company Scholarship Fund, 77 West Main St, Plainville, CT 06062.

For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com 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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I am the thousand winds that
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*I am the diamond glints on snow...
I am the sunlight on ripened grain...*

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you waken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

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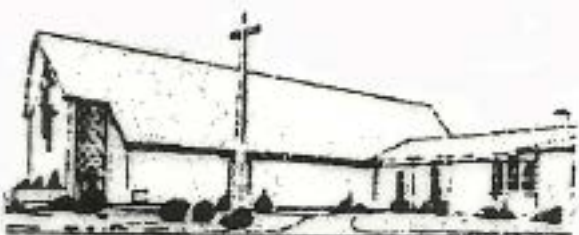
Grace Lutheran Church

222 Farmington Ave.

Plainville, CT 06062

Phone: 747-5191

The Rev. Stephen Brisson, Pastor



Worship with Holy Communion
every Sunday at 9:00 AM

Learning Hour for all ages
following worship

Various Learning and Fellowship activities
offered during the week

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168 Unionville Avenue

Plainville, CT 06062

860-747-5209

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Web: www.fbcct.com

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Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

"Book of Revelations"

Tuesday Nights:

7:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

(Bible Study/Recreation Time)

"Book of Revelation"

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

6:00 p.m.

Ladies Group

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

New Study: Maturing in the Christian
Faith: What is God like?

Thursday Night Youth Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

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

Elders Meeting: 2nd Saturday of each
month at 9 a.m.

OUR YOUTH PROGRAM

Teen Center opens every

Saturday Evenings 7 – 9:00 p.m.

for teens and young people

(Games, pool, ping pong, air hockey,
dance challenge, snacks, and more)

Monthly Pot Luck Dinners

In our new facility

Prayer Line: 860-747-5011

(Call and leave your requests for prayer)

Call the church for info/questions

860-747-5209

Church Prayer Line (747-5011)

Call us for your requests (confidential)

*The Plainville Conference
of Churches Ministers
have put their hearts
together.*

*There will be a Lenten
service held at the
Congregational Church
of Plainville, UCC, on
Wednesday, March 20th
at 7:00 p.m.*

All are welcome!

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Robert Berube, Deacon
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Phone 860-747-6825
FAX 860-747-5407

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

Confession Every Saturday at Noon
Mon. 25th 10 am-Tues. 26th 7 pm
& Wed. 4 pm
Weekday Liturgy
Monday to Saturday 8:00 am
No Mass on Wednesdays
Holy Week: Holy Thurs. Mar.28th
Good Friday Mar. 29th- Holy Saturday
Mar. 30th- Easter Vigil Sat. Mar. 30th
Easter Morning- 8:30 & 10:30 am

Parish Life Committee
“All You Can Eat” Monthly Breakfast
Held on the 2nd Sunday of the Month

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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115 West Main Street Plainville, CT 06062
860-747-3109
Priest:
The Reverend José Martinez

WORSHIP
Sunday Mornings 10:00 am
Holy Communion & Nursery Care during the
service followed by coffee hour in
The Parish Hall
Sacrament of Healing 2nd Sun of month
Children's Sermon 3rd Sun of month

Holy Communion Thursdays
12:00pm
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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Wednesday – Friday 9:00am -1:00pm  
**PARISH PROGRAMS**  
**Food For Friends**  
Wednesdays 3 to 6 PM  
**Daughters of the King Chapter**  
3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am  
**Open Mic Night**  
1st Wednesday of the month 7:00pm  
**Twelve Step Programs**

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|------------------------|---------|--------|
| Every Tuesday          | NA      | 7:30pm |
| Every Thursday         | AA      | 7:30pm |
| Every Saturday Women's | AA      | 9:00am |
| Every Sunday           | AA & NA | 7:00pm |

**AMPLE OFF STREET PARKING**

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**10:00 am**

PLAINVILLE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

56 Red Stone Hill,  
Plainville, Connecticut 06062  
**REV. RUSSELL G. WALDMANN,**  
**PASTOR**  
**Church (860)747-2328**  
**Parsonage (860)747-2592**  
**Email: plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net**

MARCH SCHEDULE  
  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
CHURCH SCHOOL Pre-K to High School:  
9:00 AM  
WORSHIP TIME 10:00 AM

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION:  
Sunday, March 3, 10 AM

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:  
Sunday, March 24, 2 ~ 4 PM  
  
