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26th Annual J. Timothy's Taverne GOLF CLASSIC

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Rebel Dog Coffee, JV's Taproom (The former Confetti's, 393 Farmington Ave.)



J. Timothy's Golf Classic
Tunxis Plantation
May 16, 2012



Pictured Left to Right: Jeff DiCosmi, President Chamber of Commerce, Maureen Brummett, Superintendent of Schools, Managers of JV's Taproom, Jerry Daniels and Vanessa Champayne, Robert Lee, Plainville Town Manager, Val Dumais Economic Development Agency, Chairman and Harrison Poltorak, Manager of Rebel Dog Coffee Co.

Pictured Left to Right are: John Hume, Jim Stack, Tim Adams, Kelly Walker-Bachman and Greg Gardner

The 26th annual J. Timothy's Taverne Golf Classic, benefitting the Plainville Community Pantry, will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at Tunxis Plantation. This year's tournament is honoring someone special, John Huwe, who was a manager and partner at J. Timothy's for over 35 years until his passing last month. *Story on Page 8*

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Ribbon Cutting of the Rebel Dog Coffee and JV's Taproom Grand Opening. An Open House continued until 9 pm for guests who were unable to attend the Ribbon Cutting earlier in the day. Rebel Dog Coffee serves Breakfast every Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 1 pm. The JV's Taproom Happy Hour 4-6 Tue.-Fri & 5-9 Sun, Dinner 5-9 Tue-Sun. **NEW** Takeaway Gourmet Ready made meals.....Pans and Platters to go...Ready-made meals for pickup everyday during business hours.....Call Peter 860-982-2157

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APRIL 15th
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And Where are They Now?

The short story of a former PHS graduate, last month was from Attorney Dan Rich. Perhaps we are missing stories about other former residents of our town that have gone on to attain fame and fortune around the world. If you have someone you would like us to write about each month. Former friends and neighbors would be very happy to hear about them and their successes, where ever they are.

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

{ Joe faves } Red Zone Sports Grill & Lounge is my favorite Sports Grill in town. After I enjoy Pizza for lunch on Saturday's, I enjoy shooting pool with my friends. The new dining room is very welcoming.

{ Deb raves } The best place in town to get all your plumbing problems solved is at Pat Miner's Plainville Plumbing Supply Store on East Street. My husband loves to fix anything, I mean he will try anything, no matter how much water is running out the front door. Thank you, Pat.

{ John faves } I live in Farmington and get the Hometown Connection from Gnazzo's Food Center. I read Mike's Auto on Farmington Ave. ad and decided to have them service my car. Now Mike's is my favorite garage to take my car for Car Care.

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Town Manager Robert E. Lee ~ Report to the Town Council

March 9th & 20th Town Council Notes

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES March 9, 2017

School Renovations Discussion

- A week ago, the Capital Projects Building Committee, the Board of Education and the Town Council met to hear a presentation regarding the School Renovation Project. The School Renovation Project includes the replacement of a roof on the Middle School, pavement replacement at the High School and "renovating like new" Wheeler Elementary School. The total project cost is estimated at \$27,367,893 for all three projects.
- he estimated local share after state reimbursement is estimated at \$13,953,620. This is an overall reimbursement rate for the three projects of 49%.
- The Wheeler School Renovation is estimated to cost \$23,513,789 with an expected net reimbursement rate of 51%. The Middle School roof is estimated to cost \$2,112,334 with a net reimbursement rate of 62%. The High School Pavement Project is expected to cost \$1,741,769 and the project is not eligible for state grant reimbursement because it is considered a "maintenance" project.
- The net cost of the project (13.9M) can be absorbed within the Town Budget without increasing existing debt service line item. This can be accomplished because the debt service line item is decreasing over time due the retirement of older projects that have been fully paid for.
- There is no doubt that the projects as proposed need to be done. The Town Council has been aware of the need for quite some time and have planned to incorporate the new debt without having to increase the amount of money that is currently being devoted to long term debt.
- The next step in the process is for the Board of Education to approve the project and bring it forth to the Town Council. A referendum for the project is tentatively planned for Tuesday, June 6th.

Resolution - Small Cities Application

- A public hearing on the proposed Small Cities Grant to make improvements to the Housing Authority's much needed bathroom updates in 80 of units at Center View Manor and Woodmoor Village was held on March 1st in the Municipal Center. Housing Authority members attended the public hearing to express their support for the project.
- The project would replace the existing bathtubs in these units with "walk-in" showers.
- There is an item under New Business that would allow for the Application to be submitted to the State Department of Housing.

HAPPENINGS March 9, 2017

PLAINVILLE COALITION FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Will be presenting "A Discussion & Forum on Substance Abuse in Our Families & Our Community on Thursday, April 6, at 6:15pm in the Plainville Middle School Auditorium, at 150 Northwest Drive. The Forum panel will present an overview of some of the current substance abuse related topics and a discussion featuring state and local community leaders, persons in recovery, family members and more. Panel members will share their knowledge, expertise, and personal stories regarding substance abuse, addiction, and recovery.

To Contact Town Councilors:
towncouncil@plainville-ct.gov

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

RUN YOUR WAY TO A 5K, INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Started MARCH 14

Led by seasoned running coach, Rich Dillion, you will be able to successfully complete a 10 week "couch to 5k" running program which will combine weekly group workouts of run/walk interval training sessions. The program will culminate with the Amica Iron Horse Boulevard 5k Race in Simsbury on Sunday, June 4th. The training program officially begins on Tuesday, April 4th at 9:00 and will continue on Tuesdays until May 30th. Training sessions will leave from the Senior Center and will run through the Senior Center neighborhoods. **COST: \$20.00** includes training and commemorative t-shirt. Please register for the informational meeting by contacting the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

GRANDPARENTS/RELATIVES RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

If you are a grandparent or relative who is raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, *Funding for this program is made possible in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging. Please call the Plainville Senior Center at 747-5728 to register.*

PLAINVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

Property Owners will be able to schedule their one bulk pick up free of charge either in the spring or in the fall. Bulk collection for 2017 will take place on Mondays during the following periods: April 17 through June 26, 2017 (excluding Monday, May 29, Pickup will be done on 5/30/17 due to Memorial Day) and September 11 through October 30, 2017. Eligible residents must call CWPM at 860-793-6721 to schedule a pickup. When calling, you will need to provide your name, address, phone number and a complete description of the items to be collected. Calls placed by 3:00pm Friday can be scheduled for collection on Monday. **Please Note: Pickups must be scheduled by property owners. Multi-family residents (2-5 units) must also be scheduled by property owners/landlords.

Bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Bulk items must not block or create a safety concern for sidewalks or walkways. Bulk collections are for residential only. Please keep weekly trash separate and miscellaneous iron/steel separate from bulk. For a list of acceptable bulk items, please scroll down the bottom of this page. Questions, can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x208.

Hazardous Waste Collection for 2017 will be:

April 22

Behind Plymouth Town Hall
80 Main Street, Terryville

May 6

Plainville Highway Garage
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All residents are required to bring photo ID when attending any of the collection locations.

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Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday 8 a. m. to noon
Contact the Councilors by calling Lisa Metayer
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for a Board or Commission application.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES March 20, 2017

8-24 Referral

- This referral is procedural for the Planning & Zoning Commission to review the proposed School Renovations Project in conjunction with the Town's Plan of Conservation.

Financial Dashboard

- This was reviewed and is available on the Town's website

Summary FY18 Budget

- This was reviewed and is available on the Town's website. The Town Council's recommendation for the General Government is \$23,022,095 reflecting an increase of \$203,999 or 0.89% and for the Board of Education the recommendation is \$35,503,099 reflecting an increase of 678,732 or 1.95%. The total recommended budget is \$58,525,194 reflecting an increase of \$882,731 or 1.53%.

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VETERAN'S COFFEE HOUR, TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 10:30 A.M.:

Informational and support meeting conducted by Wayne Rioux, a Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home. Please call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

2017 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE with STATE REPRESENTATIVE DR. WILLIAM PETIT and STATE SENATOR HENRI MARTIN, TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 10:00 A.M.:

Join us in discussing the issues that are shaping the 2017 legislative session, the state budget deficit and any state issues that are important to you. Please call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

MEMORY SCREENINGS at the SENIOR CENTER, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.:

Memory screenings are simple. They average ten minutes and consist of questions and tasks to assess memory. Screenings will be done by Jennifer Doty, BSW. Please call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to make an appointment.

And on April 7 and 8 the Friends of the Plainville Library are sponsoring the semiannual book sale. Thousands of books, CDs and DVDs at bargain prices.

NUTMEG TV SCHEDULE PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL and BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

*****Board of Education*****

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Town Council: Government Channel

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Sunday: 12am & 6pm Thursday: noon, 3am, 6am,
9am, 12 noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm; Saturday: 9am

From The Desk Of:
Dominick Moschini,
Superintendent of Roadways

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**TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
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 TAX AND BUSINESS
 INCENTIVE PROGRAM POLICY**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Tax Incentive Program is to attract new business and industry to the Town of Plainville and to promote expansion of existing businesses and industry. It is the intent of the Town to provide and create jobs for local and area residents; to create long term tax base growth through the replacement, reconstruction, expansion and remodeling of existing business and industrial facilities where appropriate and environmentally sound; to encourage the construction of new facilities when necessary; and to create the potential for generating new demands for existing local businesses through a "spin-off" effect. It is further the intent of the Town of Plainville to encourage substantial investment in new equipment and other personal property subject to taxation within the Town.

In addition to the incentives provided hereunder, the applicant may also be eligible for incentives allowed under other ordinances of the Town of Plainville and provisions of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut including Section 12-65h and Section 12-127a, as amended.

QUALIFYING BUSINESSES:

The following types of businesses, consistent with Town regulations and ordinances shall receive priority consideration for development incentives:

1. Manufacturing firms
2. Medical offices
3. Financial offices
4. Facilities designed for the management and administrative support of business activity located elsewhere
5. High Technology Firms including research and development

6. Wholesale/Distribution Firms providing new employment not less than one (1) job per each 1,000 square feet of gross building area
7. New retail and commercial business
8. Restaurants

Notwithstanding the listing of priority businesses, all proposals shall be measured against the following standards as may be applicable:

1. Possession of a good, recent environmental "track record."
2. Investment of \$100,000 or more in new or rehabilitated facilities and/or equipment.
3. Creation of permanent, full-time jobs.
4. Provide a solid financial base and growth potential through the preparation of a business plan, which demonstrates the capital necessary for reasonable business growth.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Applications for tax incentives under this program will be considered under the following circumstances:

1. The proposed project must be in full compliance with all applicable local regulations and requirements, subject to approval of applicable land use boards.
2. All tax benefits realized through participation in this program are transferable to tenants if applicable.
3. Applicant has no delinquency of any taxes or services charges due the Town of Plainville.
4. The project should have a clear economic benefit to the Town of Plainville as follows: the benefits derived to the Town shall exceed the total cost to the Town over the economic life of the investment or project, not to exceed five (5) years. This provision may be modified for investments exceeding \$10,000,000.00.

**TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
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 CLOSED**

The Municipal Center will closing at 4:00p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2017 and the Municipal Center, Senior Center, and Library will be closed on Friday, April 14, 2017 in observance of Good Friday. The Library will be open Saturday, April 15, and closed Sunday, April 16. All municipal offices will be open on Monday, April 17. The weekly refuse collection will take place as usual.

For details and more information

contact: Mark DeVoe

**Director of Economic
 Development**

860-793-0221 Ext. 210

Town Council Recommended Budget

FY 18

<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>	<u>APPROVED FY 17</u>	<u>Town Council Recommendation FY 18</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
General Government	\$2,305,035	\$2,489,607	\$184,572	8.01%
Public Safety	\$4,523,630	\$4,569,799	\$46,169	1.02%
Public Works	\$4,215,456	\$4,110,158	-\$105,298	-2.50%
Health & Human Services	\$1,752,104	\$1,723,358	-\$28,746	-1.64%
Civic & Cultural	\$152,310	\$155,162	\$2,852	1.87%
Employee Fringe Benefits	\$3,230,055	\$3,354,505	\$124,450	3.85%
Sundry	\$827,212	\$807,212	-\$20,000	-2.42%
SUB-TOTAL	\$17,005,802	\$17,209,801	\$203,999	1.20%
Debt Service	\$4,712,294	\$4,712,294	\$0	0.00%
Capital Fund	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.	\$22,818,096	\$23,022,095	\$203,999	0.89%
Board of Education	\$34,824,367	\$35,503,099	\$678,732	1.95%
GRAND TOTAL	\$57,642,463	\$58,525,194	\$882,731	1.53%

**NOTICE
 TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
 ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE**

Taxpayers of The Town of Plainville will have an opportunity to vote on the 2018 budget on Tuesday April 25, 2017, 6:00am-8:00pm at the Firehouse.

The Town Council and Town Manager are aware of the potential impact the Governor's recommendation regarding the Teachers' Retirement may have on the 2018 budget. A decision on the mill rate will be made once final information is available.



