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Ten years ago, a very close friend and patient, Mr. Jake Vandrilla, asked us if we would like to help with the Marine Toys for Tots drive. Jake, a former marine, was instrumental in getting us involved with this worthy project. Jake has since passed away but his memory and love of this project will remain with us forever, and we will try to carry on his memory with the Toys for Tots project.

We, in the meantime, have joined forces with the Eastern Region of Little League Baseball and now have their mascot, Dugout, as our mentor and spokesperson. In the past ten years, we have provided over 8000 toys to the local Marine depot to be given to children in the area. The project helps all youth from 3 years old to teenagers.

This year with the generous assistance of Stop and Shop in Old Saybrook and extra toys that they donated, we are already in possession of over 1200 toys. But, our goal is to fill our waiting room to excess with toys. Already our patients have opened up their hearts and brought many toys to the office. Please feel free to stop by if you feel that this is something you would like to be included in as a donor. Our goal is to ensure that all kids know the joy of Christmas. Dr. Lantiere's office is located at 29 Park St, Plainville, CT 06062, phone (860) 747-9339.



## "A Christmas Light Show"

Saturday, December 5th ~ 6:00 P.M

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Wendell Copeland  
12-015

## Take a peek . . . .



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**faves and raves**

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

{Joan faves}

Gnazzo's Food Center catered our Thanksgiving Dinner. It was wonderful, they delivered it right on time and it was just like Grandma's famous turkey with all the trimmings. You can be sure our Christmas dinner will also be from Gnazzo's.

{ Jerry raves }

The first annual Pumpkinfest held last month in downtown Plainville was just what the town needed. The event was FREE, which made it great for families to attend. The pumpkin carving for the children and the Children's parade topped the evening. I was one of the Food Trucks. You can be sure when I attend next year I will come better prepared."I ran out of food"

Email your "fave or rave" in today to be in the September 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

## Town Council Meeting: November 16, 2015

### Paderewski Pond – Public Forum 11/19/15

- The Paderewski Pond Forum will be held this Thursday, November 19th beginning at 6:30 pm in the Town Council Chambers. The purpose of the Forum is to begin a dialogue regarding the maintenance of the area and to give people the opportunity to give town staff feedback on issues that they feel need to be addressed. Town staff will give a brief presentation regarding the history and geography of the pond before opening up for questions and comments. Don Mysling from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection will be in attendance as well.
- Residents are encouraged to attend the Forum and to participate in the discussion.

### Turf Field Update

- The turf field installation continues and is expected to be ready for the Thanksgiving Day game against Farmington. The Turf Field Committee took action at their last meeting to discuss and plan for the eventual cost of replacing the field when its useful life has been reached. Generally this would occur 10-12 years after installation and use.
- The Board of Education has already committed to reprogramming funds that were previously used to pay for the irrigation of the existing grass field. This has been costing the Board approximately \$10,000 per year.
- The Turf Committee is recommending that the youth organizations include a "annual participant fee" for every child that will be using the turf field. These monies, along with the BOE annual contribution, would be put into a separate fund managed by the Finance Director within the Capital Improvement Fund.
- Finally, the Turf Committee is suggesting that a Committee be formed to recommend an appropriate way to honor the Tinty Foundation for their generous gift of \$1M. The Town Council is responsible for the naming of town owned facilities.

### LED Streetlight Project Update

- The LED streetlight conversion is in full swing. The project started in the northwest section of town and the contractor is installing approximately 60 LED lights a day. The project is expected to be completed by the first week in December.
- ESCO has recently met with Town IT staff to discuss the WIFI component in the downtown business area. It is anticipated that the free WIFI will allow for users to perform normal download and upload functions. The system will not allow for "live streaming". Town IT staff is working with ESCO to negotiate the cost of operating the WIFI component with some of the costs being potentially offset by advertising revenue from the network.
- There is not yet a timetable when the WIFI system will be up and running.

### Old Linden Street School Update

- Town staff and our consultants have met with the school facilities staff at the Department of Administrative Services to finalize the demolition plans for the school. The timetable calls for the project to be advertised in mid-December, bids to be received in mid-January, demolition of the connections to the existing school be done over the April vacation, hazardous materials clean-up to occur in May and June and the demolition to occur next summer.

### Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Update

- The Plainville Inland/Wetlands Commission

has determined that the proposed trail does not impact the wetlands and the Planning & Zoning Commission has determined that the proposed trail and pavilion is in conformance with Plainville's Comprehensive Plan of Development.

- A Memorandum of Understanding regarding the new pavilion to be constructed by the Town of Farmington on Northwest Drive in Plainville for the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail has been included in your package for tonight's meeting. The MOU calls for Farmington to design, bid and construct the pavilion using state grant monies on Plainville and State owned properties. Farmington will also provide construction administration and inspection services for the project.
- The Town of Farmington will also provide maintenance of the trail, including sweeping and line markings from Northwest Drive to the Plainville-Farmington border.
- After completion, Plainville will be responsible for the ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the improvements located in our town. The Town will also indemnify the State with regards to any claims of bodily or person injury and death and property damaged occasioned by accident or other event occurring upon, or resulting from a condition arising from the improvements within Plainville. This is standard insurance language required on all trail properties not owned by the State.
- It is anticipated that the project will be completed next summer. There is an item under New Business regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Farmington.

## HAPPENINGS...

(Scott William Colby, Jr.)

### Thanksgiving Day at the Senior Center

- Senior Center Members or Plainville residents, 60 years of age or older who will be alone this Thanksgiving, are invited to come to the Senior Center for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Thursday, November 26, 11:30 a.m. Call the Senior Center to sign-up.

### AARP Driver Safety

- Tuesday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., \$15.00 for AARP members, \$20.00 for all others.
- Upon completion of the course, your insurance company must give you a discount of at least 5% on your auto insurance.
- Open to the public, sign up has begun.

### Medicare Open Enrollment

- It is time to review your Medicare supplemental insurance choices. During open enrollment you can change plans as needed to meet your current healthcare needs.
- Social Workers, Stephanie and Bette are available to meet with Plainville Residents age 60 and over and review the options available for 2016.

### At Risk List

- The Plainville Senior Center maintains a list of Plainville residents who are at risk in the event of an electrical power outage. Individuals of any age who have medical problems and are dependent on electrical power to operate medical equipment or heat should be on the "At Risk List".
- Call the Senior Center at 860-474-5728 to be added to the "At Risk List".

### Hearing Screening

- Are you concerned about your hearing? Come to the Senior Center for a free hearing screening sponsored by Hearing Loss Association of America Eastern CT Chapter with the

cooperation of the faculty and students of the Audiology Program, Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at the University of Connecticut.

- While you wait for your screening, join a discussion about the effects of untreated hearing loss, causes of hearing loss and tips for coping with hearing loss.
- This screening is open to Senior Center Members and Plainville Residents age 60 and over. Non-members can have their name placed on a waiting list and if space allows, we will call to schedule an appointment.
- Thursday, December 10, beginning at 1:00 p.m. - call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment.

### PLAINVILLE SOCIAL SERVICES

- Things are gearing up for the holidays in this office. Cold weather is coming and folks have been concerned about heat assistance and Winter Protection. It is open enrollment for MEDICARE so that is also an issue. Cold weather brings out more housing issues as well. All in all a busy season at Social Services.

### PLAINVILLE FOOD PANTRY

- The Plainville Community Food Pantry's 20th Annual Dinner Dance at the Aqua Turf in Southington, CT will be held on January 23, 2016 from 6:30pm-Midnight. It will be a family style dinner, open bar, and entertainment. Tickets are \$95.00 per person and are on sale now. There will also be a silent auction and raffle baskets. All proceeds will benefit the Plainville Community Food Pantry. For more information, please call Susie Worez at (860)747-1919.
- We will also be doing the Fill the Truck at Gnazzo's On November 20, thru the 24 2015.

### PLAINVILLE DPW

- Leaf collection is still underway. Portable basketball hoops in the street are creating a problem during the pickup of leaves. Please remove any basketball hoops or any other obstructions from town streets and curb lines. Residents are asked to rake their leaves to the curbside as soon as possible. For safety reasons, always keep sidewalks and walkways clear.
- Please do NOT rake leaves onto the road. Only leaves will be collected. Please remove all large sticks and debris. NO BAGGED LEAVES WILL BE ACCEPTED. The areas to be covered are:

- Central Area
- West Main Street Area
- Farmington Avenue Area
- South End – Red Stone Area
- Shuttle Meadow Area
- Arcadia Avenue, Ledge Road Area
- Metacomet Area
- Northwest Area
- Unionville Avenue Area

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**FROM THE DESK OF:**

**Dominick Moschini,**  
*Superintendent of Roadways*  
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According to law enforcement and the United States Postal Inspection Service, one tactic involves thieves following a parcel delivery truck along its route. Once the package is delivered and the coast is clear, they steal it to look for electronics and other valuables. Sometimes criminals will walk around a neighborhood looking for packages left on people's property.

Legitimate delivery companies will leave a tag on your door if nobody was home to accept a parcel. They will not send you an email.

**Connecticut Better Business Bureau** offers tips to avoid falling victim to package delivery fraud:

**Ignore email notices about missed deliveries** - Now that you know about the fake "missed delivery" emails, be wary of them regardless of where they appear to come from.

**Arrange for pickup** - If you are expecting a delivery and not able to wait for it, let the driver know you will pick up the parcel yourself by making that selection on the delivery tag.

**Ask for delivery at specific time** - You also can select an option for the parcel to be delivered at a given date and time when you know you will be home. You also can track a package, and if it doesn't show up, call to see if it was delivered.

When you order merchandise for delivery, you can also specify that it be shipped to your workplace or a neighbor to prevent its theft.

You will find additional consumer tips and alerts in the "Get Consumer Help" section of [bbb.org/Connecticut](http://bbb.org/Connecticut).

**For More Information: Howard Schwartz  
 Executive Communications Director Phone:  
 860-740-4500 Ext. 103**

**From the Desk of:  
 State Senator Henri Martin,  
 31st District**

***We believe in the American Dream.***

We support our nation's long tradition of humanitarian aid and welcoming refugees from around the world in search of a better life in the United States.

But we want the taxpayers we represent to know the following:

We feel that the recent decision by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy to allow refugees from Syria into Connecticut, while well intentioned, could potentially threaten the security of our residents.

Ensuring the safety of our citizens is a fundamental responsibility of our state and federal government.

Given the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, we must be on heightened alert and give extra scrutiny to refugees coming into the United States.

Until we have more answers, we must proceed with extreme caution.

Republican legislative leaders have written to our Connecticut Congressional Delegation and to Gov. Malloy, asking the following questions:

***Do we have assurances that extensive background checks will be conducted? Who will be responsible for paying for the related costs? If the state is responsible, how will the state pay for the refugees to live here given our budget deficits? Will this be a permanent cost to the state? Where will they live?***

Until we can confirm the security and vetting process for refugees and guarantee that the people coming to Connecticut are not a threat to the safety of our residents, we believe we should not grant entry.

We urge residents to continue contacting the governor with their concerns during business hours at 860-566-4840.

You can also email the governor your thoughts at [governor.malloy@ct.gov](mailto:governor.malloy@ct.gov).

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# Young at Heart.....

## Senior News

is on Page 4 this month  
under

## Town Council Happenings

### 10th ANNUAL FILL THE TRUCK FOOD DRIVE Held on November 20, 22, 23, 24



Volunteers have been collecting food and non perishable food items at Gnazzo's Food Center in Plainville for the past 5 days. Monday they wrapped up around 3:30-4:00. These dedicated volunteers have committed their time, energy and even slept in the truck until it is filled.

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**A.** Last count it was 16. If I am wrong, please call me at the number below.

**Q.** I attended the First Pumpkifest in our Downtown, It looked like it was a huge success. Do you know about how many people attended?

**A.** I believe it was about 3,000, I know the Food Trucks ran out of food and will be better prepared next year.

**A.** To submit questions:

Call 860-747-4119, E-mail hmtnn@aol.com, write to Hometown Connection, 27 Sherman St, Plainville, CT 06062 or drop them at the office. Deadline for submitting questions is the 15th of each month. Thank you for the above question. Keep them coming!! Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!! Questions were easy this month, I will be looking for yours for the next issue in February.

