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## Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ~ IKON Dental Office ~



To celebrate the launch of IKON Dental, dignitaries and IKON staff attended a grand opening on Thursday, February 22nd. Dr. Khan delivered welcoming remarks and offered tours of the Plainville facility. From left to right: Timothy Stewart, Mark Devoe, Jeff DiCosimo, President Plainville Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Izaz Khan, Chris Moriana, and Rich Rotundo.

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## Spring Has Sprung!!



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## 9th Annual Tri-Town Lincoln's Birthday Dinner

Farmington, New Britain and Plainville

Republican Town Committees



Shown Above: Plainville RTC Members, and Mayor Erin Stewart above center and below.

The dinner was hosted by the Farmington Republican Town Committee and held at the Farmington Gardens. Over 100 people attended the event. Pictured above are a few of the guests that attended from Plainville. Guest speakers were State Representative, William Petit, Jr. and Mayor Erin Stewart. The Town Committee chairpersons introduced the elected officials from their towns attending the dinner.

Mayor Erin Stewart was a guest last week of President Donald Trump speaking about the needs of the cities in Connecticut.

She spoke about what



an honor it was to be a guest at the White House and exchange ideas with other dignitaries. Erin is serving in her 3rd term as Mayor of New Britain and we believe she may be the youngest woman in the United States to serve a large city like New Britain.

Mayor Stewart has continued to serve the people of New Britain well. She has the experience of attracting businesses, cutting expenses and serving everyone to the best of her ability. In closing, she remarked that she is looking forward to her next venture and as she looks towards the future, she is hoping to serve ALL the people of Connecticut.

See story and more  
about Mayor Stewart  
on Page 9...



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28 Beckwith Dr: Patricia A. Mcmanus of Plainville to Kathleen E. Daly, \$147,000 on 1/23/2018

482 East Street Unit 11: Patricia A. Sigel of Plainville to Marcus Sabol, \$65,000 on 1/22/2018

44 Lincoln St: William J. Josefiak of Plainville to Kyle A. and Kira T. Burt, \$129,000 on 1/25/2018

19 Beckwith Dr: Webster Bank NA of Plainville to Dorothy Brzozowski, \$100,000 on 1/29/2018

97 Dallas Ave Unit B1: Matthew Willis of Plainville to Concetta Miele, \$139,000 on 1/30/2018

223 Farmington Ave: TWM Development LLC of Plainville to Shawn T. Ramsey and KL. Chambrello-Ramsey, \$285,000 on 1/30/2018

100 Northampton Ln Unit 3: Mary E. Cappe RET and Mary E. Cappe of Plainville to Kayla A. Verderame, \$126,000 on 1/30/2018

50 Pierce St. Unit 11: Kay C. Ogden of Plainville to James E. Grenier LT and Carolyn D. Grenier, \$102,500 on 2/1/2018

42 Twining St: Next Day Realty LLC of Plainville to Katharine Hesse, \$195,000 on 2/2/2018

228 W. Main St: Haris Mehovic of Plainville to Daniel J. Militar, \$130,000 on 2/1/2018

119 Whiting St: Judy Cheng RET and Judy Cheng of Plainville to Yue LLC, \$150,000 on 1/29/2018.

30 Diamond Ave Unit 17: James L. Rathel and Deutsche Bk Nathl T Co of Plainville to Deutsche Bk Natl Co Tr, \$70,362 on 2/5 2018

135 New Britain Ave. Unit 3: Lois A. Hodin of Plainville to Donna M. Denehy, \$180,000 on 2/7/2018

983 Pine St: Valley Residential Group of Plainville to Megan A. Murphy, \$87,500 on 2/5/2018

31 Tyler Ave: Joe Abraham of Plainville to Julie Nearing, \$250,000 on 2/5/2018

## Coming Soon!

### Sparks Street

#### Renovations

have begun on the former Brick Warehouse Building

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## Connecticut

### Native Returns Home to Open Dental Practice

Newly opened dental practice focuses on patient first

Fueled by a commitment to improve the patient experience, Dr. Izaz Khan has returned home from his extensive training to launch a private dental practice, IKON Dental Group, with the goal of treating patients as active participants in their dental care.

"Many offices I've visited and formerly worked for make the patient feel like a number, rather than a person," Dr. Khan said. He is looking to upend that culture by opening a one-of-a-kind dental office that strays away from the typical dental visit.


"The whole purpose of opening this practice was to create a better environment for the patient and provide them with the information they need to make informed decisions," said Dr. Khan. "Rather than having patients come in, receive their treatment and be rushed out the door, IKON is different. We believe that patients should be involved in the decision-making process and be given enough time to consider their options."

Dr. Khan's respect for his patients stems from his positive experience growing up in central Connecticut, a state he says welcomed his family. "I love this great community, which is why I wanted to establish a business here that makes dental care accessible to families of all backgrounds," he added.

Dr. Khan earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. He completed a residency at the VA Medical Center in Albany, N.Y., where he provided treatment to members of the U.S. armed forces.

About IKON Dental Group  
Offering a full array of dental services to the residents of Plainville, Conn., IKON Dental Group strives to provide families with high quality care that improves their smiles and overall health. A privately owned dental practice, IKON staff perform preventative, restorative, and cosmetic dental procedures that are guided by our promise to involve patients at every step of the decision-making process. For more information on IKON Dental Group, visit: www.ikondentalgroup.com

## Take a peek



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

## February 5th and 19th Meetings

### February 5, 2018

#### WPC Phosphorus Project Update

- Last Tuesday, January 30th, the WPC Phosphorus Project referendum was approved with 193 voting yes and 31 voting no. 85% of those who participated voted yes.
- The next step in the process is to finalize a Construction Administration Contract with Tighe & Bond and go out to bid for the project. This will most likely happen in March.
- After the bids are received, the Town will make a formal request for funding under the Clean Water Fund. A formal application could not be submitted until the Town had approved the appropriation and had received bids on the project.
- It is anticipated that the construction of the improvements could begin this summer. Construction is anticipated to last for approximately 2 years.

#### Grand List

- On January 22nd the October 1, 2017 Grand List was completed and signed by the Town Assessor Ann Marie Heering. The Grand List, after exemptions, totals \$1,388,894,859. This is an increase of \$7,821,477 from the previous Grand List.
- The 0.56% increase included real estate increasing by \$2.4M, Personal property increasing by \$2.7M and motor vehicles increasing by \$2.75M. Overall, the October 2017 Grand List would generate \$203,757 under the current mill rate of 33.43.

#### Northwest Drive Paving Project

- On January 19th the Department of Transportation sent a letter confirming that grant funding is in place to proceed with repaving a portion of Northwest Drive. The project would repave Northwest Drive from the Pequabuck River Bridge to the intersection of Perron Road.
- The estimated cost of the project is \$1.1M and will be funded entirely by a state grant through what is known as the LoTCIP Program.
- Town staff is now preparing to bid this project in March with construction beginning over the summer months. I want to thank Town Engineer John Bossi and Town Development Director Mark DeVoe for putting together the grant application that was submitted to CRCOG. This was a competitive grant application whereby many other

municipalities in the Capital Region were competing for limited monies.

### HAPPENINGS

#### PLAINVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Tuesday Night Book Club met February 6th at 7:00 PM. The book being discussed is The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead.
- Tuesday February 20th at 1:30pm the children's department hosted Chill Out & Warm Up: with Bagels & Board Games. In the auditorium and enjoy all sorts of games as well as bagels to keep you going. Registration was required.
- On Wednesday, February 28th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM, we held Fandom Guild- Fairy Tale Tea Party. Join the Fandom Guild for an evening of tea and treats! We will discuss the influences of fairy tales and mythologies in what we read, watch and play; share our favorite tales and fandoms that revolve around this theme; and work on book crafts. This program is for ages 13 and up
- Thursday, February 8th and 22nd the library will be having a Writer's Workshop. All writers are welcome! No registration required.
- Saturday, February 10th the children's department will be hosting- Make Your Own Valentines. Stop by anytime between 10:00 AM to 3:00PM. Stop by our children's programming room to craft you own one-of-a-kind valentine for the special people in your life. All ages welcome.
- The Friends of the Plainville Public Library will be holding a Winter Madness Sale in the main foyer: Paperbacks .50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00, Hardcover-\$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00 for both fiction and non-fiction.
- Save the Date: The Friends Semi-Annual Book Sale will be Friday, April 6th 6-8 PM and Saturday, April 7th from 10-3.

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### February 20, 2018

#### Gap Closure Trail Study Final Report

- A Public Hearing on the Draft Gap Closure Study was held on February 5, 2018 at the Middle School Auditorium. Approximately 150 to 175 persons attended the hearing. In addition, many letters and emails were received regarding the Draft Report as well.
- CRCOG and VHB have reviewed all of the written and verbal comments that have been submitted and has made some additions to the Final Report that is being submitted for Town Council consideration this evening.
- Tim Malone from CRCOG is here this evening to go over some of the changes that have been made to the Final Report and to answer any questions regarding same.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the Gap Closure Trail Study Final Report.

#### Town Council March Meeting Schedule

- The Town Manager's Proposed Budget will be presented at a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018. A Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget will happen one week later on Thursday, March 8th.
- Work sessions on the Budget could be held on March 12, 13, 14 & 15 as well as March 20, 21 & 22nd. The work sessions could begin at 6:30 pm. All of the work sessions and Public Hearings will be taped and televised by Nutmeg.
- A Public Hearing on the Town Council's Recommended Budget could be held on Monday, April 2nd.
- If this schedule is acceptable, the Town Council meeting on March 5th will be cancelled. The Town Council meeting for March 19th would still be held, if needed.

#### Road Bond Project Update

- The fourth year of the Five-Year Road Bond Program will begin this spring. Town staff is recommending that State Bid prices be used once again for the project.
- It is recommended that Tilcon be contracted to provide the paving materials (not to exceed \$500K), rental of construction equipment and operator of a grader and roller (not to exceed \$25K), and to provide processed aggregate. (not to exceed \$25K)

- It is also recommended that catch basin items and concrete blocks & bricks be purchased from United Concrete Products under State Bid pricing in amounts not to exceed \$50K and \$15K respectfully.
- Finally, Town staff is recommending that Garity Construction be contracted to perform pavement milling operations at a cost not to exceed \$100K. The Garity hourly rates will be the same as was used last year.
- There are several items under New Business regarding these recommendations.

#### BAN Sale

- On February 6th four bids were received for Bond Anticipation Notes. These notes are scheduled to mature on September 14, 2018 (7 months) when it is anticipated that permanent financing would occur. These Notes are currently financing the Road Bond Program on a temporary basis.
- The note amount was for \$4M and the "low bid" was submitted by Eastern Bank in the net amount of 1.5480%. No action of the Town Council is required regarding this BAN sale.

#### Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Dashboard was included in your meeting information package and was posted on the Town website. Scott Colby will review the Financial Dashboard which is for the period ending January 31, 2018.

### Happenings

#### PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

#### The Opioid Epidemic - How it is affecting you and your family?

- This timely and important program is recommended for anyone and everyone and is open to the public. Overdose deaths in communities across Connecticut have become a daily occurrence. Come and learn about: How the problem starts? Signs of an opioid overdose & how to reverse one? How to prevent your unused pills from getting into the wrong hands? Narcan: What it is, how to get it and how to use it. Please call the Senior Center to register at 860-747-5728.

#### ECO Vertical Evolution (EVE) a new concept in growing plants and vegetables Thursday, March 1, 10.00 a.m.

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### UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

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**PLAINVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

- **Tuesday Night Book Club** will meet March 1st at 7:00 PM. The book being discussed is A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline.
- **Wednesday Night Book Club** met February 21st at 7:00 PM to discuss Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward.
- Thursday, March 8th and 22nd the library will be having a Writer’s Workshop. All writers are welcome! No registration required.
- **Save the Date:** The Friends Semi-Annual Book Sale will be Friday, April 6th 6-8 PM and Saturday, April 7th from 10-3.

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Elizabeth Asquith-Bibesco from the book “Women Who Do To Much” printed with permission.

**Plainville Fire Co.  
2018 Scholarship**

The Plainville Fire Company, Inc. is now in the process of accepting applications for its scholarships for the fall of 2018. Applications are available and may be picked up at the Guidance Offices of the Plainville High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical School, and St. Paul High School. They are also available at fire headquarters, 77 West Main Street, and the Plainville Company Web Site. Deadline for filing is **MARCH 31st, 2018.**

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**Plainville Cemetery Association, Inc.**

The Plainville Cemetery Association, Inc. would like to invite the Public to visit our Chapel in the West Cemetery.

The Chapel will be open for Winters hours started now through April 1, 2018: Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Chapel will also be available to rent for services or memorials, please contact our Superintendent at 860-747-2314.

The Plainville Cemetery Association, Inc. now has a page on the Town of Plainville website, under boards and commissions.

The page contains: contact information, cemetery rules and regulations, pricing, history and mapping. Please view.

**IT JIM**

**Basic PC  
Troubleshooting Tips**

Computers are amazing machines. They offer tools for just about any need. But, they sure can be difficult sometimes. There are a few basic troubleshooting steps that anyone can do before calling in the pro’s. Give these tips a try. Some may seem obvious, but believe me, even the pro’s sometimes regret skipping the obvious.

**Power problems.** Is it turning on? You press the power button, and nothing happens? No lights, no hum of the fans? Check to make sure that the power cords are plugged in. Check the back of the computer and the wall outlet. For laptops, check the power “brick” to make sure the cords are plugged in there. Is the laptop battery charged? Make sure the cord is fully seated.

If you are using a power strip or an uninterruptable power supply (UPS), make sure it is turned on. Make sure it works. Are other things plugged into it turning on? These devices can wear out and supply inconsistent power which can cause strange things to happen.

**Performance and stability issues.** Your computer is running, but it’s not acting right. Is the computer getting slow? Are programs crashing or just acting oddly? The NUMBER ONE FIX for many, many problems is to restart the computer. This should be done by clicking on the start menu and clicking to shutdown or restart the computer. On a Mac, press Control + Command + Eject (or Control + Command + Power button). Pressing the power button sometimes just puts the computer to sleep. Sleep is not the same as restarting.