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From the Desk Of.....

Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire

KNOWING LANDLORD AND TENANT OBLIGATIONS

Landlords and tenants have been fighting for as long as humans have been living in shelter. Most of the time these disputes could be avoided with an understanding of what is legally required by each party. This article will touch upon a few things to know when renting and for landlords.

A landlord can be held liable for an injury caused by a tenant's dog, provided that the landlord knew or should have known that the dog had the vicious or dangerous propensity to cause such an injury, and provided further that the injury happens on the premises owned or controlled by the landlord. Given this kind of potential exposure its no wonder why so many landlords do not allow dogs.

Tenants can only withhold rent if do properly through the court. Many tenants believe if the landlord does not fulfill some obligation they can simply not pay all or some of the rent. While this idea is true, the tenant still needs to initiate a rental abatement action with the court to properly withhold rent.

Agreements made by landlords and tenants outside of court need to be memorialized in writing and signed by all parties. This is not a hard line rule, but just good practice for everyone to ensure their rights are protected. Too many times evictions turn into a "he said" – "she said" battle without any documentation.

I hope this proves helpful to those interested! Always remember when it comes to technical aspects of the law it is better to contact a licensed attorney who can help you with your matter.

*This article brought to you in
the interest of better dental health!*



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



Zylitol And Young Patients

If there's one thing that all dentists have in common, it's that they regularly see young patients with tooth decay. Roughly 42 percent of children ages 2 to 11 have had decay in their primary teeth, while approximately 32 percent of ages 9 to 11 have decay in their permanent teeth. Although it's vital for all patients to brush and floss every day, children in particular can improve their oral health by adding xylitol to their daily oral hygiene routine, according to an article published in the July 2010 issue of AGD Impact, the monthly newsmagazine of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD).

Sugary foods and sticky candies can be difficult for children to resist, but they are a serious source of tooth decay, particularly when they get stuck in the crevices between teeth. Additionally, many children consume large amounts of soft drinks and sports drinks, which are known to have a high acidic pH and sugar content—a recipe for disaster in terms of tooth decay. These dietary factors—combined with the possibility that children are drinking more unfluoridated tap or bottled water—might explain why the rates of tooth decay are rising.

However xylitol gives dentists another weapon in the battle against tooth decay. Xylitol provides a simple solution for tooth decay in children. It's a natural sugar that doesn't cause cavities and can actually help to prevent them.

Xylitol is a sugar alcohol found naturally in trees, fruits, and vegetables. It's also found naturally in the human liver, which is why it is safe for humans to consume. Unlike table sugar, which breaks down in the mouth and creates an acidic, cavity-promoting pH, xylitol does not break down and therefore does not create any harmful acids.

Xylitol can be found in an array of products—including candies, mints, lemonade mixes, all-purpose sweeteners, and certain brands of chewing gum—which can help patients fight cavities without forcing them to drastically change their daily oral hygiene regimen.

Research suggests that patients should consume between six and 10 grams, or three to five servings of xylitol per day. It's also important for patients to consume xylitol throughout the day and not all at once. The more often that xylitol interacts with the bacteria in your mouth, the better—that way, it's always fighting cavities.

While there is no quick fix for eliminating tooth decay, xylitol may offer a realistic way to counteract the problem, especially among the most vulnerable populations. Parents may wonder why a dentist would recommend that their young patients consume a sugar-like substance but with more education, they will realize that xylitol is a natural product that can help to prevent cavities.

Although xylitol is safe for humans, it is important to note that there is one population—the furry one—that cannot tolerate the sweetener. An article published in the February 2010 issue of AGD Impact reports that, even in small amounts, xylitol can be deadly to dogs.

For this reason, it's important to keep xylitol-containing products out of your canine's reach.

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Retirement in Florida is different to say the least or should I say, because there are people from all over the world that go to Florida to bask in the sunshine during their sunset years. it makes for a mix of what I might call some strange bed fellows but, as I always say live and let live.

Many persons in Florida, I have found, are very religious, I've never been a religious person myself but I have noticed even the bag boys and cashiers at the grocery stores say God Bless and have a blessed day. Over the past few months I have become friends with a neighbor, about my age, and have even attended her church services on occasion. Last week after a service she asked me if I would mind stopping at the local Christian book store. While there I saw a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker. I was feeling rather into it after listening to an inspiring sermon at her church so, I bought it and put it right on my car. Boy, am I glad I did, what an uplifting experience that followed. I had no sooner left the parking lot and I had to stop for a red light. I became lost in thought of how good Jesus is, and I didn't notice the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I never would have noticed the light. I soon found that lots of people love Jesus! While I was sitting there, the man behind me started honking like crazy, then he leaned out of his window and screamed, "Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, Go!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! I think because of his cheering everyone started honking. I leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in their love. I think there was even a man on vacation that took time to honk while he was taking his family for a swim because he yelled something about a sunny beach.

I saw another man waving at us who must have been disabled because he had only one finger but my friend said she thought that was some type of Hawaiian good luck sign.

Well, I never met anyone from Hawaii so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back. A couple of people even got out of their cars and started walking towards us, I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church we attended, but I figured I should leave because the light had changed. You know I was the only one that made it through that light and I felt kind of sad I had to leave my new friends behind after the love we shared. Just so no one felt I would forget them I gave everyone that good luck Hawaiian sign one last time.

If you really want to show your love why not try giving the Hawaiian good luck sign when you think someone might be a little angry or having a bad day. I tried it on a recent trip to Georgia and those people are just as friendly as the folks in Florida, they gave me the Hawaiian good luck sign right back.

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The Memorial Wall is located on the main floor of the Plainville Municipal Center adjacent to the Town Clerk's Office. Visitors may view the Wall during normal business hours. If you are interested in adding a Veteran's name to the Wall, applications are located in the Municipal Center, Senior Center, American Legion Post 33, and VFW Post 534.

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A Trump government: It's beginning to move

You have all heard the analogy that trying to change the course of the United States government is like trying to turn a supercarrier at sea. —you can only do it slowly. It takes time.

The truth being that a new supercarrier can make a turn very quickly in this day and age, but not the government as yet.

That is the way it's supposed to be. Even Republicans in the majority party did not like what the replacement health care plan was purposing as a change for Obamacare.

When was the last time you saw a controlling faction in Washington defeat itself, not toe the party line and be concerned about the voters they represent? I can't remember, can you?

When Obamacare was dropped on the American voters, it was a surprise to many Americans. We didn't expect it, and many of us were not aware we needed it; many thought we didn't, not as presented.

The Democrats passed the Affordable Care Act as presented, and the speaker of the house said we had to pass the bill to see what it did — now that was scary. The feeling was they knew what was best. The majority of Democrats in the House of Representatives voted for

the ACA; all Democratic senators voted for the ACA. Not one Republican voted for it.

Many Americans felt the ACA was forced on the public! The law said we had to buy in or be penalized.

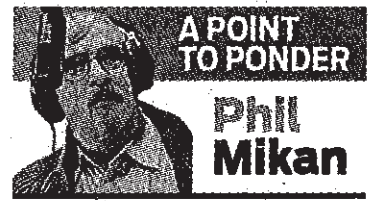
I feel what we have seen is the beginning of members of our representative government taking heed of what their constituents are saying. The politicians want to keep their positions of power (they want to keep their jobs).

People know that they can make a difference, and now the politicians know as well. So, we are seeing the slow movement of government reflected in this vote. A very historical vote, I am happy to say. President Trump's win is changing the dynamics of the Emerald City.

I think this a win for the American people.

Thank you, President Trump.

A point to ponder.



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Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts of Connecticut will be stopping at homes in area towns, taking orders for famous cookies as part of the statewide Girl Scout Cookie Drop. Trucks filled with hundreds of thousands of boxes of Girl Scout cookies will arrive at delivery spots across the state. Cookie Booths began and will continue until April 2nd.

To send cookies to people in the military overseas and at home, as well as to community heroes. For more information about Cookies for Heroes, visit cookiesforheroes.com.

Girl Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th season of selling cookies. Today, nearly 1 million Girl Scouts participate in the program, which gives them the essential skills they need to become effective leaders, manage finances and gain self sufficiency and confidence in handling money.

Plainville Girl Scouts booth was set up in March at Gnazzo's Food Center for the sale of their cookies. They wish to "THANK" Mr. Gnazzo for all their help!

For more information about the Girl Scout Cookies Program and find a nearby booth, visit gsocfct.org and click on "looking for cookies" button.

PHS Class of 1967

The Plainville High School Class of 1967 has begun planning its 50th Class Reunion for the fall of 2017. If you are a member of the class (or know someone who is) make sure that you or they are on the contact list.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks to Dom Moschini and his crew of the Plainville Roadways Department for the great job they do. During the blizzard of March 14 our streets were kept passable and the cleanup was done quickly. Thanks to all of you for the good job you do all year.

Dolly C.

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26th Annual J. Timothy's Taverne Golf Classic

The 26th annual J. Timothy's Taverne Golf Classic, benefitting the Plainville Community Pantry, will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at Tunxis Plantation. This year's tournament is honoring someone special, John Huwe, who was a manager and partner at J. Timothy's for over 35 years until his passing last month.

"John was a great friend and colleague, and a wonderful person who was loved by all who knew him. He touched so many people's lives; guests at the restaurant, co-workers, his large family, neighbors... his loss is profoundly felt by many people. We want to honor his memory and keep his spirit alive." said Greg Gardner, J. Timothy's General Manager.

John was the opening Chef Manager of the kitchen at Cooke's Tavern when the principle owners, Jim Welch and Tim Adams, first took over the landmark property in 1980. They had all worked together opening new stores for the restaurant chain Steak

and Ale and brought that expertise to Plainville when the historic property became available. In the mid 80's they changed the white tablecloth concept of the Tavern to the more casual-themed restaurant we all know today. The name was changed too, which was John's idea based on the blending of Jim and Tim's names. Add a few chicken wings and you have the restaurant we now know as J. Timothy's Taverne.

John truly enjoyed the game of golf so it is very fitting that this year's event bears his name. He will be a part of everyone's foursome this year.

The golf tournament has raised over \$335,000 for the Food Pantry in its 26 years through the generosity and support of the local community, including corporate sponsors and individuals who support the Food Pantry while enjoying a beautiful and fun day on the links.

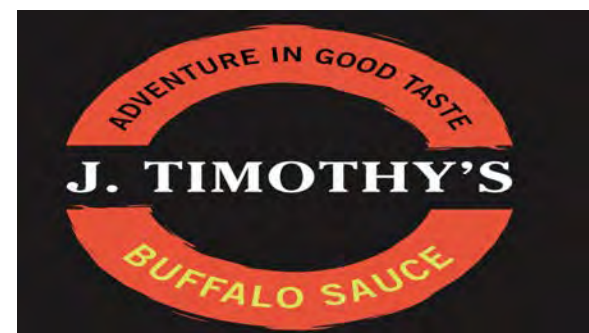
Rino Ouelett, J. Timothy's Manager, said, "The tournament is always a lot of fun and really helps the Food Pantry. But this year is particularly special because we'll be doing that while honoring John. Since his passing so many people have visited the restaurant to remember him and share his fun stories. Boy did he have stories. He is missed tremendously."

26th Annual Golf Classic Tunxis Plantation Farmington Wednesday, May 17th

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By: GENE

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Be very careful of FAKE NEWS and bogus progressive editorials and writings. What has happened to the WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? AND HOW? of a true journalistic report.

YES, we know you are NOT a fan of our President. Move on and wake-up, Middle class American's had enough of it all ready. Trump is an EXCEPTION, to the "run of the mill" politician's that we have and are in office-at all levels of government.

Unfortunately, our media Liberals and entertainment industry are ANTI-TRUMP. He could say it is 'WHITE and they will say it is BLACK' they are against every thing therefore.

America forgets who the president is for a moment; show some respect for the OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. You may not like our President; however, he is our president. YES, we know you are NOT a fan of President Trump. Our newly elected President turned over to our "We The People" telling the American people, they were in charge and he IS working for us. That we will be a nation of laws and our Constitution will be the supreme law of the land. Why? The opposing party, in defiance of the new President and his politics, showed no support for the president or the millions of Americans who supported him in the election.

As far as Governor Malloy, the State of Connecticut, he is focusing money, shifting it from suburban and rural communities to cities. With nearly two billion dollar budget deficit and more money being thrown at expansion of the CT Fastrack and a quarter billion for refurbishment of the XL Center. Also the higher

education always gets a pass when chief executives of the State of CT and Colleges testify about the Governor cutting their state subsidiaries, also the proposed shifting part of the funding cost from the State to Teachers retirement fund from the State to the Municipalities,

And also coming up in this session is the marijuana issue. People should be looking at the passing and experiment in the State of Colorado. And why are almost 50% of the properties in Hartford as is in many (other cities) are tax-exempt.

As far as the Healthcare Plan. Whatever you call it, TrumpCare, DonaldCare, America Healthcare changes should be made in ObamaCare. Possibly being able to purchase across the State Line for Insurance, Torts Reform (Legal) meaning a cap on medical claims, and bargaining with pharmaceutical companies for better drug prices.

