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#### The American Legion Post 33 held its annual Flag Burning Ceremony on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14th

The ceremony began at dusk. The primary purpose is to honorably destroy American flags that have served their useful life. Those wishing to dispose of old American flags brought them to post 33 before the ceremony. All were welcome to attend and bear witness to the ceremonial events. Post 33 is located at 7 Race Avenue. Pictured above are; Ron Gregg, Post Commander, Don Grant-Past Commander, Jim Baily, Jr. Vice President, Joe Wojeck, Sr. Vice Commander, Doris Kannenberg, Post Chaplin, John Kennedy and Christen Gomme, Plainville High School Band Members played TAPS. Officially Burning of the Flags was Sergeant in Arms Brad Matthews.

Robert Beveridge, Commander of the VFW removed the damaged Flags from all the cemetaries in town and presented them to be Honorably destroyed at the ceremony. The Chaplin opened the ceremony with a prayer and closed it with everyone praying The Our Father together.

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## **Mel Masse Retires**



Mel Masse was honored a retirement reception at J. Timothy's. Family and friends joined in the celebration and wished him and his family a long and happy retirement. Mel worked for the Board of Education for 22 years and 9 months.

Pictured with Mel is his wife Anne-Marie, son Dwayne, holding granddaughter Paige.





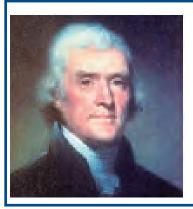
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### **Thomas Jefferson's Corner**

"Every day is lost in which we do not learn something useful. Man has no nobler or more valuable possession than time."

Thomas Jefferson

## Ten Years of Service Reverend Russell Waldmann Retires



Reverend Russell Waldmann, the Pastor of the Plainville United Methodist Church will be retiring after 10 years of service in Plainville, with a total of 35 years in ministry throughout his career. Pastor Waldmann and his wife, Karen, will be moving to Georgia at the end of the month. On July 1, 2015, the church will welcome Reverend Stephen Volpe as their Pastor.

## Queen Ann Nzinga Center Performs in Free Concert



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## **P-l-a-i-n-v-i-l-l-e** faves and raves

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

{Rita raves}

Sweet Basil, restaurant on East Street is one of the newest in town. I was very pleased with the service and their detailed menu is easy to order. I wish them the very best.

{ Bob Faves}

Sunday night at West Main Pizza with my friends from Robertson's Airport to share pizza, grinders and a glass of wine. This is the place to visit and compare our flying experiences of the week.



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

### Town Council Meeting June 15, 2015

#### **Robertson Airport Grants**

- Two projects are being pursued at the Airport. The first is to perform an "Environmental Assessment and Obstruction Analysis" to determine if there are any trees/obstructions that are in the airspace near the Airport. The estimated cost of the analysis is \$206,800. The FAA will pay for 90% of the project cost or \$186,120. The State will pay for 7.5% of the project or \$15,510 and the Airport Fund will pay for 2.5% of the project or \$5,170. The Analysis is expected to take approximately 12 months.
- Once the obstructions are identified, the Town will apply for another grant to take the necessary steps to remove and/or modify them.
- The second project is an "Airport Pavement Management Study". This study is required by the FAA to determine the condition of the existing pavement at the airport. This is required before the Town can apply for grants to repave the taxiway and apron areas at the Airport.
- The estimated cost of the Study is \$101,500. The FAA will pay for 90% of the Study or \$91,350. The State will pay for 7.5% of the Study or \$7,612.50. The Airport Fund will pay for 2.5% of the Study or \$2,537.50. This Analysis is also expected to take around 12 months.
- There are sufficient dollars saved in the Airport Fund to pay for the local share for both of these projects.
- The Town Council must authorize participation in the FAA Grant. There is an item under New Business regarding the Airport Improvement Grants.

#### Hangar 1 Lease

- Chairman Byron Treado is here this evening to discuss the Hangar 1 Lease which expired at the end of May. Interstate Aviation is interested in continuing to lease Hangar 1. Chairman Treado will give the details of the proposed lease.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the proposed lease with Interstate Aviation for Hangar 1.

### **Road Bond Referendum – June 16**

- This is a reminder that the Road Bond Referendum vote is tomorrow, June16th from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Firehouse. The referendum question reads: Shall the Town of Plainville appropriate \$5M for various road and related improvements, and authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation?"
- If approved, it is anticipated that work on local roads would begin later this summer. Residents are encouraged to vote on the referendum question.

## Variable Frequency Drive Purchase – WPC

- Sewer Department staff has experienced problems with pipes breaking in the SBR's. (Sequencing Batch Reactors) After some investigation, the staff has determined that the breaks are occurring when the 40HP mixers start up during the batch process. Plant Superintendent Joe Alosso is recommending the installation of 4 variable frequency drives that will slowly bring the motors up to speed.
- The cost of the VFD's are \$30,900. There is currently \$75,000 in the WPC capital improvement account for these types of projects. The VFD's are a sole source product. There is an item under New Business that would allow for the purchase of the VFD's from Sartron of Guilford, CT in the amount of \$24,400 and for the electrical work associated with them to Mace Company of Plainville for \$6,500 for a total project cost of \$30,900.

## Audio Video Equipment – Police Detention Rooms

- The audio-video equipment that monitors the detention rooms at the Police Station need to be updated/replaced. The current system does not synchronize the audio and video making it very difficult to review as they are in two different formats. Chief Matt Catania and IT Director Kevin Ross are recommending the purchase of a complete system that would allow for better monitoring and recording of the detention areas at the police station including the booking area, jail cells and sally port.
- The total cost of the synchronized audio/ video system is \$37,631. There are currently funds available in several line items that could pay for the purchase. Those line items

include Machinery & Equipment (\$20,000), Windows/Office 2010 capital account (\$5,000) and Nexgen Software Solution capital account (\$12,631).

• The proposed purchase would be done under the State Bid process. There is an item under New Business that would award the contract to Omni Data, LLC of Woodbridge, CT in the amount of \$37,630.81.

#### Purchase of 2016 Ford Fusion

- The FY 16 Capital Improvement Budget includes a \$22,000 line item to replace a vehicle that currently has 240,000 miles on it. It is recommended that a Ford Fusion Hybrid be purchased from Crowley Ford under the State Bid process.
- The Ford Fusion Hybrid has the capability of traveling approximately 95 miles on battery power before switching over to the gas engine. The batteries would be re-charged using the new charging station that has been installed at the Municipal Center.
- The Town has secured two grants for the purchase of this vehicle. The first grant if from the 2015 CT Clean Fuel Program for \$11,100 and the second a rebate as part of the CT Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase in the amount of \$1,500. The net cost of the vehicle will be \$19,480.80. There is an item under New Business regarding the purchase of a 2016 Ford Fusion from Crowley Ford of Plainville.

Happenings (S. Osle) continued on Page 7

## Free Breakfast & Lunch

A "Blitz Day" was held On Friday June 26, at the Norton Park Band Shell in Plainville, to kick off the free breakfast and lunch program for Plainville youth 18 years of age or younger sponsored by End Hunger CT! that will began on June 22. During the "Blitz Day" event, representatives from End Hunger Connecticut!, the CT No Kid Hungry Campaign, the Plainville Hunger Action Team, Plainville Community Schools, Town Manager Robert Lee, members of the Plainville Town Council and other state and local dignitaries were on hand to distribute information and help raise awareness of the free summer meals program that will be available throughout the summer.

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Plainville residents must show identification. There is a fee for disposal. If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 860-793-0221 ext 208 from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM Mon. thru Wed. Thursday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM & Friday, 8:00 AM to12:00 PM.

## Have a Great 4th of July! The Town transfer station

located at Granger Lane will be closed on Saturday, July 4, 2015 due to the holiday.

### Closing of Northwest Drive for Bridge Deck Resurfacing

The Town of Plainville will be initiating the Northwest Drive Bridge resurfacing project on or after July 6, 2015. During this construction, the bridge will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Detours have been established to reroute traffic around the closed bridge. Signage will be installed along the detour routes to direct motorists. The bridge is expected to reopen in early August 2015.

The Town of Plainville appreciates your cooperation. Should you have and questions, contact the

### Call Dominick Moschini at Public Works department at 860-793-0221 ext 208.

# Letters to the Editor for the SEPTEMBER edition

All Letters must be submitted by

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No exceptions, please limit words

to 250

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## TOWN OF PLAINVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED

The Plainville Municipal Center will close at 4:00pm on Thursday, July 2, and remain closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The Senior Center and Library will be closed Friday, July 3. All offices will re-open Monday, July 7.

Refuse collection will take place as usual for the week.

Please note, the Public Library will be closed Saturdays beginning July 4 through Labor Day weekend.

#### NOTICE TO:ALL PLAINVILLE RESIDENTS WHO CITY OF BRISTOL COLLECTS YOUR RECYCLABLES

- Since 2010, over 760 Plainville residents have had their recyclables collected by the City of Bristol. Effective July 1, 2015, CWPM will be taking over the Bristol recycling routes. Bristol's last pick-up will occur on June 23, 2015. After this date, routes will be changed from Tuesday to Monday. As a result, residents will put their trash and recycling out on the same day, which will now be Monday.

For a listing of "A" Week streets, please visit the town's website. For these streets, the first recycling pick-up will be Monday, June 29th. Therefore, residents on the "A" week streets should place both their trash and recycling containers out on the curb on Monday, June 29th. Please leave a small separation distance between Streets currently being serviced by Bristol on "B" Week will see their first Monday pick-up by CWPM on July 6th. For a listing of these streets, please visit our website. The next date for both trash and recycling for these streets will be Monday, July 20th.

If you have any questions, call Robert E. Lee, Town Manager at (860) 793-0221, ext. 201 or Chris Aldi, Public Works Administration at ext. 208.

### Read, heed and forward.. 28th Amendment,

### **35 States and Counting**

It will take you less than a minute to read this. If you agree, please pass it on. It's an idea whose time has come to deal with this self serving situation:

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For example, they are exempt from any fear of prosecution for sexual harassment.

And as the latest example, they have exempted themselves from Healthcare Reform, in all of its aspects.

### From the Desk of: VFW Post #574 Commander Bob Beveridge

I would like to say Thank You to the Boys & Girls Scouts that came out to honor our veterans by helping place flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day.

**Troop 66505** Maya Wunkleman Jane Winkleman Troop 76 Scout Master-Steve Sarlo Assistant Scout Master-Claude Przybysz Committee Member-Julie Lavigne Travis Lavigne Hunter Sarlo Daniel Przybysz **Troop 08709** Jessica Schnaufer Troop 66136 Alana Mcginnis Marissa Miller Gianna Rodriguez Julia Lawson Faith Emery **Pack 76** Jonah Winkleman Seth Winkleman Jacob Schwentke Nicholas Kafka Nicholas Morales Troop 66051 Marta Weidl Alexa Weidl Meghan Clarke Sue Clarke Mia Palia Sarah Moralez **Pack 49** Matthew Schnaufer Landon Wilks Troop 66 Bill Brown Rick Castrogiovanni Nick Vasquez Craig Petosa Zach Petosa **Troop 66010** Savanna Wilks Sue Ruggles Troop 67 Rob Lawson \*Editors Note:

We are thankful to have the Boys & Girls Scouts of Plainville for all they do for everyone! Keep up the good work.

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Governors of 35 states have filed suit against the Federal Government for imposing unlawful burdens upon their states. It only takes 38 (of the 50) States to convene a Constitutional Convention.

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Sno-White Staff Wishes all ..... A Happy & Safe 4th of July

#### JULY/AUGUST 2015

### MINUTES PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MUNICIPAL CENTER **REGULAR MEETING** JUNE 1, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Councilwoman Pugliese called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Kilby, Christopher, Tompkins and Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Town Attorney Mastrianni, Intern Daniels and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilman Wazorko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to approve the minutes of the May18, 2015 Regular Meeting and the May 26, 2015 Special Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

Councilwoman Christopher reported she attended the Rotary Club Scholarship Dinner and congratulated the recipients for their achievements. She has also been approached by eligible residents who, due to their work schedules, would like to use the Senior Center's Fitness Center outside the current hours.

Chairwoman Pugliese thanked Vice Chairman Saunders for his efforts planning the Memorial Day Parade and congratulated Lisa Metayer, Shirley Osle and Carol Beam for being recognized and receiving awards from the YWCA Women in Leadership.

#### APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

#### Economic Development Agency

Councilman Carrier motioned to appoint Helen Bergenty (R), 8 Stremlau Ave as a Regular Member of the Economic Development Agency for the term ending 11/9/18. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

#### **Old Linden Street School Committee**

- Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Gary Eisenhauer (R), 59 Cyrenius Ave to the Old Linden Street School Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Thompkins and passed 7-0.
- Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Janice Eisenhauer (R), 59 Cyrenius Ave to the Old Linden Street School Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.
- Councilwoman Christopher motioned to appoint Nancy Eberhardt (U), 7 Diamond Terr to the Old Linden Street School Committee. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.
- Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to appoint Rose Stanley (U), 133 Broad St to the Old Linden Street School Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.
- Councilman Carrier motioned to appoint Rebecca Ireland (D), 21 East Maple St to the Old Linden Street School Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.
- Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Richard Ireland, Jr (D), 21 East Maple St to the Old Linden Street School Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

### **REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY**

Voted

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Attorney Mastrianni responded to a prior question regarding the legality of adding funds to the budget for the demolition of Old Linden Street School. He found the action to be appropriate and legal.

### **REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

#### Northwest Drive Bridge – Deck Resurfacing

- The pavement on the Northwest Drive Bridge has numerous cracks and is in need of repaving to avoid water from compromising the decking that holds up the structure. The Capital Improvement Plan for the next fiscal year beginning on July 1st has \$140,000 budgeted to repair the bridge. Additional funding from state road grants will be used if construction costs exceed \$140,000.
- Director of Technical Services Bossi, Director of Physical Services Matteo and Roadways Superintendent Moschini were in attendance and further described the proposed project which is scheduled to begin around the first week in July.

#### **Summer Meeting Schedule**

The Town Council is scheduled to meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays during the next three months. (July 6th & 20th, August 3rd & 17th, September 8th and 21st). Over the last several years, the Town Council has cancelled the first meeting in July and the first meeting in September (Tuesday after Labor Day). It was the consensus of the Council to cancel the first meeting of July, August and September and hold any Special Meetings as necessary.

#### **Revenue Collector's Suspense List**

The Suspense List has been submitted by the Revenue Collector for Town Council consideration this evening. The list includes those accounts that the Revenue Collector has deemed "uncollectable" at this time. The list includes motor vehicle accounts, personal property accounts and real estate accounts. The real estate accounts are for those overdue taxes that exceed 15 years. By State Statute, the Town cannot collect real estate taxes that are over 15 years past due.

The Revenue Collector can still collect on these taxes (except real estate) and will continue to make attempts to do so generally through a collection agency.

The total amount recommended for the suspense list is \$64,871.74.

#### **Senior Center Parking Lot Resolution**

Last year the Town was awarded a \$105,000 grant to repave the parking lot at the Senior Center. The original budget for the project was \$125,000 with \$20,000 coming from the Senior Center fundraising efforts.