**Computer is turning on, but Windows is not starting.** This can be a tricky one. If Windows doesn’t start, it often goes into Startup Repair. Follow the prompts and let it do its thing. Sometimes this can take several hours to run. If you can leave it overnight, let it be and come back later and check it. If it does not fix it, try it again. Sometimes a second try will work.

If not, the next step would be to attempt a system restore. A system restore is not the same as a system recovery. A system restore will revert the computer back to a few days to a few weeks in time. It will not affect your files. This can get a little tricky. If you don’t feel comfortable, check with a tech savvy person to help. Check this website for more information: <https://goo.gl/QpHFYf>

If neither of these works, it’s time to call in a pro. System recovery, and system resets, risk erasing files and programs from your computer.

**Maintenance is important!** It is very important to keep your computer and the programs that are on it up to date. You should regularly check to make sure Windows is updated. Windows 10 produces major updates a couple times a year. These updates can take a couple of hours to install. Be patient. Let them run. If you have an anti-virus or malware protection software, make sure it is up to date.

Stay tuned. Future articles will provide more detailed maintenance and backup tips.

I really would love to hear from you with ideas for future columns. Please email me at [jim.phc@gmail.com](mailto:jim.phc@gmail.com) with ideas and suggestions.

**IT JIM**

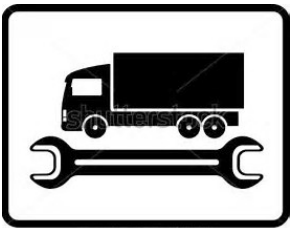
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## Senator Martin Calls Governor's Speech a Distraction from the Real Issues Facing Connecticut

State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) today said Governor Malloy's speech today was nothing more than a distraction from the real issues facing Connecticut.

"Governor Malloy's frequently referred to Washington and issues affecting our nation as a whole, but had little to say about the very issues facing Connecticut," Sen. Martin said. "We are facing a budget deficit, serious problems with our infrastructure, and an economy that still has not recovered from the recession of nearly a decade ago. Not once did he talk about the budget and all the taxes he plans to impose. Where were those issues in the Governor's speech?"

Sen. Martin said that while he and his colleagues may agree with some of the ideals the Governor spoke about, the speech failed to provide a realistic plan to achieve the fairness the Governor talked about in such lofty terms. In fact, the Governor's call to take care of the state's most vulnerable was a strong contrast to the tax and spending cut proposal he outlined on Monday when called for cuts to the Medicare Savings Plan.

"Barely a week ago, my colleagues and I overwhelmingly voted to override the Governor's veto and restore funding to the Medicare Savings Plan. Without that funding,

more than 100,000 low-income seniors and disabled residents would have been removed from a program that helps them pay for co-pays and premiums not covered by Medicare," Sen. Martin said. "Governor Malloy's words don't match his actions. Monday he proposes once again to leave those vulnerable residents out in the cold. It seems they are not the 'vulnerable' residents he talked about caring for and being fair to on Wednesday."

Sen. Martin said the pain on seniors living on a fixed income and the state's low-income population is further compounded by the Governor's call for taxing nonprescription drugs.

"Not only does the Governor want to cut the subsidies that help these residents afford their medical care, he wants to make their nonprescription drugs like aspirin, pain relievers, and over the counter acid reflux medications even more expensive," he said. "How is this taking care of Connecticut's most vulnerable?"

Among the Governor's tax and spending cut proposals are:

- Eliminating the property tax credit for seniors and taxpayers with dependents
- Eliminating tax breaks on Social Security and pension income
- Increasing the real estate conveyance tax
- Increasing the gas, hotel, and restaurant taxes
- A new tax on tires
- New highway tolls throughout the state
- Cuts to municipal aid
- Rejecting the new Education Cost Sharing formula that provides aid to schools based on need, population, poverty and other factors.

"Last session, the General Assembly began the difficult work of getting Connecticut's fiscal house in order. We approved a constitutional cap on state spending. We approved a limit on bonding. We made decisions by keeping an eye on living within our means first and looking for revenue last," Sen. Martin said. "Governor Malloy's proposals show he hasn't been paying attention to any of what we have been doing and what residents and businesses have been saying. People and businesses in Connecticut have been hurting under the Governor's policies and they need change. Instead, the Governor offers up the same unrealistic tax and spend policies that have marked his entire administration and brought Connecticut to the brink of financial disaster."

Sen. Martin said he will continue pursuing policies that balance Connecticut's budget, stabilize the state's fiscal environment, and promote growth. He represents the communities of Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth and Thomaston.

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## PLAINVILLE COALITION PARTNERS WITH LOCAL LIONS CLUB

The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development has joined forces with the Plainville Lions Club to extend the Coalition's underage drinking prevention campaign, according to Co-Chairs, Roberta Brown and Lynn Davis.

The ongoing campaign features targeted messaging about the Social Host Law, which prohibits the consumption of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age, even in private homes. This information has been communicated to Plainville parents and the community through public service announcements at local service stations, a sticker promotion, and a lawn sign presence. Most recently, the Coalition partnered with members of the Plainville Lions Club to once again re-enact the "sticker campaign" promotion. Lions Club members visited local package stores to affix stickers with information reinforcing the Social Host Law to alcohol packaging at the establishments, with the hope of sharing the information with parents and the community. Package stores that participated in the initiative include Lostocco's Country Liquors, Big Saver Wine & Spirits, Big Buy Wine and Spirits, and Discount Liquors.

"The local package store owners have been very receptive to the campaign, allowing stickers to be placed on cases of beer, coolers in their stores and on bags and other packaging," explained Brown. "Our goal is to increase awareness on this issue in order to prevent the negative and often tragic consequences of underage drinking."

"We are grateful for the support of the local package stores, as well as that of the Lions Club volunteers, who were extremely helpful in coordinating and executing our most recent sticker campaign. We thank all of our partners in collaborating with us on this most important initiative," added Davis.

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- \*Defrost frozen food without running water over the packages. Place food in the refrigerator or defrost in the microwave.
- \*Clean greasy hands with waterless hand cleaner found at hardware stores.

- \*Insulate your hot water pipes. Less water will be wasted before hot water flows.
  - \*Use a broom to clean sidewalks or your driveway. Washing down these areas with a hose wastes water.
  - \*Adjust sprinklers so only the lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
  - \*Water your lawn in the early morning and never on a windy day to avoid evaporation.
  - \*Place a layer of mulch around trees and plants so more water can be retained.
  - \*Landscape using Low-water plants and rock gardens to reduce the amount of lawn.
  - \* Know how to turn off an automatic sprinkler system in case of rain.
  - \*Cover pools and spas to cut down on evaporation.
- These are just a few helpful hints to conserve H2O from Blue Thumb Basics.*
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### MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals-on-Wheels in Plainville, Monday through Friday, typically from 10 A.M. to 12 noon. You can deliver one or more days per week, or you can be on call to cover for other volunteers during an illness or scheduled vacation. Mileage reimbursement is available. Please contact Evelyn, Ronda or Bonnie at the Senior Center for more information: 860-747-5728.

### NEW! INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS!

Jason Coppola, Veterans Services Officer with the Office of Veterans Affairs, holds individual appointments at the Plainville Senior Center on the first Wednesday of each month starting March 7. Please call Jason to make an appointment at 1-203-805-6340. All appointments are held at the Senior Center. Jason is extremely knowledgeable and able to help veterans, their spouses and widows with veterans benefits. He may also be able to identify assistance for financial, medical, home care matters and more.

### LISTEN TO YOUR GUT!

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**MARCH 12, 11:00 a.m.**

Presented by Linda Coveney, founder of Healthy Behaviors. She decided to create a second career around sharing healthy food and lifestyle practices so others can live life to the fullest — not only longer, but better. She believes that when we explore the impact food has on how we feel, we can shed habits that no longer serve us. In this workshop, you will learn the foods that are most likely to negatively impact your well-being. You'll leave knowing how to create an individual plan to strengthen your gut health, your immune system and your overall health. Program is free. Sign-up has begun.

## GET READY FOR GOLF!

Group lessons will be offered by CT PGA Professional and Senior Center member Jack McConachie. Sign-up for these sessions begins March 5.

**Short Game Class: Fee \$3.00**

Wednesday, March 28th 10:00-11:15 AM

Location: Paderewski Park in back field  
Come spend some time practicing your short game. Skills to be reviewed will be grip, alignment, and pitch run. If time permits the distance pitch shot will be practiced.

**Putting Class: Fee \$3.00**

Wednesday, April 4th 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Location: Plainville Senior Center  
Warm up your putting skills. Learn how to read and align your putts, along with putting etiquette.

### Explore Our Upcoming Outdoor Adventures!

Join us for the Outdoor Adventure Open House on March 27 at 2:00 P.M. and learn about the upcoming events being held this spring and summer! Meet our Outdoor Adventure leaders Eileen Cyr and Jared Scoville. Refreshments will be served and you'll be entered into our raffle to win a complimentary Outdoor Adventure Trip! Upcoming outdoor activities include biking, walking, hiking, sailing, urban adventures and more. The Outdoor Adventure Club has something for everyone! Sign-up begins March 5. Please call the Senior Center.

## CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS TUESDAY, MARCH 20th at 10 A.M.

March 20th marks the first day of Spring! We made it through another Connecticut winter! Winter caregiving is especially challenging as it is often a struggle to get out of our homes and leave our caregiving responsibilities behind, even if only for a short time. Esther Corcoran, the North Central Regional Director of the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, will join us and share pertinent information about care-giving and the new initiatives of the Association. Take an early Spring Break and join us for what promises to be an informative meeting. Caregivers from neighboring towns are welcome. Call Bette at the Senior Center with any questions or concerns.

## CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP, MANCHESTER/ LUNCH AT HOMETOWN BUFFET SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 9:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Time to look for all the spring bargains at the Christmas Tree Shop, then enjoy lunch at Hometown Buffet. \$8 for transportation is payable at registration. Home pick-ups for those who do not drive begin at 9:15 a.m., Senior Center pick-up is at 9:30 a.m. Return to Plainville by 3:00 p.m. Sign-up begins March 5.

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# Stewart leads field of 4 in online poll results

By *Skyler Frazer*

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Mayor Erin Stewart topped a field of four potential gubernatorial candidates in online poll results released Wednesday.

The unscientific poll, released by the Hartford-based public affairs and lobbying firm Tremont Public Advisors, Surveyed 1,003 Connecticut adults online on their views on the upcoming gubernatorial election.

Presented the question “If the 2018 election for governor of Connecticut were held today, for whom would you vote?, respondents were either allowed to pick the Republican or Democratic party or a specific candidate.

Though about 20 people have either declared their candidacy or formed exploratory committees for this year’s gubernatorial race, the poll included just four names as options.

Twenty-six percent of respondents said they’d vote for the Democratic candidate for governor while 24.6 percent said they’ve vote for the Republican. Among those voting for specific candidates, Republican Stewart received 15.2 percent of the vote, Republican Mark Boughton 11.1 percent, Democrat Susan Bysiewicz 10 percent and Democrat Ned Lamont, 8.8 percent.

Overall, combining party-only answers, with candidate-specific answers, the poll shows the Republicans with 50.9 to 44.8 percent advantage over Democrats.

The poll was conducted from Feb.15 to Feb. 17 using an online survey platform. Respondents were allowed to take the survey only once and were prohibited from choosing more than one answer.

The poll population consisted of two panels of respondents: Internet users reading content on network of web publisher sites, and smart phone users who had downloaded and signed upto use Android app.

“There is good news for Republicans in the survey results released today,” said Matthew Hennessy, Managing director of Tremont Public Advisors, “State Republicans continue to have a good shot of taking the governor’s office and potentially have a candidate in Mayor Erin Stewart that might possibly blunt the historic electoral strength Democrats have with women voters.”

“To be successful, Democratic candidates will have to present themselves as credible change agents and connect the policies of a deeply unpopular president to the Republican candidates for governor,” Hennessy added.

Stewart told The Herald she was surprised to be one of the Republican candidates picked for inclusion in the poll, but called the results an indication of the strength and viability of her potential campaign.

“The results underscore the message I’ve been saying to town committees around Connecticut.”

The 30-year-old mayor was not invited to Wednesday night’s third Republican gubernatorial debate at Notre Dame High School in West Haven. Unlike the previous two debates, that debate was only for declared candidates who have raised \$125,000. Stewart has formed an exploratory committee, but has not officially declared her candidacy.

Boughton, Mike Handker, Tim Herbst, Mark Lauretti, Peter Lumaj, Steve Obsitnik, Prasad Srinivasan and Dave Walker were to be on the stage Wednesday. David Stemerman and Bob Stefanowski were invited, but opted to skip the debate.

Stewart said she’s focused on contining to raise funds and spread her message so she can secure a spot at the GOP’s fourth debate. She said she’d be visiting Meriden’s Republican Town Committee Wednesdy night to talk about her prospective candidacy, but would be following the West Haven debate and answering questions on Twitter.

*This article appeared in Thursday, February 22, 2018 New Britain Heard.*

# Mayor Erin Stewart for CT Citizen’s Election Form

The Citizens’ Election Program Qualifying Contribution Certification Form for Erin Stewart for Governor is an insert in the March issue of the Hometown Connection.

Contributions of \$5.00 or more not to exceed \$100.00 per person will be greatly appreciated.

You may make copies of both sides of the form for friends or other family members, If you need more copies, please call Helen Bergenty at 860-302-3783.

It is important that you read the instructions on the reverse side of the form before mailing it to: Erin for CT, 432 Lakeside Blvd. West, Waterbury. CT 06708.

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## How to Make the Most of Tax Reform for Your Savings

*By: Courtney Jinjika, KeyBank Senior VP and Regional Retail Leader for KeyBank in CT and Western MA*

Approximately 90 percent of US workers will see a slight increase in their take-home pay thanks to the new tax reform that reduces personal taxes by as much as 3 percent (Source: US Treasury).

Granted, the new tax rates won't result in significantly larger paychecks, but a little bit goes a long way when it comes to achieving your financial goals.

Here are some tips on how you can capitalize on this extra income and make your money work for you:

**Stay on budget.**

Continue to spend less than you earn. Don't use the extra income as a reason to spend more on unnecessary items.

Review your bank account options with your banker.