Common Core is a total disaster. One of Trump's most frequent pledges on the campaign trail was to crush Common Core, a federally funded set of establishment-developed national K-12 school standards. The controversial plot, which critics and experts say dumbs down students, was quietly imposed on the states by Obama administration using illegal bribes and treats. It still remains unclear what President Trump and Secretary of Education DeVos may do with the "Every Student Succeeds Act" a law cementing Common Core passed by establishment Republicans and dubbed a "Christmas miracle" by Obama.

Be ready for a physical or cyber attacks or both just a matter of time, be alert something could happen. CONSPIRACY THEORY? There have been increased on Cyber and test attacks, on our infrastructure, that are not yet reported.

Western leaders who think non-Muslims can "win hearts and minds" among Islamic jihadists are similarly naive and shortsighted. Islamic distaste for unbelievers is a constant of Islamic history and persists today.

Quote from Ouar'an 48.29

"Muhammad is Allah's Apostle. Those who follow him are ruthless to the unbelievers but merciful to one another."

Some excerpts from Robert Spencer book from "The Politically Incorrect Guide" to ISLAM and also the Patriot Paper March 2017 Volume 7, Issue 5.

Some of the facts in this article stated may have changed because of (alternative news) and press time is 3/15/17.

Petit Supports Legislation to Strengthen Anti-Human Trafficking Laws

HARTFORD –State Representative William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22) today joined legislative colleagues and advocates in the fight against human trafficking. Petit voiced his strong support for comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation, which had a public hearing in the legislature's Judiciary Committee.



Rep. Petit gave his remarks earlier in the day during a press conference held by the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Council and the Commission on Women, Children, and Seniors:

"It is critical to increase education in CT in the form of public awareness. Most people feel that human sex trafficking of children occurs elsewhere but it happens all over our state; in cities, small towns, rural and suburban areas. It is critical to care for the victims in these cases, that is, to not label them as prostitutes and lawbreakers when they have been coerced into these situations where they are mentally and physically abused. We need to stand up as a legislature and protect and care for these children who are victims. We must be their voices."

Carolyn Treiss, President of the Permanent Status of the Commission on Women, Inc. (PCSW, Inc.) also submitted testimony to the Judiciary Committee on the issue, commented, "The true perpetrators of prostitution-related crimes the promoters and purchasers of sex – have not been a priority of law enforcement. It is time that the crime of purchasing sex be treated for what it is – an act of violence against women and children."

The two bills, HB 7309 and HB 7310, seek to strengthen current anti-human trafficking laws specifically by increasing the penalties for anyone who patronizes a prostitute and requires those with a second offense to register as a sexual offender, and also provides for the training of medical professionals to recognize the warning signs and signals that an individual may be the victim of trafficking.



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Petit Participates in 'One Book, One Community' at Toffolon Elementary School



On Friday, March 3rd, State Representative William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22) paid a visit to Toffolon Elementary School in Plainville to participate in their reading program, 'One Book, One Community'.

As national celebrations took place to honor Dr. Seuss' birthday, Rep. Petit joined Toffolon students, teachers, and administrators in their school festivities by taking part in the school-wide assembly for the reading program, "One Book, One Community".

"I was thrilled to participate in the reading assembly celebration at Toffolon Elementary School," said Rep. Petit. "I enjoyed speaking with the students and answering their questions, and taking part in the reader's theater. The 'One Book, One Community' reading program is a fantastic initiative to encourage and inspire the students to be avid readers. I applaud the administrators, teachers, and staff for the great work they do with the students and I am proud to support this event."

All Toffolon students are reading the same book, "White Fur Flying" by Patricia MacLachlan. The assembly featured a student interview by Adrianna Mills with Rep. Petit, followed by a 'Reader's Theater' read aloud of chapter one from the book, featuring Rep. Petit as the narrator.

Earlier that week, Rep. Petit participated in reading events at Gaffney Elementary and DiLoreto Magnet Schools in New Britain, and Wheeler Elementary School in Plainville.

According to their website, The National Education Association seeks to build a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its 20th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

For more information about the event, visit www.nea.org/readacross.

Petit Celebrates Read Across America at Wheeler Elementary School



On Thursday, March 2nd, State Representative William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22) paid a visit to Wheeler Elementary School in Plainville to participate in Read Across America Day.

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Rep. Petit joined in the nationwide celebration by reading to the first grade students in Mrs. McConachie's class.

"It was a pleasure to participate in the Read Across America celebration at Wheeler Elementary School," said Rep. Petit. "What a fun morning spent with such bright and energetic students! I believe in the importance of reading as an integral part of a student's learning and development and I am proud to support this great event."

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Plainville Community School's +K.I.K. (Positive Kids Influencing Kids) Peer Mentor Group recently enjoyed a special visit from Brian Miller, a magician & motivational speaker. This event was made possible thanks to a grant from the Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund.

VFW Donates Books to Schools



Plainville's VFW Post 574 donated books to the Plainville Community Schools Reading Partner program in all three elementary schools earlier this year as a part of the VFW's Community Outreach Program. Command Sergeant Major Paul Vicinus handed the books to each student reading partner. In photo: The Reading Partners Program participants at Louis Toffolon Elementary School pose with Principal Lynn Logoyke and their book donations presented by Command Sergeant Major Paul Vicinus (front center)

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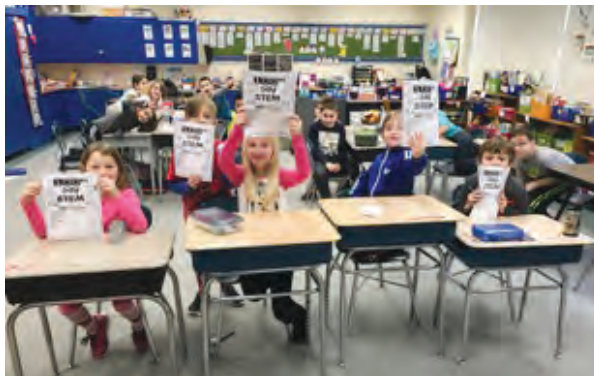
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Wheeler Students Explore STEM



Students in Mrs. Mahtaney's second grade class at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School participated in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activity on February 3rd, the "100th" day of school. The students used different materials to create designs and structures celebrating the 100th day milestone.

PLAINVILLE YOUTH COALITION TO HOST FORUM ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development will host a forum entitled: "A Discussion & Forum on Substance Abuse in Our Families & Our Community" on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Middle School of Plainville George Ventrelli Auditorium, 150 Northwest Drive.

Our nation is in the midst of an unprecedented opioid epidemic. More people died from drug overdoses in 2014 than in any year on record, and the majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involved an opioid. Since 1999, the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids—including prescription opioid pain relievers and heroin—nearly quadrupled, and over 165,000 people have died from prescription opioid overdoses. The Plainville Coalition feels that it is extremely important to educate parents and the community about the extent of the problem and what can be done to prevent it.

The forum panel will include Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Dr. Charles Dike, Medical Director, Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Victor Incerti, Chief Program Officer for Community Mental Health Affiliates, as well as representation from the Plainville Police Department and Plainville High School, a person in recovery and more.

The forum is designed to educate parents and community members about the risks and consequences of substance abuse, health effects, signs and symptoms of use, school consequences, how to talk to children about substances, and more. A variety of community resource tables will also be available before and after the panel discussion.

The forum is free and open to the public. For further information regarding the forum please contact Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development Co-Chairs Roberta Brown (860) 793-0221 ext. 261 or Lynn Davis (860) 793-3220 ext. 236.

PHS Students Visit Bristol Tech ED Center



A group of Plainville High School students enjoyed a field trip to the Bristol Technical Education Center coordinated by the high school's College and Career Readiness Coordinator Sue Bradley.

SEAPERCH Competition Hosted by PHS



The annual SEAPERCH competition was hosted March 9th at Plainville High School in the pool area. Members from Central Connecticut State University's Technology and Engineering Department, along with NAVY divers, worked with Plainville High School STEM and Engineering faculty member Mark Chase, to coordinate the event. Students from school districts across the state had friendly competitions trying to earn the most points retrieving rings and cubes at the bottom of the pool and completing an obstacle course in the shortest amount of time. A SEAPERCH is a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) designed to travel under water and complete a variety of tasks. Throughout the project, students learn engineering concepts, problem solving, teamwork, and technical applications while applying 21st century skills.

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PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CELEBRATED "READ ACROSS AMERICA"



Students and staff across the Plainville school district celebrated Read Across America, a national reading and motivational awareness program that commemorates Dr. Seuss' (Theodore Suess Geisel) birthday on March 2nd. At Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, students and staff enjoyed a performance of three Dr. Seuss stories by Plainville High School students Aryanna Lebron, Phoebe Bell, Audra Restelli, and Isabella Bantz. The performance was coordinated by Plainville High School faculty

member TJ Riccardo. Wheeler fourth graders also enjoyed a visit from guest reader, Plainville High School Principal Roberto Medic. The Middle School of Plainville also held its annual Read Across America celebration, coordinated by Library Information Specialist Joyce Lynch. Over 275 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 participated as readers or listeners. Teachers, administrators, and Plainville Public Library staff joined the celebration as well, reading aloud picture books, short stories and poetry. Mrs. White's 8th grade

Family and Consumer Science classes provided refreshments using this year's diversity theme of Dr. Seuss around the world. Gnazzo's Food Center and Snyders of Hanover also generously donated refreshments for the event. Guest readers also included Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent of Schools, Steve LePage, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Foster White, Board of Education member.

Plainville Schools Honor March Everyday Heros

MEMORIAL WALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY TO BE HELD



Chiara Ramos, second from left



Lynn Logoyke, center right

Two Plainville Community Schools' staff members were honored at the March 13th Plainville Board of Education meeting as part of the "Everyday Hero" program that recognizes staff members and students who have gone above and beyond for another student or colleague, showing resiliency, support and / or initiative to make the school district an even better place to be. The March honorees included Louis Toffolon Elementary School Principal Lynn Logoyke nominated by Office Professional Chiara Ramos, and Middle School of Plainville faculty member Jody Muldoon, nominated by faculty member Allison Rogers.

The Wall of Honor Naming Committee announced Cadwell Hoerle will be inducted into the Wall of Honor at Plainville High School on Monday, April 17th at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Hoerle, a lifelong resident of Plainville, served as a member of the Plainville Board of Education for 15 years. In addition, he was a founding member of the Plainville Rotary Club, which began in 1955, and never missed a meeting in more than 50 years. Mr. Hoerle proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy and was employed by and later ran the family business, Ideal Machinery and Supply Co., started by his grandfather. The memorial was established by the Plainville Community Schools' Naming Committee, which includes Interim Chairperson Becky Tyrrell, William Petit Sr., Steve Martino, Lynn Davis, Kathy Pugliese, and Ex-Officio members Andrea Saunders, Dr. Maureen Brummett, and Steven LePage. The ceremony is open to the public, but those wishing to attend should RSVP to Joan Calistro at (860) 793-3210 x202.

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Representative Bill Petit Welcomes Girl Scouts to State Capitol



Hartford-
State Rep. William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22) welcomed the Girl Scouts of CT to the State Capitol yesterday during the annual Girl Scout Day. Rep. Petit met with several staff and advocates, as well as several Girl Scouts who chose to come to the Capitol to meet with their legislators, learn more about their state government, and self-advocate for the issues that are important to them. The Girl Scouts of CT is an organization dedicated to empowering girls and young women, and teaching them the importance of leadership and advocacy.

Pictured: Rep. Petit with Chief Development Officer for the Girl Scouts of CT, Rosemary Padin, and Scouts from troops across the state.

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Storytimes:

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Baby & Toddler Storytime - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-23 months (no class April 11). Perfect for little ones, this short storytime includes a story, fingerplays, songs, and a playtime for socializing and learning.

Two Much Fun - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for two-year-olds (no class April 13). This storytime geared toward the terrific two's features stories, rhymes, and lots of movement and music.

PJ Storytime - Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. for Ages 3+ with caregiver

We'll share some cozy stories, snack on some animal crackers, and wish upon a star. Wear your PJs and bring a cozy blanket or stuffed friend to cuddle with.

Flying Fingers Knit & Crochet Group - Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. for all ages.

Come learn to knit or crochet, or bring your current project. Program runs for two hours, so come join when school lets out! No registration necessary for this program.

Plainville Public Library April Vacation Specials:

Books & Cooks: Pancakes! - Monday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. for children in grades 2-5

We'll share some pancake-inspired stories and make our own pancakes, butter, and syrup. Yum!! Space is limited in this program.

Baby & Toddler Open Play - Tuesday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Stop by our children's programming room for music and age-appropriate activities.

Lunch Movie Theater - Disney's Moana - Wednesday, April 12 at 12:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch and a blanket and enjoy this new family favorite.

Sing, Dance, & Play with Sunny Train! - Thursday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. for all ages.