The Department of Social Services is responsible for administering the grant.

#### Happenings

- To view more activities please visit the Town's website at www.plainvillect.com.
- Councilman Kilby announced the installation and availability of an Electric Charging Station located outside the Municipal Center by the cell tower. He thanked Governor Malloy and State Representative Boukus for their efforts for the funding of the station.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St comments included the poor condition of the high school football field and the turf field project.
- Marilyn Shorette, 18 Milford St comments included the improved parking situation on West Main St and safety concerns of the new bus stop on West Main St and Pine Streets heading towards Plainville.
- John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave read excerpts from an article from Time Magazine regarding turf field materials and safety conditions and feels architect Kastle Boos is involved with too many town projects.

Sal Palazollo, 11 Rosemont Dr comments included turf field safety and the Property Maintenance Ordinance complaint procedures.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Property Maintenance Ordinance See Addendum Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adopt the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regarding Property Maintenance". The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders.
- Discussion continued regarding vegetation removal and the Town Manager's responsibilities throughout the ordinance. The motion as proposed passed 7-0.

#### **Revenue Collector's Suspense List**

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to approve the Revenue Collector's Suspense List. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

#### Senior Center Parking Lot Resolution

Councilman Carrier motioned to adopt a resolution entitled "Resolution of the Plainville Town Council authorizing the Acceptance of Funds for Reconstruction of the Parking Lot Connecting the Senior Center and the Housing Authority". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

- Establish public hearing regarding proposed amendments to "Division of Fire Suppression Ordinance, Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct". Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to establish a public hearing for Monday June 15, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center, One Central Square to hear public comment regarding a proposed amendment to an ordinance entitled "Division of Fire Suppression Ordinance, Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.
- Establish public hearing regarding "4th Quarter Transfers and Additional Appropriations Ordinance. Councilwoman Christopher motioned to establish a public hearing for Monday June 15, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center, One Central Square to hear public comment regarding a proposed amendment to an ordinance entitled "4th Quarter Transfers for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 and Additional Appropriations". The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.

#### Tax Refunds - See Addendum

Councilman Carrier motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the addendum. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd.)

Al Deshaies, 170 West Main St repeated his question as to the legality of the Old Linden Street School appropriation. Joanne Edman continued her discussion regarding artificial turf bids and Old Linden Street School progress.

John Kisluk discussed the effective date for the adopted ordinance and will be filing complaints for the Chung property.

#### MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### **Police Chief Employment Contract**

A motion was made to close Executive Session at 8:10pm and passed unanimously. No further action was taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:11pm. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed 7-0.

#### Respectfully submitted by, Carol A. Skultety, Town Clerk & Clerk of the Town Council

\* The above are excerpts of the Town Councilminutes. An Ordinance on page 8

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### TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2015

#### By Shirley Osle, Assistant Town Manager

- The Municipal Center will be close at 4 PM on Thursday, July 2 and remain closed on Friday, July 3rd in observation of Independence Day. The Senior Center and Library will be closed on Friday July 3rd. All offices will re-open Monday July 7th. Refuse collection will take place as usual for the week.
- The Library will be closed Saturdays beginning July 4th through Labor Day weekend.
- The Transfer Station located at Granger Lane will be closed on Saturday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.
- The Northwest Drive Bridge resurfacing project will begin on or after July 6, 2015. During this construction, the bridge will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Using signs, detours have been established to reroute traffic. The bridge is expected to reopen in early August 2015.
- The Recreation Department reports that Berner Pool opened on June 6th. The Splash Pad at Paderewski Park is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 13th, 10am to 7pm for the rest of the summer.
- The Plainville Youth Services Kids in the Middle Program is collecting used sports equipment in good shape that will be given out to families in need prior to each sports season. Please drop off equipment to the Youth Services/Recreation facility at 50 Whiting St. For more information, call Youth Services.
- There will be two public hearings on July 23,

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2015 regarding Zoning Regulations. One would place greater restrictions on excavation activities and provide a clearer set of standards. The other one has to do with parking lot landscaping.

- The Economic Development Office is in the process of using GIS data to create work maps enabling them to review the margins of the existing and proposed floodplain/floodway boundaries. These findings will eventually be included in the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- June is dog-licensing month at the Town Clerk's Office. Licenses can be paid for and obtained in person or online.
- The Senior Center is hosting dental clinics on August 19th, 20th, and 21. Cost is \$30.00 without insurance. Scholarships available. Call Melissa at the Community Health Center to make appointments, (860) 983-2990.
- Stephanie Soucy's Office at the Senior Center held a session about Medicare, Medicaid, housing options, Alzheimer's help, caregiving, and homecare. It was open to Plainville residents only.
- An informational trip meeting for the Scandinavian Splender Cruise will be held on June 22 at 3:30 PM. The trip runs June 1-11, 2016. This is open to the public. Call the center to sign-up.
- Join the Outdoor Adventure Club at the Senior Center. Open to Members only. Call the Center to sign-up.

Excerpts of the REPORT.

#### Republicans: "Every elected official must be held accountable" for state budget stance

Republican legislators Sen. Henri Martin, Rep. Whit Betts, and Rep. Cara Pavalock released the following statement regarding Hartford Healthcare's decision to lay off hundreds of employees in response to the legislature's passage of a state budget which reductions in Medicaid rates and high hospital taxes:

"We voted against the budget bill because we felt it would damage Connecticut's safety net and reduce hospitals' ability to take care of those who are most in need.

"Gov. Malloy has an opportunity to start fresh and avoid this grim scenario. He can veto this bad budget.

"Legislative Democrats in the House and Senate who voted in favor of the budget also have an opportunity. They can choose to stop supporting policies that are threatening patient care and necessary medical services here and throughout the state. These Democrats now have a chance to work to restore the necessary funding back to our community hospitals. Will they?"

"We urge area residents, and everyone who values the services at local Hospitals, to call the following numbers today:

•Gov. Malloy: 800-406-1527 •Senate Democrats:

800-842-1420 •House Democrats at 800-842-1902 "Every elected official – each state representative and each state senator - must be held accountable for his or her vote on this crucial issue. They answer to the taxpayers, so contact them today and ask them where they stand."

## **Paderewski Park Pavilion Dedication**

The Town of Plainville is pleased to announce there will be a dedication ceremony for the Paderewski Park Pavilion on Tuesday, July 7th at 6:00 PM. The Pavilion is a popular destination amongst residents for picnics. Its refurbishing will allow for continued enjoyment of the facility.

State Representative Elizabeth Boukus, Town Council Chairwoman Katherine Pugliese, and Recreation & Park Advisory Board Chairman Tom Warnat will all be making brief remarks.

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## In Case you missed this.....

### AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE AND SECTION 7-148 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, THE ORDINANCE ENTTILED "PARKING OF UNREGISTERED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLES OR OTHER UNSIGHTLY MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT IN PLAINVILLE" IS REPEALED AND THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED:

#### § 1. Purpose

This ordinance is intended to protect, preserve and promote public health, safety and welfare; to prevent and control the incidence of communicable disease; and to reduce environmental hazards to health, safety and welfare, insofar as they are affected by the maintenance of residential and non-residential structures, equipment and premises as provided by this ordinance. This ordinance is further intended to provide minimum standards governing the condition, occupancy and maintenance of occupied and unoccupied premises and establish reasonable safeguards for the health, safety and welfare of the occupants and users of said premises, the community and the general public. This ordinance is intended to maintain and preserve the beauty of the Town's neighborhoods and to allow for the remediation of blighted premises as well as the reasonable and peaceful enjoyment of one's real property pursuant to its zoning designation.

§ 12. Hearing § 13. Appointment of Citation Hearing Officers §14 Penalties - - Lien §15. Appeals - - Special Consideration §16. Severability §17. Terms and Provisions § 18. Effective Date

The effective date of this ordinance shall be 30 days after the legal Notice of Adoption has been published.

## To view the entire details of the ORDINANCE go to the Town of Plainville web site.

## COMMUNITY TURF FIELD COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATE

The Turf Project at Plainville High School will move forward, but with a slightly adjusted timeframe, according to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching.

- Members of the Community Turf Field Committee met on June 4th to review the project status. Since the previous committee meeting, staff worked with the project's design consultants and the company that submitted the lowest bid during the first competitive bidding process, in an attempt to cut the cost of the project within the overall budget of available funding. During that period of negotiations, it became apparent that the Committee would not be able to reach an agreement with the company and decided not to bring a contract forward to the Town Council in late May. After considerable discussion between the project designers, Kaestle Boos Associates, Dr. Kitching, Town Manager Robert Lee, and leadership from both the Board of Education and Turf Committee, it was decided that the best option would be to rebid the project in late June, with minor modifications and a revised timeline.
- Project modifications for the second bid include a latex track surface, modifying the sideline text, storing existing top soil that is removed on site, and several additional minor adjustments that could potentially produce cost savings, without detracting from the overall quality of the project.
- Under the new timeline, construction document revision would occur during the month of June, and the rebidding of the project between June 29-July 27. Once a contract is awarded, construction would begin on August 15th and would include main field earthwork, track resurfacing, practice field earthwork, main field turf installation, and practice field turf installation.

## **Board of Education Report:**

By: Andrea Saunders BOE Chairperson

The Plainville Board of Education met in March 2015 to begin the evaluation process of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching. This process included reviewing the superintendent's self-evaluation, discussing his performance, and establishing a few goals for the next school year 2015-2016.

The Board used a performance evaluation tool focusing on four general areas: Educational Leadership, Organizational Management, Community and Board of Education Relations and Personal/Professional Qualities and Relationships.

Here are some of the highlights:

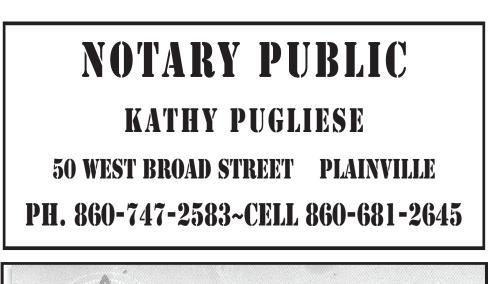
- Dr. Kitching has successfully led the Plainville Community Schools through implementation of the new teacher evaluation system, and the Common Core and the Smarter Balance testing roll out.
- The superintendent has expanded the collaboration between the Business Office functions of the School District and Municipal operations.
- Under the superintendent's leadership the technology expansion balances the needs of our schools and the town with improved security for everyone.
- The superintendent has provided the structure for the PHS turf field project by establishing the broad based committee and keeping the process moving forward.
- Dr. Kitching continues to look for innovative and creative ways to maintain two-way communication with the community through efforts such as "Ask the Superintendent" and information videos produced by our PHS students.
- Dr. Kitching created the "Plainville Is Getting It Right" motto to promote successful initiatives in the district.

The Board then established a few goals for the school year 2015-2016 that we believe will keep the district moving in a positive direction:

- Maintain and keep current the district's technology plan.
- Continue to oversee the PHS turf field project to completion.
- Continue collaborative efforts between the BOE and the Municipality.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of Pre-K, All day Kindergarten and the impact of Common Core State Standards.
- Ensure that the Strategic Planning Goals continue to be monitored which includes keeping the Board informed about the progress.
- Maintain the budget process to ensure community understanding and support.

During the past year, the Board has been very happy and pleased with Dr. Kitching's continued focus on students, teaching and learning. Dr. Kitching has shown great initiative in working with the Board, Town and community to achieve the goals set forth for the Plainville Community Schools. We are pleased to extend his contract and offer a 3.6% increase for the 2015–2016 school year.

#### Plainville Board of Education: Andrea Saunders, Chair; Deb Hardy, Vice-Chair Brent Davenport, Mike Guiliano, Laurie Peterson, Cheryl Provost, Becky Tyrrell, Foster White, & Barbara Willard



Under the new project timeline, substantial completion of the fields is scheduled for November 1, 2015. The Community Turf Field Committee will meet again in late July after the second round of bids is opened.

- If the second bid process is successful, the revised timeline will have an impact on the boys and girls soccer and football teams' home game schedule only. The sports will be fully functional throughout the fall season, but it would require alternate locations being secured for some home games. The Athletic Coordinator and coaches are aware and prepared to handle this situation.
- "Our primary concern is maintaining the quality of the field we plan for and ultimately install. This adjusted plan provides the best possible opportunity for getting the state-of-art facility our students deserve and for getting it done within the budget," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching. "We fully understand the potential inconveniences that the timeline could cause our soccer and football home game schedule, and we will work hard to minimize the effect if the second bidding process is successful."



Take risks, If you win you'll be happy and if you lose you'll be wise........... Author Unknown

# Life With Wanda.....

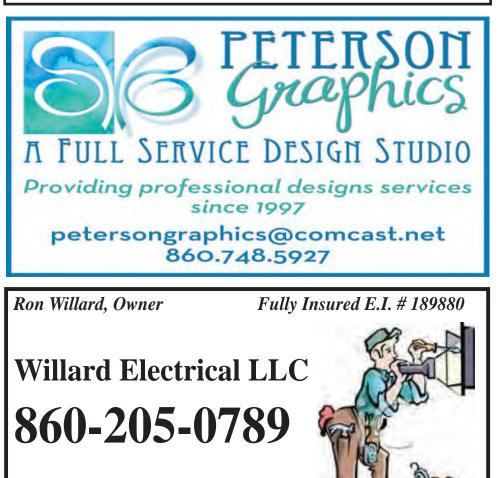


#### When summer arrives so does a host of problems starting

with out of town visitors, flies, mosquitoes, fleas, ticks and relatives and friends you haven't seen in years. They all seem to show up just about lunch time on Sunday and "just seem to be in the area." Now when they live eighty miles away they didn't just happen to be in the area. If you are one of those poor persons who have a cottage at a lake, a pool or a boat you know it happens every year. Oh, they bring something, perhaps a dozen ears of corn or a couple of tomatoes, like that's going to feed the five of them and your gang that you already invited. (How about a pound of hot dogs sometime folks?") Finding the answer is not easy but as you get older you no longer use the pool, as your kids are grown and that cottage at the lake is just a place to go on Sunday so you can mow the lawn. As for the boat you have seen everything around the lake you have wanted to see.

The answer I found was, fill in the pool, sell the cottage at the lake with the boat included or even rent it out to the freeloaders. Take your money and go for a vacation where no one can find you or better yet, make a list of all those that used to drop in on you, buy a couple of tomatoes, a dozen ears of corn and drop in on them around 11:30 on Sunday morning, just to let them know you sold or rented the cottage and filled in the pool.

## Have a Great Summer!



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## Ask the Brayne...

**Q.** I attended the American Legion Flag burning ceremony and was wondering what some are the rules for displaying Our Flag?

A. Since the flag is a symbol of our nation, it must be treated with reverence. Here are a few of these rules of "flag etiquette". The flag must always be flown right side up, unless used as a signal of distress.

No flag must ever be flown above the flag of the United States on the same staff. The flag should be hoisted briskly at sunrise, and lowered slowly at sunset. The flag must never be allowed to touch the ground. It can be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning. In such a case, it must first be run up to the top of the staff as usual, then slowly lowered. The flag must never be used for coverings or drapery except when it is used to cover a casket. Our flag design was approved on June 14, 1777, the idea of a National flag was still very new.