Are you able to use direct deposit to automatically allocate your increased income to an emergency savings account? What are the best savings account interest rates? Checking accounts with no fees, such as KeyBank's HassleFree checking account, helps keep money in your pocket, so check to see if you have any fees associated with your banking accounts.

Pay off credit cards or other high-interest loans.

Roll that extra income into your regular payment on high-interest credit cards or loans. In addition to paying down a balance and saving on current interest, you can head off the impact of interest rate increases that might happen later this year.

Look into other retirement options.

On target to max out your 401K? Great news! Talk to your banker about establishing an IRA or other additional retirement account. Again, your increased income might not mean thousands of more dollars, but small, regular contributions will add up.

Invest in your emergency fund. Emergency savings falling short? You're not alone. According to Bankrate.com's most recent Financial Security Index Survey, only 39 percent of Americans would have enough emergency savings to cover an unexpected \$1,000 expense. At least three months of take home pay is recommended.

Add to other savings accounts. Are you saving for a house, new car or memorable vacation? Whatever your aspirations are for the year, adding this extra income to your savings will help you reach your dreams quicker!

**Courtney Jinjika is KeyBank's Senior Vice President and Regional Retail Leader for Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, and leads Key's retail network of branches in the market. She has been with the bank for more than 15 years. For more financial planning recommendations and advice, please visit your local KeyBank branch - [www.key.com/locations](http://www.key.com/locations).**

## TRUMP PENCE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### BROWARD COUNTY TRAGEDY

On Wednesday, a Broward County Florida High School came under attack in a shooting rampage that resulted in the deaths of 17 innocent victims and numerous other injuries. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and the entire Broward County community. As President Trump said in response to the news: "No child, teacher or anyone else should ever feel unsafe in an American school."

### REBUILDING AMERICA

Did you know that it took only one year to build the Empire State Building? A remarkable engineering achievement! Today, major infrastructure projects for bridges, tunnels, roadways, and more can take up to ten years just to get permits! And our infrastructure is critical for our growing economy. That's why President Trump unveiled a sweeping plan this week to modernize America's infrastructure, and called on

Congress to deliver a plan that will: Promote state, local and private sector investments; Allow local officials to make the decisions; Invest 50 billion dollars in Rural America; Eliminate red tape to limit the permit process to no more than two years; And invest in America's most important asset: our people.

## FREEDOM, EQUALITY, AND DIGNITY

This year, President Trump declared the theme of Black History Month to be: "African Americans in Times of War." This is a special tribute to African Americans in our history who fought bravely for our country while they didn't fully share in the very rights they were fighting to protect. Just this week, the President and First Lady welcomed black leaders for a special event at the White house, during which President Trump stated poignantly, "... just like so many African Americans throughout our history who have struggled and sacrificed for freedom, we must do our part to make that vision (of freedom, equality and dignity) real for every single American."

78% of voters think immigration priority for those coming to the U.S. should be based on persons ability to contribute to America as measured by their education & skills and not based on a person having relatives in the U.S.

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*Here are some of your favorite places, people or things around town to rave about this month!*

**{ Bonnie raves }**

*\*Note: This raves was in last month. (error person's name was incorrect.)*

**{ Pat raves }**

**{ Jean faves }**

On November 18th Officer Brian J. Cybulski was on his third shift patrol in my neighborhood and saw that my garage door was open with lights flashing away, he came to the rescue closed the door to keep me safe and was on the way. What a good feeling to know that Plainville's Finest is always on alert....

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I live in Bristol and miss Frankie's on Rt. 6. I am happy Armand and Jake are opening their new Frankie's on East st. in Plainville. It is just a short drive from my home. See you March 1st.

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# From the Desk Of.....

## Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire

### Social Security Benefits

Social Security benefits continues to be a hot topic for most people as the economy still struggles to get back on track and the baby boomer generation inches closer to retirement. In this article, I will outline some of the most prevalent questions I receive concerning benefits and what people need to know.

The most common question I get about Social Security is, “How much income can I earn and not have my benefits affected by the administration?” In 2017, if you have reached your full retirement age of 66 already you may keep all your retirement benefits, no matter how much income you earn. If you are going to turn 66 in 2018, then SSA will deduct \$1 from your benefits for each \$3 you earn above \$40,080 until the month you reach full retirement age. (this amount may be changed with the new tax laws passed in Washington) I am reviewing the new regulations and will have more details next month.

The next most common question I get is “Can I receive SS benefits trough my spouse or ex-spouse?” If your current spouse receives SS retirement or is eligible for retirement

or disability benefits, you may be entitled to SS benefits even if you never paid Social Security. You would need to be at least 50 years old for spousal disability benefits or at least 62 years old for spousal retirement benefits. The same standard applies for receiving benefits through an ex-spouse with the additional requirement that you were married to them for a minimum of 10 years.

All SS benefits are subject to calculation by the administration that takes into account the claimant/ earner’s work history amongst other factors. Many people seem to wonder why their payments are not as large as they expected once they start receiving benefit. The most straightforward answer to this questions that the calculations have been federally enacted by the government and everyone is not entitled to the same amount. So, just because your neighbor may be getting more than you doesn’t mean you are receiving any less than you should.

Every thing and anything concerning your finances should always be promptly reviewed by individuals or by a professional as mistakes do happen.

Hopefully, this information will serve as some assistance as it should not be construed as legal advice. If you are seeking legal advice, consult an experienced licensed attorney.



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**DENTAL HEALTH**

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

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You may be familiar with the remarkable aesthetic transformation that can be realized with porcelain veneers. Perhaps you have even considered undergoing a smile makeover with porcelain veneers, with images in your mind of the flawless smile that could be yours. Indeed, porcelain veneers are among the most popular of all cosmetic dentistry procedures for good reason. They look natural and make even the most worn and faded smiles look absolutely brilliant.

Did you know, however, that porcelain veneers can also be used to correct certain orthodontic issues? That’s right-not only do porcelain veneers improve the aesthetics of the mouth, but they can also be used to improve oral health. For the right candidates, “instant orthodontics” with porcelain veneers may even allow them to avoid long-term orthodontic treatment with metal braces.

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## MSP Art Club Makes Hearts for Valentines Day



In celebration of Valentine's Day, students in the Middle School of Plainville's Art Club created ceramic hearts as gifts for members of the Plainville Senior Center and residents of the Apple Rehab facility in Plainville.

## TED Talk Speaker Visits MSP



TED Talk motivational speaker and magician, Brian Miller recently delivered a powerful message to the +KIK Peer Mentor group at the Middle School of Plainville, about perspective and connection. He shared his message with the high school mentors and middle school mentees while dazzling the group with amazing magic! Miller shared how we will meet 80,000 people in the world during our lives, but asked, how many will we have talked with and taken the time to know. He opened the eyes of the mentor group to take that chance to be present every day and be aware and open to having a conversation with someone new. The event was made possible due to a generous grant from the Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund.

## Local Legislators Visit PHS



Connecticut State Senator Henri Martin and Connecticut State Representative William Petit Jr., recently visited Plainville High School's American Government classes to speak about the Connecticut General Assembly and how a bill gets passed into a law.

## PHS JAZZ BAND TO PLAY 2018 SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND JAZZ BAND FESTIVAL

The Plainville High School Jazz Band will participate in the 2018 Southern New England High School Jazz Band Festival, according to PHS Band Director, Dominic Talotta.

The festival will be held on March 25, 2018, and will feature six high school jazz bands each performing for 30 minutes. The show will be held at the Infinity Music Hall in Norfolk, Connecticut. The Plainville High School Jazz Band will join Wamogo Regional High School at 1:00 PM for their performance. Tickets for each show are \$10.00 for the main level and \$20.00 for the balcony. Tickets may be purchased on the Infinity Hall website: [www.InfinityHall.com](http://www.InfinityHall.com).

The annual festival originated in 2012, and has since expanded to include performances by six invited high school jazz bands. The festival allows the high school musicians to perform on the Infinity Hall Stage where top entertainers in the Jazz field have also performed. In addition, the festival allows the Infinity Hall organization to give back to the community. Once performance day expenses are met, all profits from ticket sales are given back to the participating schools based on attendance at their particular shows.

"It was quite an honor to be invited. We are working hard to be ready, and looking forward to playing in such a great setting," said Talotta.

"This is a unique opportunity for our students to collaborate with students from another school and display their collective talents. In addition, our students will have the ability to perform in a professional atmosphere and showcase their talents for a wider audience," added Plainville High School Principal, Roberto Medic.

## PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS THE COMEDY MARVIN'S ROOM



Winner of the 1992 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play and the 1992 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Play, Marvin's Room is beloved for its mordant humor and unflinching wisdom. Scott McPherson's dark comedy allows a moving view of one woman's commitment to family and response to despair. Plainville High School presents the play on March 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30pm and March 17 at 2:00pm. The production is directed by Jeff Blanchette. Tickets are \$7 and available at Plainville High School. Seating is limited and advance purchase is encouraged.

## Toffolon Students Explore "Word Detective" Unit



Students in Allison Pascucci's first grade class at Louis Toffolon Elementary School recently gathered for a photo wearing their "Word Detective" badges, after finishing a Word Detective Unit in their Reading Units of Study.

## Toffolon School Hosts "2nd Annual Souper Bowl"



The Louis Toffolon Elementary school community participated in their "2nd Annual Souper Bowl" from January 30 – February 2. Participants brought in a canned good or paper product to vote for the team that they thought would win the Super Bowl. Students, families, and staff together donated approximately 700 hundred items for the Plainville Community Food Pantry. The Middle School of Plainville's Student Council also conducted a food drive for the pantry from 1/29-2/2, with a competition between grades. Student Council representatives in each grade came up with "something" that Principal Matthew Guarino would have to do if their grade donated the most items. Grade 6 won the competition, but he agreed to do all three "things." As such, Mr. Guarino's hair will be temporarily dyed a variety of colors and braided, and he will jump into snow or the middle school pond in his bathing suit. The Middle School students donated \$129 and 911 pounds of food.

**Sweet Affair  
Showcase  
Fundraiser  
Class of PHS 2018  
Please see  
page 11**



*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....*





# Schools in Review

## Every Day Heros Stephanie Gagne and Tom Arcari Recognized by BOE



## Local VFW Supports Reading Program



The local VFW Madeley-Roberts Post No. 574 recently sponsored the Plainville Community Schools Reading Partners program at Louis Toffolon Elementary School, Linden Street School and Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, with a financial donation for books. This is the sixth year that the local post has sponsored the program, providing funding for holiday books for each Reading Partners program student participant at all three schools.

*Linden Street School shown above*

## PHS Jazz Band Places Third in Berklee College of Music's Competition

The Plainville High School Jazz Band recently participated in the Berklee College of Music's Annual High School Jazz Festival. The event was held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts, and featured hundreds of bands, combos and vocal ensembles from high schools across the country. The Plainville High School group competed against 16 other bands from New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Chicago, finishing in third place out of the 16 groups in their competition class. This was the best finish to date for the PHS Jazz Band in this annual competition. Plainville High School Senior and trombone player Nick Costantini also won the "Judge's Choice" award. This is the 14th year that the Plainville High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Dominic Talotta, has competed in the Berklee festival.



*Happy  
St.  
Patrick's  
Day*



## Wheeler Students Receive Recognition



On February 13, 2018, two students from Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School were chosen to receive an award at the Connecticut Association of Schools annual Elementary Arts Recognition Festival. The recipients were Hunter Krystock and Tyler McGraw, who were chosen for their outstanding achievement in Music and Art.

## MSP Teams Place in VEX IQ Competition



*Shown above: Alex Calver, Nick Kafka and Coach Laurel Schwartz*

On January 13th, four teams from the Middle School of Plainville traveled to the Bolton VEX IQ Competition. Both coaches, Middle School faculty members Camille Westfall and Laurel Schwartz, commented, "This was our toughest competition of the year so far. The students were focused on improving both their driving and robot design after seeing how the robots compared to other teams." Out of 22 teams, team "Chicken Nuggets", Zach Finkelstein, Matt Bonney, and Tim Paradis came in 4th, team "Alpha Wolves", Caitlin Stilwill, Dan Talarico, Seth Lahoud and Jacob Keen came in 13th, and team "Salt Crew", Nick Grabowski, Jon Marfia, and Konrad Koc, came in 9th. The "Night Hawks" team, Alex Calver and Nick Kafka, came in first place and won the "Skills" award that combines both individual driving and programming scores. In addition, they won the "Excellence" award for the highest overall performance in all categories for the day.

## Wheeler Students Jump Rope for Heart Health



The Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School community participated in a Jump Rope for Heart program / fundraiser between January 22nd - February 14th. Students engaged in a number of jump rope and heart health related activities. In addition, daily heart facts were shared during morning announcements, and students added to their health knowledge with hands on activities in Physical Education classes. The service learning project taught the importance of heart healthy habits for students while supporting those in need. Wheeler students and families raised over \$5,000 for the American Heart Association.

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## PHS Competes In NOSB



*From left to right, Christopher St. Lawrence, Elona Tanski (Captain of the team), and Caitlyn Bradley*

The Plainville High School's (National Ocean Sciences Bowl) NOSB team competed February 3 at UCONN's Avery Point campus against 15 other teams for this year's regional competition, the Quahog Bowl. The members included captain Elona Tanski, Chris St. Lawrence, Caitlin Bradley, RJ Bradley, and Daniela Rosado-Rivera. The team began preparing in early September and worked on ocean science content as well as competition strategies. Faculty members Ken Fusco and Cheryl Hathaway coached the team. At the competition, the team made a good showing, placing 6th during the morning, winning twice and losing once. They were eliminated early in the afternoon, but both losses were within a couple of points. Both coaches were very proud of the team and praised their efforts after the competition.

## MSP Students Selected for Music Festival



The Middle School of Plainville would like to recognize and congratulate the fourteen scholars who were selected to participate in the Connecticut Music Education Association's Northern Region Middle School Music Festival. These students participated in an audition process with more than 1,000 other middle schools students. They will be participating in the regional music festival on March 24th at Wethersfield High School.