Sunny Train is visiting our library!! A unique blend of original and traditional music, yoga, dance, drums, games, improv, circus arts and the world's biggest bubbles; Sunny Train inspires friends and families to sing, dance and play together.



MORE LIBRARY

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Friends of the Plainville Library SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Friday, April 7th
6 PM to 8 PM

The entrance fee is \$3 per family of Adults
Children are FREE

Admission is FREE on Saturday

Saturday, April 8th
10 AM to 3 PM

The Bag of Books Sale
From 2 PM to 3 PM

The money made from the sale goes towards helping the Library by providing extra money for things that are not included in the budget. Donations of gently used books can be dropped off any time the Library is open. Please do not donate magazines, computer books, encyclopedias, VCR or cassette tapes, or books that are damaged or smell. *Please join us for great bargains and good selection of subjects.*

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Plainville Public Library Sunday Hours

The Plainville Public Library will be open on Sundays through April 30th from 1-5pm. For more information contact the library at 860-793-1446 or visit our website www.plainvillelibrary.org.

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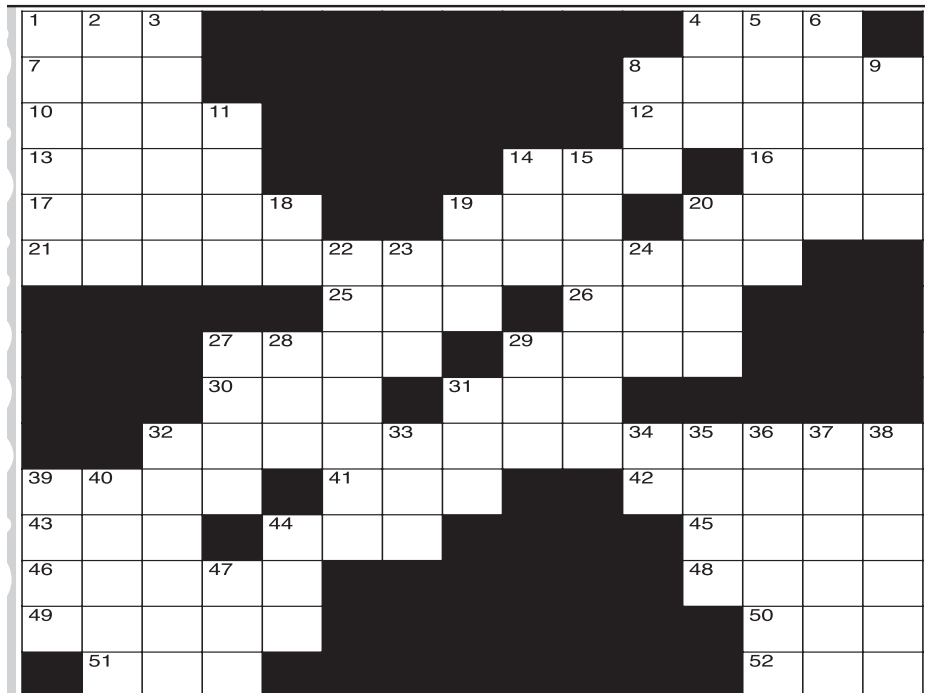
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- SATELLITE LASER RANGING
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CLUES DOWN

- SEA
- CLEANS THINGS
- MORE SKINNY
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- LOW-MELTING ALLOY
- LOST BLOOD
- QUANTITATIVE RELATION
- ACADEMIC DEGREE
- MANY SUBCONSCIOUSSES

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"I.T. Jim's" ...

Cord Cutting Series: On-Demand Streaming Services

If you've been reading my columns, you'll know that I've been writing about my experiences with cutting the cable TV cord. It has been about 7 months since I cut out my xfinity cable television package. Recent articles discussed planning for the cord cutting, alternative live streaming options, streaming devices, smart tv's and more. To go back and read them visit our website at plainvillehometownconnection.com.

As promised, this month I would like to go over the tremendous amount of on-demand content available so you can keep up on your favorite shows on your schedule. There are loads of paid and free content out there.

The most popular and recognizable services are Netflix (Starting at \$7.99/mo), Hulu (starting at \$7.99/mo), and Amazon (starting at \$8.99/mo). Each of them offer varying libraries of classic, recent and current television shows and movies. Each of them have growing libraries of original award winning content as well. Some Amazon Prime packages include free two day shipping, music, books, photo storage, and more. Content changes monthly and none of them carry everything.

Several networks offer on-demand content for a price. CBS, ABC, HBO, Showtime and others offer content directly. Be aware though that most networks still only offer streaming on-demand content to customers of cable tv and you must verify this through the apps.

Apple, Google Play, Microsoft, Amazon, and others offer pay-per-view streaming movies and individual television shows and series. These services and others like Fandango, CinemaNow, and VUDU tend to carry more current movies and television shows.

There are tons of sources of free content available from folks that produce content for the internet. Much of this content is designed for a niche audience. There is something out there for just about every interest. Youtube is the worlds largest library of on demand content. Sure, there is a lot of nonsense out there, but there is loads of high quality content. You can get clips from most of your favorite late night tv shows, video podcasts from tech networks such as twit.tv (This Week in Tech), Daily Tech News Show, and a great show about cutting the cord called Cord Killers. Watch racing highlights from the local race tracks and see local drivers like Ted Christopher, Mike Christopher, Caterina LaBella, and others from Sid's View.

Many apps available on the streaming devices we discussed in previous articles contain loads of content. Crackle has a bunch of Sony produced content. PBS streams much of their content. Popcorn Flix, crunchyroll, Filmrise, and others stream hundreds of movies and shows for free.

As you can see there is so much content out there to fill your time that you really do not need cable tv. Virtually none of these services require long term commitments. You can start and stop them any time depending on what your budget can handle. My current combination of xfinity internet, Playstation Vue (live tv), Netflix, Amazon, and Google Play Music comes out to just about \$119 per month. My xfinity bill with television service was about \$140 per month. When the budget is tight, I can stop or pause any of the streaming services. I get benefits beyond just streaming from Amazon (Free Shipping, books, music, and more) and Google Play Music (Ad Free Youtube). In addition, my library of entertainment is enormous and available on my schedule.

I encourage everyone to explore the many ways to save money by cutting the cable tv cord. It's not for everyone. A little tech savvy goes a long way. Your experience may vary. It's not perfect. I have had the occasional drop outs on my over the air reception. My area of Plainville does not receive ABC over the air. Sometimes infrequently the streaming services struggle to stream without a little buffering.

If you have any questions about this article or have suggestions for future articles, please email me at jim.phc@gmail.com.

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President Trump's Immigration Ban and the Six Nations Involved

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

President Trump has issued two executive actions banning entry into the United States by individuals from six Muslim majority nations and twice Federal Judges have suspended the executive actions. While the courts, press, and punditry have discussed the case in terms of "discrimination" and "bias" against Muslims there has been little discussion regarding the unique circumstances of the six countries that led the Trump Administration to select them for the executive action banning those from these six nations from entering the United States. Such a discussion, rather than overheated rhetoric, is needed regarding Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, and Iran.

Libya was defined last year as a "failed state" by the U.S. Army General David Rodriguez before the U.S. Senate. Though Libya has a "Unity Government" centered in Tripoli the United Nations sanctioned "Unity Government" faces two rival governments. ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) controlled the city of Sirte until this past December when a major offensive with U.S. air support ousted them. Air raids have continued on ISIL camps in the areas around Sirte. Libya is currently a nation without a true stable government. It is also a nation in which Islamic extremists (ISIL for example) operate from.

Somalia is back in the news this week as pirates from Somalia seized the Aris 13, an oil tanker, off Somalia's coast. Somalia is defined as the most "fragile" (ie: failed state) in the world for 2016 according to the Fund for Peace Index. A number of regional African states have troops currently in Somalia as peace-keeping forces and to prevent Islamic attacks against emanating from Somalia against them (Kenya and Ethiopia). In reality Somali territory is ruled by a number of warlords with a theoretical government through which foreign aid, what there is, flows through and which gives legitimacy under the United Nations to military operations against Al-Shabaab and ISIS conducted by both African peace-keeper nations, the United States, and others in the War on Terror.

Sudan is currently racked by civil war. It's Islamic government is led by Omar al-Bashir who was indicted in 2009 by the International Criminal Court for genocide in Darfur. The Sudanese government has been listed as a "state sponsor of terrorism" by the United States Government since 1993.

Syria is currently racked by civil war. Syrian government forces in coordination with the Russian military have been reclaiming territory from a variety of rebel groups including Al-Qaeda affiliates and ISIS. ISIS controls territories in the eastern portion of Syria extending into Iraq, where the Iraqi government with United States military support has recently retaken the Iraqi city of Mosul. Currently the Syrian government of Bashar al-Asaad is allied with not only Russia; but Iran, and Iraq (who the United States is allied with against ISIS in Iraq) in its Civil War. The United States and a number of NATO allies are actively supporting The Syrian Democratic Forces against the Asaad government. Turkey, also a NATO member, is actively supporting the Syrian Opposition including Tahrir al-Sham which is the new name of the local Al-Qaeda affiliate, mainly to oppose the Kurds. Syria, to be blunt, is a Byzantine labyrinth of alliances shifting almost daily.

Yemen is also currently in a civil war, which like Syria has become a proxy war of external interests, in this case between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula has a strong presence in Yemen. United States Navy Seals raided an AQAP compound in January. The Seals came under heavy engagement by AQAP fighters. Yemen, like Somalia, Sudan, and Syria, is listed as one of the most "fragile states" in the world.

Iran, since the Islamic Revolution of 1979, has defined itself as an enemy of the "Great Satan," as it calls the United States. Iran has actively supported Hezbollah and Hamas. Iran has actively harassed U.S. shipping interests. In 2015 the Iranian Navy seized the Maersk Tigris a Marshall Islands flagged ship. The Marshall Islands are a United States protectorate through the 1986 Compact of Free Association meaning the U.S. is responsible for protecting the Marshall Islands including its ships. In 2016 Iran seized the crews of two U.S. Navy patrol boats in the Persian Gulf. Neither incident suggests Iran has mollified its anti-American stance.

If the courts uphold the current actions against the Trump Administration regarding a temporary ban on people from these failed states and/or avowed enemies of the United States, all of whom have Islamic extremist elements in control of at least a portion of the country, a question needs to be asked. Who in the world cannot enter the United States under any conditions? And if the answer is no one then why do we have a border in the first place?

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Subject: Letter to the Hometown Connection To the Hometown Connection

Please see below for a letter to the newspaper. It is in response to some of the content published over the past several months. There has been little or nothing which has provided such a response so within that context, I ask that the letter be published in its entirety. Thank you very much.

Rosemary Morante, 28 Welch Street, Plainville, CT

To the Hometown Connection

After reading the last issue, I decided that I can no longer remain silent. Unfortunately, I find some recent material to be offensive, unfounded, or both. I firmly believe in the First Amendment. However, that also includes my right to personally share opinions about content which I believe is lacking in decency, respect, or accuracy.

Examples include a piece on Page 22 in November. In order to illustrate a political point, the writer relates that she is reminded of an "old story" which turns out to be a supposedly funny joke about sexual assault. I do not think that most people today find the violent crime of rape to be a subject for jokes. On the same page, there is a column with negative comments on a religion and an accusation that our public education (presumably including Plainville schools) is indoctrinating youth with communist and socialist ideology. The anonymous contributor (identified only as Gene) uses the term "Common Core garbage" but gives no explanation of its connection to communism. There should be more respectful and thoughtful ways to express oneself other than to use tasteless humor or broad stroke allegations.

On Page 5 of the same issue, there is a claim that many persons who crossed the Clintons have "died or were beaten up." A later piece contains similar comments. No specific sources, credible or not, are provided. Whatever one's opinion about the character and politics of the Clintons, making unsubstantiated

claims of multiple murders about persons before or after elections is not responsible writing. Then in February, we were warned that "snowflakes" (a new derogatory term used to mock people for their political viewpoints) should melt and move out of the country. There should be ways to express displeasure or disagreement with others without resorting to conspiracy theories or name-calling.

Material on a particular religion has appeared in other issues. On Page 17 in the December/January issue, a piece has multiple references to Barak Obama as our "Muslim President." This is not only untrue but given the writer's context and the fact that other persons are not identified by religion, I can easily infer that Muslim is intended as derogatory. It is very disappointing that there is not more respect for all religions and for the facts.

Further conspiracy theories are found on Page 17 in the March issue. Readers are told that Barak Obama intends to "take out" Donald Trump and is gathering over 85,000 armed revolutionaries. The writer uses the very hurtful expression "retards" for people whom she says like the idea. It is also claimed rather explicitly that Obama, John McCain and others were part of a pedophile ring. The source cited is a web site that openly includes a disclaimer that it is intended as satire and fiction. Another claim tells us that the CIA is involved with "child trafficking and satanic sacrificial rituals." The YouTube video which is cited opens with a screen saying the contents may be pure fiction. I would think it possible to have higher standards than those demonstrated by the use of offensive slang from the past and a disregard for truthfulness in the present.

