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St. Anthony Society Tea



The Tea Party was held at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center last Sunday afternoon. Live Entertainment by David Eberly-Pianist was enjoyed by the ladies. Punch and Appetizers, Hot Tea, Sandwiches and Cookies were served. Door prizes were donated by local merchants and the members of the Society wish to thank them for their generosity.

Pictured are the ladies that entered the "Hat Contest".
The Winner was Sandy Deblios (Center front in Black & White).

Parole Board Rescinds Castonguay Release



Senator Henri Martin issued the following statement after the Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles on Wednesday rescinded its decision to release Gary Castonguay, the man convicted of killing a Plainville police officer Robert Holcomb:

"State officials righted a wrong today. Throughout this ordeal, the Holcomb family has displayed a tremendous amount of strength and perseverance. I commend the people of Plainville and throughout the state

for speaking out on behalf of the Holcombs and rallying to support them. Now that this botched decision has been corrected and this vicious killer will remain in prison, we must now review the circumstances which led us to this day. We must take steps to strengthen the system so that what happened to the Holcombs does not happen to other victims' families in the future. I look forward to leading that effort."

Several members of the Holcomb family were present at the hearing on March 25th along with numerous members of the Plainville Police Department, representatives of Connecticut law enforcement and a number of Plainville officials and concerned residents.

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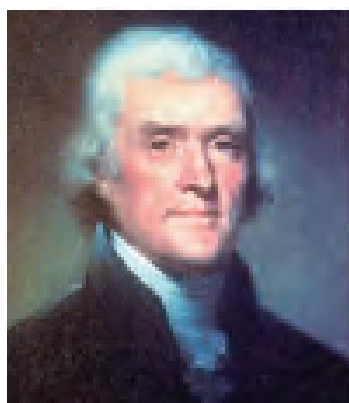
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faves and raves

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

{Anne raves}

To the Staff at the Hometown Connection, Just had to thank each & everyone of you who worked on putting my poem in the paper. So nicely done, it was *perfect!* You seemed to know which lines to emphasize, which lines to put in writing. Also the Bold "BIG SIX O", You really made Ken's Birthday, a very happy & memorable one. *The above are excerpt of Anne's Thank You note.*

{ Bert Faves }

As a Senior on a limited income, it is great that Sno-White Car Wash honors us with the everyday discount for the car wash especially this winter to keep the salt or whatever is used on the roads from harming our cars. Thanks, Andy

Email your "fave or rave" in today to be in the May issue. Praise your contractor for doing a good job or tell us about your favorite restaurant, store, or service you received by a professional.

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

Town Council Meeting March 2, 2015

Old Linden Street School

- Janice Eisenhauer, Nan Eberhardt and I met with Kastle Boos Architects to review a preliminary design for a park to be located in the vicinity of Old Linden Street School after it has been removed. Elements of the project being considered include:
- The footprint of the building has been reconstructed on the ground with pavers, utilizing some of the original brick in appropriate areas.
- The original precast entrance door frame and sign from the school's main entrance can be salvaged and reconstructed within the footprint of the building in its original location.
- The old school bell, originally from the Broad Street Elementary School would be located in the center of an entrance plaza.
- A new gazebo would be constructed adjacent to East Maple Street.
- An ornamental fence would be installed along the entire frontage of East Maple Street, running behind the corner sign and continuing to the exit drive on Linden Street.
- An identification sign would be constructed at the corner of East Maple and Linden Street utilizing materials from the original building to the greatest extent possible.
- Substantial plantings would be introduced to create a park like atmosphere complementing and respecting the integrity of the original school site.
- This preliminary design will preserve some parts of the school while addressing the traffic issues on East Maple Street. I intend to meet with the neighborhood residents to get their thoughts and also will meet with the Historical Society to see if they would like to participate in this project as well.
- I would like to point out that Plainville has made significant efforts in the past to preserve or re-purpose former town buildings. These include the Old Junior High School, the Old Firehouse, the Old Town Hall, the old Broad Street School the old Trask School and, finally, Robertson Airport, the place where the first aviation flight occurred in CT.
- The plan that being proposed saves portions of the building, creates a neighborhood park and alleviates the traffic problems that frequently occur on East Maple Street.
- I will be proposing that the Capital Improvement Plan include funds to demolish Old Linden. This will be further discussed during the presentation of the budget later in the meeting.

Probate Court Facilities Tour

- Recently, several Town Council members toured the probate court facilities in Bristol and Farmington. Bristol is moving forward with a plan to move the probate court facilities from their City Hall to the Beals Senior Center located on Stafford Ave. This project is expected to be completed in August.
- Plainville's share of the cost of the renovation is estimated to be close to \$125K to \$130K.
- Under current state statutes, Plainville could not move to another probate district until the term of the current probate judge has been completed. That will not occur until January 2019.

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Town Council Report March 16, 2015

Small Cities Grant Application

- An application is being prepared to apply for funds under the Small Cities Grant Program. The grant application requires the Town Council to update Plainville's Fair Housing Resolution, Fair Housing Policy Statement and Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. There are three items under New Business regarding the Small Cities Program.
- A Public Hearing regarding the Small Cities Program will be held this Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 pm where residents can give input on the needs that should be addressed with the grant application. At this time, Town staff is seeking homeowners who would like to participate in the housing rehabilitation program. Under this program, eligible homeowners can get improvements made to their homes and defer paying back the cost of such improvements until such time as the property is transferred.
- Improvements could include such items as a new roof, new heating system, upgrade to the electrical system, and other various code items. Residents interested in participating in this program are encouraged to contact Lisa Metayer in the Town Manager's Office at 860-793-0221 ext. 205b as soon as possible.

Old Linden Street School Discussion

- A presentation of the proposal for Old Linden Street School. At that time the artist renderings of the proposed park will be displayed and Jeff Kitching, Chief Matt Catania and myself will be available to discuss the limitations of the existing site and to answer questions regarding the proposal to preserve elements of the school and incorporate them into the proposed park.

- In fact the proposed question was: Shall the Town of Plainville appropriate \$2,640,000 for costs related to the demolition of Old Linden Street School, and authorize the issue of bonds and notes to finance a portion of the appropriation not defrayed by grants.
- The current proposal would utilize unassigned fund balance to pay for the local share of the project thus avoiding the borrowing of funds and paying interest over the next 20 years.
- Last Thursday evening, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board discussed the suggestion that Old Linden Street School be renovated for a possible Community Center. They concurred that this was not something that made a lot of sense due to a severe lack of parking, the limited use of the building due to the fact that it is attached to an operating elementary school, and the lack of appropriate facilities such as a gym in Old Linden.

Road Bond Discussion

- This winter season has caused many of the Town roads to further deteriorate. The Town Council has discussed a possible referendum to appropriate \$5M to fix up local roads. This winter has made this need something that should move forward as quickly as possible.
- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council authorize moving forward with a road bond proposal so, if approved by the voters, it would be in place to have some of the work done during the upcoming construction season.

Probate Court Discussion

- It is unclear at this time whether special legislation can be approved that would allow for Plainville to switch from the Bristol Probate Court to the Farmington Probate Court before 2019.

Historic Grant Resolution

- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with the CT State Library for a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$4,000 to be used to scan land records documents that can be viewed online. To date over 146,000 documents have been scanned using this grant over the last four years.

The above reports are excerpts of the Town Manager's Reports -

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~ Library April Hours ~

Plainville Public Library will be open on Sundays in the afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. All the regular library services will be available during the Sunday afternoon hours including public internet access, book and video borrowing and programming. The Library will be open on Sunday afternoons from now through the end of April. The Sunday afternoon hours have always been popular with library users. The regular library hours are Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. Call the library at 860-793-1446 for details.

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TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF March 2, 2015

By Shirley Osle,
Assistant Town Manager

- The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development has picked Pamela Musshorn as the winner for its February Facebook contest. She will receive a Kindle Fire. The Coalition has created a Facebook page in order to create awareness of important topics for parents such as internet safety, substance abuse prevention, bullying and more. The Coalition will be randomly picking someone who has "liked" the page and will present them with various prizes. This month the prize is a Kindle Fire which was generously donated by the Plainville Police Union.
- United Ways 13th Annual Community Builders' Reception will be on April 9, 5:15pm at the DoubleTree in Bristol where Lynn Davis and Roberta Brown will receive recognition for their work on the Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development.
- The Kids in the Middle visit the Jerome Home monthly, developing Adopt -A- Grandparent program.
- The Chamber of Commerce reported that the Pizza Feud was scheduled for March 10, 5:30-7:45pm at Nuchies Restaurant, with 5-6 restaurants expected to participate.
- The Senior Center's 40th Anniversary is April 14. There will be year-long celebrations, including an open house on 4/11.
- **The Town remains dedicated to keeping residents in their homes. Homeowners who are veterans, or disabled, or blind, or elderly may apply for an additional amount of exemption from property tax or rent rebate via an application process. Application deadlines: Property Tax Relief Program deadline: 5/15, Rent Rebate deadline: 10/1, Veterans Property Tax Exemption: file by October 1st.**
- The PARC Spring Dance is scheduled for April 11 at Nuchies Restaurant in Bristol.
- The Plainville Family Resource Network, Plainville Early Learning Center, and Family Fest Committee are in the process of planning the 2nd Annual Plainville Family Fest to be held outside at Plainville High School on May 30th (raindate: May 31st), 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Last year's event was a great success attracting well over 400 families who were able to spend quality time together in a fun way. Admission, activities, and entertainment is free! For convenience, the Plainville Athletic Backers will offer snacks/meals/beverages at a reasonable cost. This is an opportunity for community/school organizations and businesses to highlight what they offer, while celebrating children by facilitating a free activity for children to engage in. For more information please visit our website at <http://plainvillefamilyfest.wix.com/2015> or contact 860-793-6304. Help is needed:

Please join our committee and make this a memorable event while celebrating children and families! The planning date was March 11th, Linden Street School,

- Lola's Bistro & Grill recently opened up in the space formerly occupied by Capri Restaurant. The menu is varied, ranging from gourmet sandwiches to a full entrée menu that appears to cater to a wide range of tastes.

- The Family Dollar facility (32 East Street) is moving along again.

- The Planning and Economic Development Department is reviewing a plan for an 18,000 square feet manufacturing/service facility on Robert Jackson Way. While no formal application has been submitted as yet, plans are nearing completion.

- The Gerda Steel fit out at 75 Neal Court (old National Eastern) is progressing nicely. The plant superintendent recently purchased a home in Plainville. The owner of the facility announced that additional space was leased by a Gypsum (sheetrock) supply company.

- The Planning and Zoning Commission will be entertaining a text amendment that staff has been working on for nearly one and half years. The amendment, if approved, would incorporate a new Redevelopment Design District concept into the zoning regulations. This amendment is being considered to permit redevelopment of vacant, underutilized and/or contaminated Industrial property and buildings. Under the new regulatory concept, such an industrial property can be combined with adjacent lands, but at its core, it must qualify as a development challenged property. The proposed regulation would allow mixed use commercial/residential development with required on-site parking. Residential densities have been increased to entice development on otherwise economically stagnant property. One highlight of the regulation is that for the first time, the Commission is considering strict design regulations that will permit them to review potential applications with a critical eye to insure conformity with the neighborhood and aesthetics. We encourage anyone seeking to learn more about the regulation to visit the Planning and Zoning Commission section of the Town's website. There, you can click on Planning and Zoning news and follow a link to the proposed regulation. A public hearing has been set to consider the new regulation on April 14, 2015.

- Plainville residents and business owners are reminded that snow covered fire hydrants are a major factor in delaying the fire department response to the extinguishment of fires. The Fire Department asks that in the interest of public safety all citizens with a fire hydrant in front of or located nearby their home or business clear snow from it for at least 3 feet around.

The time that is saved by the responding fire department may play a part in the saving of life and property. "This is very important. We ask for everyone's cooperation by helping us help you". With the type of weather we are having and more snow forecast within the next week, please take the time to locate and uncover your nearest fire hydrant.

I hope this is the last notice to remove snow from Fire hydrants. Sincere Thanks to all that kept the Fire hydrant in your neighborhood clear!!!

*From the Desk of: Dominick Moschini,
Superintendent of Roadways*

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EDA Report

Economic Development Agency

By Mark DeVoe, Director

Excerpts of the report follows:

We offer the following as an update to current economic conditions/activities:

1. Contiguous Municipality Zone Tax Abatement for Allstate Fire Equipment, Inc. – Allstate Fire Equipment currently occupies 15 Robert Jackson Way. They constructed that facility approximately six years ago, and, at that time, applied for a CMZ tax abatement as a development incentive. They were approved by the State of CT for the benefit. That benefit was exhausted last year. The owner, Mr. Michael Gagnier, reports that his business and employment base have grown. Allstate has found another potential home at 70 Robert Jackson Way. Mr. Gagnier reports that he would once again like to request an incentive to stay in Plainville and construct a new 18,000 square foot facility here. It is not required that the EDA pass judgment on this type of application. The Town's participation in the tax abatement is statutorily required if approved by the State.

2. Local Tax Abatement for Walker Crane (Ed Roy) – Mr. Roy's Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Town Council.

3. EDA Trust Fund – *We have received no new applications for the Small Business Loan Program. We do expect more activity as winter winds down.*

4. Mangiafico's Bakery (Salon and Spa) – The salon/spa facility is open. We have toured the facility and can report that the work done was top notch.

5. 311-349 New Britain Avenue – The demolition permit for the Bamboo Boutique was approved. We have received no word on potential tenants for the site.

6. Phoenix Soil – Construction of the burn facility is nearing completion. Phoenix has started accepting waste soil and is storing it inside the facility in anticipation of starting operations soon.

7. 75 Neal Court, Gerda Steel – Their fit out for an estimated 65,000 square foot facility within 75 Neal Court (former National Eastern Steel) is ongoing. . Options for signage are limited.

8. 10 New Britain Avenue – The Aquifer Protection Agency approved the Aquifer Protection Registration for EDAC Technologies. Our Office maintains close ties with the Broker.