Thanks, Bill Brayne

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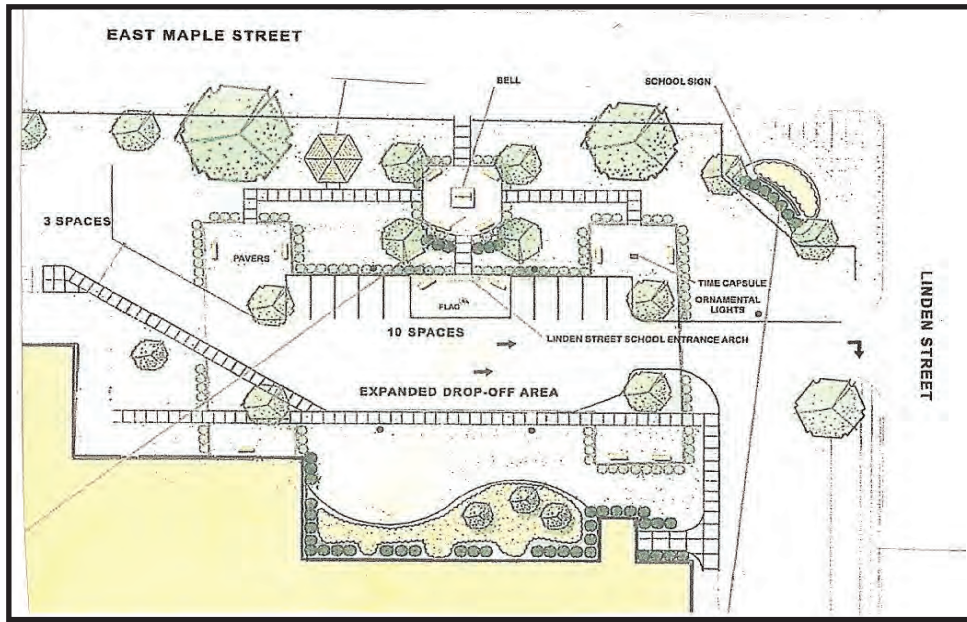
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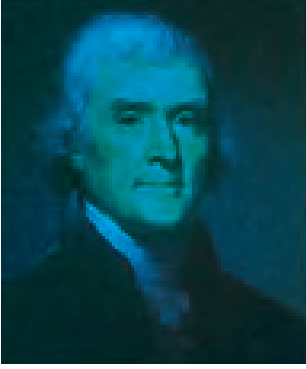
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## Thomas Jefferson's Corner



If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around [the banks] will deprive the

people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered. The issuing power should be taken from the banks and restored to the people, to whom it properly belongs.

.....Thomas Jefferson

## Festival of Trees

*By Roberta Lalama*

The opening Gala of the Plainville Historical Society's Festival of Trees last weekend was a great success.

Many ohhs and ahhs were heard before the beautiful selection of trees, wreaths and baskets which are being sold by **Silent Auction** to benefit the good works of saving much of Plainville's past. The archives are valuable for research, many interesting and educational programs for adults and children throughout the year. One popular program is to take every third grader on a tour of the museum to spark their interest in where we come from. Many of the exhibits are "hands on" Quite change from the "Do not touch" venues. The Festival is open until December 21st with extended hours. Admission is two dollars for adults, one dollar for children. Free if you have already attended and have bid number. The finale for this year is December 21 at 4:00PM when the winners will be announced. We urge you come often to check on your bid, The last is usually the highest and the winner. Don't forget to bring a friend.

## SOCIAL SECURITY POINTERS

People looking to take their social security payments always want to know how much they are entitled to before they apply.

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*In Case you missed this.....*

## Anti Theft Dots~ "Protect your Property Now" We are the First New England Community to Offer this Protection to the Residents



*Pictured above with Keith Gnazzo are to the left Lieutenant Eric J. Peterson and Chief of Police Matthew Catania. The Chief presented Keith with program order forms.*

Police Chief Matthew Catania invites anyone that has any questions, any questions whatsoever to please call him. The non-emergency number is 860-747-1616 and just ask for him. If he is not available at the time you call, please leave your name, phone number and question on his voice mail.

Several persons had questions that the staff at Gnazzo's could not answer. When Chief Catania heard that, he requested we publish his number so he can help you to protect you and your home.

*"It is our pleasure to assist the Police."*

*Plainville Hometown Connection  
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## Anti-Theft Dots Town of Plainville Police Department Chief of Police Matthew Catania

The Plainville Police Department is helping to introduce a new product called Anti-Theft Dots to the New England area. This product fits nicely with our continuing efforts to protect and serve the Town of Plainville.

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**Subject:**

**Greedy Charities, and some Saints, too. THINK BEFORE YOU DONATE!**

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS:**

As you open your pockets to do a good thing and make yourself feel good, please keep the following facts in mind:

**The American Red Cross**

President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' salary for the year was \$651,957 plus expenses

**MARCH OF DIMES**

It is called the March of Dimes because only a dime for every 1 dollar is given to the needy.

**The United Way**

President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000 base salary along with numerous expense benefits.

**UNICEF CEO** Caryl M. Stern receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k per month) plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE.

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**GOODWILL** CEO and owner Mark Curran profits \$2.3 million a year. Goodwill is a very catchy name for his business.

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# Life With Wanda



I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the readers of The Plainville HomeTown Connection. I can usually find humor in our everyday lives but we seem to be heading for serious times. We should all enjoy family and friends during this holiday season and show compassion for those around us.

Let's go back to looking out for your neighbors and giving the other guy a break when we can. What happened to those Christmas card everyone used to send for Christmas that we hung on fireplace. The card with the pictures of the children you haven't seen in a long time, were the best. I remember my mothers old address book she would get out and send cards to everyone in the book, which usually numbered close to a hundred. It was the job of us kids to lick the stamps on the envelopes and take them to the post office.

*Do you remember those days?*

*Today most people don't know the addresses of their friends. But, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year again and see you in 2016...*



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## “I.T. Jim's” ....



### Mini Holiday Shopping Guide

Here we are again. Another holiday season. Time to be thankful for our blessings and family. Time to celebrate our faith and share gifts with family. If you would like to share gifts of technology, here are some tips and suggestions.

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

- Amazon Fire 7” – Starting at \$49.99 – Great Inexpensive Android Tablet.
- Samsung Galaxy Tab S2 – Starting at \$399 – Consistently among the best available. 9.7” screen.
- Apple iPad Air 2 – Starting at \$499 – Quality and Ease of Use. Fast, light, and sharp 9.7” screen.
- Apple iPad Pro – Starting at \$799 – Typical Apple quality with a huge 12.9” screen.
- Microsoft Surface Pro 4– Starting at \$799 – Full Windows 10 tablet, Laptop power, 12” screen.

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

- Intel processor- Look for “Skylake” or “Broadwell” 6th generation based processor. i3, i5, or i7
- At least 4 Gigabytes of RAM. 8GB or more 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 10 fixes the problems that came with 8.1. Free upgrade if you buy with 8.1 or 7.
- Look for “convertibles”, “hybrids”, or “2in1s” if you want the features of a laptop and tablet.
- Don't spend less than \$400 for Windows laptops.
- The sweet spot is \$500-750. Best balance of quality and value.
- Premium price point starts at \$800

A great inexpensive alternative to Windows and Apple laptops is the Google Chromebook. Acer, Samsung, and HP make Chromebooks starting at \$159. Chromebooks are basically internet browsers in a laptop. If you need only to use the internet and access email, this laptop is perfect for you.

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

Android:

- Google Nexus 6P – 5.7” Display - Pure Android experience, buy from Google, activate on all major carriers.
- Google Nexus 5X – 5.2” Display - Pure Android experience, buy from Google, activate on all major carriers.
- Motorola Moto X Pure Edition – Customizable, Available on all major carriers. (Droid Turbo 2 on Verizon)
- Apple iOS:
- iPhone 6s – 4.7” Display, Latest and greatest, available on all major carriers.
- iPhone 6s Plus – 5.5” Display, Colorful options, available on all major carriers.
- iPhone 6 – 4.7” Display, Bargain price, available on all major carriers.

**GAMING CONSOLES:** Playstation 4 is the better gaming console. xBox One is very good but buggy.

- Xbox One – Latest and greatest xBox. Great all around living room entertainment center. Starting at \$349.
- Playstation 4 – Latest and greatest Playstation. Great gaming system with entertainment features. Starting at \$399.

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- Gift a subscription to video streaming service like Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon Prime which also includes 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 \$99 per year.
- Roku 3 – Under \$100 gives access to hundreds of free and pay streaming video services.
- Google Chromecast – \$35 - HDMI device that allows you to send video and music from apps on your Android Phone or iPhone to your TV.
- Amazon Fire TV - \$99.99 – Similar to Roku and Chromecast. Ties well into Amazon ecosystem.
- Amazon Echo - \$179.99 – Google Now/ Siri for the home. Voice access to news, weather, music, traffic, information, and even control lights and other connected devices.
- 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!**

*Jim*

# West Main Pizza Celebrates

# 45th Anniversary!!

West Main Pizza on East Main Street



Peter Kaleodis immigrated to America with the dream of opening a restaurant, as his father did. Peter and his wife Agnes settled in Plainville and opened West Main Pizza on December 4, 1970, at 41 West Main Street. The first five years were very successful, and at that time Pete was offered a new location. The gas station across the street from the restaurant went up for sale. Wanting to expand, Pete purchased the property and in 1976, he opened the new West Main Pizza at 50 West Main Street.

Shortly after, Pete, along with his brothers -in- law, built an addition for four shops adjacent to the restaurant. Having difficulty keeping tenants for over a year, Pete opened a bar called Pete's Pub. The bar soon became a popular night spot during the 1980's.

Pete had plans to merge the restaurant with the bar and did so by moving to a new location on East Main Street in 1996, where the restaurant has been in business ever since.

West Main Pizza's popularity is not only due to great food, but also because of its family-friendly atmosphere and Pete's dedication to the community. The restaurant's success is also attributed to his family. Agnes, as well as their three children, Katherine, Lynn, and Michael, have all worked very hard and proudly for their family's establishment. "I would like to thank all of our faithful customers who have supported us over the last 45 years. I am proud to celebrate this anniversary and 45 years of business in Plainville."



Shown above center: Peter and wife Agnes Kaleodis  
 Michael Kaleodis (son), John Diaz (son-in-law) Lynn Diaz (daughter)  
 Peter Diaz (grandson) Niko Diaz (grandson)  
 Michael Sloane (son-in-law) Austin Sloane (grandson)  
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## Senator Henri Martin Visits PHS



Connecticut State Senator Henri Martin recently visited Plainville High School faculty member TJ Riccardo's American Government classes. Martin spoke to students about what it is like to be a senator, the process for passing a bill through the Connecticut congress, what committees he is on what the committees focus on, and how he helps local businesses and the community.

## PHS Students Attend Genetics Conference



Plainville High School Honors and Advanced Placement Biology students, together with biology students from several other Connecticut high schools recently gathered for a Genetics Conference at Plainville High School led by Dr. Sam Rhine. The title of the conference was GWAS and STEM Cells Revisited - Genetics of Common Human Traits and Diseases and their Multifactorial / Polygenic Origins. According to Dr. Rhine's website, the one-day conference for biology teachers and students is designed to teach the latest in genetic advances, hot research areas, and career opportunities.

## Plainville High School Boys Soccer Varsity Captains Dan Costatnini and Alex Zelasko



Special thanks to two companies - Xora Soccer and Soccer N Moore for donating new uniforms to the Varsity Soccer team

## Wheeler Third Graders Visit Nature Preserve



Third graders at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently visited the Indian Rock Nature Preserve in Bristol, Connecticut. The students learned about the life of Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands including shelter, clothing, food, tools, beliefs, celebrations and more. The nature preserve outing kicked off the next social studies unit of study for the third graders.

## Bat Program At Plainville High School



Bat rehabilitator Gerri Griswold recently presented a program to Plainville High School science classes, thanks to a grant from the Petit Family Foundation. The program focused on bats and their importance in Connecticut. Griswold is the Director of Administration and Development at the White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, Connecticut.

## Middle School of Plainville VEX IQ Robotics Teams Participate in Festival

The Middle School of Plainville (MSP) VEX IQ Robotics teams got to show off their robots at the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Festival 2015 hosted by ESPN in Bristol on October 24th. The event featured hands-on activities, presentations and displays focusing on the areas of STEAM. 8 of the 11 MSP teams were able to participate throughout the day and Camille Westfall, faculty member and VEX IQ advisor at MSP said, "I am very proud of each team member that was able to be a part of this STEAM Festival."

## MSP Pep Band Leads Parade



On October 24th, the Middle School of Plainville 8th Grade Pep Band led the Halloween Parade through downtown Plainville in conjunction with the first annual Plainville Pumpkin Festival!

## Toffolon Students Explore Pumpkin Math



Fourth grade students at Louis Toffolon Elementary School recently participated in a fun and exciting Pumpkin Math activity. Students in Mrs. Parker's, Mrs. Lebel's, and Ms. Persano's classes first estimated the height, weight, girth, and number of seeds in their pumpkins. All three classes later calculated and measured the height, weight, and girth of their pumpkins using measuring tape and scales and compared their estimates to their recorded calculations. Students later estimated the amount of seeds in their pumpkin and used different strategies to group and keep count of how many seeds actually were in their pumpkin. Parent volunteers helped guide small groups through the Pumpkin Math activity. As a culminating event, teachers, students, and parents carved several creative jack-o-lanterns.

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....*



**PHS GROUP ATTENDS MARINE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**



Plainville High School seniors Jamilex Rosado-Rivera and Briana Lugo, together with high school science teacher Ken Fusco, spent part of their summer vacation at the Marine Technology for Teachers and Students (MaTTS) Project Summer Institute held at the University of Rhode Island's Inner Space Center in July. The week-long institute, designed for student / teacher teams, included the building and deploying of sensor based instruments including hydrophones, remotely operated vehicles and observation buoys, field exercises, and career exploration activities. Students and teachers from across Connecticut and Rhode Island came together for the intensive week-long program.

**Fire Safety at Wheeler School**

Plainville Fire Marshal Larry Sutherland recently visited Frank T. Wheeler Elementary school's first graders to talk about fire safety and when to use 911. Students learned about checking home detectors, crawling low under smoke and to stop, drop and roll if their clothes caught fire. Mr. Sutherland also discussed the importance of having



a meeting spot to be sure everyone was out safely. Lastly, students enjoyed walking through the fire truck after learning about what it carried and the role of the equipment on board.

