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A CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW ~ *To My Mom, With Love, Joshua*

Again this year, Joshua Brunelle, a 16 year old who attends Plainville High School is busy setting up a very large Christmas display in his front and backyard, with tons of yard/roof decorations, and much, much, more. Joshua truly embraces the meaning of Christmas while creating this beautiful display in memory of his mom who passed away in 2011. "I do this display for my mom, as a sign to give back to the community and to our great neighbors." He promises that this

year his display will be bigger and better than ever!! "I am working hard on the display now which takes a couple months. I'm working hard to reach the date of December 7th for the "Christmas Light Show" when the lights will be turned on and when all the neighbors gather around the street. Quite a few people come!" So come on down to 15 Hillcrest Road and enjoy Joshua's labor of love for his mom, the true Spirit of Christmas!



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{Joanne & Roberta raves}

"Bagelicious": It's worth the trip down Rt #10 to Cheshire (945 So. Main St) to this neat little New York style restaurant, featuring delicious bagels, sandwiches, wraps, salads, and great coffee! Open daily 7 am to 3 pm

{Carla faves}

The customer service, workmanship and prices at Mikes Auto Center on Farmington Ave. are the best!!

{Ray faves}

Check out Pagilacci's newly renovated dining area for all your Holiday Parties

Email your "fave or rave" in today to be in the February issue. Praise your contractor for doing a good job or tell us about your favorite restaurant, store, or service you received by a professional. Phone 860-747-4119 ~ Thank you!

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

November 18, 2013

Plainville Affordable Housing Corporation

- The Corporation was created in 1990 to help provide for housing for moderate income and low income people. In the 1990's they coordinated the renovation of 32 homes that formerly housed families of military families located on Cassidy Drive. They also developed 21 new homes on surplus D.O.T. property located on Bruce, Franklin and Burnham Streets.
- The Corporation also created a designated fund that provides an annual income to further its mission. The current balance in the fund is \$24,491.
- The Corporation is looking to disband because they are unable to find new board members to manage their responsibilities. The Corporation currently provides administrative oversight when properties are sold within those two developments. This would not involve a significant amount of time and effort. Town staff is recommending that the Town Council consider the transfer of responsibility for overseeing the administrative responsibilities of the Plainville Affordable Housing Corporation including the designated fund to the Town. If there are no objections from the Town Council, this item will be placed on the December 2nd agenda for your consideration.

Regional Planning Reorganization Update

- As a result of new legislation passed by the General Assembly during the last session, the Town Council voted to join the Capital Region Council of Governments. (CRCOG) Since the last Town Council meeting the Southington Town Council also voted unanimously to join CRCOG as well. The CRCOG Policy Board has recently expressed willingness to accept both Plainville and Southington.
- Town staff will work with CRCOG to transition the existing Para-transit program as well as other programs previously coordinated by CCRPA. Town staff will keep the Town Council apprised as these negotiations move forward. No further action is required at this time.

Tax Fixing Agreement – ROYal Realty, LLC

- Walker Crane, is constructing a 19,000 addition to their building located on Corporate Drive. They have applied for tax abatement for the new addition. The Economic Development Agency voted to recommend a tax fixing agreement that would allow for a 30% tax abatement not to exceed three years. The Town Council voted to execute a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the proposed tax abatement last spring.
- The Agreement has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. The EDA is recommending that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute the Tax Fixing Agreement. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Webster Bank Bus Shelter

- The Town currently has a bus shelter located on the Plainville Library property heading in the eastbound direction on East Main Street. There is also a bus stop located across the street as well; however, there is not a bus shelter for people to utilize when waiting for the bus. Webster Bank has expressed an interest in granting such an easement located on the southeast portion of their property. A sketch showing the proposed location was included in your meeting package.
- If the easement is secured Town staff will look to obtain state grants to construct the new bus shelter as well as to re-construct the existing bus shelter in front of the library as well.
- At this time Town staff is requesting direction

from the Town Council whether to pursue the easement from Webster Bank for a potential bus shelter.

Budget Update – FY2014

- The FY 14 budget totals \$54,644,760. During the first four months of the fiscal year, 47.45% of the proposed revenues have been received while 32.02% of the expenditures have been spent.
- On the revenue side, tax collections have been strong with 54% of current tax collections received and 83% of the budgeted prior taxes collected. Additionally, 63% of delinquent interest has been collected and 111% of the building permit fees have been received. The building permit fees are primarily due to the cancer center project.
- On the expenditure side, 34% of general government expenditures and 29% of the education expenditures have been spent in the first four months of the fiscal year.
- With the exception of police OT, the overall budget results for the first one-third of the year are very positive to date.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Update

- The second application for the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program was filed on Friday. The application includes nine more homes in the Roberts Street Extension area. The estimated project cost is \$1,762,144. This includes \$1,502,000 in acquisition costs, \$225,000 in demolition costs, and \$25,154 in closing costs and \$9,990 in hazardous materials survey costs.
- If all of the properties participate in the purchase program, the town share is expected to be approximately \$91,400.
- It is expected that it will be several months for FEMA to review the application.

Stillwell Drive Bridge Project Update

- Construction on the replacement of the Stillwell Drive Bridge will be completed in the near future. The original project cost was estimated to be \$2.1M. The project is now estimated to come in around \$1.43M with 80% being covered by a federal grant leaving a local match of around \$290,000.
- The CIP has \$530,000 appropriated for this project. Any leftover monies in this line item will be used for the Tomlinson Ave. bridge replacement project.

Unison Proposal – Cell Tower Lease

- The Town has received an offer from Unison of \$600,000 to purchase the current cell tower leases for the Verizon, T-Mobile and Metro PCS leases. Verizon cell equipment is currently located at the Municipal Center and the T-Mobile and Metro PCS antennae are located at the Fire House.
- This year the Town will receive \$78,441 in leases payments from the three carriers. There are 33 years remaining in the Verizon lease, 23 years in the T-Mobile lease and 20 years remaining in the Metro PCS lease although all of the leases have provisions that would cancel the payments in the antennas were removed.
- Based on the current revenue streams, the breakeven point for the Unison offer is sometime in FY21 (7 years)
- The Unison proposal also includes a provision to share revenue if additional leases are secured for the towers.
- A similar offer from Unison to purchase the cell tower leases was made approximately three years ago. At that time they offered \$674,248 with a breakeven point of seven years. Since that time, T-Mobile has merged with Metro PCS and

many of their facilities will be decommissioned. The Town has not been notified whether the Fire House site will be decommissioned.

- To date the Town has received \$535,102 from the existing leases. The potential revenue if the leases remain in effect until their ending dates is \$2.9M, however, \$684,153 involves the Metro PCS lease.
- Town staff is not recommending accepting the Unison offer to purchase the cell tower leases

School Security Improvement Grant

- In January the Superintendent of Schools Jeff Kitching attended a Town Council meeting to recommend approximately \$136,000 in security improvements to several of the schools. He also reported that state grants would pay for a portion of the cost of the improvements. Last week, the Superintendent was notified that the Town was scheduled to receive \$88,000 as reimbursement for the project. This represents a 64.7% reimbursement rate.

Organics Waste Recycling Program

- In June 2013, the CT Legislature passed a bill that will directly affect major organic waste generators in the state. Organic waste includes food waste, yard trimmings, non-recycled paper, industrial sludge, bio solids and several other items. Covanta, the company that is currently operating the Bristol Waste-To-Energy Plant, is partnering with Turning Earth, LLC to construct a state of the art Anaerobic Digestion Facility to accept this waste.
- They are hoping to construct this facility on the old Bristol landfill. They are currently discussing organics recycling with commercial businesses, manufacturers and municipal institutions. It is anticipated that the cost to treat organics will be significantly less than the current tip fees at the waste to energy plant which could result in future cost savings for the municipalities as these items are diverted into the new operation.
- Covanta would like to work with the 14 participating towns in the Bristol project regarding organic waste opportunities. Town staff will continue to participate in these discussions with Covanta and report back to the Town Council on potential options.

(Excerpt from the report) TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS

By: Shirley Osle,
Assistant Town Manager

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Thank You!

Dear Editor:

Thank you to all the citizens of Plainville who cast their vote for the Republican team this past election.

It is most gratifying to realize our community values the work the Republican members of the Council and Board of Education have completed. As promised, we will continue to work for the entire community in order to ensure our services and education programs are the very best in Connecticut.

Kathy Pugliese, Town Council, Chairman

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CHRISTMAS OF YESTERYEAR

BY: SALLY MILLER



I thought about how much Christmas has changed since I was a little girl, we would prepare for Christmas 3 to 4 weeks in advance mom would begin planning to make popcorn balls, paper chains, homemade gifts and homemade Christmas cards.

Nowadays it seems like I spend 3 to 4 weeks searching for gifts. What happened to the time of yesteryear when Christmas was a simpler time, time to spend with family and friends.

This year I spent 3 to 4 weeks looking for gifts that

I thought my friends and family would like. I bought for my daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchild and others. I don't think I felt like it was enough.

My thoughts went back to my childhood days and I longed for them. They seem to be more of a sense of happiness and contentment with what we were doing, rather than what we were buying back then. After visiting and passing out gifts, I realized that my contentment lay in the fact that I was with my family and friends we hugged each other we smiled, we laughed, we remembered.

One of the best gifts that I received this Christmas was homemade gifts made by my grandchildren they took pictures of themselves and made frames and put their pictures in, and my granddaughter, who is saving to get her Masters degree, did not have a lot of money to spend so instead she drew me a picture of a

beautiful flower and put it in a frame this is one of my most cherished gift

After the holidays were over my sister and some of the children and I and my friend visited for an afternoon together it was one of the most peaceful, content, warm afternoons that we have spent together in a long time.

That was Christmas, I also just developed a picture taken of my grandson and myself the day after Christmas. The picture brings tears to my eyes. I am standing over him while he sits on the couch and I have my arms around him but I realize from looking at the picture that his eyes were closed and his hand was resting on my other arm that picture was nothing but love and that is the meaning of Christmas rebirth, love, friends and family!

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To All Young Adults: "A Point to Ponder"

Erin Stewart, a step toward the future

The people of New Britain have seen that it was necessary to go in another direction with their local representative government, and they did in a big way.

They elected a new mayor, someone who has the same name as the previous mayor Stewart but is young, energetic and smart. Oh, by the way, she is his 26-year-old daughter. How about that! The challenge

this young woman has in front of her is really hard to explain; it will be a true transition for the city.

This young lady won as a Republican in a town that is very, very, very much a Democratic Party stronghold. Erin Stewart has a political carnival ride to look forward to; it will be a learning experience for her and her supporters. Away we go — she is off and running and will not have time to look back. Congratulations to the city of New Britain for moving the goal posts.

We have a whole new ball game now. She has the sense of the game, being her father's daughter, but it's her game. Tim Stewart will be smart and give advice "on occasion," but he should, and I am sure will leave lots of growing room and learning space for his daughter.

A POINT TO PONDER



Phil Mikan

Young people like Ms. Stewart are the hope for our state and the country.

Americans have got to start moving the goal posts all over the country now or the game will be over.

A point to ponder.

Phil Mikan is the host of the Phil Mikan Show on WMRD 1150/WLIS AM 1420 daily at 10 a.m., and the Weekend Corner Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. You can reach him at phil@philmikan.com or write him at Phil Mikan, Central Connecticut Communications, One Herald Square, New Britain, CT 06051.

Young people like Ms. Stewart and you know in what direction our local, state and country must go. Quote from Phil "Americans have got to start moving the goal posts all over the country now or the game will be over"

The Plainville Republican Town Committee invites you, your friends and family to get involved now. The P.R.T.C. is now holding a membership drive for the election of the committee members in January.

For application and information contact Robert Pugliese, Chairman 860-747-2583 or Helen Bergenty, Vice Chairman 860-747-3905

Life with Wanda



Gadgets and advice: I recently got a new car and one of those GPS systems built into the dashboard. My husband didn't trust it so he put his old GPS on the dashboard and now the two GPS systems fight out which way they want us to go. In the mean time my husband doesn't listen to either one of them and goes the way he wants. It is really great to go on a trip and listen to these two electronic units argue about which way is the best way to go while my husband goes where he wants. Do you know how many times I have heard, "In eight hundred yards make a U turn; in stereo?" Can anyone judge how far eight hundred yards might be? Before we leave the house we spend five minutes or more while my husband programs these two units for the best route, even if it is to grocery store. I guess I'm just old fashion and not a gadget person. Oh, for the good old days and a road map.