*In photo Left to right - Back Row: Izabel Malek, Kaydin Younger, Jaylen Thigpen, Dakota-Marie Dinielli. Middle Row: Keira Guarco, Hailey Calder, Claudia Mizerek, Allison McLaughlin, Macayle Wells, Samantha Thompson. Front Row: Dale Neyra, Dyani Maldonado, Anneli St. Lawrence. Not available*



## The Plainville Elementary Town-Wide Jazz Band Performed at the XL Center



The Plainville Elementary Town-Wide Jazz Band performed at the XL Center in Hartford, CT before a Hartford Wolf Pack game on January 27th. Ticket fundraiser proceeds surpassed \$2000 from Plainville families, which will support Plainville elementary school programming, supplies, and activities for the rest of the school.

## Bailey Boyz take 1st and 3rd at the Connecticut State Wrestling Championship in the Bantam weight class, held in Stamford, CT on February 11, 2018



Jaxsen (left - age 7) is the Connecticut State Champion and brother Logan (right - age 6) took 3rd overall. The duo wrestle out of KT Kidz In Rocky Hill.

These little guys are Plainville town residents who attend Wheeler elementary school. They are the Grandsons of James and Diane Bailey (former owners of Bailey Funeral Home) and Charlene Bailey.

## Plainville AARP Supports Caregivers

Pictured Left to Right: **Lois Schmidt**, VP Plainville AARP Chapter, **Sue DesRochers**, President Plainville AARP Chapter, **Stephanie Soucy**, Social worker for Grandparents Raising Grandkids, Plainville Senior Center.

The Plainville Chapter of AARP presented a donation to the Grandparents/Relatives Raising Grandchildren program. The money will be used to support the families who are part of the program. The program is run by the Plainville Senior Center.

If you are a grandparent/relative raising grandchildren and are interested in learning more about these support groups, please contact the Plainville Senior Center, 860-747-5728.

The Plainville AARP Chapter supports many local organizations including the Food Pantry, Fuel Bank, Homeless Vets, Plainville Historical Society, Dial-A-Ride, Plainville Senior Center and the concerts at Norton Park.

If you would like to join the Plainville AARP Chapter and help support various community organizations that focus on our senior citizen needs, please contact Elie Miranda, membership chairperson at 860-833-7412.



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**MAY 16-24, 2018 Visits Cliffs of Mohr,** Blarney Stone, local pubs, Heritage Center ,Trinity College, St. Patricks Cathedral and much much more. Fly to Dublin from Bradley. \$2,850 pp, dbl.  
**JUNE 7, 2018 DEEP SEA FISHING** – PLYMOUTH, MA You may bring your own cooler and lunch They will clean your fish \$1.00 per piece, Price \$125  
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Coming Up Lobster lunch at the CT shore, Trip to Block Island, Whale Watch.  
**JULY 7-** Lobster Dinner at waterfront restaurant and then off to Mohegan Sun which includes a promotional package. Choice of Steamed lobster dinner with clam chowder or chicken Price \$77.  
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**Report:**  
**From the Desk of Mark DeVoe**  
*Director of Economic Development Commission*

Plainville approved 137,000 square feet of new commercial development in 2017. A very productive year indeed. By contrast, 10 permits were granted for construction of new homes or single condominium units in 2017. So, 2017 weighted revenues heavily towards the commercial side, which means that Plainville continues to balance new development in a way that lessens impacts in terms of future tax increases. While this has little to do with the current budgetary dilemma facing the State, we are pleased to report steady and responsible growth at a local level.

As we ease into 2018, there is no guarantee that land use activity will be as brisk as it was in 2017, or that the ratio of commercial versus residential will continue to be so favorable. We will likely see the fruit of the approvals given in 2017 take shape as new building projects this spring, although many have already started and are nearing completion.

One might ask, “how can we sustain this rate of development?” We’ve heard many times that there is no land left in Plainville. I first heard that statement in 1988. Since then, we’ve seen the development of CT Commons. Soon we’ll see the development of the former Chung site. It is noteworthy that both of those sites were previously developed. Out with the old and in with the new. While it is true that you can’t make more land, you can certainly redevelop it – and redevelop it better than what is was to begin with.

Towns the size of Plainville (5th smallest in the State) are not only dependent upon the reuse of old and outdated developments, we also rely on the sustainable redevelopment of those parcels. Our efforts must continue to focus on regulating redevelopment with an eye towards lessening environmental impacts. The town also seeks to soften redevelopment with appropriate landscaping where little attention was paid to such details years ago.

Examples of the Town’s efforts to achieve these goals can be seen in the Low Impact Development Manual adopted in 2010 and the Redevelopment Design District Zoning Regulations adopted in 2016. Another example holding great promise in the town’s efforts to define and remediate contamination issues at the former White Oak property, where future redevelopment has the potential to change the face of our downtown for the better.

That said, our inventory of undeveloped commercial land is still quite healthy. As of this writing, there are currently over 150 acres available for commercial development. That acreage, coupled with efforts to incentivize investment in redevelopment opportunities, will carry us far into the future. As the Planning and Zoning Commission gears up for their 10 Year Plan of Conservation and Development, it is truly a good time to look at how we can best manage future growth while protecting our valuable natural resources.

**Life With Wanda**


My daughter-in-law called and told me what happened to her today.

She went to a local grocery store to pick up a few things for dinner and as she was loading her groceries on the belt, in the quick checkout line, she dropped a ten dollar bill on the floor.

The woman in front of her bent down and picked it up and as my daughter-in-law held out her hand, fully expecting the woman to give her the ten dollar bill, the woman turned and said, “Finders, keepers, losers weepers.”

Well, knowing her and her temper I just knew she wasn’t going to let this woman get away with that so I asked her what she did.

Well, she said, as the woman walked away she followed and as they exited the store, she related, they were both on a dead run with my daughter-in-law demanding her money.



She got out her cell phone and was trying to dial the police when she found the battery on her phone was dead. By that time they had reached the woman’s car.

The woman put her bag of groceries on the ground so she could open her car door.

Thinking real fast my daughter-in-law reached down, grabbed the bag of groceries and ran to her car and yelled over her shoulder, “Finders, keepers, losers weepers!

When she got home she looked in the bag and found three tenderloin steaks, a pound of cooked shrimp, cocktail sauce, three frozen turkey dinners, some dinner rolls, a pound of butter and a bottle of Moscato wine.

*She laughed and said, “What do you think, not bad for ten bucks!”*



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4. GREEN VEGGIE  
7. BAR BILL  
10. DOCTORS' GROUP  
11. ONE WHO BUYS AND SELLS SECURITIES (SLANG)  
12. BE IN DEBT  
13. LIVELY BALLROOM DANCE  
15. SINGER CHARLES  
16. POLISH CITY  
19. FORMER  
21. DISMISSING FROM EMPLOYMENT  
23. MINERALS  
24. PLOTTED  
25. CONSULT  
26. AFTER A PRAYER  
27. AGENTS OF ONE'S DOWNFALL  
30. LEASEHOLDERS  
34. SUPERVISES FLYING  
35. VODOO GOD  
36. ALFALFA  
41. APPLY ANOTHER COAT TO  
45. WITNESSES  
46. JAI \_\_, SPORT  
47. ONES WHO PROOF  
50. RECENT

54. SMALL GROUP WITH SHARED INTERESTS  
55. PART OF WARMING HEADGEAR  
56. WOOLEN CLOTH  
57. SNAG  
59. CENTRAL AMERICAN FRUIT TREE  
60. WOMAN (FRENCH)  
61. THE 22ND LETTER OF THE GREEK ALPHABET  
62. TYPE OF BED  
63. SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC  
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65. JAPANESE FREIGHT COMPANY (ABBR.)

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1. CZECH MONETARY UNIT  
2. ABLE TO AROUSE INTENSE FEELING  
3. ELK  
4. MUSCULAR WEAKNESSES  
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6. DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN  
7. BURNS TO THE GROUND  
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31. PEYTON'S YOUNGER BROTHER  
32. LONG TIME  
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37. RESPECTS  
38. ORGANIZE ANEW  
39. FILIPPO \_\_, SAINT  
40. INTRINSIC NATURE OF SOMETHING  
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42. ANCIENT GREEK CITY  
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51. HAVING WINGS  
52. PANTHERS' QB NEWTON  
53. THIRD-PARTY ACCESS  
58. SATISFACTION

Answer on page 30



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**Dreaming of Spring**  
**Sally Miller**

I woke this morning and I wished for Spring. The weatherman is fired as far as I am concerned. The weather is threatening to dump 2 inches of ice on the snow we already have. I wish for the magic of spring.. I am waiting for the earth to wake up and show it's colors. I am tired of the color white – I am tired of snow. I watch the cardinals flip from tree to tree and chattering to each other. Are they asking, "When is spring going to get here"? They got louder and more consistent, probably telling their stories of how they are trying to survive this horrible winter. They then disappear for days. I imagine spring in my mind. The trees will begin to show their beautiful green leaves. The leaves will reach out as if they are yawning and stretching after a long wonderful nap. The glorious colors of spring are cheerful and make me smile with delight. Crocus push their way to the top of the earth and say, "here I am world", I may be small but I am here and I am beautiful." If flowers were human they would be singing beautifully as they begin to populate the garden like a choir with beautiful robes on. Varieties of birds would sing while each try to outdo the other and join into the sonata as the earth's orchestra begins. The bright spring sun will rest its light on the pussy willows and the forsythia will adorn the gardens with sunshine yellow blooms. I yearn for the smell of spring as the delicious scent of spring rain and flowers waft through open windows. I dream of spring, washing cars, raking old leaves, planting new flowers and friend s in the neighborhood begin to gather just as the flowers have begun to gather in gardens, But not now, the weatherman just announced snow in the upcoming days while I continue to dream my dream.

**AARP Chapter #4146**

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# FROM MY BALCONY

By: Jeannette Hinkson

## WARNING: If you might be a little sensitive please don’t read this!

Again, Florida was the site of a mass shooting and the people rally the cry for gun control and in some cases rightly so.

Guns for self-defense are the rights of all citizens but military assault- type weapons have no place in the home.

After the murders in Newtown everyone asked, “How did this happen?” Newtown happened because a mother indulged her son, who had mental problems, not only access to these guns, but took him to a firing range and taught him how to shoot. I wonder what her thoughts were just before he killed her and went on a killing spree.

The young people that commit these horrific crimes seem to be coddled their entire lives and their parents make excuses for their behavior, even reward them for bad behavior, shower them with thousands of dollars worth of gifts and when authorities come knocking on their door they cover for them and police and teachers, as well as our government, are made to be the villains.

Children are not punished because laws were passed saying you can’t spank your child and many parents have related if they attempt to do so the child threatens the parents with a call to DCF. Children are rewarded with cell phones, computer and expensive vacations just for doing their homework.

Are children even made to stay after school anymore? Children have no fear of God, parents or even the authorities. Prayer and allegiance to our country has been removed from our schools because someone, in many cases from foreign lands, say it violates their rights. What about our rights?

My answer is, this is America and this is the way we have done things for hundreds of years and if you don’t like it “go home.” If you don’t like prayers or the pledge of allegiance in our schools, find a private school where they don’t respect our flag and our country. We’ll know where we stand and who you are. Taxpayers are tired of paying for a bunch of people who hate us yet will let us support them.

After this last shooting in Florida all we hear on the news is, “You are in our prayers,” but you better not pray before someone shoots seventeen kids and their teachers or you’re in big trouble.

We hear it all the time “See something, say something,” but have you ever tried to file a report of a threat and were told, “Well, did he actually do anything?” If the person didn’t actually do anything the hands of the police are tied until that person actually makes contact. By that time it might be too late. Many of us know of an instance in our own town where a young woman was murdered because even though she was threatened the

first contact was fatal. So much for that idea!

Being a resident of a rural part of Florida an incident happened in the past two weeks that have all the residents of our community on the edge of their seats.

Each home in our community sits on large parcels of land consisting of two to twenty-five or so acres. The thing that attracts people to this gated community is the wildlife. Only fifteen miles from Disney, residents marvel at the number of deer we see every night. Residents put out corn and the deer travel from house to house on a nightly basis for these treats. We have had as many as seventeen deer at one time in our yard. These animals have no fear of people or even our dogs. In fact, the dogs lay and watch the deer as they eat and pass through.

At a meeting of our HOA last week, the board was informed the bodies of two deer were discovered near a baited deer stand. Officers from Florida Wildlife were called and viewed the remains. These deer were not killed for their meat but were killed and left to rot, just to watch them die. The officers followed the tracks of an ATV back to the home of a new resident and spoke to the property owner. This gentleman told the officer his fourteen year old son was out riding his ATV but said his son did not shoot deer but takes pictures of them, thus making excuses for this fourteen year old “with a gun.” As word went around the neighborhood another resident approached me and related how he and his family were out riding their ATV and found the bodies of three more deer that had been killed and the bodies left to rot. After this report and the visit from Wildlife Management, we went to the location of the three dead deer and found tracks of an ATV to that site. The bodies of the deer had been removed. Even though there are visible track sthere is no proof who may have killed these animals but knowing there is a fourteen year old, unsupervised child in the neighborhood, who is allowed to carry a gun, is alarming to say the least. The fact that this boy posted pictures of the dead deer on Snap-chat for his friends to see leaves everyone on edge. As far as “See something, say something” and these facts were related to the authorities, nothing can be done and the father backs up his son. What might be in this child’s future, no one knows.

If I sound angry, I am. I watch the news here every night and hear from the parents of these dead children in Parkland, Florida. I see their faces spread over the screen of the TV and wonder what they might have achieved in the future.

***They say the FBI dropped the ball on this one but the way I look at it I don’t think the authorities have any b----! (Sorry about my candor) This article is my personal view and not that of the HTC, other contributors or their advertisers.***

# THE TEA PARTY PATRIOTS WAKE UP AMERICA

By Gene

## WHAT IS THE DEEP STATE???

The Deep State? Does it even exist? How does it operate? What is it’s goals? Is it something to fear? What can be done about it? What it is in a nut shell is the Deeps State is a state within a state/a shadow government that manipulates and shapes policy of the visible government, without regard to the best interest of the country and US Constitution, the laws enacted by Congress, and the public policy of the president, who heads the Executive Branch. But there is more to it than that; there is also the “Deep State behind the Deep State”. It oftentimes referred to by other names such as the establishment or the swamp or the power elites behind the scenes like and overlapping groups such as Bilderberg, CFR, Trilateral, the Aspen Institute and the Brooking Institute. (and there are more to beware of) the Skull and Bones, Bohemian Grove, and individuals like the Rockefeller, Soros and Rothschild family.