**PHS Hosts Career Day**



*Philip Cox, Vice President of Product Development, Stanley Black and Decker*

Plainville High School recently hosted the 4th annual Career Day program for students. More than 40 speakers participated in the program including representatives from a variety of career fields such as engineering, graphic design, culinary, computer programming and more. Many of the speakers were also alumni of Plainville Community Schools. The program was coordinated by Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maureen Brummett and the high school's Student Success Planning Committee.

**Plainville High School Hosts College Fair**



Plainville High School hosted a college fair for students on October 23 featuring more than 100 colleges and universities represented, as well as several branches of the military and a number representatives from local foundations who spoke to students about scholarship opportunities.

**PHS DECA Installs Officers**



Plainville High School DECA Chapter officers from left to right Nina Catanzaro, Secretary, Isabella Fil, Vice President, Joey Chaco, President, Julian Estevez, Treasure, Timothy Sullivan, Director of Activities, Gina D'Amico, Reporter/ Historian and Natalie Zajackowski, Social Media Correspondent

**MIDDLE SCHOOL "STUDENT ENGINEERS" ATTEND STEM NIGHT EVENT**



Sixteen "student engineers" from the Middle School of Plainville journeyed to the Connecticut Science Center on November 16th for the UConn Engineering Ambassadors STEM night. Students toured the exhibits at the Center, and over 60 UConn Engineering students shared their enthusiasm for STEM via several interactive demonstrations. Middle School of Plainville student Ella Schwartz commented, "The incredible variety of exhibitors gave us all a wide degree of varying experiments and demos to view."

*Merry Christmas and a Very Happy, Healthy New Year!!*

**PLAINVILLE STUDENTS HONORED AT 28th ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD PRESENTATION**

Twelve Plainville students received the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS) Superintendent / Student Recognition Award and Certificate of Excellence at the 28th annual Superintendent's Award Presentation held on Friday, October 23rd, during a luncheon at J. Timothy's Restaurant. The students are: Sydney Christiansen and Jacob Keen, Linden Street School; Spencer Michalek and Jenna Morrell, Louis Toffolon School; Lily Feyerabend and Kleo Malone, Frank T. Wheeler School; Brady Beausoleil and Gillien Peck, the Middle School of Plainville; and Dominika Woch, Shatsada Lovan, Joseph Chacho, and Daniel Costantini, 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.

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# PLAINVILLE'S 1ST ANNUAL PUMPKINFEST

## A HUGE SUCCESS!!

On Saturday, October 24th, 2015 something new and exciting was brewing in Plainville..... the Very 1st Annual Plainville PumpkinFest!!

A group of about 25 people showed up at the August meeting to start planning this new, exciting event (below).



Committees were formed, meetings were planned, and as the word spread, the excitement around town was truly infectious. It seemed like everyone was talking about it wherever you went. Over 50 non-profit organizations and vendors asked to be part of our event along with over a dozen food trucks from all over the state. The annual Children's Parade kicked off the festivities around 5:00 pm, and people registered their carved pumpkins at the "Pumpkin Patch" tent for a chance to win a prize. Over 150 pumpkins were donated for those who wanted



to purchase a pumpkin to carve, there was a haunted house at the Mason Lodge, a haunted graveyard at the Pumpkin Patch, 2 bands and a DJ played throughout the night as girls/

boys/women/men of all ages signed up for the Pie Eating Contest, competing to win some awesome prizes donated by area businesses. Our little downtown Plainville came alive that night, with families, friends, business owners, people from near and far enjoying the Fall Season and helping to support the Plainville Community Foundation.

**~ THANKS EVERYONE ~  
SEE YOU NEXT OCTOBER 22nd!!!**



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**\*\*Steve Bruno ~ On the Loose Band\*\***

**\*\*Curl Daddy's Band\*\***

**\*\*Rit Petit ~ AMP Radio\*\***

**\*\*Zarella Farms ~ Pumpkin Donation\*\***

**\*\*Gnazzo's ~ Pie/Pumpkin Donation\*\***

## Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Committee

**"All You Can Eat" Monthly Breakfast**  
 Sunday, December 13th—8:00 am to 10:30 am  
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Any questions please

contact **Bill Brayne 860-729-7397**

## CHRISTMAS SALE

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532 Burritt Street, New Britain

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Saturday, December 19th

8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Pierogi, Babka, Oplatki, Polish Style Soups, Golabki.

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Exit 36 off i-84 (Slater Rd. Exit) at end of exit turn Right, at 1st stop sign turn

Left, at 2nd light turn Left, just past next light is St. Lucian's Residence.

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

## Faith Bible Church

168 Unionville Ave.

### Christmas Tree Sale

at Northwest Drive will hold its 6th annual Christmas Tree sale beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving. Trees range in size from 4 - 10'

and the price starts at **\$25.00 and up.**

The schedule is as follows:

**Monday through Friday: 4 pm - 9 pm;**

**Saturday: 9 am - 9 pm; Sunday: 1 pm to 6 pm.**

"If you purchase a tree, we will enter you in a chance to win 100 gallons of oil," said Rev. Caron. For the second year in a row, the oil is donated by **American Oil & Heating, LLC.**

Gary Antigiovanni said "Many people are hurting this season, and I would be glad to help them out." The winner will be drawn when we run out of trees, or on Christmas Eve, whichever one comes first.

"Our hardy, durable trees, which come from Quebec, Canada, are full of sap and will last the Christmas season. We guarantee our trees against dead dried up trees." So, come down, purchase a tree at a great price, and hopefully, you will be the winner of 100 gallons of oil for this winter season.

For information, please call the church office at 860-747-5209 or email at fbc@snet.net.



## Plainville Chamber of Commerce Wine & Beer Tasting Event

Presented by:

**Town & Country Discount Liquors**

**Wednesday, December 9th**  
**6-9PM**

**Plainville VFW Post 574**

Locally catered hors d'oeuvres  
 Raffles to benefit charity of your choice:

**PLV Food Pantry, Almost Home Animal Rescue, Strength of Sara Osle & Wheeler YMCA**

**Donation-\$25.00 (night of event)**

**Advance purchase \$15.00**

**Ages 21 and over**

**Tickets available at:**

**Farmington Bank**

117 East St. Plainville Ct

acalabrese@farmingtonbankct.com

or

**Plainville Chamber of Commerce**

One Central Square Plainville Ct

plvchamber@snet.net

**(860) 747-6867**

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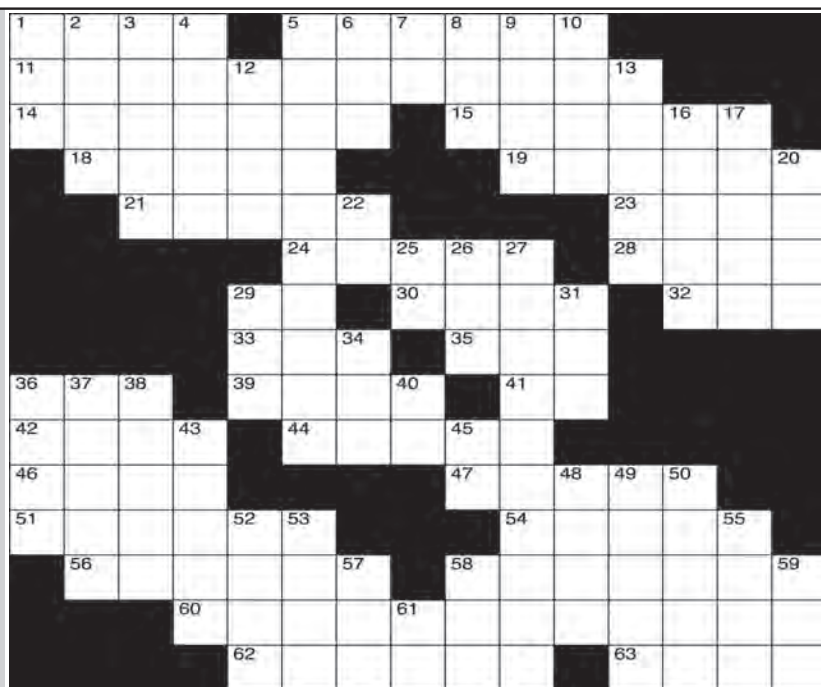
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1. ANGLING WORM
5. TISSUE THAT CONDUCTS FOOD IN PLANTS
11. 1937 STEINBECK NOVELLA
14. FEED STOREHOUSE
15. RAISED PATTERN COTTON CLOTH
18. PROPHETIC SIGNS
19. COWBOY COMPETITIONS
21. OPHTHALMIC PRODUCTS COMPANY, \_\_\_\_\_ WORLDWIDE
23. PREFIX MEANING INSIDE
24. AROUSING OR PROVOKING LAUGHTER
28. PLANT SPIKE
29. ATOMIC #94
30. HIMALAYAN GOAT
32. PATTI HEARST'S CAPTORS
33. ROCK TV CHANNEL
35. PEN POINT
36. TINY BITE
39. ORGANIZED WORK GROUP
41. ATOMIC #58
42. FOOD FISH OF THE GENUS ALOSA
44. FLESHY SLICE OF MEAT

#### CLUES DOWN

1. SINK IN
2. HAIRDO
3. MUSLIM LEADERS
4. RINGWORM
5. OPPRESSES OR MALTREATS
6. CUT FODDER
7. NATURAL LOGARITHM
8. NOT DIVISIBLE BY TWO
9. INDEPENDENT ISLAMIC RULER
10. WRITTEN PROPOSAL OR REMINDER
12. TILT OR SLANT
13. NESTS OF PHEASANTS
16. PORTABLE SHELTERS
17. SWISS SINGING
20. BODY OF AN ORGANISM

22. OPPOSITE OF "YES"
25. 41ST STATE
26. 007'S FLEMING
27. THEY SPEAK MUSKHOGUEAN
29. PAYMENT (ABBR.)
31. "SPUD PAPERS" AUTHOR'S INITIALS
34. LARGE VESSEL FOR HOLDING LIQUIDS
36. NANOSECOND (ABBR.)
37. WORN TO MECCA
38. 1/100 RUPEE
40. OF I
43. DISTRIBUTED CARDS
45. PUBLIC PROMOTION OF A PRODUCT
48. HARD TO FIND
49. THINKS OR SUPPOSES
50. MORE LUCID
52. THAI MONETARY UNIT
53. PHIL \_\_\_\_\_ CIA DIARY AUTHOR
55. DIALECT VARIANT OF "HERON"
57. ONE OF THE TENDER BRISTLES IN SOME GRASSES
58. PASS
59. HOT OR ICED BREWED BEVERAGE
61. EQUALLY

**Answer on page 30**

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

## Kwanzaa Principles Presented in Original Musical

### Project Graduation announces December events:

**ZUMBA on December 6th, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm  
at the Wheeler Regional YMCA.**

Tickets \$15 (adults) \$10 (students) in advance; \$20 (adults) \$15 (students) at the door. Raffles and zumba gear will be available. Babysitting will be provided by the YMCA. For more information contact Stevie at 860-463-3600.

**Our monthly meeting will be held December 2nd at the  
YMCA at 7:00 pm. Questions?**

**Contact Inna at 860-205-9911 or June at 860-793-4942.**

**Shop at five Below from 12/9 through 12/23. With voucher, 10% of all sales  
will be donated to Project Graduation. Call Inna at 860-205-9911 for your  
voucher.**

### "Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow"

The Woman's Club of Plainville, Inc. will be hosting a bus trip to Wrentham Premium Outlet Mall in Massachusetts on Saturday, December 5, 2015. The schedule for the day: 8:00 a.m. bus leaves from in front of the Plainville Library; 4:30 p.m. the bus leaves Wrentham Mall; and at 6:30 p.m. the bus returns to Plainville Library. The cost per person is \$38.00 and it includes the transportation to and from Wrentham Premium Outlet Mall; the driver's tip; BINGO; raffle prizes; and on the return trip: a movie, bottled water, & a snack-bag. The bus will be available for storing your purchases throughout the day.

Call Linda Roche 860-287-2366 let her know you will join them and to reserve your seats by sending a check made out to the Woman's Club of Plainville to: Linda Prelli, P.O. Box 295, Plainville, CT 06062 today. Please bring your friends, family, and neighbors. Everyone is welcome! There are only 56 seats available.

### Plainville Public Library

**Kari Burgess, Assistant Director, Head of Adult & Technical Services**

**Invites You to Attend the December Events at the Library**

#### On Tuesday, December 1st at 6pm

the Plainville Public Library will present a hands-on program with Denise Fosse on how to make bows and ribbon roses for any occasion. Participants will use wired ribbon to make a flower that can be pinned to clothing or used on a wreath. Denise Fosse worked for many years in the floral industry including 11 years in Plainville. She has an online business called Essies Garden

making herbal and handcrafted gift items. All supplies will be provided by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library. Space is limited. Anyone interested is asked to register at the Reference Desk at the Plainville Public Library or call 860-793-1446.

#### Tree Lighting Ceremony-Thursday, December 3rd

During the Plainville Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Thursday, December 3rd, the Plainville Public Library will be hosting a Holiday Open House from 6-8pm. There will be a children's storytime at 6:30pm by the fireplace and the flute section of the Plainville Wind Ensemble will perform a holiday medley from 7-8pm.

**Refreshments will be provided by  
the Friends of the Plainville Public Library.**

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*By Theresa Sullivan Barger, Communications Consultant*

The Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc. presents its 26th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration on Sunday Dec. 27 at 4 p.m. at the historic Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St., New Britain. Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday observed each winter, encourages the traditional values of family, community, responsibility, commerce and self-improvement. The celebration is open to people of all ages, races, cultures and faiths, and all are invited.