Speaking of old fashion I was sick recently and was confined to my bed with a cold. My friend called and asked if I had gone to the doctors. I said I didn't feel I wanted to spend money on a common cold. She said she found the best way to get rid of a cold was to rub Vicks on your chest and the bottoms of your feet. I said I would get the Vicks and try it but that was only to please her as I was too sick to get out of bed. The next day she called and asked how the Vicks was doing and not wanting to tell her I hadn't taken her advice I told her I thought it was working just fine. After I hung up I felt guilty so I got out of bed, went to the drug store and got the Vicks. Rubbing my chest wasn't bad and the odor of the Vicks actually seemed to help, so I decided to put it on the bottom of my feet as she said. I had forgotten she told me to put on a pair of socks after applying the Vicks and it was only after I had the Vicks on my feet I remembered the socks. I tried to get to my dresser and get a pair of socks and stepped on a piece of dog biscuit my dog was eating, which became stuck in the bottom of my foot. After I removed the sliver of biscuit from my foot I put on the socks and finely got back to bed. When I got up the next morning I had an infection in the bottom of my foot from the dog biscuit. I guess I should have put some peroxide on the wound, so off to the doctors I went. While there he treated the wound, gave me a tetanus shot and gave me some meds for my cold. I now feel I got my monies worth and my friends' old fashioned advice actually helped me get rid of my cold; in a roundabout way.

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By Dominick Moschini, Superintendent of Roadways

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3 pm on Saturday, December 7th for the winter.

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THE HOLIDAY RUSH

Thankfully there have been no major storms this autumn that we have unfortunately become used to as residents of Connecticut. Favorable weather provides people the opportunity to enjoy the outside before the long winter hibernation. Outdoor activities such as hunting, trapping, and other game sports may be enjoyable, but there is always legal exposure. Sometimes regardless of your attention to detail you still may find yourself with a criminal charge of assault or with a civil lawsuit for battery and/or assault. The difference between the two standards is not that significant, but important to know as well as how the intent of the actor is perceived by the courts.

Battery is typically the term used when enacting a civil lawsuit against someone, it occurs when one individual initiates an unwanted touching with another person or with something close to their being. The physical contact may be with something close to the victim like a purse or cell phone they are possessing, but not with something away from their being like a jacket on a coat rack. In order for the bad actor to be liable he/she may intend to initiate against the victim or he/she may just intend the bad act against someone near the victim.

Criminal assault has varying degrees in Connecticut, but in its most basic form it is when an intentional unwanted touching occurs to a victim and/or if the actor puts a victim in imminent fear of an unwanted touching. The imminent fear standard must rise to a level that one could reasonably expect to think that they were about to be physically assaulted. The role of intent also comes into play for assault, as the direct action that caused the harm must be intentional. Conversely, the accused may claim he/she only intended to harm another and not the actual victim. An example may be that the bad actor threw a cell phone at someone, but missed and hit another. The actor would still be found to have intent as this is the principle of transferred intent.

The actor may claim consent as a defense if the charge or lawsuit gives rise to such a defense. Incidental shoulder bumping or contact of such a nature is to be expected in a heavily crowded area. Local customs help direct what is incidental contact. While it may be normal in some Asian countries to be shoved into a train, it certainly is not the community standard in America, for now anyways.

Hopefully this favorable weather allows you to get out of the house and enjoy some outdoor activities. Always be sure to think before you act and use discretion when operating dangerous things like hunting rifles and traps. FYI transferred intent does not extend to a hunter intending to shoot an animal, but strikes another person. This is because the actual harm done to the person differs from the contemplated harm by the shooter.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2013

Financial Programs: The Plainville Senior Center began hosting a series of financial workshops designed to assist individuals who want to learn more about managing their money and their assets. The workshops will be presented by the CT Money School. The CT Money School is a project led by CT Association of Human Services with five nonprofit partners. CMS provides free financial education for adults and seniors. All workshops are free. Call the Senior Center to register.

Debt Management, Tuesday, December 17 at 1pm

- The Roadway Department continues to pick up leaves. They would like to remind everyone that they will pass by those piles of leaves that contain grass clippings and therefore, ask for everyone's cooperation to only put out leaves.
- The Plainville Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Program on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 5pm at the Firehouse. Please bring an item for the Plainville Food Pantry. The Chamber is also hosting the State of the Town on January 23rd from 8am to 9:30am at the Plainville Library.
- The Plainville Fire Company will hold their annual Breakfast with Santa on December 8, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to noon at Fire Headquarters, 77 West Main Street.
- The Plainville-Southington Regional Health District offered a flu vaccination clinic at the Southington Municipal Center, 196 North Main St., Southington. For more information about the Senior Center, see page 19

TEA PARTY PATRIOTS

by Gene

The local elections are now past and the dust is settling. Some are wary and want time off. But be proactive. The "2014" elections are right around the corner and could be the most important of all our lives.

If you really want to change things for the better, we have to change the Senate in both the State and Washington, DC. You have to stop the progressives and save the state and the nation from their Socialist thinking.

The local elections give hope with wins and new people in New Britain Meriden, Bristol, etc. All medium-size cities with hope for the future. But also, take your heads out of the sand and take a look at what is happening around you. Could the very people who say they are protecting your rights and are working for you are taking your freedom and liberties away?

In Southington, recent election saw the people prevail. Three questions were on the ballot. The first question would totally take rights from the "full" time commissions and citizens. The question would concentrate power to one person, make it easier to spend the tax money, with no data-based reason given to change. Vast majority of the people that rejected it voted "NO".

Who are blaming the Tea Party for the mess they made by unprincipled RINO's? In the Virginia Governors race Ken Cuccinelli (*Tea Party*) should have won if the G.O.P. (*The Grand Old Party*) did not abandon him.

The battle over Agenda 21 is raging across the nation. City and County Councils have become war zones as citizens questions the origins of development

plans and planners deny any international connections to the UN's Agenda 21. What is the truth? Since we helped start this war, then you should believe it is up to us to help with the answers.

Why to propose Agenda 21? It's important to note that we fight Agenda 21 because we oppose its policies and its process, not just its origins. Why do we see it as a threat? Isn't it just a plan to protect the environment and stop uncontrolled development and sprawl?

The fact is, you should fight Agenda 21 because it is all-encompassing, designed to address literally every aspect of our lives. This is so because those promoting Agenda 21 believe we must modify our behavior, our way of doing everyday things, and even our belief, in order to drastically transform human society into being "sustainable."

The United States has never been part of a global village in which some self-appointed village elders have handed down rules for life. We are a nation of laws that were designed to protect our rights to our property and our individual life choices while keeping government reined in. We oppose Agenda 21 precisely because it represents the exact opposite view of government.

(Excerpts taken from the Patriot Grass Roots Newspaper, Nov. 13th, Volume 5 Edition 1)

"In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

George Orwell

Happy Holidays To All From The Tea Party!!

Plainville Free Prescription Drug Discount

Plainville signs up for new, free Prescription Drug Discount Program offered by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities for residents of its member towns and cities

The Town of Plainville, through its association with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), the statewide association of towns and cities, is now providing a new prescription discount card that will provide uninsured and underinsured residents steep savings on prescription medicines.

Plainville is a member of CCM and this new program is only available to CCM member-communities.

In Connecticut, over 10 percent of Connecticut residents – nearly 360,000 people – currently lack health insurance and prescription plans and another 800,000 residents are underinsured. There are over 50 million uninsured individuals living in the United States.

The "Town of Plainville Prescription Drug Discount Card" helps residents save money on their prescription medications any time their prescription is not covered

by insurance. This new prescription discount card will provide immediate fiscal relief at the pharmacy counter for uninsured and underinsured residents and offers the following features and benefits:

- Anyone can participate regardless of age or income;
- All prescription medications are covered including pet prescriptions that can be filled at a pharmacy;
- There is no cost to the municipality or to participating residents;
- Cost savings average 45%;
- There are over 63,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, including CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Stop and Shop, and Big Y, and many independent pharmacies;
- Discounts are also offered on other medical services including vision, hearing and Lasik services.

"This issue – and CCM's solution -- impacts residents across Plainville," said Robert E. Lee, Town Manager of Plainville. "We can now easily ensure that our uninsured and underinsured residents have better prescription coverage."

"CCM is pleased to offer this valuable community service to Plainville," said CCM Executive Director and CEO Jim Finley. "Many families are struggling and even some families with health insurance may not have all their prescriptions covered. This program will help them save money on any medicines not covered by their insurance."

Each residence in Plainville will receive a "Town of Plainville Prescription Discount Card" by direct mail which they may use at any participating retail pharmacy. The cards are expected to be mailed to by mid December. Cards may be used by all town residents regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There are no enrollment forms, membership fees, restrictions or limits on frequency of use for residents. Cardholders and their family members are encouraged to use the cards any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. Cards will also be printed by visiting www.CTRxDiscountCard.com, and selecting Plainville from the drop-down menu.

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Ask the Brayne

This question was from a reader who wrote last month:

My husband and I have apple trees with Cedar Rust disease. The trees look to be at least 20 years old, but still produce a lot of fruit. We have used the fruit least affected, but we notice, while some apples are fine, some are really hard. Is the hardness caused by the Cedar Rust disease? Is it caused by the age of the trees? It seems strange that apples from the same tree can be so different.

Answer: *Wow, I am really stymied on this one! I checked a lot of websites and cannot find an answer to this dilemma. If any of our readers know about this subject, I would love to have you write an email to inform the rest of us. As of press time no one has been able to answer that question. Sorry!!*

Q. I have a question that I hope you are able to explain in layman's terms: Hartford Courant Business Headline on 11-1-2013: Metlife Profit Misses Estimate As Claims Rise: "The insurer reported a net profit \$942 million, or 84 cents per share, for the quarter ending Sept.30.

It had posted a loss of \$984 million, or 92 cents per share, a year earlier as it took a goodwill impairment charge of \$1.6 billion on its U.S. retail annuity business."

My question for The Brayne: Could you please explain what is meant by "a goodwill impairment charge?" What is it and how does it work?

Answer: *Goodwill is an accounting concept meaning the value of an asset owned that is intangible but has a quantifiable prudent value in a business. For example, a reputation the firm enjoyed with its clients. For example, a software company may have net assets (consisting primarily of miscellaneous equipment, and assuming no debt) valued at \$1 million, but the company's overall value (including brand, customers, and intellectual capital) is valued at \$10 million. Anybody buying that company would book \$10 million in total assets acquired, comprising \$1 million physical assets, and \$9 million in goodwill. In a private company, goodwill has no predetermined value prior to the acquisition; its magnitude depends on the two other variables by definition. A publicly traded company, by contrast, is subject to a constant process of market valuation, so goodwill will always be apparent.*

While a business can invest to increase its reputation, by advertising or assuring that its products are of high quality, such expenses cannot be capitalized and added to Goodwill, which is technically an intangible asset, goodwill and intangible assets are usually listed as separate items on a company's balance sheet

Happy Holiday From My Family to Yours!

To submit questions: Call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@comcast.net, or write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman Street, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office. Deadline for submitting questions and/or articles is the 15th of each month. Thank you for the above questions. Keep them coming!!

Thanks, Bill Brayne!

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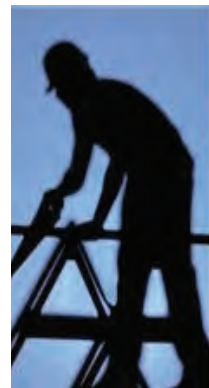
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A Holiday & Holistic Fair to Promote SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Small business Saturday is a national event which falls the day after Black Friday on November 30, is in its fourth year. It's origins began with American Express. Though it's relatively young, it's already made a major impact: 100 million consumers shopped last year's Small Business Saturday, spending \$5.5 billion at small stores. This Benefit event highlights small businesses that traditionally work from home or at weekend events to sell their wares.

The small businesses at this event will be home based and event businesses. **The event will be at RockWells Dance Hall 161-B Woodford Ave. in Plainville, CT on Dec 1st, Saturday, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm**

Vendors include: MANY HOLIDAY GIFTS, NEW BOOKS, Readers, Tai Chi, Massage, Jewelry, Reiki, Essential Oils, Gluten Free Bakery, Dream Catchers, Dreamcatchers, Natural Wellness Supplements, Tarot Cards, Sage, Jewelry, Natural Dog & Cat treats, Physical Therapist, Dream work, Health evaluations, Natural Soaps & Candles, Organic Skin care, Angelic Stones, Astrology, Candles, and more...

