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# Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

## Plainville VFW 574

Raffle to Benefit:

**The Plainville Food Pantry & Plainville Community Schools Athletic Program**

The Plainville VFW 574 has named Dan Dougherty, Chairman and Co-Chairmen are: Brian Hunter, Don Grant, Tom Healey, and Barry Cresswell to the benefit raffle.

The tickets are for Box Seats at the games and sell for \$10.00 each. Tickets are available by calling the Chairman and/or the committee members and leave a message at the VFW 860-747-2993 and at the following businesses:

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2nd Prize: 4 Tickets to Houston Astros vs. Boston Red Sox - September 8th  
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4th Prize: 4 Tickets to Minnesota Twins vs. Boston Red Sox - July 29th

**Drawing to be held: July 21st, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.**  
VFW Post 574, 8 Northwest Drive, Plainville, CT 06062  
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# Four Generations



Picture taken in Colorado at the home of Brian and Ashley Glowiak. Pictured from left to right are: Susan Lostocco Glowiak, Grandmother, Pat Lostocco, Great-grandmother holding her Great-Granddaughter, and father Brian Glowiak

## Our Lady of Mercy Monthly "All You Can Eat" Breakfast



Father Raymond Smialowski (Father Ray) Pastor of O.L.M. joined the Members of the monthly breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The breakfast is held on the second Sunday of each month at the O.L.M. Parish Center

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Property Transfers

10 Cianci Ave Unit 13: Lord Carl Est and Edward H. Smith of Plainville to Pauline M.Cichon, \$107,000 on 2/13/2018

44 Eisenhower Dr: Robert J. Dirrigl of Plainville to Shaun Gauthier, \$72,500 on 2/12/2018

15 Black Birch Rd: Valley Residential Group of Plainville to Katarzyna and Krzysztof Labanowicz, \$255,00 on 2/20/2018

165 Broad St: Blue Star Properties LLC of Plainville to Natasha Hiraldo, \$251,000 on 2/20/2018

88 Williams St: Michael L. Molnar and Guild Mortgage Co of Plainville to Guild Mortgage Co, \$118,600 on 2/20/2018

201 East St: Johnson W. Alfred Est and Gary A. Johnson of Plainville to William R. Dziedzic, \$110,000 on 2/21/2018

14 Adams Way: Wojtak Wojciech Est and Arthur Wojtak of Plainville to Ellen M.Messali, \$295,000 on 2/26/2018

49 Birch Tree Rd: M. Lorena Ehle of Plainville to Jessica Crispino, \$130,000. on 3/1/2018

43 Broad St: Lorraine D. Mrowka of Plainville to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, \$171,448 on 2/27/2018

567 Camp St: Robert P. and Lori A. Marquis of Plainville to Sandra M. Laposky, \$190,000 on 3/1/2018

5 Cronk Rd: Anderson Turf Irrigation of Plainville to CBI Properties 2 LLC \$335,000 on 3/1/2018

159 Hilltop Rd: Jaime Franco of Plainville to Robert Pale, \$280,000 on 2/28/2018

34 Northampton In Unit 34: Michael B. Vye and Jennifer L. Uliasz of Plainville to Mikayla C. Howick, \$114,000 on 2/26/2018

22 Roseleah Ave: Diamond Development Corp of Plainville to Dustin E. Samuels and Stacey A. Mills, \$190,000 on 2/26/2018

2 Woodside Ln: Arend Richard E Est and Nicole Arend of Plainville to Donald and Irene Parker, \$150,000 on 2/26/2018

Thad Gray Retires to Seek Republican Nomination for State Treasurer



Thaddeus ("Thad") Gray, a Lakeville resident, announced his retirement as the Chief Investment Officer at Abbott Capital Management, LLC in August to devote full time to seeking the Republican nomination for Connecticut State Treasurer.

I'm running for State Treasurer for one reason—to help restore financial stability to the state of Connecticut," said Gray. "My background isn't in politics, it's in managing money. I have nearly three decades of experience managing assets on behalf of pension funds for teachers, firefighters, police officers and government employees, producing results that have dramatically enhanced their retirement security. Connecticut deserves a Treasurer who will do the same for the people of our state and has the resume to do the job," said

Gray. "What makes me different from all other people running for state treasurer, I'm the only one from either party that has the professional investment experience to do this job. I'm the only treasurer candidate who will not need on-the-job training. I will be able to start work and be sure our state's credit rating is protected and our investment portfolio is solid and run properly,"

said Gray. "I am concerned if we don't fix our state's pension issues, the deficits we are facing will crowd out spending for essential public safety, educational and healthcare services in the near future," Gray said. "We need to elect a new team in Hartford to initiate meaningful pension reform."

"Let's put professionals in key positions in Hartford, not more politicians working their way up the

ladder," said Gray.

For further background on Gray's campaign for State Treasurer, please visit www.ThadforCT.com or contact Mary Ann Turner at MaryAnn@Thadforct.com

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# Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council MARCH 1st and 19th Meeting

## March 1, 2018

### Road Bond Bid – Catch Basins

- On February 22nd the Town received nine bid proposals for the construction, repairs and adjustments of catch basins on various streets as part of the road bond program.
- The low bid was provided by Jones Construction of Unionville in the amount of \$38,800. References have been checked and Town staff is recommending that Jones Construction be awarded the bid in the amount of \$38,800.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

### Tax Fixing Agreement – Six Mile Holdings, LLC

- This Tax Fixing Agreement involves one of two buildings to be constructed on Robert Jackson Way. The building totals 8,000 square feet. Last August the Town Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the tax fixing agreement.
- Six Mile Holdings LLC is now looking to move forward with the project now that their plans have been approved. The estimated cost of the new building will be \$1.2M and this will allow them to attract two new businesses to Plainville from Rocky Hill.
- A second building consisting of an additional 12,000 square feet is expected to go forward after this first building is finished.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the tax fixing agreement with Six Mile Holdings LLC.

### Happenings

- Save the Date: The Friends Semi-Annual Book Sale will be Friday, April 6th 6-8 PM and Saturday, April 7th from 10-3.

### Details of other Library activities on page 5

## NUTMEG TV SCHEDULE

### PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL Comcast #96 & ATT #99

Sunday: 12am & 6pm

Thursday: 3am, 6 am, 9 am,

12 noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm;

Saturday: 9am

## March 19, 2018

### Dog Park Location

- The Dog Park Committee has made a recommendation to utilize town land located at the end of Norton Place Extension for a future Dog Park. If this location is approved by the Town Council, the Dog Park Committee will begin fund raising efforts to pay for the construction of the facility.
- The Dog Park Committee has stated that, if this location is approved, that they will raise the funds to construct the park and that they will organize volunteers to monitor and clean-up the park as necessary.
- On January 2nd of this year a Public Hearing was held where residents were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed location. A petition in support of the proposed location containing over 600 names was submitted to the Town Council as well.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the recommendation to locate a Dog Park on town-owned land located on Norton Place Extension.

### Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Dashboard covering the period through February 28th was included in your meeting package information and has been placed on the Town website.

### Happenings

#### PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

- **DIABETES: WHAT IS IT? HOW DO I LIVE WITH IT?** What is diabetes? Does anyone die from it? What are the dreaded complications? Is it possible to prevent or delay its complications, or maybe even avert diabetes itself? For an in-depth look at what a diabetes diagnosis means to your health, join Miles Everett, registered dietician, nurse and diabetes educator at Bristol Hospital Center for Diabetes. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register for this free program.
- **VETERANS' COFFEE HOUR AT THE SENIOR CENTER, TUESDAY, APRIL 3 at 10:30 A.M.** This monthly informational and support meeting is conducted by Wayne Rioux, a Veteran's Liaison for Hartford Health-Care at Home. FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 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 2018 will take place on Mondays during the following periods: April 9 through June 25, 2018 (excluding Monday, May 28, due to Memorial Day) and September 10 through October 29, 2018. 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. If there is a high volume of collection they will continue the following day.  
\*\*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.

### From the Desk of: Dominick Moschini Superintendent of Roadways Transfer Station

On Granger Lane will be open for the season on Saturday,  
**April 7, 2018**

The hours of operation are  
**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**  
**SATURDAY'S ONLY**

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

## DISTRICT PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The Plainville Community Schools Preschool Program will begin accepting registrations on Monday, April 2, 2018 for children who reside in Plainville with parents or guardians, who will be age 4 by December 31, 2018 and who were born between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014. The program is designed to prepare students for transition to kindergarten at age 5. Our eight classrooms will follow the district calendar and school hours for all three elementary schools, which is 8:50 AM to 3:30 PM. Due to the expected construction at Wheeler Elementary School, the preschool classrooms at Wheeler will be relocated to Linden Street School for the next two years. Tuition for this program will be \$2000 per child for the year with options for quarterly or monthly payment plans and reduced fees for families who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Transportation will be provided based on district transportation guidelines for our elementary schools. Students who live outside of the designated busing zone for their school will not be provided with transportation

Registrations will be accepted at each neighborhood preschool on a first-come, first-served basis. If the program reaches capacity, your child will be placed on our waiting list in the order in which the completed registrations are submitted. Parents must register in person between 9:15AM and 3:00PM with a \$100 deposit, an original birth certificate, 2 proofs of residency (i.e. utility bill, rent receipt, mortgage documents, town tax bill), and completed forms. Registration packets with all required forms and policies can be found on the student registration quick link located on the district website homepage at [www.plainvilleschools.org](http://www.plainvilleschools.org). Families who have already contacted their neighborhood schools and requested to be placed on our preschool mailing list will receive those packets shortly. Parents may also call their neighborhood schools for more information or to request a copy of the registration packet: Linden Street School at 860-793-3270; Toffolon School at 860-793-3280, or Wheeler School at 860-793-3290. For other general questions related to preschool programming, please call the Special Services Office at 860-793-3214. Requests to allow students without documented disabilities to remain a second year in our program or start in our program when they will be 5 by 12/31/18 will be considered on a case by case basis.

**Town Happening Reports By Scott William Colby Jr.,  
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#### UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Council or a Councilor, just call 860-793-0221 ext. 205  
Leave your name and phone number and ask for a Councilor to contact you. *They are here to serve you!*

## Plainville High School Class of 1988 30th Reunion

The Class of 1988 is in the early stages of planning our 30th Class Reunion. A Facebook pages has been created so everyone can follow and check for updates as they occur, please join at "Plainville High Class of 88". We realize that there are many people not on social media platforms so if you have contact information for any classmates not on social media please share it as a private message on our page for send it directly to either:

**John Ross -**  
**johnross9296@comcast.net,**  
**703-899-8867**  
**Denise Parsons -**  
**dmpars@gmail.com,**  
**860-982-2764**  
**Rochelle (Woody)**  
**Maiorca - rmm1022@msn.com,**  
**772-696-0880**

*We look forward to seeing everyone!*

## Rotary Club of Plainville's 44th Annual Penny Sale Saturday April 7th

The event will be held at Plainville High School on Saturday April 7th at 6:00pm.

**Doors will open at 5:30pm.**

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

*"We hope to see everyone at this year's Penny Sale,"* said Gregg Karal, President of the Rotary Club of Plainville. *"There are contests and drawings for the entire family - kids as well as adults. Join us on Saturday April 7th, and I promise you will enjoy a fun-filled evening."*

Items for the Penny Sale are donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Much of the money raised goes toward college scholarships for deserving high school graduates. In addition, proceeds from the Penny Sale have also benefited various local non-profits, such as the Plainville Community Food Pantry and Fuel Bank, PARC, the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, and YMCA summer camps.

*"The Plainville Rotary Club appreciates all the donations and help that we receive every year for the Penny Sale,"* added Karal. *"Please join us on the 7th to win some prizes and help support some important local organizations and causes."*



The Plainville Public Library, 56 E. Main St., Plainville, CT 06062 860-793-1446

## Friends of the Library Semi-annual Book Sale

Friday, April 6  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

\$3 Admission charge per family

Saturday, April 7  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Free admission

From 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, fill your first bag for \$3, subsequent bags \$1 each.

\*Donations in good condition welcome - please drop off the week of the sale.

\*We cannot accept reference books, encyclopedias, computer books, video tapes, audio tapes or cassettes.

Volunteers are needed to sort books, Tuesday, April 3 through Thursday, April 5. Call the library at 860-793-1446 to sign up. Walk-in help is also welcome.



## Plainville Library For Children Only

**Crafternoon!** Thursday  
April 12th @3:30 PM  
Grades 1-3 Call 860-793-1450

to Register  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**Storytime the week of April 16th- Ages Baby to 5 years**

## St. Payla or the African Violet-How Did It Get Its Name?

Friday, April 13th @ 12PM  
Children Grades 4 and up  
Join "Jeff the Plany Guy" Plant Shop and learn about this classic plant. Take a starter kit home with you and start your own collection. Call 860-793-1450 to register.

## Knights of Columbus Exemplification of The Fourth Degree Sunday, April, 22nd

### Exemplification

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# Plainville Chamber of Commerce Announces 110th Annual Awards Recipients

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce will hold their 110th Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on **April 24, 2018** at **Nuchie's Restaurant** in Forestville, CT. The Chamber Awards honor those businesses and individuals whose actions create a positive impact upon the Plainville economic community.