This year's program celebrates Kwanzaa in the context of a musical, entitled "A Change in Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles) High School." Along with traditional Kwanzaa rituals of African Drumming and Dance, the Libation Statement, candle lighting and positive affirmations, the Queen Ann Nzinga Center participants have created a musical about the seven principles of Kwanzaa that demonstrates how the concepts of this holiday can be applied to everyday life. Playwright and program facilitator Rebecca Trapp, who has been involved with the Queen Ann Nzinga Center since childhood, wrote the script for the theatrical performance to show the Kwanzaa concepts in action.

The performers include a mix of professionals and non-professionals and children, teenagers and adults who will offer an eclectic show consisting of Gospel, Jazz, Soul, Pop and Hip Hop music selections. **Tickets: \$15, general admission; \$10, seniors and youth.**

**About Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc.**

*QANC is named for a 15th Century African queen who protected her people from being sold into slavery. The name symbolizes the organization's aim to empower young people with life skills, academic support and experiences to thrive. QANC, in its 26th year, is a nonprofit 501(c)3 that serves a diverse, multi-racial and multi-cultural population of children and teens by providing arts and cultural enrichment in a multi-generational setting. The program uses the performing and creative arts to help participants achieve goals, build self-esteem, develop strong values, gain an appreciation of culture, learn about the rich African heritage and understand cultural diversity. <http://www.qanc.org> or [qancinc@gmail.com](mailto:qancinc@gmail.com)*

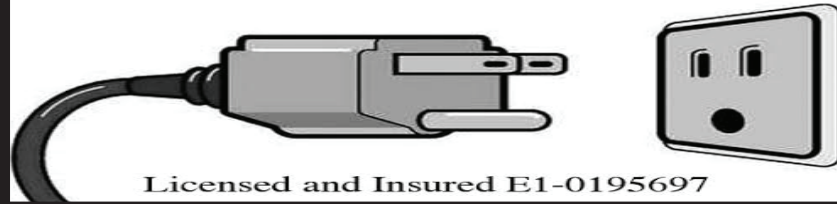
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Now, some people who read my articles think I am blowing smoke up a rope. Well, one man, anyway. I assure you, I do not make this stuff up out of thin air. I do my research. And you can do your research as well. So let's see how the EPA feels about formaldehyde. Not good. The EPA considers Formaldehyde to be a skin, eyes, nose and throat irritant, breathing hazard, neurotoxin and a KNOWN carcinogen. The National Cancer Institute considers formaldehyde to be a cancer causing agent. So the caution sign on the hospital door is a little misleading. Formaldehyde is not a "potential" carcinogen. It is a KNOWN carcinogen.

And where do we find formaldehyde? Just about everywhere. In flooring, carpets, furniture, cabinets, shampoos and skin care products, baby products such as lotions and shampoos, soaps, cosmetics, sun screens, toothpaste, potpourri, fragrances, dryer sheets, laundry detergents, pesticides, herbicides, mulch, clothes, home cleaning products, paints, and the lists goes on. Did I mention candles and scented air fresheners? Also, wood-smoke and fuel burning appliances, medicines, paper products and cigarette smoke, especially from E-Cigarettes.

Besides poisoning yourself with formaldehyde by rubbing it on your skin, it can enter your system by breathing it in. It off gasses and gets into the air and travels. Now for those of you who refuse to believe me (one man, anyway), I took this information from the EPA website. Look it up yourself.

It may come as a surprise to some of you, manufacturers are not honest. They do not care about you. They care about your money. They want it. They are realizing there are more people like me out there who read labels. So instead of putting formaldehyde

on the product list of ingredients, they call it by other names. DMDM Hydantoin, Diazolidinyl Urea, Methenamine, Quaternium15, sodium hydroxyl methyllycinate, 2-bromo-2Nitropropane-1,3-diol, Bromopol, Formalin, Methanal, Oxyethylene, 1,3-Dioxetane, Methylaidehyde, Methylene Oxide, Formic Aldehyde, Oxomethane Formalin and Phenol Formaldehyde.

Manufacturers will tell you there is such a small amount of it in the product, what can it hurt? But it is in practically everything. At the end of the day, you have absorbed a lot of formaldehyde and over a period of time you are setting yourself up for a problem. The question should not be what can it hurt? The question should be why is it in these products if it is known to cause cancer? Very good question. Why do you think that is? Think! Hard! Why does our government allow companies to put cancer causing chemicals in the products you use and the food you eat? Could it be we are being poisoned? For Profit?

Then, if this is not bad enough, at the end of your days, the undertaker will drain your blood and fill you up with formaldehyde to preserve you so you will "look good". And charge you. You pay for this. You pay for purchasing the products containing formaldehyde, you pay to go to the doctor when you get sick. Then you pay the undertaker to give you another blast of the stuff that probably killed you in the first place. And some people are calling ME crazy. I don't think so. Because you see.....I choose to live healthy chemical free.....

*Please visit my blog at [www.livechemicalfree.blogspot.com](http://www.livechemicalfree.blogspot.com)*

**Plainville Property Transfers**

30 Rosemont Dr: Edward Leider of Plainville to Carl Benson, \$85,500 on 10/13/2015

69 Unionville Ave: Anthony J. Musto of Plainville to Juan Gaud, \$168,000 on 10/15/2015

59 Welch St: Janice G. Demarest of Plainville to Hillary Fundin, \$150,000 on 10/13/2015

50 Pierce St Unit 54: USA HUD of Plainville to Tyler Johnson and Morgan Susco, \$88,260 on 10/13/2015

69 Robert St: Dennis A. and Peter P. Martin of Plainville to Plainville Town Of, \$199,031 on 10/15/2015

35 Roosevelt St: USA HUD of Plainville to Wanda Sternal, \$85,000 on 10/16/2015

129 Milford St. Ext Unit A10: USA HUD of Plainville to Anna Pycinska, \$51,272 on 10/19/2015

16 Northampton Lane, Unit 3: Daniel R. Delcegno of Plainville to 16 Northampton LLC, \$68,000 on 10/21/2015

48 Park St.: Nationstar Mortgage LLC of Plainville to TWM Development LLC, \$122,500 on 10/19/2015

41 Pershing Drive: Timothy P. and Leslie Holcomb of Plainville to Zbigniew and Monika Polkowski, \$134,000 on 10/19/2015

50 Skyline Drive: Kevin and Robyn J. Andersen of Plainville to Michael and Jillian Olson, \$270,000 on 10/19/2015

58 East St.: Keystone Enterprises Inc of Plainville to 58 East Street LLC, \$1,870,000 on 10/27/2015

2 Field St.: Tyler Mikolajcik of Plainville to Adam N. Vandermark, \$195,000 on 10/29/2015

23 Hart Place, Unit 3: Shane Newhart of Plainville to Yuriy Khoma, \$122,500 on 10/28/2015

20 Northampton Lane, Unit 4: Stanley J. Parys of Plainville to Nicholas Rund-Reyes and Jennifer Reyes, \$92,000 on 10/29/2015

35 Roosevelt St.: Wanda Sternal of Plainville to Aneta Kowalczyk, \$90,000 on 10/26/2015

Samuels Crossing, Lot 83: JNS Development LLC of Plainville to Haiqing H. Zhou and Hai Li, \$400,112 on 10/29/2015

167 Tomlinson Ave.: Aiezza Assunta Est and John Aiezza of Plainville to Grzegorz and Amna M. Bak, \$145,000 on 10/30/2015

98 W. Main St.: FNMA of Plainville to Angelo and Pearl M. Dibenigno, \$144,900 on 10/27/2015

38 Basswood St.: Kevin M. and Loran A. Ashmore of Plainville to Paolo A. Burgio and Holly A. Beckley, \$199,000 on 11/02/2015

20 Bicycle St.: Annmarie Berarducci RET and Joseph Berarducci of Plainville to Peter Berarducci, \$192,000 on 11/03/2015

176 Broad St.: Karl E. Corcoran and Beth Perri of Plainville to Amie L. Lezeau, \$250,000 on 11/05/2015

28 Fleetwood Drive: Mark B. and Andrea Young of Plainville to Timothy and Melissa Steele, \$221,500 on 11/02/2015

32 Ledge Road: Donna Mae 32 LLC of Plainville to Richard B. Thibedeau, \$202,300 on 11/02/2015

16 Maple St.: Anton J. Halat of Plainville to Benjamin F. Joslyn and Noelle E. Mills, \$129,000 on 11/02/2015

39 Park St.: Jens A. and Roxanne Korgaard of Plainville to Abby and Austin Clopton, \$192,000 on 11/05/2015

153 Red Stone Hill: Donald R Kirk RET and Judith A. Kirk of Plainville to Ricardo A. Vidal, \$215,000 on 11/04/2015

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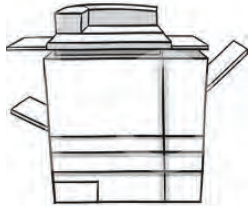
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### GRADE 12

#### GOLD

Lauren Acey, Kathryn Beloin, Tyrah Green, Jarred Karal, Sydney McGough, Jacob Nilson, Kristina Petit, Rachel Taylor, Kristen Whalen

#### SILVER

Andrew Autunno, Spencer Barbagallo, Ashley Bialko, Emily Bienasz, Nina Catanzaro, Joseph Chacho, Daniel Costantini, Tyler Czuprinski, Gina D'Amico, Cassandra Delorme, Kylee Feltman-Wright, Molly Garrity, Michael Gibilisco, Alex Girard, Ryan Gorham, Emma Heslin, Erin Kane, Avery Keller, Tyrone Kent, Emily Kerfoot, Brianna Lagassey, Kristina Lamson, Myranda LaPira, Lauren Lederman, Mackenzie Litke, Yamilex Lopez, Briana Lugo, Sussan Moya, Benjamin Murak, Luke Noe, Nicole Pabisiak, Edward Peshka, Nicole Plourde, Bethany Pye, Zachary Restelli, Madison Richardson, Jarod Romankiw, Sarah Santana, Andrew Schumann, Ryan Sgroi, Joseph Slivinsky, Ericka Solomon, Elizabeth Tata, Dominika Woch, Lauren Yorski, Sarah Yorski, Aleksander Zelasko

#### BRONZE

Tia Anderson, Anthony Autunno, Brandon Bellomo, Alexandra Bernier, Elisabeth Bernier, Jayde Bernier, Cameron Bielawski, KeAndre Blue, Dustin Chasse, Nicholas Cyr, Paige Darcy, Marissa Davey, Nicole Davis, Santos Echevarria, Hana Effendi, Morgan Elliott, Isabella Fil, Annie Florance, Kellsey Freeman, Christian Gomme, Blake Guarda, Yanitza Hernandez, D'Nasia Holley, Summer Jackson, Deidra James, Roxanne Kongkiat, Adrian Kulak, Gabriel Lacaille, Diondre Lampkins, Audrey Laprise, Jonathan Lindgren, Stephanie Martino, Caitlyn Massey, Corey McKisson, Riley Michalic, Rhianna Miller, Ethan Millette, Jessica Mills, Melissa Neal, Amanda Peters, Elvis Rios-Torres, Melvis Rios-Torres, Taylor Rogers, Jamilex Rosado-Rivera, Maricelys Rosado-Rivera, Kaylee Roux, Emilio Ruscito, Joshua Santiago, Maryan Sargizian, Kyle Schilke, Joshua Schilling, Jared Sgroi, Gregory Sileo, Jacob Somers, Lauren Sturtevant, Victoria Tanguay, Mikayla Termini, Anthony Thibault, Cheyenne Utley, Madison Ware, Jacob Wheaton, Katlyn Wolfahrt, Natalia Zajaczkowski

### GRADE 11

#### GOLD

Somer Abdelsame, Jared Demmons, Jessica Gorski, Brandon Mello, Jonathan Olson, Ashley Roy, Grant Sarra, Katie Schmidt, Angela Zheng

#### SILVER

Paul Anderson, David Bielawski, Stephen Biggar, Aliyah Biron, Erin Brochu, Garrett Burke, Dwight Burns, Kaitlyn Butler, Jonathan Christy, Olivia Cretella, Alexis Diorio,

Aiyanna Driver, Taylor Earley, Aleksandra Fiedorowicz, Emily Finkelstein, Olivia Gibilisco, Joseph Gohar, Shane Hartunian, Ethan Hushin, Jordan Jones, Caterina LaBella, Ashley LaPira, Matthew Linnhoff, Marc Liquindoli, Alexander Macomber, Shalina Mancarella, Ashley Martin, Jessica Masco, Taleah McCrorey, Claudius McNish, Christiana Melninkaitis, Alexandra Michaud, Natalie Michaud, Lillianaliz Morales, Robert Munson, Tyler Oakes, Jose Ortiz, Alexis Ouellette, Nichole Page, Autumn Parkinson, Jesse Pavano, Bethany Pelletier, Kyli Petillo, Victoria Plourde, Kamil Radziszewski, Tyler Rizzo, Alyssa Rocco, Hayde Santos, Shaun Simoneau, Adam Skawinski, Andrew Skawinski, John Sliwka, Alexa St. Jean, Luc St. Pierre, Dominika Szok, Lauren Tanner, Gina Temple, Nichole Travis, Mark Valeri, Jessica Varrato, Jessica Vye, Larenz Young, Lian-Wei Yuan