HOLY THURSDAY WORSHIP:  
Worship with Holy Communion, March 28, 7 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP:**  
Sunday, March 31, 10 AM  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 9 AM

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:  
Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 5:30 ~7:30 PM  
  
TALENT SHOW, March 23, 5 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:  
Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 7 to 8:15 PM

**POTLUCK SUPPER AND FELLOWSHIP:**  
Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 6 PM  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL:**  
Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 24,  
Following Worship



PLAINVILLE SEVENTH DAY  
ADVENTIST CHURCH

97 Broad Street  
Church Phone  
**860-747-5867**  
**Pastor 1-646-522-3471**  
E-mail:plainvillesda@gmail.com  
jacksonsg5@sbcglobal.net  
Pastor Franklin Jackson  
Saturday Morning  
Bible School @ 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.  
FREE lunch after service  
Wednesday Evening  
Family Prayer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
*The Lord Jesus Christ loves you ...*  
John 3:16

NEW COVENANT  
APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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

**Phone 860-747-3128 Church**  
**Residence & FAX 860-224-9409**

**~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP~**  
SUNDAY: Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship @ 12:00 Noon  
TUESDAY: Prayer & Deliverance-7:00pm  
Bible Class @ 7:45 p.m.  
THURSDAYS: 1st Evangelistic Service  
2nd Pastor's Care  
3rd Missionary Service  
4th Men's Ministry  
5th Youth Service

**MONTHLY SERVICES**  
1st Sunday – Fellowship Day  
2nd Sunday – Family and Friend's Day  
3rd Sunday – Building Fund Day  
4th Sunday – Pastor's Care Day  
5th Sunday - Communion & Youth Day

*We welcome everyone to our services.*  
  
*Come, bring a friend and enjoy*  
*Jesus with us.*

REDEEMER'S  
A.M.C. ZION CHURCH

110 Whiting Street, Plainville, CT 06062  
  
Rev. Elvin Clayton, Pastor

**Phone: 860-747-1808**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday School    | 9:00-9:40 a.m.  |
| Praise & Worship | 9:45-10:00 a.m. |
| Church Service   | 10:00 a.m.      |

**BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 p.m.  
Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:00 p.m.  
Mass/Youth choirs  
(Mon. after 1st/2nd Sun) 7:00 p.m.



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**WHERE DO DOGS COME FROM?**



Should you consider a rescue dog if you are thinking about getting a dog? Absolutely! Is just any rescue dog going to be a perfect dog for you? Not necessarily. The closest to a perfect dog that I ever had was a rescue that was five years old when he came to live with us. On the other hand, many rescue dogs have behavioral problems that take time and patience to correct. Rescues come in all ages, breeds and sizes, so the right dog for you could very well be a rescue dog.

Whenever you are considering adding a dog to your family, you should consider what your family's needs are. Do you want a high energy active dog, or is a couch potato more your style? Are there any animal allergies in your family, and how likely to cause symptoms is the breed or mix you are thinking about? Is somebody in the family willing to take on regular brushing if you are thinking about a dog with longer hair? Or can you afford frequent grooming if you want the hair but not the brushing? Unless you are thinking of a young puppy (and some of these are rescues, too), you should consider what types of behaviors you would be willing to work with and which types are totally unacceptable to you.

What about purchasing a purebred? This is another choice, and may be the proper one for you – only you can make that decision. Just be aware that just because a dog “has papers” does not make for a perfect dog. There are responsible breeders who are working for the betterment of their breed, and there are “breeders” whose only concern is making money. A responsible breeder will ask you questions to be sure this would be the right match and that you will provide a good home for his or her baby. And you should feel free to ask the breeder questions about health, temperament and experiences the puppy has already had.

Just as not all breeders are responsible, neither are all rescue groups. If you decide a rescue dog is for you, you can expect many things from a reliable rescue group. The dog will have had veterinary care, including spaying or neutering, vaccines and heartworm testing. If the dog tested positive for heartworm, he or she will have been treated. Other medical conditions that are diagnosed will also have been treated. The dog usually has been microchipped. You will have to fill out an application and be approved before you can adopt. There is usually a home visit as part of the application process. You will be asked to pay a donation of approximately \$250 to \$450 prior to adoption. The purpose of the donation is to help cover the veterinary costs of the rescues. If you think the donation is too high, I suggest you get a price quote for spaying or neutering, vaccines, heartworm testing and microchipping.

Next month we'll talk more about adopting dogs including from animal control.

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