## Business of the Year – Farmington Bank

Farmington Bank is a full-service community bank providing personal, small business, commercial and government financial solutions in Plainville at their East Street and New Britain Avenue locations. Farmington Bank is dedicated to business development, consumers and community. During the last several years, Farmington Bank has offered free seminars to better educate the community in the areas of cyber-crimes, and start up business skills. They work closely with the Town of Plainville Economic Development Office to expand Plainville businesses as well as to move businesses into our community. Additionally, Farmington Bank has supported the community by serving as members of the Plainville Chamber of Commerce, Plainville Food Pantry, Plainville Rotary, Wheeler YMCA and have also provided career counseling and classes through Junior Achievement. This award will be presented to Antonella Calabrese, VP and Branch Manager.

## Distinguished Women in Business Award – Jane Carney, Painting and Decorating, Inc. (PDI, Inc.)

Jane started her career at age 9 working for her Mom and Dad at Carney's East End Variety Store in New Britain. Currently, she is the President/Owner of Painting

and Decorating, Inc., (PDI, Inc.), a Women Owned and Operated multi service Paint Contracting Company. PDI, Inc. specializes in quality interior and exterior painting services covering all areas of commercial, institutional and residential. PDI, Inc. was founded in 1973. Jane joined PDI, Inc. in 2009 as a Project Manager. She purchased the business in 2013. Jane, a resident of Plainville relocated her business from New Britain to Plainville in 2014, 6 months later. In addition to her demanding job, Jane is an active member of both the Greater New Britain and Plainville Chamber, and has been a sponsor for the Plainville Girl's Little League for several years. She served as a Plainville Chamber Board Member from 2015 to 2017 and was instrumental in the planning and success of the Plainville Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament and has provided support through hosting and attending Business after Hour Networking and other events.

## Beautification Award – U-Haul Moving & Storage of Pinnacle Rock

On March 24, 2016, the real estate arm of Amerco, parent company of U-Haul purchased the North Plant building from Industrial Connections & Solutions, LLC, formerly General Electric.

The 183,711 square foot building that sits on a 15 acre property was vacant for seven years. The U-Haul sustainability program reduces the impact on local environment by reusing existing buildings along with repurposing and recycling all building materials versus demolishing it and building from the ground up. Will Cintas, Owner's Representative is overseeing the construction that is still continuing. U-Haul will expand the company's product and service lines along with new landscaping that will enhance the building and surrounding area.

U-Haul Company of CT is committed to our town and as a Plainville Chamber member looks forward to supporting events as well as organizations that benefit our community as a whole. This award will be presented to Will Cintas, Owner's Rep.

## Distinguished Community Leadership Award - Shirley Osle, Assistant Town Manager

Shirley has served the Town of Plainville for 38 years. As Assistant Town Manager, she provides a key leadership role that extends to work on budgets, special projects, purchasing, community events and all aspects of Human Resources. Shirley received the Town's Distinguished Budget Award for 17 straight years. She implemented the Community Human Services Committee that quarterly brings together all town - related human service agencies. In addition, she actively served in many capacities as a Rotarian, including Rotary President, Chair of the Penny Sale, and is currently Rotary Scholarship, Rotary Foundation and Rotary Golf Tournament Chairs.

Shirley is also active as a Plainville Chamber Board Member and United Way Allocation Committee Member and is an active volunteer in the schools.

She was instrumental in the launch of the Plainville Pumpkin Fest. For many years she served on the Project Graduation Steering Committee and Downtown Block Party Committee.

Shirley's leadership skills were notably demonstrated when she was appointed Interim Town Manager twice when circumstances required this. This was an enormous responsibility and Shirley continued to deliver exceptional service during this time. Shirley accepts each challenge with courage and commitment to the Town.

## Non-Profit of the Year – Rotary Club of Plainville

The Rotary Club of Plainville is a 501 C 3 organization comprised of dedicated volunteers. Each week, the club meets locally to either plan or work towards supporting the community as well as in international initiatives.

The Rotary holds three (3) major fundraiser each year, the annual Plainville Rotary Penny Sale. Golf Tournament and Citrus Sale.

Over the past 5 years, their volunteerism and support have resulted in over \$130,000 in scholarships and donations of over \$75,000 to community organizations.

Their volunteerism and commitment to the community is demonstrated by rolling up their sleeves and supporting many Plainville projects such as the Gazebo at Linden School, repaving the walking path at Norton Parks and the Gold Star Memorial Monument in Veteran's park.

A team from the Rotary Club supports Rotary International project, such as Shelter Boxes, the eradication of Polio initiative and physically installed mechanisms for pure drinking water in villages of Honduras.

In addition, The Rotary Club has also lead the formation of the PHS Interact Club. This club is for students who are interested in tackling issues in the community and helps to build leadership skills and foster the next generation of Rotarian Leaders in Plainville.

This award will be presented to Gregg Karall, Chairperson.

## Distinguished Family in Business Awards: Tabitha Wazorko Manafort, Principle, TWM

## Development and Quinn Wazorko Christopher, CEO, M&T Transmission.

Tabitha Wazorko Manafort started her TWM Development business 10 years ago. She is instrumental in saving Plainville homes that have historic value. Tabitha sees the potential in gems too many overlooked or considered candidates for demolition. Among them, former health director Dr. Tortolani's home on Maple Street and former Linden Street School principal Esposti's home on Hough Street. As evidence of her pride in her town and country, she places an American flag near the front door in memory of her father, the late veteran, school board member and Plainville native, Tom Wazorko.

Active in the community, Tabitha served on the Plainville Board of Education, the Plainville Community Pantry Board, and has been a volunteer basketball coach in the town's Recreation program. She also served on the Board of the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain. She and her husband, Justin Manafort, can be counted on to support a cause or sponsor an event and Tabitha regularly contributes her repurposed furniture creations as raffle prizes for Plainville fundraisers.

Quinn Wazorko Christopher assumed the role of CEO in Sept. 2017, following the tragic death of her husband Ted Christopher, a Plainville native and longtime Plainville business owner.

Ted, a NASCAR race car driver and owner of M&T Transmission on South Canal Street, died when the plane he was a passenger in, crashed while transporting him to a race on Long Island. Within days of his Sept. 15 death, Quinn, with heroic support and help of the Christopher family, her own family and a myriad of friends, made the decision to step in as business CEO and maintain rather than close her husband's successful Plainville company. Since September, she has focused on learning as much as she can about the intricacies of running the business and has maintained its success and is steering its growth.

Quinn is a three-term Plainville town council member and former town constable Active in the Plainville Democratic Town Committee before her recent move to Southington, she and her late husband were well-known for their contributions to a variety of Plainville non-profits and causes, a commitment she continues today.

These sisters are exemplary role models in their own way and in their own businesses. And they are also stellar proof that family matters. The two have turned to each other on more than one occasion as mentors, nudging the other and insisting "it can be done."

**Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available for the April 24th event through the Plainville Chamber of Commerce Website. [www.plainvillechamber.com](http://www.plainvillechamber.com). Contact [info@plainvillechamber.com](mailto:info@plainvillechamber.com) for additional information.**

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Valley Water Systems, Inc. has awarded a contract to Tighe & Bond. The goal of the engineering study is intended to determine the most cost-effective solution, whether by purchasing water or treatment of supplies at either of our well fields. The results of the study will be used to construct a survey. The study is progressing as planned.

A study will be sent to all of our customers by Spring so that our customers may provide feedback to us.

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\* Planting your gardens now, you should install trickle-drip irrigation systems close to the roots of your plants.

\* Use a soil moisture indicator to tell when your lawn needs watering.

\* Recycle water from fish tanks by using it to water plants. Fish emulsion is a good and inexpensive fertilizer high in nitrogen and phosphorous.

**Rule of Blue Thumb: Good water measures**

\* Use cold water heated on the stove or in the microwave instead of hot water from the tap to prepare baby formula and convenience foods that call for hot water. Hot tap water can pick up metals from plumbing pipes or solder.

\* Consider the source. The safety of bottled water and tap water initially depends on the source of the water. Monitoring and testing ultimately determine the quality of the finished product. The 1996 reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act requires that bottled water be monitored in the U.S. and tested in the same rigorous manner as tap water.

\* Support protection projects for wetland areas near your source of drinking water. These areas help keep our water clean.

*These are just a few helpful hints to conserve H2O from Blue Thumb Basics.*

We will be printing a progress report and Helpful Hints next month. Feel free to call our office if you have any questions or suggestions.

860-747-8000 or at

<http://valleywatersystems.com/ContactUs.php>

## DENTAL HEALTH

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



### WHAT IS LASER DENTISTRY & HOW DOES IT WORK?

A laser is an instrument that produces a very narrow, intense beam of light energy. When laser light comes in contact with tissue, it causes a reaction. The light produced by the laser can remove or shape tissue.

#### Are Lasers Used in Dentistry?

Yes, lasers have been used in dentistry since 1990. Lasers can be used as a safe and effective treatment for a wide range of dental procedures and are often used in conjunction with other dental instruments.

#### Dental lasers can be used to:

- Remove small cavities without anesthesia. Reduce the discomfort of canker and cold sores.
- Expose partially erupted wisdom teeth.
- Remove muscle attachments that limit proper movement.
- Manage gum tissue during impressions for crowns or other procedures.
- Remove overgrown tissues caused by certain medications.
- Perform biopsy procedures.
- Remove inflamed gum tissues and aid in the treatment of gum disease.
- Remove or reshape gum and bone tissues during crown lengthening procedures.
- Help treat infections in root canals.
- Speed up tooth whitening procedures.

#### What are the Benefits of Using Dental lasers?

There are several advantages. Dentists may not need to use a drill or administer anesthesia in some procedures, allowing the patient to enjoy a more relaxed dental experience. Laser procedures can be more precise. Also, lasers can reduce symptoms and healing times associated with traditional therapies; reduce the amount of bacteria in both diseased gum tissue and in tooth cavities, and control bleeding during surgery.

#### Are Dental Lasers Safe?

If the dental laser is used according to accepted practices by a trained practitioner, then it is at least as safe as other dental instruments. However, just as you wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from prolonged exposure to the sun, when your dentist performs a laser procedure, you will be asked to wear special eyeglasses to protect your eyes from the laser.

#### How can I be sure my dentist is properly trained to use a laser?

Ask your dentist questions about the extent of his or her laser education and training. Make sure that your dentist has participated in educational courses and received training by the manufacturer.

#### How will I know if treatment with a dental laser is an option for me?

Ask your dentists. Although the laser is a very useful dental instrument, it is not appropriate for every dental procedure.



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# LET'S GET HEALTHY

By Roberta Brown

Let's Get Healthy, an event sponsored by the Healthy Plainville coalition will be held on April, 4, from 6:30-8 PM at the Middle School of Plainville. The event will showcase the many resources, programs and businesses who provide active programs for children. Many local restaurants will provide samples of healthy foods that they have created specifically for the event and will also give out recipes. There will be great raffle prizes including crock pots, spiralizers, gift certificates and more.

Healthy Plainville Co- Chairs Roberta Brown and Linda Coveney will introduce the event and outline the mission and goals of the group: To promote a healthy community for children and families in Plainville by encouraging healthy food choices, promoting the benefits of and opportunities for physical activity and eliminating harmful substances. State Representative Dr. William Petit will speak about the importance of this work as it relates to disease prevention. Obesity is the second leading cause of preventable death in the United States after smoking and is a major risk factor for many chronic diseases including 4 of the 10 leading causes of death in the United States: heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and several forms of cancer.

The Healthy Plainville coalition

has a major interest in gardening and encourages the use of fresh fruits and vegetables especially those that are locally grown. The Plainville Farmer's market will be in attendance at the event as will representatives from Big Y and Gnazzo's grocery stores.

Participating restaurants include: Pagliacci, 50 West, Vero, Rebel Dog with more signing on each day. Former cycling Olympian Jimena Dolzadelli will be on hand to talk to people about her experiences and promote the sport of cycling along with the CT Cycling Advancement Project.

"It is going to be a wonderful and exciting event that we hope many parents will attend," said Linda Coveney. Co-Chair of Healthy Plainville. Free babysitting for potty trained children ages 3-13 will be provided at the Wheeler Regional YMCA. Parents and caregivers wishing to register for the event can go to Eventbrite.com and search for "Let's Get Healthy". Everyone is also encouraged to visit and like the Healthy Plainville Facebook page where a registration link to the event can be found.

"We are very excited about the event and the tremendous collaboration on the part of the community. We want to make Plainville a community where it's easy to make the healthy choice," said Brown. Healthy Plainville is an initiative of the Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development and the Wheeler Regional Family YMCA. Funding support is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in association with the Greater Hartford YMCA. Hartford Health Care is a generous sponsor of Let's Get Healthy.