#### BRONZE

Shakira Allen, Alexander Autunno, Jared Boucher, Angelina Calderoni, Timothy Cancelli, Christopher Centurelli, Alexa Collin, Devin Cook, Tyler Corriveau, Nathan Doyle, Jared Duchaine, Caitlin Erb, Jullian Estevez, Audrey Gediman, Robert Goldsnider, Kloe Hidri, Damari Jackson, Rebekah Knapp, Alexander LaBella, Arianna Lubus-Pitt, Samuel Lynes, Christian MacDonald, Hagop Melkonyan, Amanda Michaud, Robert Miller, Mya Mitchell, David Mouangvienkham, Denzel Nolan, Joseph Pelletier, Isabella Pugliese, Eric Rodriguez, Robert Ryan, Lorenzo Samperi, Olyvia Sciaraffa, Melisa Selimovic, Breanna Sheedy, Bryan Skarb, Kyle Smith, Jonathan Tattersall, Jacob Theriault, Joshua Thompkins, Elyssa Tomczyk, Juan Torres, Aminah Tsonga, Christian Wassil, Caleb Wells, Jackson Welz, Zachary White, Samantha Zaleski, Karolina Zalewski

### GRADE 10

#### GOLD

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# From My Balcony

By Jeannette Hinkson

The events of the past few weeks makes each and everyone rethink about those we have put in office. We watch the debates, both Republicans and Democrats and wonder if most of these people have a clue what is going on around the world and even in our own country. After the carnage in France one man, Bernie Sanders, who is seeking nomination as a Democrat says Isis is not the big threat but the big threat is global warming. Is this man for real? You have Republicans that say, "Send me to Washington and I will fix everything," but they have represented the people in Washington for years and haven't done anything for the people that sent them there. Unemployment is at an all time high, oh yes, people have jobs but many have to hold down two job to make ends meet. When those same politicians bailed out the banks some time ago they paid the banks for all the bad mortgages. They didn't bail out the people and their bad debts they paid off the bad mortgages the banks held. The people lost their homes, Florida was one of the hardest hit states and foreclosures of thousand of homes took place. People were put out and went homeless, moved into cheap hotel or lived on the streets or in the woods, but the banks got their money. The big industries we bailed out gave big bonuses to their key people.

Many of those homes in Florida remain empty today but don't try to buy one of them, it' like buying the wind.

The advertised price when an offer is made is rejected. WHY? Republican candidates were asked if they would raise the minimum wage, those that were asked said no. Those working in the fast food industry are pushing for this but those in the business world think this would be the end of many businesses. I spoke with a contractor in Florida who explained he had workers he employed for anywhere from six months to eight years. He paid them on their performance, ability to learn, does he come to work on time, does he really want to work and does he make money for the company. He has a young man that has worked for him three years and gets fourteen dollars an hour. Now, if minimum wage goes to fifteen dollars an hour the new kid that just started gets a dollar more than his other worker or he has to give a raise of six dollars an hour to the fellow that has paid his dues and has really learned the job and produces for the company. His solution is to let the new kid go because he can't afford to bring up the wages of everyone. Is this going to solve the employment problem?

When was the last time you went out to a fast food place and your order was right, the bag of fries weren't dumped upside down in the bag, you got a straw or a napkin? You can almost tell which workers are going to make it in life. I am sure if a businessman or woman has a worker that produces for the company and he doesn't pay them accordingly he is stupid if he doesn't reward that person with a raise. Business people don't have to be told to do so by some politician that never worked a day in their lives and probably never will.

## Dear Editor:

Why should Donald Trump be the Republican nominee for President?

I've been told that Trump is not a conservative and he's not good on social issues.

As a lifelong pro-life conservative, my response is "I don't care."

The country and the world is a mess; the U.S. economy is in shambles; our military is being gutted; ISIS is running wild; Iran is getting paid to produce a Nuke; China and Russia get more belligerent as we show weakness - and along comes Donald Trump promising to Make America Great Again! That's why I support Donald Trump and you certainly should as well. He's a winner! When he says he is going to do something - it gets done.

The media and other detractors say that he doesn't provide any details. But what details did John Kennedy provide when he stated in 1961 that America's goal should be "landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth" by the end of the decade?

Mr. Trump has set the goal of Making America Great Again and based on the establishment's response, you'd think there was something outrageous about that. As far as details go, the fewer the better. At this stage of the game, details are weapons with which his opponents will beat him over the head.

Political correctness is a cancer that is eating away the fabric of this country. It takes courage to stand up to today's PC fascists and dispense with their "mollycoddling" terms, and Donald Trump is the only candidate with the guts to call a spade, a shovel.

I've told you why I support Donald Trump, the only candidate who will make America great again so please support the Patriots For Trump, if you are asked.

The others just want to manage our decline.

Please join me in supporting Patriots For Trump as we build support in the early contests held in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Your support is critical as we work to identify Trump supporters in those early states and get them to the Iowa Caucus on February 1st and the New Hampshire Primary on February 9th.

Thank You & God Bless America, Scott B. Mackenzie, Chairman of Patriots for Trump For more Informtion e-mail Info@patrioticconservatives.net

## MUSLIM GOVERNMENT

Never have there been in our government, so many individuals who belong to a religion that you either join or you will be killed?

When you read this you will understand why Obama refuses to say the words "radical Islam."

Did you know that we now have a Muslim government?

John Brennan, current head of the CIA converted to Islam while stationed in Saudi Arabia.

Obama's top advisor, Valerie Jarrett, is a Muslim who was born in Iran where her parents still live.

Hillary Clinton's top advisor, Huma Abedin is a Muslim, whose mother and brother are involved in the now outlawed Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt.

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development for Homeland Security, Arif Aikhan, is a Muslim.

Homeland Security Advisor, Mohammed Elibiary, is a Muslim.

Obama advisor and founder of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, Salam al-Marayati, is a Muslim.

Obama's Sharia Czar, Imam Mohamed Magid, of the Islamic Society of North America is a Muslim.

Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships, Eboo Patel, is a Muslim.

It's questionable if Obama ever officially took the oath of office when he was sworn in. He didn't repeat the oath properly to defend our nation and our Constitution. Later the Democrats claimed he was given the oath again in private?

CIA director John Brennan took his oath on a copy of the Constitution, not a Bible.

Congressman, Keith Ellison took his oath on a copy of the Qur'an.

Congresswoman Michele Bachman was vilified and almost tarred and feathered by Democrats when she voiced her concern about Muslims taking over our government.

Considering all these appointments, it would explain why Obama and his minions are systematically destroying our nation, supporting radical Muslim groups worldwide, opening our southern border, and turning a blind eye to the genocide being perpetrated on Christians all over Africa and the Middle East.

The more damage Obama does, the more arrogant he becomes!

Our nation and our government has been infiltrated by people who want to destroy us. It can only get worse!

**Please share this with your friends and family.  
(If you fail to pass this one on there's something wrong ... somewhere!)**

*Submitted by Janice Eisenhauer*

## The Wonders of Christmas

By Wendell Copeland



Do people think of Mary?  
And the trip. She had to bear.  
To give birth. To the Christ child.  
In a stable. With no one there.

How sad it was, for both of them.  
In cold and wintery street.  
When people said, We have no room.  
Find some other place to sleep.

What were the words the Angels sang to God?  
A joyous song of praise.

A newborn cries, in Bethlehem from a manger.  
A joyous song of praise.

Whatever happened to the star?  
With its brilliant light.  
Who told the Wisemen, Where to go?  
To see the Babe, that night.

I wonder if God, planned it this way?  
For the life, of his son to begin.  
To take up, the troubles, of all mankind.  
So we could live without sin.

## Plainville Library News

### \*\*\*\*\* Library Open House

**Thursday, December 3rd  
From 6-8 p.m.**

Children's Storytime at 6:30 p.m.  
Holiday Music by Flute Ensemble of the Plainville Wind Ensemble 7 p.m.  
Refreshments for everyone

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### Friends Movie Matinee- Mr. Holmes

**Thursday, December 10th  
at 2:30 p.m.**

Sherlock Holmes, the world famous detective as he retired.

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### Star Wars Premiere Party

**Saturday, December 12th  
at 1 P.M. - All Ages**

The newest Star Wars movie will be released soon, so we've decided to have a Star Wars-themed party.

Call the library to register for this program.

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### Candy Houses

**Tuesday, December 15th**

**At 6:30 p.m. - All ages**

Come and use your imagination to make a sweet decoration to take home or give as a gift.

Call the Library to register for this program.

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**Adult Dept. 860-7931446**

**Chamber of Commerce  
Christmas Tree Lighting  
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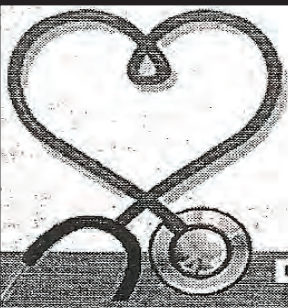
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## Please read this! SELF CPR

1. Let's say it's 7.25 pm and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job.
2. You're really tired, upset and frustrated.
3. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up in to your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home.
4. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.
5. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.
6. HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

7. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

8. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

**Tell as many other people as possible about this.**  
**It could save their lives!**

## Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

### Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...

While you may not celebrate Christmas, perhaps "The Christmas Song", stirs up childhood memories of past holidays or other winter celebrations with family and friends.

For me, it creates, perhaps, an unrealistic image of a magical time of the year when everything seems perfect. Presents under the tree, the house beautifully decorated; family parties that were fun, and full of laughter and song. Everyone looked glamorous and beautiful. The food was plentiful and delicious. Snow meant a day off from school.

It also makes me think of chestnuts. These wonderfully delicious warm treats were part of our holidays. As I think back to meals at our Grandparents house, they always came out after dinner along with fresh fruit and pies and cakes. There were my brother's favorite and we sometimes looked like we were juggling as we tossed them in the air to keep these hot brown nuggets fresh from the oven from burning our hands.

I never thought about where they actually come from, until recently, when I was at the Amherst Farmer's Market and saw how they grow on the mighty Chestnut tree, cradled in a velvet lined pocket inside a large spiny sharp burr.

The Mighty Chestnut Tree, which once ruled the forest in North America, provided this delicious nutty fruit that supported the wild life and returned important nutrients to the soil. It was a common building material. A fungus largely took out the Chestnut tree in the early 1900's. Thankfully, due to the hard work of scientist and growers, this species is coming back. The goal of the American Chestnut Foundation is to restore the American chestnut tree to the eastern woodlands to benefit our environment, wildlife, and society. Over 6,000 members & volunteers support this effort. In their own way, they are creating miracles and memories for future generations.

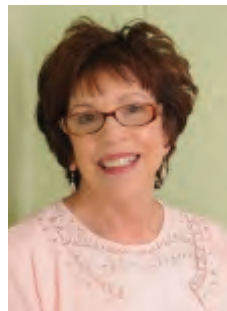
Chestnuts are flavorful gluten-free food. They contain proteins and have the lowest fat content of any edible nut. Chestnuts are full of vitamins, B-complexes and many minerals. They are a good source of fiber. Chestnuts are relatively low in calories when compared to other natural seeds and nuts.

Chestnuts are often used in stuffing and roasted as a stand-alone treat. Chestnuts can also be dried and milled into flour, which can then be used to prepare breads, cakes, or pancakes or used as a thickener for stews soups and sauces.

Roasting Chestnuts is easy. Preheat over to 375°F. Wipe the chestnuts off with a damp cloth and set them flat side down on a cutting board. With a sharp knife, cut a small slit on the top of each chestnut. Always slit the shell to allow the steam to escape. Failing to do this could result in a small explosion in your oven. Not the type of excitement you are looking for during your holiday dinner party and, let's face it, you already have enough cleaning up to do. Place in a roasting pan and cook for about 30 minutes. Check one after 20 minutes. The nut inside should be soft and chewy and it's a fine line between just right and too dry. Carefully remove from pan and peel when still hot. You might want to put a towel over them and crush to make this easier to peel and to avoid burning your fingers. They are harder to peel when cold, so you won't want to make them too far in advance of when you plan to eat them. If they do cool, you can put them in oven to re-heat.

You can store fresh unpeeled chestnuts at room temperature about a week and in a plastic bag with holes for airflow in your refrigerator for about 2-3 weeks. Once cooked and unpeeled, you might as well just eat them because they don't last more than a few days in your refrigerator.

**Turn up the volume on "The Christmas Song" and Enjoy!**  
**Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2016!**



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**Letter to the Editor:**

Is it time for an 8th Crusade? There have been seven known in the past.

What just happened in France, remember Fort Hood, 9/11 in NY City. (Short Memory)

Could this be a Caliphate, their Act of War?

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

"There is for you an excellent example to follow in Abraham and those with him, when they said to their people: "We are clear of you and of whatever ye worship besides Allah: we have rejected you, and there has arisen, between us and you, enmity and hatred for ever, unless ye believe in Allah and Him alone." *Qur'an 60:4*

This is a core motivation behind terrorist violence today, and it is rooted in the teaching of the Qur'an, Sharia Law and Sunna.

Islamic tradition allows for negotiated settlements only in service of the ultimate goal of Islamic conquest.