This may be hard to explain in detail in this limited column.

Establishment-media polls show about half of Americans now recognize definitively that the Deep State exists. Trump himself has mentioned it. And even much of the establishment press — a key component of the Deep State — has now grudgingly acknowledged that the Deep State exists. Another component of the Deep State behind the Deep State/see Trump and his agenda as a (Disaster). Accordingly to at least one insider, that is because Trump is not involved in the secret society and has not been involved in their ritual. Connect the dots and reveal the shadowy networks that place such enormous role on U.S. and global affairs behind the scenes. ILLUMINALTI which still remains largely unknown to the American people. We should be concerned about this insidious machinations and influence of this one particular secret society and how it has infiltration the U.S.

More and more Americans are waking up to the fact that now so commonly referred to as the Deep State does exist

but it is also true that the Deep State views the president as an outsider.

Let’s feel lucky we were born in this country and born with the freedom of speech, the freedom to make decisions and to. do almost anything within reason.

Although the government is great in many ways the most important factor we have to say who is elected to our government. Not everybody gets their way but mistakes are even made by elected president. Being president and trying to make people happy all over the country is a hard job, but at least he is looking out for us. And there is also a important midterm elections this fall.

(ME TOO)

Where did this start with Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit. Where and when do we draw the red line between consent and not?

Technology really is when humans achieve to fly , new tech devices, read minds and to never age,

Innovations is a fancy word for making up stuff.

Although the Crusades failed in their primary objective, they played a key role in staving off the Jihad conquest of Europe, but it is happening there right NOW. Islamic distastor believers is a constant of Islamic history and persists today. Western leaders WHO think non muslims can “win hearts and minds” among Islamics/Jihadists are simply naive and short sided.

We were ready for a black president and we were also ready for a female president and we now have a novel president and HE WON SHE LOST.

The Ex President’s portrait looks like a hired voodoo artist from a different continent. It’s not a portrait representing a true president.

The FBI should be investigated. Not the FBI investigating themselves. It would be like the swamp investigating the swamp. (Do you recall the Tea Party and other Patriot organizations and non profits being investigated by the FBI who had to apologize to these organizations for getting caught red handed and were reprimanded.)

“Today we need....Citizens who are not only prepared to take arms but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as the basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to consciously work and sacrifice for that freedom.”

(John F. Kennedy)

***Some of this information and excerpts are from the New American Magazine, January 18, 2018 and The Patriot Free Paper, Feb, 2018 Volume 8, Issue 4.***

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**Paint Night**, Sat., March 24, 4-6pm, \$35 at the YMCA. Advance registration required. To register please contact Alison Madigan, 860-990-5929 or capmad32@yahoo.com.

**Mr. PHS.**, Wed., March 28, 6:30pm, \$6 admission fee at PHS Auditorium.

A talent, dancing, question & answer segment, and swimsuit competition for graduating seniors, escorted by Black Dress Girls. An entertaining night of fun and delight. For tickets please call or text Lu at 860-712-5662.

Our next scheduled meetings are 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6 at 7pm at YMCA and perhaps more frequently as the event draws near. Individual committees now forming, and volunteer sign ups for the overnight event now being accepted.

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## Mark Your Calendars

### April 4 -

Healthy Plainville, Let's Get Healthy kick off event at the Middle School 6:30 -8 pm. I talk about this in my attached article. Page 20

### April 24 -

Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner, Nuchies - starts around 5:30 or 6.

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St. Philip House is a program of Chrysalis Center, Inc. The Mad Hatter is the signature fundraising event for St. Philip House, raising much-needed funds to support the mission by providing access to safe and affordable housing, increase community awareness through education, render support services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, and encourage empowerment.

Early Bird Tickets are available for purchase on or before March 29th for \$90.00 a person.

To purchase tickets to this exciting event, register online at <https://cci2017.auction-bid.org/microsite/> or contact Ellyn Laramie, Chrysalis Center Volunteer Manager, at 860-263-4419, or [elaramie@chrysaliscenterct.org](mailto:elaramie@chrysaliscenterct.org).

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# AAA Speaks Out:

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American drivers are beginning to embrace self-driving vehicles, according to a new study from AAA. The annual survey reveals that 63 percent of U.S. drivers report feeling afraid to ride in a fully self-driving vehicle, a significant decrease from 78 percent in last year’s survey. Millennial and male drivers are the most trusting of autonomous technologies, with only half reporting they would be afraid to ride in a self-driving car. To ensure that American drivers continue to be informed, prepared and comfortable with this shift in mobility, AAA urges automakers to prioritize consumer education. "The AAA survey is of particularly interest here in Connecticut where lawmakers recently approved pilot testing of autonomous vehicles on some roadways and are currently establishing an AV Task Force," says Amy Parmenter, spokesperson for AAA in Greater Hartford. "It is important that consumer comfort and concerns be considered as we move forward". "Compared to just a year ago, AAA found that 20 million more U.S. drivers would trust a self-driving vehicle to take them for a ride," AAA Automotive Engineering and Industry

Relations Director Greg Brannon said. While riding in a fully self-driving vehicle is a futuristic concept for most, testing of these vehicles in Connecticut and across the US means that sharing the road with an automated vehicle is an increasing near-term possibility. In this situation, drivers remain leery of self-driving vehicles. In AAA’s survey, only 13 percent of U.S. drivers report that they would feel safer sharing the road with a self-driving vehicle while nearly half (46 percent) would actually feel less safe. Others say they are indifferent (37 percent) or unsure (4 percent). Additional survey results include:

- Women are more likely than men to be afraid to ride in a self-driving vehicle
- Millennials are the most trusting of self-driving vehicles
- Baby boomers and Generation X drivers are more likely than millennial drivers to feel less safe sharing the road with a self-driving car.

Although fears of self-driving vehicles appear to be easing, U.S. drivers report high confidence in their own driving abilities, despite the fact that more than 90 percent of crashes involve human error. To help educate consumers on the effectiveness of emerging vehicle technologies, AAA is committed to the ongoing, unbiased testing of automated vehicle technologies. Previous testing of automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise control, self-parking technology and lane keeping systems has shown both great promise and great variation. Future AAA testing will look at how well systems work together to achieve higher levels of automation.

# Do you know a student or nonprofit that could use a scholarship or grant?

Main Street Community Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications from local students as well as grant applications from area nonprofit organizations through its competitive General Grant Cycle and the Plainville Community Fund. All guidelines, eligibility criteria and links to the applications are available on the Foundation's website, [www.mainstreetfoundation.org](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org). Scholarships are being offered through the Community Foundation to local residents who wish to pursue their educational dreams. These scholarships target many diverse areas of study and are available to graduating high school seniors, currently enrolled college students and adult learners. Last year 183 scholarships totaling over \$180,000 were awarded. The 2018 Scholarship Directory, which lists all scholarships and eligibility criteria, and the link to the Foundation's online application are available on the Foundation's website. The deadline to submit scholarship applications is March 16, 2018.

Nonprofit organizations serving Bristol, Burlington Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and/or Wolcott may be eligible to apply for grants through the Foundation's competitive General Grant Cycle. Organizations serving Plainville residents may also be eligible to apply to the Plainville Community Fund. All eligibility criteria and the link to the Foundation's Online Grants Center is on the Foundation's website. All proposals for the General Grant Cycle are due March 30, 2018, while all proposals for the Plainville Community Fund are due March 16, 2018.

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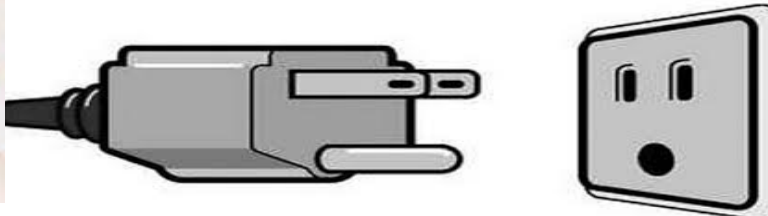
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# Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

## Celebrations are fun, but sometimes they make it hard to stick to your plans for healthier eating.

Let me give you an example. The other night I was at an expensive restaurant known for mouthwatering steaks. I'm not a vegetarian, but I rarely order steaks. So, I was delighted when I saw they had a vegetarian option on their menu. Given their reputation for delicious cuisine, I was looking forward to something special that would fit with my desire to eat mostly vegetables.

Sadly, the waitress told me the vegetarian option was limited to an order of 2 or 3 sides and was not really a meal. Given most of the vegetables were drowned in butter or cheese, it didn't even fit the definition of vegetarian either.

This brings me to tell you how excited I am about the Healthy Plainville initiative and the opportunities for

more healthier choices.

The mission of Healthy Plainville is to promote a healthy community for youth and families in Plainville by:

- increasing awareness of healthy food choices.
- promoting benefits of and opportunities for physical activity.
- eliminating the use of harmful substances.

The way to achieve this is to foster community partnerships and support policies. A committee alone can't make this happen. Our hope is that by providing data and ideas of how to take small steps that will lead to big results, the community will decide to implement positive changes where they work, live, learn and play.

In the past, Healthy Plainville was instrumental in bringing in the Farmers Market, promoting the monthly walk to school programs and activity based curriculum. As we re-launch this initiative, we are getting feedback and interest in community gardens, cooking classes and more.

Our plan is to kick off this event with a "Let's Get Healthy" program for parents, grandparents, caretakers

and other adults on April 4th at the Middle School. This event will include speakers, including Rep. Bill Petit and local restaurants and other organizations that will provide food and highlight the many opportunities for Plainville citizens to choose healthier lifestyle options.

We are adopting 5-2-1-0 as our slogan and this stands for 5 fruits and vegetables a day, 2 hours max of recreational screen time/day, 1 hour minimum of physical activity/day and 0 sugary drinks.

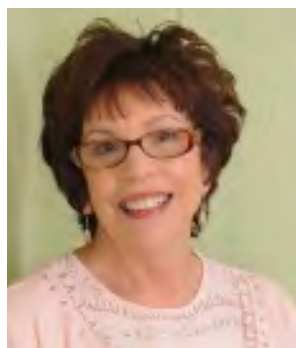
I hope you will join me in my enthusiasm for the possibilities associated with this initiative. While I'm a big advocate of cooking at home, I do enjoy eating out. This will be so much more enjoyable when I know that Healthy Plainville options will be on the menu.

Do you want to be part of a community that makes it easier to make the healthy choice?

For more information about Healthy Plainville, you can check out our Facebook Page or contact co-chairs Roberta Brown, Plainville Youth Services Director, brownR@plainvilleschools.org or me at Lindacoveney@comcast.net.

Healthy Plainville is an Initiative of the Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development and the Wheeler Regional Family YMCA. Funding support is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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*By Francis Rexford Cooley*

In my faculty mailbox sat a new catalog from Macmillian Publishing promoting texts for college “First Year” programs. As the catalog stated, the purpose of these books is to “invite campus-wide discussion” and were meant “to open doors, change minds, undercut assumptions, spark debates” while helping students “to succeed across all manner of academic disciplines....” The current model of the First Year program is credited to the University of South Carolina and was meant to successfully transition students into college and improve retention rates (ie: limit dropouts). These types of programs can run from Freshman Orientation workshops of a week or two to full-semester courses or even sequenced courses fulfilling state general education requirements of up to six credits. As these types of programs have grown in popularity among college administrators and grown to take the place of up to two full courses in the curriculum other courses have been displaced, often traditional Humanities courses steeped in the “Western Canon” of literature. The loss of the Western Canon has been bemoaned by such academics as Harold Bloom. So with my new catalog I decided to take a look at what type of works are being promoted as part of the new canon of literature college students are being exposed to during their freshman year in these “First Year” programs. Opening the catalog the first book being promoted as having been “selected for 7 First-Year” programs is Dr. Atul Gawande’s Being Mortal where the author examines end of life issues where “the goals of medicine seem too frequently to run counter to the interest of the human spirit.” One of a couple of books on end of life matters in the catalog it was interesting that all the books, from their descriptions, seemed to skew in a similar manner regarding end of life issues. This pattern of having current political, social, and cultural issues being addressed yet all coming from similar viewpoints seemed to emerge as I read through the catalog. I could order Xiuhtezcatl Martinez’s We Rise: Earth Guardians Guide to Building a Movement That Restores the Planet written by the 17-year-old “climate activist.” If I wanted a book written by someone who was actually older than college freshmen former NYC mayor Michael Bloomberg’s Climate of Hope or Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Sequel is available. And if I wanted a book by someone “disenchanted” with the environmental movement I could choose Paul Kingsnorth’s Confessions of a Recovering

Environmentalist and Other Essays advocating “dark ecology,” a rather radical interpretation of environmentalism and ecology. A certain pessimism permeates the works promoted by the catalog beyond the impending ecological one expounded above, The Rust Belt, America’s opiate epidemic, PTSD, income inequality, depression are found as the focal points of numerous books in the catalog.

Race, sex, criminal justice, and immigration dominate the catalog. The titles alone, of many of the books, gives one an understanding of the political viewpoint of the works. Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America and When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir both take on race in America. Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower takes on race and sex. Nasty Women: Feminism, Resistance, and Revolution in Trump’s America is self explanatory as is Unwarranted: Policing Without Permission. In the Country We Love: My Family Divided is actress Diane Guerrero’s memoir of her life growing up the American citizen of “undocumented” parents who were deported when she was fourteen.

In going through the entire catalog I encountered book after book on a myriad of issues. Many of the works seemed interesting but I found two major issues that greatly trouble me as an academic. A large number of works dealing with complex issues were written by non-experts like Mr. Martinez, who at seventeen cannot have experienced enough to make him an expert in much of anything academic yet unless he is the Mozart of environmentalism and I doubt it, or “journalists” whose resumes indicate a given political bias to the issue being covered. The second troubling issue was the lack of intellectual balance in the catalog. There were no books arguing the converse. For example no works on why immigration control is necessary for any state to exist. Why in a post-9/11 world rigorous policing is necessary. How can actual “discussion” exist without both sides of an argument or issue being raised?