# Acoustic Open Mic

Bill Morrell

I am Hosting an Acoustic Open mic Every Wednesday eve

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\*Editor's Note:

We requested the above information from Bill. He is very talented and we felt everyone should know about him. Tell him you saw this article in the Hometown. Enjoy music with your pizza.

# PHS YMCA PROJECT GRADUATION

Our next scheduled meetings are 4/4, 5/2, 6/6 at 7 pm at YMCA and perhaps more frequently as the event draws near.

Individual committees forming now for food, casino, decorating, and more. Volunteer sign ups for the overnight event now being accepted. All levels of volunteers welcome.

To volunteer contact Christine at 860-869-3209 or avon\_christine@yahoo.com, Lu at 712-5662, Stevie at 463-3600 or Wendy at 919-6225.

Christine Millette  
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## New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart

### Announced her official candidacy for governor at CCSU

Stewart officially enters race

for Governor

By SKYLER FRAZER

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NEW BRITAIN — Standing in Founders Hall at her alma mater, Central Connecticut State University, on Monday, Mayor Erin Stewart formally announced her candidacy

for governor. "Go, Erin, go," supporters chanted after she declared that she's in the race, adding her name to those of more than a dozen other Republicans. After her announcement, Stewart talked about the importance of a new generation of leadership in Hartford and called the 2018 election a "tipping point" for the state. As a 30-year-old Republican woman in public office, she touted herself as a standout candidate. "If you're looking for a candidate that's going to fit in a certain ideology, I'm probably not the candidate you're looking for," Stewart said. "On many issues, especially budgets and finances, I'm very much a conservative. On other issues, my positions are more moderate or liberal, and I stand by them. It's what I truly believe and I'm not going to change them just to win a campaign."

While briefly discussing some of her platform points, Stewart referred to CCSU and the state's other institutions of higher education as "ground zero" for Connecticut's future. "We have to make sure that we're keeping our young people here and providing opportunities for them," Stewart said. "Creating jobs from under our economy

and creating a talent pipeline from our state universities to new and exciting ventures is what will fuel our new economy and keep our millennials here."

Stewart acknowledged she is facing a lot of competition. More than 20 candidates have formally declared their candidacy, with more than a dozen of them Republicans. "There have been many people that have been in this race for a lot longer than I. I understand that I'm a little late to the party," Stewart said. "But Connecticut needs more than slogans right now. We need more than candidates who say they have the medicine for our troubles if only we'd elect them. Connecticut needs a fresh voice and a new vision for our state's future, one that brings us together rather than divides us."

Stewart said she intends to qualify for the state's public financing election system, the Citizens Elections Fund. To qualify, Stewart needs to raise \$250,000 in contributions of \$100 or less from Connecticut residents. Stewart declined to give a firm number, but said she's been raising

money at a steady pace and is confident she can hit the \$250,000 threshold. She said her fundraising totals will be updated April 1, the quarterly filing deadline and three days before the Connecticut

To participate in the party's fifth debate, set for Wednesday, April 4, candidates must have formally declared and must have a significant campaign war chest. "To say that I would have \$175,000 in the bank by April 4 is a little unreasonable," Stewart told reporters following her announcement.

The debate will be held at New Britain High School, and Stewart said she "absolutely" thinks she should be included even if she hasn't hit the \$175,000 mark yet. And if not, we'll be standing outside with 200 of my closest friends to rally for support onstage," Stewart said.

The Connecticut GOP convention, at which 1,000 delegates will vote to endorse a candidate, begins Saturday, May 12. Any candidate who earns 15 percent of those votes will have the opportunity to force a primary, which would be on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

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**{ Jack raves }** Stopped for the first time at Brandy's Beauty & Barber Shop for a hair cut, needed a change from the shop I went to for many years. What a treat, he checked my nose hairs & trimmed my eyebrows. I am glad I stopped in. They are located on New Britain Ave.

**{ Patti raves }** I have to add my praise to Derek of Heritage Motors for always doing a great job for a fair price over the several years. I have gone there. Raves to you from Patti!!!

**{ Joe faves }** I changed my insurance to Connecticut Casualty Co. You want to know why? When I called for a quote on my Auto insurance the agent was so helpful. I understand I was able to get a lower figure because they represent several Insurance companies. I now am saving some money, it is important these days.

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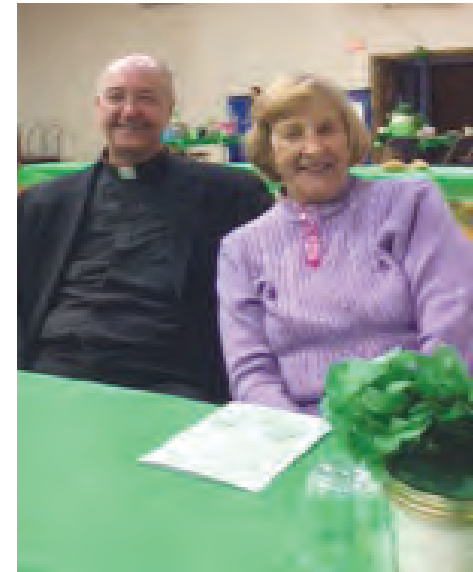
Sisters Krystyna Miller (Standing) and Marissa Miller (sitting) manned the Parent Advisory Council PHS Spirit Wear Table

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## O.L.M. St. Patrick Day Dinner~March 17th



Co-Chairpersons, Don and Sue Melanson of the St. Patrick Day Dinner are pictured in the center photo. Left hand photo is Richard Dzura, he conducted the sing-a-long of Irish Melodies (Great job) and special guests (to the right) are Father Edward J. Przygocki, MSA and his sister Jean Rasulo. Sue and Don did a wonderful job again this year, I think we will let them Chair it again next year.

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# Schools in Review

## MSP Offer Wellness Activities



At the Middle School of Plainville, one part of the Physical Education curriculum focuses on introducing lifetime sports / wellness activities to students. So far this year, the middle school students have been introduced to classes in golf, bowling and currently ZUMBA. Cindy (Joseph) Riccio grew up in Plainville and is a graduate of the Plainville school system. She is an adjunct History professor at Tunxis Community College, as well as a certified Zumba instructor at Wicked Z Dance and Fitness. Each year, all Physical Education classes at the middle school are treated to a Zumba class taught by Mrs. Riccio. At the end of her three day series, Riccio teaches during an enrichment period, and the gym is open to anyone at the Middle School who would like to participate in a ZUMBA class. This is Mrs. Riccio's tenth year of coming back to her hometown and working with the students of the Middle School Of Plainville. "Cindy Riccio is amazing with our middle schoolers. We are so lucky to have a certified ZUMBA instructor working with our students to promote a healthy, lifetime fitness activity," noted Middle School of Plainville Physical Education Instructor Amy Tennant.

## MSP Hosts Read Across America



The Middle School of Plainville had its annual Read Across America celebration on Friday, March 2, coordinated by Library Information Teacher Joyce Lynch. The National Education Association's Read Across America program is a fun, celebratory way to promote the enjoyment of reading. Many teachers, administrators, and staff joined the celebration as well, reading aloud picture books, short stories and poetry. Middle School students and staff also signed a large banner as a thank you gift to Gnazzo's Food Center for their very generous donation of food, snacks, and beverages for the celebration.

## Students Participate in Black History Month Activities



Students in kindergarten through grade 5 at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School participated in art lessons based on famous African Americans, African American history, and African culture in honor of Black History Month during the month of February. Kindergarten students learned about African American artist Faith Ringgold and created art based on her book Tar Beach. First graders created Kente cloth from the African country of Ghana. Second grade students made masks out of clay based on masks from the West coast of Africa. Third grade students made Freedom Quilts based on the quilt codes slaves used to use to escape to freedom. Fourth grade students made watercolor paintings of African Masks and fifth grade students created prints of Adinkra symbols from the country of Ghana.

**Top Row left to right:** Adam Labowski, Gr 3; Hailey Levesque, gr 5; Daniel Gould, Gr. 4  
**Bottom Row:** Lucas Dahlen, Gr 2; Ashley Thorpe, Kindergarten

## PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Children who will be five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2019 are eligible for kindergarten (full day program) in September, 2018.

To obtain materials for kindergarten registration, please contact one of the following elementary schools, between the hours of 9:00 am-3:00 pm:

- Linden Street School: (860) 793-3270
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# Schools in Review

## Elementary Honors Choir Performs for Board of Education



In celebration of "Board of Education Appreciation Month" the Plainville Community Schools' Elementary Honors Choir performed at the March 12th Plainville Board of Education meeting.

*Shown above:* Members of the Elementary Honors Choir perform at the March 12th Plainville Board of Education meeting.

## March Everyday Heroes Recognized



Plainville Community Schools District Maintainers Alex North and Terry Archer, together with Linda Paoletto from Cortina Tile were recognized as the district's Everyday Heroes for the month of March. The group was nominated by Linden Street School faculty member Barbara Friedman. They were honored at the March 12th Plainville Board of Education meeting.

*Shown above:* Plainville Board of Education Chair Andrea Saunders, Barbara Friedman, Linda Paoletto, Alex North, Ava North and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett. (Missing from photo: Terry Archer)



## Digital Devils Participate in "Power Up"



The Plainville High School Digital Devils FIRST Robotics Team competed at Wilby High School in Waterbury this past weekend. This year's challenge is called "Power Up." The team has only six weeks to design, engineer, build and test a robot for the competitions. The competition game includes two alliances of video game characters and their human operators who are trapped in an arcade game. Both team alliances are working to defeat the boss in order to escape the game.

Each match begins with a 15-second autonomous period in which robots operate only on preprogrammed instructions. During the remaining 2 minutes and 15 seconds of the match, the tele-operated period, student drivers control the robots. Teams on an Alliance work together to continue to control their Switch and the Scale. They can also trade in their Power Cubes for Power Ups. During the final 30 seconds, teams work together to Climb to Face the Boss. Team Alliances are seeded in the Qualification tournament using ranking points which are awarded based on a combination of their Win-Loss-Tie record.

The Digital Devils were picked by 2 other teams to compete in the playoff matches. During the playoffs the team faced tough competition and battled through to the semi-final matches. Although faced with mechanical break downs and programming difficulties, the Digital Devils pulled away with a Championship Victory. The Digital Devils advisors are Plainville High School faculty members David Gagnard and Mark Chase.

The Digital Devils' next competition is scheduled for April 6-8 at Hartford Public High School. All events are open to the public.

## MSP Celebrates Rare Disease Awareness Day



The Middle School of Plainville celebrated Rare Disease Awareness Day by supporting the Glut1 Deficiency Foundation in honor of a 7th-grade student, Braden Shumbo. Glut1 Deficiency is a condition where glucose doesn't reach the brain properly, which affects developmental growth, learning, movement, speech, and can cause seizures. There are fewer than 1,000 people in the world living with Glut1 Deficiency. Braden is one of two people in Connecticut with this condition. The 2018 Love Some1 With Glut1 campaign ran from February 14th-28th. Braden kicked off the event by creating a report to educate the Middle School community about Glut1 Deficiency. Within the two weeks, donations were collected from staff and Love Some1 With Glut1 bracelets were sold at the Middle School and at the district's student/staff/parent unified basketball game. On February 28th, which is officially Rare Disease Awareness Day, middle school staff and students wrapped up the car. A total of \$640 was raised, which was donated to Braden's Love Some1 with Glut1 fundraising page on the Glut1 Deficiency Foundation website.

## Wheeler Students Become Inventor



Fourth grade students at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School have been involved in creating inventions that will solve a real life problem. To create their inventions, the students followed a process of brainstorming, drawing plans, gathering materials, building, and testing their inventions. They showcased their novel ideas in a school wide Invention Convention held on March 6th at Wheeler.

In photo: Joseph Zelasko is the inventor on the right and Charlie Hall is on the left.

*Of The United States of America*

## Petit Celebrates “Read Across America” Day at DiLoreto Magnet School



State Representative William A. Petit, Jr. (R-22) paid a visit to DiLoretto Magnet School in New Britain to participate in Read Across America Day.

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

“What a great day spent participating in 'Read Across America', and honoring Dr. Seuss' birthday,” said Rep. Petit. “I enjoyed time engaging with bright and energetic young learners, and reading to them the famous Dr. Seuss hits, 'Green Eggs and Ham', 'Fox in Sox', and 'Oh, the Places You'll Go'. Reading is such an integral part of a student's learning and development, and I am proud to again participate in and support this annual celebration.”

During the day, Rep. Petit also participated in reading events at Gaffney Elementary School 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 21st 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](http://www.nea.org/readacross).

## Backtrack Vocals at Elementary Schools



Elementary school students in Plainville experienced an a cappella concert on March 15th, thanks to a grant from the Elizabeth Norton Trust Fund. Linden Street School music teacher, Marilyn Speranza, utilized the grant to bring Backtrack Vocals to all three Plainville elementary schools. Students danced in their seats and sang along as Backtrack Vocals engaged them with recent hits, like Justin Timberlake's “Can't Stop the Feeling.” The five-member a cappella group hails from New York City. Backtrack has toured nationally and received over 9 million views on Youtube. The vocalists of Backtrack served as excellent models for the young singers of Plainville. Elementary music teachers prepared students for the concerts by studying the music of Backtrack Vocals during the month of February. Students learned how each member of an a cappella group plays an important role and is responsible for creating melody, harmony, or rhythm. Part of the students' a cappella education was learning how to beatbox. Members of an a cappella group use only their voices to create a complete musical product. The beatboxer is responsible for providing vocal drum sounds and driving the rhythm of the group. During the March 15th performances, elementary students displayed their beatboxing skills in front of Johnny Buffalo, Backtrack's beatbox extraordinaire.