9. Hospital of Central Connecticut Cancer Center and Medical Office Buildings – The entire facility – in both Plainville and New Britain – has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy.

10. Proposed Zoning Text Amendments

- Redevelopment Design District: The PZC has set a public hearing on April 14, 2015 to consider this proposed regulation. The EDA was given a copy of the regulations late in 2014. Once the public hearing is closed, there can be no more public comment. Any comments are welcome and can be made part of the PZC record upon your request. All comments should be in writing.

11. Farmington Avenue Welcome to Plainville Sign – Installation is slated for early spring when the snow is melted and the ground is thawed.

12. Family Dollar, 32 East Street – Work has begun again after a new contractor was hired to help move the project along. No estimated completion date has been reported as yet.

13. A. Aiudi & Sons Concrete, LLC – They have submitted a sand removal/site grading plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The use would occur on Camp and Bradley Street properties owned by the firm.

14. Whiting and Broad Street Associates – A subdivision application has been submitted for this 3.2 acre parcel. The parcel now fronts on Broad Street, near the rail crossing and runs adjacent to the tracks in a southerly direction, turning eastward to encompass land formerly occupied by Peck Spring on Whiting Street. No firm proposals have yet been submitted.

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Old Linden Street School

By Robert Lee, Town Manager

The Town Council is currently considering my recommendation to include in the proposed FY16 budget an expenditure of \$2.6M to demolish Old Linden Street School. This proposed expenditure would be completely paid for utilizing an existing state grant of \$1.5M and unassigned fund balance appropriation of \$1.1M. In other words, the appropriation to demolish the abandoned building would not impact the tax rate in any way.

I made this recommendation for several reasons:

1. A nine-member Committee created in April 2012 spent a year studying the possible future use of the building, met with town organizations, conducted several public hearings, and unanimously recommended that the building be demolished.
2. The estimated cost to renovate the building is a minimum of \$7 million dollars. It would, most likely, be significantly more than that based upon a recent community center study conducted in Suffield. There are no grant monies available to off-set the cost of renovating this building.
3. The re-use of the building is limited by several significant obstacles: One, there is no parking available for the building. All of the current parking is utilized by the Linden Street School. Second, the building is attached to an existing school. The police chief has strongly advised that allowing a re-use of the building to a private entity would severely compromise the security of the school.
4. There are traffic problems that need to be addressed at the school. Adding additional use to the area will only increase an existing problem.

Last month the Town Council held an open forum to give residents another opportunity to give some ideas about potential future use of the building. No ideas were submitted addressed the limitations listed above.

The building has been vacant for over six years and continues to deteriorate. The roof is currently leaking and bricks occasionally fall from the upper reaches of the building. Something needs to be done with the building.

I have proposed that a park be constructed in the

area of Old Linden that will preserve elements of the building, including the front entranceway in its current location. Preliminary artist renderings of what could be developed have been placed in the Municipal Center, Plainville Public Library, Senior Center, and on-line at www.plainvillect.com. I encourage residents to view the conceptual drawings and provide additional ideas as well.

The Town has secured a grant for the demolition of the building. This grant CANNOT be used to renovate the building.

In conclusion, the Town has three options:

- Renovate the building for a minimum cost of \$7M for a use that will have no available parking, compromise the integrity of school security, and exacerbate an existing traffic circulation problem in the neighborhood.
- Continue to debate/delay the demolition and risk the loss of the state grant which would result in the Town carrying the full cost of the demolition, (\$2.6M) that would have to be bonded and paid for over a 20-year period.
- Demolish the building using the state grant and unassigned fund balance with no impact to the tax rate and develop a neighborhood park and a lasting memorial for the original Linden Street School.

Please feel free to contact me at any time and I welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspect of my recommendation regarding Old Linden Street School. I can be reached at 860-793-0221 ext. 201 or at relee@plainville-ct.gov

Town Council Meeting/Linden Street School

Janice Eisenhauer's comments to the Town Council about it's demolition

I HOPE YOU LOVE IT!

I like antiques and collectibles, I respect and value them. I love old houses, I just don't have any luck living in them. I frequent flea markets and yes, garage sales, and I am dangerous at the OLM tag sale. Every once in awhile I bring home some fading treasure that I think should be restored and make my case to my handy husband. Sometimes it is difficult to project what I see in it to him, but he listens. The truth is that I love one particular old man, too. After discussing how much I paid for it he takes it down to his workshop. I can hear him testing its mettle and checking of the layers of paint, etc. It might come up a lamp, or maybe an ornament for the garden. Sometimes the time comes when he stomps up the stairs and lays it on me—Janice, I know you love it, but there is just nothing I can do with it. It's way beyond its useful life.

That's what I say to you—I know you love it, but it needs to transform now into a footprint, stepping toward the future, sheltering new generations of Plainville's children, in an up-to-date way.

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“Young at Heart” Sr. Center News

DRIVER COURSE

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Tuesday, April 21 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.

QUESTIONS FOR THE SOCIAL WORKER

Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will be available to answer questions on a “walk-in basis” (no appointment needed) on Mondays, April 6 & April 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.

FEBRUARY 2015 BOWLERS OF THE MONTH

The Plainville Senior Center Bowling League announced that Bette Kirch, Dianne Deshaies, Joe Terzine & Onezine Picard won the title of Bowlers of the Month for February 2015. The league meets at Laurel Lanes, 136 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, on

Mondays at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 per person, per week and includes three games of bowling, open bowling discount card, automatic scoring, and free weekly beverage. Bowlers of all abilities, including beginners, are welcome to join this fun league. To receive more information or to join the league, contact Frank Robinson, Bowling League President, at 860-747-2918.

DENTAL CLINIC BACK AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Community Health Center, Inc. will provide a dental clinic at Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on April 14, 15 & 16, 2015. Appointments must be made through the Community Health Center, contact Beth Killian, Program Manager directly at 860-224-3642 ext. 5163. 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.

BEACH PARTY WAS A FUN TIME FOR ALL

On Monday, March 16th the Plainville Senior Center hosted a beach party for its members. We had a variety of fun food including hot dogs, root beer floats, and virgin pina colodas. Eileen Cyr, Fitness Instructor and volunteer at the Center helped plan and host the Beach Party, she said “There was a lot of laughs. It was great to see our members get up and dance and participate to fun songs like the “Hokey Pokey”, “Chicken Dance”, “Cha-Cha” and “The Twist” and played games like Hot Potato.” The party had dance contests, beach décor, volunteer DJ Don Plaszynski, good company and lots of excitement.

OPEN HOUSE

The Plainville Senior Center will be having an Open House on Saturday, April 11 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. We're celebrating with a party that took 40 years to put together. Bring your kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, friends and neighbors to the Senior Center's Open House. Throughout the day there will be information, demonstrations and exhibits about Volunteer Opportunities, PEAK Fitness Center, Outdoor Adventure, Snappy Seniors, Exercise Classes, Craft Classes, Foreign Language Classes and more.

There will also be displays by our members of Art, Poetry, Photography, Quilting, Ceramics, Knitting and Crochet! Join the fun with activities for all ages including a magician, refreshments, and tours.

MUSICAL CABARET

Join Soprano Dr. Christi McLain and her students from the Hartt School Community Division on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 am for a musical cabaret at the Plainville Senior Center, featuring songs from opera, musical theater, and popular music. This event is open to the public, bring your family and friends.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

The Plainville Senior Center is pleased to welcome Attorney Marilyn Denny, of Greater Hartford Legal Services, will review and explain Power of Attorney forms and Health Care Directives, on Monday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. Individuals (60 and over) are given an opportunity to indicate if they would like to have one or both of these documents prepared for them. If so, they receive a packet that facilitates the process of gathering the information that is required. Once this packet is returned to Legal Aid, the forms are prepared and Attorney Denny will return to the Senior Center at a later date to execute the documents. These services are free. This program is provided at no cost. Call the Senior Center to sign-up.

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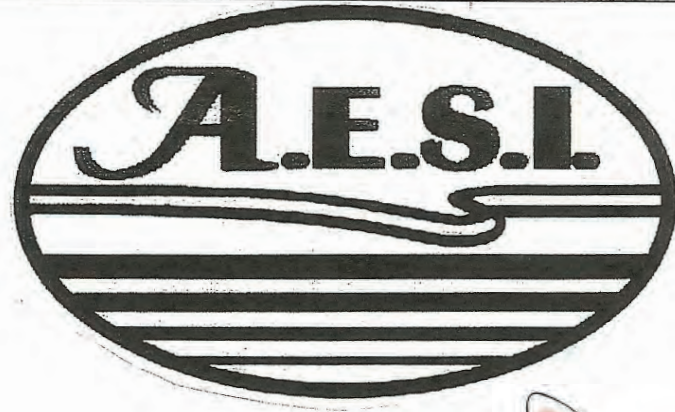
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Robertson Airport in Plainville still flying high

By **BRIAN M. JOHNSON**
STAFF WRITER

PLAINVILLE — Created at nearly the dawn of flight more than 100 years ago, a small airfield off Johnson Avenue, has played an important role in the region's travel and aviation history.

Robertson Airport was founded in 1911. Originally little more than a farm field used by novice pilots, it was purchased in 1947 for \$5,000 by Stamford Robertson, after whom the airport was named, when he returned home from World War II. Robertson spent the next 30 years updating the airport, expanding it to 70 acres, refining landing strips and constructing hangar bays for aircraft storage and repairs. The airport was eventually sold to Tomasso Group and the town bought it from Tomasso in 2009 for \$7.7 million. The federal government covered most of the costs, leaving the town to pay \$96,000.

At the time of the purchase, said Town Manager Robert E. Lee, the Federal Aviation Administration considered Robertson Airport to

be a "critical acquisition" because the airfield would act as a reliever, or "Class Bravo," airport and reduce the density of air traffic at larger, more crowded airports, such as Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks.

Locally, he said the airport represented a long-standing tradition of aviation that the town wanted to preserve. Hints of Plainville's high-flying history can still be seen today at Robertson with events like the annual Balloon Festival and Wings and Wheels fundraiser, which has been held at the airport for local charities since 2012.

After purchasing Robertson Airport, the town set up an airport operating fund separate from the town budget which Lee said now has \$200,000. While the airport purchase took Robertson off the local tax rolls, Lee said the airport still makes money for the town. Each year its revenues have outpaced expenses and the extra cash is used to maintain the airport's operating budget. Lee's 2015-2016 proposed budget projects \$163,000 in revenues and \$90,000



A small plane takes off at Robertson Airport.

Mike Orazzi | Staff

in expenditures for Robertson.

"The great majority of their expenditures are in lieu of the property taxes that they would have paid had they remained private," he said. "This is per an agreement that we made when we purchased the property. Before doing so we conducted a feasibility study and so far the profits have matched, and in some years exceeded, what we expected."

Robertson Airport is a popular destination both for traveling businessmen and wealthy aviation enthusiasts. In an average year, the airport sees more than 30,000 takeoffs and landings. The 70-acre airport includes hangars, repair shops and tie-down space for a maximum capacity of 115 airplanes. On a given day, an average of 60 one-man propeller airplanes and two mid-sized jets are stationed there.

Interstate Aviation President and Airport Manager Bill O'Leary, a pilot for more than 40 years, said smaller airports like Robertson are actually still quite common, with similar facilities found in Meriden, Oxford, Willimantic, New Haven, Bridgeport and Groton. He attributes their success to people's natural fascination with flying machines.

"I think the airport is just a really exciting place," he said. "When people come here, they

get to reminisce about coming as a kid, look at it as it is, and think about what the future of aerospace technology holds. I don't think there is anyone who doesn't like to watch airplanes take flight."

At a recent council meeting, Byron Treado, chairman of the town Airport Commission said Robertson Airport is now seeking FAA grants to undergo a four-to-six year \$4 million improvement project. However, he said the FAA approves funding based on their own priority-based needs assessment, so Robertson Airport might not get everything it is seeking. In 2013, the FAA provided grant money to repave the airport's 3,600 foot runway in 2013.

"Bradley International Airport usually gets first priority, followed by Igor I Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Bridgeport which has a deteriorating runway due to not receiving funds for a long time," he said.

"The runway is always the most important thing," said O'Leary. "We recently had our runway redone, and Betty Boukas helped us get a \$100,000 grant to repair our roof, so next in line would be to renovate our taxiway and get an electronic gate with key cards for tenants. We also have plans to install an automatic weather service communications facility

on top of our airport to be operational April 30th. It will provide temperature and wind direction information, the whole enchilada, to approaching pilots."

O'Leary added that a Newington Eagle Scout, Colin Stan, is also creating a radio program for his Eagle Scout project that would allow people driving in their cars to tune into AM radio and listen to aviation chatter coming from the airport's transmitter.

O'Leary said the airport is inspected on a regular basis by the FAA, who conduct safety classes and pilot reviews. Robertson Airport continues to be certified year after year. The only recent incident was in 2012, when the pilot of a single-man craft lost his life in a crash that investigators suspected to be a suicide. The pilot had gone through a recent divorce and the close of his business and was anticipating arrest on a felony charge.

As for the future of Robertson Airport, O'Leary said that is all dependant the availability of FAA grant money, but there is still "a fair amount of empty land on the property" which could be cleared for used for future development.

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Bill O'Leary, president of Interstate Aviation and Robertson Airport's manager, talks about the airport's history.

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Denise Merrill: "This Argument That We Need Checks and Balances Really Kind of Upsets Me"

HARTFORD— On Sunday, Connecticut Secretary of State Denise Merrill told Fox Connecticut's Al Terzi and Jenn Bernstein that checks and balances in Connecticut's elections system "upsets" her. Connecticut Republican Party Executive Director John Kleinhans issued the following response to Merrill's comments:

Denise Merrill's crusade against fair elections is a disservice to the people who elected her," said

Kleinhans. "It's shameful one of Connecticut's constitutional officers would express such contempt for our state's election laws. Connecticut calls for two registrars in each town so that elections are conducted freely and fairly. Quite frankly, I'm shocked our state's elections arbiter wants to do away with the very system she is supposed to preserve and protect." Merrill also told Terzi and Bernstein the current system "doesn't work for me."