One of the purpose of the traditional liberal arts education is to prepare students to think for themselves it is not to indoctrinate. For students to think they must be exposed to both sides of an argument. It seems, based on an examination of this catalog, many of the “First Year” programs are failing to provide preparation for that purpose. Maybe restoring some of the traditional Western Canon to the First Year curriculum would be a better option than the current reading list being currently promoted.

*Francis Rexford Cooley is Department Head of General Education at Paier College of Art.*

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**Petit Seeks to Raise  
Awareness Against  
Teen Dating Violence**  
State Rep. William A. Petit, Jr., (R-22) partnered with Interval House to raise awareness about domestic violence and abuse during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month at a recent press conference held at the State Legislative Office Building in Hartford.  
Rep. Petit said, “It’s very fitting that we gathered on Valentine’s Day for the event to raise awareness about teen dating violence awareness. What better day to say, ‘Love Shouldn’t Hurt’.”  
Petit is a member of Interval House’s Men Make a Difference, Men Against Domestic Violence, a group of prominent Connecticut men dedicated to raising awareness and speaking out against domestic violence. The group has raised thousands of dollars and distributed educational and training materials for the cause against domestic violence, and spoken to thousands of area residents, mostly boys and young men.

Petit, along with fellow group members, gathered on Valentine’s Day to recommit themselves to the cause and share their message that there’s never an excuse for violence and abuse in an intimate partner relationship.  
“Since 2009, this men’s group has been on the forefront of standing with women and children in the cause against violence and abuse. We know that if we are to make a difference, we have to continue to break the insidious cycle of domestic violence and abuse, we must educate our children, and the whole community that love should never hurt, and that no one has the right to abuse another, added Rep. Petit.”  
According to the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV), many youngsters start ‘dating’ before they are in their teen years. Petit stated that with 1 in 4 teens reporting that they are victims of verbal, physical, emotional and sexual abuse each year, it is imperative that we educate them about healthy relationships at home and elsewhere.  
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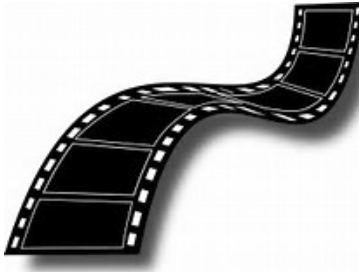
T'Challa, after the events of Captain America Civil War and the tragic death of his father, returns to his home in Wakanda to ascend to his father's throne as King of this hidden, technically advanced African nation and as The Black Panther. However, not everyone is convinced he should be the king and he faces opposition from inside his kingdom as well as threats from the outside world from an old nemesis and a stranger with ties to a secret from his father's past.

In presenting their shared universe of uniquely empowered super heroes with connectivity from film to film, Marvel has yet to make a misstep. They have successfully introduced diverse individuals and given each their own personalities, chock full of character traits and faults that are singularly theirs. We've seen them teamed up and on their own as they try to protect our world from threats emanating

# The Circumspect Critic

## by Robert James O'Dell

### "BLACK PANTHER"



from ours and other worlds. Each film has its own identity but one that compliments the films that came before and the ones that come after. Much like "Guardians of the Galaxy" before it, "Black Panther", while adhering to the mythology playing out through all the films, cuts out its own path in style and substance. It is not just a clever, intelligently constructed super hero film, it is simply a perceptive and metaphorically astute film as it reflects ingeniously on the state of affairs in today's volatile political landscape. It is an astute look at isolationism, racial barriers and the necessity of cooperation and support between nations of all political persuasion. It also kicks ass in "oh wow" moments of super hero exploits and adventure.

"Black Panther" gives us all the proof we need that a big tentpole commercial film can effectively include themes of social relevancy without sacrificing the fun factor. It comes at the perfect moment in our tumultuous world affairs to serve as a reminder of the state of racial relationships and the plight of those living in poverty. It exposes how we are indeed our brother's keeper and that it takes the participation and cooperation of all nations to address the issues governments seem to turn a blind eye to. It also provides some quality entertainment for audiences that too often are ignored. I can't remember a commercial big budgeted film before this one that has an almost totally black cast. And it is a cast that gets to play a wide assortment of diversified roles that are very distinct in their differences. There are your token white actors (joking) who add their own eccentric characterizations. Andy Serkis repeats his role from "Captain America, Civil War" as Ulysses Klaue all the more giddy and greedy than last we saw him. Martin Freeman appears as CIA agent Everett Ross, an amiable enough fellow who gets put in the middle of Wakanda's cultural war and becomes an ally of T'Challa. Another well chosen move made by director/scriptwriter Ryan Coogler was to give the mighty female warriors an identity beyond their proficiency at fighting in battle. These are fully fleshed out characters that figure significantly

in the film's design. Coogler has brilliantly visualized the blending of the old and new in the mythology of Wakenda where street vendors with hanging baskets of ample goods and straw roofs blend unobtrusively with the technologically advanced cars and planes and buildings coexisting with nary a blink of clashing. We are treated to the dichotomy of advanced technology that defies all we know and believe alongside rituals and mythological beliefs and practices carried on for hundreds if not thousands of years. We are given the fact that T'Challa's 14 year old sister, Shuri, played with tenacity and passion by Letitia Wright, is the technological super nerd of the kingdom.

This is a massive film with many moving parts but thanks to Coogler, it never loses focus nor loses the full attention of the audience. He blends in the incredible super hero action like the amazing car chase in the streets of South Korea that has Black Panther engaging in acrobatics that defy the forces of nature but are a delight to witness with serious reflective moments with ease. The most commendable thing about these well choreographed action scenes is they never overshadow the dramatic elements of the story. With skill and the best of instincts, Coogler has provided us with an epic display of emotionally driven yet meticulously choreographed action adventure opus about the formation of the character of a man, a king and a super hero.

T'Challa/Black Panther is played with strength, commitment and pride by Chadwick Boseman. Boseman has proven his worth in films like "42" and "Marshal" and he once again brings that air of confidence and compassion to T'Challa and his alter ego, Black Panther. Physically, Boseman is commanding enough to fill the role but it is his emotionally charged delivery that lifts the character beyond a super hero stereotype and into the sphere of a truly human leader ready to take on the challenge of protecting his people. Lupita Nyong'o is Nakia, T'Challa's former lover who left to become a freedom fighter in the world outside of Wakenda and returns only to honor

his ascent to the throne. This beautiful young actress so memorable in "12 Years A Slave" puts fiery passion into her role. The sexual tension between her and Boseman adds significant depth to their individual characterizations. Michael B. Jordan who appears to be Coogler's lucky charm having starred in his previous films "Fruitvale Station" and "Creed" excels as a rival to the Black Panther. Here he plays Eric Killmonger, an ambitious young man who kills for pleasure and has his eye on taking the throne away from T'Challa. His motivation is part of a devastating secret being kept from T'Challa that if revealed would alter the course of Wakenda's future. Jordan scores with his infusion of pain and emotionless killer instinct. There is a reason for his state of mind and once revealed we feel his vulnerability thanks to Jordan's performance. Florence Kasumba plays Ayo, leader of the female warriors who serve as security for Wakenda, with flash and flare that defines her obstinate behavior and unbreakable loyalty to T'Challa. She reveals the conflict her character is experiencing when that loyalty is at odds with her responsibility.

With old pros like Angela Bassett and Forest Whitaker fleshing out two of the significant senior citizens of Wakenda, the film succeeds in giving us people we honestly care about and want to know about.

"Black Panther" is a beautiful film to look at due to the lush cinematography by Rachel Morrison, the first woman cinematographer to be nominated for the Oscar for her work here. The special effects are superb and make this world of Wakenda as real as our very own. It is never obtrusive but rather enhances the story it is in support of. This is the first great film of 2018. It stands with "Wonder Woman" as one of the best of this genre.

Ratings: Acting: 98% Directing: 98% Script: 95% Cinematography: 100% Special Effects: 100% Entertainment Value: 100%

Overall Rating: 98%

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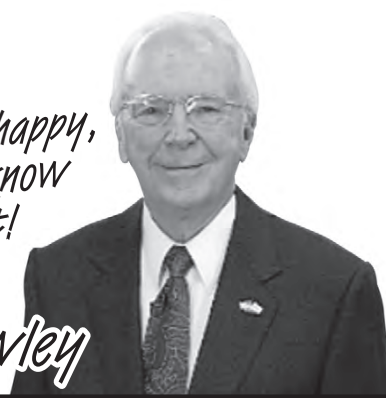
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Sunday 10:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am

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"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order; Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." So, Christ was the first to rise again from the dead to never die again and next will be those who belong to Christ at His coming. When is that? According to 1 Thess. 4:16-18 those that have died who had believed and received Christ as their Savior will be resurrected at the rapture. Following the rapture will be a seven year tribulation period. At the end of that period all tribulation martyred saints and all Old Testament saints will be resurrected (Rev. 20:4; Daniel 12:1-2). All these will take part of the resurrection unto life (Jn 5:29a). "Then cometh the end..." (1 Cor. 15:24a). This is referring to the end of the 1000 year kingdom (Rev.20:1-6) when all unbelievers will be resurrected to stand before Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15).

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**Pastor 1-646-522-3471**

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Pastor Franklin Jackson

**Saturday Morning**

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## MARCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES

CHURCH SCHOOL

Pre-K to High School: 9 AM

WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

## REGULAR EVENTS

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

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

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

Boys Scouts.....Thursdays, 7 PM

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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All Thursdays during Lent, 5:30 PM

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Sunday, March 11, 10 AM

**POT LUCK SUPPER:**

Sunday, March 18, 5 PM

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP:**

Sunday, March 25, 10 AM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**

**WITH HOLY COMMUNION:**

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**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP:**

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"Getting to Know God"

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Liturgy - Church

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

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

Weekday Liturgy

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

Devotions

Rosary- Monday through Saturday before the Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

Arrangements can be made for any sick person to be anointed. Holy Eucharist is brought to the homebound by our Eucharistic Ministers and the parish clergy.

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During **Lent Confessions** will be celebrated every Monday from 6 to 7pm and also every Saturday at Noon. In addition there are a few extra dates offered during Holy Week. They are Tuesday March 27 at 8:45am, and Wednesday March 28 at 4:00pm.

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the church. At 6:45pm there is an introduction as to how to pray the Stations of the Cross.

**Holy Week Schedule:**

**Holy Thursday** at 7pm is the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Good Friday** at 3:00pm is the Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

**Holy Saturday** at 11:00am is the Blessing of the Easter Food.

**Easter Celebrations** are Saturday 3.31 at 8pm, and Sunday 4.1 at 8:30 & 10:30am.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner 2018**

The Parish Life Committee of the Pastoral Council will be sponsoring our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday March 17th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center, 19 South Canal St. Plainville. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. A hot dog and chips plate will also be available for \$1.50. Tickets will be available for purchase in the gathering room before and after Masses on Feb 24th-25th, March 3rd - 4th and March 10th - 11th. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office starting Tuesday Feb 23rd to Wednesday March 14th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Volunteers are needed during and after for cleanup. Please call Don at 203-910-9624. Please join us for some local parish talent and an evening of great food, fellowship and fun.

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**March 29 - Tenebrae - Maundy**  
**Thursday Service - 7 p.m.**

**April 1 - Easter Sunday**  
**Service - 10 a.m.**

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**BIBLE STUDY**

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

**BOARD MEETINGS**

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

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(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.

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**March 25, 2018**

**Worship Service**

**9 AM**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**WORSHIP**

**April 1, 2018 ~ 9 AM**

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Bible Study - Wednesday 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship - 9:00 AM

Healing Service - March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

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- 21ST MARK BELANGER
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- 23TH NOLAN LOSTOCCO
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St. Patrick’s Day  
Tuesday 20th  
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Sunday 25th  
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Good Friday  
Sunday April 1st  
Easter Sunday

Remember.....  
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# TASTE BUZZ.....

## Breast of Chicken Saute with Lemon

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 4 chicken breasts, boned and halved
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- Zest of lemon, finely chopped

Melt butter in a skillet. Dust the chicken  
breasts lightly with flour and saute them  
quickly, turning to brown on both sides  
Cook gently for 5 minutes turning the  
chicken pieces once. Add the lemon  
juice and simmer until just done, but not  
overcooked. Baste the breasts occasionally  
with the butter and lemon juice in the pan.  
The chicken should be done in about 15  
minutes. Five minutes before it is finished,  
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The four Goldberg brothers, Low-ell, Norman, Hiram and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit as 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling Mr. Ford that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting invention in the auto industry since the electric starter. Ford was curious and invited them into his office. The brothers refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into their car, which was about 130 degrees; they turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately. Ford was so excited he invited them back to his office, where he offered them \$3 million for their patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, "The Goldberg Air-conditioner," on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed. Now, there was no way Henry Ford was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggle back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all the air conditioner controls in Ford vehicles are labeled....."Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max."

*Out of the strain of doing,  
Into the peace of the done.*

*Julia Louise Woodruff*

## Ford Lincoln Auto Technician Competition The annual Connecticut State Automotive Tech Competition was held on February 14th, 2018

### 2018 CT State Finals for Scholarship

Students competing for Scholarship from: UTI, Lou Bedini, Lincoln Tech, Dan Scott & Andrew Trujillo, Megatech, Abe & Varant, Viking Equipment, Joe & Beth Shomburg. Total of scholarships to be presented \$156,050.00. The winners will on to compete in the National Competition in New York City.



#### CT Automotive Retailers Association

Student Challenge:

**Vinal THS -Middletown:** Students Toby Carotenuto and Nicholas Erdman. Instructor Joe Palazzo.

**J.M. Wright THS-Stamford** Students Michael Laracca and Christopher Marrero. Instructor Tom Horvath.

**Emmett O'Brien THS-Ansonia** Students, Mathew Linley and Jasmin Murga, Instructor Ignacio Vega.

**Oliver Wolcott THS-Torrington-**Students Daniel Cibuku and Benjamin Compagna. Instructor Ray Royals.

**Windham THS-Willimantic** Students Dylan Hunniford and Alexander Perzan.

**E.C. Wilcox THS-Meriden** Students Kenneth Henriksen and Kyle Steels. Instructor Alex Andrzejewski

## A celebration of God's grace everyone was OK

On Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, Steve Scalise, the Republican House Minority Whip, came back to the people's house using double canes to help him walk through the doors and to allow him to hobble to the speaker's rostrum.