**People who throw kisses are  
hopelessly lazy. *Bob Hope***

## Senator Martin Participates in “Read Across America” Day



State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) shared a story with South Side Elementary School students as part of Read Across America Day in March. “With all the video games and electronic ways we have to entertain ourselves today, it has never been more important to show children the simple pleasure of reading a book,” Sen. Martin said. “We know that children who are read to do better in school than those who don't. It is the one of the few things that anyone at any socioeconomic level can do to help improve a child's ability to learn.”

## Senator Martin Addresses Special Education Advocates at State Capitol

State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) today addressed special education teachers, administrators, students, and supporters at the State Capitol.

“I am happy to say that society has recognized the value of education for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We now know that the right education can help these students live productive, fulfilling lives. We recognize the tremendously positive impact that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have on society and in our own lives,” Sen. Martin said.

“Every person in this room has value,” he continued. “Intellectually and developmentally disabled children, like all children, have a right to an education that will help them live as productive and independent a life as possible.”

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# THE TEA PARTY PATRIOTS WAKE UP AMERICA

By Gene  
Deep State Theory:

If you missed or skipped over last month's column on the Deep State within the Deep State it might be worth looking back for a re-read.

The 'Great 'Obama, choose to kick the stone down the road' and PASS an Unconstitutional Executive Order for DACA. Our Congress and Supreme Court sat back and ignored this fact. When President Trump acted to resolve this unconstitutional issue, and force Congress to act - he was the 'bad guy'. Third-world countries have stricter immigration policies that are strictly enforced.

We need to move into the twenty century by  
(1) Eliminate the 'VISA LOTTERY'.  
(2) MANDATE & ENFORCE 'E-verification'.  
(3)INSURE 'Borderer Security'.  
(4) PROHIBIT 'Sanctuary Cities'.  
(5) PROHIBIT any immigrant from collection any financial entitlements for a period of 5 years.  
(6) PROVE, that they will 'ADD VALUE' to our country.  
(7) Any and all individuals that commit a crime or are a member of any gang or terrorist group or org. WILL BE DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY.  
(8) Lastly, this must before the LAST ANIMOSITY ever granted. Any and all ILLEGALS. ('Undocumented American' - as the Liberal-left states), will need to be DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY IF apprehended crossing into America. The cost of healthcare for uninsured illegal aliens is costing a staging \$4.3 Billion a year. The Liberal-left/Dem's have preached we don't have a voter fraud 'problem' - we have an EPIDEMIC.

On the State level, we have the opportunity to get rid of Governor

Malloy who has been a disaster for the State. Connecticut has roughly 3,500,000 people living on 3,561,860 acres. That is just about a whole acre for every man, woman and child. At the rate that people are moving out of the state in the future could mean two acres for every man, woman and child.

The departure of companies and jobs from the state has been well documented. The state is losing population, every one seems to know friends and family who have moved out of the state for better opportunities and lower taxes and living costs. The state of CT reckless spending and increasing income taxes has hurt the state credit rating has been downgraded.

One of the last census, has listed CT. four cities, Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury are considered broken cities.

That is the last 50 years or so, CT cities have turned into poverty factories. The poverty business of Welfare, Child Protection, Rent Subsidies, Medicaid, Criminal Justice, Remedial Education and so forth along with Government pensions have driven CT into complete despair.

A change in political thinking is needed not only with the Governor but also with the CT state Senate and House of Representatives in the 2018 November election.

Islam teaches that Muslims must wage war to impose Islamic law on non-Muslim states. "There is no compulsion in religion". (Qur'an 2:245). Muslims must fight to impose Islamic law on non-Muslim states, relegating its citizens to dhimmi status or worse. The new refugees and immigrants to the United States don't know how to assimilate. They want to set up separate enclaves and implement (Sharia Law).

**"The world will not be destroyed by those who so evil, but by those who watch and do nothing": Albert Einstein**

**"The problem wth Socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money". - Margaret Thatcher**

# Life With Wanda



Do you find, as you get older, things seem to get to you more and more as the years roll by.

Things like when going to the doctor he says, "You're doing very well, for your age." The last time a doctor said that to me my answer was;"Yes, but you might think about losing a couple of pounds." He doesn't say that any more.

Another thing I find is when dining out and you sit near a table full of senior citizens that obviously all need hearing aids, and they not only talk loud but the question that is most asked at their table is, "What was that again," or just, "What?"

Unfortunately you have to hear everyone of their stories at least twice except for the guy at the end of the table that asks his wife, "What did he say?"

At least if you're near someone with kids, that are making a lot of noise, a stern look usually gets the parents to tell them to hold it down.

You can shoot old people nasty looks and most of them can't see either so that doesn't help.

What is the alternative cooking and I gave that up years ago. I have found going to the grocery store, buy everything you need to make a steak or salmon dinner costs more than ordering takeout and you can blame someone else if something isn't right. My idea of a homemade meal is calling a restaurant and ordering a meal to go.

*If I make it home without dropping it, it's homemade as far as I'm concerned.*



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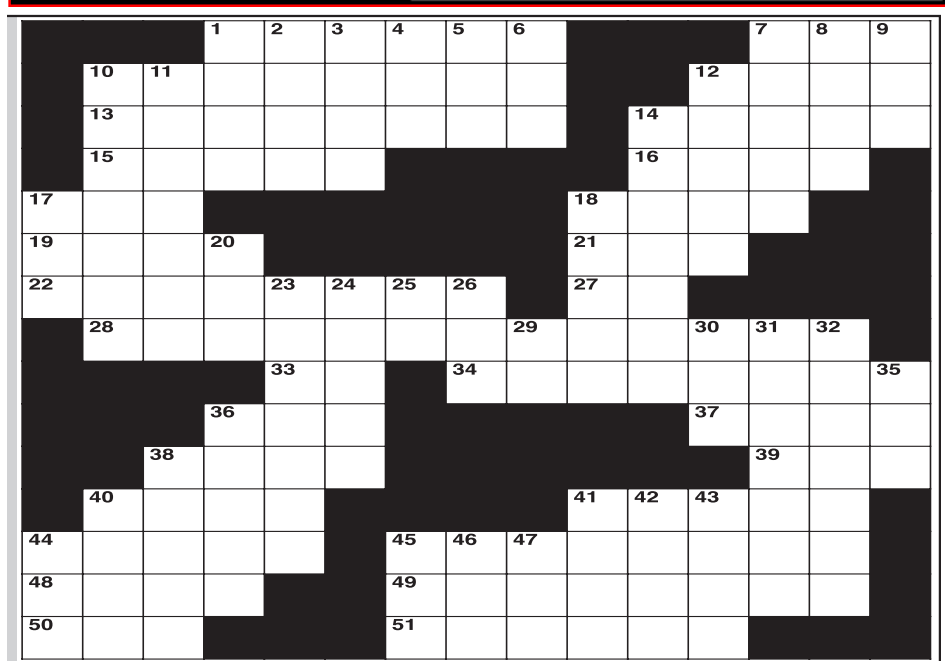
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Was I embarrassed,

The other day I was in Gnazzo's Food Center at the check-out. Yes, you guessed it, I bought more that I realized and was short \$1.35.

I was just about to have the cashier take an item back and the man next in line gave the cashier the \$1.35. I told him, no please don't do that. But he insisted

Not only that he followed out of the store and helped me put my groceries in my car.

If you are reading this, I want you to know "You saved my Day" because I had a real bad day until I met you.

Thank you, again.

*Agnes*



## Memories Before Technology

*Sally Miller*

I recently watched an old movie with a pay phone in it. It made me think about things we grew up with that our

grandkids will never ever have a chance to see, use or play with. I am not sure how we survived doing some of the things we did. My friends and I would meet in the garage near the kerosene tank and smoke cigarettes. We knew no one would ever think that we would be in there. We never thought that we could have been blown to pieces. Back in the day, we used to be able to smoke on airplanes. It is a wonder we didn't die from second hand smoke. We rode around in convertibles with no seat belts and played records on a record player in the car that skipped every time we hit a bump.

We walked ½ to 1 mile to school in 2 feet of snow. There was no cancellation of school unless there was a full blown blizzard of the century. In the summer, the schools had no air conditioning. If it was warm, the teacher used a long stick to open the windows and the room filled with flies and heat. She also used that stick to rescue you if you got into the deep end of the school pool and couldn't swim. She would have you grab the pole. (I know from firsthand experience.)

In the summer, we rode bikes with no helmets. We followed the ice cream truck while ringing our bike's bell. When is the last time you saw or heard an ice cream truck or a bike's bell. We caught fireflies in jars, picked blueberries and sold them by the jar and spent the whole day outside if we could.

We played hopscotch, kickball and tag in the street. When cars showed up, we moved and then returned to the street once they passed. One of our favorite things to do was to play double dutch. You never even see children jumping rope these days. We would cut part of Grammys clothesline to jump with. We played outside until dark. We were bitten by hundreds of mosquitos but never heard of Lyme disease. We played with every toy on the market. There was no such thing as a recall on a toy. You just played with it until you broke it or tired of it.

When we were bad, we were spanked. The police were never called, no matter how loud we hollered. When we were punished, WE WERE PUNISHED!

We would go to the local theatre on Saturday and eat nothing but sugary stuff while we watched a movie that was continued to next week. Thus the cycle began of movies and candy every Saturday.

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AARP meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1 pm at Faith Bible Church, Unionville Ave. & Northwest Drive

All National members are welcome to all our AARP Chapter #4146 meetings

## Plainville Community Fund Easter Flower Sale Thank You!

The Board members of the Plainville Community Fund wish to thank Keith and Ken Gnazzo and everyone that supported the Flower Sale held at Gnazzo Food Center last week-end.

The Community Fund awards Grants to non-profit Plainville organization.

Some of the grants were: Plainville Food Pantry, PARC, Y.M.C.A. P.H.S. Project Grad, Norton Skate Park, Wheeler Clinic, Plainville Coral Society, and many School Projects. Applications for 2018 Grants were received March 16th. They will be announced in our May Issue.



## FROM MY BALCONY

By: Jeannette Hinkson

Say what you want about Donald Trump, be you friend or foe, if you're not doing your job then don't let the door hit you on the way out. Anyone that has operated a business knows if you have an employee that is not performing they must go. Can you imagine if you ran a restaurant and the cook you hired produced food that no one would eat or a waitress that brought out cold food because she was busy talking on her cell phone. Perhaps a bank teller that gave out too much money because she could not count or a factory worker that produced more parts that were scrap than good. How long would you stay in business if you didn't let them go? Now, if we could just get rid of those in congress and senate that have been there for years and have never done a lick of work other than going to the bank to cash their pay check. Every voter should stop and think what has your Senator or Congressman/woman done to make the lives of the American people better? We see them on TV complaining all the time but what have they actually done to solve a problem. What have they done after the shooting at Newtown when President Obama was our president? Come on folk be a solution, not a problem!

When you call a company, be it a bank, utility company or any service provider, in many cases you have to push a button if you want to speak English or Spanish. Ok, push 1 for English and on the line you get someone that only has the limited ability of speaking English only to find you are speaking to someone in

another country.

These people ask questions like Social Security numbers, bank account numbers and information the media tells us never to give to anyone. Some time ago, after speaking to one of these people I asked to speak to someone in the United States and they patched me through to a man and when I asked him what state he was in he replied, "Houston." When I again asked him for the state he again replied Houston. When I asked, "Did you mean Texas?" "No," he replied Houston, United States." Now I know there was a battle at the Alamo but I didn't know they made Houston a state. This man clearly wasn't from the US.

The next thing that should be stopped is cheap labor from off shore operators for utility companies that are sucking the life out of their customers.

No one regulates the cell phone industry and the cable TV providers and their service gets worse and worse. Where I live in Florida there is only one cable TV provider and it is the pits, as they say. When a cloud goes by, and there are many clouds in Florida, the TV goes off, some time for hours but the bill never goes down.

If this company is going to be licensed by anyone then there should be some type of competition so the people have a choice. If you complain they send out someone from their service department who recommends some new equipment and you are charged but things don't get any better. *I have come to the conclusion everything is a rip off, what do you think?*

## Facebook and the lack of Social in its Media

By Francis Rexford Cooley

Facebook, the seemingly ever present "social media networking service," has hit a rough patch. It is being abandoned in droves or avoided all together by the under-thirty crowd, that demographic beloved by advertisers. European Union regulators are hypercritical of the company's business practices, especially concerning privacy. The news media has linked Russian "trolls" bent on sowing discourse in the United States to false "news feeds" posted on Facebook. Most recently Facebook has been accused of allowing data mining by Cambridge Analytica and the possible breaching of private information of Facebook users. So far 2018 has not been kind to Facebook as a number of stock analysts have put a "sell" recommendation on its stock.