"The system may not work for Denise Merrill, but it does work for Connecticut," said Kleinhans. "She may find checks and balances upsetting, but we have them in place to prevent one person from accruing too much power over state elections. I call on Secretary Merrill to stop her partisan campaign now and protect our existing, democratic system."

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As we head down the road of life called old age, whatever that is, we look at things and buy things a little differently. Take shopping for instance. I have begun to notice more things in my grocery cart that are cures for aches and pains and every one is marked "fast acting." Now, I wonder why would a company make a medication that is "slow acting?" I asked the druggist for something for the runs the other day and he asked if I wanted the "fast acting" stuff. Well, unless he wanted to empty his whole store it better be fast acting. Why do they have fast acting aspirin? If you have a headache wouldn't you want to get rid of the headache as soon as possible. Our minds aren't as sharp as they once were. Did you ever start looking for something and then forgot what you were looking for but kept looking anyway just in case you might see what you were looking for in the first place and it rings a bell? I have to write some of this stuff down when I think of it or I won't remember it later when I want to tell someone about it. I went to Wal-Mart the other day and when I got there I didn't remember what I went for but I figured I would walk around and maybe I would find it, whatever it was. Well, eighty dollars later I left the store and it wasn't until I got home that I remembered what it was, I really wanted to go to the post office.

I call my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all kid, honey or gang because I usually get their names mixed up. I have spoken to many of my friends and they seem to have the same problem.

I have to go now, I don't remember where I'm going but maybe when I get in the car it will come to me or I can always turn around and go home. I was right, I no sooner got into the house and I remembered the doctors appointment. It was a follow up visit to see if the prescription he gave me for my memory was working. I guess we can figure that one out and save Medicare a bill now can't we?

From My Balcony

By Jeannette Hinkson

Hold on,... Winter is just about over and if it isn't let's blame it on the politicians. They must have caused it somehow. (Just joking) One thing that has come up in the news for years and is usually fueled by our good friend Al Sharpton, is how "his people" have been taken advantage of, brought to this country against their will, and forced to work for slave owners and now are the disadvantaged. Perhaps that was true two hundred years ago and for that we are extremely sorry. We are sorry for what happened in the past and many rejoice when we hear of the successes and accomplishments of Oprah, Condoleza Rice, Colin Powell, Lester Holt, Richard Pryor, Michael Jackson and even President Obama. We watch, listen and enjoy what they contribute to our daily lives and look beyond what anyone's color might be. Not until this past week did I think about a people, a people that are still suffering far greater than any other. "THE AMERICAN INDIAN."

I met a woman who is an Apache Indian and learned first hand what she and her family endured. Was she bitter? Amazingly no. Just think, how you would feel if someone came to into our town and said this land, your homes and all you own now belong to them and if you don't like it you will die. In many cases there were no warnings, soldiers swarmed in and killed every man, woman and child. Heavily armed soldiers with guns, (the Indians only had bow and arrows for hunting) were driven off their land, into the mountains or deserts to starve and die. If you want an education into the plight of the American Indian please read the book "Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee." To this day, in the western part of the United States, a land of the free I might add, the American Indians are confined to reservations where they live, in many cases, in squalor. The Chinese are another race that were brought here in bondage to work on the railroads. They worked as slaves laying tracks across the country, were mistreated and killed. Every race has been discriminated against and for that we are sorry. We are sorry for those killed in the Civil War and those that died during World War II and every war for that matter but we can not change history, we can only strive to go forward and change what is today. I do not feel we, in the little town of Plainville, see our neighbors as black, white, yellow and brown, we see them as our friends and neighbors. We may not like everyone but personally I like someone for how they are as an individual, their actions and how they treat me, my family, my friends and if they are a good person. This is how it should be. We are pretty lucky in the little town of Plainville, don't you think? We are still, in most cases, able to speak to someone in power and make changes where they are needed. We have the ability to vote those out that do not hear the people. As for the rest of the country, we'll have to work on it.



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MEMORIAL WALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY TO BE HELD

The Plainville Board of Education and the Plainville Community Schools' Naming Committee will hold an induction ceremony on April 13, 2015 at Plainville High School for the Memorial Wall of Honor, according to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Kitching.

The ceremony, honoring inductees in memoriam Frank D. Steffany and Walter J. Majsak, will be held at the Memorial Wall of Honor in the east corridor outside of the Plainville High School pool. The ceremony will take place at 6:00PM, with a reception following immediately after in the Plainville High School cafeteria. Mr. Steffany served as a member and Chair of the Plainville School Building Committee providing 20+ years of service including oversight of the addition to Plainville Junior High School, additions to the three elementary schools, Plainville High School 1970s addition of the pool and fields, building of the Plainville Municipal Center and building of the new Plainville Fire Department. He was a Marine, proudly serving his country in World War II, and was a member of the VFW Post 574. In addition, he was a member of the Town softball team, and was a local self-employed building contractor from 1960-1987.

Mr. Majsak was a life-long resident of Plainville, graduating from Plainville High School in 1944. He served as a member and past Chair of the Plainville Board of Education for 27 years and served on the Democratic Town Committee from 1948 until his death in 2012. He was on the Building and Grounds Committees for the Wheeler School, Trask School and Toffolon School renovations. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for four years. In addition he was a benefactor and friend to the Plainville Choral Society, YMCA, Rotary Club of Plainville, where he served as past President, and the Plainville Historical Society. He served on various parish committees for Our Lady of Mercy Church, and was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Additionally he was a member of AARP Chapter 4146 where he served as statewide People and Representative Specialist. Mr. Majsak was employed as a salesman by the Torrington Plumbing and Hearing Company of Waterbury, retiring in 2002.

The Memorial Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony event is open to the public.

The Boy Wanted Something Better By Donald Liljedahl

He did not like evacuating the school every time toast was burned in the cafeteria kitchen.
 Who wants to study in an old school that is falling apart?
 The roof leaking after a storm, the bricks fall out of the building walls.
 The windows, floors, walls, and ceilings need repairs.
 The place is full of asbestos insulation, too.
 The school is so old that my grandfather went there.
 Enough about this old place. Tear it down!
 Black top this area over into a parking lot.
 Wait a minute. This spot is a historic place.
 Something good can be done here.
 A nice town park can be created, town residents could make use of it.
 The old schoolhouse bell could be preserved in a nice tower—a memorial to the school.
 A pleasing garden with a linden tree planted in it would be beautiful.
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 Children could play in the park all year long.
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The scouts of Troop 67, sponsored by the Plainville United Methodist Church, attended the town council meeting on Monday, March 16th. The scouts opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance. The scouts attended the meeting to complete a requirement in the Citizenship in the Community (Eagle required) merit badge. Pictured (Left to Right) Tyler Roy, Josh Schilling, Robert Norris and Ethan Hushin.

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PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS"

The Plainville High School's Physical Education Department recently hosted its "Breakfast of Champions" for a record number of students, according to faculty member Cindy Birdsall. The recognition ceremony began approximately five years ago as an incentive and reward for increasing overall State fitness testing scores, and it has been a big success.

The Breakfast of Champions program primarily targets sophomores, but also includes freshman as an introduction for them to fitness testing. "Testing preparation begins on the first day of physical education classes in September, and continues all year," explained Birdsall. "I am very pleased that our physical education teachers were able to honor a larger number of our students with this distinction than ever before. This is a wonderful accomplishment for the students who worked very hard to improve their overall physical fitness. It is also a tribute to our dedicated physical education teachers who challenge our students to reach their potential in class each day. In the end, our Physical Education Department's primary goal is to establish life-long fitness habits and this incentive is a great reinforcement of those efforts," said Plainville High School Principal, Steven LePage.

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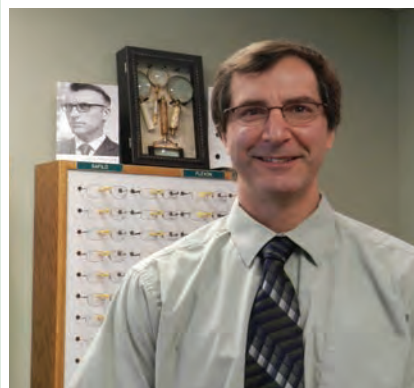
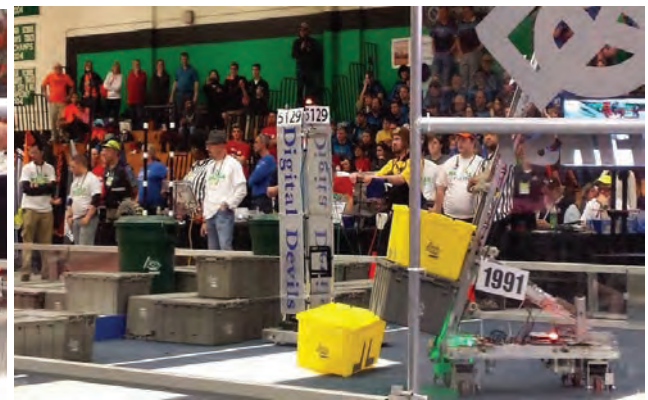
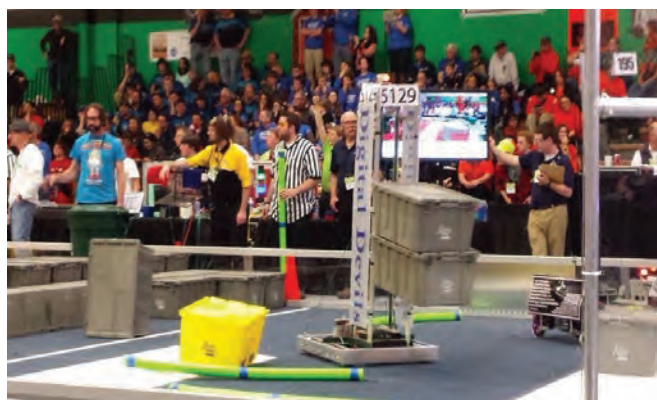
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Linden After School Program Activities



As part of the Linden After School Program teachers Tahlya Granga and Melissa Dodenhoff have been facilitating an after school Science Club for students in grades 2-5. Students utilize the scientific method through active investigation of various science topics such as finger printing, natural disasters, chemical reactions and rocketry. Recently, students studied the impact of oil spills on wildlife and tested the effectiveness of various methods of clean up. Students then designed songs or posters to teach other about their learning.

PHS Digital Devils Participate in Robotics Competitions



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Schools in Review

Middle School of Plainville Read Across America Program



The Middle School of Plainville held its annual Read Across America celebration on Friday, February 27th in the school's library. Library Information Teacher Joyce Lynch organized the event - a fun, celebratory way to promote the enjoyment of reading. The program provided an opportunity for students, teachers, administrators and parents to share the joys of reading aloud to each other. Over 275 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 participated as readers or listeners. Teachers, administrators, school staff, and parents joined the celebration as readers. Refreshments celebrating the theme of diversity were provided by Kari-Lyn Osborn's Family and Consumer Science classes. In addition, refreshments were donated by Snyder's of Hanover and Gnazzo's Food Center.

PHS Hosts SEAPERCH Competition



Mark Chase, a STEM and Engineering teacher at Plainville High School, hosted a SEAPERCH competition on March 3rd in the high school's pool area. Chase's engineering class, along with approximately 120 students from surrounding school districts participated in the event. Faculty from the Connecticut Technology Engineering Education Association and the Navy Divers were also present and helped coordinate the competition. SEAPERCH is an underwater robotics program that challenges students to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). Topics such as ship and submarine design encouraged students to explore naval architecture, marine engineering, electrical engineering and future career possibilities in these fields. Participants built the ROV from readily available parts such as PVC pipe, plastics, foam, hobby motors, wire and basic switches. The unit also provided students with the opportunity to learn about the rover through science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEED FOR 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

The Plainville school district is currently seeking substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, according to Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett.

Assignments for substitute teachers are available at all grade levels and all subject areas. A bachelor's degree is required. Substitute teachers must be able to follow instructions and lesson plans left by the teacher, and must be able to work with students with special education needs. Additional requirements for the position include excellent communication skills, reliability and a positive attitude. Plainville Community Schools uses Aesop, an automated substitute service that allows you to search and accept/decline substitute positions by school. Substitute compensation rate is \$85.00 per day.

To apply for a substitute position, complete and submit an online application accessed through the school district's website, www.plainvilleschools.org (click on "Employment Opportunities"). Attach transcripts indicating a bachelor's degree has been completed, and attach a minimum of one signed current letter of recommendation. (Once hired, fingerprints and DCF information must be submitted for a national background check).

MSP Students Visit With GE Engineers



Students in the Middle School of Plainville Robotics program together with faculty members Camille Westfall and Laurel Schwartz recently visited the Plainville General Electric facility to tour their 3D printing facilities and participate in a question and answer session with GE engineers. The "Minionizers" robotics team members shared their engineering notebook and research presentation with the GE engineers and received valuable feedback. Their presentation focused on 3D printing prosthetics and they made a working 3D prosthetic hand.



Wheeler School Celebrates Read Across America



Students and staff at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently celebrated Read Across America with a number of literacy themed activities. To build suspense in reading Dr. Suess' Butter Battle Book, students were asked to wear blue or yellow and pick a side: "Butter Side Up!" or "Butter Side Down!" The school community gathered for a reading of the book by Wheeler faculty members Joyce Goldberg and Jen Murrehy. After reading the book, the moral of the story was clear to students as they realized that we should try to get along and "Spread Peace" rather than focus on small differences in opinions. Later, students were joined by guest readers including school administrators, public librarians, grandparents, parents and Plainville Board of Education member Cheryl Provost. Teachers across grade levels also paired up with other classes and "Book Buddies" got a chance to share a love of reading together.

MSP Students Participate in Music Festival



This year, 11 students from the Middle School of Plainville earned spots in the Connecticut Music Education Association's Northern Regional Festival for Middle School. Three students were selected for the mixed choir, seven were selected for the treble choir, and one was selected for the band. These students competed with more than 1,000 other students from around the state in a highly competitive audition process including prepared solos, sight reading, and scales. The festival ensembles recently performed at Central Connecticut State University's Welte Auditorium before an audience of approximately 1,500 spectators.