While writing this letter, there were times when I felt that it would be much easier to simply ignore the whole matter. I also wondered if some of this material was so far-fetched that it perhaps did not warrant a serious response. However, I thought about what it must seem like to the many newer people in town when they read these things in a community newspaper one month but do not see a response or contrasting point of view the next month.

What message does that send about Plainville? I also thought about the ten or twelve year old children who may pick up the paper (it is mailed directly to all local postal customers) and not know what to make of content such as a joke about sexual assault. Keeping these thoughts in mind, I decided to finish the letter.

I appreciate that the paper is staffed by volunteers who are not professional journalists. I have read the disclaimer that all articles are the opinion of submitters and not of the paper. I acknowledge that the paper prints campaign letters and press releases from both local parties when submitted. I must add that the paper does contain some positive and helpful information. Perhaps things have been happening so quickly on the political scene that it has been difficult to develop operating principles to keep up with it. However, as I said at the start, I also believe that readers have the right to speak out regarding what we believe to be offensive content when we see it.

One hope is that staff and contributors will take time to reflect on some recent material. On Page 3, the paper states that it is a service interested in informing people about local news and community activities and that positive contributions are welcome. Does all content still support these goals? Is the publishing of fictitious claims really providing a service to Plainville? Is it not possible to maintain freedom of expression while still demonstrating at least basic standards of accuracy and civility? Finally, is it not possible to have strong beliefs and disagreements based on policy and facts and yet still be respectful and responsible?

I do hope that a productive conversation will take place at the Hometown Connection. While it may be true nationally that some people from all ends of the political spectrum are not communicating in a dignified manner, I would like to think that people here in Plainville could still do so.

This letter is a personal response in which I am not speaking on behalf of any group or other individuals.

Sincerely, Rosemary Morante

An Open Letter to Plainville's Hometown Connection:

It was recently brought to my attention that in the March 2017 edition of your publicly distributed newspaper there was an article by Donna Ziccardi entitled "The Rabbit Hole". This article was regarding several viewpoints on politics and spanned various subjects. While free speech is a right I respect and value highly, I do feel strongly that there are words and phrases that are universally understood to be negative, hurtful, derogatory, and offensive. Upon reading the article, I was appalled to see the phrase "brainwashed retards". In fact, it pains me to even type that word. As the Executive Director of PARC, which is a small, local human-service organization that has provided family services for people with developmental disabilities for 60 years, I, along with our staff and Board of Managers, spend my days working to eradicate "the R word" from our language. While the use of the word in the article was clearly not specific to people with special needs, it nonetheless remains absolutely unacceptable in a news publication.

Our society has made incredible strides, and in 2017, "the R word" has no place whatsoever. It's akin to any racial slur or insult. I encourage the Hometown Connection to review content more carefully, and with sensitivity in mind.

Thank you. Erica Donovan, Executive Director
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Plainville, CT 06062

A FEW WORDS FROM THOSE THAT CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE PLAINVILLE HOMETOWN CONNECTION

Perhaps I do not speak for every contributor but I believe I speak for the majority. I would like to address two of the emails received regarding articles that have appeared in this paper. As we have published in the past, the articles printed are the thoughts, ideas and feelings of the writer and we have no right to change any story submitted. In saying that, I will discuss one email received by a reader who took offense to an article where the writer referred to someone as "brainwashed retards" and offense was taken for using the word "retard." The email was from a local organization that deals with persons with learning disabilities and they found the word retards in poor taste. After responding to the person who penned the Letter to the Editor, I did agree that some might find that word offensive and I, personally, did not agree with it, but the writer was trying to make a point. On the other hand her very organization used that very term in their company name as does BARC, Bristol Association for Retarded Citizens, CCARC, Central Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens, CARC, Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens and every ARC, in every town, city and in every state in our country. Unless every Association for Retarded Citizens in the country changes the name of their corporation, which will cost millions, we have a problem and perhaps we are going beyond being politically correct.

In response to the letter above, written by Rosemary Morante, who is Chairperson of the Democratic town committee, she makes reference to many articles, in several editions, on several pages, written by several writers. We have received emails stating some do not read our paper and just drop it in the trash or even use it to light their fire pit. But I find it amazing they know every article by heart, what page it is on, every word that is misspelled and even the month the article was published.

If anyone wishes not to receive the paper PLEASE leave a note for your mail person and request they do not deliver it to your home any longer.

I find it wonderful Ms. Morante not only reads every word in our paper but keeps each edition so as to refer to them at a later date. We will take your thoughts into consideration at our next staff meeting. A final word to Ms. Morante as the leader of the Democratic Party in Plainville. The Hometown Connection has tried to be fair and unbiased in our reporting during election time. In publishing our paper we have given space to the Democrats, listing candidates and stories, yet the Democrats have yet to pay for a published advertisement for their candidates, unlike the Republican Party. Trying to be fair to everyone has been extremely hard and at times it would be easier to ignore nasty remarks and move forward, perhaps this is one of those times!

Jeannette Hinkson, Editor
Plainville Hometown Connection



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Plainville Public Library

The English Lady

"Garden Earth" Lecture

Join renowned landscape designer Maureen Haseley-Jones, "The English Lady," on her quest through her lecture series titled "Garden Earth," to reconnect people's hearts and hands with the nourishing energy of Mother Nature's life giving gardens on Tuesday, April 11th at 7pm in the Chase Auditorium at the Plainville Public Library. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library in association with the Plainville Historical Society.

In her naturally humorous and upbeat manner, The English Lady will teach each of us how we can oxygenate our environment and feed our souls in a co-creative and symbiotic relationship with the Earth. She will teach not only how to create a beautiful garden that flourishes but more importantly how to maintain it organically and without the use of harmful poisons. But even closer to her heart, The English Lady will discuss ways in which we can, through our garden's living spirit, become grounded in our bodies, inspired to reach beyond them, and connect at a deeper level of our beings with the meaning and purpose of Mother Nature and her changing seasons.

Ms. Haseley-Jones is a sought after and highly respected lecturer, writer, and radio gardening expert heard monthly on WRCH Radio Lite100.5 FM by thousands of dedicated fans throughout Connecticut. Maureen Haseley-Jones is a member of a family of renowned horticultural artisans, whose landscaping heritage dates back to the seventeenth century. Together with her son Ian, she founded the well-known The English Lady Landscape and Home Company.

Adult Coloring

Enjoy a relaxing evening of adult coloring at the Plainville Public Library. Drop-in at 6:30pm on Thursday April 20th, May 4th and June 8th. Coloring will be held in the Peter F. Chase Auditorium with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library. Colored pencils, markers, and coloring pages will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own coloring supplies if desired.

Monthly Movie

The Plainville Public Library's April movie will be shown Thursday, April 13th at 1:00pm and Saturday, April 29th at 1:30pm in the Chase Auditorium. We will be showing the Oscar winning film about an uncle who returns home and becomes the guardian of his nephew after his brother dies. The movie stars Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams, produced

by Matt Damon. The film is rated R for language throughout and some sexual content and runs 2 hours and 17 minutes.

Poetry Reading & Open Mic Night

Come hear an eclectic mix of poetic voices guaranteed to provide a stimulating environment for poets and non-poets alike on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30pm in the Chase Auditorium at the Plainville Public Library. The poetry reading will be led by Pat Mottola, Creative Writing Professor at SCSU and author of Under the Red Dress. Connecticut Senior poets, under the direction of Pat Mottola, will read their work and answer questions about their writing process followed by an open mic session for any poet to perform their work. Anyone interested in reading their work should arrive early to register or call the library at 860-793-1446. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library.

Finding the Poet in You: A Workshop for Everyone!

Learn to see and enjoy your world as never before! Join Pat Mottola for a poetry writing workshop Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30pm in the Chase Auditorium at the Plainville Public Library. This workshop is designed as an introduction to the joyful abundance of poetry in our lives so that we may all benefit from the beauty around us and within us, and realize the beauty we create ourselves. Beginning with an introduction to famous poets, poems, and to the tools utilized in the craft of writing, participants will learn how emotion is recreated on the page. Learn how people deal with what seems intolerably difficult, or superbly wonderful. Participants will receive a packet of handouts illustrating some of the best examples of the power of poetry and have an opportunity to write and receive feedback on their work.

Pat Mottola is an award-winning poet and Pushcart Prize nominee currently teaching Creative Writing at SCSU where she earned both an M.S. in Art Education and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing. Her work has appeared in numerous journals across the country.

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Rotary Club of Plainville's 43rd Annual Penny Sale April 8th

The Rotary Club of Plainville is excited to announce the date and time of its upcoming 43rd Annual Penny Sale. The event will be held at Plainville High School on Saturday April 8th at 6:00pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm.

The Penny Sale has been the Rotary Club's signature fundraising event for more than 40 years. Participants in the Penny Sale can win various prizes throughout the evening. A single dollar buys a ticket which provides 100 chances to win 100 prizes that are drawn during each of the sale events of the night. Hence, the name "Penny Sale." There are three separate sales events conducted during the evening, and more than three hundred items are awarded. Further, there are special raffles and door prizes, which in previous years have included computers, flat screen HD TVs, and reclining chairs.

"We urge everyone to join us for this year's Penny Sale," said Jane Buden, President of the Rotary Club of Plainville. "There are contests and drawings for everyone - for kids, as well as adults. We hope you will bring your entire family to the High School on Saturday April 8th to win some prizes and to help some important local charities and causes."

Local businesses, organizations, and individuals donate items for the Penny Sale. Proceeds go to support college scholarships for deserving high school graduates and to fund several non-profits, including the Plainville Community Food Pantry and Fuel Bank, PARC, the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, and Project Graduation.

"The Rotary Club is grateful for all the donations and support that we receive each and every year," added Buden.

"Prior Penny Sales have been tremendous successes. We encourage you to join us at the High School on

**April 8th to help us make
this year's Penny Sale the
best one yet."**

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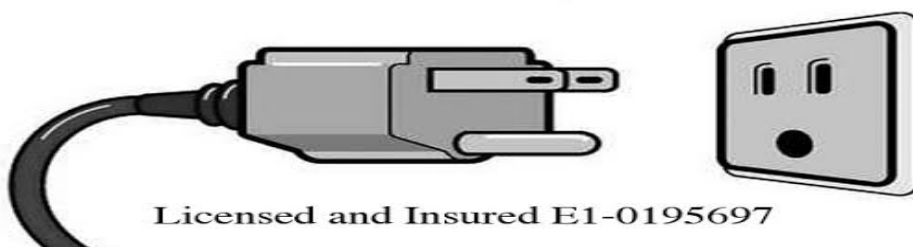
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April Board of Ed Bulletin Board

March is Board Appreciation Month. The Plainville Board of Education were welcomed by chocolates, cards and flowers while being serenaded by the MSP Chamber Singers. Thank you to the School Administrators and Principals for making our meeting so special.

Two Plainville Community Schools' staff members were honored as part of the "Everyday Hero" program that recognizes staff members and students who have gone above and beyond for another student or colleague, showing resiliency, support and/or initiative to make the school district an even better place to be. The March honorees included Louis Toffolon Elementary School Principal Lynn Logoyke and Middle School of Plainville faculty member Jody Muldoon.

Under the Superintendent's report we heard an elementary school update from the three principals (Lynn Logoyke, Paula Eshoo and Andrew Batchelder). We also saw an Architect Presentation of the Wheeler School Project, MSP Roof Project and the PHS Paving Project by Ken Biega, Chuck Boos & Dr. Maureen Brummett.

Under the Board's new business, we approved moving the Building Project forward to the Town Council and we approved the resolution for this year's Wall of Honor inductee, Mr. Cadwell Hoerle. He will be honored April 17th before the Board's regular meeting.

That's the news for now.

See you next month! Andrea Saunders

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CARESS THE EARTH

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CROCUSES OF VIOLET AND LEMON

POKE THEIR FACES UPWARD

IT IS TIME TO SOW SEEDS

AND MULTIPLY

~

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IN SPRING PROSE

ANNOUNCING A NEW BEGINNING

~

SNOW FLAKES FALL AS BIG AS NICKELS

COVERING THE FLOWER GARDEN

LIKE GRAND MOTHER'S

PATCHWORK QUILT

BLANKETING THIS PLACE

WHERE LOVERS LIE

By: Don Liljedahl February 2017



Capitol Region Council of Governments To Host the First Round of Public Meetings to Gather Public Feedback on Potential CTtransit New Britain / Bristol Division Service Improvements

Hartford, Connecticut – The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) will be holding an initial round of public meetings to gather input from transit riders and other community members on potential service improvement options as part of the Comprehensive Transit Service Analysis of the New Britain/Bristol Division of CTtransit. The meetings will be held at various times and locations throughout the service area to encourage participation from the public. A table of event times and locations can be found at the end of this release.

The Comprehensive Transit Service Analysis is a collaboration between CRCOG, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, CTtransit, and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments. The purpose of this effort is to evaluate current CTtransit route effectiveness, identify areas of unmet transit need, and recommend bus service improvements to increase ridership and convenience within the communities of Berlin, Bristol, New Britain, Plainville, and Southington. Feedback from the upcoming meetings will be used to critique the presented service improvement scenarios and inform the creation of a preferred scenario to be presented later in the study.