#### Q. Why do Mosquito bites itch?

A. Have you ever heard that, "The female of the species is deadlier than the male?" It certainly applies to mosquitoes. Only female mosquitos suck blood. When the mosquito bites, it injects a poisonous liquid into the blood. This poison causes the pain and itching and produces the swelling.

#### To submit questions:

Call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@aol.com, write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman St, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office. Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month. Thank you for the above questions. Keep them coming!! Have a nice summer!

### Thanks, Bill Brayne

## From the Desk of: Mark DeVoe

Excerpts of the report

We offer the following as an update to current economic conditions and activities within our office:

- 1. Contiguous Municipality (Enterprise) Zone Tax Abatement Status We have processed two State applications for tax benefits within the Contiguous Municipality Zone (Enterprise Zone):
  - a. Northeast Produce for a 12,000 square foot building at 60 Town Line Rd.
  - b. All State Fire Equipment for an 18,000 square foot building at 70 Robert Jackson Way.
- 2. Cancer Center Had the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
- 3. Permit Applications:
  - a. New Zoning Text Amendments:
    - i. Removal and Deposition of Earth Materials
  - ii. Parking Lot Landscaping –
    b. General Electric, 41 Woodford Avenue Their APA Registration request was approved by Plainville's Aquifer Protection Agency on May 26, 2015.
  - c. Dunkin Donuts The owner of the Plainville Dunkin Donuts franchise has decided to apply to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a new facility at the southeast corner of Farmington Avenue and Northwest Drive.
    d. Forty-Five Northwest Drive – Douglas Margison, owner of 45 Northwest Drive, has applied to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8,592 square

foot expansion to the existing building at that location. A new tenant has not been announced.

- e. DBK Family Jewelers Currently located at 41 East Street, DBK is planning a move to 165 East Street.
- Gerdau Steel, 75 Neal Court The fit-out at Gerdau Steel continues. Their 10-year lease commitment is underscored by the recent home purchase by their plant superintendent – in Plainville of course.
- 5. Phoenix Soil No update.
- 6. Family Dollar This project is nearing completion.
- 7. Pequabuck River Watershed Study As a result of the flooding and economic



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losses created by Tropical Storm Irene, the Towns of Plainville and Plymouth and the City of Bristol teamed up to apply for study funding.

- 8. Farmington Canal Heritage Multi-use Trail and Bicycle connection to the New Britain Fastrak Route Study Screening The process is expected to take 12 to 16 months to complete.
- 9. EDA Trust Fund We have received no new applications for the Small Business Loan Program.
- 10. Farmington Avenue Welcome to Plainville Sign The sign has been installed. Thanks to John Bossi, Mike Perry and Mike Widger and the fellows on the roadway crew.
- 11. Geographic Information System Otherwise known as GIS, this automated on-line mapping system is receiving good reviews. We urge you to try the system by visiting the town's website at www.plainvillect.com and clicking on the automated mapping link on the home page. GIS has other uses as well.

Shame --No one can make you feel inferior without your consent......Eleanor Roosevelt

## Plainville Republican Town Committee

The PRTC monthly meeting are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month at The Municipal Center.

Helen Bergenty, Chairman of the committee announced that all meetings are open to the public and you are all welcome.

To get information about becoming an Associate Member and/or getting an application to join, call 860-747-3905 leave your name and phone number.

Republican Caucus, Wednesday July 22, 6:30pm The meeting dates are Wednesday, July 22nd at 7 pm and August 26th at 7 pm.

"Taste of Plainville" tickets are still available at Gnazzo Food Center at the Courtesy Desk, Dairy Queen, Big Steve's Grill, Pagliacci's members of the Republican Town Committee and Community Fund. The drawing for the Gift Certificates to the resturants will be August 5th. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Plainville Community Fund and the PRTC.

The Plainville Community Fund benefits only Plainville non-profits (Boy's & Girl Scouts, Schools & etc.) for more information about the Fund contact Dolly Chamberlin @ 860-747-2040

## <u>Republican Caucus</u> <u>Legal Notice</u>

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Plainville on July 22, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Plainville Municipal Center, 1 Central Square to endorse candidates for municipal office.

Laurie Peterson, Secretary of the Plainville Republican Town Committee Pd. by Duncan May, Treasurer PRTC

### From the Desk of: Helen Bergenty, PRTC Chair

As a lifelong resident in Plainville and a former Chairperson of the Town Council, I write to congratulate the current Council on an outstanding job. This Council has consistently made decisions that will benefit our residents and businesses while keeping a keen eye on the bottom line. While many other towns and cities struggle with rising budgets and political mischief, our elected officials have risen above all others and are a model for all to follow. Perhaps the legislators in Hartford would like to understand how little Plainville is doing such a top notch job.

Some writers to the various weekly publications relish the opportunity to nitpick and criticize every action the Council takes. In an effort to appease a certain small group of malcontents, the agenda of the Council was revised availing citizens two opportunities to speak. A three minute time limit is placed on the first section while comment during the second segment is unlimited. Even this has become a "sticking point" for some who question "is the Council Chair really listening to the residents or waiting for the Town Manager's queue?" The answer to that inquiry is very simple – both...the Chair is listening and also able to acknowledge when the speaker has exhausted their time. Oftentimes, an individual has been allowed to continue past the allotted three minutes.

The same malcontent recently wrote in a local weekly newspaper, that the Chair never wrote an explanation about the Old Linden Street School.

That was absolutely wrong. If that person would really pay attention to the workings of the Council, he would not have missed the Chair's letter of explanation about the Linden Street School included in the budget in the Plainville Citizen and the New Britain Herald during the week of April 15th. Getting back to the time limit to speak at Town Council meetings, perhaps those unhappy with this format should visit the State Capital and witness the process for testimony to Commissions...after five minutes a loud, disruptive buzzer sounds and the presenter is advised their time is up!

Let's start being more appreciative of what our volunteer Town Council members actually accomplish for everyone rather than manufacture insignificant trivia.

## Plainville Sports Hall of Fame Announces 2015 Inductees

The Plainville Sports Hall of Fame is proud to announce the Inductee Class of 2015 that includes: Jill Giannini, class of 1999, Robert "Bob" Dalke, class of 1960, Ronald Serakas, class of 1966, Jim Kaine, class of 1970, Jim Silva, class of 1977, John Brundage, class of 1971 and coach Randy Doucette, class of 1966.

The Induction dinner and ceremony will be Saturday October 3, 2015 at Nuchies Restaurant in Forestville. Tickets are available at the dental offices of Dr. Rusty Camp or Dr. Michael Lantiere.

Support your favorite Hall of Famer with a congratulatory advertisement in the Banquet booklet. To place an ad, please call:

Mike Bakaysa @ 860-573-8015 or Byron Treado @ 860-836-3377

From the Desk of:

Connecticut Republicans Chairman, JR Romano

### Second Largest Tax Hike

Governor Dan Malloy and his Democrat allies are in the midst of the second largest tax hike in Connecticut history, only four short years after they passed the largest tax hike ever!

Connecticut already has the nation's worst business climate, and failed Democrat leadership is only making it harder for companies to keep the doors open in Connecticut.

Too often we hear about Connecticut job creators seeking shelter from the increasingly burdensome tax and regulatory climate and turning to pro-business, pro-growth states.

Every day we read headlines of more bad news for Democrats, the governor, and our state. From ignored subpoenas to illegal campaign contributions to backroom budget deals, they are too busy playing by their own rules to solve Connecticut's problems. While Dan Malloy and the Democrats remain in a fantasy land about the mess they have created, we will continue to be a target for other states to poach our companies and the jobs that go with them. As Chairman of the Connecticut Republican Party, I will continue the fight to retain the businesses that have long been a part of our communities make Connecticut a more attractive alternative for new companies as well.

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## The Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Activities Need Your Help!

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The Chamber of Commerce/Christmas Fund, 1 Central Square, Plainville Ct They will be able to provide the Horse and Buggy Rides again this year!

The benefactors that provided it in the past are unable to continue their generosity. *"We thank them for their many years of the enjoyment..... from the families of Plainville."* 

## 2015 YMCA Project Grad "Bright Lights-Big City"



As the **Plainville High School Class of 2015** moves on to the next chapter of their lives, we would like to thank the following for their donations, time and effort on yet another successful **YMCA Project Graduation**, a drug & alcohol-free party held on graduation night June 18<sup>7h</sup>, 2015.

<u>A Special "THANK YOU" to the Wheeler YMCA</u> for donating their facility every year, and especially to Sally Miller and her staff for their tireless support and dedication to this Special Event. We couldn't have done it without you!!

"THANK YOU" to the following restaurants for food donations throughout the night: Applebees, Asian Bistro, Bagels Plus, Big Steve's Grill, Big Y, Bolo Bakery & Cafe, Capri's Restaurant, Catanzaro Quality Meats, Central Cafe, Confetti's Restaurant, The Cottage, D'Amico Ristorante & Lounge, D'Angelo's, Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts-East Main St., El Paso, Fiore's IV Restaurant, First & Last Tavern, Friendly's, Gnazzos, Imperial Buffett, J. Timothy's, Jim's Deli, Johnny Parkos Pizza, Mangiafico's Bakery, McDonalds-Maple St. & New Britain Ave., Moe's Southwest Grill, Pagliacci's Restaurant, Parma Pizza, Pralines Ice Cream, Riverbend Pizza, Saints, Sliders, Plainville Subway, YMCA Subway, Tong Sing, Tuscany Steak & Seafood, Uncle Bob's, Vero's Pizza, Village Pizza, and West Main Pizza.

<u>"THANK YOU"</u> to the many parents, PHS faculty, businesses, and organizations/clubs who made cash donations!

<u>"THANK YOU"</u> to the local newspapers, Plainville's Hometown Connection, Plainville Citizen, Plainville Observer, and the New Britain Herald who were instrumental in getting information out to the public about the fundraisers, meetings and the graduation party.

And last but not least, <u>"THANK YOU"</u> to the many AARP members, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and volunteers from the community who made it such an unforgettable night for this year's Grads!!!

Sincerely, The 2015 Plainville High School Project Graduation Committee



Hannah Marsh was the lucky graduate whose name was chosen to receive the \$1,000 Grand Prize. Madison St. John & Andre Degregorio each won \$500 too.....Congratulations!!!

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## **Wheeler School Fourth and Fifth Grade Students Perform Concert**



Students at the Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently performed in their Spring Music Concert. Pictured are the Fourth Grade Band under the direction of Michael Boncimino and the Fifth Grade Band under the direction of Diane Roncaioli. The Wheeler Chorus, comprised of students in Grades 3, 4, and 5, also performed under the direction of Diane Roncaioli.

## Toffolon Students Present "Buddy Bench"



The fifth grade students at Louis Toffolon Elementary School recently presented a "Buddy Bench" to the school, as a gift from the Class of 2015. The bench was built and donated by Bill Miller of Miller Remodeling and father of fifth grade student, Emma Miller. The students raised the money for the planters and plaques on the bench by holding bake sales after several school events. The plaques on the bench clearly state its purpose, "Find a Friend, Be a Friend." However, the students also made a video, with the help of student support/behavior technician Mr. Ray Guarino, to educate the rest of the school about the bench, its purpose, and how to use it.

## Wheeler School Hosts Talent Show



### PHS Students Plant Garden at Linden Street School



Students in Leanne Nolan's Environmental Science class at Plainville High School recently started an organic gardening project in the courtyard at Linden Street School. The students transplanted plants, turned soil and used their knowledge of companion plantings to plant vegetables in Linden's new garden.

## Mr. Batchelder Gets "Taped Up"



## Toffolon School Hosts Fundraisers



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Student Council recently held two fundraisers. First, a Ribbons For Life week was held at school to raise money for a Relay For Life team. Students in the school donated a dollar and received a neon animal ribbon to wear all week to support relay for life. \$143.00 was raised and donated to Toffolon staff member Mrs. Laurie Boland, a cancer survivor, as a way to thank her for all her work with the children in our school. Mrs. Boland has donated the money to her Relay For Life team and their effort to raise awareness about cancer. The Student Council also held a "Pennies for Pets" in conjunction with their whole school book: The World According to Humphrey about a school's pet hamster who has many adventures. Students from all grade levels brought in pennies for two weeks. Once the penny collection cans were full, the Student Council donated the money to a new animal rescue center being opened in Plainville, Almost Home, run by Mrs. Meda Talley, who generously accepted the pennies on behalf of the student council. \$183.00 in pennies was donated to the cause.

Wheeler Elementary School talent show held on May 29th. Acts included singing, instrumental, and more. Many of the songs centered around a common theme of encouragement and perseverance.

Andrew Batchelder recently supported the Relay For Life event by being "all taped up." Students raised \$343 by purchasing 343 pieces of tape and taped Principal Batchelder for the fundraiser.



# I Pledge Allegíance to the Flag....



### SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMES TAHLYA GRANJA AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Plainville Community Schools has named Linden Street School second grade teacher Tahlya Granja as the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year.

Granja has been an educator at Linden Street School for 11 years, teaching second grade. Prior to that, she was a third grade teacher at Union Elementary School in Farmington, Connecticut. In addition, she completed Google certification and has provided professional development to colleagues. Further, she is a member of the district's Technology Implementation Committee, the Language Arts Committee, the District Teacher Evaluation / Professional Development Committee, and helped run the After School Science Club at Linden. Granja also volunteers in a variety of capacities including serving as a volunteer at the Silver Lake Conference Center, during the Hole in the Wall Gang Traveler's Championship, and through her study abroad experiences in Ghana, Africa.

She is an amazing educator," commented Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching.







## Third Grade Students Visit Historic Center

Third graders in Plainville's elementary schools recently enjoyed an enhanced exploration of local history, thanks to an expanded collaboration between the school district and the Plainville Historical Society. Earlier this year, Plainville Community Schools' Elementary Curriculum Coordinator Tawana Graham-Douglas and Literacy Resource Teacher Jennifer Murrihy began working with Plainville Historical Society President Nancy Eberhardt and Vice President Rose Stanley to explore ways to enhance the annual third grade field trip to the Historic Center in Plainville, as part of an overall effort to connect local history in a more "hands-on" manner.

### MSP Students Hear About Greek Mythology



Sixth graders at the Middle School of Plainville recently enjoyed a performance of the "Chariot of the Sun" presented by Mr. Jeffrey Benoit. Benoit, using a combination of poetry, masks, mime and audience participation, explored the heroes, gods, and monsters of Greek mythology and brought classic Greek tales to life for the students.

### **Wheeler Student Recognized**



## DISTRICT HOSTS ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Plainville Community School's annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Awards Program was held on May 6, at Plainville High School. This year's theme was "Mardi Gras: Let the Good Times Roll with Volunteers." More than 100 school volunteers, Board of Education members, administrators and staff were present to enjoy an evening of food, friends, and recognition. The 2014-2015 Mentor of the Year recipient was Dr. Maureen Brummett. Christine Kuzia, a volunteer in Plainville schools for 13 years was the recipient of the 2014-2015 Volunteer of the Year Award.