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Our Lady of Mercy ~ St. Patty's Day Dinner



The St. Patrick's Annual Dinner was Enjoyed by all!

Pictured above with Father John Brinsmade are Bob and Sandy Deblois.

To the right is Marge Rio leading the 100 or so dinner guests with the sing-a-long of Irish songs.

To the left are Don and Sue Malenson, Co-chairpersons of the event. They paused for a few minutes to join in the sing-a-long.



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Rotary Club of Plainville's 41st Annual Penny Sale

April 18th

The Rotary Club of Plainville is pleased to announce the date and time of its upcoming 41st Annual Penny Sale. The event will be held at Plainville High School on Saturday April 18th at 6:00pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm.

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

"The Penny Sale is a great time for the entire family," said Art Hoerle, President of the Rotary Club of Plainville. "Not only do adults get the chance to win some great prizes, but there are contests and drawings for the kids as well. I encourage everyone to join us for a fun-filled evening on Saturday April 18th."

Items for the Penny Sale are donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Proceeds support various local causes, with much of the money raised going toward college scholarships for deserving high school graduates. The Rotary Club has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarship money over the past four years alone - due in no small part to proceeds from its annual Penny Sale.

"The Rotary Club is sincerely thankful for all the donations and help that we receive for the Penny Sale each and every year," added Hoerle. "Previous Penny Sales have been tremendously successful, but - with the community's continued support - we expect this one to top them all."

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

Join Us!

2nd Annual Amateur Art Exhibit

All Artists are Welcome!

The Plainville Amateur Art Group is again sponsoring an art exhibit at the Plainville Public Library for the month of April. This is your chance to show your work to family and friends for a minimal fee and without all the stringent "rules" of most art shows.

\$5.00 per artist with all proceeds will be donated to support local art groups.

The exhibit will run from April 4th to April 25th

and will include a reception day so you can meet and greet everyone. Date of reception to be determined.

We had a wonderful time last year with great art in every medium. The age range of our participants was from 11 yrs to 86 yrs. It is amazing to see the talent of our local artists.

Sponsored by the Amateur Art Group. If you would like to join us, or know someone else who would, please contact Carol Webster at 860-793-2960 or Peg Nappier at 860-747-1399 for further information.

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For more information please call:

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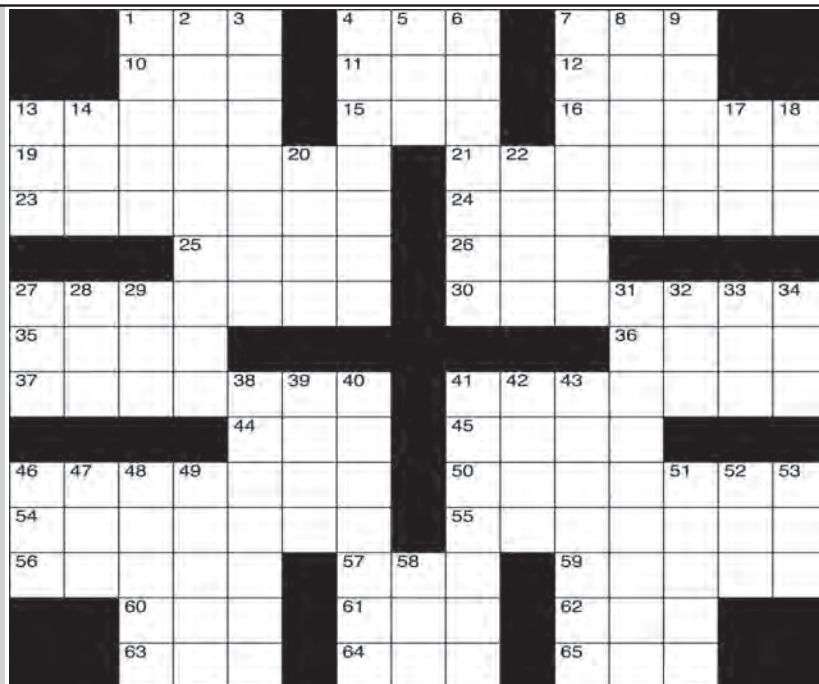
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What is going on? Check Here.....

JOLT, OLM Teen Youth Group
Sue Dziura, Co-Leader
Pasta Supper Fundraiser

Saturday, April 18th
from 5-7PM

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

This fun event will be sponsored by the teen youth group of Our Lady of Mercy Church, to raise funds to provide housing and assistance to the poor in Haiti. The teens held a similar pasta supper last year with great reviews! Don't miss it!

Monies raised will go to the Haitian Health Foundation, founded by Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, an orthodontist in Norwalk, CT. Over the years, HHF has responded to critical needs of the poorest of the world. The need continues, and more especially since the devastating earthquake in 2010, with thousands still homeless. HHF's focus is on provides healthcare, education, and community development.

Tickets will be available at Our Lady of Mercy Church on Saturday, April 11 at 5PM, and on Sunday, April 12th from 9:30-11:30AM, and by calling the Parish Office 860-747-6825.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

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The bus will drop off and pick up in the Quincy Market area where participants will be free to pursue their own interests. Participants interested in visiting The John F. Kennedy Library & Museum will be transported to the Museum and returned to Quincy Market.

Please call the Recreation Department at 860-747-6022 or reserve in person at the Recreation Office, 50 Whiting St.

Easter Egg Hunt

Faith Bible Church will host its
11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The event will be scheduled for April 4th, 2015 at 11 am, for children 12 and under. The cost is free and open to the public. Parents must stay with their children; (no child care). There will be crafts, snacks, and photos with the Easter bunny. There will also be food to purchase.

Several of the crafts will have a Christian theme to help understand the reason for the season: The death, burial and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When asked why have an Easter egg hunt for the public, the Reverend Dr. Jim Caron, Pastor of the Faith Bible Church, responded, "*The meaning of Easter is lost. Today's children understand that Easter is all about candy and the Easter bunny (sign of life). We want to help them understand that Easter is a great time of the year to remember that after the death and burial of Jesus, He was raised to life on the 3rd day. Jesus is alive and real. By faith in Him, Jesus lives in us and gives us hope of the resurrection unto eternal life.*"

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860-747-6867 for more information

Raffle Prizes – (tickets sold at door) tea cup & 50/50 raffle

The CT Authors and Publishers Association (CAPA) will have 7 of their 500 Plus membership of CT Authors Vending at the Benefit Holistic Fair on
April 19, Sunday from 12-4:00

Writing Contest - we run an annual Writing Contest in Essay, Short Story, Poetry and Children Story each year. Social Media and Facebook provide a platform and identity to our authors, along with our own activity announcements.
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A FREE clothing swap will be offered at the April 19th Holistic Fair for all attendees and vendors.

Clothing must be current styles and men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories will be accepted.

We will also welcome *PET CLOTHING* for swap. All clothing remaining after the event will be donated.

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The event, which will be held at Nuchie's Restaurant will feature a sit-down dinner, DJ Dave Robinson, and magician Mike Kelley. The ticket price includes a two-hour open bar with wine and beer. Door prizes and raffle prizes will also be offered. Kelley specializes in strolling magic, making the art up close and personal. "Its intimate nature – in your hands and inches from your eyes – gives guests a personal magical experience they won't soon forget," Kelley said.

There is a charge to attend the Spring Dance and tickets can be purchased by calling PARC at (860) 747-0316.

No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information about PARC or the dance, email Executive Director Erica Donovan at edonovan@parcdisabilitiesct.org; visit the website www.parcdisabilitiesct.com; or visit PARC, Inc. on Facebook.

Mark Your Calendar.....AARP TRIP

Mohegan Sun ~ Tuesday, April 7th. The cost is \$21.00. We leave OLM Church at 8:00 am. Please arrive around 7:30 am. We will return to OLM at approximately at 5:45 pm. To make a reservation, please call Sally @ 860-747-1732. If you are a national AARP member, join us.

ATTENTION GOLFERS:

Our golf league starts on Thursday, April 30th. All past golf members must confirm their intentions to remain in the league. Please call Dom Raggaglia 860-747-5694 by April 1st so so we can work on the schedule. You must be a member of AARP Chapter #4146 to belong to the league.

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by Gene

“WAKE UP AMERICA”...This is coming to a theater near you soon!

The Republicans and Conservatives May Get A Chance. Republicans officially took control of both Chambers of Congress for the first time in eight years and pledged to push through an ambitious legislative agenda, but internal party divisions and a threat of veto by President Obama highlighted the limits to the party's new power. As new members of congress were sworn in, GOP leaders announced they would quickly hold votes on approving the long-delayed Keystone XL pipeline. New Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he hoped the legislative push would show voters that the GOP could offer a “responsible, right-of-center governing majority”. Obama vetoed the planned Keystone pipeline. Don't we need more separation of power in government?

Our elected President standing behind the presidential podium said, “America is no longer a Christian nation”. What political ideology and religion is he replacing our Christian protections with? Will progressives be guaranteed free speech and not conservatives? Will mainstream newspapers print only propaganda opinions and feelings and never print truth and facts again? How is this going to work for you and your children? Will your feelings ever matter again if he transforms America?

Common Core: New national education standards that the federal government in bribing and coercing states to adopt - will harm students not benefit them. Their real agenda -- Totalitarian leaders from Hitler to Stalin and everywhere in between have always sought to centralize and control education. the reason is simple. Whoever molds the minds of the youth can eventually dominate the population even if it takes a generation or two. *From www.TheNewAmerican.com*

American Muslim groups are engage in a huge cover-up of Islamic doctrine and history. Islam teaches that Muslims must wage war to impose Islamic law on non-Muslim states. Today's Jihad terrorists have the same Motives and goals as the Muslims who fought the Crusaders. Muslim persecution of Christians has continued for 13 centuries - and still goes on. Fourth Century thinking with 20th century WMD weapons. Can you imagine why the Government wants to ban certain types of AMMO. Why did Attorney General, Eric Holder, and other Government officials in the Obama administration have alias e-mail accounts? Is this transparency?”

The Wall Street Journal say Putin is playing Western Leaders for fools. Russia's President Vladimir Putin maybe President for life with almost 90% of the vote unless he gets liquidated first. Here in U.S. America a President is elected for four years or eight years (*Hic*) and then a different one is election (*Maybe*)!!! What does Hillary mean when she says trust me? (*until after the 2016 election*).

Support the likes of Trey Gowdy, Scott Walker, Tom Cotton, Mia Love and Dr. Ben Carson, all true conservatives.

“The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.”

“The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation” - Henry David Thoreau (Plato)

“With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do. He may as well concern himself with his shadow on the wall”. Ralph Waldo Emercon/New Britain Herald/Friday

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Stay well and more to come next month. - **Stay Awake America!!**

SCRATCH and PECK

‘READIN’, ‘RITIN’,
‘RITHMATIC’



Readin’, ‘Ritin’, and ‘Rithmatic’ are the very basics of the school curriculum, but there is much, much more to being an educated and well-rounded person that is not necessarily taught in school (*some is taught at home*).

Reading should go beyond simple phonetics and include grammar and literature, both modern and the classics.

Writing should include cursive, even though most of our students use computers, texting, etc.

Arithmetic should go beyond adding, subtracting and long division, even though they can use their smart phones, tablets, etc. to come to the same conclusions (*if the battery doesn't die or the power goes out at an inconvenient time*). Algebra, plain, and solid Geometry, Calculus, and Physics may not be used on a day-to-day basis, but a general knowledge is never misplaced or wasted.

History is essential! “If we do not know it, we are doomed to repeat it”. American History is a priority. At roughly 300 years old, it may be considered modern, but look back through time to European, Asian, Near Easter, Egyptian, African, and South American history. So many years older and rich in culture, inventiveness, technology (*tho' not in our computer sense*).

Geography. It is ever-changing, yet our kids need to be aware of their place on the globe, relative to others.

All of the Sciences: Biology, Geology, Chemistry, Meteorology. These are the stones from which our world is fashioned and how it works and must be understood.

Academics are not all that is necessary for a well-rounded person. The Arts, whether visual or instrumental, Sports, both Team and individual contribute to our general physical and mental health.

Comparative Religions. This has not been on the agenda of most schools, but has become an important issue recently. I DO NOT mean to indoctrinate our students, but to teach them the history and culture that brought them to prominence in the world. Long before our predominantly Judaic-Christian establishment, all people were aware of a Supreme Being - whatever it was called.

Back in those long ago times, you practiced the religion of your parents, villages, country. Even them “outsiders or non-believers” were persecuted. Well folks, nothing has changed, except for the ease of transportation and the media. It is imperative that we all learn before we condemn.

What used to be called “**Social Graces**” ought not be neglected either. In those “olden times”, it was the responsibility of the parents. Not so now, I'm afraid. It was also known as Etiquette; i.e., table manners, care in sending ‘thank you’ notes for gifts and kind gestures. Whether by e-mail or ‘snail mail”, it will serve you well in all of your adult and professional life.

And, now, a note to parents. Teach your children...RESPECT. That is your job, not the job of the school system. It does not come naturally, only by example.

To Educators: Teach your students for the love of learning for knowledge sake - NOT TO PASS TESTS. That is little more than cheating. Just how to get by ..by any means... is a disservice to all.

I told you I was one smart chicken!!