In all the analysis of Facebook's current woes the issue of what is a "social media networking service" does not come up. The rise of social media has been driven by technology. We text and message on our phones rarely speaking to each other anymore. Social media was to be the new way we communicate. But does a social media networking service like Facebook really facilitate communication between individuals? As an experiment I chose to look at the first twenty-four posts on my feed and analyze them for content. Specifically were they communication from my 227 "Facebook friends" and what type of communication was it? I divided the content into "original" (created by a "Facebook" friend for their friends to see) or "shared." I further divided "shared" content into advertising, political, inspirational, news, and funny.

So what did I find? Sixteen entities had material posted on my

"wall" for a total of twenty-four posts. Four posts were ads (17%), two were "sponsored" and two were "liked" by friends (or so Facebook claims). Seven posts (29%) were reposted political commentary or memes bashing either the right or left (whether any were of Russian origin created by "trolls" is unknown). A couple of the political memes were amusing but devoid of serious content. Only three postings were inspirational quotes or memes (12.5%). Two postings (8%) were reposted funny YouTube videos: one of the drunken antic variety, the other in the Three Stooges vein of "physical" humor. (Both were posted by male friends upholding the long-held view that Three Stooges humor tends to appeal to the male of the species.) Two were re-postings of news stories (8%). Only six postings were of original content by the poster (25%). So only a quarter of the posts were of content created by the poster to communicate with their "Facebook friends." Of these six original posts five were created by a "Facebook friend" promoting their own business as a photographer. Only one of the original posts could be considered "social" as the other five had a commercial intent as postings to promote a small free-lance business. So out of the first twenty-four posts I examined on my Facebook wall for this article only one was of original content and meant as "social" interaction (4%).

So with all of Facebook's myriad of problems we can add another, Facebook isn't very social. It has become a platform for ads, political and inspirational memes, news stories, and click-bait videos. A social network that isn't used for communicating between individuals is neither social nor truly allowing its users to network and may likely be doomed in the end as users gravitate to newer sites that fulfill both needs. This is possibly the grimest news facing Facebook this year.

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More details about the Passport to Health & Wellness will be posted ahead of the Expo and to those who pre-register to attend.

For additional information please contact:

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

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

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

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# AAA Speaks Out: Move Over Baby Boomers, Millennials Embrace Family Travel

The latest AAA Travel survey finds a new generation of Americans embracing family travel.

A new survey from AAA finds that almost 90 million Americans plan to take family vacations this year and, for the first time, millennials represent the greatest percentage of those packing up the kids or joining other family members and hitting the road.

Forty-four percent of millennials are planning a family getaway, compared to 39 percent of Gen Xers and 32 percent of baby boomer.

“Like the generations that came before them, millennials are now taking family vacations, not only hitting the road, which remains the most popular way to get up and go, but also travelling overseas,” says Suzanne Aresco, Director of AAA Travel in Greater Hartford. “And, interestingly, families are going on not just one, but multiple vacations throughout the year, to revisit favorite destinations and experience new ones.”

As travelers seek new sights, AAA expects family trips abroad to be a hot trend in 2018.

Of families who will take a trip this year, 35 percent plan to visit an international destination – a nine-percentage point increase from just two years ago.

“We’ve seen increased demand for international travel overall, and

that trend is now starting to appeal to families,” Aresco says.

For families staying stateside, the price of gas, which is as high as it has been since 2014, is not stopping vacation planners from packing up their cars for a road trip – this remains the most popular option for family vacations, with nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of those planning a trip expected to hit the roads.

Additional AAA survey highlights for 2018:

- Families are taking more trips per year. One in four (27 percent) traveling families is planning to take three or more family vacations in the next 12 months, 12 percentage points more than in 2016.
- Family travelers are looking for new experiences. Three-quarters (73 percent) of families that are planning a vacation this year are seeking a destination they have not previously visited.
- Families are seeking R&R. When looking for these new experiences, families are choosing destinations with attractions such as beaches and mountains (61 percent), opportunities for sightseeing (59 percent) and relaxation (56 percent). For more information, or to begin planning a trip, visit AAA.com/Travel or the AAA Mobile app.

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# TRUMP PENCE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 03.17.18

## BUILDING THE WALL

As a former real estate mogul, Donald Trump is no stranger to construction sites. In his first trip to California as president, President Trump inspected eight different border wall prototypes. While there, the President stressed the need for border security and safety. He also addressed California's radical sanctuary policies that put American citizens at risk. Meeting with Border Patrol agents, the president said, “We need security at the border, and we're getting it like we've never had it before.”

## MAKING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE AGAIN

This week, marks one month since the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. There are no words to piece together what happened on that day. Americans want to see action – and that's exactly what President Trump is delivering. The president is taking strides to make our schools safe again with stronger background checks for gun purchasers; expanding and reforming mental health programs; establishing a Federal Commission on School Safety; and partnering with states to encourage the awareness and reporting of suspicious activity.

## DELIVERING FOR PENNSYLVANIA

President Trump traveled to Pittsburgh for a campaign rally with thousands of his supporters this week. At the packed rally, the president addressed some of his recent successes including the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the booming economy, an upcoming meeting with North Korea to end their nuclear program, and the tariffs on steel and aluminum to protect American jobs. Pennsylvania, including steel and coal country, helped elect Donald Trump in 2016 and the President continues to deliver for them.

## CONSUMER CONFIDENCE AT 14 YEAR HIGH

America is not tired of winning yet! According to a new survey from the University of Michigan, Consumer Confidence jumped to a 14 YEAR HIGH, with unemployment low, housing prices on the rise, and President Trump's tax cuts taking effect, Americans are more optimistic than ever. President Trump is truly Making America Great Again!

## IMPROVING VETERANS CARE

Our veterans have never had a better friend in the White House than Donald Trump. Further proof came when President Trump signed two laws this week to help our veterans, including new requirements for the VA to process disability claims and a new mandate for the VA to publish warnings to veterans about possible changes to their eligibility to benefits. President Trump is dedicated to helping our veterans and with new laws like these, they are finally starting to receive the care they deserve.

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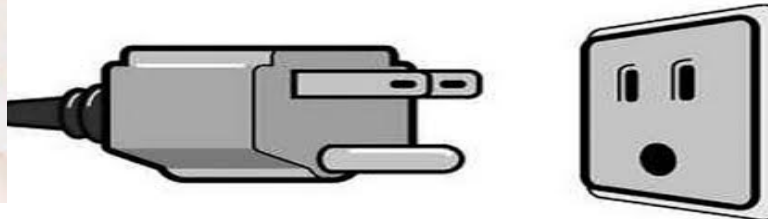
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# Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney,

*Integrative Nutrition  
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## Spring into Action Hello Spring!

Time to let go of the winter blues and enjoy the crocuses peeking out to delight us with their colors and promise of warmer days and nights.

What's on your mind as you transition from winter to spring? Are you looking forward to new ways to have fun, more energy and to focus on what matters most to you? Perhaps you are slightly concerned about how you are going to show up now that you are shedding all those winter layers of clothes.

The good news is that spring provides a seasonal "fresh start". Nature is amazing. The foods that spout up this season help you to counteract the heavy comfort foods of winter and add essential nutrients to your diet.

Here are a few tips to help you put some spring into your step, feel lighter and have more energy.

1. Get some Vitamin D. Vitamin D is commonly known as the sunshine vitamin. According to WebMD, "Research suggests that vitamin D could play a role in the prevention and treatment of a number of conditions, such as diabetes, hypertension, glucose intolerance and multiple sclerosis. It can also lessen the symptoms of mild depression."

Get your best Vitamin D outside in the sun. Many people can also benefit from a Vitamin D supplement. Check with your physician who can get your levels tested during your yearly blood test.

2. Walk Outdoors. Why not multi-task and walk while you are soaking up the sun. Walking and sunshine are sure ways to boost your energy levels and elevate your mood.

3. Join a local CSA- Community Supported Agriculture. CSA's provide you an opportunity to know exactly where your food is coming from and how it was grown. You will have access to the fresh, high quality, usually organic produce for your family. Take your kids and help them to appreciate what it takes to grow a garden and raise fresh food. It's good for the

community and good for you!

4. Increase your consumption of seasonal foods. Enjoy asparagus, fava beans, Swiss chard, spinach, mushrooms, parsley, radishes and herbs nettle and thyme. Fiddlehead's pretty spirals also pop up this time a year. To me, they remind me of a musical score and when I walk by a grouping, I almost expect them to break into song. Fiddleheads are high in vitamins A and C, omega 3 essential fatty acids and fiber. Sautee fiddleheads in ghee (clarified butter) or olive oil with onions and garlic and serve over brown rice or quinoa.

5. Spring Clean. Your home has been tightly sealed all winter and you are likely breathing in toxic air. Time to open the windows and let some fresh air in. Try adding some detoxing plants to your home, such as Aloe Vera, Spider Plants, Snake Plants and Pathos to help clean the indoor air.

It's also a good time to spring clean your thoughts. If the lack of sunshine has influenced negative thinking, it's time to reintroduce positivity and gratitude. Instead of saying, "I feel fat", how about "I am helping my body and mind feel lighter by introducing exercise and healthier foods to my routine".

Lastly, spring clean your kitchen to

remove any temptation to eat foods that lack nutrients, raise blood sugar and are toxic. Check your labels and remove foods that contain corn syrup, high fructose corn syrup and trans fat or other words you can't pronounce. Add in foods that fill your plates with colorful, delicious and nutrient rich options.

*Here's a Spring Green Smoothie Recipe to energize your morning:*

*1 fresh apple or pear (no need to peel if you buy organic)*

*3 bunches of parsley*

*½ peeled cucumber*

*2-3 stalks celery*

*Small bunch of kale leaves*

*Add water – ½ - 1 cup until you get*

*the consistency you want*

*Optional: 1 Tablespoon chia seeds*

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# Ask the Brayne...

**Q. It has become VERY annoying for a while now, with the unwanted calls on every subject, ALWAYS trying to scam you in some way ! Whatever happened to the DO NOT CALL PHONE NUMBER ? Is it still available ?**

**I don't want to answer my phone anymore, and they call anytime day or night ! Seems to be getting worse everyday .....Thank you, Anne**

**A. Yes, it is, but it doesn't work anymore because the scammers know how to beat the system. What is really bad is now they are calling our Cell phones. Perhaps we should all write to our State Representatives to see if they can do something about it.**

**Q. How many Businesses, Doctors, Lawyers and Professionals are located in Plainville?**

**A. I am still researching it, hope to have an answer next month.**

**Q. Bird sighting: Every day I get on #72 east at Forestville, Twice now, I have spotted this large red/brown bird flying above swamps. Is it a Bald Eagle? Has anyone else seen this?**

**A. At last we have answer, we believe. Hi! Ask the Brayne, Those large birds maybe Eagles. There were two that were hanging around town. I've only seen them along the Pequabuck River. It's really interesting to know Plainville has Eagles. Thanks. Joe**

**Q. How do I submit questions to you?**

**A. To submit questions call 860-747-4119, E-mail [hmtnn@comcast.net](mailto: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 question. Please keep them coming.

# IT Jim

April 2018

**Title:** Virus and Malware Protection  
Protecting your computers from viruses and malicious software continues to evolve. For years I and most other IT professionals have preached the importance of having and maintaining some sort of anti-virus software package installed to protect your computer. Times have changed.

It is still important to have some sort of protection installed on your computer. However, Apple and Microsoft have made great strides in protecting computers from the type of malicious software that we have feared over the years. Windows 10 now includes Windows Defender Security Center which provides very good protection. Apple has always been a more secure operating system. MacOS has plenty of built in protection to keep you safe. With this protection in place, as well as a much-improved emphasis on security, it is much more difficult for the bad guys to cause trouble on their own.

The weakest link in today's environment is the user. The bad guys typically cannot do bad things to your computer without your permission. They do so by tricking you into giving them permission usually by clicking on something. They do this by sending fake emails posing as your bank, a credit card company, the IRS, or a friend. They do this by putting fake pop ups on your computer that look exactly like anti-virus or malware protection telling you that you must call Microsoft Support or Apple support to fix the problem.

The most important thing you can do to protect yourself is change your behavior. You MUST look at everything with a cautious eye. Nothing on the internet can be trusted completely. Whether it be a post on social media, ANY email, search results from questionable websites, ads and messages that make questionable claims. Do not fall for fake emails. Your bank won't email you and ask

for your account information. They already have it. The IRS won't email you to collect their taxes. They send letters.

Rather than waste your computer's resources on bloated protection from companies like Norton, Symantec, and McAfee. Your time and money would be better spent making sure your computer is up to date. Make sure Windows 10 updates are installed regularly. They typically push out security updates once a month, and major feature updates twice a year. If your computer is running Windows XP, stop using it now. It's time to replace it. If you are running Windows 7, make sure you have some sort of Antivirus installed. Microsoft offers Security Essentials for free on Windows 10. Windows 8/8.1 Runs Windows Defender. For Apple computers, make sure that you are running the latest version of MacOS an any updates they provide.