There will be free demonstrations, 40 raffle items valued at over \$1,000 and food/beverage tastings.

The event is a fundraiser for the Plainville Food Pantry & The CT Humane Society (Pet Food Pantry) Suggested entrance is a donation to either pantry.

Shirley Bloethe 860-989-0033 or ShirleyBloethe@sbcglobal.net

AAA Speaks Out: Traffic Ticket Tips

Traffic tickets can impact your driving record, raise insurance rates, and cost you time, money and stress. Taking the right approach to promptly resolve tickets can minimize these potential difficulties and get you back to driving safely.

Knowing your options and the processes for paying or contesting a ticket can help avoid confusion, delay, and further complications. Your ticket paperwork should include guidance for learning more information. AAA offers the following tips to keep in mind after receiving a traffic ticket:

The Clock is Ticking

Pay close attention to the "Answer Date" on your citation. In Connecticut, this date is assigned by the police officer who issued the ticket. Failing to pay the ticket in full or plead "Not Guilty" will result in your case being transferred to court and a license suspension by the Department of Motor Vehicles. You will be required to pay a reopening fee of \$60 to the Clerk of the Court where the ticket was issued, in addition to the original amount due. You may also be required to pay a \$175 fee to the DMV to have your driver's license reinstated.

The "Fine" Print

When it comes to resolving traffic tickets, details matter. Ask the issuing officer, read your ticket paperwork thoroughly or ask the court about how tickets can be paid. In Connecticut, tickets may be paid with a credit card through the Judicial Branch's website or by mail with a check or money order using the self-addressed envelope provided with your traffic ticket. You should never send cash.

Pay It or Contest It

There are several factors to consider when deciding to pay or contest a ticket and you should be aware of your options and their potential consequences. In Connecticut, paying the fine assessed is considered an admission of guilt. Resolving your ticket in this way will not result in any points assessed by the DMV on your driver's license, however it will appear on your driving record.

Contesting the ticket and pleading "Not Guilty" may require you to appear in court, in which you would represent yourself or retain legal counsel. Contesting a ticket and being found not guilty absolves you of the offense, fine and other consequences. However, if you are found guilty, you may be responsible for the original fine, plus points may be assessed against your license.

Avoid Future Tickets

To help prevent future traffic tickets and stay safe on the road, AAA recommends the following:

- Always make sure your speed matches the driving conditions, including the immediate speed limit, as well as visibility, traction and traffic density.
- Never cause another driver to have to change speed or position on the roadway.
- When you are driving, just drive—avoid engaging in other activities that could distract you.

Additionally, motorists should consult AAA's Digest of Motor Laws. This free, online resource can help keep you current on laws and rules related to driving and owning a vehicle. Just point your web browser to DrivingLaws.AAA.com.

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Bulletin "Board"

For November

Board of Education

This past month has been a busy one for the Board. With the November election behind us we can now look forward to continuing our good works. All of the incumbents were re-elected so the makeup of the Board has remained the same. We were sworn in at the November 12th regular Board meeting with Andrea Saunders remaining Chairperson and Deb Hardy being elected to Vice Chair.

Here are some highlights of that meeting along with other district events:

1. Plainville students attended school on Veteran's Day for the first time. Each school had activities and events planned that taught students about Veteran's Day. Plainville veterans were invited to participate and responded very positively.

2. Election Day saw a new structure for Teacher Professional Development. 20 different workshops were offered with most of them being presented by our own teachers.

3. The Plainville Board of Education was honored with the Award for Energy Stewardship from Cenergistics. This is the Energy Education company we work with to reduce our electricity and natural gas consumption. As a result of our efforts, the Board has had a savings of \$234,393 from 7/1/12-6/30/13. These savings have been used to fund other programs and services that directly benefit the students.

4. We were also honored with the CABE Board of Distinction Award for our high standards and dedication to Plainville students. This is the fifth straight year our Board has received this award.

5. PHS hosted their Curriculum & Activities Showcase on 11/14/13. Over 55 courses, clubs and athletic teams were represented for the students and their families.

6. Plainville's After School Program has expanded with more than 250 students participating in the first session which runs through the end of November. Courses range from cooking to Youth Theater to polar bear art at the elementary level. The Middle School will offer cooking as well as cross country and flag football. PHS already offers many extra-curricular programs, clubs and activities but will also offer an SAT preparation course as part of their After School Program sessions.

These are a few of the great things going in the Plainville Schools, but by no means all. There are too many to fit in just one article.

Stay tuned in the months to come to keep up with the Board.

Thank you. Andrea Saunders

A SKEWED VIEW

from the desk of RICK DREZEK

Having recently the honor of serving the residents of Plainville on the Town Council, I have taken a moment to reflect on that experience, Citizen's Forum in particular. And, the fact that it parallels my previous observations of human nature and conduct. It occurs to me, that human nature is best explained and illustrated by literature and theater. To wit, I am reminded of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus, Bram Stoker's Dracula, and Mel Brook's, Blazing Saddles.

In each, the mob, the concerned citizens, the committee of action, every man, woman and jack of them, recognized the danger, sprung into action and did their due civic diligence.

Hooray for the concerned citizen, may they always stand between danger, and those of us who cannot recognize the same. Which begs the question, how many times can you kick a dead dog and still hear him yelp?

At this time, on behalf of all Veterans, I wish to express appreciation to our local Board of Education and Superintendent Kitching for their decision to hold classes on Veterans Day. The school's staff is to be commended for arranging a program that honored our veterans in various ways. On this day, students were afforded the opportunity to reflect and learn about the sacrifices that were made on behalf of all Americans. This endeavor is a more fitting tribute to those who have served than to give students a day off without opportunity to reflect on the sobering reality that "Freedom is not Free", but requires an unending sacrifice of wealth, and if necessary life itself.

Wishing You All had a Great Thanksgiving, Remembering All We Have to be Truly Thankful For. And, Sincere best wishes for Joyful Christmas Season!



The Three R's are Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Mel Masse, Facilities Manager of the Plainville schools, makes sure that our schools are living up to those three R's. First, he makes sure that no longer needed school items are made available for re-use to the public. That was the goal of the give-away held in June at the Plainville Middle School. Mr. Masse reported that 80% of the items available were taken by members of the public. A great way to REUSE items and REDUCE our trash impact! The remaining 20% was dismantled and RECYCLED. For example, if there was a chair with metal legs, the legs would be removed and recycled for the metal. This recycling approach is used on all items at the schools that are no longer needed. In addition, Mr. Masse reported to that all cardboard, paper and newspapers are RECYCLED at the schools. Finally, the schools have implemented the use of biodegradable lunch trays. Also great to know is that the middle school and high school have Environmental Club organizations. Kudos to the staff and students of our Plainville School system for doing their part!

Recycling Trivia: Every year, Americans throw away enough paper and plastic cups, forks, and spoons to circle the equator 300 times. (www.cleanair.org)

Jennifer Zakrzewski for The Plainville Recycling & Solid Waste Commission (Richard Ireland, Jr., Rebecca Ireland, George Fensick, III, Marie Cassidy, Kathleen Cole and Wayne Fish).

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Attorney Michael W. Mastrianni has over **25 years** of experience and is a member of the following:

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Dental Health

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



WHAT IS ACID REFLUX AND GERD?

More than 10 percent of Americans experience the burning and discomfort of heartburn every day. What many don't know is that heartburn, or acid indigestion, is a common symptom of chronic acid reflux, also known as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

What is acid reflux and GERD?

Acid reflux occurs when muscles of the lower esophagus relax and allow stomach acids to flow upwards into the esophagus and even the mouth. These stomach acids can cause irritation and inflammation of the esophagus while negatively impacting your oral health. Acid reflux may progress further, developing into GERD. In patients who have GERD, the esophageal muscles are unable to keep stomach acids from flowing upwards, causing corrosion of the esophageal lining and the uncomfortable burning sensation associated with heartburn.

Signs and symptoms

Though often times difficult to detect, GERD can be associated with the following signs and symptoms:

- Heartburn
- Difficulty swallowing
- Regurgitation
- Burning sensation in mouth
- Sore throat
- Nausea, vomiting, belching
- Chronic coughing
- Erosion of tooth enamel
- Tooth sensitivity
- Chipping, discoloration of teeth
- Bad breath

How does GERD affect your oral health?

In addition to damaging the esophagus and increasing your risk of esophageal cancer, over time GERD can erode tooth enamel. Research indicates tooth enamel begins to erode at a pH, or acid level, of 5.5. With a pH of less than 2.0, your stomach acid can easily damage tooth enamel and cause increased tooth sensitivity, decay, discoloration, and chipping.

Treatments and lifestyle modifications

GERD can be diagnosed by your physician using a variety of tests, including pH monitoring, X-rays, or endoscopy. Though GERD is a chronic condition, its symptoms can be treated using medications and lifestyle modifications. In addition to taking over-the-counter antacids and prescription H2 receptor blockers, you can reduce GERD symptoms by:

- Avoiding trigger foods and beverages, including



chocolate, spicy/greasy foods, tomato-based foods, alcohol, and coffee.

- Quitting smoking.
 - Refraining from eating several hours before bed, or lying down two to three hours after eating.
 - Losing weight if you are overweight or obese.
 - Avoiding tight clothing.
- Get tested for sleep apnea

Protect your teeth against acid reflux

Practicing good oral hygiene is the best way to prevent acid reflux or GERD from damaging your teeth and causing decay.

In addition to brushing twice a day, you can take the following steps to ensure GERD doesn't impact your oral health:

- Visit your dentist regularly for tooth enamel evaluation.
- Use dentin-sensitive toothpaste.
- Rinse your mouth with water following acid reflux episodes.
- Do not brush your teeth for 60 minutes after consuming acidic foods or drinks.
- Dissolve baking soda in water and swish around the mouth after acid reflux occurs.
- Receive fluoride treatments to strengthen your teeth.
- Wear a dentist-prescribed mouthguard at night to prevent acid from damaging your teeth.
- Avoid over-the-counter antacids, especially at night, that have a high sugar content.

If you believe you may be at risk for acid reflux or GERD, speak with your dentist or physician. Though GERD can be incredibly damaging to your oral health, lifestyle modifications and treatment can help ensure your teeth remain safe and healthy.

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Schools in Review

After School Enrichment Classes Popular with Students



Students in Plainville this year are enjoying the expansion of the district's After School Program, with a wide variety of enrichment courses available district-wide.

According to Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett, the newly expanded After School Program is off to a great start with more than 250 students participating in the first session, which runs through the end of November. Shown above (left to right) Linden students in African drumming class, Toffolon students in the Let's Gogh Art class, (bottom left to right) Toffolon students in the cooking class, Middle School students in the Flag Football program.

Plainville Fire Department Visits Wheeler School



Representatives from the Plainville Fire Department recently visited Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School as part of the school's Fire Safety Day. Fire Marshal Sutherland, together with Inspectors Mysak and Chapman spoke to Wheeler students about fire safety in and out of the home, and showed the Fire Department's rescue truck.

TRUMPF Hosts PHS Students



Twelve Plainville High School robotics/ engineering students recently visited TRUMPF in Farmington, Connecticut, for National Manufacturing Day. The students were able to see some of the latest technology and equipment TRUMPF has on site. TRUMPF, a subsidiary of the TRUMPF Group in Germany, is currently the largest manufacturer of fabricating equipment and industrial lasers in the United States. Accompanying the high school students on their recent tour was Unified Arts instructors, Mark Chase and Jeff Wanner, Plainville High School Principal, Steven LePage, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett, Plainville Board of Education Chairperson, Andrea Saunders and the College and Career Readiness Center Coordinator, Sue Bradley.

Newly Elected Board of Education Members

Shown below, Town Clerk Carol Skultety administers the oath of office to recently elected Board members Brent Davenport, Becky Tyrrell, Foster White, Andrea Saunders, Board Chair and Cheryl Provost.