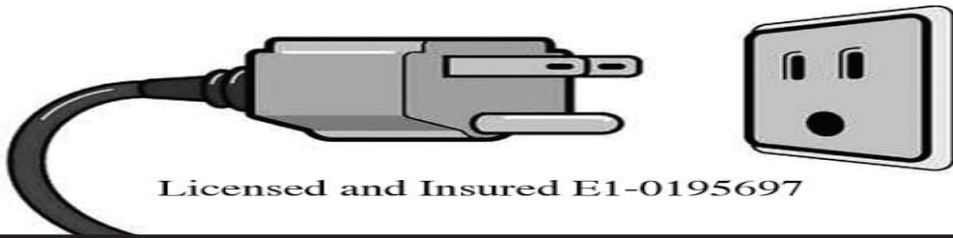
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PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MESSAGE FOR FY 2016

To the Citizens of Plainville:

The Plainville Town Council proposes a budget of **\$22,137,945** for the General Government and **\$34,366,736** for the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Expenditures are summarized as follows:

EXPENDITURE COMPARISON FY 2015 VS. FY 2016

	Appropriated FY 2015	Council Approved FY 2016	Proposed Budget Increase/(Decrease)	
Town Government	\$ 16,270,884	\$ 16,525,651	\$ 254,767	1.57%
Debt Service	4,712,294	4,712,294	-	0.00%
Capital Projects	825,000	900,000	75,000	9.09%
Subtotal General Gov't	21,808,178	22,137,945	329,767	1.51%
Board of Education	33,616,799	34,366,736	749,937	2.23%
Subtotal BOE	33,616,799	34,366,736	749,937	2.23%
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$ 55,424,977	\$ 56,504,681	\$ 1,079,704	1.95%

The budget totals **\$56,504,681**. This is an increase of **\$1,079,704 or 1.95%**. If adopted as presented, the mill rate is estimated to be **31.83 or 0.45** mills higher than the current mill rate of 31.38, assuming revenues as currently estimated remain the same.

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ESTIMATED REVENUE

	Received FY 2014	Budget FY 2015	Estimated FY 2015	Budget FY 2016
Property Taxes	\$ 42,459,638	\$ 42,555,566	\$ 42,125,500	\$ 43,543,448
Licenses & Permits	377,010	206,550	356,700	206,600
Fines & Fees	281,899	216,450	239,597	235,950
Use of Money	31,692	25,500	15,750	25,500
Intergovernmental Revenue	11,685,628	11,568,359	11,865,006	11,643,847
Other Revenues	405,495	322,496	334,516	334,496
Sundry & Transfers In	5,012,396	530,056	530,056	514,840
Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 60,253,758	\$ 55,424,977	\$ 55,467,125	\$ 56,504,681

2015 - 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET

Capital Budget	Manager Recommended	Council Approved
Town Government	\$ 578,000	\$ 578,000
Board of Education	422,000	322,000
Total Capital Budget	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 900,000

**Plainville Republican
Town Committee**

The PRTC monthly meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday of April at 7 pm at the Municipal Center, Council Chambers.

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

It is important that we volunteer our time to get involved to work for the betterment of our town, state and country. By working together, everyone doing just a little, we can do a lot.

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.

The meeting date is:
 Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm

**Letter to the Editor:
DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA?**

Let me begin by saying that as a young man in grammar school history class, we were taught different forms of government. We learned about dictatorship, racism, and socialism. The one that worried me the most was communism.

Communism is described as a form of government where all power is centered in the hands of a small minority, while ignoring the will of the people.

The issue of the old Linden Street School is a situation that should have been resolved after the referendum vote. Apparently, the town council was seeking funds to demolish the building before getting the approval from its citizens to tear it down. The citizens threw them a curve by unanimously voting "NO" by a margin of 62%. The people spoke in no uncertain terms! Yet, they're being ignored. Now let me ask you a question! Does this bear any resemblance to communism?

In order for the town Council to regain its credibility and integrity it should ask the proper referendum question when it addresses the initial town budget. The question should be as follows: Do you, as a Plainville resident, want the old Linden Street School demolished? Yes or No! When that question is answered, the town Council will restore its credibility.

As for integrity, any member of the town Council having served, past or present, on the Board of Education should have abstained from voting on this particular issue. Being devious is likened to deceiving or lying.

If the town Council includes the aforementioned question along with the initial budget request, every citizen should honor the will of the people, that's democracy in action.

Respectfully submitted, Albert Deshaies

BIPARTISAN EFFORT BUDGET

Unlike years past this budget was approved unanimously by The Town Council.

This budget is another year with very little increase, keeping all of our services and the schools in place.

By keeping the taxes low the Town is attracting new businesses and we can see an increase in Real Estate activity.

Regardless of the hard winter we just endured, the conservative endeavor of the town staff and the Town Council we are still financially stable.

If you have any questions about the budget (summary to the left) call 860-793-0221 Ext. #233.

Voting on the Budget

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Dear Editor:

I recommend that all citizens VOTE! However: When you vote, know what you are voting for! The way questions are worded are not necessarily what you may think you are voting for.

Consider the referendum on the money to demolish OLS. The question was NOT to save it, the question was spun on how to pay to take it down. Some people thought that to vote against the funding meant that it would be saved. NOT SO! It will be coming down unless someone comes up with a different use for it! That option was NEVER presented to us.

The powers that be want it razed. Have any of you ever heard of a plan to refurbish it and use it for another use for the good of the community? Not until lately.

It is not only about OLS. Other issues have come and gone. Chung Property, Phoenix Soil, Downtown Beautification, etc., and some of these have been a disaster, particularly downtown. Downtown is nearly a ghost town, with few shops and even less parking.

Listen to your candidates, read their articles, make notes about their goals and promises. If they win, go back to their campaign statements. Do they follow through? Do they renege or go back on their pre-election predictions, etc.? Are you pleased with their positions?

Remember, not every position they take may not be in YOUR best interest, in your opinion. But, over all, does it make sense for the population of the town in general?

Do NOT be small minded! Look at the whole picture!

Roberta Lalama

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Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach, AADP

Connecting Mind, Body and Breath

Imagine if you needed health care for a serious disease. Would you prefer to get treatment in a location that feels clinical and cold or one that provides a warm and compassionate setting?

I recently toured such a facility in Plainville that is opening this Spring. The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut considers not just your disease, but treats you holistically by offering an environment that looks more like a 5 star resort than a hospital. The attention to details in the design, including the beautiful paintings and warm tones provides a sense of calm. This is so perfect for reducing the stress associated with a cancer diagnosis. In addition to state of the art medical equipment, this hospital provides spaces for meditation, exercise and nutritional support.

This place really gets the mind-body-spirit connection. As Plato noted,

"The greatest mistake in the treatment of diseases is that there are physicians for the body and physicians for the soul, although the two cannot be separated."

I know that it can be quite scary to be faced with a cancer diagnosis. There are so many wonderful medical advancements now to overcome this. However, you can accelerate your health by incorporating positivity into your treatment. Sometimes you have to take matters into your own hand. As an 18 year cancer survivor, I managed my own supplementary care through Tai Chi classes. According to the Mayo clinic, Tai chi helps reduce stress and anxiety. And it also helps increase flexibility and balance. I also enlisted the help of a Chinese herbalist and my most powerful weapon was to remain positive and focused on the future. Of course, I listened to my wonderful doctors as well.

These strategies for reducing stress are great when you are sick. These same strategies can help you ward off some illnesses. We all live such busy lives and don't always take time to focus on what we need to nourish our body and mind to reduce stress and to stay positive. My role as a Health Coach is to support others to discover nutritional and lifestyle behaviors that can play a role to achieve long term energy and vitality. I believe in developing sustainable habits and strategies instead of quick fixes. Success is enhanced when you integrate your mind (your had enough stage that increases your will to change) your spirit (your beliefs that you are worth it and can achieve your goals) and your body (becoming your own nutritionist by listening to your body and finding the foods that are most nourishing for you).

Here are 3 things you can do during this Spring season of renewal and change that will help you to connect to your mind, body and breath.

1. Take a pause. Look at how you are sitting, standing, feeling, and breathing. Is your jaw tight and your body closed, or are you relaxed and open. Focus on your breath. When we regularly practice breathing exercises, it lowers one's level of cortisol – the stress hormone.

"To meditate with mindful breathing is to bring body and mind back to the present moment so that you do not miss your appointment with life."--Thich Nhat Hahn

Download the app "Headspace" if you want some help with guided meditation. This will help you to learn to focus on your breath.

2. Move. If you don't have an exercise routine, start with a 10 minute walk a day. Get some fresh air and use this time to connect with nature, your surroundings and notice how better you feel. Pay attention to how long you are sitting at a time. Set a timer and make a point to get up and move around every 50 minutes.

3. Eat a rainbow of foods everyday. Go to your local farmers market and load up on some bright fresh greens and vegetables. The beautiful color of your plate, just like looking at a beautiful bouquet of flowers, can boost your mood and create those positive thoughts needed to help you keep up with your healthy goals. The powerful nutrients that nature provides through these foods will support your good health.

*May this new season be your springboard
 to new healthy habits!*



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In March Apple announced a new line of watches that link up to iPhones and allow you to access some of the functions of your phone right on your wrist. Apple is not first to market with this new area of technology.

The first of the wearable smart devices in recent years has been fitness and activity trackers. In 2009 Fitbit introduced a wrist wearable fitness tracker. In 2012 a Kickstarter campaign in which anyone can contribute to the development of new products raised over \$10 million for a product called The Pebble. These devices had limited functionality counting steps, measuring sleep, and even telling time. In 2014 there were numerous products including the Motorola Moto 360, ASUS ZenWatch, Sony Smartwatch, LG G Watch, and Samsung Gear. These devices all run on technology from Google called Android Wear. These products all work well with their brand's smartphones.

What do these devices do?

- Tell time. Many of them have beautiful screens that can have dozens of watch faces with varying amounts of information.
- Answer phone calls.
- Show you text messages. When a text message arrives your watch will beep or vibrate showing you your texts.
- Stopwatch, Timer, etc.
- Alerts for weather, traffic, flights, etc.
- Control music play on your smartphone.
- Voice recognition. Ask for biking or walking directions, ask for weather, set reminders, send texts
- Heart rate monitoring, steps and distance, calories burned
- Various apps are beginning to get features that work with the devices.

These watches all have varying levels of quality. Many are actually quite stylish and have optional bands and colors. They all claim to have all day battery life, but if you own one, you'll have to put it on a charger every night.

Be sure to check before buying. Your choice of devices will depend on the smartphone you own. The Android Wear devices generally start at about \$250. Apple has announced that their new watches will be available at the end of April. They carry many of the same features as Android Wear but claim to do them all better. They are very stylish and have several color and band choices. There are two screen sizes and 3 models. The Sport starts at \$349, the Watch starts at \$549, and the Edition is um, well, starts at \$10,000.

Apple really wants folks to shop for these watches at their retail stores to get a feel for them and see the different colors and bands.

As with most of the Android Wear watches, the Apple Watches only work with the iPhone.

Are they worth it? I have not worn a watch in 25 years. I don't yet find these useful enough to warrant the expense. They are also first generation devices. There is a lot of room for improvement. I'll wait for a few years to see where this goes.

If you are looking for activity tracking devices, look at Fitbit, Jawbone UP, Pebble, Garmin. These are into their second and even third generations. For fitness folks looking to track their activity, these are great and for the most part, less expensive than the smart watches.

I welcome your suggestions for new columns and questions

about any columns I have written.

Email me at: jim.phc@gmail.com.

Look out Plainville area....

What's Old is ~ What's New Again!

Confetti! Restaurant, now in their 17th year, has reinvented itself. Boasting a new facelift in the dining rooms and bar area, a new brighter and more visible sign and logo, and a completely revamped menu, Confetti! is better than ever offering everything from pizza and beer (or bourbon!) to rack of lamb and wine. Bring the family for some light fare or bring someone special for something special. No matter the budget, Confetti! is not just for special occasions.

Chef Peter Lemnotis, and his wife Joan, had thought to themselves in the fall of 2014 that it was time for a change. When they closed the doors after a busy New Year's Eve celebration, the work, both planning and implementation, started. With things rarely going as planned, things changed on the fly, several times, and what they now have is the manifestation of Peter and Joan's ideas with the help of local craftsmen and designers.

A NEW OVEN. Big deal, right? Well in this case it is. Peter ordered, from California, an Italian-designed wood-fired brick oven to be installed out of the rear of the restaurant in the parking lot, one made by the same company from which they already have two (yes two!) mobile wood-fired brick ovens. "At 1000 degrees," Lemnotis says "our Neapolitan-style pizzas take 90-120 seconds to bake to perfection. Many other restaurants

have these behemoths in their kitchens and restaurants, but they don't use them properly or to their full potential. We roast vegetables, potatoes, meats, fish and pasta dishes in there and we even bake our own bread in there once the oven cools down to the proper temperature. "

The results are, indeed, special. Piping hot pizzas as well as rack of lamb come out of the oven sizzling and delicious with just a hint of the wood-fired flavor. With this new gem in their arsenal, they set out to redesign the menu, being careful to maintain many of the dishes locals clamor for. "We still have chicken and veal Confetti! But we've added an entire pizza menu of traditional American style pizzas as well as "artisanal pizzas" with toppings like Brussels sprouts, prosciutto, garlic cream, bacon (of course,) and our signature pizza, named for my wife, the "Joan." A white pizza loaded with truffle-oiled arugula, wood-roasted garlic, prosciutto, lemon juice, asiago and mozzarella."

Their new menu boasts over 20 entrees including pastas, as well as pizzas, ranging in price from \$9 to \$29. Appetizers, such as local oysters and clams on the half shell are prepared in any host of fashions and a new signature item for them, "buffalo chicken wontons," start at \$3 for a small salad and top out around \$11. A new wine & spirits list overflowing with local small-batch spirits, single-malt and single-grain scotches, boutique gins and vodkas, is also a welcome addition to the area; let's not forget their beers on tap often including area favorites like Relic and Firefly Brewing.

In the dining room, they've enlisted the help of Jay Dollinger, most recently the catering manager of a West Hartford Specialty Market but whose roots are firmly planted in the heyday of Atlantic City, to bring dining room service to a new level. "I believe that great service is the backbone of a great restaurant. If you don't remember your server's name we did a great job since you were able to concentrate on your dining experience and not look for "what's her/his name" to get you a drink. Of course, many of our customers are like family and request particular servers and we're more than happy to oblige. I've only been on board since the New Year and customers are already hugging and kissing me as they come in and out. What a great place to work."