U.S. Rep. Scalise was gunned down by a deranged citizen who was trying to kill as many Republican congressmen as possible that day in June. The early morning gathering was a practice session for the annual Congressional Baseball Game. The event had been played for years without incident.

On June 14 at 7 in the morning, James Hodgkinson tried to take

out as many GOP congressmen as he could. He wounded four people and was killed by Capitol police, Scalisi's security detail.

Congressman Scalise was critically wounded and near death for days, but here he was, 15 weeks after the incident, speaking to his colleagues in the people's house.

The first words out of his mouth were his thanks to God for the miracle he was given. He had survived, and none of the assailant's targets had suffered serious injury. The responses from the members of the house were standing ova-

tions. It was a celebration of God's grace — really a celebration.

He thanked his doctors, his wife and, on the top of his list, were two members of his security force: David Baily and Crystal Griner. Both were injured fighting off the attack. Congressman Scalise brought to the Congress — for a few moments — American unity, God's grace and joy.

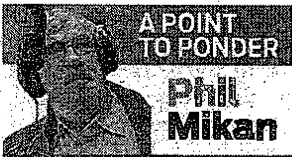
If you can go to YouTube and watch his speech and reception, it is a moment of genuine bipar-

tisan. God bless Congressman Steve Scalise, and may he help bring peace and harmony to our America.

A point to ponder.

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# FRANKIE’S Famous Hot Dogs Has Arrived

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Fans of Frankie’s famous hot dogs won’t have to wait much longer to chow down on their favorites. The chain’s new location at 177 East St. is undergoing its final renovations and owner Armand Castico said it is on track to open March 1. Castico had managed the Bristol location for 34 years, but said it was time to expand to a bigger, newer building. The new building is 1,000 square feet bigger and will include a private dining area that can be reserved for events, a dining patio and a walk-up order window. “I first started working for Frankie’s when I was a teenager and it was franchised around Connecticut with 20 locations,” said Castico. “When I closed down the Bristol location last October, mine was one of five locations remaining, including the original, which opened in 1933 on Watertown Avenue in Waterbury. We had a lot of loyal customers, especially the seniors, whom I have always given a 10 percent discount. That discount will continue at our new location.”



Armand (left) and his son Jake paused a moment for this picture on the Outdoor Dining Patio. Inside their private dining area can be reserved for Children’s Birthday Parties, meetings for organization or any private event. Feel free to stop in to check the room for your event.

Castico said he also attributes his success to putting out a consistent, high-quality and affordable product. “We got a good price for this location, which had sat gutted for eight years,” said Castico. “We’ve spent a lot of time and a lot of money getting it ready, but once we start hanging pictures in here, it will look 10 times better than our old location. It is a major step up, with more space, a higher ceiling and a nicer atmosphere overall.” Another change that will be coming to the new location is on the menu. While Castico will still be offering favorites from Bristol, he will be introducing daily specials. As for the future of Frankie’s, Castico said he plans to manage the location for another four to five years and then, ultimately, pass it on to his son, Jake. “I just turned 60, so I’m getting ready to retire,” he said. “My son has been working for me for the past three years and he will be able to continue to provide the same consistent quality our customers have enjoyed. I am hoping that our loyal customers from Bristol and Forestville don’t mind driving a couple extra minutes over to Plainville to come visit us.” Brian M. Johnson can be reached at 860-973-1806 or bjohnson@bristolpress.com.

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## WE'RE NOT JUST FAST FOOD WE'RE JUST FAST

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BIG FISH.....	N/A.....N/A.....\$9.99
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## What are some of your legislative priorities for the session?

Questions recently asked of  
State Representative William Petit, Jr.

- **Priority number one is the budget.** I have introduced a bill, as many other people have, that prohibits calculation of overtime into pension calculations. Obviously, we are somewhat bound by current contracts. We also want to do something in relation to those who are convicted of a felony receiving a full pension. Indirectly, since the federal government hasn't seemed to make any big steps to controlling drug pricing, I think that we should be sure that, in statute, we can prohibit price gauging on prescription drugs.
- I want to continue to stand up for commerce and small businesses. Something that we were asked from several people in the district was to increase the amount that craft brewers can sell. Secondly, from a health and insurance point of view, there have been some issues with changes in person's health insurance policies.
- **Finally, with my other hat as President of the Petit Family Foundation,** we have supported a lot of the domestic violence groups around the state. I have proposed a bill to change the family violence statute, specific to a dual arrests. It is not meant to suppress dual arrests, but if it is clear that there is a primary aggressor, then the police would arrest the primary aggressor. Dominant aggressor laws are currently in place in 27 other states.
- What legislation are you most proud of getting passed?**
- Probably two things.
- I am on the Appropriations committee and as you know, last year's budget was a bipartisan compromise. I think creating a spending cap, bonding cap, and volatility cap were critical first steps. Secondly, the opioid legislation that was passed was hugely important. Allowing naloxone to be readily available, allowing for disposal of narcotics in hospice and dying in home situations, pharmacies being able to give out naloxone to people, etc. There were multiple issues included in that bill.
- What is your favorite memory as a legislator?**
- I know this is general, but the best thing is meeting different people. Whether that be fellow legislators, staff, people in the cafeteria, State Capitol Police, meeting people from all different backgrounds from all over the state is probably the most interesting thing.

What is your favorite late night session snack?

- *I guess it would Have to be Hershey Kisses*

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## Yummy Japanese Cuisine ~ Sushi Bar

Hello,

Just wanted to share the news of a new fresh and exciting restaurant in Plainville near the movie theater. In the Big Y Plaza there is a new sushi restaurant that will blow your mind! I was absolutely amazed by the atmosphere, presentation, quality of food and service I couldn't keep it myself. It just opened January 16, and I have already eaten here multiple times. It was just what we needed in town after the closing of the local Asian bistro.

Thanks for your time, Briana Alvarez

## 2018 PHS YMCA Project Grad Dodgeball Champs



Taegan Brochu, Luke SanJuan, Nate Michalek, Alex Jeney, Tommy Vongsamany, and Ricky Freitas! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, participated and came to watch this very exciting event!!

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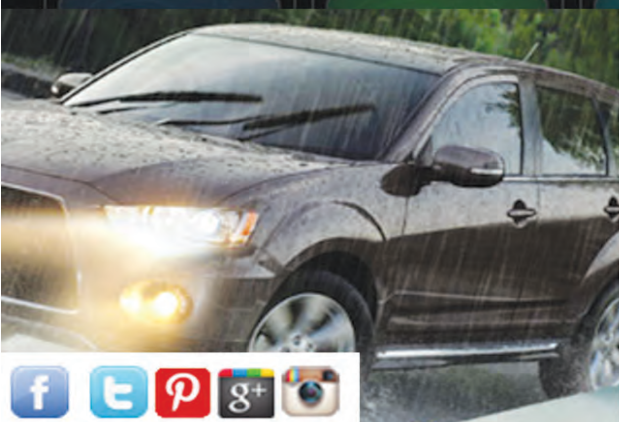
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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Margaret C. (Cote) Bechard ~



71 of Bristol, passed away Tuesday February 6, 2018 at her home in the presence of her loving family. She was the wife of Claude J. Bechard with whom she shared 54 years of marriage.

Margaret was born March 5, 1946 in Cumberland, Maine a daughter of the late Andrew and Dorothy (Gervais) Cote. Margaret loved reading and following her friends on Facebook. She also enjoyed puzzle books, her magazines and keeping busy on her tablet, but she was most proud of raising her family and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Besides her loving husband Claude, she leaves her daughter Claudia Diakolambrianos and her husband George of Plainville, her grandchildren, Holly Zienka and her husband David, Heather Agudelo and her husband German and Aimee Stackhouse and her husband Justin, her great grandchildren, Faith and Grace Zienka, Genna and Kailyn Agudelo, Kylee Roberts and Juliette Stackhouse, her sisters, Joyce Doody of Maine, Martha Harwood of Livingston, TX and Marie Janowski of Plainville. Margaret was predeceased by her daughter Marlene Plourde.

Funeral services for Margaret with burial in Plainville West Cemetery were celebrated privately. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements.

## ~ Carroll "Mushka" Charette ~



73, of Southington, CT died Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Hospital of Central CT @ New Britain General. Carroll was born in Fort Kent, ME and was the son of the late Willard and Amanda (Therault) Charette. He owned Charette Concrete and was a proud

husband, father and grandfather. Carroll was an avid race car driver/owner/supporter. He built his first home in order to provide for his family, by himself with his own hands after working all day. Carroll was funny, witty, loyal and had common sense and was always willing to help out. He was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Plainville.

Carroll is survived by his beloved wife – Mary Ann Charette of Southington, CT, his five sons – Carl Charette and his wife Jacqueline of Bristol, CT, Kenny Charette also of Bristol, CT, David Charette of Aurora, CO, Dennis Charette and his wife Lisa of Southington, CT and Spencer Charette of Meriden, CT, his four sisters – Jan Bourgoin of Bloomfield, CT, Lorraine Fortin and her husband Jimmy of Fort Kent, ME, Rowena Bernier and her husband Stewart of Simsbury, CT and Glenda Johnston and her husband Rick of Ledyard, CT, his eight grandchildren – Ashley, Alexis, Adelyn, Paige, Haley, Christine, Christopher and Victoria, his sister-in-law Rena Charette of Farmington, CT, several cousins, nieces and nephews. Carroll was predeceased by his four brothers – Edmund Charette, Donald Charette, Lincoln Charette and Harold Charette, his sister-in-law Louissette Charette and his brother-in-law Ray Bourgoin.

A Celebration of Carroll's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville, CT. Committal service and final resting place were in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, South End Rd., Plantsville, CT. Donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT. 06111. The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT. had charge of arrangements. To extend condolences to the Charette family or to share a memory of Carroll, please visit shakerfuneralhome.com

## ~ James E. Lathrop, Sr. ~



84 of Plainville passed away Wednesday February 7, 2018 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Claudette

Lathrop with whom he shared 59 years of marriage.

Jim was born April 20, 1933 in New London, a son of the late Austin D. and Marion A. (Wilcox) Lathrop and was a longtime Plainville resident. He was a Master Mechanic at Avon Volkswagen retiring after 35 years of service. Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War in Germany as a SPEC-2 and truck driver. There wasn't anything that Jim couldn't fix and he was proud to take care of any projects that came up around his home or to help anyone who needed it. He enjoyed farming, especially raising cattle, goats, chickens and rabbits. He was loved by all and was a father figure to many, but his greatest accomplishment was being a great husband, father and grandfather and making his family the most important thing in his life. Jim was a longtime member of the Plainville United Methodist Church.

Besides his loving wife Claudette, Jim leaves his son Jimmy Lathrop and his wife Debbie of Unionville, his daughter, Susan Lathrop of Bristol, his grandchildren, Jessica and Michael Lathrop, his brother Jonathan Lathrop and his wife Diane of Riverdale, MD and his sister Elizabeth Anderson and her husband Robert of East Lansing, MI. He was predeceased by his sister, Lucile Ames and his brother-in-law, Curtis Ames.

Funeral services in celebration of Jim's life were at the Plainville United Methodist Church 56 Redstone Hill. Burial with military honors followed in Plainville West Cemetery. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville had care of arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made to:

American Diabetes Association 2275 Silas Deane Highway 1st Floor Unit 9, Rocky Hill CT 06067

## ~ Kathleen "Kay" Lozaw ~



83, passed away quietly at home Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Kay will be deeply missed by Thomas Lozaw Sr., her husband of 57 years, and the rest of her family and friends.

Kay was an accomplished and compassionate registered nurse for 50 years. She gave loving care to her patients whether as a head nurse at West Penn Hospital, or as an emergency nurse at both Divine Providence and Bristol Hospitals. Kay finished her stellar career as a triage nurse for TeleNurse.

Kay's loving and caring nature extended beyond her patients to everyone she encountered. Her husband, children, and grandchildren were the beneficiaries of that love each and every day. She further gave to others as a member of the Junior League and the Women's Club of Plainville. An avid bridge player and cook, she briefly hosted a cooking show called "Cooking with Kay."

Besides her husband, she is survived by her son, Thomas Lozaw, Jr., daughter-in-law, Kathryn Lozaw, son, Eric Lozaw, daughter-in-law, Dawn Lozaw, and three grandchildren, Grant, Gavin, and Emma.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Funeral services were from Bailey Funeral Home for a Mass of Christian Burial at The Church of Saint Gregory, 235 Maltby St, Bristol, CT 06010. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Bristol.

## ~ Robert F. "Bob" Leahy ~



77, of Plainville, passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2018. He was the loving husband for 34 years to Joanne B. (Burnham) Leahy.

Bob was born on August

20, 1940 in Hartford, son to the late William Leahy and Katherine Sullivan. He grew up in West Hartford graduating from Conrad High School. Bob was an avid runner in high school, breaking state records and earning a running scholarship to Fordham University. He subsequently graduated from CCSU earning an undergrad degree in biology and minoring in botany. He also went on to obtain a masters in education. He was a recipient of the prestigious Tozlawski Award. Bob was a passionate horticulturist and botanist. Every year, he took part in the Manchester Road Race. Bob joined the U.S. Air Force and was a decorated Vietnam War veteran, serving from 1964 to 1969 when he was honorably discharged. He owned and operated his own landscaping and construction company, Leahy and Sons Landscaping, beginning in 1984 up until his passing.

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by his children, Erik Jones and his wife, Cindy, Zachary Jones and his wife, Bethany, and Shane Leahy and his friend, Kim; his grandchildren, Samantha, Lily, and Charlotte Jones, Sarah and Michelle Ayotte; his sister, Kathy Witty; his brother-in-law, William Burnham and his wife, Patricia; his best friend, Joel Edman; his furry companions, Maya and Dannyboy; his niece, Kimberly Tributti; his great niece and nephew, Michaela and Kyle; and several other nieces and nephews. In addition, Bob was a friend of Bill W. He was predeceased by his sisters, Betty Ann, Peggy, and Tricia.

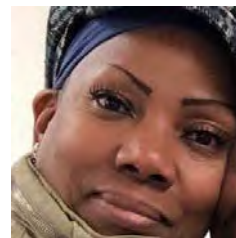
A service in celebration of Bob's life was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 6 PM at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. Military honors will be accorded following the service. Burial will be held privately. In memory of Bob...