If you really want to make sure your computer is safe, several anti-virus companies offer free online scans. Trend Micro's HouseCall Free Online Scan (<https://goo.gl/TAhheA>) can be a second opinion to make sure you are safe. Another good one is the Free Virus Scan from ESET (<https://goo.gl/y5c4Pu>). Just choose the free one-time scan.

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



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When the usher came by and notice this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The old man didn't budge. The usher became visibly impatient and said, "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Once again, the old man just muttered something unintelligible and did nothing. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment returned with manager.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success. Finally they summoned the police.

When the officer arrived he surveyed the situation briefly, then asked, "All right, buddy, what's your name?" "Fred," the old man moaned. "Where are you from, Fred?" asked the police officer.

*With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving,*

*Fred replied.*

*"The balcony!" .....*

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# Senator Martin Calls Commission's Report a Sobering Look at Connecticut's Reality

Hartford – State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) called today's presentation by the Connecticut Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth a frank assessment of the state's fiscal crisis.

Legislation passed during the 2017 session of the General Assembly established the commission comprised of representatives from the business, education and civic communities. The commission's report was presented to members of the legislature in the House Chambers.

"The information presented today was insightful, acute, and very sobering," Sen. Martin said. "The commission gave the legislature what I believe is an accurate picture of where the state is today and it proposed a comprehensive plan that it believes contains the necessary steps to reverse Connecticut's downward fiscal trajectory."

Sen. Martin said the commission was asked to "Develop and recommend

policies to achieve state government fiscal stability and promote economic growth and competitiveness within the state."

"I believe the commission made a straight-forward effort to study the state's fiscal problems and provide solutions," he said. "Legislators have been given a lot of information to digest. As per the commission's report, Connecticut's fiscal 'burning platform' must be addressed. What is perfectly clear is that bold actions are required. Time is of the essence. We need to review and assess all of the commission's proposals and initiatives to determine the path forward that will provide the state with economic stability and consistent, balanced budgets."

Sen. Martin said he appreciated the time and effort committee members put forward, as volunteers, in assembling the report.

Sen. Martin is a member of the legislature's Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee and represents the communities of Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, and Thomaston.

*Sarah Kaufman, Press Secretary*

## Letter to the Editor

Although I live in Southington, I pick up the Hometown Connection Paper at a Plainville local establishment .

Yes, I do go to the mall but sometimes we stop at J. Timothy's or Big Steve's and the new Frankie's for a light lunch or a snack. We also do our specialty shopping at Gnazzo's Market.

Pat Miner at Plainville Plumbing and Supply has helped me out with some of on my plumbing problems. I look forward to reading some of the columns such as From my Balcony, Bill Brayne and the Tea Party Patriot columns.

*"Plainville has a lot offer"*

*Mike M.*

## Dog Park Vote 4-3



The Dog Park location at Norton Park Extension failed by one vote. Five votes were needed, but the vote wound up 4-3 in favor of the project, thus failing to pass.

Scott Saunders voted with the Democrats, Rosemary Morante and Chris Wazorko against it. Voting in favor were Kathy Pugliese, Jesse Gnazzo, Ty Cox and Deb Tompkins.

The Dog Park Committee, headed by Dan Ciesielski and Scott Adamson, recommended last fall that the council approve the location. It is located in the Flood Zone. The one-acre park would be volunteer-funded and volunteer-maintained. The committee submitted a petition signed by over 600 Plainville citizens in favor of the location. The signatures on the petition were secured at the committee's booth at the Firemen's Balloon Fest and the Downtown Pumpkinfest.

"All of the councilors thanked the Dog Park Committee for the time and work they have put in over the past two years," said Town Manager Robert E. Lee. "From here, the issue will be further discussed at the sub-committee level along with me and the Dog Park Committee members. However, I don't see this taking place until after the budget sessions are over in late April

or early May. Whether or not there is a space available for a dog park in town has yet to be seen."

Lee said that councilors who opposed the dog park did so primarily because of the one home located 166 feet away. Rosemary Morante said "It could be considered a kind of hidden-away area. I did my own research on the pros and cons of a dog park and I felt that in an area like that it could be more difficult to monitor and some of the problems could be more likely to occur."

Town Council Chairwoman Kathy Pugliese, who voted in favor of the dog park. said that she knows Morante had reservations about having a dog park at all, she feels the rest of the council is in favor of there being one somewhere in town impinged on their property," she said, But, others were not in favor of doing it at that location. I still believe that we will be able to come up with a location that works eventually. We will still be working with the dog park committee."

Lee noted that during Monday's meeting, councilors declined to comment on the environmental impact study conducted on Tilcon's proposal to relocate its quarry operations to land belonging to the New Britain Water Department. He said the council is waiting to see what happens to the proposal at the state level first.

A public hearing has been set for the proposed town budget, which is being refined at a series of workshops.

Those who wish to comment can do so at the April 2nd Town Council meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center.

## I Remember When!

I remember going to th Strand Theater every Sunday afternoon.

When Shirley Temple was showing the theater was packed.

I asked my father for 10c for the movie and when it went up to 11c I was afraid he wouldn't give it to me. But he always did.

I had a good Dad and many memories. *Mary Ziccardi*



\* Note the Strand was located, downtown Plainville, (the White Oak Construction Co. building.) in case you are new to town or perhaps it was before your time. Ask your mother or father if they remember when.

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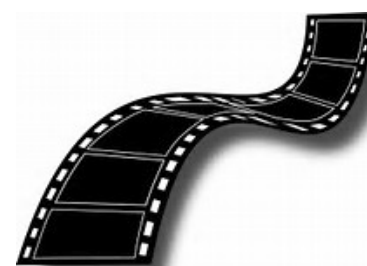
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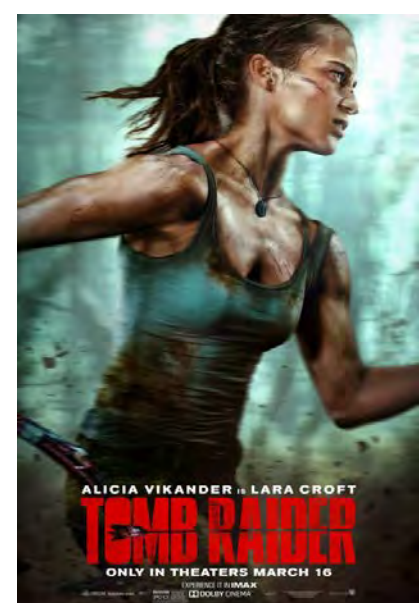
# The Circumspect Critic

## by Robert James O'Dell



### "TOMB RAIDER"

*I don't recommend films. I just give you my take on them.*



**Rated "PG-13"**

Lara Croft, a spirited heiress, has turned her back on the family fortune. Still unable to process the fact that her beloved father disappeared without a trace seven years earlier, she is determined to carve out her own path and control her own destiny. Currently supporting herself with her earnings from functioning as a bicycle courier while attending college courses, she is struggling to make ends meet. When she finally agrees to sign the necessary documents for her father's corporation to continue doing business, she is surprised by a gift he had left behind for her. The gift leads her to discover a secret lair her father had where he worked on his secret missions and kept all the pertaining files. Also left behind is a personal video recording containing a message for Lara. She is able to put the pieces together enough to identify where he was going when he vanished so she takes it upon herself to follow his trail to the island he was headed for and discover the truth of what became of him.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO THE FIGHT OF

THE CENTURY! IN THIS CORNER WE HAVE ANGELINA JOLIE, OSCAR WINNING ACTRESS AND ORIGINAL FILM INCARNATION OF THE VIDEO GAME ACTION STAR, LARA CROFT! ACROSS FROM HER IS THE CHALLENGER, ALICIA VIKANDER, OSCAR NOMINATED ACTRESS AND FEISTY UPSTART NOW ASSUMING THE ROLE OF THAT VERY SAME VIDEO GAME ACTION STAR, LARA CROFT! LET'S HAVE OUR TWO ACCOMPLISHED THESPIANS COME TO CENTER RING, BUMP GLOVES AND GET DOWN TO IT! ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE?

I'm not a gamer. Never had any interest. But I love movies. So, without any insight into the video games that inspire the Lara Croft franchise, I approach these films purely from a cinematic point of view. I have been told that the character in the video game had a metamorphosis a few years back and that these two talented actresses are not really playing the same role. When Jolie interpreted the role in two Lara Croft films, the character was highly sexualized and was more Sheena, Queen of the Jungle than Prime Suspect's Jane Tennison. Vikander takes on the role after the video game had desexualized the character and eliminated the overt sexual attraction that young game boys would salivate over. Croft is now an action star that relies on her wit, tenacity, smarts and physical prowess to tackle the challenges she faces. Score one for woman power.

Jolie handled the role just fine encompassing the audacity, strength and sexual allure inherent in the video game's heroine. Her films were over the top much like the game and pleasantly entertaining.

Vikander gets to play a more grounded Croft. She still proves herself more than equipped to deal with the challenges she faces but without the self assured posture. This is a Croft

that is discovering her skills. She is experiencing what you could call on the job training. She is not aware of what to do to surmount the physical challenges but makes her choices and improvises as she is faced with these life or death moments. She is learning what her skills are. Vikander is an intensely involved actress that digs deep into the heart and soul of her characters as she does with Croft with surprisingly illuminating results. She gives the character a depth of honest emotions and personality that I can believe. Croft has become a multidimensional human being beyond what I am assuming the inventors of her video game and the gamers that embraced it could ever have imagined. And Vikander gives her all to this incarnation of Croft which humanizes her, making her real and relatable.

Not to be redundant but the best way to describe "Tomb Raider" is to say it is more grounded than the previous films and the game itself. The action and events are all grounded in reality simulating events one can believe actually could happen. It never veers over the top or becomes the least bit cartoonish. Yes, Croft probably would have been killed ten times over if caught in the life and death challenges she encounters but director Roar Uthaug (yes, that's his name!) stages them in a manner which gives the appearance that it would be possible for her to cheat death. Even though the script by Geneva Robertson-Dworet and Alistair Siddons taken from a story written by Robertson-Dworet and Evan Daugherty use events from the recent game, they give it a three dimensional interpretation things from getting overblown, predictable and outrageous. The story might be a bit too pedestrian and rote which lets down all the quality and talent layered onto it but it didn't extinguish my enjoyment of the film. Walton Goggins could be the very best go to actor to cast as a vile villain working in films today. Here he plays

Mathias Vogel, a shrewd nemesis Croft encounters on the island that was her father's known destination when he disappeared. Goggins injects all the slippery charm and dogged determination he used in his best work as Boyd Crowder in the excellent television series "Justified". The calm demeanor and cold blooded aura is Goggins trademark and he plays it for all it's worth.

Dominic West as Lara's missing father gives the proper level of pathos to the role while Daniel Wu as Lu Ren, who joins Lara in her quest, makes his underwritten character a colorful and likable sort you wouldn't mind seeing pop up again should there be further adventures of Lara Croft to come.

Kristen Scott Thomas and Derek Jacobi lend their considerable talents to smaller roles rounding out a well chosen cast.

The film is filled with amazing set pieces from the opening bicycle chase in which Lara is the fox being chased by her fellow bicycle couriers in a challenge game that could earn her much needed cash to her breathtaking fight for survival in a decrepit abandoned airplane about to plunge over the dangerous waterfall, they are all thrillingly staged.

Despite a mediocre plot, Tomb Raider is a well constructed action adventure film that entertains quite satisfactorily and provides a first class experience for all the lovers of a well executed Saturday matinee popcorn flick.

Ratings: Acting: 96% Directing: 90% Script: 70% Cinematography: 95% Special Effects: 90% Action Sequences: 100% Entertainment Value: 100%  
Overall Rating: 91%



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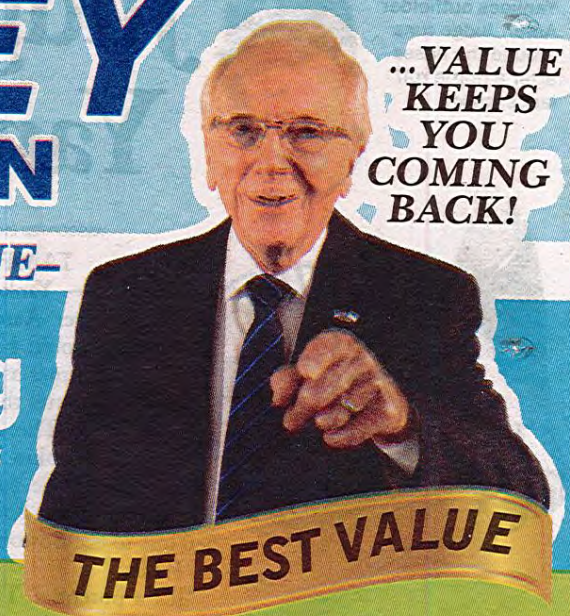
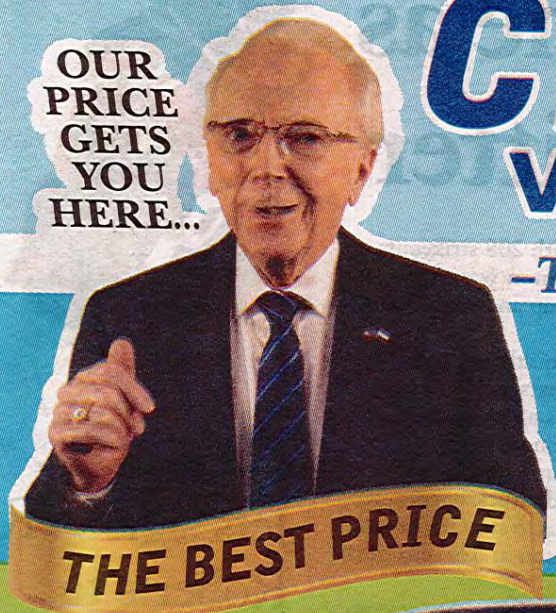
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Give parents these tips to keep young children safe.