Tyrah Green Honored by Board of Education

PlainvilleHigh

Plainville High School students Stefany Barbagallo and Jarod Romankiw were honored at the May 11th Plainville Board of Education meeting as recipients of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Award. Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School fourth grader, Jaylen Thigpen, recently competed in the Connecticut State Invention Convention at The University of Connecticut Gampel Pavilion. His invention (Sound Blaster) was recognized out of 950 inventors and 219 schools that were participating in the event this year.

School junior Tyrah Green was honored at the May 11th Plainville Board of

Education meeting for being admitted to the Telluride Association Summer Program (TASP) to be held at Cornell University this summer. Tyrah is one of only 64 students out of several thousand applicants to be accepted into the program.

**From left:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jeffrey Kitching, Tyrah Green, Plainville High School Principal Steven LePage, and Plainville Board of Education Chair Andrea Saunders.

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### **Food Drive for the Food Pantry!**

### A team of teens and leaders from **Our Lady of Mercy's Teen Youth** Group, JOLT, will be holding a Food Drive at Gnazzo's

(on Rt. 10 in Plainville) to benefit the Plainville Community Food Pantry

## on Friday, July 17th from 10AM-2PM.

Let's stock the shelves at the Pantry as they look to meet the demands of hungry children over the summer. Thank you!

## **A WHALE WATCH** AARP Trip July 23rd

We will leave from Our Lady of Mercy Church and have lunch at a Boston restaurant. After lunch we will board a multi-level WHALE WATCH vessel for a 3 hour excursion A naturalist will talk to us about the whales. This is an awesome opportunity to see hundreds of whales.

**Cost is \$119 for deluxe transportation,** whale watch and lunch.

For more information contact: Sally Miller 860-747-1732

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# **CPOA of Plainville** (Citizens & Property Owners Association)

CPOA is a local voice on all town issues. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Plainville Public Library downstairs, at 7 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday July 7th.



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# What's going on ? Check Here..... July Concert Series at Norton Park

The Friends of Norton Park Concerts have planned another season of enjoyable music beginning on Tuesday, June 2. The concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at the band shell near the playground area. Bring your chairs and your picnic and enjoy nine weeks of good summertime music. JULY schedule is:

#### **Tuesday, July 7 Riverboat Ramblers**

Riverboat Ramblers will entertain with a program of Dixieland jazz. The Riverboat Ramblers have been playing New Orleans Jazz, Gospel and Mardi Gras music along the East Coast since the 1980s

#### **Simply Swing** Tuesday, July 14 Simply Swing, a ten piece Swing Orchestra, will play music from the Big Band and Swing Dance eras. The orchestra has six swinging horns, a dynamic rhythm section and vocals by Vivian LaRosa.

**Tuesday, July 21 102nd Army Band** The 102nd Army Band of the Connecticut National Guard will play military marches and more.

#### **Tuesday, July 29 Olde Tyme Fiddlers** The concert series will conclude with the ever popular, foot-tapping performance by the Olde Tyme Fiddlers.

### **Plainville Recreation Dept. Tomasso Nature Park**

The Tomasso Nature Park is open for the season for the public to enjoy. This nature facility is open from dawn to dusk and is located off Granger Lane near the Plainville Highway Department and Dog Pound. Access is available through the pedestrian gate through November 15.

Weekly narrated tour information and individuals with special needs and group tours may be arranged by calling Art Marinio at 860-628-1386 or the Plainville Recreation Department at 860-747-6022.

## **PLAINVILLE RECREATION** Spots still available in these **Recreation programs.**

Mommy & Me Yoga - Dad's welcomed. Bring your little one, a yoga mat and water bottle. Wear comfortable clothes.

Location: Recreation Dept. Dates: Sat., June 20-August 1. Time: 8:30-9:15 a.m. Fee: \$25.00

### Tumble Time Gymnastics – Ages 1-6

Ages 1-2 – Parents must participate.

Location: Recreation Department. Dates: Sat., June 20-August 1.

Time: Ages 1 & 2, 9:30-10:00 a.m., 10:10-10:40 a.m. Ages: 3 & 4: 10:50-11:20 a.m. Ages: 5 & 6: 11:30-12:00 noon. Fee:\$30.00

Beg. Skateboarding - Learn fundamental skills. Bring Skateboard, helmet, elbow & knee pads.

Location: Norton Park Skate Park. Date: Thursday, July 9-July 30. Times: Ages 6 - 9: 5:30-6:15 p.m. Ages 10 - 13: 6:25-7:10 p.m. Fee: \$25.00

**Zumba** – Strengthen the body to music.

Location: Norton Park Band Shell. Dates: Wed. & Fri., June 17-Aug. 5. Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fee: \$40.00 Aqua Aerobics – Location: Berner Pool. Dates: Mon. & Wed., June 22-July 29. Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fee: \$40.00

Co-ed Yoga - Location: Library. Dates: Monday. June 8-July 27. Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fee \$40.00

Call for information about signing up for a program that has already started, there may be openings. 860-747-6022

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## Check Here ..... What is going on? Free African-Inspired Concert July 25

Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc. presents its annual Music from the African Diaspora concert at 7 p.m. on July 25 at the Theater for the Performing Arts at the Learning Corridor in Hartford.

Nzinga's Daughters headlines the show, and other performers are Third Tabernacle Choir, Nzinga's Daughters R&B Band, Changes, Relentless, Crystal Blue Project and the world-renowned soul singer Betty Harris. David Mayes, of Plainville, who mentors young vocalists in the Queen Ann Nzinga Center programs, will perform a solo. The free concert is geared to all ages, and children are welcome.

"We create a place for people to come together to sing, dance and experience the music. We are all transformed - the artists, the audience, the community, the world. The show invites active audience participation," said Dayna R. Snell, L.C.S.W., the concert's musical director. "Everyone

PLAINVILLE FIRE COMPANY **31ST HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL NORTON PARK Free Family Event** Friday, August 28th Arts & Crafts Show, Music, **Balloon Night Glow & Fireworks** Saturday, August 29th Balloons launch at 6 am, Arts & Crafts Show starts at 9 am Balloon launch at 6 pm Live Music til 10 pm & Sunday August 30th Final Balloon launch at 6 am

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wants in and we want everyone to be a part of this good time."

This year, concert goers will enjoy a preview of Betty Harris performing with back-up singers she has mentored from the Queen Ann Nzinga Center's Watoto program. Two of them will be traveling to Spain this summer to perform with Harris at the Euro Ye Ye soul music festival, where Harris is the headliner. Aaleya Hardy, 18, of Bristol, Sabrina Jones, 12, of East Hartford, and Dillyn Caruso, 18, of Plainville, will perform at the Music from the African Diaspora concert with Harris; and Hardy and Savannah Freitas, 16, of Plainville, will join Harris on stage at the fourday festival, along with Snell, executive director of the Queen Ann Nzinga Center.

Doors to the theater at 359 Washington St. open at 6 p.m., and prior to the concert, artwork and photography will be sold at a silent auction to benefit the Queen Ann Nzinga Center's youth arts and enrichment programs. For information, contact Queen Ann Nzinga Center at qancinc@gmail.com or 860-229-8389.

**Plainville Fire Company Memorial Scholarship and** The George & Ridabell Seyour **Scholarship** 

## **2015 Recipients**

Graduating Senior Scholarship Justin Plourde, Carly Brunelle, Michael Munson, Megan Dalena, Trevor Roy & Brett Snowden

**Continuing Education Awards** Taylor Doughty, Kyla Nichols, Hunter Lennon & Kayla Plourde

### About Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc.

The Queen Ann Nzinga Center provides boys and girls, ages 5 to 18, arts and culture programs that empower them to reach their full potential, boosting self-esteem, better grades, a stronger sense of themselves and improved social skills. The program provides participants weekly sessions on African and African-American history, using storytelling, poetry, drama, music, dance and other art forms to build selfconfidence and leadership skills. QANC is named for a 15th Century African queen who protected her people from being sold into slavery. The name symbolizes the organization's aim to empower young people with skills and experiences to thrive. QANC, in its 26th year, is a nonprofit 501(c)3 that serves a diverse, multi-racial and multi-cultural population of children and teens by providing arts and cultural enrichment in a multi-generational setting. www.qanc.org

See Pictures on page 31

Plainville residentsDillyn Caruso, Savannah Freitas and David Mayes will perform

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

...Are you planning summer activities for your children?

....Do your children like upbeat music, games, crafts and Bible stories?

Our Lady of Mercy will hold its Vacation Bible School Program August 3 to 7 from 9 to 11:30AM, for children ages 3 to 10 at the Parish Center. The theme is Son Spark Labs Vacation Bible School. Your children will excitedly explore God's life-changing plan as they find out the answers to life's most important questions. They will discover that God loves them and that through Jesus they can live as members of God's family and personally experience God's plan for each of us. The week is filled with games, music, crafts and snacks. The fee of \$25 will help defray the cost of the program. Registration is limited so register as soon as possible. Please call Jeanne at the Parish Office for additional information at 860.747.6825.

Always laugh when you can, It's cheap medicine.....Lord Byron

AARP Trips: Foxwood Casino Trip -Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Price \$23. Promotional pkg. included. Leaving Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville at 8:00 a.m. sharp and returning to Plainville around 5:15.

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Children read (or listen) for 20 minutes a day. For every 7 days of reading, children are eligible for great prizes. Sign up at the children's department or online via www.plainvillelibrary.org (click on Every Hero... 2015 Children's Summer Reading).

#### Prizes are generously donated by local businesses.

#### **Unmask (students entering grades 6-12)**

For every book read and reviewed, readers will be entered into our weekly raffle drawing. Visit www. plainvillelibrary.org and click on "Unmask 2015 Teen Summer Reading" to create a free online reading account. Just log in, add your books read, write a review, and your name will automatically be entered into the weekly raffle drawing.

Prizes are generously donated by local businesses.

#### Fun, Free, Family-Friendly Programs

Programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library

Tuesday June 30 at 6:30 PM (ages 7+)

Self-defense Ninja. Learn basic self-defense blocks and kicks from Sensei Jocelyn.

\*Registration is necessary. Call 860-793-1450

Tuesday June 30 through Tuesday July 21

Healthyville Mini-Exhibit is back! Stepping Stones Children's Museum presents this fun, hands-on learning experience.

Thursday, July 23 @ 6:30 p.m. (ages 12+)

Teens Cooking Demo presented by Shop Rite of Bristol. A hands-on class just for teens of how you can make a fun, healthy and tasty snack.

\*Registration is necessary. Call 860-793-1450

Friday July 24 at 10:30 AM (ages 2 - 5)

Turtle Dance Music presents The Concert for Little Superheroes, an exciting music, movement and storytelling concert.

Tuesday, July 28 @ 6:30 p.m. (ages 6-11)

Shop Rite of Bristol presents Kids in the Kitchen, a hands-on demonstration of how you can make fun, healthy and tasty treats.

\*Registration is necessary. Call 860-793-1450

Monday August 3 at 6:30 PM (all ages)

Jami Ray will bring all types of drums for you to use while we rock in his Garden of Beats.

\*Registration is necessary. Call 860-793-1450

Wednesday August 5 at 2 PM:

Austin Dailey at Norton Park (all ages)

Watch and learn hip/hip and breakdance moves.

This program co-sponsored with the Plainville Recreation Department.

*Thursday August 20 at 6:30 PM (all ages)* Summer Reading Finale ends with Mad Science presenting their creative take on The Science of Heroes.

#### PLAINVILLE'S HOMETOWN CONNECTION

#### Date: TBA

The Plainville Police Department will bring by their beloved K9 unit, Ostin and his partner, as officers talk about dogs on the force and how to keep safe on your bicycle.

#### Weekly Summer Programming:

Monday June 29 through Friday August 14 Sponsored by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library.

All programs listed below are drop in, no registration necessary, unless noted.

#### MONDAYS:

#### Mother Goose Storytime (ages 0-23 months)

Mondays at 10:30 AM (6/29 through 8/10)

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays and puppets complete this lively morning program for the tiniest library patrons and their caregiver.

#### PFRN Play and Learn (ages 0-5)

*Mondays from* 6 – 7:15 *PM* (6/29 through 8/3) Join us for fun with PFRN's It's a "Sea" World Summer! theme. For more information, call PFRN at 860-793-6304. This is a summer collaborative program with the Children's

#### Department.

**TUESDAYS:** 

#### Let's Move Together! (best for ages 2-5)

*Tuesdays at 10:30 AM (6/30 through 8/11)* Join us as we swing and sway to some of our favorite children's music. We'll wave our scarves, tap our sticks and more in this fast-paced program for you and your child.

#### WEDNESDAYS:

**LEGO® Building Club (all ages)** *Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (6/25 through 8/13)* Calling all future engineers! We provide the building blocks and the weekly theme,

the possibilities are endless.

#### Summer Family Dinner Theater (all ages)

#### Wednesdays at 6 PM (7/1 through 8/19)

Bring your dinner and enjoy family movies all

summer long. All movies are rated PG.

July 1: Bolt--July 8: A Bug's Life

July 15: The Lorax --July 22: Iron Giant

July 29: Disney's Brave --August 5: Sky High

August 12: The Incredibles --

August 19: Three Musketeers (1993)

#### THURSDAYS:

#### Create Your Own Superhero Costume (all ages)

*Thursdays, Drop in anytime between 10 AM and 5 PM (7/2 through 8/6).* 

Each week we will focus on creating a different part of our costume. Dress up in your completed costume when you come to our special Superhero event held on TBA

#### **STEM Science Club -**

#### Engineering (best for ages 7-11)

Thursdays at 6:30 PM (7-9 through 8/15) \*Registration necessary.

Are you interested in science, technology, engineering and math? Then join our STEM Science Clu**b** for kids in grades 2-6.

This program is presented by the Girl Scouts of America. Space is limited; please call 860-793-1450 to register.

#### FRIDAYS:

Intergenerational Knitting & Crochet Circle (all ages and experiences)

*Fridays at 3 PM (6/26 through 8/14. No class 7/3)* Enjoy your time learning and creating a project of your very own. Bring a project to work on. Don't know how? Come, we have people who are happy to teach you. Everyone is welcome from children through adults.

#### Summer Teen Movie Matinee (Ages 13+)

Fridays at 2 PM (6/26 through 8/21)
Bring a snack and cool down.
All movies are rated PG-13.
June 26: Jupiter Ascending (PG-13)
July 10: The Seventh Son (PG-13)
July 17: The Duff (PG-13)
July 24: Mask of Zorro (PG-13)
July 31: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles – 1990 (PG)
August 7: Pretty in Pink (PG-13)
August 14: Scott Pilgrim vs the World (PG-13)
August 21: Insurgent (PG-13)

Visit the Plainville Public Library, click on www.plainvillelibrary.org, or call (860) 793-1450

to learn about even more programs this summer.

#### Peter Chase, Library Director

Plainville Public Library 56 E. Main St. Phone: (860) 793-1446 Fax: (860) 793-2241

### Summer Photography Classes at Library

The Plainville Public Library will hold a series of free photography classes in July and August for students in grades 7 to 12. The free classes will be taught by a Judy Humphrey, a retired photojournalist and publicist. The classes are scheduled for Wednesday mornings 10:00 to 11:30 from July 9 to August 6. They will include: an introduction to photography, 3 field trips to nearby towns for photo shoots and a class on naming, matting and framing photos. The pictures will be displayed at the New Britain Museum of American Art over the weekend of August 21 with an opening reception on Thursday, August 20.