Public meetings will be held in two formats. Open house meetings will be held during evening hours. Each open house will feature a short presentation about the study and potential improvement options. Study maps will be on display before and after the presentation, and study team members will be on hand to answer questions. For people who cannot attend the open house meetings, smaller informational sessions will be hosted at four CTtransit and CTfastrak bus stop locations. At these events, study team members will share study materials, conduct surveys, and talk about possible improvements with transit riders.

Interested individuals can learn more about the study at www.HartfordTransitStudy.com/New-Britain-Bristol/. A survey on transit preferences and needs is also available on this website and will remain open until April 30, 2017.

This effort is in addition to CRCOG's Comprehensive Transit Service Analysis of the Hartford Division of CTtransit, which was conducted from 2014-2017 and is in the process of being finalized. More information on that effort can be found at www.HartfordTransitStudy.com.

Plainville Community Fund

Annual Easter Flower Sale

Gnazzo's Food Center

Thursday, April 13th

Friday, April 14th

& Saturday April 15th

All proceeds to benefit the Grants given to Plainville Non-Profit organization (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PARC, etc.)

See you at Gnazzo's

OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 19 Presentation at 5:30pm,
open house from 5pm-7pm

Plainville Public Library, Auditorium
56 East Main Street, Plainville

Thursday, April 20 Presentation at 5:30pm,
open house from 5pm-7pm

Southington Municipal Center, Public Assembly
Room

196 North Main Street, Southington

RIDER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday, April 19 7:30am to 10:30am

Bristol City Hall CTtransit Bus Stop
(N Main St. and Laurel St.)

12:00pm to 3:00pm

Tunxis Community College CTtransit Bus Stop

Thursday, April 20-7:30am to 10:30am

Bank Street, New Britain CTtransit Bus Stop
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Downtown New Britain CTfastrak Station

CRCOG does not discriminate on the basis of disability or language. Individuals who need auxiliary aids or translation services for these meetings are invited to make their needs known by contacting CRCOG at (860) 522-2217 x227 by April 10, 2017.

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“Tolls are coming. They're not going to be border tolls. They will be all over the place.”

Instead of balancing the state budget with tolls and new taxes, I believe lawmakers should be making changes to the structure of CT government to rein in costs and create an environment where jobs can grow and our economy can flourish. A healthy economy – not new taxes – is key to protecting core social services and making our state an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

If you think it is time for Connecticut to stop relying on new taxes and tolls as the answer and start looking at bipartisan solutions to better our state you can call the Senate Democrats at 860-240-8600 to let them know your thoughts.

Urge Democrat lawmakers to stop the business-as-usual approach. Lawmakers need to come together to work on long-term changes to move our state forward, not add more burdens onto Connecticut residents.- Len Fasano, State Senator, 34th District
As law makers work to tackle the state budget, legislative Democrats are again looking towards new taxes & tolls.

AARP Chapter #4146

The Chapter meets every month the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 19th, 1-3 PM at the Faith Bible Church, 168 Unionville Ave., Plainville. Please attend as our guests if you are a national AARP member. *If Plainville schools are closed due to weather, the AARP meeting is cancelled.*

TRIPS

Outer Banks, North Carolina, Tuesday, April 18th to April 25th. Cost \$1,524 pp dbl occupancy.

“Follies” at the Warner Theater-Sunday, May 7th Lunch is at San Marino's REstaurant in Waterbury and the off to the historic Warner Theater. \$98.00

Contact Sally at 860-747-1732 for information and reservations regarding all trips.

Letters to the Editor for the MAY Edition

All Letters must be submitted by APRIL 15th No exceptions, please limit words to 125 All letters must have your name, address & phone number The volunteer staff reserves the right not to publish letters and the right to edit all letters E-mail to: hmtnn@comcast.net If you don't have a computer you may mail to: Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 Must be received by the 15th of the month we are getting short on space each month.

Letter to Hometown Volunteers:

I just wanted to say thank you for the pet sitting ad that you put in the newspaper last month and I was curious if you can run the same ad next month. The ad was in the classified ads sponsored by the

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Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

Let's Do This! Sage Advice

Recently, I asked a group of professional women about their top priorities for health. Overcoming the discomfort associated with hot flashes, night sweats and lack of sleep during menopause was a hot topic (no pun intended).

If you Google "menopause", the most frequently mentioned non-prescription cures for hot flashes are

Black Cohosh, Soy** and Omega 3 fats, such as flaxseeds, walnuts, sardines and salmon. As part of my herbal studies at The Institute of Sustainable Nutrition, I discovered one herb that is not so well known for menopause relief. This herb, frequently reserved for Thanksgiving, is Sage.

Sage (*salvia officinalis*) is derived from the Latin word, *salvere*, which means to be saved. This is a reference to its curative properties.

Sage has been used for over 1000 years to reduce cognitive decline. When the leaves are made into a tea, it helps with depression. Sage helps to prevent cardiovascular problems and fights inflammation. According to an article in Dr. Mercola's blog and other references, A UK study verified the effectiveness of sage for hot flashes. 71 patients took one tablet/day of fresh sage leaves for 8 weeks and hot flashes decreased by 50-100%. If you want to give this a try as a tablet or tea form, source from a quality provider, such as Mountain Rose Herbs.

In addition to beneficial herbs, remember that diet, exercise, and reducing stress play a strong role in this transition phase for women. It always goes back to the basics. Enjoy a colorful plate of fresh whole vegetables, fruit, fiber, healthy fats and some protein each day. Focus on what nature provides and not what comes from a box.

Other good practices are related to the 2 new tips I added to our "Let's Do This" Program.

Mind your portions

Eating mindfully and using a smaller plate to control your portion size helps you to manage weight and allows for good digestion. By doing this, we maximize the absorption of the nutrients consumed. Slow down with a calming tea such as Chamomile, Sage, Valerian or Lemon Balm and reflect on what and how you ate during the day. Honor your successes and consider how this can be improved tomorrow.

For women transitioning through menopause, a metaphor of the plate size can be used to consider how much we place on our "life plate" and the impact of these demands on our stress levels. Do you put in place boundaries to protect your needs? Now is the time to learn how to say no to what is no longer a priority for you.

Many women at this life stage begin to contemplate what they want their life to look like in 10-15 years. Some want to break away and start their own business. This goal involves hard work, a certain amount of risk and also has many rewards. One success factor includes being a good networker. Eating healthy and taking care of yourself gives you the confidence to do this.

Learn to say "no", "not now", "not this" or "doesn't fit with my goals" and you will free yourself up to accomplish your true purpose.

Be Adventurous

No matter how small or big your bucket list or daring goals are, approach them like you did when you first learned to ride a bike. Picture the wind in your face and the freedom to move around your neighborhood. Try to do something new each week, even if it's a new recipe or vegetable, a new exercise class or a workshop.

Remember that not everything may work out as planned, but just like you riding a bike, don't let it keep you down. Just dust yourself off and keep moving forward.

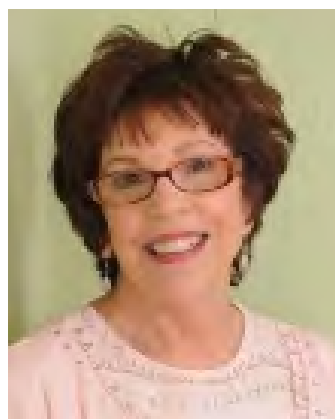
Our "Let's Do This" Tips so far:

- 1) Write down your health goals. Include why these goals are important to you.
- 2) Take 3 deep breaths before you give in to an unhealthy craving. Make a better choice.
- 3) Eat mindfully and slowly to recognize when you are full.
- 4) Drink water upon waking and throughout the day.
- 5) Incorporate more plant based foods into your diet.
- 6) Reduce sugar consumption.
- 7) Express gratitude, self-compassion and spread happiness.
- 8) Eat with the seasons.
- 9) Mind your portions.
- 10) Find your bliss. Be adventurous.

If you have a topic or questions you want covered in a future article, please e-mail me at lindacoveney@comcast.net

****Soy:** *If you do use soy, please make sure it is non-GMO. Also, check with your doctor if you have Breast Cancer and are estrogen receptor positive.*

References: Dr. Mercola blog, botanical.com, herbwisdom.com, Rosemary Gladstar herbal course The advice in this column is in no way intended as medical advice or as a substitute for medical counseling. The information should be used in conjunction with the guidance and care of your physician



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Linda helps open-minded teams and determined individuals take control of their choices, and create the robust health, success and happiness they deserve. She is also a Licensed practitioner for Insights Discovery®—The direct route to healthy, effective teams.

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To: All Business Owners & Professionals...

The volunteers in the Hometown Advertising Department said that some prospective advertisers that they visited recently wanted to know "how come we never stopped in before?" In case you didn't know the paper is run by "All volunteers", many of them have full time employment and do this as a hobby.

This monthly paper has been printing the Hometown Connection for 20 years. We don't have reporters, all the articles are submitted by people that like/want to share news of interest. You are welcome to submit stories of interest by submitting it before the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.

To run your advertisement and you are located in Downtown Plainville, contact Dolly Chamberlin 860-747-2040.

All other location should call 860-747-4119 Ask for Laurie Peterson or Helen Bergenty to schedule an appointment.

If you have your ad camera ready just e-mail to HMTNN@COMCAST.NET. We will call you with a quote and we will send you an invoice.

The Hometown Connection is also on line for additional coverage of your ads and our stories.

Ask the Brayne...

Q. I am a veteran and I know that in Plainville we have the American Legion and the VFW if a veteran needs assistance. I would like to know does the Town of Plainville offer any assistance and what type?

A. Yes, we have a Plainville Veterans Commission and the assistance they offer are many and are made available with the American Legion Soldiers', Sailors', and Marines Fund. I will list only a few: Care/ Relief, Medical, Dental, Food, Clothing, Interest on your mortgage, Rent, Fuel oil, (Heating needs), Burial and other needs not listed here. If the assistance requested for yourself, your spouse and/or dependent children. The commission meets every Monday (if a holiday falls on a Monday the meeting is held on Tuesday (the next day) at the Municipal Center (Upper Floor) from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. You are welcome to meet with the commissioners and bring with you the following **Forms & Documents: Discharge document, Photo ID (CT driver's license, CT photo ID card), copy of marriage certificates, copy of children's birth certificates, Proof of household income, Value of assets, household expenses, depending on what type of assistance you need, there may be other proof needed such as rental statement, utility bills and etc. If you need more information feel free to stop in on any Monday night at the Town Hall and we will do our best to assist you and/or your family. I also serve on the commission. If you just want to visit with us, please let me know if you are the one that asked for this information. In the future we will place a notice in the paper to let other veterans know of the time and place they can get assistance.**

Q. Will we as Plainville tax payers have an opportunity to have a say about our next years budget? I am worried that the State Budget will do us in!

A. The Budget vote will take place on Tuesday, April 25th, that will be your time to express your opinion.

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

A. To submit questions call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@comcast.net, write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office.

Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month.

Thank you for this months questions. Please keep them coming.

I am still looking for the answer to the purpose of that large ROCK at the Little League Park? Can anyone help me?

"Happy Easter" Thanks, Bill Brayne

A Children Garden

Gardening has a magical quality when you are a child. You plant little brown bulbs in the fall, and while they are sleeping through the winter, you almost forget about them. But in the spring they remember to come up as bright yellow, purple and white crocuses.

An Affordable Garden

Lets say you want a beautiful little garden, but you haven't much time or money to spend on it. You'd like to have something unusual and exquisite. Not just a bed of petunias like the one next door.

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By:
Sally Miller

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As she entered the kitchen her Mom was speaking to someone on the phone and her Mom said, "I hope it won't be bad". The little girl felt a sense of doom in her stomach and wasn't sure why as she listened to these words. As the girl turned to talk to her mom, she realized that it was snowing. How wonderful to have snow on my birthday in October thought the young child. She giggled with delight.

As the morning progressed and they decorated the apartment with balloons, streamers, colorful napkins and plates, the snow came down heavier and heavier and the little girl thought to herself how beautiful the world was with the white fluffy snow. At that moment, her Mom entered the room and said that they may have to cancel the party because this storm was becoming a blizzard. Her mother mentioned that they would not be able to get out to buy the ice cream. The little girl didn't cry out loud but something deep inside of her was crying and she didn't realize that it was her heart breaking and crying with disappointment.

The birthday party was cancelled and her Mom held her tightly as the disappointment flooded over the little girl's entire body. She thought that she had never felt this bad in her whole little life than she did at this moment. Her Mom held her and although the little one didn't cry out loud, tears ran down her face onto her Mothers dress and her Mom held her even tighter.