Dollinger and Lemnotis are hard at work planning things like Easter Brunch, their famous season-opener "The Deck Opening Party" (signaling to area natives the start of summer,) as well as new fun and exciting things they hope will bring locals and travelers to enjoy. "We're planning a Kentucky Derby Day party that will be an amazing event. Maker's Mark bourbon mint juleps, ladies winning prizes for their festive Derby chapeaux, hors d'oeuvres, and a simulcast of the big event are but a few of the happenings on Derby Day. And that's just the beginning of all the fun we're going to have here at Confetti!" Needless to say, he, the Lemnotis and many of the customers are enjoying and looking forward to the "New" Confetti!

The restaurant is now open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday as well as Sunday brunch starting at 11:00 am. Dinner on Sunday is available all day too. Extended hours are also a new trademark of the re-born favorite staying open until 10 on Wednesday and Thursday and 11 on Friday and Saturday. As an incentive to save money, they now offer a 20% discount off the entire check (bar too) if you sit down after 8:00 pm (perfect for after theater goes or a local movie!) Located conveniently on Route 10 in Plainville, just south of the Farmington line, 393 Farmington Avenue is the place to go to enjoy the new wood-fired cuisine, great service, and a discount after 8.

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Almost 40 million tax refunds worth nearly \$125 billion have been issued as of Feb. 20, according to Internal Revenue Service statistics released today. The average refund is \$3,120. The IRS has processed nearly 50 million returns, about one-third of the total individual federal income tax returns the agency expects to receive this year. Longer wait times on IRS phone lines and at IRS offices mean it's more important than ever for taxpayers to use IRS online tools and resources on IRS.gov.

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The IRS reminds individuals who owe the payment that it should be made only with their tax return or in response to a letter from the IRS. The payment should never be made directly to an individual or return preparer. Most people don't owe the payment at all because they have health coverage or qualify for a coverage exemption..

If you believe you have been targeted by an unscrupulous preparer or you have been financially affected by a tax return preparer's misconduct or improper tax preparation practices, you can report it to the IRS on Form 14157, Complaint: Tax Return Preparer..

Choose a Tax Preparer Carefully
The vast majority of tax professionals provide honest, high-quality service. However, the IRS encourages taxpayers to avoid dishonest and unscrupulous preparers by choosing their preparer wisely. For information on choosing a preparer, filing a complaint about an unscrupulous preparer, or using the new directory, see our Choosing a Tax Professional page on (IRS.gov.)

Beware!!

Anyone thinking of buying an Apple smartwatch, China's thriving copycat manufacturers are already selling lookalikes. The starting price is \$45.00, one-eighth the price of the cheapest Apple Watch.

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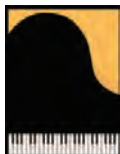
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From the Desk Of.....

Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire

THE ENFORCEABILITY OF GAMBLING CONTRACTS

As winter becomes spring, the American sporting focus turns from football to college basketball tournaments and baseball. However, the common theme throughout all sports is the gambling associated with the games. Whether it is to heighten one's interest in a game they usually would not care about, or to try to make a few extra bucks the easy way, sports gambling is here to stay regardless of whether it is legal or illegal.

Gambling in the United States is legal, and states are free to regulate or prohibit the practice. The Connecticut lottery is a form of legalized gambling within this state. This form of gambling in the state is enforceable and binding on the parties. Every time someone purchases a lottery ticket, they are entering into an enforceable agreement that, as a purchaser, you will pay the ticket price for the opportunity to win a prize that may be actualized if your ticket meets the criteria of the game.

Sports gambling within Connecticut is not legal. Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods are located on Native American reservations, which are regulated by federal law, not state law. Therefore, because gambling is legal under federal law, the casinos may engage in all forms of gambling.

The most recent publicized example of the sports gambling crackdown was in November 2010 when a local radio personality and 11 others were arrested by state police for their connection with an illegal sports betting operation. Any contract formed for an illegal purpose is not enforceable under the law, which is why illegal sports betting is often associated with organized crime who may help the participants own up to their end of the arrangement.

The message here is that while gambling in the United States is legal, it is regulated by the states. Why so many people choose to gamble on sports illegally is anyone's guess, especially since illegal gambling forms a non-enforceable agreement between the participants. Hence, even if you win your bet, you may not get the money if the other guy chooses not live up to his/her end. Additionally, there is always the risk of being gouged for interest, physically assaulted, or having the terms changed so the bettor loses. These are all potential downfalls that should have anyone second guessing before making an illegal sports bet.



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A Special Spring Week

By: Sally Miller



Many years ago, I owned a Jewish delicatessen. I did not change the name of the place, and I did not change any of the food choices. I served corned beef, pastrami, knishes, etc. Prior to my purchasing it, the deli had been in business for over 40

years had an established clientele which would faithfully come to that restaurant every day. The regulars who had been coming there from 5 to 20 years had their own table... The tables were long ones, placed horizontally from the front door to the rear of the dining area. I was concerned that the clientele might change once the delicatessen changed hands. Fortunately, all of the "old timers" continued to come to the deli.

After being in business a while, the locals began to frequent the deli as well and they had their own table. Friends and family began to establish their own table along with the local firemen and police. Some of the politicians would come in and sit anywhere.

As the months went by, I began to introduce the people at the different tables to one another. It did my heart well to see them begin to say, "hi Herman, hi Saul, morning Jamal. The atmosphere of the deli was changing and the greetings were warm and comfortable as tables mingled and warm laughter filled the deli and mingled with the smell of matzo ball soup and corned beef sandwiches. It seemed like a family..

As springtime drew near, I took a mini vacation to Bermuda and had an awesome time. This was well needed time off. I had been getting up every morning at 3:30 a.m., opening at 5:00 and closing at 4:00. During vacation, I tried everything, including riding throughout Bermuda on a moped. One morning I was to meet some friends and go to a parade in Bermuda. I jumped onto my moped on a hill in the sand, started it and went right over the handlebars. (I should have listened to what I was told about starting the moped on sand). I thought I had broken some bones in my foot but I knew that the whole day was one big planned celebration and I refused to miss the festivities. I hobbled to the parade, then the stadium and then to a friend's home while my foot constantly began to swell. At the end of the day of fun, I went to the hospital where they had to cut my sandal off my swollen foot and I ended up with a cast half way up my leg.

Back home at the restaurant, I tried to continue to work while using two crutches. I had great staff and I knew I could take it a little easy. The day after coming home, the deli received a huge sandwich order... I tried to help my staff by making sandwiches while leaning on crutches. As the deli began to fill with all customers, they saw the struggle I was having and they began to get their own coffee and pastry and would leave the money on the counter saying, "no change". Two of the women who were "regulars" came behind the counter, washed their hands, put on aprons and began to help with the order of over 70 deli sandwiches due that day. My eyes filled with tears and my heart filled with love, I continued to work alongside my staff and customers and thought "what a wonderful world". I often hear the phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child" I feel that it takes a village to make a harmonious community regardless of culture, status or income or background. If you invest in your community, you will be the better for it. Easter is a symbol of new beginnings.

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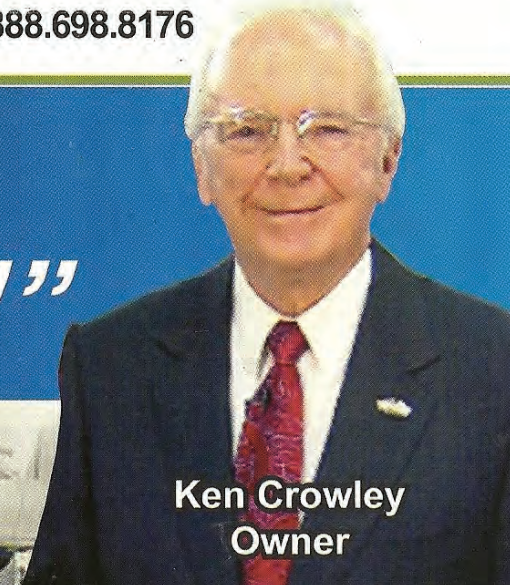
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chiropractic and acupuncture needs. I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to my co-workers for their loyalty and dedication in contributing to the success of the practice. I greatly value the relationships and friendships that I have developed over the years. I cannot imagine a more fulfilling career than the one I have been blessed with."

All medical records will remain at Southington Chiropractic and Acupuncture at 474 North Main Street. Dr. Salomone and his wife Kathy plan to divide their time between South Carolina and CT.

Editors Note: Dr. Salomone is a graduate of Plainville High School, the son of the late Sam and Mary Salomone. Enjoy and best of everything in your retirement. You certainly served your patients well and we will all miss you and Kathy.



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Last time we talked about a future war in the Seven Year Tribulation known as the Gog-Magog war of Ezekiel 38 in which five nations (Russia, Iran, Sudan, Libya and Turkey) will unite to attack Israel. How close are we to this battle? This battle could be a distance away but it could also be in the near future as current events seem to indicate. One thing to note is the two-fold purpose of this attack on Israel. In Ezekiel 38:12-13 we are given this two-fold purpose, namely, to take a spoil and a prey.

I believe Russia is going to be after the spoil and the other nations will be simply after a prey. What is this spoil? We are not told. But let me give you an example of what it might be. If you have been keeping up with the news you will have noticed that Israel has discovered vast amounts of natural gas off the Mediterranean Sea. According to some experts Israel will be #1 in exporting natural gas to other countries by 2020. Russia is presently #1. This is significant because presently Europe gets a good portion of their gas from Russia. Israel and Europe have already been talking about running pipe lines that go from Israel into Europe. With the present tensions between Europe and Russia it is not farfetched to see Europe turn to Israel for their gas in the next 5 years. If this becomes the case Russia's economy will be in big trouble and Russia will become very angry at Israel for doing this thus Russia attacks Israel for this spoil. The other purpose, namely, to take a prey will be the primary purpose of the other four nations. We know for a fact that Iran's leaders continue to state that they will wipe Israel off the face of the earth.

This is the main reason why they want to get nuclear weapons. We also know that Sudan, Libya and Turkey hate Israel very much and want to see them annihilated.

Perhaps this battle is right around the corner but remember, this battle cannot take place until the rapture of the Church takes place first. Are you born again? You must be born again in order to see the kingdom of God.

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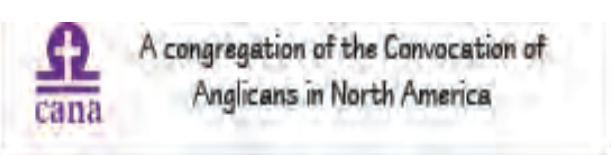
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**Citizen Forum 1/2 hour before
Town Council meetings**

This is so good to know. If you have seen it before, read it again - a refresher course never hurts. I hope none of you ever have to use it, but just in case, it's info we all should have. It could save a life, especially for those who live alone.

Please read this!

SELF CPR

1. Let's say it's 7:25 pm and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job.
2. You're really tired, upset and frustrated.
3. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up in to your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home.
4. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.
5. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.

HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?

6. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.
7. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.
8. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.
9. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.
10. Tell as many other people as possible about this. It could save their lives!!
11. A cardiologist says if everyone who READS this kindly send it to 10 people, you can bet that we'll save at least one life.
12. Rather than sending jokes, please ... contribute by forwarding this which can save a person's life....

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- 2 cups sugar
- 5 egg yolks
- 3 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3 cups sifted cake flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract,
added to milk

Cream butter, add the sugar gradually and cream until light and fluffy. Beat the egg yolks until thick and stir into batter. Resift the flour with the baking powder three times and add alternately with the milk beginning and ending with the flour mixture. Fold in the egg whites, divide evenly between three buttered nine-inch round cake pans and bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on cake racks. Spread frosting between layers and on top. Decorate as desired according to the occasion.

Letter to the Editor:

I enjoy and look forward each month to looking through your newspaper. I like From The Balcony by Jeannette H, the legal advice column by Attorney Wurz and I especially look forward to the Patriot (Tea Party) article by Gene. It hits the nail on the head, it's very informative. It was a very interesting article that you had on the Bonati Bros. Welding Co that is located in Plainville.

I shop; and use a lot of these business people's services that advertise monthly such as Ct. Casualty Insurance, Gnazzo's, Sherwood Cleaners and many more.

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



Yes. Floss removes plaque and debris that sticks to teeth and gums in between teeth, polishes tooth surfaces, and controls bad breath. Plaque is a sticky layer of material containing bacteria that accumulates on teeth, including places where toothbrushes can't reach. This can lead to gum disease. By flossing your teeth daily, you increase the chance of keeping them for a lifetime and decrease the chance of getting gum disease.

Why should I floss?
 Floss removes plaque and debris that adhere to teeth and gums in between teeth, polishes tooth surfaces and controls bad breath. By flossing your teeth daily, you increase the chances of keeping your teeth a lifetime and decrease your chance of having periodontal (gum) disease and tooth decay.

Flossing is the single most important weapon against plaque, perhaps more important than the toothbrush. A toothbrush cleans the tops and sides of your teeth. Dental floss cleans between them. Some people use waterpicks, but floss is the best choice. Many people just don't spend enough time flossing and many have never been taught to floss properly. When you visit your dentist or hygienist, ask to be shown.

Which type of floss should I use?
 Dental floss comes in many forms: waxed and unwaxed, flavored and unflavored, wide and regular. Wide floss, or dental tape, may be helpful for people with a lot of bridge work. Tapes are usually recommended when the spaces between teeth are wide. They all clean and remove plaque about the same. Waxed floss might be easier to slide between tight teeth or tight restorations. However, the unwaxed floss makes a squeaking sound to let you know your teeth are clean. Bonded unwaxed floss does not fray as easily as regular unwaxed floss but does tear more than waxed floss.

How should I floss?
 There are two flossing methods: the spool method and the loop method. The spool method is suited for those with manual dexterity. Take an 18-inch piece of floss and wind the bulk of the floss lightly around the middle finger. (Don't cut off your finger's circulation!) Wind the rest of the floss similarly around the same finger of the opposite hand. This finger takes up the floss as it becomes soiled or frayed. Maneuver the floss between teeth with your index fingers and thumbs. Don't pull it down hard against your gums or you will hurt them. Don't rub it side to side as if you're shining shoes. Bring the floss up and down several times, forming a "C" shape around the tooth and being sure to go below the gumline.