The class is limited to 10 students. Students may use any digital camera or smart phone for the class. The library can provided a limited number of digital cameras for students who don't have one. Registration for the classes is open currently. Students need to fill out a Registration/ Parental Permission form to enroll that can be obtained from the library. The class is a cooperative effort of the Plainville Library, Snappy Seniors Photo Club and the Plainville Recreation Dept. The classes are sponsored by a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain.

## Plainville Fire Company Hot Air Balloon Festival August 28th, 29th & 30th

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Jade Helm-15 Leadership Kept in the Dark - - The Secret Goals of Jade Helm are Leaking Out - -Can This Be Another Conspiracy??

One day, we are going to awaken to the reality that our country is no more. There will be no more United States, no Constitution, and no civil liberties. There will only be a handful of corporations, backed by national armies, who will bring lethal force against any and all who resist. It will all happen in the blink of an eye on the day that American transforms into Amerika.\*

Watch Out for T.P.P. (Trans Pacific Partnership). The President is unpopular with the military; he can transform and establish Civilian National Security Force. The Trans Pacific Partnership will bring down the U.S. Government and cause a collapse of the dollar.

Jade Helm-15 will assist in the transition between the former United States and the Trans Pacific Partnership (*TPP*). This is what some who are running Jade Helm believe the goal is. Can the President use Martial Law to cancel an election, as long as it seems fit? Martial Law is a system of complete control by a country and Military over all activities. Including civilians in a theoretical or actual war zone, or during a period of unrest. (*Excerpts from the Patriot A Grass roots Newspaper, June 2015 Volume 6 Edition 8.*)

On the surface this seems unbelievable!!!! Look it up in Goggle, Snoops, or your best information network.

"Oxymoron" literally in Greek means a "sharp fool"; says one thing and means another. Samples Like: plastic silverware, or giant shrimp.

The President said, "You can keep your health insurance if you want" -Governor Malloy of CT said, "No New Taxes on hard-working CT families and businesses by more than \$1.5B." Large companies moving out and no new ones moving in. Government Fund spending for fiscal year 2016 is \$784M more than the current year and fails to honor the constitutional spending CAP. "Sharp Fools"!

There are over a hundred verses in the Qur'an that exhort believers to wage jihad against unbelievers. "O Prophet! Strive hard against the unbelievers and the hypocrites, and be firm against them. Their abode is Hell, an evil refuge indeed." (*Qur'an 9:73*)

Don't be brainwashed. Have you heard of Hitler's brown shirts? Watch out for the blue shirts!!! Are there sleeper cells that will show their real selves when given the command?

So far, could these be the only states that have more people on Welfare than are employed? (CA, NM, MS, AL, SC, KY, IL, NY, HI, and ME?)

Do you believe it takes a village to raise a child, or two parents?

Wake up Governor, and all the puppets that follow like sheep and think of the rest of us and the cost of living in Connecticut. There are many states that will gladly accept our manufacturing jobs and businesses. Wake up before it's too late.

"My people have been lost sheep; Their Shepherds have led them astray."

#### (Jeremiah 50:6) THOUGHT OF THE DAY...

"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not." (*Ralph Waldo Emerson*)

Attention: The Patriot (Tea Party) still meets the first and third Tuesday of every Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on Queen Street, Southington. (In front of Starbucks)

Please join us!



## **SCRATCH and PECK**

By: LEESHA

### The Lost Art of.. ... Letter Writing (Part 11)

(Article continued from June, Part 1) Letters are the history of our lives made solid. They place us in our collective history. Letters we

choose to save show us who we have embraced, or who we have turned away from. They are yet a presence in our lives, persevering as once they did, alive, singular, and vibrant. Correspondence brightens the mail. How wonderful to find something besides bills and shoppers and junk, mail addressed to "Current resident".

Old love letters are fascinating because the whole purpose of them are that they are a true gift of love. An onliest gift, each one of a kind, with a unique vitality.

Letters from sons and husbands serving in our many armed forces and wars are especially poignant, filled with hope and glory and longing for hearth and home.

Letters from children at camp or in college are often funny, not usually intentionally, but portraying a stage in their growth and maturity, ranging from homesickness to now I know it all.

Condolence letters offer compassion and empathy. A letter written in grief has the power to assuage grief, both for the writer and recipient. There is no greater power to lessen the sorrow and to bring comfort to the bereaved. Memories of the lost one, gentle humor about his/her eccentricities, flaws, and strengths.

Thank you letters, sincerely written for a gift, a dinner, or a special kindness have sadly fallen away. Like a condolence letter, a thank you is a two-way street. A form of acknowledgement of the honor that the recipient has caused in the life of the writer. There is enough sorrow in the world without trying to invent it. A corollary to that sentiment is that there is more than enough kindness. We just have to recognize it.

Occasionally letters are sent in anger. Written and mailed without thought and sorely regretted when it is too late. It is OK to write vitriolic letters, but hold on to them for a day or so before posting. Then, if it still feels right send them; but remember, it is not possible to retract the written word.

Sometimes letters become documents to create a reality we call proof in a court of Law, be it a civil or criminal case. Handwriting can be used by a forensic detective to validate authenticity. The type of paper used can be useful; especially, stationary with water marks can be a clue to the perpetrator. As much joy as it give us to read old letters, sometimes some letters should be burned.

An earlier correspondent complained that the electric telegraph is a great nuisance keeping one in a constand ferment of apprehension and doubt. We live in a digital age. E-mails and texts have replaced communications on paper with the exception of "Hallmark" cards for all occasions. Can you imagine saving text messaages and e-mails printed out on cheap computer paper without the special penmanship, for better or worse, of your friend? It takes a little time and effort to write a real letter, but it is worth it! A piece of time saved and remembered.

Just one smart chicken trying to resurrect and preserve Penmanship and Letter Writing!

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## Get Your Local Produce at the **Farmers Market of Plainville**

I grew up on a farm, I am convinced you can never take the farmer out of me.

By Mary Ziccardi

When the seed catalogues arrive in January, I pour over them and visualize my spring and summer garden. I order my seeds and cannot wait till May 30th when it is safe to plant. Before May 30th you stand the chance of frost or very cold nights as happened this year. In late May we had cold nights and people covered their plants to protect them. What they didn't realize is that the ground is cold and the plant roots need warm soil or they sit paralysed in the cold earth, they do not grow. Actually they are stunted and take time to recover.

Planting too soon isn't always wise. Visualize yourself spending the night in a cold garden, plants are living things, as well.

Due to problems with my legs and old age, I was not able to plant my garden and I felt badly. My daughter, Donna, offered to plant it for me. She isn't a gardener as I am and I was surprised how well the garden looked when she finished. I planted pumpkin seeds in paper cups weeks earlier and they were happy to be in the ground. Pumpkin plant vines spread a great distance and they need space in the garden which she gave them. Today they look happy to be out of their cups and have room to spread.

I love to see the pumpkins form, they are cherry orange and seem to waken the garden.

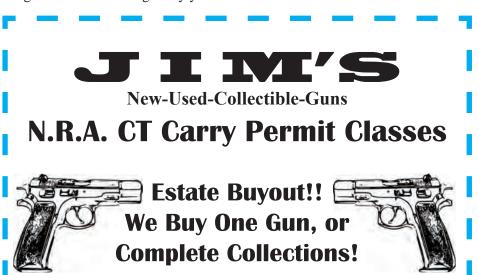
One year I had a marvelous plot of pumpkins and the night before harvesting the raccoons took bites out of all of them. "Not one was spared".

This year we are having a problem with Deer. Donna planted a row of Sun flower plants, which I also started in paper cups, in the rear of the garden, so I could see their happy faces each morning. When I looked out at them one morning, the Deer ate them all!!!!

She also planted four rows of sweet corn. I think she planted them too deep; not one came through. Just as well, the Deer would have eaten them too!!

This year I planted purple tomatoes seeds in cups, the fruit is actually purple. They tell me they taste like red tomatoes. I wonder how I will feel to bite into a purple tomato. I will find out soon. The plants are purple as well. I can see the difference from mu regular tomato plants.

That's what I like about gardening; there is something new and interesting every year.



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This year's annual lemonade stand will be held once again on July 18th 2015, out in front of Nico's home at 109 Northwest Drive in Plainville. For more information, visit CT.WISH.ORG.



Happy 4th of July

## All Summer Long! The Farmers Market of Plainville returned for its fourth

season, giving residents easy access to locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats, fresh farmed eggs, breads, and more. The market will be held every Friday for ten weeks in front of the Plainville High School on Route 10.

New this year, market hours will be extended to make it possible for commuters to stop by and grab some fresh produce and other market fare after work. Market hours will be Fridays, 3:00 to 6:00 pm, to August 28. The Farmers Market of Plainville will feature the following vendors, Bradley Mountain Soaps - New this year!

- George Hall Farm, located in Simsbury, CT,
- Eaglewood Farms selling beef and pork at the market from local herds grown using sustainable methods.
- Killam & Bassette Farmstead will be featuring fresh, high-quality produce, such as blueberries, raspberries, greens, and corn, and homemade jams and relishes.
- Confetti Confetti is a popular restaurant that serves Mediterranean cuisine. Confetti will be offering tasty wood-fired pizza from its Big Red Truck at the market.in season produce; Food Blog: livingnaturalena.wordpress.com

## **Property Maintenance Ordinance**

To the Editor,

Seems this new property maintenance ordinance is misnamed. Better to call it "Let's start an Argument Recipe". If somebody in your neighborhood doesn't like your bird bath, they report you to the authorities. This is sure to start some back stabbing neighborhood feuds. What ever happened to people TALKING reasonably to each other? Too busy looking at our "Smart" phones and thinking the worst of each other? SAD

While no one should have a hay field in their front yard, and the Chung property was an eyesore, why pick on the little guy storing firewood or compost in his back yard? Not all of us can afford a fence or have a big garage.

This is Plainville, guess we're all nouveau-riche like Litchfield now and have designer yards.

Oops-Gott'a get the tweezers, there's a dandelion in my yard---HORRORS!

Lisa Dulac



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### Do we really want or need artificial turf? Letter to Editor:

## Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

## Curbing Hunger – One Choice at a time.

By Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

## **Curbing your Hunger**

My typical breakfast is a smoothie. I like this because it's a balanced meal loaded with greens, fruits, (carbs) chia seeds (fat) and raw cacoa powder (protein). So even if I make some choices during the day that aren't optimal, I know that I've started with a good, powerful base.

Lately, I noticed that I was hungry again just a few hours after consuming this delicious and refreshing drink. After consulting with an Ayurveda specialist, I decided to eliminate the banana and add a little nut butter as an additional healthy fat.

Now, bananas are a great fruit, loaded with fiber and potassium. Like, all things nutrition, you will find the pros and cons of the impact that bananas have on your blood sugar. Bananas have a glycemic index (GI) of 62 and a glycemic load (GL) of 16. The index provides information on much a food raises blood glucose levels compared to a standard of eating pure glucose. A score over 70 is considered high. Glycemic load considers a typical serving of food and 20 or more is considered high.

Neither scores take into account nutritional value, so you really need to be careful that you don't put too much emphasis on this information alone.

I replaced my banana with either a pear or apple and added a cucumber, some almond butter and on occasion some celery. By comparison, the pear has a GI of 38 and a GL of 4.

After making this new choice, I noticed that my hunger stayed in check until lunchtime. This eliminated distraction mid-morning and adding calories that I really didn't need. The time not eating in between meals also allowed my body to burn fat.

While this change in recipe worked for me, it might not necessarily work for you. We are all different in how we process food. There are many variables to consider.

The key is to pay attention to signals you are receiving. Your body is your best nutritionist. But like any good advice, you need to listen and then act on it. One simple way is to keep a food diary of what you are eating, why you are eating, how you feel immediately after and a few hours later. This will help you recognize the signals and decide when you need to make some better choices. If you are interested in doing this, send me an email with subject line Food Diary and I'll send you a document you can use.

By documenting your emotions and food, you might also discover what you are hungry for that doesn't have anything to do with food.

### **Curbing Hunger in the Community**

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Suzie Woerz, Executive Director of the Plainville Community Food Pantry, thefoodpantry.net.

She is a powerhouse of energy with a lot of passion to help families who need basic support of food and other assistance. My eyes were opened about the plight of many adults and children in our own small town that are hungry everyday. Some are seniors that are dependent on Social Security alone and some are families in low paying jobs. With rising grocery prices, it's difficult to keep up.

This really hit home for me since I had just attended two events where food was so abundant that much of it was wasted and certainly thrown out. You may remember your parents telling you to finish your food because there are starving kids in other parts of the world. When it's closer to home, it has more relevance.

If you are able, please consider how you might be able to provide some assistance to the Plainville Community Food Pantry.

#### Pulling it all Together

Here are some summer tips to help curb hunger:

- Balance your meals with carbs, healthy fats and protein.
- Experiment with new foods and pay attention to how they make your feel. Adjust as necessary.
- Ask for 1/2 portions when dining out. Don't encourage waste unless you like leftovers.
- Eat mindfully and slowly and you will notice when you are full and avoid overeating.
- Get out and exercise. Enjoy the warmth that we longed for all winter long.

Plainville Town Council, school board, Superindentant Kitching Mr. Lee and other department heads held a meeting June 4th pertaining to this for the high school athletic fields. They received a state grant and a Tinty gift to fund the project. The bids came in too high, so they are cutting where they can to keep the cost down.

The problem as I see it is still the ground up rubber base for the turf. It is linked to causing cancer and other injuries. This has been stated on TV, the internet, and local newspapers since we were offered this money. There are other alternatives to use besides the ground up rubber but they are all more costly. Dr. Kitching states the base material should still be used for other materials have not been used in our region, so not tested. He also thinks the standard material is safe. Yes, there are other schools in CT that have this turf, but the cancer scare was not known at the time it was installed. Would they have used it if they knew?

What is wrong with grass? You need to mow it, water it, reseed occassionally and perhaps fertilize it. There are health sage fertilizers available. The worst that can happen is maybe grass stains on your uniform or some mud on a rainy day. I haven't heard of anyone getting cancer from grass. Is the rubber based turf worth the risk of even one child getting cancer sometime down the road worth it? **Bob Doolittle** 

• Considering ways to can contribute to help others who may not be as fortunate as you.

### HAPPY SUMMER!!!



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## "I.T. Jim's" .... A Smarter Way to Manage Your Pictures

In February I wrote about the importance of keeping backups of your pictures, documents, and other important files that are saved on your computer. The article was a response to a Today.com story about how our paper photos can outlive the photos we have saved on our computers and phones. Storage media like CDs, DVDs, hard drives, memory cards, and USB sticks will fail or become obsolete eventually. Who remembers Floppy Disks or Zip drives?

Photographs are a critical part of how we remember our past. We remember loved ones, historical events, and memorable achievements with pictures. Losing those memories would be heartbreaking. Many of you have a large number of pictures stored on your computers that may not be backed up.

With the advent of digital photography, the number of photos we have has grown substantially. For many, keeping them organized has become a real problem. I have thousands of pictures that were completely unorganized. Finding that picture I took of my niece in 2009 was very difficult.