French Italian Club/Looking for New Members



The French-Italian Club at Plainville High School is open to all students who are interested in the French and Italian cultures. The Club meets once a month and is moderated by high school faculty member Maria Colangelo. Two parents of students at Plainville High School recently attended a club meeting to share their culinary expertise and demonstrate the art of gnocchi making, and engaged club members in the preparation and cooking, assisted by Plainville High School Culinary Arts Teacher, Al LeSage. Parent volunteers were Tina Autunno, owner of the Piccolo Arancio restaurant in Farmington and Rosa Rocco, who works as a pasta and pastry chef at the family restaurant, Peppercorn's Grill in Hartford.

Students Receive Superintendent Award



Eleven Plainville students received the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS) Superintendent/Student Recognition Award and Certificate of Excellence at the 26th annual Superintendent's Award Presentation held on Friday, November 1st, during a luncheon at J. Timothy's Restaurant.

The students are: Katherine Ann Guarco and Joseph Michalic, Linden Street School; Robert Bradley and Lyndsey DiTolla, Louis Toffolon School; Olivia Hergott and Andrew Laprise, Frank T. Wheeler School; Nicholas Costantini and Karla Juarez, the Middle School of Plainville; and Nicholas Bendas-Giano, Marisa Rizzo and Andrew Rottier, Plainville High School.

This award is given during American Education Week to students who have been nominated by their teachers and chosen by their principal. Criteria for recognition of excellence include community service and service to others, academic prowess relative to ability, leadership service to the school community, and other unique qualities.

"This is a great opportunity for the administration to highlight students in our schools who exemplify all of the qualities and traits we hope to see and develop in all students." said Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Kitching.

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Schools in Review

Linden Students Observe Veteran's Day



Students in Christine Mazzarella's first grade class at Linden Street School display posters they made for the school's Veteran's Day celebration held on November 11 in honor of our nation's veterans.

Wheeler Walk-A-Thon Raises \$\$\$



The 3rd annual Walk-a-thon was recently held at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School. This Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) sponsored event raised \$1,570.00. According to Kim Shumbo, PTO Vice President, 100% of the money will go toward the playground at Wheeler School. New mulch for the playscape, refurbishing the basketball courts, and playground equipment for older students to enjoy are some of the specific projects the PTO is raising funds for. They have set a goal of \$ 100,000. A second walk-a-thon will be held in May.

PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM EARNS AWARD

For saving enough energy in 13 months to effectively plant more than 22,752 trees, Plainville Community Schools received The Award for Energy Stewardship from Cenergistic during the November 12th Plainville Board of Education meeting. The Award for Energy Stewardship recognizes the organization's efforts to implement an innovative organizational behavior-based energy conservation and management program. The program is administered through a partnership with Cenergistic, a national company whose energy conservation programs have saved more than \$3.2 billion for organizations across the United States since 1986.

"Plainville Community Schools' Superintendent Mr. Jeffrey Kitching, the Board of Education members and administration are demonstrating wise fiscal and environmental stewardship by implementing this unique organizational behavior-based energy conservation program," said Dr. William S. Spears, Chairman and Founder of Cenergistic. "Using human resources to reduce energy use saves natural and financial resources for the organization and the community."

The program delivers an environmental benefit from a reduced carbon footprint. Energy not used prevents the emission of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.

Toffolon Students Join Writing Workshop



Student authors at Louis Toffolon Elementary School are hard at work as part of the school's new Writing Workshop program. The students are developing their narrative writing skills and creating many masterpieces each week!

Wheeler Elementary Students Present Piano Recital



A group of 11 students gathered around the piano at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School for a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) activity on October 1st. Wheeler students selected to participate in this activity as a reward for excellent behavior both in the classroom as well as in all school-wide settings. This "Piano Recital" led by third-grade teacher Maria Hitt featured students in grades 1-5 taking turns performing a piece on the piano. Songs included God Bless America, Hot Cross Buns, Sonatinas and even improvised tunes.

Board of Education Seeks Volunteers

The Plainville Board of Education is seeking a community representative to attend PACTAC Meetings. PACTAC (Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council) is the Advisory Council for the cable television operators in this area. This individual will represent the cultural, educational, ethnic and economic make-up of the population inhabiting the town. PACTAC members meet nine Mondays during the year from 4:30-5:30 PM. The meetings are held on the last Monday of each month and are held at Nutmeg TV in Farmington. Interested citizens are asked to contact the Superintendent's Office at (860) 793-3210 x202.

The Plainville Board of Education is seeking an additional member to serve on its Naming Committee. The Board's Naming Committee is in charge of reviewing nominations for the Meritorious Wall of Honor induction, which is a permanent tribute to honor individuals who have contributed significant volunteer service to the educational community. Committee members will meet 2-3 times a year and will attend the induction ceremony which will take place during the month of April each year. Interested citizens are asked to contact the Superintendent's Office at (860) 793-3210 x202.

Main Street Community Fund Receives Large Bequest from Estate of Elizabeth I. Matt

November may be known for cooler weather and Thanksgiving, but at Main Street Community Foundation it is known as a time to recognize the great contributions that our donors – those active in philanthropy – have made to the lives of those around them. National Philanthropy Day, November 15th, is a day to do just that. And in celebration, the Community Foundation is announcing that it has received a large bequest worth \$334,000 from the Estate of Elizabeth I. Matt to benefit two funds, one to help animals in need and one to help students in need. Both funds are available to organizations in Plainville and students at Plainville High School.

Betty Matt is the perfect example of a philanthropist. She started two funds during her lifetime, one through an IRA charitable rollover and one through a gift of stock. She then added to them through a bequest by will. Yes, she also wrote checks, but she found the giving vehicle that worked best for her – and for her community.

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Dr. Ben Carson, M.D.

By: Mary Ziccardi

Some months ago I saw and heard Dr. Carson give a talk at a breakfast and I was intrigued with his knowledge and ideas for solutions to the problems of America.

He is a soft spoken man, who commands that you listen intently to what he has to say. I was especially delighted with the fact that President Obama was seated only two seats away and I noticed that he was leaned forward in his chair, not to miss a word. Dr. Carson was talking about him.

Dr. Carson was born and raised in inner city Detroit. His father left the family when the doctor was very young. His mother worked from early morning to late at night cleaning houses for the rich. She would not take government assistance.

She had a third grade education and could not read. The doctor and his brother did not know that. She would scan their school papers, question passages, make comments and mark sections as if she could read. She encouraged them in every way and told them they could be anything they wanted to be if they worked hard at it.

Life was not easy for the Carson's and after receiving a scholarship to Yale University and other medical Schools, he realized his dream of becoming a doctor. He is the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins Medical Hospital. One of his famous surgeries is the separation of the Binder Twins who were joined at the head.

He and his wife, Candy, formed the Carson Scholars Fund established to counteract American crisis in education. They are all about education.

There is talk that he may run for president in 2016. I hope so. We need a man like Dr. Carson to bring America back to what it was. I know he can do it.

Dr. Carson's five books may be obtained through the Plainville Library. He is my Hero; he will be yours.

PLAINVILLE HISTORIC CENTER COMING ATTRACTIONS

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN DAY will be held on December 8th from 2-5 pm at the Plainville Historic Center, 29 Pierce Street. There will be crafts to make, games to play, prizes to pick, and food to eat. Valentine the Clown will be with us again this year to do balloon animals and face painting. For those of you who have never attended FUN DAY, here is how it works: upstairs are the crafts-for-each-craft that you finish, you receive points; downstairs are the games-for-each-game you play, you win points. You then go into the prize room and decide how you want to "spend" your points. You don't need any points to enjoy the food or Valentine. Its fun for the whole family! Admission, a nonperishable item for the food pantry. The Holiday store will be open.

"Connecticut's Wedding of the Century"

On Saturday, January 18th at 2:00 PM at the Plainville Historic Center, 29 Pierce St. you are cordially invited to "Connecticut's Wedding of the Century." The wedding between the daughter of Connecticut's Governor and the son of the President of the United States--the Trumbull-Coolidge wedding. The program will introduce you to Florence, the bride and John, the groom. We will follow the wedding day from church to the reception in the mansion's gardens. We hope you will be able to attend.

The Plainville Historic Center Store New Arrivals ~ Just in time for Holidays

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Scratch & Peck by Leesha

Another busy month has passed since our last edition.

Halloween in my neighborhood was a treat, pun intended. In spite of a drizzly evening, the tricksters came out, about 40 here. These kids were so polite and so creative in their costumes.

Daylight Savings Time ended to the usual glee of those who like the extra hour in the morning and the gloom of those that prefer the extra hour in the evening. Get over it folks or move near the equator where time doesn't change that much. Arizona is the only state in the continental US that has never adopted DST. Must be somewhat confusing in many respects.

The Historical Society had their Decades Dinner, featuring a mulligan stew of the Civil War era. Delicious. Wonderful raffle baskets were offered. CD music of Tom Callinan was played. He and his wife, Ann Shipero, are story tellers and musicians of skill.

During November, the Senior Citizens Center and a number of churches held their holiday fairs. Several more will be held in December. What a great place to shop for unusual and inexpensive gifts.

Election day was disappointing. The Registrars of voters said it was a usual turnout. I think that 26% of registered voters is pathetic. This is the most important local election we have. So folks, if you don't like our leadership in the next two years, don't whine. Remember that all of these people are giving of their time, talents, and energy for no pay. Let's support them, or make our opinions known at Town Council and Board of Education meetings.

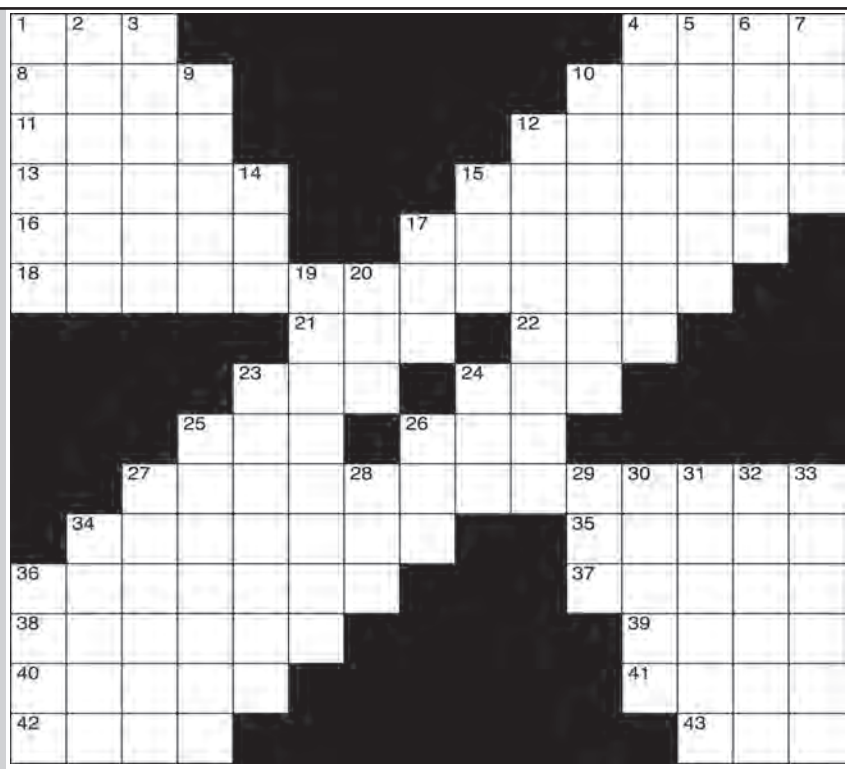
Veteran's Day: This year our schools were open and devoted to issues concerning our military history. The Plainville Wind Ensemble and the Snappy Seniors provided a program of Patriotic song and photos. Kudos. I hope everyone of us took at least a short moment to respect their sacrifices.

The leaves have pretty much fallen. Thank you to the Plainville Public Works Department for sweeping them up. If I had to bag them as in some neighboring towns, I cannot imagine how onerous that would be.

Thanksgiving, I don't expect that many of us were riding a sleigh to Grandma's house. However, remember, we gave thanks.