Charitable donations may be made to:

Connecticut Humane Society  
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25 Davis Ave, Port Washington NY 11050

## ~ Janice Denise Mack ~



born in Albany Georgia moved to CT at a young age. She attended Plainville schools graduating from Plainville High. She worked for AT&T retiring after twenty five years. She worked for Faneuil Inc.

until her death, January 18, 2018. She leaves to mourn her only son, Chance Mack.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sisters, Henvietta Green (John), of Plainville, CT, and Viola Mack, of Bristol, CT; three brothers, Ozell Mack (Jean H), of Bristol, CT, Benjamin Mack, of Bristol, CT and Melvin Mack, of West Haven, CT; hosts of nieces and nephews, sorrowing friends, and church family. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Emma Barnett, her father, John Henry Mack, and her three brothers, James Jones (Marie), Kenneth Mack, and Robert Mack (Bertha).

A service in celebration of Janice's life was held at the Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church, 110 Whiting St., Plainville. Burial followed in West Cemetery, 180 N. Washington St., Plainville. Donations in memory of Janice can be made to the Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Donald L. Rio ~



75 of Plainville, passed away Sunday February 18, 2018 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Marjorie (Autunno) Rio



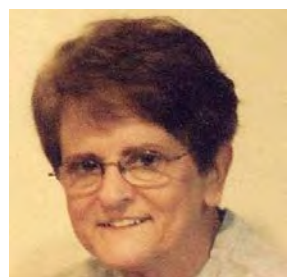
with whom he shared 52 years of marriage.

Donald was born August 24, 1942 in New Britain a son of the late Dominic and Josephine (Mortelliti) Rio and was a longtime Plainville resident. He was a 1960 graduate of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School. Upon graduation Donald joined the United States Air Force, serving in Newburgh, New York and later in Turkey. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1963 he began his 35 year career at Pratt and Whitney, beginning as a crib attendant, working his way to network designer. Donald later worked as a consultant at Pratt and Whitney with CSC and then with his own consulting company Data Design Consultants. He was a H.A.M. Radio operator since he was 15 years old with his call number being "K1IDM" and he volunteered at ARRL in Newington where he enjoyed giving tours and talking about H.A.M. radio operation. Donald enjoyed marching bands and was a trumpeter in the Shriners Band. Donald was proud of the backyard pond he built named "Rio's Oasis" and took great care of the fish he placed in it. Donald was an excellent tennis player in his younger days, enjoyed bowling and going to eat at Saint's and Oasis. He enjoyed war movies and old westerns, but his favorite movie was "It's A Wonderful Life" which became a family Christmas tradition. Donald was a Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Besides his loving wife Marjorie, Donald leaves his son, Douglas Rio and Michelle of Southington, his daughter, Cheryl "Shosh" Trovato and her husband Sebastian of Southington, his grandchildren, Anthony, Matthew and Summer, his brother Jerry Rio of Florida and his sisters-in-law Anny O'Steen and Judy Bosco and her husband Jim. Donald was predeceased by his twin daughters Marjorie and Mary and his brother, Brother James Rio, CSC.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Donald's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Mary Cemetery in New Britain.. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Center of Central Connecticut 201 North Mountain Road Plainville, CT 06062 or to Our Lady of Mercy Church 19 South Canal Street Plainville, CT 06062

## ~ Therese M. Rogers ~



86, of the Forestville section of Bristol, passed away in the comfort of her home on Sunday, February 18, 2018. She is now reunited with her loving husband of 64 years, Howard S. Rogers, who predeceased her in 2016.

Therese was born on November 15, 1931 in Hardwick, Vermont, last surviving daughter to the late Leo D. and Eualalie A. Michaud. She was a 1950 graduate of Plainville High School. Therese led a very simple life and she enjoyed tending to her family and home.

She is survived by her children, Richard L. Rogers and his wife, Dori, of Huntington, Karen R. Leupold and her husband, Richard, of Newington, and Gail R. Gable, of Richardson, TX; four grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services in honor of Therese's life were held from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial at Church of Saint Matthew, Forestville. Burial was held in Forestville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Therese can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## ~ Mary Jo Tormey ~



90, of Plainville, CT, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2018. She will be dearly missed by her many family members and friends – in Connecticut, Michigan, Ohio, and beyond – who came to know her generous and loving spirit, her love of animals, art, and books, her nimble wit and intellect, and

her insatiable thirst for knowledge.

Mary Jo was born in Cleveland Heights, Ohio on February 25, 1927. She graduated from Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio in 1948. While attending Notre Dame College, Mary Jo was Class President for four years in a row. She was also listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" during these years.

She then continued with her education while employed at the prestigious law firm of Baker, Hostetler & Patterson in Cleveland, Ohio and received her Master's Degree in Library Science from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She served as a law librarian for Baker, Hostetler, and Patterson and then joined the National Bank of Detroit, now known as Chase Bank, at a time when there were very few bank librarians. Several years later she was offered the opportunity to establish the library collection for a new law school in Lansing, MI. When state funding for the project did not materialize, Mary Jo joined the reference library staff at Michigan State University and was in charge of their law collection. She served in this capacity until retirement.

Upon retirement and the death of her beloved father, Mary Jo moved with her mother to join her sister, Phyllis Greenhalgh in Farmington, CT. She remained a resident of Farmington and then neighboring Plainville until her death.

Mary Jo Tormey was a beloved daughter of the late Mary Butler and Ferdinand Bleich; beloved sister of Nancy Murphy, of Novi, MI; and Phyllis Greenhalgh, of Berlin, CT. In addition, she leaves behind her nephew, Brian Murphy, of New Jersey; her late nephews Patrick Murphy and Michael Murphy; as well as nephews Matthew Jaynes, of Arizona, and Marcus Jaynes, of Maine; along with grand-nephews/nieces Christopher, Thomas, and Caroline Murphy (children of Brian and Graceann Murphy); Sean and Ben Murphy (sons of Patrick Murphy); Melaney Murphy (daughter of Michael Murphy); and Christopher and Cayden Jaynes (sons of Marcus and Rebecca Jaynes), with whom she experienced a remarkable, mutual, and vibrant relationship despite their young ages.

A celebration of Mary Jo's life was held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. Burial will be held privately at a later date.

## ~ Elizabeth A. (Bettye) Moore ~



83, of Plainville, beloved wife of the late James E. Moore, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 surrounded by her loved ones.

Bettye was born on February 1, 1935 in Margaretville, New York. She was the daughter of

the late Addison and Hazel Trowbridge. She worked various jobs, as well as taking care of her family.

Bettye is survived by her five children and their spouses, Danny Moore and his wife, Linda, of Meriden, David Moore and his wife, Roxanne, of Plainville, Steve Moore, of Plainville, Mary "Chris" Couture, of Plainville, and Andy Moore and his wife, Lisa, of Plainville. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, Shane Moore and his wife, Karen, Heather Moore, Kyle Couture, Kayla Couture, Marissa Moore, A.J. Moore, Tyler Moore, and Brianna Moore and 2 great-grandchildren, Cameron Moore and Rylee Rosado.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at the Hospital of Central CT and Home Care for their wonderful care during her final days.

Calling hours were held on at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville. A service in celebration of Bettye's was held at the funeral home. Bettye will be laid to rest with her husband in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In memory of Bettye, donations can be made to Autism Speaks New England Chapter, 85 Devonshire Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02109.

## Evangelist Billy Graham

'America's pastor' shaped modern evangelicalism.

*Marshall Shelley*

***Rev. Billy Graham died Wednesday, February 21st at his North Carolina home at the age of 99. He will be buried next to his wife at Billy Graham Museum and Library.***

Billy Graham was perhaps the most significant religious figure of the 20th century, and the organizations and the movement he helped spawn continue to shape the 21st.

During his life, Graham preached in person to more than 100 million people and to millions more via television, satellite, and film. Nearly 3 million have responded to his invitation to "accept Jesus into your heart" at the end of his sermons. He proclaimed the gospel to more persons than any other preacher in history. In the process, Graham became "America's Pastor," participating in presidential inaugurations and speaking during national crises such as the memorial services following the Oklahoma City bombing and the 9/11 attacks.

"He became the friend and confidante of popes and presidents, queens and dictators, and yet, even in his 80s, he possesses the boyish charm and unprepossessing demeanor to communicate with the masses," said Columbia University historian Randall Balmer.

Billy Graham was born in 1918 in Charlotte, North Carolina, attended (briefly) Bob Jones College, graduating from Florida Bible Institute near Tampa, and Wheaton College in Illinois. He was ordained a minister in the Southern Baptist Church (1939) and pastored a small church in suburban Chicago and preached on a weekly radio program. In 1946 he became the first full-time staff member of Youth for Christ and launched his evangelistic campaigns. For four years (1948–1952) he also served as president of Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis. His 1949 evangelistic tent meetings in Los Angeles brought him to national attention, and his 1957 New York meetings, which filled Madison Square Garden for four months, established him as a major presence on the American religious scene.

He received both the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1983) and the Congressional Gold Medal (1996).

Perhaps Graham's lasting legacy was his ability to present the gospel in the idiom of the culture. He did this brilliantly, making innovative use of emerging technologies—radio, television, magazines, books, a newspaper column, motion pictures, satellite broadcasts, Internet—to spread his message.

For many, however, William Franklin Graham won't be remembered for these accomplishments. He'll always be "Billy," as he preferred to be called. He titled his autobiography *Just As I Am*, a reflection of his humble spirit, taken from the hymn sung most often when he invited people to come forward and receive God's love.

And for millions, his humility before the Almighty encouraged them to approach with that same spirit.

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# St. Patrick's Day Celebrations!

With so many St. Patrick's Day celebrations and festivities around the state this March, it's easy to be green! Join in the fun and take part in Celtic traditions throughout Connecticut. There are parades, Celtic music, food and events, and plenty of good Irish cheer for all!



## Parades, Parades, Parades!

At the **Stamford St. Patrick's Day Parade**, get in the spirit with more than 80 marching units and pipe bands, Saturday, March 3 beginning at 12 noon.



**Norwich** celebrates its annual Norwich St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival on Sunday, March 4, at 1 p.m. After the parade winds through downtown, the fun continues with a street festival on Main Street directly thereafter!

Sponsored by the Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Community, the **Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade**, Hartford, Saturday, March 10, at 11 a.m.

features many area towns marching in the parade. So you don't miss any of the festivities, get your seat early on the parade route!

Also on March 10, the **Essex Go Bragh Parade** kicks off in downtown Essex at 10:30 a.m.!

One of New England's premier Irish events and the largest single-day spectator event in Connecticut, the **Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade**, Sunday, March 11, will showcase music and more than 3,000 marchers celebrating the diversity of many cultures. The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. on Chapel Street.

Be Irish for a day by wearing green at the **New London St. Patrick's Day Parade**, Sunday, March 11, at 1 p.m. One of the state's largest Irish celebration is Milford's St. Patrick's Day Parade, celebrated on March 10 at 1 p.m.

On March 18, the **Greenwich St. Patrick's Day Parade** begins at 2 p.m. from Greenwich Town Hall.

The town of **Meriden** celebrates its 45th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 24, with more than 200 participant groups.

On Sunday, March 25, gather in Mystic, starting at 1 p.m., for the historic 15th annual **Mystic Irish Parade**. This celebration of Irish culture features 2,000 participants as well as classic antique cars, high school area bands and local Scout troops.



## Plainville Students Achieve Dean's List Recognition

**Deidra James**, is attending **Southern CT State University** and was named to the Fall Dean's List.

**Jared Demmons**, a 2017 graduate of Plainville High School, was named to the Presidential List for **Bryant University**. Jared is majoring in Actuarial Science and in his freshman year attained a 4.0 GPA.

**Western New England University** named to the Fall President's list are:

**Sarah Grosse** majoring in criminal justice; **Claudia Cwalina**, majoring in psychology.

**Framingham State University** Fall President's list named;

**Jessica Tuezapski** was one of 41 students from University of the Sciences ' physician assistant studies program to join the ranks of professionals following the fourth annual White Cost Ceremony on Thursday, February 1. Jessica continues on the path to a master of science in physician assistant studies.

**Eastern Connecticut State University** dean's list for the fall semester are:

**Sarah Abdelsame** '19 her major is early childhood education and Sociology. **Omar Abdelsame** '19; Abdelsame's major is history and social science. **Somer Abdelsame** '20 Her major is English. **Paige Casey** '18 Her major is pre-early childhood education and sociology. Paige Pratt '18, Paige's major is psychology.

**Marist College** Fall semester dean's list is: **Benjamin Czuprinski** is a member of 2020 and is majoring in communication.

## MADISON FOLEY NAMED UNITED WAY YOUTH AWARD WINNER

Middle School of Plainville student **Madison Foley** has been selected to receive the United Way of West Central Connecticut's "Youth Live United Award" for Plainville, according to United Way's Resource Development Coordinator, **Kim Carmelich**.

Each year during the United Way of West Central Connecticut's Community Builders' Reception, companies and individuals who give back to the community through the United Way are honored. This year, United Way has created the "Youth Live United Award" to honor youth who live united. According to Carmelich, the Youth Live United Award recognizes middle and high school students with a connection to United Way who have given back to their community through volunteerism. One youth from each of the United Way of West Central Connecticut communities (Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth) was selected to win their community's award.

Foley was nominated by Plainville Kids in the Middle Coordinator, **Amy Kievit**. Kievit's nomination notes that Foley has demonstrated the strongest commitment to the Kids in the Middle program in four years, and has firmly cemented herself as their most reliable and active participant. Kievit notes Foley's perfect attendance in monthly trips to a local senior center, and she won the "KIM Member of the Year" award given to the student with the highest participation; Foley attended 46 volunteer events last year, has volunteered with children and the elderly, and has assisted at holiday fairs and at Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center.

"I am very impressed and proud of Madison's dedication to volunteerism and in particular, the activities conducted by our Kids in the Middle Program. I look forward to celebrating with Madison, Ms. Kievit and her family at the upcoming awards ceremony," said Superintendent of Schools, **Dr. Maureen Brummett**.

Foley will be honored at the United Way of West Central Connecticut's Community Builders' reception on April 5.

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