Google recently released a new photo management and backup system that is, in my opinion, revolutionary. With Google Photos, you have unlimited space to store all of your photos in the cloud. When your photos are there, Google's servers organize the photos for you and make them available to you on any computer, phone, and tablet you own. And, by organize, I mean that their servers are capable of sorting your pictures by People, Places, and Things. I tell you it is truly amazing. It uses facial recognition to sort your pictures by people. For me, it was able to recognize my niece as a child and as an adult and know that they were the same person. It sorts by location as long as your photos were taken with geo-location turned on. It recognizes and sorts pictures by things like picnics, stadiums, mountains, and Christmas as well.

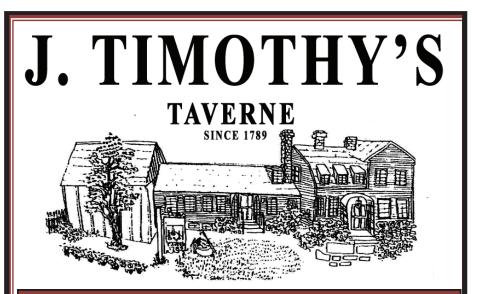
There are apps for iPhone, Android, Windows and Apple computers. The iOS and Android apps serve as a photo gallery app to give you full access to your entire library photos. It also backs up all of the photos on these devices to Google Photos.

The app for Windows and Apple Computers will back up all of the photos you choose, to Google Photos as well. Any time you save new photos to your computer, they are automatically backed up.

Beyond the organization of your photos, Google Photos also creates great experiences based on your pictures. Groups of photos can be made into animated sequences. Related photos and videos are instantly combined into movies with soundtracks. Stories can be created based on a series of photos taken on a trip or at an event. Take pictures of a landscape and Google Photo will automatically build panorama shots. Your photos can be auto enhanced to improve color and brightness or add filters to give them a special look.

Google Photos really is a revolutionary new way to finally organize your entire photo library and back them up securely online. I hope you visit google.com/photos and see it for yourself. Then, take some great photos this summer and enjoy them for generations to come. See you in September!

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



## LIVING HEALTHY CHEMICAL FREE

### We Are Not Buying It Donna Ziccardi

It does my heart good to see so many people choosing healthy, GMO Free and chemical free products. And I am happy to see the power of the consumer driving stocks and profits down for companies that have been poisoning us and our environment for so many decades.

Yes, companies are now listening to the demands of the American consumer. Some are coming "clean" totally like Chipotle and some

are playing "footsie" with our minds, by eliminating one or two toxic ingredients and leaving in the rest. Hershey's Chocolate, as stated in my last publication, was just going to eliminate toxic high fructose corn syrup and leave the other cancer causing ingredients in their chocolate until they were on the receiving end of public backlash from educated consumers who are leading this food revolution in this country. Also, incase you have not heard, waiting for your elected officials to act in your best interest is no longer the "trend". No longer the "flavor of the day". People are sick and tired of getting sick, and they are taking their health into their own hands. So watch out corporate America, we are coming after you, one company at a time until we force "D.C." to stop selling out the voters.

Even the FDA, of all infiltrated agencies, is becoming proactive in looking out for your best interest. (I can not believe I am writing this). Right now, if there is less than .5% trans fat in a product, the FDA does not require it to be on the list of ingredients. So much for truth in labeling. But just recently, June 16th, on the New Moon I might add, the FDA announced that it will give the food industry 3 years to eliminate trans fats from foods in the food supply. Better late than never FDA, as Europe has been trans fat free for years. Even though the FDA previously deemed trans fats safe for food consumption, the Institute of Medicines shows there is NO SAFE levels for trans fats, especially in children whose bodies and brains are more vulnerable to the health dangers of trans fats.

What is so bad about trans fats you say? Several studies have shown trans fats to be linked to inflammation in the body. Inflammation in the body creates an acidic ph instead of an alkaline ph. And an acidic ph and inflammation in the body leads to disease and eventually death. Diseases such as heart disease, cancer, respiratory disease, stroke, Alzheimer's, diabetes and nephritis. And this leads me to the topic of this article. Carrageenan.

A few weeks ago, Mary and I were shopping in our local grocery store and there was a very nice man demonstrating a product called Brooklyn Creamery Cream. All natural ingredients. No artificial preservatives, no sugar, salt or carbs. Gluten free and kosher. WOW!!! Sounds perfect! You can use it in many ways. In cooking, baking and spoon on your favorite ice cream and desserts. "Here, try some", the nice man says. OK, I will. Hummm, very good. I grabbed a package and started reading the ingredients. That is when I woke up from my tasty, creamy dream. It contained cream from a family owned dairy farm that does not use synthetic rBST on their cows, very good. It contained nisin that is a natural antibacterial peptide, which is excellent. But when I read it contained carrageenan, I put it back.

The demonstrator was perplexed. He said carrageenan is a seaweed, it is natural, which is true. But it is a type of red edible seaweed that creates inflammation in the body which in turn creates an acid ph, which will set you up for cancer and other diseases. I left this nice man scratching his head, "but it is all natural??!?" Yes, but "all natural" does not mean it is safe to eat or use. Poison Ivy is natural but I would not make a sandwich with it.

There are some foods that are considered to be more acidic and they are meats, eggs and grains. But these foods have value. They add to the over all health of your system. You can make sure you counter balance the acid of these foods with foods that are more alkaline, which are your fruits, especially avocados and lemons: vegetables, especially celery: nuts and seeds.

Carrageenan can not be digested by the body and has zero food value. So why bother? It is destructive to your digestive system and is now known to trigger your body into having immune responses as if it where being attacked by pathogens like Salmonella. It is now being linked to causing ulceration of the stomach lining and intestinal bleeding, and gastro intestinal cancer in lab rats. The food industry uses it to thicken and emulsify a product but do they know what it is doing to you? Do they even care? So people, why torture yourselves?

When you know better, you do better. And if it is going to kill us, make us sick, we are not buying it anymore.....because we choose to live healthy chemical free......

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The soul always knows how to heal itself, the trick is to silence the mind.....Caroline Myss

## "Young at Heart" **Sr. Center News**

### AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Tuesday, August 18 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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

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

#### DENTAL CLINIC BACK AT THE **SENIOR CENTER**

Community Health Center, Inc. will provide a dental clinic at Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on August 19, August 20 and August 21. Appointments must be made through the Community Health Center, contact Melissa directly at 860-983-2990. A registered dental hygienist will provide a dental hygiene exam, dental cleaning, sealants and x-rays when appropriate. The cost is \$30.00 for individuals without insurance. Help in paying for the dental clinic (scholarships) may be available for Plainville individuals over age 60, with a monthly income below \$1,429 (single) or \$1,925 (married). For scholarship information contact Stephanie or Ronda at the Senior Center. Funding for scholarships is made possible, in part, by a grant through the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

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#### PLAINVILLE'S HOMETOWN CONNECTION

### **QUESTIONS FOR THE SOCIAL WORKER**

Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will be available to answer questions on a "walk-in basis" (no appointment needed) on Monday, July 13 & Monday, July 27 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Stephanie will be available to answer questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare Savings Program, Housing Options, Alzheimer's Help, Caregiving, Homecare, etc. No registration is necessary for these one-on-one meetings. This program is open to residents of Plainville, 60 years of age or older or their caregivers. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for more information.

#### **COOKING WITH JEFF**

Join Chef Jeff Alexander at the Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Monday, July 20 at 3:00 p.m. as he teaches you the art of carving and garnishing springtime fruits and vegetables. Jeff has been working in the food service industry since he was 15. He has studied under 3 award-winning chefs and studied Fusion-style cooking as well as plate and platter presentation. Open to members only. Call the Center to sign-up, 860-747-5728.

#### INDOOR TAG AND Jewelry SALE

Plainville Senior Center will be having a huge indoor tag and jewelry sale on Thursday, August 27th. Come down to see a large array of new and used jewelry, household items, linens, puzzles, antique irons and much more.

The sale will run from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th with early bird admission for \$1.00 between 9:30- 10:00 a.m. If you would like to donate any items for the sale please bring them to the Senior Center between August 17 and August 26. Please no electronics of any kind, clothing, shoes or fitness equipment. Please contact the Senior Center for more information.

Please check the NEWS LETTER for activities at the Senior Center for the month of August.

Have A Wonderful Summer!!

### **Pinnacle Physical Therapy**

Dear friends and patients,

Thank you for all of your support over the past fourteen years while I ran Pinnacle Physical Therapy, LLC. I have enjoyed meeting, treating and empowering all of you. It was always my passion and goal to educate my patients with the facts and methods they could use; to better care for themselves. Thank you for allowing me to be your healthcare provider. It has been a joy.

I have decided to take a position with the Hospital of Central Connecticut. The outpatient clinic within the Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute, is located just two miles from my old office on the Plainville/ New Britain townline. I am pleased to say the patients will continue to receive the same one to one treatments and will have consistent care.

Thank you again for supporting Pinnacle Physical Therapy, LLC and for choosing me to assist you in your healthcare. I look forward to seeing you again. I can be reached at 860- 827-4172 Be well, Nancy Kaczynski

## **AARP Connecticut Joins Effort to Break Up Online Dating Scams**

### **\$81 Million Lost Nationally to Scammers in Just One Year**

AARP Petition Calls for Online Dating Industry to Take Steps to Protect Its Users from Fraud (Washington, D.C and Hartford, CT) - With romance scammers using the Internet to rob Americans of an estimated \$81 million per year, AARP's Fraud Watch Network today called on the online dating industry to institute new safeguards to better protect their users. AARP Connecticut and local Fraud Watch partners are inviting members and the general public to become involved in the national campaign by signing an online petition.

"Individual scammers and highly organized groups attempt to steal hearts and wallets from online dating site users every day," said Nora Duncan, AARP state director in Connecticut. "Most sites don't vet do enough to protect their members from known scammers. Our petition asks the companies to take commonsense steps to help put a stop to online dating scams."

Demonstrating the ease with which online dating con artists currently operate, the June/July edition of AARP The Magazine contains the compelling story of one victim who was robbed of hundreds of thousands of dollars in a romance fraud.

The Internet Crime Complaint Center reported receiving more than 6,400 complaints with losses totaling \$81 million regarding romance scams in just one year, 2013, its most recent annual information. To combat such losses, specific anti-fraud measures the Fraud Watch Network urges the online dating sites to implement include:

Employ algorithms to detect suspicious language patterns used by scammers.

Search for fake profiles across multiple dating websites.

Issue alerts to any member who has been in contact with someone using a fraudulent profile.

Educate members with tips on how to avoid romance scammers.

As part of its current campaign, the AARP Fraud Watch Network has posted tips to advise dating site members how to avoid online scams. One handy tip is: Before you engage with anyone on a dating site, use Google's "search by image" feature to see if that person's image shows up in other places using a different name. If an email from a potential suitor seems suspicious, cut and paste it into Google and see if the words pop up on any romance scam sites. Connecticut consumers can learn more for themselves, their friends and family members by visiting www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork

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## From the Desk Of..... **Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire**

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LIVING WILLS

A living will, also called an "advance directive," conveys a patient's wishes regarding treatment when those wishes can no longer be personally communicated. A living will must be constructed and authorized before the given individual is incapacitated in any way.

The importance of creating a living will is most evident in two particular forms. The first such incident is when an individual may be unable to convey their desires for treatment - the advance directive provides the individual's wishes regarding life-sustaining treatment. Second, a living will is valuable for a person to identify a surrogate decision-maker for times of illness or incapacity. The premise behind a living will is exactly the same as the premise behind a standard "Last Will and Testament," that is to provide instructions for treatment during their time of illness or incapacity. The only major difference is that an advance directive also provides for a surrogate decision maker to convey what they believe the incapacitated person's wishes may be.

One final point on this issue specifically pertaining to our State is that Connecticut law only requires physicians to consider advance directives when deciding on treatment plans for incapacitated patients. However, they do not have to comply with the directive. This section of the law differs greatly from other states such as Oregon, where physicians have far less autonomy when determining a patient's fate.

Now more than ever, we as Americans need to understand our rights and how to preserve them during our lives and beyond. Living wills and our "Last Will and Testament" are ways of ensuring our true desires are carried out in the event that we are unable to communicate them ourselves. At the very least, a "Last Will and Testament" is essential for a well-planned estate.

## Happy 4th of July and Enjoy the Summer!!



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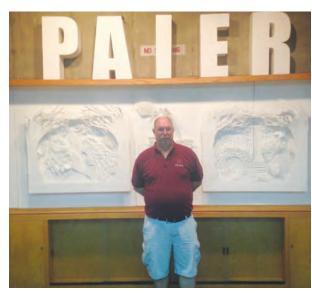
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I am taking a vacation, as one of the volunteers of the Hometown Connection. We take the month of July to relax. Maybe!!!

Have a Happy 4th of July &a wonderful summer!

I will be Whale Watching on July 23rd for details about the trip check page 15. And the Firemen's Balloon Festival on

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I'll be back to writing my column in September after my relaxing Summer.



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Dan Hermanowski is a 24-year-old native from Plainville, Connecticut, who has always pushed his creative boundaries. After graduating from Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire with a degree in Film studies, he was unsure of what to do with his life after college.

Throughout the summer of 2013, Dan traveled the country for a bit going to different music festivals and concerts. While traveling through different parts of the country Dan noticed there was such a high demand for funky Hawaiian button ups at various clothing stores and realized they were overpriced and poorly made. He decided he wanted to make his own clothing without having to spend \$100+ at retail stores. He came home one weekend with an idea in his mind and decided to pursue it. He asked his Mom how easy it would be to make Hawaiian shirts and began to learn how to sew.

About a year ago Funkenomics was born and since then he has sold shirts up and down the east coast, even as far as Oregon and California. What makes Funkenomics so unique is that each design has never been used more than once. After getting a lot of positive feedback when

he released his first line of Hawaiian shirts he decided to experiment with pants, handbags, and vests.

Each article of clothing is hand-made and each pattern has never been worn by anyone else. Majority of the time his customers let him know what colors or designs they like and he will try to find something to match that at various fabric stores throughout New England. This also allows Dan to get to know his customers on a name to name basis and connect with people from all over the country.

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## **E-Cigarettes**

**Smoking**—a proven harmful and deadly habit is an addiction shared among an estimated 42.1 million adult Americans.

Now, more and more smokers, including adolescents, are turning to the increasingly popular electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes. Read on for more information about the risk of e-cigarette use. What is an e-cigarette?

An e-cigarette is a battery-operated device that converts the liquid chemical propylene glycol, as well as nicotine, flavoring, and other additives, into a vapor that you can inhale. This practice is known as "vaping."

#### Who uses e-cigarettes?

As of July 2014, as many as 2.5 million Americans were using e-cigarettes, and these devices have become especially popular in urban areas and among teenagers. Research also shows that in 2013, more than a quarter million middle and high school students who had never before smoked conventional cigarettes had used an e-cigarette three times as many as in 2011.

#### What are the risks of e-cigarette use?

Smoking conventional cigarettes is known to lead to a multitude of health problems, as well as dental problems, including gum disease and oral cancer. However, there currently isn't much research on how smoking e-cigarettes may affect your health in the long term.