The teaching and the goal is to offer non-Muslims only three choices: Conversion, Subjugation, or Death. (Some excerpts from the Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam and the Crusaders.) *Thank you, Ron Jones*

**Tea Party Patriots**

*By Gene*

**"STAND TALL AMERICA"****QUOTES FROM THE QUR'AN (KORAN)**

As we have seen, the Qur'an's surest guarantee of Paradise is given to those who slay and are slain for Allah: 'for theirs in return is the guarantee of Paradise...a binding on him in truth' (Qur'an 9:111)

"But whoever of you recants and dies an unbeliever, his works shall come to nothing in this world and the next and they are the companions of the fire for ever" (Qur'an (Koran) 2:217)

Only in America can they have terrorist kill people in the name of Allah and have the media primarily react by fretting that Muslims might be harmed by backlash.

"Caliphate is coming, take off the blindfolds, conspiracy or not?" Forget collateral damage and rules of engagement. We might have to hit them where it hurts.

If you didn't like Agenda 21, then you really are not going to like the 2030 Agenda, because the 2030 Agenda takes things to an entirely new level. Agenda 21 was primarily focused on climate change and the environment but the 2030 goes far beyond that. As you know what they are planning, ask yourself what level of "global governance" will be required in order to accomplish all of that. Those who support Sustainable Development and Agenda 21 needed something big to put things back on track. The Supreme Court, which has already stated that it must look to decide American law, provided the answer. Under the plan adopted in the Senate, as part of a massive education bill" solidifying federal control over children and schools. The Obama Administration executed a significant about face in its education policy calling for a cap on the amount of time students spend taking standardized tests. The move comes amid growing opposition from teachers and many parents. *Excerpts from "The November 2015 Patriot Newspaper Vol.7, Issue 1.*

**To the People of Plainville:**

During this fall's campaign for local office, we had the opportunity to meet and personally speak with many residents as we walked door-to-door, made phone calls, or met at an event. We truly appreciated the time that you gave us to introduce ourselves, talk about why we were running and perhaps most important, listen to your ideas and concerns.

Thank you for your courtesy and interest whether you agreed with us or not on the issues. It was a pleasure to interact with people throughout our community. What especially stood out to us was the real enthusiasm and love that so many residents have for our town of Plainville.

We also wish to thank those voters who came out to cast their ballots last Tuesday. Of course, we are grateful to those who supported us and those who also volunteered to help in the campaign. However, we absolutely salute each and every person who made the commitment to exercise their right to vote.

Those of us who will be serving in office are honored to have this opportunity and will do our best to represent you. Those of us who were not elected will continue to be engaged in the community and to work with many of you to make Plainville the best that it can be.

The 2015 Democratic Slate for Town Council and Board of Education Patrick Kilby, Quinn Christopher Rosemary Morante, Christopher Wazorko, Tony Tarascio, Michael Verrett, Crystal St. Lawrence Foster White

**Tea Party Food for Thought**

America and Connecticut's economy is still a wreck. The so-called recovery is a lie. There's more division in America than there's been in Generations, and Washington has lost the trust of real Americans.

For only the third time in forty years Social Security recipients won't be getting a small increase in their monthly benefits.

Could this be the start of footprints on the backs of senior citizens?

Should Congressmen wear uniforms like NASCAR drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors?

**Higher Education Colleges and Universities** should be preparing our children for their future and the country's future. Not like what's happening at MIZZOU University in Missouri a couple of weeks ago. Hope it will not be like Kent State all over again? It seems like the inmates are running the asylum.

"I'll leave you with one thought. "A great civilization cannot be conquered without, until it has destroyed itself from within." (W. Durant)

**New Bike Laws  
Cyclists and Drivers Need to  
Know What's New**

Connecticut's laws for cyclists. The Bicycle Safety bill, Senate Bill 502 and now Public Act 15-41, was passed with broad bipartisan support. The Governor signed the bill into law on June 1.

Now cyclists don't have to ride as close to the right side of the road when: Overtaking or passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;

The new law also allows two-way bicycle lanes, buffered bike lanes, and cycle tracks to be designed in Connecticut and allows drivers to cross the double yellow line to pass slower-moving cyclists and other road users when it's safe to do so. Watch for more information from Bike Walk CT about Sharing the Road.

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*(The above article are excerpts of the submission)*

**A Silent Night**

*By Donald Liljedahl*

The sky was crystal clear  
Stars sparkled like scattered diamonds  
A touch of Christmas was in the air  
I guarded my post that night

The hushed sound of quiet was shattering  
The stillness raced in my head  
I walked the perimeter of the military compound  
Remembering past Christmases at home

The children excited with anticipation  
Of the arrival of Santa Claus  
Family gathered around the dinner table  
All in celebration of that special time

Family all together  
While I walk the line at night  
In one of the barracks  
A portable radio playing "Silent Night"

Off in a small distant village  
A church bell tolled  
From an ancient building  
I stood at my post and remembered.

**2015 National Hospice  
Letter to the Editor**

They come into lives as a last, new best friend, and we entrust our final days to them.

They have the wisdom of a sage and the heart of an angel—they are the nurses, social workers, chaplains and nursing aides who provide hospice care.

November was National Hospice Month. We at Regional Hospice and Home Care (RHHC) celebrate this designation, because it means that our country recognizes the importance of hospice care and the difference that specially trained hospice caregivers can make in families' lives.

Hospice's caregivers possess so much more beyond their credentials: They have a unique calling, a vocation to fill patients' and families' lives with joy, dignity and meaning that come from boundless empathy, compassion and clinical excellence.

They help a mother spending her final days at home to put words on paper for her young child to read in years to come. They bring a recluse together with people who have fallen away from his life. At our Center for Comfort Care & Healing, they are found offering trays of a patient's favorite cookies and rehashing a World Series Game, hosting a family birthday party or honoring WWII heroes with medallions and a salute from the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs—hospice caregivers make important, joyful moments a part of life—because they mean the world to a patient—whose quality of life means the world to them.

Hospice care provides comfort and support to patients with life-limiting illness and their families. As of January 2016, Regional Hospice will be the only hospice in Connecticut selected to provide hospice care for Medicare patients, through a Medicare innovation model, who may choose to continue curative treatments. The phrase "... and their families" is a pivotal distinction between hospice and all other types of home and inpatient care, and many more families will now be able to benefit from care and family support of the clinical experts whose angels among us.

I hope you will take a minute to thank a hospice caregiver. They are truly a gift to all of us; a last new friend whose profound compassion makes life even more precious for our patients and the people who love them. It is an honor and a privilege to work among our caregivers, hear their stories and meet families whose lives they impact so deeply.

*Cynthia Emit-y Roy, MS, LCSW, CHA President & CEO, Regional Hospice and Home Care Center for Comfort Care & Healing*

## A challenge to the internet age: half of consumers in the Northeast prefer info over the phone

Despite the impact of the digital revolution, half of consumers in America's Northeast prefer to receive information over the phone rather than going online, research has revealed.

The study of 2,234 US respondents, conducted by audio branding specialist PH Media Group, found 50 per cent of people in the region favour the phone when searching for basic information on a company, such as opening hours or details of products and services.

This result might come as a surprise, given Americans spend an average of 11 hours each day using electronic media but older generations are particularly fond of the phone.

Across the US, fifty-seven per cent of 55 to 64-year-olds and 53 per cent of 45 to 54-year-olds prefer calling over using the internet, compared to less than half of 35 to 44-year-olds (49 per cent), 25 to 35-year-olds (45 per cent) and 18 to 24-year-olds (42 per cent).

"Although we have entered a digital age, the results of this study suggest people still prefer the reassurance of being able to pick up the phone to receive a direct answer to queries they have about a particular business," said Mark Williamson, Sales and Marketing Director, PH Media Group.

"As such, it provides a clear message to businesses in the Northeast that they should not neglect traditional methods of communication. Large amounts of budget are devoted to ensuring websites are eye-catching, responsive and provide a positive user experience but call handling practice must also meet the same standards.

"At a basic level this means ensuring staff are properly trained on how to answer calls but it also means carefully controlling all voice and music customers hear while on the phone. It is important to ensure all audio is brand congruent, reinforcing desired company values."

Further results revealed 37 per cent of Northeastern consumers actually prefer to receive information quickly via an on-hold message rather than speaking to a customer service advisor.

This trend is particularly strong among younger generations. Almost half of 18 to 34-year-olds (49 per cent) in America prefer to receive information via an on-hold message, compared to 32 per cent of people aged over 35.

Mark added: "Traditionally, being left on hold is perceived as an irritation for consumers but these results suggest it can actually become a positive if managed correctly.

"By implementing solutions such as on-hold marketing, companies can turn previously 'dead air' into a valuable opportunity for communicating key information to customers while they wait on the line."

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## BEHIND THE MIKE

By: Michael Aun

### NEW YEAR'S FOR OLD MARRIED COUPLES

You know you've been married a long time when your spouse knows you so well that he or she completes your sentences for you. You know you've been married TOO LONG when you pull out your marriage certificate to search for an expiration date.

Half of all marriages go south. Some suggest it would be even more if couples didn't have a compelling reason to remain hitched, i.e. kids, money, health and ... well, you name it.

Some spouses know how to take a shot at their mate; others know how to respond cleverly. One wife bragged to her husband "You see that guy out there on the dance floor break dancing, moon walking and doing back flips? He asked me to marry him 25 years ago. I turned him down." The husband replied "And it looks like he's still celebrating!"

With 2016 on the horizon, celebrations abound. Some couples are sad the last year has finally ended; others can't wait for the New Year to get here. Some couples make resolutions to improve their relationship. Resolutions tend to go in one year and out the other... but I digress.

Now that I'm old enough to retire, I can't seem to find something to keep me occupied so, I decided to keep on working. I actually retired for one day to start drawing my pension, which helps me to go half-speed. I just don't want to end up like Bear Bryant, dead in 30 days. So my New Year's Resolution is to never stop working, which is the greatest testament to my absolute absence of any kind of hobby or outside interest.

So I've adopted the "cup half-full" approach. I find that Yuengling beer is a nice filler as well as Blanton Bourbon.

I can't recall the last time my wife and I went somewhere to party on New Year's Eve. Our idea of a big New Year's is to hit the sack and hope we can stay awake long enough to watch the countdown in Time Square at midnight.

The idea of getting dressed up in some kind of costume with body glitter doesn't have a lot of appeal to me; matter of fact, it would drive me to drink the other half of bottle of Blanton. The best New Year's resolution might be to resolve not to have New Year's resolutions.

Do the math... if you're born in September, it's likely your parents enjoyed a nice New Year's celebration, but I digress.

I find it interesting that some people look at New Year's like it's some sort of a new start. Actually, if your life sucked last year, it's likely to suck again this year, so get past it.

So the Mayor of New York celebrates the New Year by dropping the ball at Time Square while Congress continues dropping the ball in Washington. Lot of ball dropping going on these days.

I recall praying on one New Year's Eve for a FAT bank account and a THIN body. My prayer this year is that God doesn't mix the two up again.

I've decided that the only New Year's Resolution I've succeeded at was to resolve to break my New Year's Resolution... and therefore I'm successful at something.

About the only thing I can conclude is that someone created New Year's just to sell calendars, which is fine by the Aun household because for Christmas presents, we make personalized calendars for our family members with pictures of my grandchildren. It's the best gift anyone can give because it's a gift that keeps on giving.

My grandchildren Ava, Ashley, Keenan and Cameron are all pretty amazing kids, so alike and yet so very different.

*So my New Year's toast would be: "May your neighbors respect you, troubles neglect you, angels protect you, and heaven accept you... but not just yet."*

## Refugees and Jihad:

### A Brief Study in Math

By Francis Rexford Cooley

The coordinated attacks on Paris, France by ISIS is a sobering reminder to the Western World the conflict it is engaged in with Islamic Jihadists bent on imposing a caliphate upon much of Europe, Africa, and Asia. Both Al-Qaeda and the Taliban promote a similar form of Jihadism as ISIS and Boko Haram do. For much of near fifteen years since 9/11 many Western leaders and opinion makers have viewed the various Jihadist groups waging war in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia and terrorist attacks in North America and Australia as being conducted by groups or "lone wolf" individuals distinguished by their differences rather than shared ideology. With the massive movement of Moslem populations into the West a brief examination of the shared Jihadist views of Moslem populations may be prudent for policymakers especially regarding immigration.

In 2013 the Pew Research Group conducted a public opinion poll regarding favorability and un-favorability ratings of Hezbollah, Hamas, Al-Qaeda, and the Taliban among the populations of eleven Muslim majority countries among other issues. Both Al-Qaeda and the Taliban received favorability ratings of 13%. Hezbollah and Hamas both received higher favorability ratings (26% and 32% respectively). Both Hezbollah and Hamas can be considered as Arab-nationalist groups and are defined by many including themselves for their war against Israel. Al-Qaeda and the Taliban represent both Jihad against all "infidels" and the incarnation of what a "pure" Islamic state would be. As such their favorability ratings can be seen as a proxy for Jihadist sentiment. Taking the 13% favorability rating being near equal to overall Jihadist sentiment and reducing that percentage to 10% to provide a more conservative analysis one can examine the potential impact of unfettered emigration from the Islamic World to the West.

According to Reuters some 500,000 Moslem refugees have recently made their way to Europe. If one assumes 10% have Jihadist sentiment then 50,000 of the recent arrivals are supportive of Jihad. If a mere 1% of those refugees with Jihadist sentiment are willing to act on that sentiment then Europe has let 500 potential terrorists in. If 10% of those with Jihadist sentiment are willing to act on that sentiment the number becomes 5,000 or to a size larger than an Army brigade from that of a battalion. For the United States it has been advocated by some in the Obama Administration to bring in 100,000 Muslim refugees into the country by 2017, that would mean some 10,000 with Jihadist sentiment and if only 1% were willing to act 100 potential terrorists (a small Army Company) and 1,000 potential terrorists if 10% of those with Jihadist sentiment are willing to act (a large Army battalion or small Army regiment) will be brought into the United States.