The loop method is suited for children or adults with less nimble hands, poor muscular coordination or arthritis. Take an 18-inch piece of floss and make it into a circle. Tie it securely with three knots. Place all of the fingers, except the thumb, within the loop. Use your index fingers to guide the floss through the lower teeth, and use your thumbs to guide the floss through the upper teeth, going below the gumline and forming a "C" on the side of the tooth.

How often should I floss?
 At least once a day. To give your teeth a good flossing, spend at least two or three minutes.

What are floss holders?
 You may prefer a prethreaded flosser or floss holder, which often looks like a little hacksaw. Flossers are handy for people with limited dexterity, for those who are just beginning to floss or for caretakers who are flossing someone else's teeth.

Is it safe to use toothpicks?
 In a pinch, toothpicks are effective at removing food between teeth, but for daily cleaning of plaque between teeth, floss is recommended. When you use a toothpick, don't press too hard, as you can break off the end and lodge it in your gums.

Do I need a waterpick (irrigating device)?
 Don't use waterpicks as a substitute for brushing and flossing. But they are effective around orthodontic braces, which retain food in areas where a toothbrush cannot reach. However, they do not remove plaque. Waterpicks are frequently recommended by dentists for persons with gum disease; solutions containing antibacterial agents like chlorhexidine or tetracycline, available through a dentist's prescription, can be added to the reservoir in these cases.

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Principal Steve Lapage enjoying the Sweet Treats with his daughter Kyleigh and son Brandon. He is certainly proud of the 2015 class for this successful fund raiser. Working together is the secret to success!



(Left) Panera Bread~ Bristol
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AARP Meetings



The AARP Chapter #4146 guest speakers at one of the monthly meetings were Assistant Director Brian Baker from South Park Inn, 75 Main Street, Hartford. He spoke about their many services that they provide for the homeless. Such as-Outreach services-Veteran and emergency shelter and transitional living program.

Another speaker speaker was Carol Diana. She spoke about the Veterans and their needs. She also was collecting things that the Vets in the hospitol need. Like new blankets-underwear-socks soaps-tooth paste and other small things. She said that she would pick them up at the next meeting.

Pictured above left to right: Brian Baker, Sally Miller, Carol Perry and Carol Diana.



Guest speakers at the March AARP meeting are pictured afte the presentation on the plan to replace the Old Linden Street School with a mini park and of stret driveway for the children's safety and additional parking. Police Chief Matthew Catania and Janice Eisenhauer. After the presentation with an architect's drawings they held a question and answer session. Pictured left to right are Sally Miller, Chief Catania, Carol Perry and Janice Eisenhauer.

The AARP Chapter #4146 Meets 1:00 pm every third Wednesday of the month at the:

**Faith Bible Church
168 Unionville Avenue
Plainville**

Strategies to Maximize Your Social Security Income



Farmington Bank Hosted an Informational Lunch and Learn about "Strategies to Maximize your Social Security Income" at the Plainville Public Library on Wednesday March 25th. The speaker, Linda Persechino, is a financial advisor with Essex Financial Services and practices out of the Plainville branches of Farmington Bank. Farmington Bank Branch Manager and AVP, Solidea Pitruzzello, said that she believes "it is important to provide this valuable

information to the Plainville community during a time when so many "Baby Boomers" are trying to navigate how to maximize their income during their retirement years." The presentation included information about "how to determine Full Retirement Age; how benefits change depending on when you file and simple strategies that may help maximize benefits." Antonella Calabrese, Farmington Bank Branch Manager and AVP currently serves as the Chairperson for the Plainville Chamber of Commerce and she extended an invitation to all of the Chamber members.

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OBITUARIES

~ Marie Theresa "Terry" (Bosse) Norris Bushway ~

Norris Bushway ~



passed away with her family by her side on Monday, March 2, 2015. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, Albert Norris, who predeceased her in 1970 and her second husband, Robert Bushway, who predeceased her in 2010.

Born in St. Agatha, Maine on April 6, 1931, she was one of fourteen children to the late Joseph and Deline (Chase) Bosse. The Valedictorian of her class, she graduated from St. Agatha High School and moved to Connecticut shortly after, where she settled in New Britain and then Plainville and raised her family.

Terry lived a life full of compassion towards others as a longtime hairdresser and later through her work as a home health aid and hospice caregiver. She was a devout Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church for fifty years, where she was a dedicated volunteer, serving on many committees and was a founding member of the 1-2 Club in an effort to keep the OLM school open. She devoted much of her time to the Cursillo ministry. Terry loved being surrounded by her family, especially spending "Memere" time with her adored grandchildren. They brought her the greatest joy. She will be greatly missed, leaving a legacy of kindness and love, her incessant smile, and her warming hug, and many cherished memories.

Terry leaves her three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Miranda Norris, Bob and Debbie Norris, and Allan and Julie Norris; her grandchildren, David and Colleen, Danielle and Johnathan, Sarah, Robert, Erica, Greg, Kristina, and Jessica; her step-children, Sandy Vining (Brunelle) Mowrey and her children, James, Jeffrey, and Michael; Bobby Bushway, Jr. and his children, Robert, III, and LaBelle; and Duane and Terri Bushway and their children, Scott, LaBelle, Nikia, and Allyson; along with several great-grandchildren and one on the way; her best friend and sister Joan and her husband Dave Oliveira, Herve and Correen Bosse, Jean and Conrad Cyr, and many, many other loving family members and friends.

Funeral services in celebration of Terry's life was held from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Burial will be held privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Terry's work with the Visiting Nurses Assoc. may be remembered with contributions to the Hospice of Central Connecticut, 56 West Main St, Plainville, CT 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Claudia (Belanger) Labbe ~



93, formerly of Plainville, passed away with her family by her side, on Thursday, March 12, 2015. She is now reunited with her husband, Emile Labbe, with whom she shared more than fifty years of marriage.

Born in Wallagrass, Maine on March 27, 1921, she was one of five children to the late Joseph and Mary (Belanger) Raymond. Following her marriage to Emile, they settled in their hometown, where they raised their family of ten, and Claudia worked in Presque Isle in the potato farming industry. She relocated to Connecticut close to twenty years ago, where she was a longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, and was an active member of the Plainville Senior Center. Claudia spent her later years at the Jerome Home, where she remained active in their many activities, and carried on her passion for crocheting. The matriarch of her vast family, she will be fondly remembered for her selflessness, strength and never-ending smile.

She leaves her eight children, Emile (Dorothy) Labbe, Jr., Mary (Daniel) Levesque, Adrian (Jesse) Labbe, William (Janice) Labbe, Marilyn (Stanley) McGrath, Betty Theriault and her significant other, Tary, Philip (Janice) Labbe, and Diane (Norman) Marquis; her daughter-in-law, Carey Labbe; 26 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sons, Bert and Norman, her three brothers and her sister.

Funeral services in celebration of Claudia'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. Burial will be in Maine at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Claudia may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St, Plainville, CT 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ William J. "Billy" Furlong, III ~



Born on February 25, 1978, he was one of two sons of William and Catherine (Fortuna) Furlong, Jr. of Plainville. A lifelong resident, Billy was a 1997 graduate of Plainville High School, and attended New England Technical Institute, where he excelled in mechanics and automotive work.

He had a vast knowledge and skill for fixing anything, loved working with his hands and using his extensive tool collection. A member of the Laborer's Union, he was employed at Tilcon, Inc., where he leaves many friends and coworkers. He had a passion for motorcycle riding from a young age, took great pride in his many Harley's throughout the years, and enjoyed watching NASCAR. Billy was truly one of a kind. He lived his life with an optimism and carefree spirit, and had unwavering sense of humor and infectious smile that will forever be remembered by his heartbroken family and endless circle of friends. He will be greatly missed, leaving many cherished and happy memories.

In addition to his loving parents, Bill and Catherine, he leaves his brother, Gary; his grandparents, Joseph and Pina Fortuna; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends.

Funeral services in celebration of Billy'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. He will be laid to rest in the spring at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, Billy may be remembered with a contribution to the donor's favorite charity. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Clara M. Kroll ~



of Plainville, formerly of Madison, Old Saybrook and Bristol passed away Saturday March 21, 2015 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She was the widow of Rudolph F. Kroll.

Clara was born March 22, 1914 in Bristol, a daughter of the late Otto and Caroline (Stoike) Mar. A graduate of Bristol High School, she attended secretarial school, then college extension courses in psychology and philosophy at Trinity College. Before her retirement, she was employed at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. Clara was a member of several clubs, including the Junior Women's Club, Bristol Women's Club and the YWCA. In addition to her passion for gourmet cooking, she was an avid collector of sea shells and glass. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

She is survived by several loving nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband Rudolph, she was predeceased by three sisters, Natalie Janetzke, Lucia Lee and Agnes Steinke and her brother Ernst Mar.

Bailey funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Funeral services for Clara were celebrated by Pastor Kevin Karner of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial in West Cemetery in Bristol will be held later in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church's School Fund 154 Meadow Street Bristol, CT 06010. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Gloria (Rovella) Ejzak ~



83, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 16, 2015 at Mulberry Gardens in Plantsville. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, Stanley "Lefty" Ejzak, who predeceased her this past April.

Born in New Britain on July 17, 1931, she was one of two daughters to the late Alexander and Josephine (Papa) Rovella. She was a 1949 graduate of New Britain High School, where she was a member of the Lenn'i Girls, becoming lifelong friends with many. It was love at first sight for her and Lefty, whom she married at the age of 19 and only weeks later was separated from by his military service. Upon his return, they started their family, moving to Plainville in 1961. They were true partners for 63 years, dedicated to each other and raising their three children. She retired after many years from Blick Art Supply so she and Lefty could travel and spend time with family and friends. A devoted mother and grandmother, Gloria's family was of the utmost importance to her and she and Lefty were always there to support them. She enjoyed doing things with and for her children and grandchildren, especially pet sitting. She enjoyed hosting holidays, sharing meals and was a kind hearted friend to many. She will be greatly missed, leaving her legacy of selflessness, her warm smile, and endless cherished memories.

She is survived by her son, Bruce and his wife, Kristy of Barkhamstead; her daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Gary Perun of Plainville and Susan and Eric Brown of Centerbrook; her grandchildren, Tracy and Douglas Perun, Alex (Elyse) and Kelsey Ejzak, and Jared Brown; her sister and best friend, Virginia Whitehouse and her husband, Whitey of Niantic; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Gloria's life was held at St. Patrick Church, 110 Main St, Farmington. Burial will be held privately at the family's convenience. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Gloria may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, 2075 Silas Deane Hwy, #100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Genevieve "Jean" (Guske) Maksim ~



91, of Old Saybrook, formerly of Plainville, passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2015. She was the wife of the late Joseph Maksim, who predeceased her in 1987.

Jean was born in Springfield, MA on April 21, 1923, one of three children to the late Adam and Stella (Barger) Guske. She and Joseph resided in New Britain, and settled in Plainville in 1959. She was a longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Church. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Maxine and Paul Orsina of Westbrook; her daughter-in-law, Rosalie Maksim of Norwich; her grandchildren, John Orsina and Jessica Orsina and Jason and Marc Maksim; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her beloved son, David in 1992, and her brothers, Louis and Walter.

Honoring Jean's wishes, funeral services will be held privately. Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, Jean may be remembered with contributions to Middlesex Hospice, 28 Crescent St. 7th Floor, Middletown, CT 06457. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

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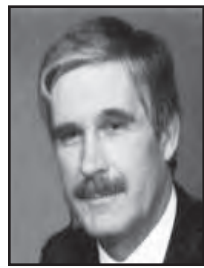
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OBITUARIES

~ Joseph R. Bacon ~



72 of Plainville, passed away at home on February 28, 2015 after a long illness.

Born on February 5, 1943, the youngest of 5 children of John E. and Elizabeth (Byrne) Bacon. He attended St. Casimer Grammar School in 1957 and Notre Dame De Lourdes High School in Elmira, N.Y. in 1961. He

attended Teterboro School of Aeronautics, graduating in May 1965. He was employed at Pratt & Whitney Overhaul and Repair, Quality department in various positions, retiring as manager/Certification & Records in June 2002 after 37 years. Following retirement, he acted as a consultant to Pratt & Whitney for 3 years. He was an avid sailplane pilot for 58 years. Mr. Bacon was a communicant at St. Matthew Church in Forestville, CT.

Mr. Bacon is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Carmel L. Bacon, his children John Joseph Bacon and his wife Robin Bacon of Wolcott, CT, Gail L. and Brent Prenzlów of Carlsbad, CA, Karen M. Phaneuf and Mario D. Castorino of Southington, CT and Lisa M. Phaneuf of Plainville, CT; his grandchildren Corey Martin of Wolcott, CT, Jennifer DeBlasi of Wolcott, CT and Mario J. Castorino of Southington, CT. He leaves behind a sister Joan Murphy of Elmira, N.Y., a brother John W. Bacon and wife Elaine Bacon of Smyrna, TN and a sister Jean Krystoff and husband Jim Krystoff of Lowell, MA and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents John E. and Elizabeth Bacon of Horseheads, N.Y. and his brother James R. Bacon of Amarillo, TX and his son and daughter-in-law Leonard and Sherry Phaneuf.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Forestville. The O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Forestville/Bristol assisted the family with arrangements. Committal services will be held at a later time. For online condolences, please visit: obrien-funeralhome.com.

~ Roger D. Barrett ~



83, of Bristol, husband of Joyce (Cook) Barrett, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Bristol Hospital, with his family at his side.