### Safe Use of Medicines

- Read all the directions on the medicine bottle. Follow them carefully.
- Turn on the lights. Get your glasses. Be sure you have the right amount of the right medicine.
- Keep medicines in the child-resistant containers they come in.
- Never share or sell your prescription drugs.

### Keeping Children Safe

#### DOs

- DO keep the poison center's phone number beside all your telephones and in your cell phones call the Poison Help line ASAP... 800-222-1222. Advise patients to program the number into phones.
- DO keep medicines and chemicals in a locked or safe place where children cannot see or reach. This includes medicines you apply to your skin (e.g., nitroglycerin cream, menthol rubs, etc), natural supplements, vitamins, etc.
- DO put medicines away right after taking them. Child-resistant containers might slow children down, but they can still be opened.
- DO safely dispose of any ipecac syrup you may have. It should no longer be used for poisonings.

- ### DON'Ts
- DON'T take medicine with children watching. They like to copy adults.
  - DON'T call medicine candy or say that it tastes like candy.
  - DON'T let guests leave medicines where children can find them, like a purse, coat pocket, or unlocked suitcase.
  - DON'T put chemicals or cleaners in bottles or cups. These can be confused for drinks.
  - DON'T put your next dose of medicine on the counter or anywhere children can reach it.
  - DON'T leave children alone with medicines. It only takes a second for a child to get it.
  - DON'T throw away medicine patches, e-cigarette containers, or other medicines where children can find them. Fold used medicine patches with the sticky sides together. Even used patches can contain enough medicine to hurt a child if chewed or stuck to their skin.
  - DON'T keep medicines you no longer need. Ask your pharmacist for the best way to get rid of them.

### What to Do if a Poisoning Happens

Stay calm.  
Don't give the person anything to treat the poisoning or make them throw up.  
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**More Grace Lutheran Church**

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Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

### Weekday Liturgy

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

### Devotions

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Saturday At Noon

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*Easter Celebrations are  
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*and*

*Sunday, April 1st  
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Monthly "All you can eat!" Breakfast  
Sunday, April 15 th--8 am to 10:30 am  
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Wednesday 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### BOARD MEETINGS

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

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Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.

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

Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.

PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 1, 2018 ~ 9 AM

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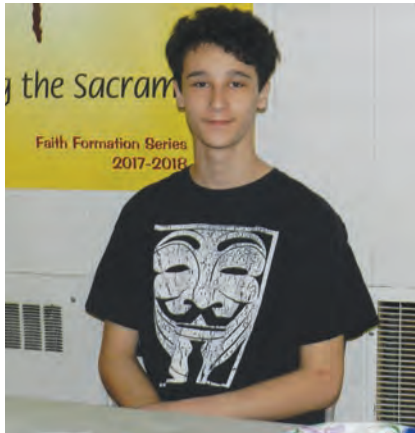


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Directions: Take Ledge Road, Plainville to Shuttle Meadow Road, Bradley Mountain Farms on the right by the Crescent Lake.

## Photography of Gravemarkers



The Plainville Library will host a Photography Exhibit of Gravemarkers by Francis Rexford Cooley during the month of April during normal library hours. Mr. Cooley teaches at Paier College of Art and is a member of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, Cemeteries and Gravemarkers Section. A reception with the photographer will be held Monday April 2nd from 6PM to 8PM.

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Helen Bergenty, President of Plainville Community News, Inc, the publishers of the Plainville Hometown Connection presented Mary Ziccardi with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 20 years of volunteering as a Feature Writer of History for the Town of Plainville at a luncheon held at First & Last recently. Mary is not retiring, she will be submitting articles on a

part time basis, this month she remembered her Sunday afternoons. Turn back to page 22 in case you missed it.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Lucy R. (Tarca) Chambers ~



90 of Plainville passed away Sunday March 4, 2018 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was the loving wife of the late Arthur Chambers. Lucy and Arthur were married on September 4, 1948.

Lucy was born December 17, 1927 in Berlin, a daughter of the late William and Savina (Baraglia) Tarca and was a longtime Plainville resident. She attended Plainville schools and had worked at General Electric for many years where she met the love of her life, Arthur. She was a member of the Plainville Senior Center, enjoyed UConn Men's and Women's Basketball, loved planting her flower gardens, but mostly Lucy looked forward to spending time with her loving family. Lucy was also a Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

She leaves her son, William A. Chambers and his wife Kathleen of Plainville, her daughter, Joyce Jones and her significant other Brien Morrissey of Plainville, her grandchildren, Erin Chambers, Sean Jones, Jennifer (Chambers) Alicea and her husband Julio and Ryan Chambers, her great grandchildren, Bryanna and Jayden Alicea, her sister-in-law, Edith Chambers and many nieces and nephews. Lucy was predeceased by her brothers, John and Thomas and her sisters, Lena and Emma.

Funeral services in celebration of Lucy's life were held from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville will be held privately. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry 54 South Canal Street Plainville, CT 06062.

## ~Henry J. Pelletier~



45, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly on March 1, 2018 at the Hospital of Central CT New Britain campus. He is now reunited with his parents, the late Larry J. and Patricia (Haney) Pelletier and his brother,

Larry P. "Spinner" Pelletier.

Henry was born on May 24, 1972 in New Britain and was a lifelong resident of Plainville, graduating from Plainville High School. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for Mizzy construction in Plainville for many years. He was an avid motorcycle rider and was a devoted member of the Diablo motorcycle club. He was infatuated with his Harley, but above all he cherished his nephew, Hunter. All that knew Henry, knew he could pull off the white t look and could be seen drinking his peach twisted teas. Henry was full of life, never taking a day for granted and always laughing and smiling. He was loved by so many people and will be missed dearly by all who crossed paths with him.

Henry is survived by his loving fiancé, Heather Driscoll, his sisters, Kimalee Ann Pelletier and Lorie Ann Pelletier Raymond, his nephew, Hunter Hock, his stepdaughter, Brynn Lavigne, and several nieces and nephews. In addition, Henry leaves behind many close friends.

Visitation was at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville, with a service in celebration of Henry's life. Burial will be held in Saint Dennis Cemetery in Fort Fairfield, Maine in the spring.



## ~ Roland Desjardins ~



84, a longtime resident of Plainville, CT, died peacefully on March 14, 2018, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was born December 20, 1933 in New Brunswick, Canada.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Evelyne (Dube) Desjardins, daughter Brigitte and husband William of Plainville, CT, son Marcel of Plainville, CT, daughter Lise and husband James of New Britain, CT, son Daniel and wife Rosanne of Hopewell Junction, NY, brother Roger Desjardins of Salem, NH and sister Regina Soucy of New Brunswick, Canada. Roland left behind grandchildren, Ryan, Jessica and her husband Jesse, Kevin, Laura, Timothy, Samantha, Julianne and Aimee. He is preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Annie (Lozier) of New Brunswick, Canada and his sister Edwina Levesque of Ste. David, Maine. Roland retired from Tilcon in New Britain, CT. He was a member of Saint Dominic's Church in Southington, CT.

The family extends their thanks to all of the wonderful staff at the Live Well Center, formerly known as the Alzheimer's Resource Center, in Plantsville for the excellent care Roland received.

A memorial service was held at The Church of Saint Dominic, 1050 Flanders Rd, Southington, CT 06489. Burial will be held in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 or by going to alz.org. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com](http://www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com).

## ~Peter Wood~



85, of Plainville, passed away after a lengthy illness on Friday, March 2, 2018 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. He was the devoted and loving husband for 64 years to Barbara (Robinson) Wood.

Peter was born in North Hartland, Vermont on January 25, 1932, son to the late Ralph and Regis (Daley) Wood. He was a longtime Plainville resident and was very active in the Catholic Church, serving as a Eucharistic minister for six years and teaching religious education at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. He was a master of all trades and loved to tinker around with things, as no task was impossible for Peter. Peter served our country in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. He loved to go hunting. In addition to his wife, he leaves behind his children, Stephen Wood and his wife, Cheryl, of New Britain, Thomas Wood and his wife, Erika, of Southington, Edward Wood and his wife, Gerrie, of NH, Mary Wood, of Plainville, Timothy Wood and his wife, Leslie, of SC, Catherine Foster and her husband, Gene, of NH, Barbara Laliberte and her husband, Bob, of SC, and Daniel Wood and his wife Tracy, of Southington; his 14 grandchildren; his 10 great grandchildren; his brother, Thomas Wood and his wife, Susan, of NH; his sister, Regina Gaudreau and her husband, Armand, of MA; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was predeceased by his siblings, Rita Kraljevich, John, Richard, Paul, Raymond, Mark, and Jerome Wood.

Funeral services in celebration of Peter's life were from Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville for a Mass of Christian burial at the Church of Saint Matthew, Forestville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Peter can be made to the Neuroendocrine Cancer Awareness Network (NCAN), 3074 Brookchase Blvd, Fort Mill, SC 29707.

## ~Joseph A. Piatek (Peatak)~



95, of New Britain, died Tuesday, March 6th at Shady Oaks Assisted Living of Bristol. He was the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Svitana) Piatek and husband of the late Beatrice (Napert) Piatek. Born in New Britain, he was a lifelong resident and a World War II U.S. Navy Veteran serving in the South Pacific arena. He had been employed for 39 years at The Stanley Works in New Britain. While employed there he was very involved with the IAMAW labor Union. He was a loyal and active member of All Saints Church until its closing and then at St. Ann's Church. For many years, Joe was involved with Walicki Little League Baseball serving as a manager. Upon retirement he was an avid golfer, a fan of Notre Dame Football, The Boston Red Sox, and especially UCONN Women's Basketball.

Mr. Piatek is survived by four sons, Joseph and his wife Karren Piatek of Maine, Richard and his wife Gail Piatek of Bristol, Ronnie Piatek and Leslee Janusonis of Bristol and James and his wife Lisa Piatek of Burlington; his grandchildren, Michael Piatek, Kimberly and Brian McNeil, Marc Piatek and Alea Anderson, Kristin and William Bergenty, Lindsey and Geoffrey Ferguson, Cory Piatek and his fiancé Danielle Ferrari and Jennifer and Justin Esposito; his great grandchildren, Marc Piatek Jr., Zeke, Avery and Reagan Bergenty, Jack Ferguson, Peyton and Maddox Esposito; two sisters Vilma Stifel and Irene Kramer and husband Raymond; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother William Balon and four sisters, Helen Dinda, Mary Kazokas, Margaret Mangone, and Catherine Piatek.

Funeral services were from the Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Ann's Church North St. New Britain. Burial with Military Honors followed in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. The family would like to express their gratitude to VITAS Healthcare for their compassionate care and support during his final days, and to the management and staff at Shady Oaks Assisted Living for the wonderful care and treatment he received while at their facility. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66675.

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## OBITUARIES

~John A Daversa~



79 of New Britain and Plainville, passed away, Monday, March 19, 2018.

John was employed at Fafnir Bearing of New Britain for 32 years and served as a union steward. He enjoyed bowling and a passion for dancing. John is survived by his son, John Daversa Jr and daughter Deborah Daversa;

four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He was predeceased in death by his parents, Anthony and Mary Daversa, and his daughter Sandra Daversa.

Family and friends attended Calling hours were at the Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Avenue, New Britain followed by a service.

### Letter to Editor:

Dear friend,

We Americans today face a momentous choice. Will we return to limited constitutional government or will we continue down the path toward bureaucratic despotism?

Over the past year, there has been much to be encouraged about. But there are reasons for concern. One is a lack of basic knowledge about American history and government, especially among younger Americans. Without this knowledge, intelligent decision-making is impossible.

Hillsdale's outreach programs on behalf of liberty seek to elevate the national conversation about politics. For example, we offer free online courses to any citizen willing to learn about our American heritage.