It is incumbent upon U.S. policymakers to keep American interests at the forefront of any policy decision. It only took nineteen terrorists to create the havoc of 9/11, only two for the Boston Marathon Bombing, and eight for the savage multiprong attack on Paris. What could, and will, 100 to 1,000 do to America as they arrive with the "Syrian" refugees as this simple mathematical analysis suggests they will. It is a question Europe is already grappling with after the fact.



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**CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR THE GRINCH**

The holiday season is upon us again and for some the ongoing saga of keeping up with the Jones pushes them break the law in an attempt to get what they want. Hopefully, this is not your reality come this time of year. Let's just use it as an opportunity to review larceny in the state of Connecticut.

There are six degrees of larceny in Connecticut. Three are misdemeanors and three are felonies. Larceny is when a person wrongfully takes, obtains, or withholds someone else's property with the intent to permanently deprive the owner of the property, or to appropriate it to a third person. Misdemeanors are crimes punishable by up to one year in jail along with other conditions. Felonies are crimes with punishment that exceed one year in jail and other conditions. Misdemeanor larcenies in Connecticut are larceny in the sixth degree, fifth degree and fourth degree. These charges cover up to \$2000 worth of property or services claimed to be wrongfully taken, obtained or withheld. These misdemeanors usually result from the types of shoplifting that might occur around holiday shopping.

Felony larcenies in Connecticut are larceny in the third degree, second degree and first degree. These charges cover anything over \$2000 worth of property or services claimed to be wrongfully taken, obtained or withheld. These felonies usually result from more complicated schemes. Typically they involve embezzlement or wire fraud where it is not merely a one-time transaction, but a series of transactions over a period of time.

I hope this doesn't dampen your holiday spirit, but reinforces what should truly be what is important during this season of togetherness. Thank you for another year of support and I look forward to continuing to bring you informative and interesting articles in the year 2016!

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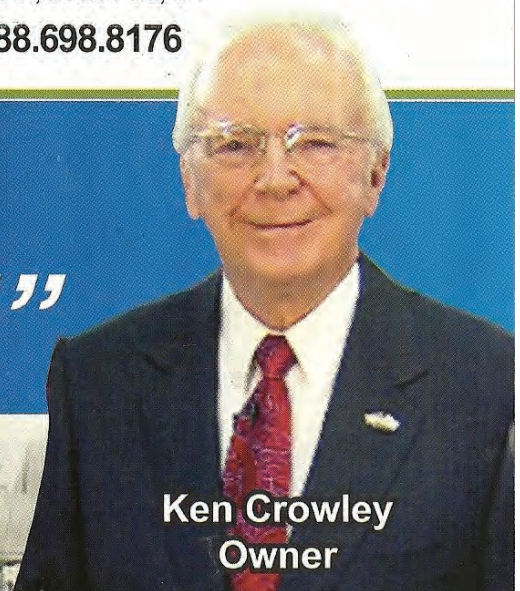
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# The Christmas Light Show

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Joshua truly embraces the meaning of Christmas while creating this beautiful display in memory of his Mom who passed away in 2011. He has been doing this every Christmas since her passing. “I do this for my Mom, as a sign to give back to the community and to our great neighbors.” This year the display is even bigger and better than the last year.

Added this year he will have a Santa’s Box to collect non-perishable items for the Plainville Food Pantry in the driveway of his home. When you come to enjoy the display you may deposit the items to be delivered to the pantry on December 15th. Just in time to give a helping hand to other families less fortunate this Christmas.

**The display will be turned on at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 5th.**

All the neighbors gather for the event, Joshua would like to extent an invitation to everyone to join he and his neighbors, that love to spread Christmas cheer.

*“Bring the children to see all the Wonders of Christmas!”*

# Gifts

By: Sally Miller



I watched people shopping for gifts and Christmas trees this week and realized how much people were spending for items. People were pushing, shoving and being mean to one another to obtain an item marked down from \$400 to \$325 for their 10 year old grandson.

I thought back to a different time and place when we were young. We used to receive one big gift like a doll or wagon that we would share and then smaller individual gifts like socks, a blouse, etc. Our stockings held oranges, nuts, peppermint candies, gum and trinkets.

Getting ready for Christmas was the best part of the holiday. I remember the scent of cloves stuck in oranges which sat on the back of the stove like spectators as their wonderful scent wrapped us in an envelope of citrus and spice. Gram and Mom would make Christmas fudge, cakes and breads for neighbors and family and let us have the little bit of the fudge that left in the bowl. We made cookies and decorated them with so much frosting that when the frosting hardened we could hardly bite the cookie but they smelled soooooooooo wonderful as they baked. The smells permeated the house and gave us warm and fuzzy hugs on a cold and wintry day.

Once Mom began to make hot chocolate, we knew that it was time to help Granddad cut down our Christmas tree. We had 5 massive trees lining the front yard. Each year he would cut the top of one and produce a 4-5 foot tree. As we would help him bring the tree into the living room, the smell of the freshly cut tree, sprinkled with icy sparkling snow drops would merge with the aroma of cookies baking and the hot chocolate simmering on the stove. This memory takes me back to a place and time when things were simpler.

We would pull out old ornaments that meant something to each of us and gently place them on the tree and we reminisced about the previous year. Amazingly we could not remember all of the gifts that we did receive last year but we remembered what we did together during the holidays last year ....and **THIS WAS THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL!**

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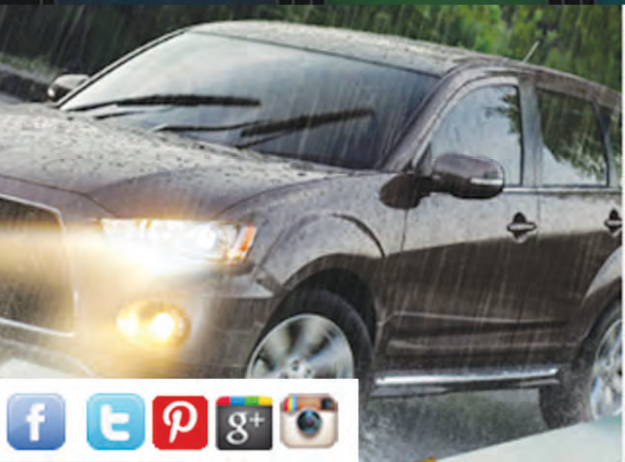
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Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Dec. 8- Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception

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Dec. 13 Breakfast with Santa 8 - 10:30am

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Morning Worship @ 12:00 Noon

TUESDAY: Prayer & Deliverance-7:00

Bible Class @ 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: 1st Evangelistic Ser

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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Phone: 860-747-1808

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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.

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

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- 1 cup applesauce

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Mix the onion, sausage meat, applesauce, goose liver and sage; stuff the goose with the mixture and tie it up securely. Place on a roasting rack. Roast in 375 degree oven allowing 18-20 minutes per pound. Baste frequently, adding 1 tablespoon water to the pan each time. Serves 6

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



## Fast-paced Lifestyle Eroding Teens' Teeth



As quick meals in the form of "nutrition" bars and carbonated beverages help keep teens alert and on schedule between school, extracurricular activities and part-time jobs, today's fast-paced lifestyle threatens to leave a generation with permanent damage to oral and overall health.

Premature loss of tooth enamel and weakening of overall tooth structure are two devastating oral effects of teens' poor diet that cannot be reversed later in life according to a study that appeared in General Dentistry, the clinical, peer-reviewed journal of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD).

Adolescence is the time of peak bone growth, a time when more nutrient-packed calories are essential to fuel growing bodies and strengthen teeth and bones, however adolescence is the same time when soda and sugary, high-carbohydrate foods are rapidly displacing healthy foods such as milk, fruits and vegetables.

The easy access of sugary beverages and foods from home to school and everywhere in between has compromised the health of teens' teeth and helped fuel the national obesity epidemic.

The report shows drinking carbonated beverages seems to be one of the most significant causes of increased cavities and obesity for today's teens. Fifteen percent of American adolescents ages 6 to 19 are overweight. This number is expected to increase. Why? Ten percent of overweight preschool-age children ages 2 to 5 are becoming addicted to caffeine and sugar, which makes it harder for them to stop unhealthy habits such as drinking soda throughout the day.

The phosphoric, citric, tartaric and carbonic acids in soda are linked to the breakdown of tooth enamel around dental sealants and restorations, further compromising teens' teeth and leading to more extensive dental treatment to prevent total tooth loss.

### Soft drinks and bone density

The phosphoric acid in most regular and diet cola drinks tends to limit calcium absorption and has a direct influence on bone density. By age 16, girls have accumulated 90 to 97 percent of their bone mass, making adequate calcium intake vital. However, national statistics show only 19 percent of girls ages 9 to 19 are getting the recommended 1,300 milligrams of calcium a day.

Research also confirms a direct link between soft drink consumption and bone fractures in teenage girls.

*Girls are at an extreme risk for developing osteoporosis, already exhibiting symptoms of this disease in their teen years. Early education on the importance of calcium consumption is essential to reversing this trend.*

## Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Plainville Water Pollution Control Dept., the community, and those who will benefit from the year round Bottle Drive Program, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us through the years. Because of all your generous bottle and can donations, we are able to raise funds for non-profit organizations. Once again, we are pleased to be able to donate to the Plainville Community Food Pantry and its critical programs. With this funding donation of \$2,000, they will be able to provide the families and their children in the program with all of the basic necessities needed allowing them a better quality of life.

Thank you all for helping us make a difference in our community. Sincerely, Susie Woerz, Executive Director

## Veterans Day Ceremony



At Veterans Memorial Park a ceremony was held by The American Legion Post #33 and VFW Post Five Seven Four to honor all the veterans that served in all the wars.

Approximately 100 residents and veterans attended the ceremony at 11 am on Veterans Day.

Each member read a tribute to the veterans. Town Council Chairman Kathy Pugliese and State Representative Betty Boukus were recognized by the Commander of the American Legion.

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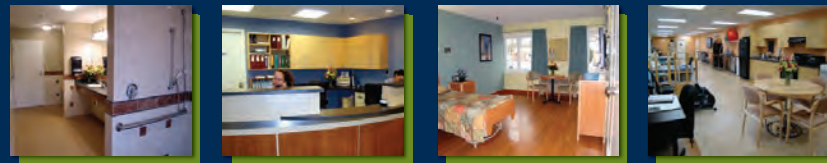
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# Town Council Appoints New Police Officer Shane Dufresne

Police Chief Matthew Catania presentation to the Town Council:

“It is my pleasure to introduce and recommend Shane Dufresne to the Council for appointment as an entry level police officer. Shane is a certified police officer currently serving with the Western Connecticut State University Police Department. Prior to that, Shane was with the Waterbury Police Department where he retired after 21 years of service at the rank of detective. Shane’s training and experience is very impressive. He is a certified field training officer and a Police Academy certified instructor. Shane’s police experience is very diversified. He has served in the community relations division and in the drug task force with the DEA. He is regarded by his previous employers as a talented investigator and a people friendly police officer. I anticipate that Shane will bring his training and experience to our department and to our benefit. The fact that he is a field training officer positions him well to help us mentor and guide current and future officers. Shane would fill an open and funded entry level police officer position.”

*The Town Council unanimously approved the appointment of Officer Shane Dufresne. Chairwoman Kathy Pugliese welcomed Shane and wished him Luck. Council Vice chair Scott Saunders presented him with his badge.*



Police Chief Matthew Catania welcomes Officer Shane Dufresne



Officer Shane Dufresne and friend Michelle at ceremony.



Members of Plainville's Police Department welcome Officer Dufresne

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# Peter Chase, Director Plainville Library ~ Retires November 20th ~

The residents extended best wishes to Peter Chase, who retired as Director of the Plainville Public Library on November 20. Peter has been an esteemed member of the staff for 35 years and will be greatly missed.

**An Open House Reception  
was held at the  
Plainville Public Library  
Thursday, November 19th**

Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Plainville Public Library. Pictured with Peter is the new Director

*Kari Burgess, Assistant Director*

## Welcome to Plainville Douglas Lord, Library Director

Douglas Lord has been a library professional for nearly twenty years. His career began at the Hartford (CT) Public Library as the Circulation Systems Administrator where he was in charge of lending for the main branch and the nine branch libraries, then moved to the Reference Department. After



five years Douglas took a position at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford where he was a Law Librarian in the Law and Legislative Reference Unit. After a brief stint as the Director of the Oxford (CT) Public Library, Douglas returned to the State Library as the Coordinator for a federal program of statewide library funding called Library Services and Technology. After a total of 12 years with the state Douglas rededicated himself to public librarianship at the New Britain Public Library as the Circulation and

Branch Coordinator, a position he held for two years. Douglas is absolutely thrilled to join the Plainville Public Library as director. He looks forward to meeting patrons and business people in order to learn how to enhance library services to the benefit of the community.