It is a double celebration for some of us. The 28th of November was the first day of Hanukkah. Christians are looking forward to Advent. *More later...*

Crossword



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. CHICAGO TIME
 - 4. AND HEARTY
 - 8. IN A MURDEROUS FRENZY (VAR. SP.)
 - 10. SUBSTANCE THAT IMPARTS A HUE
 - 11. ITALIAN'S CAPITAL
 - 12. ORAL FLAVORS
 - 13. THE PITT FAMILY ARTIST, WM.
 - 15. MOST BUFFOONISH
 - 16. A GROUP OF 8
 - 17. OVERLORDS
 - 18. CAMERA ARTISTS
 - 21. RESINLIKE SUBSTANCE IN SHELLAC
 - 22. FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT
 - 23. FISHING IMPLEMENT
 - 24. HAMILTON'S BILL
 - 25. AN ADULT FEMALE HOG
 - 26. EMERGENCY BROADCAST NETWORK
 - 27. TRANSCENDING NATIONAL BOUNDARIES
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. DRIVE-IN SERVER
 - 2. KISS
 - 3. RED FRUIT EATEN AS A VEGETABLE
 - 4. FOOT AND LEGWEAR
 - 5. CHANGES
 - 6. WIND DEPOSITED SILT
 - 7. FORMERLY (ARCHAIC)
 - 9. GOLD FINENESS MEASURE
 - 10. MILITARY SNACK BAR
 - 12. CAPITAL OF UZBEKISTAN
 - 14. OLD TOKYO
 - 15. HEAT IN A MICRO-WAVE
 - 17. A WATERPROOF RAINCOAT
 - 19. STARED SULLENLY
 - 20. SLANG FOR COOL
 - 23. REVOLVES
 - 24. DON'T KNOW WHEN YET
 - 25. SPORTS SHOE
 - 26. OPPOSITE OF BEGINNING
 - 27. CHEVY SEDAN MODEL
 - 28. COMMUNIST NICKNAME
 - 29. 007'S FLEMMING
 - 30. DRAMA AWARDS
 - 31. BADGERED
 - 32. TOWARDS LAND
 - 33. LEASEHOLDER
 - 34. CAPITAL OF GYEONGGI-DO
 - 36. YELLOWSTONE OR CENTRAL



DECEMBER/JANUARY Dates to Remember:

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- Germany & Italy Declared War on U.S. Wednesday 11th (1941)
- Winter Begins Sat. 21st
- Christmas Day Wednesday 25th & Kwanzaa Thursday 26th
- World War 11 Ended Tues 31st (1946)
- New Year's Day January 1st
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To recognize GivingTuesday and the end of the year. To learn more about GivingTuesday, visit www.GivingTuesday.org. For more information on the Community Wish List, Main Street Community Foundation or how you can make a difference to a nonprofit, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org or call the Foundation at 860.583.6363

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There will be an abundance of entertainment featuring both youth and adults. The performers include an exciting mix of professionals and non-professionals who will offer an eclectic show consisting of African drumming and dancing, gospel, jazz, soul, pop, hip hop music selections, and skits.

The Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has worked for 26 years to help children reach their full potential through the arts, and to foster multi-cultural appreciation. These programs are made possible in part through grants from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, American Savings Foundation, and Greater Hartford Arts Council.

For more information about our organization visit us at : www.queenannnzingacenter.org or qancinc@gmail.com or call: 860-229-8389 Adrian Elliott, Executive Assistant, Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc

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From My Balcony

By Jeannette Hinkson

As the year 2014 comes into view I would like to reflect on some things that have formed our past and stories about persons that have been around to make Plainville the town it is today. Many have given of their time to serve on boards, commissions and even the council, making sure the town runs as efficiently as possible. Good, bad or indifferently they have done their job as best they could. Few realize these people, that dedicate time, receive no pay and in many instances little or no thanks from those that expect more than these volunteers can deliver. Most of those that complain the loudest have never served on a board or commission nor have they ever been elected to public office. Remember that old saying, "Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes." It is my hope that everyone that sits on a dais has the best interest of the people they represent and before making accusations remember that old saying of walking in someone else's shoes. Plainville is not a rich town and the people who live here work very hard for their money and we all expect those that spend it, spend it wisely. There are many

openings on various board and commissions, and if you think it is so easy might I suggest you volunteer for one of those positions, Mr. Lee's office has a list of what positions are open.

Over seventeen years ago the Plainville Hometown Connection was formed when Helen Bergenty had a vision, a vision of Plainville having its own newspaper. Helen called a meeting of other interested persons. People that felt Plainville was in need of a voice and the paper came into being. Over the years, we that have brought the news to the residents of the town and we have been called many names, many not so nice but like those that run the town we have done our best. We have seen many town managers come and go along with many councilmen and woman as well. Dozens of volunteers have served on the paper, some started by writing, running the computers or even cleaning up around the office. There were those that went on to college and even worked for publications in large cities after getting their start with the HTC. Many found their lives too busy and left the paper but we thank them for the time they spent with us, it was a pleasure. The original incorporators of the paper have changed very little and I can only attribute that to one person and that is Helen Bergenty. After

some seventeen plus years Helen can still be found working late into the night on a story or picture for the paper. Every story is important to those that work on the paper each month and know the people that read the paper love each of your pictures or your stories, be it the picture of a new grandchild, the opening of a business, a story written by a business owner, a citizen or perhaps the sad news of the passing of a dear friend. Each article is of the utmost importance to those that work on the paper as well as our readers, you are what has made the paper what it is today. When you pass the office of the Hometown Connection at ten, eleven or twelve at night and you see a light on, toot, Helen is there making sure all the news is getting on the right page of the paper. Remember the old saying I told you about, walking a mile in someone else's shoes? Well, I can tell you from experience, just try walking a mile in Helens shoes or even try following her for a day and by God you'll have sore feet. If this sounds like a small tribute to everyone I have mentioned I guess you can say that, and to Helen and all those that have a great love for Plainville and its' people I again say thank you. For those that have just embarked on a new position in town government I wish you good luck, you'll need it...



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HOLIDAY CONCERT

Come to the Senior Center on Wednesday December 18th at 11:00 a.m. and hear the musical talents of this choir made up of approximately 60 students from Toffolon School. They will be traveling around the area, sharing the joy of the Holiday Season. Following the concert, stay for lunch in the Café. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728 to register.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

The Plainville Senior Center holds a delicious homemade traditional Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 25 at 11:30 a.m. for Center members who would otherwise be alone on the holiday. Volunteers are available to drive those who need a ride to the Center. Plainville residents who are homebound may call the Center and have the dinner delivered. To register for the dinner, volunteer at the dinner or volunteer to deliver dinners, please call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, before December 19. At the time of registration, let us know if a ride will be needed or if the dinner should be delivered. There is no charge for the dinner, but donations are greatly appreciated.

VIOLIN CONCERT AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Enjoy a classical violin concert performed by Lily Guberman and Lisa Glowacki, violinist with the West Hartford Symphony on Friday, December 27 at 10:00 a.m. Concert is free, call the Plainville Senior Center 860-747-5728 beginning December 2nd to register.

YOUR MONEY, YOUR LIFE; A GUIDE TO MANGING YOUR FINANCES

Come to the Plainville Senior Center for a Debt Management Workshop, on Tuesday December 17 at 1:00 p.m. This workshop is for Center members and will go over concepts of getting out of debt and ways to accelerate debt reduction. It will also discuss budgeting to get out debt as well as creating an overall plan to get out of debt. This course is free, call the Senior Center to register 860-747-5728.

DENTAL CLINIC AT THE SENIOR CENTER

On Wednesday, January 15, Community Health Center, Inc. will provide a dental clinic for

members of the Plainville Senior Center. The cost is \$30.00 for individuals without insurance. Call the Senior Center 860-747-5728 to schedule an appointment.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY

An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held at the Plainville Senior Center on Monday, December 16 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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

The cost for the class is \$12.00 for AARP members, providing a membership number and \$14.00 for other attendees. Register and pay at the Plainville Senior Center in advance, between 9:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

QUESTIONS FOR A SOCIAL WORKER

Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will be available to answer questions on a "walk-in basis" (no appointment needed) on December 9 and 23, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Stephanie will be available to answer questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare Savings Program, Housing Options, Alzheimer's Help, Caregiving, Homecare etc. No registration is necessary for these one-on-one meetings. This program is open to Plainville Senior Center Members who are residents of Plainville. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for more information.

CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS

Bette Smith, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will be hosting a caregiving connections day on Tuesday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. to get residents energized and ready to meet the challenges of caregiving during the holiday season. This program is open to the public. Call Bette at Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to register.

GRANDPARENTS/RELATIVES RASING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

The Plainville Senior Center offers a monthly support group for Grandparents, or relatives who are raising a grandchild, niece or nephew. Join the Senior Center on Wednesday December 11, at 10:30 a.m. to share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren. Call the Senior Center 860-747-5728 to register.

POOL PLAYERS CLINIC

There will be a pool player's clinic on Mondays, 10:30-12:00 at the Plainville Senior Center. Improve your game; learn good mechanics and cue ball control.

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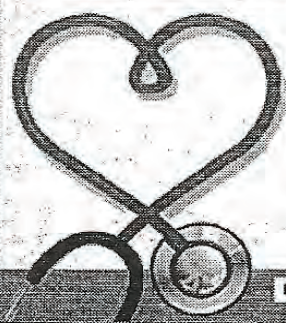
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Are you 2014 Ready?

By: *Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach*

Wow, where did 2013 go? While every year has its ups and down, I hope you had many moments that you are grateful for, that challenged you, and created positive change. Personally, it was a wild year for me as I left many years of corporate work to focus on my health coaching business. I'm extremely grateful for all the people who cheered me on, supported and took a chance on me. For all of you, I thank you and wish you so much more in return.

I'm not going to ask about your New Year Resolutions or Goals, because, well – that's old hat. While these are all done with good intentions, I would rather see you to focus on identifying your true purpose, your uniqueness that will transform you from just okay to GREAT! As I mentioned in my Blue Zones article last year, the most happy and healthy people in the world all have a strong sense of purpose.

Look out 5-10 years and visualize what your life could be. Consider how you are currently feeling, your perception of how you look, your energy, your happiness level and your general contentment with your current state. Ask yourself this. If I continue with my current habits of eating, exercise, career, relationships and spirituality, is my situation likely to improve with years or get worse?

If you feel like your true purpose is unclear, you are busy all the time, but don't feel rewarded or valued for your hard work, or you feel that you have lost that zest for life, it might be time to take inventory and reframe those things that are not working for you and add in some things that make you feel excited about life. Think of this as "Your Glorious Life" experiment.

Wondering where to start? Why not begin with a journal. Writing down what you are thinking or feeling can add a lot of clarity to identifying your true purpose. Find a time each day when you can devote 15 minutes to this. Commit to write at least 3 pages and start with anything that comes to mind. Start to recognize where your thoughts and efforts are focused. When I started this, I noticed how totally consumed I was with my "To Do" lists. My satisfaction in life came from ticking these off. I finally noticed that very few of these to do's had anything to do with what I wanted or needed to be fulfilled. Slowly I started focused on what I wanted "To Be". While, I still have my shopping lists and errands, this process gradually helped me to shift my priorities and let in more of what truly nourishes me.

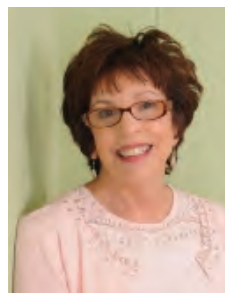
Here are a few questions you can focus on in your journal.

1. What are the elements of a perfect day in your world?
2. What is your greatest hope for yourself?
3. What is your greatest fear?
4. What are three things for which you are grateful?
5. Where do you want to put your energy?
6. What messages does your heart hold for you?
7. How can you begin to relax more?
8. What is an intention or a hope that you hold for yourself?

What else can you do? Don't forget those leafy green vegetables and seasonal fruits. They will provide the shot of nourishment your cells need as you sort all this out. My intention or hope for all of you is to have a Glorious 2014! Let me know how you are doing with this and if I can support you in your journey!

Happy New Year!

Linda Coveney is an AADP Certified Health Coach who provides one-one coaching and group wellness programs. She has office space at Vital Life Center in Plainville and can offer a quiet, comfortable space for health coaching meetings. She can also help your organization set up wellness programs that are sustainable and deliver results for both the employer and employee. Her advice and articles are not meant to replace a one-on-one relationship with a qualified health care professional, and they are not intended as medical advice. You can reach her through www.healthy-behaviors.com or lindacoveney@healthy-behaviors.com.



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Mini Holiday Shopping Guide

I thought this month I would write a quick holiday shopping guide for tech stuff. In each of the categories below I'll list my recommended gadgets with a brief description. Here we go.....

Tablets: So many to choose from. Here are just a few of my favorites.