What experts do know is that if you smoke e-cigarettes, then you are inhaling nicotine, which is highly addictive and the most common form of chemical dependence in the U.S. When it comes to your oral health, nicotine can harm your teeth

This article brought to you in the interest of better dental health By: David R. Edelson, D.M.D.

> and gums, and it also may contribute to gingivitis, dry mouth,

and gum disease, among other conditions. What are recommended alternatives to smoking?

If you're interested in quitting smoking, instead of picking up an e-cigarette, try the following:

• Ask your health care provider about nicotine replacement therapy. Nicotine nasal sprays and inhalers are available with a prescription, as are smoking cessation medications like  $Zyban^{TM}$  and Chantix®. Speak with your physician if you're interested in trying this type of therapy. Patches, gum, and lozenges to help with smoking cessation also are available over the counter.

• *Reach out.* Quitting smoking often requires support. Find a friend you can count on to help you stick to your smoking cessation goals. Or, join a support group. Health professionals, such as your dentist or physician, can suggest groups for you to join.

• *Focus on relaxation*. Some people smoke to reduce stress. Instead, try meditation or deep breathing

exercises, or take a yoga class.

• *Exercise*. Thirty minutes of physical activity each day may help reduce your desire for a cigarette. So, if

you're feeling the urge to smoke, try hitting the gym instead. Quitting smoking is difficult and may take more than one try, so don't become discouraged if you're not completely successful the first time.

If you're already a user of either e-cigarettes or conventional cigarettes, it's never too late to quit. Talk with your dentist or another health care provider for more information.



### <u>Sunday Gone Fishing</u>

Put some worms in a Prince Albert Tobacco can that I had dug for bait.

Told Gram "I'm going fishing." She said "Dinner's at twelve, don't be late"

Floating down in the Cherry Brook on a raft I built on Saturday.

Got a fish line tied to my big toe.

Hope they won't bite today.

While laying on a mattress Grandma gave to me. I watch the puffy clouds roll by and make believe I'm off to sea.

Wendell Copeland~Local Poet-

From the church I hear people sing "A Closer Walk with Thee."

As my raft floats down the brook, my mind drifts back to sea.

Hear the church bells ringing.

People going home for a day of rest.

I say a little prayer of thanks for this day I've spent the way I love best.

\* This is but one of Wendell's poems published in a Book of Poems. He read this one at the recent AARP meeting.



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29 Cody Ave.: Marilyn K. Sevigny of Plainville to Paul and Jesse Sawallich, \$150,000 on 05/06/2015

309 East St., Unit 7: Darrell Grejdus of Plainville to Joshua D. Lachapelle, \$69,000 on 05/05/2015

103 Farmington Ave.: Alda V. Debboli of Plainville to Robert F. and Joanne B. Leahy, \$229,000 on 05/08/2015

69 Northwest Drive, Unit 39: Roslyn S. Singer of Plainville to Michael J. Rettenmeier and Lisa M. Kozlak, \$145,000 on 05/07/2015

Masako M. 12 Peace Court: Mcdonald of Plainville to Jon-Erik Packard, \$143,000 on 05/05/2015

137 Broad St: Nutmeg State FCU of Plainville to Rehome Properties LLC, \$90,000 on 05/12/2015

12 Hough St: Ann Bucchi and Dean Esposti of Plainville to T W M Development LLC, \$122,500 on 05/14/2015

46 Hughes St.: Gregory M. and Jean H. Ehle of Plainville to Philip J. Giuliani. \$179,000 on 05/18/2015

39 Farmington Ave., Unit D4: Debra R. Vazquez of Plainville to Kelly L. Lumpkin, \$115,000 on 05/21/2015

24 Dewey Place: Virginia C. Giroux of Plainville to Anthony J Hattwig RET and Anthony J. Hattwig, \$127,000 on 05/27/2015

30 Diamond Ave., Unit 18: Linda Desell of Plainville to Richard H. and Dolores D. Daly, \$103,000 on 05/28/2015

67 Rockwell Ave.: Andres A. Martinez of Plainville to Weichert Workforce Mobilt, \$194,670 on 05/26/2015

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120 Rockwell Ave.: Janet L. Metcalf-Ortiz of Plainville to Zachary Allen, \$207,000 on 05/29/2015

7 Tillage Court, Unit 7: JNS Development LLC of Plainville to Yugandhar and Padma Kodali, \$339,900 on 05/27/2015

136-b Whiting St.: Somabhai C. and Savitaben S. Patel of Plainville to Shreenath LLC, \$275,000 on 05/28/2015

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TASTE BUZZ											
<u>Clams on the Half Shell</u>											
2 Dozen Clams											
8 tablespoons butter, at room											
temperature											
2 tablespoons lemon juice											
2 tablespoon finely chopped											
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2 tablespoons finely chopped											
chives											

2 tablespoons finely chopped green onions

1/2 clove garlic, finely chopped 1/4 cup dry white wine

Have the clams opened at the store or open them by hand with a knife. Discard the top shell. Reserve the clam liquid. Run a knife arouns the clams on the shell to loosen them. Arrange close together on a large shallow pan. Pour the clam liquid over them and chill.

Place the butter in a saucepan in a warm place and beat with a wooden spoon until butter is soft but not melted. Add the lemon juice, parsley, chives, green onion, wine and garlic. Beat until well blended.

Place the clams in a 350 degree oven. Heat thoroughly, about 5-10 minutes. Do not overcook or clams will toughen. Arrange clams in a hot soup bowls and pour butter mixture over them. Serves 4



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## **Chamber of Commerce- Business After Hours**



Business After Hours was held at the Liberty Bank on East Street by the Plainville Chamber of Commerce. Pictured with the Bank's Traveling Manager Clarence Bower is his staff and Maureen Saverick, Chamber Director, Shirley Osle, Assistant Town Manager, Chamber President Antonella Calabrese, and Chamber member Jane Carney. The Chamber conducts the "Business After Hours" to assist business and professional persons to get acquainted .

### **GFWC/WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLAINVILLE ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR DINNER**



The Woman's Club held the Annual Dinner at J. Timothy's in June. Pictured with the club's President, Laura Perun (in the pink) are the officers and committee

chairpersons. Words of Inspiration by Maria Wyncoop, Pledge of Allegiance by Linda Valeri, the Collect was led by Sue Marinelli.

Laurie Davie, Scholarship Chairperson presented the \$1,000.00 scholarship awards to each Jacob Masco and Sarah Abdelsane. Sue Marinelli, Membership Chairperson gave an award to Joan Macri in recognition for Perfect Attendance. Magician Sandy Rhoades entertained with his amazing tricks.





### **State Senator Henri Martin Holds Business After Hours at J. Timothy's**



State Senator Henri Martin (center) recently met with his constituents at a Business After Hours at J. Timothy's in Plainville. See page 7 for details.

## **GFWC/WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLAINVILLE 2015 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**



Diane Misko, Chairperson of the Beautification committee presented the "Beautification award to Mangiafico's Bakery, 104 East Main Street.

Sal Magiafico remodeled the complete building to add a beauty salon and spa to his complex.

The Mari J Beauty Salon and Spa are owned and operated by his daughter and son-in-law. Pictured left to right Diane Misko, son-in-law Jason Oblan, daughter Marinella, Sal, Antonella Calabrese, Chamber President and his son Sal P. Maniafico

The President Laura Perun also presented Certificates of Appreciation to her committee chairpersons."The best way to predict your future is to create it. We, as the Woman's Club of Plainville, are going to do just that. We will learn to change with the times but stay focused on our mission f community involvement and service. We are strong woman that can get the job done. I would like to thank everyone in the club for the great work you have done this year." Respectfully, Laura Perun

\*Excerpts of Laura Perun's message to the members.





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## **The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute Grand Opening**



At the suggestion of Town Manager Robert Lee, a brass medallion was placed designating the boundary line between Plainville and New Britain



Larry Sutherland, Fire Marshall and Foster Zucchi, Building Inspector were invited guests of the Tomasso family.



All smiles at the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on June 17th. Pictured from left to right are Michael Tomasso, Angelo Tomasso, Dr. Kristen Zarfos, surgical director of the facility's Comprehensive Breast Health Center, Joy Tomasso, Kathy Pugliese, Chairman of the Plainville Town Council, and Bob Humenn, Principal of the Steffian Bradley Architects. At the Ribbon Cutting ceremony Kathy Pugliese said her constituents are proud to have the center partially located in their town. She said, "We are a community that always looks to the future, and it is highly gratifying to know that, through our collaboration with the hospital, we have been able to provide our residents with a resource that will be there for them when they or their loved ones are faced with a cancer diagnosis."

## **Back On Track Chiropractic, LLC Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting**



Dr. Christina A. Connelly office is located at 98 Whiting St. Unit C pictured with the Doctor for the Ribbon Cutting are Kathy Pugliese, Plainville Town Council Chair, Diane Connelly, mother of Christina, Yolanda & Sergio Sciucco, the Doctors Grandparents, Dr. Connelly, Linda Coveney, Emily Labrecque, Chamber members, Mark DeVoe, Town of Plainville EDA Director, Patrick Connelly, Christina's father and Maureen Saverick, Chamber of Commerce Director. The Grand Opening was held Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, with the Ribbon Cutting at 4:30 pm. Refreshments were served to the many, friends, family, neighbors, and business associates who wish her success!



**Blue Plate Grand Opening &** 

Pictured with Graham and his wife Bonnie (center with scissors) are members of the Chamber of Commerce, to the left is the manager Jeff Lazeren, Graham's nephew and his staff. The Blue Plate Cafe, opened in 1940 and closed in 2014. He completely remodeled the interior and plans to do the exterior in a year. The Blue Plate Tavern, located at 180 Woodford Ave., is open every day at 11 am and serves lunch and dinner. They will offer entertainment, live bands to karaoke, trivia games, pool tables and darts.

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## **Plainville Family Fun Fest**



Girl Scouts enjoyed the day sharing with everyone their projects that they displayed. Below the Petting zoo was the hit of the day for everone.



The festival was free to attend the Plainville Police Department displayed the importance of wearing a seat belt. Officer Matthew D'Amore explained how to secure booster seats to avoid injury. Other entertainment included Jester Jim, Hula hoops, gymnastics, spin art, drum demonstrations and races on the school track.

The Fun Fest was a huge success with approximate 1000 children, parents, grandparents, Town Leaders and educators. It is wonderful to see it grow each year!

## The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail



The ride is 56 miles from New Haven to Southwick, Ma, the majority of which is on the extensive trail system with only a few sections on local roads.

Pictured at the Municipal Center Saturday are the Plainville Police Officers who escorted the riders, Jim Cassidy, Plainville Greenway Alliance, Chairman and Scott Saunders, Vice Chair of the Town Council who welcomed the riders. The riders were from 23 towns in Connecticut plus they were joined by riders from Massachusetts and Rhode Island.



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## **37th Annual Prescott Bush Dinner**

The Connecticut Republican Party held the 37th Annual Prescott Bush Awards Dinner with keynote speaker US Senator and Presidential Candidate Marco Rubio in front of a sold out crowd. Chairman Jerry Labriola Jr. today made the following statement:

"The 37th Annual Prescott Bush Awards Dinner was a tremendous success for our party's future. With a sold out crowd and a packed overflow room, it's clear that the Connecticut Republican Party is stronger now than ever and ready for victory in 2015, 2016 and beyond. I want to thank US Senator Marco Rubio for his inspiring remarks and I want to congratulate Mayor Mark Boughton, House Republican Leader Themis Klarides and Sharon McLaughlin on their awards. I also want to thank CT GOP Executive Director John Kleinhans and all members of my staff for their hard work and dedication."

Top picture is US Senator Marco Rubio Bottom picture is of Helen Bergenty, RTC Chair and Deb Hardy, Vice Chair of the BOE

Pictured at the Opening day of the Market are the volunteers left to right Linda DeZenzo, Linda Garcia and Lena Pieti. They distributed Simple, healthy recipes using whole foods.

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"The market was a huge success and the weather was on our side. We will be open every Friday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm until August 28th

> For details about the market see page 19" *Linda Garcia, Director*





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#### ~ Joan Y. Theriault ~



72, of Plainville, died Friday, May 29, 2015 at home. Born in Biddeford, Maine she was the daughter of the late Oneil and Anita (Ouellette) Albert. She worked as a rework operator for Hamilton & Sunstrand for several years. Joan was also a member of

St. Maurice Church, New Britain. Joan is survived by her granddaughter Haley Theriault and several nieces and nephews. Joan was predeceased by her husband Joseph R. Theriault, her son Steven Theriault, her brother Clarence Albert and her three sisters Janell LaPerre, Rachel Hebert and Irene Pelletier. Funeral rites for Joan were held from the Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT. followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. Maurice Church, 100 Wightman Rd., New Britain, CT. Committal service and final resting place was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Farmington Ave., Plainville, CT. Paul A. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Newington V.A. Hospital, 555 Willard Ave., Newington, CT 06111. To extend condolences to the Theriault family or to share a memory of Joan, please visit shakerfuneralhome.

#### ~ Eleonore (Schulmeyer) Gervais ~



87, of Plainville, who read the obituaries faithfully would be proud to have finally made the paper, finished her beautiful life on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. She was the beloved wife of Marcel Gervais, with whom she shared 66 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Germany by her parents Peter and Lina Schulmeyer, Eleonore met Marcel during his service in the Air Force, and they married in 1949. They settled in Plainville, with Eleonore arriving on Ellis Island on the Fourth of July. A caregiver from a young age, Eleonore had a heartwarming personality, caring for those in need, both near and far. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she often showed special appreciation for our troops to whom she frequently sent care packages. Despite her difficult upbringing during W.W.II, Eleonore possessed a sense of humor (even throughout her final moments) and a positive outlook on life that resonated with everyone she met. She had a special fondness for flowers and gardening, enjoyed boating, crocheting, shopping, and above all being surrounded by her adored family. She will be greatly missed, leaving a lifetime of memories and many laughs. Eleonore's family extends their gratitude to the doctors and nurses at UCONN Health Center, the services of Interim Health Care, and the many caregivers over the years, for the compassionate care shown to her.