Roger was born in Waterbury on May 11, 1931 and was a son of the late John Dolor and

Grace (Langenberger) Barrett. He was a longtime Bristol resident and a United States Army Veteran serving during the Korean War. He retired from Balf Construction Co. and was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Roger enjoyed playing horseshoes, going bowling and in his earlier years coached baseball for Edgewood Little League. He was a member of the American Legion Seicheprey Post 2 Bristol and the German Club. In addition to his wife, Roger is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: David and Natale Barrett, of Bristol and Keith and Kathy Barrett, of Plainville; a daughter and son-in-law: Cathy and Jay Kolakoski, of Bristol; seven grandchildren: Kristen, Landon, Nicole, Zachary, Jake, Alyson and Matthew; five great grand-children: Nathan, Ella, Simon, Sebastian and McKenzie, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother: John Edward Barrett. A memorial service was held on Sunday, March 22, 2015, 11 AM at St. John's Episcopal Church, 851 Stafford Ave., Bristol. Military honors followed. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours and the Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol is assisting with the arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 851 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT 06010 or to the choice of the donor. Please visit Roger's memorial website at www.funkfuneralhome.com



~ Mary L. (Campagnano) Berarducci ~



96, of Plainville died Friday (Feb. 27, 2015) at home.

Born in Southington, CT on October 12, 1918, she was the daughter of the late Angelo and Josephine (Mongillo) Campagnano. She attended Southington schools and later went on to become a beautician where she worked for several years as a hairdresser at a Southington beauty shop. She married her husband Albert in 1946 and became a homemaker, devoting herself to the raising of their three children in a comfortable and stable home. They remained married for 60 years until his death in 2008. She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville and an active member of the AARP and the Plainville Senior Center. She was a charter member of the Plainville Italian Women's Civic Club throughout the many years of its existence. One of her greatest enjoyments was spending the summer months at White Sand Beach, Old Lyme with family and friends for over 60 years. In her later years she was able to remain at home under the compassionate care of Vilma Cooper of Companions and Homemakers.

Mrs. Berarducci is survived by three sons Dr. Albert (Bert) and his wife, Susan Berarducci of Upper Arlington, Ohio, Joseph Berarducci of Farmington and David Berarducci of Boston, MA; two grandchildren Thomas Berarducci of Chicago and Jennifer Meyer and husband Austin of Powell, OH; great-grandson Jack and great-granddaughter Evelyn, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Frank, Larry and Nelson and sisters Jenny, Anne and Julia. Her last moments were as she lived and as she would have hoped her passing to be - peaceful, at home and as if life's fuel just calmly ran out . . . no pain, or fanfare; as if it was just meant to be. Funeral services were held from the Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Plainville. Burial will be private. To light a candle or send a condolence, please visit: www.farrellfuneralhome.com.



~ Marion C. (Carroll) Kirkwood ~



85, of Burlington, formerly of Plainville passed away peacefully at her home with family members by her side.

She was the wife of the late Thomas P. Kirkwood, Jr. Marion was born April 5, 1929 in Bristol a daughter of the late Michael and Lillian (Holmquist) Carroll. She was a 1947 graduate of Plainville High School where she played field hockey. Marion had worked as a bookkeeper for A&C Motors in Plainville and later Wasley Products. She enjoyed playing cards and traveling, especially to Las Vegas, where she had gone many times with her husband and family members. Family was always important to her and she loved family get togethers particularly dining out, where she always stopped to chat and make new friends. She also loved attending her high school reunions, where she would reconnect with old friends. Marion loved all sports and was an avid fan of the UCONN women's basketball team.

Marion leaves her sons, Thomas P. Kirkwood, III and his wife Rita of Winsted and Michael J. Kirkwood and his wife Jennifer of Plainville, her daughters, Carol Kirkwood of Plainville and Karen MacDonald and her husband John of Bristol, her grandchildren, Scott and Kelly MacDonald and Evan, Colby and Tommy Kirkwood and several nieces and nephews including her special niece, Barbara Daigle and her husband Bruce of Avon. She also leaves three dear longtime friends, Mona, Marion and Reggie. Marion was predeceased by her brothers, Robert, Richard and Michael, Jr. and her sister Doris.

Funeral services for Marion were celebrated at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Committal services followed in Plainville West Cemetery. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society 701 Russell Road Newington, CT 06111. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Jeannette C. (Aube) Milanese ~



86, of Braintree, MA, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 16, 2015. She is now reunited with her husband, Lawrence "Tony" Milanese, who predeceased her in 1994.

Born in New Haven, CT on January 17, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Lena (Cote) Aube. A lifelong resident, she was a 1947 graduate of Plainville High School. Jeannette worked as a secretary for a number of local banks, including Bristol Savings and New Britain Savings, as well as for Wallace Barnes, for more than 40 years. Jeannette enjoyed gardening, reading and travelling throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean Islands.

She is survived by her sister, Arline O'Rourke; nieces, Michelle and Lisa Aube; nephews, Greg Aube, Dan and Tim O'Rourke, and many extended family members and friends. She was predeceased by her brother, Robert "Rusty" Aube, and her nephew, Rick Aube.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Words of remembrance will be held at the conclusion of the visitation. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Jeannette may be remembered with contributions to the charity of the donor's choice. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Philip "Roy" Raymond ~



80, beloved husband of Donna (Irish) Raymond, of Bristol, formerly of Plainville, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family, on Monday, February 23, 2015.



Born in Eagle Lake, Maine on October 28, 1934,

Roy was the youngest of twelve children to the late Vincent and Delia (DeVoe) Raymond. Raised in Maine, he moved to Connecticut as a teenager, where he met his soul mate, Donna. Together, they shared 56 years of love, devotion and life adventures. They settled in Plainville where they raised their four children, and Roy worked as an engineer for General Electric for 39 years, from where he retired in 1992. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, and was a member of the American Legion in Rocky Hill, the VFW, and the Elks Club #1669 in Southington, as well as a former chairperson on the Plainville Planning and Zoning Board. Always there to support his children, he was a coach while his sons were active in the Plainville Little League, and was also a Cub Scout Leader for Pack 76 during their years at Toffolon School. A sports enthusiast, he enjoyed all college basketball, with UCONN being his favorite, and was an avid Red Sox fan. He spent much of his retirement travelling alongside Donna and their expanding family, and creating precious memories for his children and grandchildren at their cottage in Maine. The ultimate party host and initiator of gatherings, Roy's greatest joy was being surrounded by his family, and he truly considered everyone he met a part of his family for life. Roy will forever leave an impact in the hearts and minds of those he loved the most, and will be dearly missed.

In addition to his wife, Donna, he leaves his children, Jeffrey Raymond and his wife, Lisa; Deanna (Raymond) Thibodeau and her husband, Brian, and Ann Marie Tucker; and was a proud Pepere to his eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He also leaves his brother, Carlton Raymond; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Patrick, and his ten siblings.

Funeral services in celebration of Roy'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. In lieu of flowers, Roy may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, 2075 Silas Deane Hwy, #100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

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The following questions and answers were submitted to the "Ask the Brayne" for your information.

Ask the Brayne.....

What is the estimated cost to demolish the building and the impact on taxes in Plainville?

- Demolition cost estimate \$2.63M
- Use of State Grant to Plainville (\$1.5M)
- Use of Unassigned Fund Balance* (\$1.1M)
- Funds from Additional Taxes \$0

*The Unassigned Fund Balance is essentially the Town's savings account and similar to the State's Rainy Day Fund. The Unassigned Fund Balance is generally used for "one-time" capital expenses. The Town Council has determined that there are sufficient monies in this fund to pay for the local share of the demolition, thus avoiding borrowing/bonding and paying interest over a 20-year period. This proposal will not impact the mill rate.

What will be done after the building is taken down?

- It is being recommended that elements of the building be preserved and incorporated into a neighborhood park on the corner of Linden Street and East Maple. This would include saving the front door and leaving it in its present location. A gazebo could also be built and the old Broad Street bell displayed as well. A final design would be developed by a volunteer group of Plainville residents. A student drop-off lane would also be constructed to alleviate the traffic issues during the morning and afternoon periods. Conceptual drawings are currently displayed at the Municipal Center, Senior Center, Plainville Public Library, and on-line at the Town web site.

What are the limitations with the building?

- The building has little or no parking available to it and is connected to an elementary school. The police chief has stated that any use not directly associated with the elementary school would pose a serious security risk. Currently there are traffic issues impacting the neighborhood during certain portions of the day as well, especially at the beginning and end of the school day.

Why can't the building be sold to a private developer like the Old Junior High that was located on Route 10?

- The Old Junior High School sat on a separate parcel of land and had sufficient space for parking. Old Linden is physically attached to Linden Street School and does not have any parking available to it. There is no practical use for a building that is almost twice the size of the Municipal Center with little or no parking available to it.

What would it cost to renovate the building for Town use?

- A conservative estimate is \$7M. . It would, most likely, be significantly more than that based upon a recent community center study conducted in Suffield. If renovation for school use is considered the cost would conservatively be \$15M. There are no grant monies available to off-set the cost of renovating this building for a community center or school use.

Why not turn it into a "community center"?

- The building does not contain some of the basic elements – namely – a gymnasium, auditorium, commercial kitchen and cafeteria that are successful parts of any modern community center. There is also no parking available during the day and many evenings. For those reasons, the Town Council and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board does not recommend converting the school to a community center. If the Town were of a mind to invest \$7M + towards a community center, it would best be addressed with a specific design based upon current needs; on a separate parcel with sufficient space for parking; that would be able to be used at any time (i.e. not just when school is not in session).

The Town voters rejected the referendum last November to appropriate funds for the demolition. Why is it now being included in the Town budget?

- The Town Council has the authority to dispose of town property. It should be understood that the question that was defeated last November was not whether or not to demolish the building, but whether to bond/borrow for the local cost of the demolition. Since then, the Town finances have improved so that the local share could be paid for from unassigned fund balance eliminating the need to borrow monies and pay interest over the next 20 years. The building has been empty for over 6 years and has a leaking roof. Delaying action now could jeopardize the approved state grant.

Will the residents have the opportunity to vote on the demolition of the building?

- Not specifically as the appropriation is included in the total town budget and the Capital Improvement Plan. The council has a responsibility to interpret a NO vote and the option to make appropriate changes to the budget. It should be noted, however, that the inclusion of the cost to demolish Old Linden in the Town budget does not impact the mill rate as the full cost of demolition is being paid for from a state grant and unassigned fund balance. In other words, taking the Old Linden demolition out of the town budget would not change the proposed mill rate in any way.

How can I find out more information?

- There is information on the Town website at www.plainvillect.com or by contacting Robert Lee, Town Manager at 860-703-0221, ext. 201.

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!!

To the person that knows all the answers, please let me know who you are, in case I need help!

Thanks, Bill Brayne

4th Annual Comedy Night

The Plainville Police Union is holding its' fourth annual Comedy Night on Friday June 12, 2015 at 8pm. The show is part of a fundraiser for the Plainville Police Union. The Plainville Police Union is actively involved in the community including sponsoring a little league team, a P.A.L. Basketball team and PHS sports teams. The union has also sponsored concerts in the park, grants for the Senior Center, donations to the Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development, D.A.R.E., and many other groups in Plainville.

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Pet Page

“By: Cathy, The Pet Spa at Twin City”

Is It Doggy or Kitty Alzheimer's?

In many ways, the most difficult problem seen in older pets is loss of mental ability, properly known as cognitive dysfunction syndrome. This certainly is not seen in all pets, but at least one study shows that 47% of dogs ages 11-12 are affected, and 86% of dogs ages 15-16. Cats are also affected, but to a lesser degree. At least one study shows an incidence of only 28% in cats ages 11-15. Cognitive dysfunction is a chronic condition caused by degeneration in the brain, and is similar to early Alzheimer's Disease in people.

Symptoms of this condition include house soiling in previously well trained animals, decreased attention and activity, pacing, vocalization (for no apparent reason), staring (sometimes at walls), wandering at night due to changes in sleep cycles, changed quality of interaction with family members and other pets (sometimes including the development of aggression) and anxiety.

Treatment of cognitive dysfunction is limited. The first FDA-approved drug for this condition is Anipryl. It has been well studied, and is protective of the functioning brain cells. However, it does not work for all pets that have received it, has significant side effects and drug interactions, and is quite expensive.

Neutraceuticals (natural products that are classified as nutritional rather than as drugs) are showing considerable promise in the management of cognitive dysfunction. They are safe, work well, are cost-effective, show fewer side effects and drug interactions.

At the present time, those neutraceuticals that show promise in controlling the symptoms of cognitive dysfunction are antioxidants, sAdenosylmethionine (sAME), phosphatidylserine (PS), herbs, flavinoids, melatonin, medium chain triglycerides and apoaequorin. These all work in different ways in the body. For example, apoaequorin, which is obtained from jellyfish, is a calcium binding protein that helps keep excess levels of calcium from accumulating in the brain and causing damage.

While the products currently available only modify the symptoms of cognitive dysfunction in pets, work is being done to develop or discover products that will modify the disease, rather than just treat symptoms.

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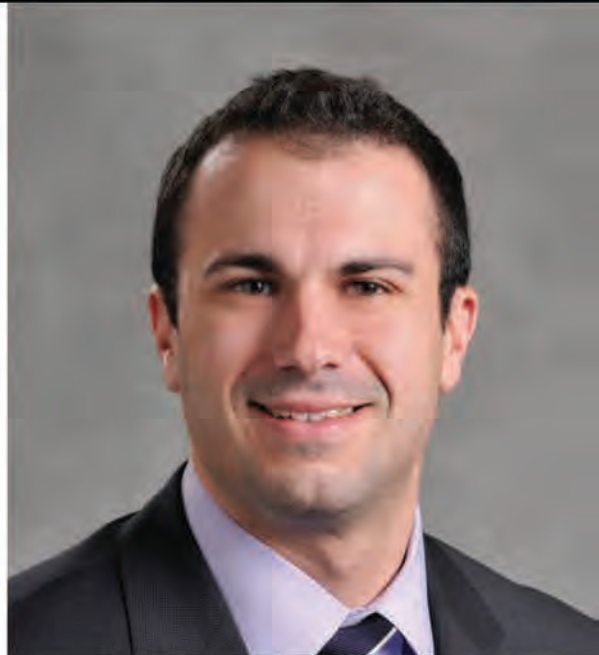
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