- Google Nexus 7 – Starting at \$229 – Great Android tablet with a sharp, 7" screen.
- Dell Venue 8 Pro – Starting at \$299 – Great tablet with a full version of Windows, 8" screen.
- Apple iPad Air – Starting at \$499 – Quality and Ease of Use. Fast, light, and sharp 9.7" screen.

Laptops: Too many to recommend here. But, here are a few things to look for when buying one.

- Intel processor- Look for "Haswell" based processor. i3, i5, or i7
- At least 4 Gigabytes of RAM. 8GB is the sweet spot.
- Add speed and improve data safety with a Solid State Drive (SSD).
- On the move? Look for 11-13" screen, thin, light.
- Average use? 15.4" is the sweet spot.
- Desktop Replacement? 17" screen will work well. Heavier.
- Windows 8.1 is better with a touch screen. Look for a laptop with one.
- Look for "convertibles" or "hybrids" if you want the features of a laptop and tablet.
- Don't spend less than \$400 for Windows laptops.
- The sweet spot is \$600-800. Best balance of quality and value.
- Premium price point is \$1000+

Looking for a basic device for internet use only? Consider a Chromebook from Google starting at \$299. Remember though, it is essentially only for doing stuff on the internet using the Chrome web browser. Chrome has its version of apps that are all internet based. If all you're using it for is internet, this is a great option.

Smartphones: My favorites from each platform (Android, Windows, and Apple iOS) Android:

- Motorola Moto X – Customizable, Available on all major carriers.
- HTC One – Solid feel, Available on all major carriers.
- Google Nexus 5 – Pure Android experience, Available on most major carriers (Not on Verizon)

Windows:

- Nokia Lumia 1020 – Best Camera, AT&T.
- Nokia Lumia 92x series – Quality, 925 on T-Mobile, 928 on Verizon.
- HTC Windows Phone 8X – Comfortable feel, Available on Sprint, T-Mobile, AT&T.

Apple iOS:

- iPhone 5s – Latest and greatest, available on all major carriers.
- iPhone 5c – Colorful options, available on all major carriers.
- iPhone 4s – Bargain price, available on all major carriers.

Gaming Consoles: Reviews suggest the newly released Xbox One and Playstation 4 are a little buggy. Some may want to wait a while to buy.

- Xbox One – Latest and greatest xBox. Great all around living room entertainment center. Starting at \$499.
- Playstation 4 – Latest and greatest Playstation. Great gaming system with entertainment features. Starting at \$399.
- xBox 360 and Playstation 3 are still available, still relevant, and games are still being made for it. Great bargain option.

Other Ideas for Tech Gifts:

- Gift cards for music, tv, movie fans at iTunes or Google Play Store.
- A gift subscription to music services like Spotify, rdio, MOG, or Rhapsody gives them access to libraries with millions of songs.
- Need a gift for a student? Try a one year subscription to Microsoft Office 365 Premium. \$99 per year gives them the latest version of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Publisher, 20GB of storage on Skydrive, 60 Skype-to-phone minutes per month and more.
- Consider a gift subscription to a video streaming service like Netflix (1, 2, 3, 6, or 12 month packs) or get additional benefits of an Amazon Prime gift subscription. Not only does Prime give you a large library of TV shows and movies, but you get free 2 day shipping on millions of items and access to over 350,000 Kindle books to borrow for free. It's a great deal for \$79 per year.
- Roku 3 – Under \$100 gives access to hundreds of free and pay streaming video services.
- Bluetooth Speaker – For smartphone and tablet users to listen to music. Good ones start at about \$50.

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

*I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year.
Happy Holidays to All!!!*

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Information About Mental Health and Mental Illness

By: Kimberly K. Saucier, PMHNP-BC

The topics in this section provide general information about mental illness. If you are a consumer or family member seeking more detailed information about the treatment for mental illness, we encourage you to contact your local Mental Health Provider.

General Facts:

- Between 28 and 30 percent of the U.S. population has a mental health disorder, substance abuse disorder, or both.
- Although about nine percent of American adults have depression, less than four percent have been diagnosed with the disorder and only one-fifth will receive the care they need to treat the condition.
- As many as 8 million Americans who have serious mental illnesses do not receive adequate treatment each year, usually because they have no insurance benefits or have exhausted their benefits.
- One in five American families has at least one member who lacks health insurance coverage, a situation that can place the entire family at risk for poor health and financial ruin.
- Untreated and mistreated mental illness costs the United States \$150 billion in lost productivity and \$8 billion in crime and welfare expenditures each year. Nearly two-thirds of boys and three-quarters of girls in juvenile detention centers have a psychiatric disorder. Kids who say other students bully them at school are 50 percent more likely to admit they brought weapons to school during the past month than students who've never bullied or been bullied. About every two hours, a young person kills himself or herself. Three million teenagers have considered or attempted suicide in the past year. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people under 24 years old after accidents and homicide.

College Students

- Nearly 15 percent of college students have been diagnosed with depression.
- The suicide rate among males between the ages of 15 and 24 has nearly quadrupled over the last 60 years, and the rate among females in the same group has doubled.

For more information visit: American Psychiatric Association (external)

Workplace

- One in four people report they've missed work as a result of work-related stress.
- Workers who abuse drugs cost their employers twice as much in medical and worker compensation claims as workers who do not abuse drugs.

For more information about workplace mental health visit:

www.workplacementalhealth.org (external)

Older Adults

- About 11 percent of adults over age 55 have an anxiety disorder.
- Medical treatment outcomes are worse when complicated by mental health problems. For example, rehabilitation from a hip fracture or a heart attack is less successful and more expensive when complicated by depression.

For more information on mental health in older adults visit:

American Psychiatric Association (external)

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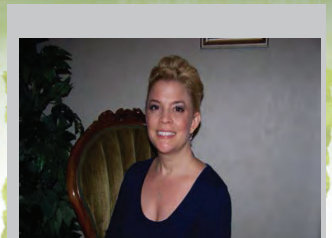
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AARP Chapter #4146 Guest Speaker Speaks on Access Health CT



Stephanie Soucy, Social Associate from the Plainville Senior Center was the guest speaker at the Chapters recent meeting held at the Plainville Library. Her topic was very informative about what the future holds for medical services.

Did you know that Connecticut has a new health insurance marketplace? It's called Access Health CT. Connecticut's Official Health Insurance Marketplace opened for residents and small business owners. Coverage can begin as early as January 1, 2014.

You'll be required to have health coverage on January 1, 2014. If you don't, you may have to pay a penalty. Members over 65 years old on Medicare don't have to worry.

For persons not on Medicare you can get covered with Access Health CT. Contact a Navigator or Broker for help enrolling Call 1-855-805-4325. Learn more by visiting our website AccessHealthCT.com

Everyone needs health care coverage. Protect yourself and your family. Ms Soucy conducted a question and answer period which was very informative members had concerns for family member under 65 years old.

Any member not attending can contact Ms. Soucy at the Senior Center.

Thank you for your support!

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all of the people who have supported me over the past year during my run for Town Council. Thanks to all who gave advice.

To the citizens of Plainville, I look forward to having bipartisan support on current and future issues before the town. I look forward to proving to you over the next two years that I will do what is in the best interest for every citizen of our community. Your opinions are most important and I will listen openly and freely. To the best of my ability I will work to enhance our community. Please remember that local elections affect our everyday lives much more than most.

To the candidates not elected, thank you for standing up to enrich our community; each one of you had great intentions for everyone in our town and I am sure you will continue to work to better the community. To all of the candidates who were elected, I look forward to learning from you and working with you to keep our town a beautiful, progressive and prosperous place to live.

Sincerely, Patrick M. Kilby, Plainville Town Council

Support for the P.H.S.FIRST Robotics Team

Crowley Ford Lincoln and Plainville High School are partnered on November 16th for **Lincoln's Driven To Give** event. At this important event, members of the community supported the start-up of a FIRST Robotics team at Plainville High School simply by taking a test-drive in any Lincoln vehicle at the school! For every test drive taken, Lincoln and Crowley Ford Lincoln donated \$20 to the school! In total, the community can help raise up to \$8,000, an amount that will prove to be beneficial to their mission! This fundraising event is a unique way to fill some of the funds necessary to running a robotics team. A fun filled day was planned at the school - with face painting, hot chocolate, coffee, cider and more!

To date, Lincoln dealerships and local communities across the United States have helped raised more than \$1.5 million for educational or charitable organizations thanks to their hard work and partnership with the **Driven To Give program**. To Learn more about FIRST, go to www.usfirst.org. (Picture of the event is on Page 25)

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2014 PHS/YMCA PROJECT GRADUATION NEWS

The next meeting for the 2014 Plainville High School Project Graduation is **Wednesday, December 4th, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.** Project Graduation is an all night alcohol and drug-free party, held for Plainville High School Seniors right after the graduation ceremony. The party is held at the YMCA the night of graduation and is filled with many fun activities. All Senior and Junior parents are invited to attend the meetings. If interested in helping, please contact **Dawn Angelillo at: 860-637-6640.**

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, January 8th, 2014
 Wednesday, February 5th, 2014
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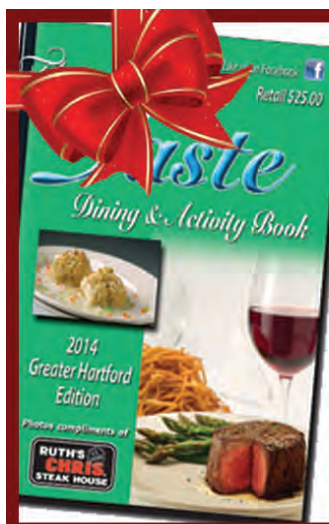


Drop off at the YMCA on **January 25th, 2014** from **10 am - Noon** in the lobby or call: **Dawn Angelillo at: 860-637-6640** to arrange for a pick-up. Future drop-off dates at the YMCA: **February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th.**

Plainville Republicans Celebrate Victory With Christmas Party

by Helen Bergenty

The Plainville Republican Town Committee is celebrating their November victory at a Christmas Party Wednesday, November 18th at Pagliacci's Restaurant, 333 East Street, Plainville CT. The Town Committee welcomes all to join in their celebration. Meals are \$20.00 per person - tax, tip included. Contact Helen Bergenty for reservations 860-747-3905.



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A Four Generations attended: student Skylar Miller, her mom is sitting next to her, Kelly Miller and her grandmother is wearing the blue and white shirt. Her name is Debra Starnes and the great grandmother (in the orange) is Anna Wagner. The great grandmother, Anna is here visiting from Philadelphia.



Eagle Scout Justin Freite

The community service project was coordinated and managed by Boy Scout, Justin Freites of Troop 67 in Plainville.

His project was to erect a flag pole with American flag and install by the Faith Bible Church at the corner of Unionville Ave and Northwest Drive.

To fund the project Justin organized a car wash which was held in the churches parking lot this past October. He received approval for the project from the Faith Bible Church Pastor Jim Carron. Helping Justin attain his goal were the following fellow scouts Jarred Karal, Sam Mankowski, Robert Norris, Ethan Hushin, Adam Hushin, Trevor Roy and Tyler Roy.

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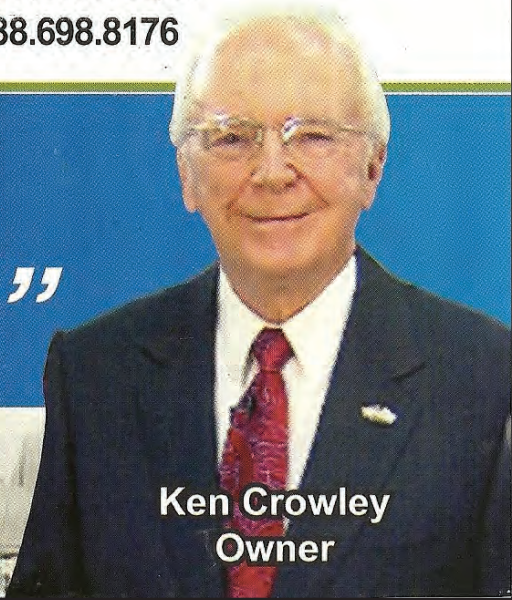
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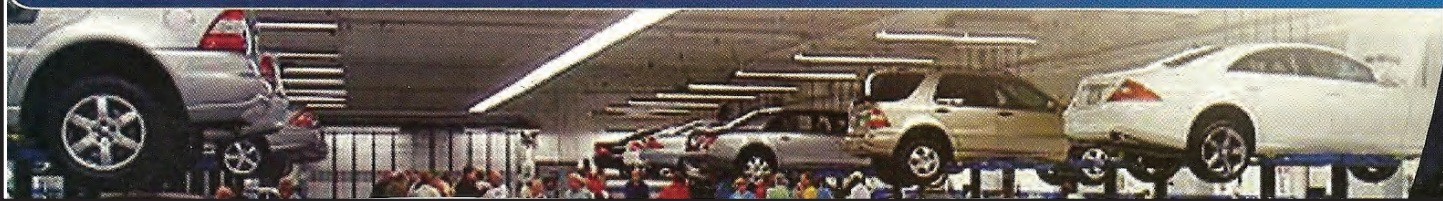
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East Hampton Cribbage players visited the Plainville Cribbage players last week for a return tournament. They were guest for lunch at the Senior Centers Cafe. Pictured above are the Plainville Seniors and Pictured below are the East Hampton players. "Great friendships were made with the two visits."