Now, as an extension of two popular free online courses, "Constitution 101" and "Introduction to the Constitution," Hillsdale has launched a six-week interactive program called "Constitutional Conversations." It brings citizens together in a dynamic, real-time environment, with the aim of promoting intelligent discussion about the principles of the Constitution and their continuing relevance.

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Because Hillsdale does not accept one penny from the government—not even indirectly in the form of federal or state student grants or loans—we rely entirely on the support of private individuals for all our work, including "Constitutional Conversations."

Will you support Hillsdale as we seek to engage many more citizens, as well as develop additional courses? Any amount you give will help us to reach our March 28 goal of \$250,000. I've included a secure link where you can make your gift: <https://secure.hillsdale.edu/constitutional-conversations>.

Warm regards, *Larry P. Ann*  
President, Hillsdale College

**To: All Civic & Religious Organization**  
**From: The Editor**

We would like to appeal to everyone. Almost all the volunteers of the HOMETOWN CONNECTION have full time employment or young families, which makes it humanly impossible to attend or contact you all. We would love to have you share all your activities with our readers. Please forward all news and pictures to:

**Email- HMTNN@COMCAST.NET**  
**Phone: 860-747-4119**

Thanking you in advance.  
*Jeannette Hinkson, Editor*

## Believe it or not!!! ~ Continued from page 31

### “Passing the Torch”

Some 60 years ago the Junior Woman's Club of Plainville wished to hire a Dental Hygienist for the Grammar school children.

In order to do that they had to raise the funds for the Hygienist salary. After running Bake sales, Tag Sales and what have you, the progress was very slow.

A member who worked in a grocery store met the representative from the Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, IL. one of their products is Aunt Jemima Pancake and Waffle Mix. Telling him what the Jr. Woman's Club wanted to raise funds for and the slow results from all their efforts. He said he had an idea. His idea was to hold an Aunt Jemima Pancake breakfast, and he said he could arrange her appearance for the breakfast.

He attended our meeting the following week and told us what we had to do to succeed. The club had to purchase cases of the mix to give a box to everyone that attended the breakfast, needed to rent grills, purchase all the dinnerware, bacon, sausage, syrup and etc. etc. etc. (*you get the idea*). The members voted to give it a try, but were scared to death. He told us you have to spend money to make money. We did get free radio and newspaper advertising.

Now, we needed a place big enough to hold the breakfast. The Plainville High School was brand new, the Board of Education agreed to rent us the Cafeteria. The Board at the time felt we needed the Hygienist because in those days not everyone could afford to go to a Dentist.

Now, we were really worried, we put all this money out, then we had to find people to help us to do all the heavy work, pick up the rented grills from a cater in Manchester, move the cases of pancake mix and man the grills.

Here comes Win Loomis, President of the Lions Club and owner of the Plainville Lumber Company, all he did was ask if they could help? Well you know the answer.....The day of the Breakfast.

We had Aunt Jemima flown into Robertson Airfield a motorcade of convertibles through town and to the High School. Guests took pictures of their children with the real Aunt Jemima as she visited with the guests. (*If you have a picture of your child and Aunt Jemima, please let us know, of course, they will be over 60 years*)

*“IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS”*

The Lion members helped us for the next 3 years, and the club reached their goal, hired Mrs. Herb Segal, starting the Dental program with three years salary. Now, Mr. Loomis said it was about time the Lion's club should reap some funds for their treasury. WELL, you guessed it **“THE TORCH WAS HANDED TO THE PLAINVILLE LIONS CLUB.** Then the Board of Education continued with the program once it was established.

The Lions have done themselves proud. It is some 60 years later and the Lions still ROAR with their success, may you keep it up another 60 years. The citizens of Plainville look forward every year to attend the Lion's Breakfast.

*Good Luck and Heartfelt thanks.*

*Sincerely, Dolly Chamberlin and Helen Bergenty,  
Co-Chairmen of the Aunt Jemima Breakfast.*

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## About the New England Carousel Museum

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\$2.00 children 1-3

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The Museum building includes the Museum of Fire History, the Museum of Greek Culture, the Glo Sessions Art Gallery and a changing art gallery, all included with admission.

The New England Carousel Museum is available to rent for receptions, weddings and special events. The Museum provides tours, tour and craft programs, birthday parties for children of all ages, youth group sleepovers and educational outreach programs.

Visit <http://www.thecarouselmuseum.org> for more information or call 860-585-5411.

## NewEngland Carousel Museum

With spring now in the air it is time to shake off the reality of winter and turn our thoughts to daffodils, sunshine and carousel rides. The Bushnell Park Carousel will open for the season on Sunday, April 7 at 11 am and will be open on Saturday and Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm. Beginning in June, July, and August the Carousel will be open on Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. The Carousel will be open any time for Facility Rentals. Book your event by calling 860 585-5411 to secure your booking.

The New England Carousel Museum will be open from Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday from noon to 5 am. The Museum is available for Birthday Parties and Facility Rentals by calling 860 585-05411 to book your event.

We look forward to seeing you this Spring at one of our many events or to take a twirl on the carousel!  
*Sincerely, Louise DeMars, Executive Director*

## Plainville Students Achieve Dean's List Recognition

majoring in Biology and Biotechnology. She is the daughter of Stephen and Tammy Peters.

**Tunxis Community College**, students on the Dean's list for the fall of 2017. Kesjana Baci, Klajdi Bajlliu, Jayde Bernier, Stephen Brier-Gagliadi, David Bryja, Mei-Li Cellino-Jacques, Vincent Correa, Eric Dougherty, Jennifer Farina, Jamal Hansley, Joseph Hewitt, Martha Landrette, Hai Li, Kaitlin Mancini, Muhammad Naqvi, Denzel Nolan, Robert Norris, Dawn Novack, Shannon O'Conner, Kelly Paradis, Nicholas Petrucci, Robert Pezzulo, Melvis Rios, Trina Robinson, Stacy Santiago, Gena Sciaraffa, Ania Scott, Jonathan Serrano, Rachel Warner, Krista Weber, and Bryan Wojcik.

**Isabella Donahue and Kristen Couture**, named on the Dean's list of University of Alabama

**Emma Rose Heslin**, was named to the 2017 fall semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston. Her major is nursing.

**Jarod Romankiw, Class of 2020**, was named to the dean's list of Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

**Celine Jade Bangloy, Sarah Caron, Stefanie Lord, and Alex DeAngelis** were named to the dean's list of Goodwin College

**Matthew Linnhoff**, named on the dean's list of Florida Southern College.

**Amanda Peters**, is a sophomore on the dean's list at Endicott College

## From the Desk Of.....

### Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire PRIVATE

#### STUDENT LOANS

Student loans... and more to the point, student loan debt, is a problem this country is being faced with at a historical rate. The government is the lender for most of the student loans issued in the U.S., yet there has still been a rise in the private student loan sector. These private student loans are treated differently and you should have an understanding of them before signing on the dotted line.

First, private student loans are not backed by the government. Prior to 2005, banks would get these private loans federally guaranteed. The government got wise to how much the banks were making and decided to get into the business for themselves. So after 2005, they cut out the middleman and started solely issuing loans. So now when banks offer private student loans they attach extra controls like requiring a co-signer.

Most importantly, the 2005 reforms directly affected how student loans were dealt with in bankruptcy. Prior to 2005, private label student loans were treated like other unsecured debt in bankruptcy, and were essentially discharged at the end of the bankruptcy case. Now they enjoy the same status and protection of federal student loans in bankruptcy. They cannot be discharged in a chapter 7 bankruptcy with a very limited exception. So, if you can't discharge your student loans, the alternative may be to get temporarily relief by paying a reduced amount through Chapter 13 bankruptcy. But keep in mind that you'll still be on the hook for whatever amount is left after your repayment period ends.

So what is the exception

for getting my private student loan discharged in bankruptcy? The most common exception for bankruptcy courts is the Undue Hardship Standard. In order to meet this standard in bankruptcy court the petitioner needs to file a complaint in addition to their bankruptcy petition. This complaint needs to lay out how the petitioner meets the three part undue hardship standard. The first part requires the petitioner to describe how they are subject to a minimal standard of living if forced to repay their loans. A minimal standard of living is not a middle class standard, but a much lower standard of living. The courts expect you to maximize your income and minimize your expenses. The second prong calls for your current financial situation to likely continue for a significant part of the repayment period. The last part is that you are and have made a good faith effort to repay your student loans.

The difficulty in making the undue hardship argument is that you can almost guarantee that the bank is going to object. This ensures that the petitioner is going to have to employ a knowledgeable attorney to research and fight this battle. This is an expense that most petitioners in this situation cannot afford. Also it begs the argument from the bank that if you can afford to pay attorney than you can afford to repay your loans.

*Private student loans also typically have higher interest rates than government issued loans. So be careful when agreeing to the terms of these student loans as they enjoy the bankruptcy protection of government loans, but without the regulatory safeguards of the federal loans.*

#### Attorney Thomas A. Wurz



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



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\*\*Note: Spring Season begins April 21st and runs through June 3rd.

For more information contact Don Miller at 860-706-3204

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# Pet Page

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\*PupPal looks at the costs of food, equipment, toys, medical bills and much more

\*What's more, you can even compare the costs of a puppy against the first year of a baby

Have you ever wondered how much a new pup will cost you? Well now you can find out, all thanks to a new online guide.

PupPal, created by leading UK pet food brand Webbox, is your comprehensive guide to finding out just how affordable owning an adorable puppy can

be. New research has found that on average it only costs around \$1,500 to raise a puppy during the first twelve months. This includes estimated costs of food, equipment and toys, medical bills and professional services - everything your new furry friend could possibly need!

What's more, the data also compares the costs of raising a puppy with a baby during the first year with surprising results - a puppy is over eight times cheaper than raising a child.

On average, a baby costs more than \$13,004, a shocking figure for nappies and formula! A puppy, meanwhile, costs considerably less at \$1,552 across the first year.

During a puppy's first year of ownership, owners should roughly expect to pay: \*Food - \$595.98 \*Equipment and toys - \$418.15 \*Medical Bills - \$469.56 \*Training school - \$69.45 **Total: \$1,552**

Of course, Webbox understands that dogs are for life, so PupPal has also explored the average costs of owning a dog across their lifetime. Owners will spend

an estimated \$11,807 during a dog's average life expectancy of 13 years, which is still cheaper than a child's first year!

Jennifer Dean, NPD Technologist, from Webbox said: "Owning a puppy is one of the most rewarding experiences anyone can have, as they bring happiness and love into your life.

We understand many potential owners might not know much a puppy actually costs, which is exactly why we created PupPal to help prospective pup parents figure out the first year and lifetime costs of a puppy - after all, a dog is for life!"

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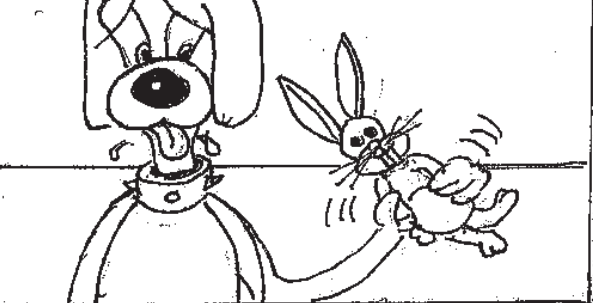
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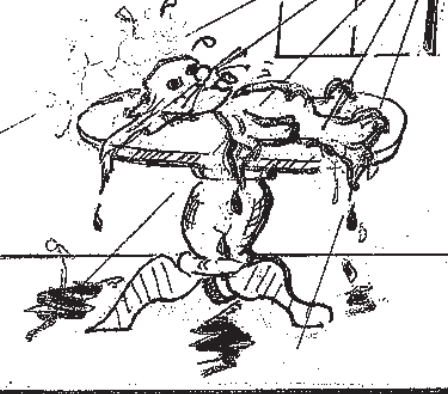
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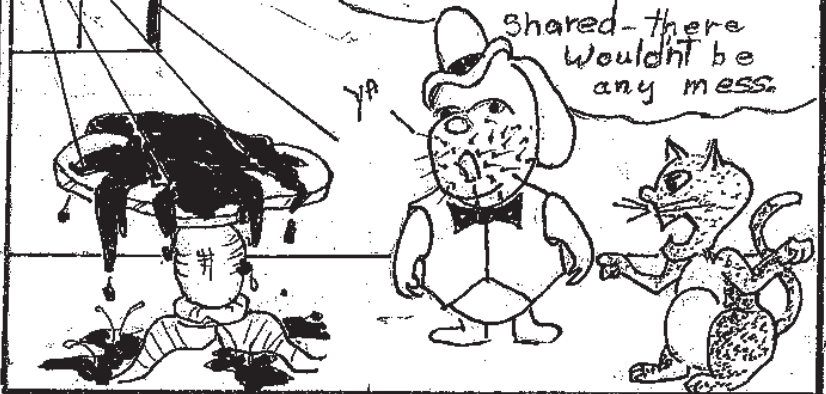
This Easter Bunny is mine. I'll eat the ears first, and then put the rest on the table.



Hot sun



Look at the mess Pooch made. If he had shared - there wouldn't be any mess.



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