In addition to her husband, Marcel, she leaves her daughter, Jacqueline Screen; her granddaughters, Jessica (Screen) Birmingham and her husband, Christopher and Joy Screen; and her pride and joy, her great-granddaughter, Madisyn Brzezinski. She also leaves her sister, Karin Gervais; and many nieces and nephews, including Mark Gervais and his wife, Donna. She was predeceased by her beloved son-inlaw Phillip Screen, her brother Luis Schulmeyer, her brother-in-law Raymond Gervais, and sister-in-law Madeline McGray. A memorial service in celebration of Eleonore's life was held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St. Plainville. In honor of Eleonore's love for life and uplifting spirit, brightly colored clothing is encouraged. Those who wish may remember Eleonore with contributions to The American Cancer Society or the ALS Foundation. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit:www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

#### ~ Almond (Almo, Al) Urelio Gnazzo ~



peacefully passed away at home at the age of 96. He lived a full and happy life right up to his final days, having enjoyed

having enjoyed a pizza party with some of his

daughters and a grandson a few days ago. Almond leaves behind his son Jerry, and his 7 daughters; Sally, June, Susan, Polly, Bette, Terry and Bobby, 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, nephews and nieces, and friends. He was well known and well loved by all of them. Al was the youngest of 6 children, born in 1918 to Adeline Capo and Erminio Gnazzo of Plainville, CT. He attended Plainville High School, and then served as Master Sergeant in the 43rd infantry division of the US Army during World War II in the Philippines. During the war he married Adele Toffolon, also from Plainville, and they later settled in Southington and Plainville to raise their family while he worked for many years at White Oak Excavators before starting his own security agency. Almo was an avid athlete at Plainville High and throughout his life, especially enjoying basketball, tennis, and skiing, and later golf which he played into his 90's. Al and his family moved to Winchester Ct. in 1968, and for the last 10 years he has lived in Englewood, Fla. in the winter and in Canton, CT. with his daughter Polly's family in the summer. Almond remained active and busy and enjoyed watching his large family continue to grow. He will be missed by all.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Gnazzo was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will be held privately. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Honor Flight, Inc. Attn: Diane Gresse 300 East Auburn Avenue Springfield, OH 45505. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com

#### ~ Neil Francis Fitzgerald ~



78, of Plainville passed away on May 7, 2015. Neil served in the Coast Guard from 1958-1962. He then worked as an electronics engineer until he retired at age 50.

Neil had a passion for electronics and was an avid ham radio enthusiast. He also enjoyed hiking. Neil is predeceased by his sister Jean Lancello and his brother William Fitzgerald. His survivors include his brother-in-law Joseph Lancello, his sister-in-law Sheila Fitzgerald, three nephews and a niece and their families. His family and friends will miss his sense of humor, his zest for life and his generous spirit. Services for Neil were held at St. Mary's cemetery in New Britain.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory,

#### ~ Anne (Stack) Kunda ~

76, of Plainville, CT, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 22, 2015. Born in Utica, NY on October 23, 1938, she was the daughter of the late John Matthew Stack and Doris (Manley) Stack. Anne spent her youth in Utica, NY, and

is a graduate of Utica Free Academy. After moving to CT, she worked at Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company in Hartford. Later, in addition to raising 5 children, Anne was the broker/owner of Connecticut Real Estate Exchange in Forestville, CT for several years. Anne raised her family in Forestville, CT, and retired to Las Vegas, NV for several years, before recently returning to Plainville. Anne was passionate about the holidays, especially Christmas, when she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed many summer days with her family and friends at Lake Hayward. Anne loved to speak of her youthful activities in Utica. She often said, "I had a wonderful youth." The past 7 years she delighted in the companionship of her faithful dog Jesse.

Anne was predeceased by her beloved husband Henry George Kunda, Sr. in 2012. She is survived by her sons Henry George Kunda, Jr. of Las Vegas, NV, John Kunda, Sr. and his wife Cynthia of Plainville, CT, Christopher Kunda of Plainville, CT, and her daughters Laura Kunda, Katherine Kunda and her partner Andy Zawadzki, of Bristol, CT. Anne also leaves behind her much loved grandchildren John Kunda, Jr, Michael Kunda, Christopher McMullen and Monica Uresti. In addition, Anne is survived by her sisters, Martha Beaudoin and her husband Robert, Jacqueline Stack and her husband Mark Riggio, her brother Lawrence Stack and several nieces and nephews. Anne was also predeceased by her sisterin-law Rosemary Stack.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kunda were celebrated from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial. Rites of Committal followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Bristol. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

#### ~ Richard E. Brown ~

50, of New London, CT, formerly of Plainville, CT, passed away on Thursday May 28th. He leaves behind his mother Carol P. Brown of Southington, his brother Lenny Brown and his wife Linda of Meriden, his sister Barbara Bartlett and her husband Michael of Southington, nephews Daniel and Kevin Bartlett, and niece Amanda Bartlett all of Southington. He was predeceased by his father George L. Brown and niece Chris Jude Bartlett. There were no calling hours. The family will be holding private services. Memorial contributions can be made to New London Homeless Hospitality Center, P.O. Box 1651, New London, CT 06320.



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#### ~ John Zawilinski, III ~



56, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

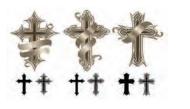
Born in New Britain, he was one of six children to John Zawilinski, Jr. of Broadbrook and the late Helena (Haber) Zawilinski. A lifelong resident, John was a 1976

graduate of Plainville High School. Known for his vast knowledge and multitude of talents when it came to fixing just about anything, John worked for various heavy equipment companies, specializing in mechanics. He had a magnetic personality, especially with children of all ages, and was an upbeat and funloving guy who was happiest when surrounded by his family. In addition to having a love for the outdoors, his greatest passion was riding his Harley. He will be greatly missed by his family and endless circle of friends, leaving many cherished memories.

John is survived by his two daughters, Carley LaVallee and Tonya Prescott and her husband, Jake of Sneads Ferry, NC; and his pride and joy, his grandson, Carson Prescott; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Marlene and Natale Arini, Karen and Curt Schmelter, and Diana and Albert Valentine; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Peter and Kathy Zawilinski and Skip and Kathy Basiel; along with many nieces and nephews, with whom he shared a special bond.

Family and friends may gather in celebration of John's life at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance were shared and burial will be held privately.

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



#### What are Nonconforming Uses? **Town of Plainville**

Zoning regulations are said to be permissive, which is to say that if it's not permitted, it's prohibited. Consider the alternative: prohibiting every noxious use you can think of. Some are bound to be missed. The list of uses we would not want located next to our own home would certainly be a long one. By stating expressly what the Town of Plainville wants in terms of development, the Planning and Zoning Commission sends a strong message as to what we do not want. Before zoning regulations existed, it was generally understood that you could build what you wanted on your land, and use it in any way you saw fit. A very American proposition and one that stands on high moral ground. Until, that is, your next door neighbor decides to turn his 1/2 acre lot into a high production pork farm. You're still red, white and blue, but perhaps now mostly blue because of the noxious odor and noise generated by the offending

#### ~ Joan Elizabeth (Janes) Moreno ~



81, of Unionville, beloved wife of Vincent Moreno, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Born and raised in Unionville, she was one six children of the late Levi and Louise (Satonick) Janes.

Joan was a 1952 graduate of Farmington High School, where she excelled at sports, as Captain of the women's field hockey team, co-captain of the softball team and a member of the basketball team. She and Vincent settled in Plainville after their marriage in 1956, where they raised their four children and she helped with the family business, Tom's Café. Additionally, Joan worked in retail as an Avon sales representative, and later, for Marshall's. Joan enjoyed various games, going bowling, bird watching, and wintering at their home in Sarasota, Florida.

In addition to her husband, Vincent, she leaves her children, Laura D'Amico of Farmington, Linda Bak and her husband, Michael of Bristol, Beata Alexander and her husband, Michael of Portland, OR, and James Moreno and his wife, Jane of Farmington, thirteen grandchildren, her sister and brother in law Sandy and Joe Olendar, several nieces and nephews, and her beloved faithful companion, her dog Cody. She was predeceased by her brothers Clarence Janes, Levi Janes and Robert Janes, her sister Barbara Mulcunary and her son-in-law, Don D'Amico.

Funeral services in celebration of Joan's life were held from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Joan may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, 2075 Silas Deane Hwy, #100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or the North Central Area Agency on Aging, 151 New Park Ave, #76, Hartford, CT 06106. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

pork farm. It is at this very moment when you understand that zoning does indeed have some good implications.

Because much of the Town of Plainville developed before zoning regulations were adopted, there are many nonconforming uses in existence that seem to fly in the face of current zoning regulations. For instance, "What about the machine shop that sits right in the middle of this residential neighborhood?" This is typical of some of the questions we receive in the Plainville Planning and Economic Development Office. In order to better understand the answer to that question, it is first important to know how zoning came about in Plainville.

On August 17, 1942, the Town of Plainville adopted its first zoning regulations. The regulatory framework for zoning in Plainville was authorized by the State of Connecticut through its own prior adoption of governing state statutes. Our state statutes clearly define what towns and cities could and could not do in terms of regulating land use. As time has passed, the statutes have changed

#### ~ Margaret E. Hammer ~

Margaret E. Hammer, 91, of Plainville, died Wednesday, June 17, after a long illness.

Born in Plainville, the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Fischl) Hammer, she was a lifelong Plainville resident. She was employed for many years as secretary to the president New Britain Machine. Margaret was a longtime parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church and a member of the Austrian Donau Singing Society.

Margaret is survived by her close friends, Peter, Robert and Karen Kummer, of New Britain. She was predeceased by two brothers, John F. Hammer and Carl Hammer, and a sister, Helen and her husband Walter Sinkiewicz.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Donau Club Scholarship Fund, 545 Arch St., New Britain, CT 06052. Margaret's family and friends thank the staff at the Alzheimer's Resource Center in Plantsville for their care and compassion toward Margaret.

The Farrell Funeral Home, 110 Franklin Square, New Britain. were in charge of arrangements.

To light a candle or send a condolence, please visit: FarrellFuneralHome.com

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice!

significantly in response to precedent setting legal decisions and legislative initiatives. Plainville's zoning regulations have had to change with the times as well. It is those very changes that help to answer the question of nonconforming uses - how they originated and why they remain.

Let's consider the example of a machine shop in a residential zone. Inconsistent to say the least, and possibly (although not necessarily) disruptive to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of the residential neighbors. So why is it allowed to remain? Simply put, because it was there before zoning regulations existed. The same state statutes that empower the Town of Plainville to adopt zoning regulations and regulate uses within those zones also protect existing nonconforming uses that existed before any regulations, or change in regulations, were adopted. So the machine shop is an existing nonconforming structure/use and zoning law gives that nonconformity a vested right to continue that can't be forcibly taken away.

We as a society have become of clarity. Our families were the longer a collection of families with respected beliefs, A POINT TO but Americans with rights PONDER granted by a collection of victim enablers: our politicians and government. We have been basically set one against

another. You against me, us against them, women against men, black against white. Christian against non-Christian. Democrat against Republican. And on and on it goes.

I came across the term "collec- unalienable right granted by God tion of victims" and had a moment and America's Constitution. It

**Phil Mikan** 

a collection of people who are backbone of American society: victims. America has become a The family was charged by society collection of victims - we are no to raise children to respect and understand the people

in their neighborhoods. We were taught to respect the people around us, respect our parents and respect our God. This was not a time of endless happiness, but it was a time of endless possibilities. America was the land of plenty and endless possibilities.

New life was not an option, it was an

never was meant to be treated as a right of individual choice. The Ten Commandments were not the Ten Suggestions; rather, they were the laws given us by the lawgiver - God.

Our nation has become a collection of victims

America has moved from a land with firm beliefs and connections to God, a public covenant, as in the Old Testament, a pact of direct connection between God and man, to a land of wanderers in a social wilderness.

We agreed to follow the rule of God, and turned it into society's rule of law. We have to try and reestablish our societal markers, or the dream will disappear. One of the strongest images of the disaster that was Baltimore was a line of city residents (predominantly

black residents) forming a protective wall in front of Baltimore police (dominantly white). The Phil Mikan is the host of the Phil message was clear: "To get to them you have to go through us." The police were left alone.

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## Lobster/Bar-B-Q Chicken Fest

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Rev. Jim Caron, pastor of the church, commented, "Prices for lobsters have been unusually high this summer. Let's hope prices go down. We travel to Friendship Maine on Friday, September 11. On Saturday morning we take the lobsters fresh out of the ocean and return to cook them to order for you on the same day. You won't taste fresher anywhere else. There's nothing like a Maine Lobster. So, please join us for a wonderful time and bring the whole Family and friends."

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event to insure ample supply. Please call the church office at 860-747-5209 for questions, and to reserve your chicken/lobster dinner by Sept. 9th, 2015. Stop in the church office to get your tickets; You can also email us at fbc@snet.net

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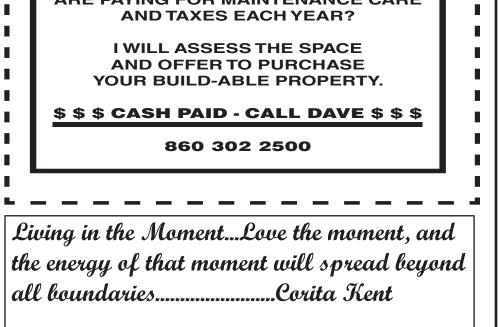
Emily Duda was the recipient of a scholarship grant from the Elizabeth I. and Louis J. Matt Medical Scholarship Fund. Nicholas Zaleski was awarded a renewable scholarship grant from the Radcliff Plainville High School Fund. Four scholarships from the Yarde Metals Memorial Scholarship Fund were awarded to Carly Brunelle, Dustin Mroczek, Leslie Mroczek and Brendan West. The Yarde Metals Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the management and employees of Yarde Metals to benefit the children of employees who wish to pursue some type of post-secondary education.

Additionally, two Plainville students attending St. Joseph School in Bristol received a scholarship award from the Keating-Monaghan Memorial Scholarship Fund. was established in 2008 through a bequest from Mark Monaghan Keating to benefit students attending Bristol's St. Joseph School, a pre-K through grade eight school.

We are thrilled to support these students and grateful to the donors whose generosity makes these awards possible every year," says Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Community Foundation.



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# Pet Page "By: Cathy, The Pet Spa at Twin City"

## **Summer Hazards for Pets**

This should just be a reminder for most of you, but if one person learns something that will keep his or her pet safe and comfortable this summer, we'll be happy.

The biggest danger in the hot weather is the heat itself. Shaded areas are very important for pets that are outside, as is plenty of fresh water. Heat exhaustion can occur when animals are left in the sun, and heat exhaustion can be fatal.

In the summertime, pets, just like children, should never be left in parked cars, even in a shady area. Leaving the windows partially open is not enough to keep the interior of the car from becoming very hot very quickly. On a day that is only 75°, the inside temperature of a parked car can rise to 94° in 10 minutes. If you will be doing errands, leave your pets at home, and avoid the risk of heat exhaustion!

While we're thinking about heat, remember that the pavement gets very hot in the summer sun. Walk your dog as early in the morning and late in the evening as possible to avoid the hottest pavement. And especially if you have a dog with a short nose, keep the walks short, or use a cooling vest to keep your dog from overheating.

In the heat of summer, food can spoil more rapidly. If your pet doesn't finish a serving of wet food at meal time, refrigerate it or throw it away. Also, you will want to be extra careful about how you discard your food scraps. Let's avoid food poisoning for our pets.

Finally, remember that the flea population keeps increasing all summer long, coming to a peak level just before the killing frost in late winter. A single female flea lays about 40 eggs each day. In summer's heat and humidity, an egg can hatch in as little as two days, and the entire development process can be completed in less than two weeks, resulting in approximately 40 more fleas from each female flea every day. Remember that fleas not only drain blood from your pets, but can cause allergic reactions resulting in open sores, and also carry tapeworm.

Ticks are less common in the heat of summer, increasing in numbers in the fall, but they are still around and can carry Lyme disease as well as several other diseases. Play it safe and use a good flea and tick preventative.

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