GFWC FALL CONFERENCE



Maria Wynkoop of Plainville Woman's Club recently received her 25 year pin at the GFWC Fall Conference held at the Hawks Landing in Southington. Pictured Left to right: Maryellen Brock, National GFWC 2nd Vice President, Audrey Zack, President Plainville Woman's Club, Nancy Kalyan, President Connecticut GFWC, Maria Wynkoop and Sheila Vetter, Membership Chairman Connecticut GFWC.

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Plainville's Grand Knight Mark German recently presented to Frank Robinson, President of PARC, a donation of \$929 in support of individuals, families, healthy living activities, and programming.

Many local councils across Connecticut, including the Reverend Gerald T. Corrigan Council No.3544 of Plainville, participate in the Knights of Columbus nationwide "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities". Each fall Plainville council members spend time in the community collecting donations and offering a Tootsie Roll candy in appreciation. Plainville Knights council program chairperson Doug Wright organized the members to support Plainville's PARC, Inc. which has been in existence for more than 50 years and serves individuals with developmental disabilities in Plainville and its surrounding communities.

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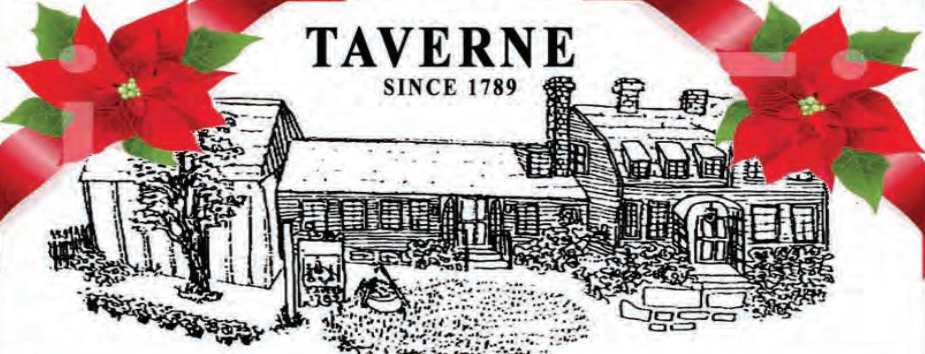
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Plainville United Methodist Church Annual Food Drive At Gnazzo Food Center



Pictured with Daniel Michaud (center) are two of the many volunteers that spent the week-end collecting the much needed food and supplies for the Plainville Food Pantry.

“TOYS FOR TOTS”

25th Marine Dev Located in Plainville



Sgt. Ryan Magana (Pictured) gave us a tour of the Marine Center as they prepare for the “Annual Toys for Tots” for children in Hartford County

God's Grocery Store



Food Share of Connecticut distributes food every Wednesday at the Plainville Seventh Day ADVENTIST CHURCH, 97 Broad Street. Pictured above on the left are our local Food Share volunteers helping with the distribution. Not in order are Pedro Gruenez, Donna Clayton, Cynthia Gingras, Raymond Cormier, Laurie Tompkins, Melissa Duprey and Marcia A. Kost. On the right are the volunteer truck drivers that deliver the products to Plainville each week. In proper order the are Devin Allen, Vincent Beck, Carlos Marque and Charles Murry Tompkins. The center picture speaks for itself.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Held at Crowley Auto In November



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As we celebrate the 238th birthday of the United States Marine Corps today, it is fascinating to explore why the smallest branch of the US Armed Forces holds such a big place in American society.

To start, Marines historically have taken disproportionate casualties, a trend that has continued during the Global War on Terror. The Marine Corps presently makes up less than eleven percent of the U.S. military but more than twenty-three percent of the Americans killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan are Marines.

The Corps' history of battlefield success against long odds is also a primary reason why the sight of a Marine in Dress Blues or a bagpiper belting out the Marine Corps hymn has an immediate positive impact on a huge chunk of the American population.

Marines protected Washington DC from three major British assaults during the War of 1812 and stopped the German advance at the battle of Belleau Wood in WWI. Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal and Okinawa were bloodbaths but the Marine Corps accomplished the mission and revolutionized amphibious warfare.

Even in less popular conflicts, the Corps added to its reputation. Marines outnumbered eight to one broke through communist Chinese lines and inflicted devastating casualties on the enemy during the bitter cold Chosin Reservoir campaign in Korea. Leathernecks also distinguished themselves by fighting house to house in Hue City, Vietnam and crushing the insurgency in Fallujah, Iraq.

The Corps' commitment to its own glorious history is remarkable and inspires present and future generations of Marines. No Marine graduates boot camp without knowing about the battle for Tarawa, an island that was so heavily fortified the Japanese Commander charged with defending it bragged that it would take a million men attacking for one hundred years to take it. The 2nd Marine Division took Tarawa in less than four days.

Likewise, every Marine puts on the uniform knowing that he or she must live up to the standards set by Marine Corps giants like Lt. General Chesty Puller (5 Navy Crosses), Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone (Medal of Honor, Navy Cross) and Sergeant Major Dan Daly (2 Medals of Honor). This creates an environment where every Marine wants to overachieve, perpetually propelling the Corps to new heights.

The Marine Corps' legacy is even enhanced by its political incorrectness. Marines do what is best for Country and Corps and care not what the elites in government, academia or the press think about their old school ways. For example, the Marine Corps is the only branch that trains men and women separately. Single-gender training is anachronistic to some but it's hard to argue with the Marine Corps' success.

Finally, no organization has a more zealous alumni than the Marines. A few good men have established more than 600 national Marine Corps organizations with thousands of local chapters. The largest such group, the Marine Corps League, has more than 900 community-based detachments throughout the United States.

Enhancing the impact that Marine Corps alumni have on its storied reputation, many former Marines have made huge impacts on the World. The first American to orbit the earth and the last ballplayer to bat .400, John Glenn and Ted Williams respectively, were proud Marines who served together. Fredrick W. Smith who founded FedEx and former Secretary of State and White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker also claimed the title United States Marine.

Because of this rich heritage the Marine Corps' entire recruiting philosophy is essentially: we pay less and take more casualties. Despite the seemingly uninviting pitch, new recruits keep pouring in. Even a few years back when the other branches struggled mightily to fill their ranks as the Iraq war declined in popularity, the Marine Corps routinely exceeded its goals.

President Ronald Reagan summed up perfectly why America loves the Marine Corps when he said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."

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~ Ferinando (Fred) A. Gentile ~



82, of Barkhamsted, CT, devoted husband to Lorraine (Frawley) Gentile, passed on 7/28/13 surrounded by family. Born in Bristol, son of the late Fred & Mary (Mikosky) Gentile, he lived in Barkhamsted for 40 yrs. Fred served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and worked at Pratt & Whitney (E. Htd.) for 35 yrs. He was an artist, musician, golfer, hunter, fisherman, provider and father to many with a big heart and captivating smile.

Holding him in our hearts forever are his wife and guiding light, Lorraine; three daughters Betsy Gentile (& partner Vincent Maliszewski) of Goshen, Amy Gentile of Barkhamsted, Donna Gentile (& partner Steven Troop) of Pine Meadow; son Robert Thompson (& wife Sandra) of Dallas, TX; sister Theresa Burgeson (& husband Oscar) of Bristol; three grandchildren Kira Gentile of Pine Meadow, Hunter and Lauren Thompson of Austin, TX; and many nieces, nephews & friends. He was predeceased by sister Irene McGuigan (& husband James). Life Celebration was at Ski Sundown, 126 Ratlum Rd, New Hartford, military honors followed by readings, music & cook-out. In lieu of flowers, please donate to "The Farmington River Watershed Assn." 749 Hopemeadow St, Simsbury, CT 06070 and notate "In memory of Fred Gentile." For condolences please visit carmonfuneralhome.com.



Photo illustration by Betsy Gentile. Photo of Fred Gentile courtesy of Bob Thompson. Eagle photo by iStock Photo.

~ CROSSING OVER ~

A song inspired by Tecumseh (Shawnee, 1786-1813) and written by Donna Gentile for her Dad, Fred Gentile, who crossed over the Great Divide on July 28, 2013.

Dad your time has come
To cross the Great Divide
We're all here to help you make it
To the other side

You gave your children confidence
Strength to walk the road
And like the Great Bald Eagle
To the mountains you will go

There's some things need sayin
While you close your eyes
Not sure words can say it all
Forgive me if I cry

(CHORUS)

Dad your time has come
To cross the Great Divide
We're all here to help you make it
To the other side

(CHORUS)
Take flight, into the blue pink sky
Open up your wings and fly
Become the Eagle with power and grace
Feel your freedom and fly

(CHORUS)

Feel your freedom and fly
Feel your freedom and fly

Your wife has been your guide in life
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OBITUARIES

~ Corinne M. (Chamberland) Caron ~



69, of Webster, MA, wife of Valdrick Caron, passed away surrounded by her family on Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

Born and raised in St. Agatha, Maine, Corinne was one of eleven children to the late Simon and Weeda (Couturier) Chamberland. A graduate of St. Agatha High School, Corinne and Valdrick settled in Plainville where they raised their family of three and shared 49 years together. She was a 1987 retiree of Black and Decker, formerly Emhart, after 27 years of service. Corinne enjoyed her retirement years surrounded by her family, knitting, crocheting, and playing card games with her three adored grandchildren. Having endured a 30 year battle with Multiple Sclerosis, Corinne leaves her family with a legacy of admirable strength and boundless love, and will be dearly missed.

In addition to her husband, she leaves her children, Shelly Caron and her companion, Jason Beebe, Mark Caron and his companion, John Nys, and Tammy Patnaude and her husband, Micheal; her three grandchildren, Jordan L'Heureux and his wife, Sylvanna, Alec and Joshua Patnaude; her brothers and sisters, Edward and Phillip Chamberland, Gladys Cloukey, Jeannine Maagero, Aline Charette, and Pauline Plourde; along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Reid, Camille, Richard, and Elmer.

Corinne's family extends their gratitude to the Central MA Hospice, especially her nurses, Jeannine and Karen, and her doctor, Angie, for their compassionate care and kindness shown during her last days with them.

Visitation was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services will be held privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Corinne may be remembered with contributions to the National MS Society, PO Box 4527, New York, NY 10163 or the Central MA Hospice, 191 Pakachoag St, Auburn, Ma 01501.

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

~ Richard "Dick" Cronin ~



78, of Daytona Beach, FL, formerly of Plainville, passed away following a brief illness on October 11, 2013.



Born in Bridgeport on December 7, 1934, he was one of four children to the late Edward and Julia Cronin.

He was raised and educated in Seymour, enlisting in the U.S. Air Force shortly upon graduating. He proudly served his country from 1954 thru 1958, receiving an honorable discharge. Dick married the love of his life, Beverly (Dery) in 1963, recently celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Dick had a lifelong love of family, travel, the beach and car racing. He was a master electrician, working for various companies throughout his career. He and Beverly fulfilled their love for the beach, retiring to Florida 10 years ago, where he was able to continue his passion for racing and NASCAR living near Daytona International Speedway. A loving husband and father, Dick's proudest role was that of a devoted grandfather for his six adored grandchildren; all who will miss him dearly.