Her Mom said that they would have their own party even though none of the children could make it to their home through the storm. Her Mom brought out the cake as the family gathered around the decorated table. Since they were on the second floor, the Mom opened the window, scooped up some fresh fallen snow into a dish and added evaporated milk, sugar and vanilla. The little girl had no idea what her mother was attempting to do. Her mother explained that she was making ice cream from snow for the party. This was the most exciting birthday ever. The little birthday girl could not wait to taste this so called ice cream. Her Mom placed the dish of white delight in front of the child. The excitement of that experience was only topped by the taste of this wonderful treat. She felt as if this was their special secret since she had never seen anyone do it before. . As the cool delight slid down her throat she felt that the whole experience was her own special birthday gift. As she watched the snow fall, she smiled and said,

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God's Grocery Store

Article written by Zack James Smith



Every Wednesday, the Plainville Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry, also known as God's grocery store, gives food to over 250 families from surrounding towns. With the help of numerous volunteers along with the direction and management of Laurie Tompkins, God's grocery store is able to help many people, or families in need; companies such as Bagels Plus, Bruegger's Bagel, Aldi's, Walmart, The Outlet of Southington, and of

course the Connecticut FoodShare Organization of Bloomfield help us achieve our end goal. But, we also receive donations from people on occasion that supply us with food, and clothing.

During the holiday season, God's grocery store helps people with numerous costs through this time. This past Thanksgiving, over 300 turkeys, and 200 chickens were given out, including all the sides that help



make a "classic Thanksgiving dinner." Not only that, but for Christmas, we gave out 400 more chickens, and through the kindness of Eversource, Toys for Tots, United Way of Bristol, Elvira Rosado from KPMG, and the Red Cross, we were able to give out over 500 toys to families with children ranging in age from newborn to 14 years.



We are very thankful for our volunteers that give their time and effort to help people who are in need, and, we would also like to give special thanks to all of the companies mentioned for their generosity.



Plainville Legislators Talk Budget, Issues with Residents over Morning Coffee

AmyLynn Thompson



To keep residents updated on the latest happenings at the State Capitol, State Rep. William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22, at top left) and State Sen. Henri Martin (R-31, at bottom right), hosted a coffee hour at Bolo Café & Bakery in Plainville. The early morning event allowed residents the opportunity to speak with their legislators and discuss their concerns, many of whom expressed concern about funding cuts proposed in the governor's state budget. Any resident who was unable to attend the event but would like to speak with their legislator may contact Rep. Petit at 860-240-8706 and Sen. Martin at 860-240-0022.

State Reps. Petit, Pavalock-D'Amato and Betts Welcome Central CT Chamber to State Capitol



HARTFORD - State Reps. William A. Petit, Jr. (R-Plainville), Cara Pavalock-D'Amato (R-Bristol) and Whit Betts (R-Bristol) welcomed Central CT Chamber of Commerce members to the State Capitol during the annual CT Business Day. The legislators, who were in session in the House Chamber, took a moment to meet with Board Chair, Susan Sadecki, CEO, Cindy Scoville, and several group members and introduced them on floor of the House of Representatives. Petit, Betts and Pavalock-D'Amato thanked the group for their advocacy on behalf of businesses in CT, and encouraged them to continue to work with their legislators to focus on stimulating the economy, and removing the unnecessary barriers of unfunded mandates so that business can grow and create jobs

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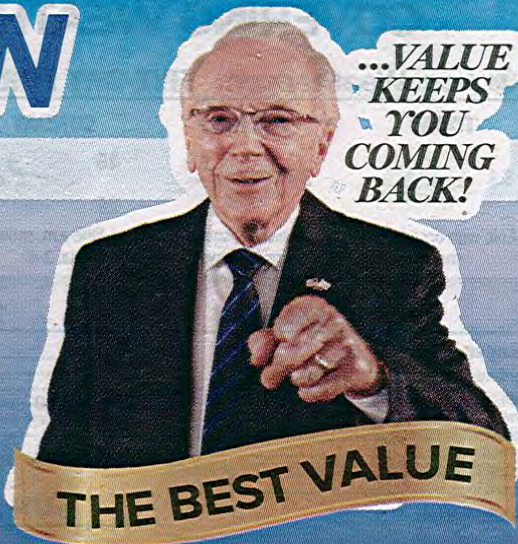
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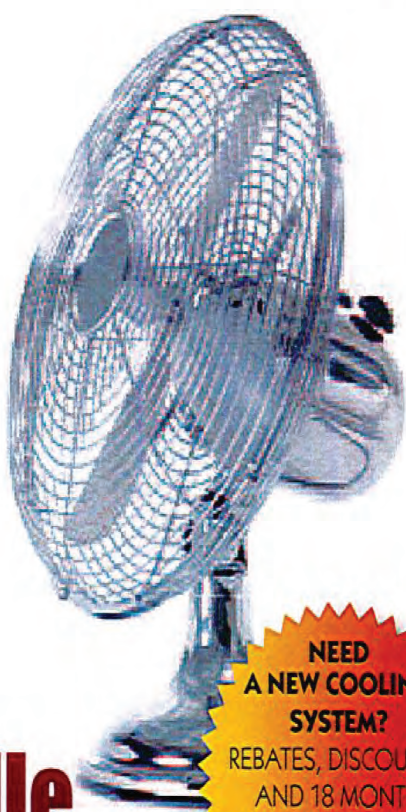
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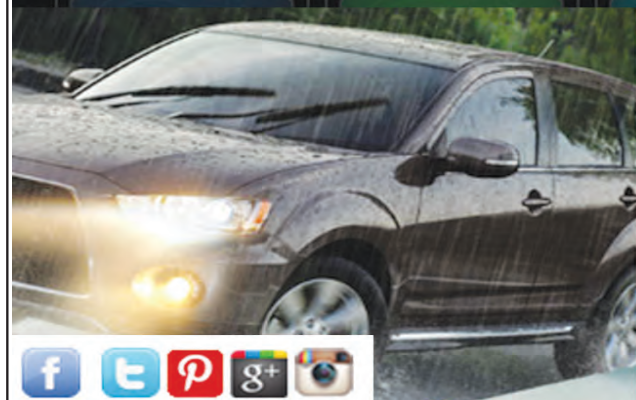
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Let me write what the Apostle John wrote in 1 John 5:11-12, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Trust Jesus Christ today before it is too late!

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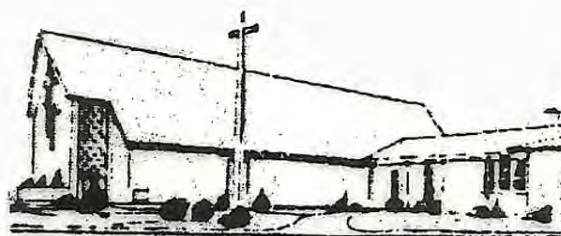
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Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Weekday Liturgy

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

Devotions

Rosary- Monday through Saturday before the Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 7 PM

IN THE CHURCH

CONFESSION- MONDAY, APRIL 3RD, 6 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH AT NOON

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 6 PM

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER- THURSDAY

APRIL 13, 7 PM, IN THE CHURCH

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APRIL 14TH, 3 PM IN THE CHURCH

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BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD, 10 AM

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

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Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

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

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Mass/Youth choirs

(Mon. after 1st/2nd Sun) 7:00 p.m.



Palm Sunday

April 9th - 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday

April 13th - 7:00 PM

Good Friday

April 14th - 7:00 PM

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WORSHIP

April 16th - 9:00 AM

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1 Package (1/4 ounce active dry yeast)
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- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1 apple, peeled, cored, and finely chopped

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- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 4 teaspoons milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Walnuts

In a mixing bowl, combine the yeast and flour, add
butter and mix well. Add eggs yolks and sour cream,
mix well. Shape into four balls. Place in plastic
wrap and refrigerate overnight. In a small bowl
combine sugar and walnuts. On a floured surface,
roll each ball of dough into 9 inch circle. Sprinkle
with sugar, walnuts and apple. Cut each circle
into 16 wedges. Roll up from wide edge and pinch
seal. Place with point side down on greased baking
sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 16-20 minutes until
lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Combine sugar, milk and vanilla to make icing.
Drizzle over the twists. Top with walnuts. Makes
64 twists.

POTATO PANCAKES

- 3 large potatoes
- 1 small onion
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- dash of pepper
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Grate onion & potatoes. Add ingredients, beat well.
Fry in Crisco oil about 3/4 inch in fry pan. Drop by
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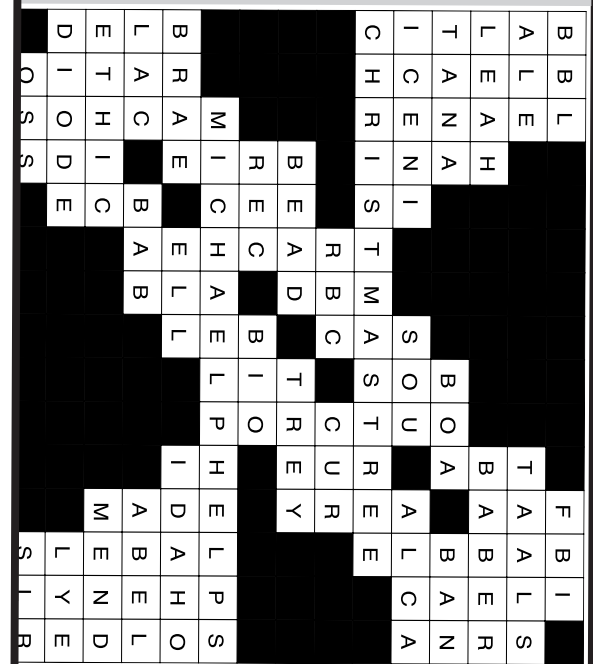
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| -Type 2 Diabetes | |
| -Stroke | |

***Health Risks of Obesity**

-Excerpt from an article produced in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada (www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/life-vie/obes-eng.php)

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AAA Speaks Out:

Raising Gas Prices to Trigger a Change In Driving Habits

Connecticut Drivers May Soon Be Paying 40 Cents More per Gallon

AAA is projecting the average price of gas nationwide will increase by about 40 cents a gallon as we head into summer and, according to a new AAA survey, most Americans will adjust their driving habits accordingly.

"It's been a while since gas prices have been high enough to make drivers think twice about how far they go or how often they fill up, but the new survey suggests that time is fast approaching" says Amy Parmenter, spokesperson for AAA in greater Hartford.

AAA expects the national average this summer to peak near \$2.70 for a gallon of regular unleaded (today it's at \$2.29) – and Connecticut gas prices are expected to be even higher than that. (Today \$2.38)

To offset the increase in gas prices, more than 70 percent of consumers say they would make everyday lifestyle or driving habit changes.

The top five changes drivers would make include:

- Combining errands or trips, *Driving less, Reducing shopping or dining out, Delaying major purchases & Carpooling*

According to the survey, about 25% of consumers already think gas prices are too high.

"Gas across the country – and right here in Connecticut - is already running about 25-30 cents higher than last year. Add another 40 cents and drivers are bound to take notice" Parmenter says.

However, the rising cost of gas will not trigger all drivers to change.

The survey found that younger Americans (18-34) are more tolerant of higher prices and less likely to change habits compared to older consumers (35 and older).

Americans across the country will start to see gas prices begin to climb during April, as the industry wraps up spring maintenance and completes the switchover to the more expensive summer-blend of gasoline.

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OBITUARIES

~ Robert G. Brousseau ~



91, of Plainville passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. He is now reunited with his beloved wife of 62 years, Pauline Brousseau, who predeceased him in 2014.

Robert was born on March 4, 1926, in Saint Camille, Quebec, Canada, son to the late Leon and Lydia (Couture) Brousseau. At the age of 16, he relocated to Plainville and has been a resident ever since. He worked for Stanley Works for 42 years before establishing a 10 year career for Hallmark. Robert had strong religious beliefs and was a loving, brave man, as a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who cherished his family to the fullest. He enjoyed over 16 years of trips to Florida during the winter months with his wife, Pauline.

He is survived by his eight children, Raymond Brousseau and his wife, Kathleen, of Forestville, Roger Brousseau and his wife, Kathleen, of Plainville, George Brousseau and his wife, Elaine, of Berlin, Karen Casey and her husband, Bill, of Plainville, Claire Lembo and her husband, Timothy, of Southington, Denise Ayotte and her husband, Dan, of Plantsville, Mary Ann Maroney and her husband, Tom, of Bristol and Phillip Brousseau, of Plainville; his 14 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; his brothers, Germaine, of Plainville, Camille, of New Britain, and Clement, of Plainville; his cousin, Frank Brousseau, of Plainville; and many nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his siblings, Paul, Marie, Jean, Ann, Gertrude, Amiee Rose, Majella, Ghislaine, and Benoit.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the nurses on Unit N5 at the Hospital of Central CT and to Robert's caregivers, Renee Caruso and Joyce Chamberlain, for their loving care, comfort and compassion provided to Robert.

Funeral services for Robert were celebrated from the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Committal services will be held at a later date in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady Mercy Church, 19 South Canal Street Plainville, CT 06062.

~ Patricia (Sadlowski) Caplicki ~



73, of Plainville passed away Sunday March 12, 2017 at her home. She was the loving wife of the late Walter Caplicki.

Patricia was born June 6, 1943 in Bristol, a daughter of the late Anthony and Pauline (Kazamarczyk) Sadlowski and was a lifelong Plainville resident. She attended Plainville schools

and had worked as an executive secretary for Tomasso Brothers, Inc. and the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, as well as the Aetna Insurance Company, retiring after many years of service. Patricia was a Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville.

Patricia leaves her brother, Gary Sadlowski and his wife Krystyna of Berlin, her sister, Sharon Cermola and her husband Peter of Plainville, her sisters-in-law, Maureen Sadlowski of Plainville and Carol Sadlowski of New Britain and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Patricia's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville will be held in the spring. There were no calling hours. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com

~ J. Laurine (Johnson) Cote ~

98, of Plainville, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2017 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, Peter Wilfred Cote, who predeceased her in 1969.

Laurine was born on November 26, 1918 in Schreiber, Ontario, Canada, daughter to the late Albert and Rachel (Good) Johnson. She is survived by her son, Anthony A. Cote and his wife, Bonnie; her seven grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Lorne B. Testori; her daughter, Evelyne J. Gaudet and her husband, Basil; her brother, Ivan Johnson; and her two sisters, Ruth Traer and Wilma Fox.

A Graveside Service in Celebration of Laurine's life will be held privately at the convenience of her family. She will be laid to rest with her husband, Peter, in Saint Thomas Cemetery in Southington.

~ Marcel Francis Gervais ~



88, of Plainville, passed away comfortably in his home in Plainville on Saturday, March 4, 2017. He is now reunited with his beloved wife of 66 years, Eleonore (Schulmeyer) Gervais, who predeceased him in 2015.



Marcel was born on June

16, 1928 in Canada son to the late Emile and Rose Aimee (Mercier) Gervais. He proudly served our country in the United States Air Force during World War II., serving as Corporal as an air traffic controller overseas. He was a distinguished veteran, having received Army of Occupation Medal and WWII Victory Medal. Marcel met and married his wife, Eleanore, during the time he was deployed in Germany and they shared 66 loving years together.

Marcel started the family business, Gervais Bros Inc., with his two brothers in 1960 and worked as a mechanic/ truck driver while also managing the office. He was naturally a hard worker. He loved boating; he was the Captain of the Lore Jac and a lifetime member of the Pataconk Yacht Club, where he relaxed and spent time with his family. In addition, he loved to drive in his yellow T Bird. He was a teacher to many, enjoyed food and family traditions, such as preparing stuffing for Thanksgiving dinner with his daughter and celebrating anniversaries German style at East Side Restaurant. He adored and enjoyed spending time with his great-granddaughter Madisyn, which brought him the most happiness towards the end of his life.

Marcel leaves behind his daughter, Jacqueline Screen, of Bristol; his granddaughters, Jessica Screen and Joy Screen, both of Bristol; his great-granddaughter, Madisyn Brzezinski, of Bristol; his sister, Roseann Whitbeck, of New York; and his brother, Jacques Gervais, of Bristol. He also leaves behind many friends, nieces and nephews, including Mark Gervais and his family, of Plainville. In addition to his wife, Eleonore, he was predeceased by his son-in-law, Phillip Screen, his brother, Raymond Gervais, and sister, Madeline McGray.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to Interim Home Care and Vitas Hospice for the kind care that they provided to keep him home.

A Memorial Service in Celebration of Marcel's life was held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. Military honors were rendered following the service. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marcel can be made to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 (www.dav.org).

Denise B. Renock (Beaulieu) Hrywniak



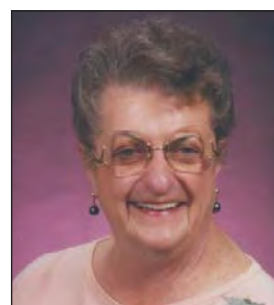
81, beloved mother, nana, sibling, aunt and friend passed away peacefully with family at her side on March 22, 2017 at Bristol Hospital. She has reunited with her beloved husband of 45 years, the late Michael Renock Hrywniak, Jr., who predeceased her in 2013.

Denise was born December 1, 1935 in New Bedford, MA, a daughter to the late Charles E. Beaulieu and Freida (Herrick) Beaulieu Murry. She lived most of her younger years in Maine where she resided with the late Rev. James E. Herrick, her beloved Uncle Jim. As a young adult, Denise relocated to CT and resided in New Britain before building the family home in Bristol where she lived for the past 20 years. Denise was a graduate of Brunswick High school, a self-taught bookkeeper previously employed at Fafnir Bearing, New Britain General Hospital, Jewels by Stanley and the Hartford, before retiring to care for her grandchildren, the loves of her life. Denise loved life to the fullest. She laughed, loved and cried many tears through the 81 years of her life. She was brutally honest and at times misunderstood as harsh. She gave her right arm and then some to ensure her family was taken care of.

She leaves her children, Veronica, Barbara and Kenneth Renock Hrywniak of Bristol as well as Jack and Lady, her beloved canine companions; her grandchildren, Elizabeth Hrywniak of Bristol, and Devon and Rozanna Hrywniak both of Plainville; her siblings: Charles Murry of MA and Joyce Gilson of Middletown; her brother-in-law, Richard Skinner of Cromwell and her sister-in-law, Diane Digman of FL; her cousins Alice and Helen of ME, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Maureen Skinner and her brother-in-law Robert Gilson.

Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street, Plainville assisted the family with a service in celebration of Denise's life. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation 1463 Highland Avenue Cheshire, CT 06410.

~ Rita McCue ~



longtime resident of Plainville, died at home on March 1, 2017. She was 94. She was the widow of Thomas McCue, Jr. and was predeceased by her son, Thomas McCue III. She leaves behind her daughters, Pat Clark, of Newtown and Kathy Hansen, of Plainville, 4 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and several

nieces and nephews.

Rita was a legal secretary and worked as such in various capacities for the State of CT and in the town of Plainville. She enjoyed spending the summers at her beach home in Clinton, where she could frequently be found reading on her front porch. She also enjoyed traveling, bowling and doing crossword puzzles.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville, CT assisted the family with arrangements. A prayer service in celebration of Rita's life was held at the conclusion of the visitation hours. In memory of Rita, contributions can be made to Franciscan Homecare and Hospice, 267 Finch Ave, Meriden, CT, 06451.

~ Philip Leon Osle ~



71, of Unionville, formerly of Plainville, passed away with his precious family by his side on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Phil was the best friend and soul mate of Shirley Osle, with whom he shared 45 wonderful years.

Born in Bristol on October 13 1945, he was one of four children to the late Leon of Santander, Spain and Mary (Posadas) Osle of Plainville. Raised in Plainville, he attended local schools, and served his country in the U.S. Army in 1970 and was honorably discharged in 1972. Upon his return home, he met the love of his life, Shirley, who he happily married that November after seven months of dating. They settled in their hometown where they raised their three girls, moving to Unionville in 1988. "Butch" as he was known to his family and friends, was proud to point out his many curbing and paving jobs he did during his 25 years working for Tilcon, from where he retired in 2010. Before working at Tilcon, Phil had worked at Plainville Casting for 13 years. His hard work was admired by many, especially his girls who benefitted from his handy man skills at each of their homes on a regular basis. Phil enjoyed his retirement years taking annual trips to Florida, taking cruises, going to NASCAR races and especially enjoyed hosting family and friends fireside at their camper at Nelson's in East Hampton. He was a member of the VFW Post 574 of Plainville and the American Legion. Phil's love for his family was unparalleled. He supported their many endeavors, cheered them at sporting events, volunteered alongside them, and always went to great lengths for his girls. A true gentleman and immediate friend to all, he will be missed tremendously by the many lives he touched, forever leaving a legacy of kindness, laughter and love.

In addition to his beloved wife, Shirley, he leaves his daughters, Cynthia Marie Osle-Elmer and her husband, Ralph; Carissa Renee Osle-Sherman and her husband, Eric, and Sara Cristina Osle, all of Plainville; his adored granddaughters "Papi's Peanuts" who will miss their Papi, Ali and Bri Elmer, Bella Cistulli, Emma and Kiera Sherman and step grandchildren CJ Elmer and Tyler St. Peter, his sisters Jean Gonsalves of Westfield, Ma, and her children Laura and Buddy, Sarah Gatchell of Searsport, ME and her children Steven and Wayne and Cathy Sonnenberg and husband Andre of Avon and their children, Shelby, Shannon and Spencer along with many nieces and nephews, including Kenny Williams, Dawn Wood and Pam Conklin, as well as many dear friends. He was predeceased by his brothers-in-law, George Gonasalves of Granville, Ma and Bill Gatchell of Searsport, ME.

Funeral services in celebration of Phil's life were held from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville and proceeded to St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, 145 South Main Street in Unionville for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Military Honors will follow. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Plainville will be held later in the spring. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Phil may be remembered with contributions to the Rotary Club of Plainville P.O. Box 484 Plainville, CT 06062, the Petit Family Foundation P.O. Box 310 Plainville, CT 06062-0310 and the Plainville Fire Company 77 West Main Street Plainville, CT 06062.

OBITUARIES

~ Audrey L. (Holmes) Posadas ~

89, of Plainville, passed away on Thursday February 23, 2017 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She was the loving wife of the late Philip "Gank" Posadas, with whom she shared 63 years of marriage.

Mrs. Posadas was born October 14, 1927 in Bristol the daughter of the late Charles and Doris (Osbourne) Holmes and was a longtime Plainville resident. Audrey was a homemaker who loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her grand cats, Peachie and Tuckie. She was an avid reader and a lifelong member of the Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC. Audrey was a quiet soul who left this world as quietly as she came.

Audrey leaves her son, James Posadas and his wife Jackie of Plainville, her grandchildren, David Posadas and his wife Cindy and Shannon Hughes and her husband Tom, her great grandchildren, Megan and Ryan Posadas and Hannah and Zach Hughes. She was predeceased by her daughter Juana Posadas and her brothers, Budney and David Holmes.

Funeral services for Audrey with burial in Plainville West Cemetery were celebrated privately by her family. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Plainville Fire Company 77 West Main Street Plainville, CT 06062. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements.

~ Joanne M. Pavano ~



the widow of Joseph A. Rouillard, died peacefully on Friday, Feb.3, 2017 at the age of 93. Frances was born in New Britain, CT and was the daughter of the late Walter and Stephania (Zmitruk) Radziszewski. She was a longtime resident of New Britain prior to moving to Plainville. Frances was an avid gardener and loved to share

her fruits and vegetables with friends and family. She also took great joy in making her Babka, pierogies and golabki for everyone.

Frances is survived by her three sons: Joseph Rouillard of East Haven, CT, Richard Rouillard and his wife Judy of Lyme, CT, Walter Rouillard and his wife Kathy of Burlington, CT. and daughter Deborah Hardy and her husband John of Plainville, CT. She also leaves her seven grandchildren: Sherry, Dan, Mike, Danny, Christina, Scott and Todd and seven great-grandchildren: Mike, Ashley, Jacob, Nahla, Brielle, Dean and Fallon. Frances was predeceased by her daughter Lorraine Burnett and daughter-in-law Rosalie Rouillard.

A Celebration of Frances' Life took place at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville, CT. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, 1141 Stanley St., New Britain, CT. The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT has charge of arrangements. To extend condolences to the Rouillard family or to share a memory of Frances, please visit shakerfuneralhome.com.

~ Lawrence Stewart Edelson~

Lawrence (Larry) Stewart Edelson, 62, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., died Thursday, March 2.

He grew up in Plainville and he graduated from Plainville High School, where he was an honor student, All-State swimmer, and a member of the track team. He graduated from Columbia University. Larry was a financial consultant, a senior editor for Weiss Research, and one of the world foremost experts on gold and silver commodities.

He is survived by his wife, Nong; his children, Dr. Kari Edelson of Connecticut, Aaron, Kevin, Alex and Megan, all of Florida; his sister, Shereen Edelson of Connecticut and her children, Robert and Eric Menchel, his brother Dr. David Edelson and his children, Joshua, Emeline, Benjamin and Jared. He was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Irving and Phyllis Edelson; and cousins Suzanne and David Werblow.

A celebration of his life was held in Florida for his local family, friends and business colleagues. A memorial service was held at the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation, 55 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury on Saturday, March 25th.

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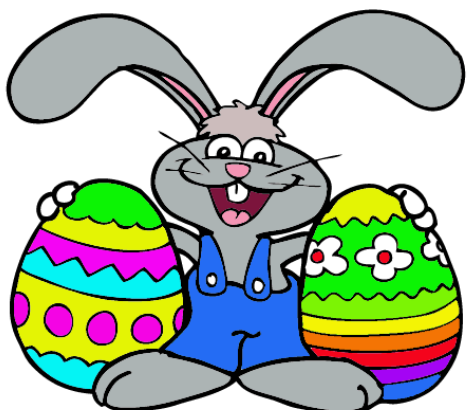
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