In addition to his wife, Beverly, he leaves his daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and Jay Cassineri of Plainville and Carol and Marc Gordnier of Chesapeake, VA; his grandchildren, Nicole Zaza, Samantha Zaza, Alexandra Zaza, Joseph Cassineri, Beau Gordnier, and Lea Gordnier; his brothers, Edward and his wife, Florence and John and his wife, Ellen, all of Seymour; his brother-in-law, David Greywacz; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Anne Greywacz.

A celebration of Dick's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville with a service of remembrance and Military Honors. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Evelyn (Fraser) Dowd ~



92, of Plainville, passed away with her daughters by her side, on Saturday, November 2, 2013. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, Francis, who predeceased her in 2009.

Born in Scotland on February 14, 1921, Evelyn was one of four children to the late William and Christina (Calder) Fraser, and the late John M.C. Vallantyne, moving to the United States in 1923. She and Francis were longtime residents of Plainville, where they raised their two daughters and shared 63 years of marriage. She spent many years working in the electrical wiring and manufacturing industry, initially for Landers, Frary, and Clark in New Britain until 1964, and retired from Pratt & Whitney in West Hartford after 20 years of service. A lifelong, devoted member of the United Methodist Church, Evelyn also was a member of the Plainville Senior Center. She enjoyed playing BINGO, and shared many happy camping trips with her family. She will be greatly missed, and is now at peace, leaving many cherished memories.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Dowd of Plainville and Nancy Morrissey and her husband, Ronald of Bristol; her brother, Alastair Fraser of North Andover, MA, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Dorothy O'Sullivan and Irene Goyette.

Funeral services in celebration of Evelyn's life were held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a service at the Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Redstone Hill, Plainville. Evelyn may be remembered with contributions to the Book of Remembrance, Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Redstone Hill Plainville, CT. 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ James J. Lapila ~



57, of Plainville, husband of Patricia (Pagliaro) passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 03, 2013 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Jim was born in New Britain on July 12, 1956, one of two sons of Grace (Galiano) Lapila of Berlin and the late James Lapila. A 1974 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, he went on to attend Central Connecticut State College, earning his business degree. He and Patty shared 21 years together, bringing into this world their adored twin boys. He had a career in sales for Hartford Distributors for more than 20 years, where he leaves many friends and business associates. A sports enthusiast and classic rock fan, he enjoyed going to concerts, and was happy to see the Red Sox win last week. A devoted son, husband, and father, Jim centered his life around his family, especially his sons, and will be greatly missed, leaving many cherished memories.

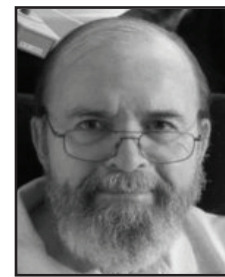
In addition to his wife, Patricia, and his mother, he leaves his sons, James and Matthew; his brother, Larry Lapila and his wife, Heidi of Berlin; his nieces and nephews, Anthony, Gina, Louis, Nick, Christie, Eric, Jonny, and Jaclyn; his mother and father-in-law, Joseph and Barbara Pagliaro; his extended Pagliaro family; and his faithful canine companion, Kelly.

A celebration of Jim's life was at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 355 Camp St, Bristol. Committal services followed at West Cemetery, Plainville. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, Jim may be remembered with contributions to the James J. Lapila Memorial Fund, to benefit James and Matthew, c/o Webster Bank, 40 Webster Sq., Berlin, CT 06037.

For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Jim's tribute page at www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

The Hometown Connection sincerely apologizes to Mrs. Paricia B. Smith and the family of Russell Edmund Smith for mistakenly printing his obituary under the incorrect name in last month's issue. We also apologize to Mrs. Janice (Aiudi) Strasser and family for printing Kevin J. Strasser's name incorrectly with Mr. Smith's obituary. Mr. Strasser's obituary ran correctly in the October 2013 issue and below is the corrected obituary for Mr. Smith. We are truly sorry for any pain this may have caused their loved ones.

~ Russell Edmund Smith ~



75, of Shavertown, Pennsylvania, formerly of Plainville, Connecticut, passed away Monday October 7, 2013 at the United Methodist Homes Wesley Village Campus, Jenkins Township, PA.

He was born in Plainville, CT on August 15, 1938 to the late Loyal Lauridsen Smith and Mary Fleming Smith. He graduated from Plainville High School in 1956, and was president of the senior class. At PHS he played football, basketball and baseball, pitching for the Blue Devils. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN in 1960 with a B.S. in Business Administration. He was a Monogram Club member at Notre Dame, earning his letter as the manager of the baseball team.

Russ went to work in the Field Lease Department of Aetna Life Insurance Company in Hartford, CT in 1960 and remained at Aetna until 1989 when he retired as an officer of the company. He then relocated the family to PA to work for Prudential Asset Management Company as Director of Defined Contribution until he retired again in 1994.

He was an active member of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville, CT, initially serving as an altar boy in the 1940's and 1950's as well as serving for many years on the parish finance council. He later became an active member of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown, PA, also serving on the parish finance council.

Russ was a founding member of the Tridex Investment Club in Plainville, CT. He was also a founding member of the Plainville Exchange Club. He was co-owner of Connecticut Gold Stamping, a business he shared with his good friend, Thomas P. Maskery. He continued his lifelong interest in sports, playing golf and softball in Plainville's "Over 35" league.

Russ is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Patricia Blair Smith; their four children, Cara Smith Shackelford and her husband Patrick, of Erwin, NC; Michael Loyal Smith and his wife Sandra, of Milford, OH; Maureen Hamilton Doctoroff and her husband Jeffrey of Medfield, MA; and Samuel Franklin Smith, of Natick, MA; and six granddaughters, Julia Shackelford, Diana Shackelford, Maura Smith, Abigail Smith, Hannah Doctoroff and Lillian Doctoroff. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Smith Wrona and her husband Edward of Wallingford, CT.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Avenue and Davis Street, Shavertown. The Reverend James J. Paisley officiated.

A prayer service was held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville, CT 06062. Interment was made in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Plainville, CT.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis Street, Shavertown, PA 18708 or to the Holy Cross Association, Box 771, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

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WORSHIP TIME 10:00AM

REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesday Ladies.....Tuesdays, 9:30 AM
 Boy Scouts..... Tuesdays, 7 PM
 AA.....Sun., Mon. & Wed., 7 PM
 AL-Anon.....Mondays, 7 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY-WORSHIP

WITH HOLY COMMUNION:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 10 AM

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION:

SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 10 AM

CHRISTMAS TEA:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 4 PM

SLEIGH BELLS CRAFT FAIR

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT WORSHIP:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7 PM

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF):

FRIDAYS, DECEMBER 6, 20 &
 JANUARY 3, 17, 6:30~8 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 4, 11, 18,
 7 TO 8:15 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22,
 FOLLOWING WORSHIP
 SUNDAYS, JANUARY 5, 12, 19, 26,
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 6:00 p.m.

Ladies Group

Wednesday Night Bible Study
 7:00 p.m.

New Study: "Angels and Demons"

Thursday Night Youth Bible Study
 7:00 p.m.

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Call the church for info/questions
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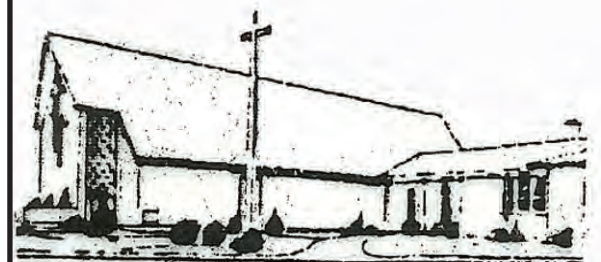


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Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

No Mass on Wednesdays

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December 1st Masses

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Christmas Masses

Tuesday December 24th

4:00 Pm and 10:00 pm

Wednesday December 25th

8:30 am and 10:30 am

New Year's Day Masses

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Wednesday January 1st

8:30 am and 10:30 am

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Sunday December 29th - 4 pm

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Service Of Light

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Christmas Eve:

Tuesday, December 24th

5 pm-Family Service

9 pm-Traditional Service

of Lessons & Carols

11 pm-Candlelight Communion Service

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~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP~

SUNDAY: Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship @ 12:00 Noon

TUESDAY: Prayer & Deliverance-7:00pm

Bible Class @ 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: 1st Evangelistic Service

2nd Pastor's Care~ 3rd Missionary Service

4th Men's Ministry~5th Youth Service

MONTHLY SERVICES

1st Sunday - Fellowship Day

2nd Sunday - Family and Friend's Day

3rd Sunday - Building Fund Day

4th Sunday - Pastor's Care Day

5th Sunday - Communion & Youth Day

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday School 9:00-9:40 a.m.

Praise & Worship 9:45-10:00 a.m.

Church Service 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY

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

BOARD MEETINGS

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

Gladys Floyd Missionary Society

(2nd Sun after service)

Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)

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

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

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

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

Trustee/Steward (2nd Sat of Aug., Oct., Dec.,

Feb. & Apr. at 9:30 a.m. and 2nd Mon. of

Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar. & May 16 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Senior (Sat before 1st Sun) 5:00 p.m.

Jubilee (Sat before 2nd/4th Sun) 5:00 p.m.

Mass/Youth choirs

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

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Pastor Rick Gibilisco

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SUNDAY 10:00 AM

-WEDNESDAY -

Mid Week Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 PM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Holy Communion 10:00 am

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Followed by coffee hour

Holy Communion in Spanish

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

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6:00 PM

Holy Communion Thursdays~12:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday - Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

PARISH PROGRAMS

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Wednesdays 3 to 6 PM

Daughters of the King Chapter

3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am

Open Mic Night

1st Wednesday of the month 7:00pm

Twelve Step Programs

Every Tuesday NA 7:30pm

Every Thursday AA 7:30pm

Every Saturday Women's AA 9:00am

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Isn't it wonderful when your dog will come when called? There are really only a few things you need to know to be able to train your dog to come reliably whenever you call. The most important thing to remember is that it must always be pleasant for your dog to come to you. Use treats and praise heavily during the training process. By praising along with giving a treat, you will make the praise as wonderful as the treat for the dog. This means that you won't always have to have a treat handy for your dog to come

happily.

The other side of this rule is that you should never call the dog to you for something that the dog will find unpleasant. This means you don't call your dog to give him a pill, or to stop playing, or to do anything else that you know your dog doesn't like.

But, you point out, sometimes you have to call the dog away from something he likes doing, such as playing, to do something he won't like as well, such as going back into the house. Now comes the secret - because of your dog's "now" mentality, you can call the dog to you give him a treat and praise him for about 30 seconds. Then you should pause for a breath or two before going on to whatever it was for which you needed your dog. Your dog will believe that he was called for the treat and praise, and then something unrelated happened. Just remember to call your dog frequently for just the treat and praise, and you will find this works like a charm!

Last but not least, let's work for a dog that walks nicely on leash. Starting as early as possible makes the process easier, because a young puppy wants to be near you, so often just talking (including lots of praise when your dog is walking nicely with you) works very well to set the pattern for your dog.

Of course, not everybody gets to start off with a young puppy. For an older puppy or adult dog that is not trained, treat based training usually work best. Your dog only gets to nibble on or have the treat when he is walking nicely at your side. As always, combine praise with the treat. The more independent your dog's temperament, the longer you will have to work to achieve your goal.

Remember in all dog training all members of the household must be consistent. If your dog can pull on the least without hearing a negative sound some of the time, your dog will believe it's OK to pull! Being consistent with treats and praise during the training process is just as important.

For dogs that are confirmed pullers and for humans who aren't strong enough to hold the dog back, there are several types of control products available. Two of the easiest to use are the Gentle Leader™ head collar and the Easy Walk™ harness. We would suggest having your dog fitted properly rather than just guessing on the size, because all control products require proper fit to work properly.

Happy Holidays to all, and see you in February!

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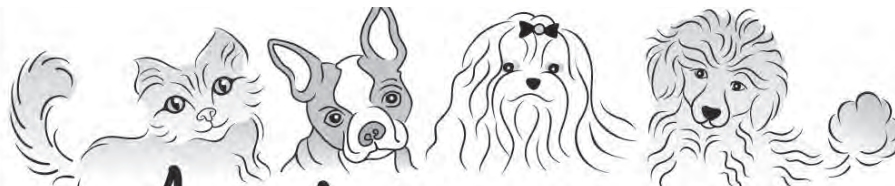
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