*Peter Chase receives plaque with naming of the "Peter Chase Auditorium"*



*Peter Chase turns over the "keys" to new Library Director*



*Community members gathered to honor Peter Chase's retirement*



*Town Council Chair Kathy Pugliese presents Peter Chase with Proclamation*

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We would like to invite people to join us in the keeping of the Advent and Christmas Season. There are four Sundays in Advent November 29, December 6, 13, and 20th. During this time each year the church honors a time of

expectant waiting. Waiting for what? The birth of Jesus. Each Sunday moves us closer to Christmas and the anticipation heightens. Of course many look forward to the secular celebration of Christmas, lights, music, cookies, trees, presents and Santa Clause. Did you know that Santa Clause, Father Christmas, Kris Cringle and others like them are all modeled after Saint Nicholas? December 6th is Saint Nicholas day. St. Nicholas was the Bishop of Myrna (in present day Turkey) and he was known for going out into the city, oh, maybe I should say, sneaking out into the city and leaving at people's homes the things they needed, things like socks, hats, mittens, and food. It is easy to see why he was the model for "Santa Clause." However, getting back to Advent, we anticipate the greatest gift of all, a gift from God. The gift that brings

to us, and to the whole world, hope, peace, love and joy. Every Sunday at 10:00am during Advent we celebrate one of these gifts and light the candles in our Advent wreath to help us prepare for birth of Jesus. Part of this preparation is to study Scripture and spend quiet time reflecting. On Thursdays December 3, 10 and 17th at noon we will have a service of Holy Eucharist followed by a time to study Scripture together. Each of us brings our own bag lunch; coffee and tea are provided. On Saturday December 12th we are having a "Quiet Day" from 10:00am to 2:00pm, led by The Rev. Debra Pallatto Fontaine. A short meditation will be presented and then there will be quiet time to reflect on what was shared. A light lunch will be available. On Sunday December 20th during our 10:00am service the children will present "A Christmas Pageant" with many familiar Christmas Carols. This will begin telling the story of Mary and Joseph, Angels and shepherds, the animals and finally the birth of Jesus. This is a wonderful way to watch and hear the story anew each year. Later that afternoon at 3:00pm we will be joining the Congregational



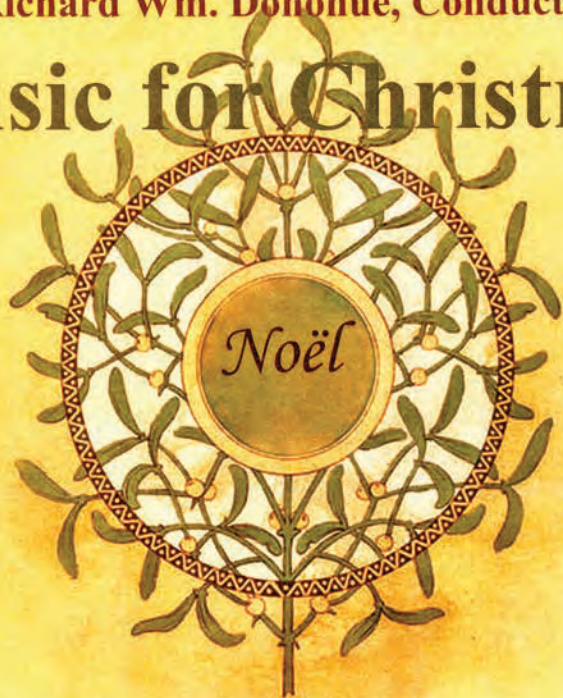
Church in Plainville for a Carol Sing. This is a glorious time to "fill the air with music," the beautiful music of Christmas.

On Christmas Eve at 5:00pm we will have the First Eucharist of Christmas. This is a family service and all are welcome. This is a time to remember the birth of Jesus,



yes, but it also a time to be grateful to God for all the blessings in our lives. Please consider this your invitation to come in out of the cold and join us in a warm place with warm hearts.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Jeffrey H. Dickman ~

Jeffrey H. Dickman, of Ellington, passed away unexpectedly at his home, on Sunday, November 22, 2015, shortly after celebrating his 54th birthday with family and friends.

Born in New Britain on November 21, 1961, he was one of two sons to the late Herbert and Marjorie (Bertz) Dickman. Raised in Plainville, he was a 1979 graduate of Plainville High School and went on to attend Central Connecticut State University, majoring in business. He was currently employed at Electrical Wholesalers, in product sales. Jeff married the love of his life, Melissa (Vestal) in 1993 and made their home in Ellington, where they enjoyed hosting family and friends on the deck, poolside or for their notorious Friday Wing Night. Known for his love for music, Jeff was a talented guitarist, who also enjoyed travelling the world, going to the beach, attending concerts or cheering on the NY Giants, all with his adored wife by his side. Jeff had an infectious love for life, living each day to the fullest and spreading cheerfulness wherever he went. The glue that held his family together, Jeff truly left this world a better place in the short time he was here, and will be profoundly missed, leaving many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, Melissa, he leaves his sister-in-law, Marianne Enes; his father-in-law, Billy Vestal; any many cousins, including his dear cousin and best friend, Darlene Vereneau. He also leaves his brothers and sisters in law, Nathan and Cheryl Vestal, Kristine and Jamie Galasyn, and Jennifer and Barry Moore; his Goddaughter, Becky Lorch; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and many close friends, including his lifelong buddy, Dave Loiselle. He was predeceased by his brother, Mark.

Predeceased by his four legged friend, "Blackie", he will also be missed by his dog "Cinder".

A memorial service in celebration of Jeff's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St. Plainville. Family and friends gathered before the service, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, Jeff's love for music may be remembered with donations to the Playing for Change Foundation at [www.playingforchange.com](http://www.playingforchange.com), the American Cancer Society, 238 W. Town St., Norwich, CT 06360, or the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492.

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## ~ Lilia Salvador ~

Lilia Guzman Salvador, 76, of Hartford, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2015 at Avery Heights in Hartford.

Lilia was born in the Philippines on April 4, 1939, daughter of the late Agapito and Carmen (De Guzman) Salvador. She relocated to the United States and was a resident of Hartford, CT for many years.

Lilia received her bachelor's degree in Education from The Philippine Normal College, Manila, Philippines and worked for Advest, an investment banking and brokerage firm. She then went on to work at the United States Post Office as a clerk at both the Hartford and Manchester location up until her retirement. She was an animal lover and adored the pets she had. Her passion for painting led her to create several beautiful pieces of art work. In addition, she enjoyed listening to classical music.

Lilia is survived by her brothers and sisters: Bernardito Salvador and his wife Ruby of New Jersey; Alfonso Salvador and his wife Carol; Lolita Salvador Calimbahin and her husband Edgar; Amelita Salvador Guevarra and her husband Nicanor; Carmelita Salvador Sadyang-Abay and her husband Frank; her niece Carmelyn Russell of Arizona; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is also survived by her good friend Mila Nanez.

Funeral Services for Lilia were held privately and at the convenience of her family. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville had care of arrangements.

## Lillian R. (Hurlburt) Keller

of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 29, at Autumn Lake in New Britain. She was the widow of the late Herman Keller, with whom she shared 53 loving years of marriage.

Lillian was born on March 4, 1927 in New Britain to the late Guy and Louise (DeCarli) Hurlburt. She was a lifetime resident of Plainville, where she and her husband raised four sons.

Lillian was the matriarch of her family and being a homemaker came natural to her. It was her duty to raise her four children while her husband went to work. She was a talented artist, creating both water color and oil paintings. Gardening was something she enjoyed, especially her raspberries. Her children say that she was best known for her apple pie. She was a member of the Plainville Choral Society and a communicant of Faith Bible Church in Plainville. Lillian will be missed greatly by her entire family leaving many cherished memories behind.

Lillian leaves behind four sons: Charles Keller, his wife Patricia, of Avon; Richard Keller, his wife Debra, of Southington; Alan Keller, his wife Betsy, of West Hartford; Thomas Keller, his wife Denise, of Woodstock, GA; her grandchildren: Jeffrey, Paula, and Erin Keller, Christopher Keller, his wife Mary, Megan Pereira, her husband Joe, Alison Hunter, her husband Spencer, Kathryn McKean, her husband Thomas; and Lillian's seven great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brothers, Charles and Robert Hurlburt, and is survived by her brother, Donald Hurlburt.

Funeral Services in honor of Lillian's life were held privately at the convenience of her family.

In honor of Lillian, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association through their website [alz.org](http://alz.org) or mailed to 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville has care of arrangements.

*Death leaves a heartache no one can  
heal, love leaves a memory,  
no one can steal.*

## ~ Richard J. Slade ~



75, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by his family on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Countryside Manor, Bristol. He was the husband of Sandra (Krasawa) Slade, with whom he shared 52 years of marriage.

Born in Bristol on May 9, 1940, he was the son of the late William and Catherine (Connolly) Slade. Richard was a graduate of EC Goodwin Technical School, and specialized in aerospace inspection for Fafnir Bearing, where he also served on their volunteer fire department, retiring in 1993. He and Sandra settled in Plainville for the past 38 years, where they raised their beloved five children. Known for his classic car collections, Richard also enjoyed going fishing, a hobby he shared with his children, and was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast. He will be greatly missed, leaving his family with many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his children, Sandra S. Bouchard and her husband, Daniel of Torrington, Nancy McLellan and her husband, David of Plainville, Adam J. Slade and his wife, Michelle of Plainville and Jarred A. Slade and his wife, Zoe of Unionville; his grandchildren, Stephanie Parks and her husband, Charles, Scott Nadeau, Jr., Katherine McLellan, Adam J. Slade, Jr., Andrew T. Slade, Benjamin R. Slade, and Harrison A. Slade. He also leaves his sister, Elizabeth Ball of Tolland; his sisters-in-law, Elizabeth DiPietro and Anita Crane; his brother-in-law, Robert Tabor; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Richard J. Slade, Jr., his brothers, William and Robert Slade, and his sister Catherine Tabor.

Richard's family extends their deepest gratitude to his nurses and caretakers at Countryside Manor, especially Monica, Linda, Rachel, Nayal, Arlene, JoAnn, Iris, Crystal, Borzena, and Bea for their comfort and compassionate care.

Funeral services in celebration of Richard's life were held from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St. Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal services followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, 2075 Silas Deane Hwy., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com](http://www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com)

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## Natale "Uncle Sonny" Moschini



82, of Plainville, passed away surrounded by his beloved family on Saturday, November 7, 2015. He was the husband of Meda (Murphy) Moschini, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage.

Born in Bronx, New York on September 1, 1933, Sonny moved to Plainville in his younger years, next door to his future wife, Meda. Together, they settled in her hometown where they raised their three sons, and became proud grandparents.

Nat proudly served his country for 2 years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, and was honorably discharged in 1957. He was a talented mason by trade, retiring from Aiudi Concrete in 1995 after 25 years of hard work and dedication. A life spent selflessly helping others he was first and foremost a family man, with his second love being a firefighter as a member of the Plainville Fire Department for over 50 years and took great pride in watching two more generations follow in his footsteps. He will be greatly missed by the many the lives he touched, especially those who were lucky to get sprayed by his custom firefighter hood ornament, leaving a legacy of love, hard work, his robust laughter, and many cherished memories.

In addition to his wife, Meda, he leaves his sons, Richard Moschini and Mickie Steele; Thomas Moschini and Christine Yount; his grandchildren, Robert, Paige, Katelynn, Thomas Jr., Jennifer, and Abigail, Richard D; and his three great-grandchildren who always made him smile, Noah, Mackenzie, and Aubrey. He also leaves a sister, a brother, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Robert, his brother, and two sisters.

Funeral services in celebration of Sonny's life were held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. Committal services with Military Honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. He may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Fire Company, 77 W. Main St, Plainville or the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com](http://www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com)

## ~ Theresa Ann Conti ~

Theresa Ann (Dzikot) Conti, 82, of Plainville passed away Sunday November 22, 2015 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. She was the loving wife of John J. Conti. Theresa and John shared 61 years of marriage together.

Terry was born December 28, 1932 in New Britain, a daughter of the late Albert and Mary (Goc) Dzikot and was a longtime Plainville resident. She had worked at Landers, Frary and Clark and later in food services for Plainville schools. She loved spending her winters in Florida and enjoyed knitting, cooking, sewing, baking and traveling. But mostly she enjoyed spending time with her beloved grandchildren.

Besides her husband John, she leaves her daughter Carol Sanderson of Berlin, her son Ronald of Plainville, her granddaughters, Kristin, Meaghan and Kathryn Sanderson, her great granddaughters, Kassy and Kaylee and many loving nieces and nephews. Terry was predeceased by her sisters, Sophie Dzikot, Anna Gadowski, Helen Niedzwicki and Ceil Osga, her brother Frank Dzikot and her grandson Kevin Conti.

Family and friends gathered at the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Committal services followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. If desired memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## ~ Rose (DeVivo) DeMarco ~

94, of Plainville, passed away Saturday November 14, 2015 at the Pines at Bristol. She was the wife of the late Frank DeMarco.

Mrs. DeMarco was born October 7, 1921 in Newark, NJ, a daughter of the late Vincenzo and Maria (Lombardi) DeVivo. Rose was a very social person who enjoyed all of the daily activities at Mulberry Gardens and later the Pines. She loved reading and card games, but mostly enjoyed spending time with her family.

Rose leaves her daughters, Stephanie Lombino of Plainville and Mary Ellen Burgos of Bronx, NY, her grandchildren, Mary Ellen, Philip, Stephanie and Joseph and her great grandson, Christian.

Funeral services and burial in Saint Anthony Cemetery in Glenridge, NY were held privately. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville had care of arrangements. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit [www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com](http://www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com).

## ~ Mark B. Skrzypek ~



48, of New Britain, formerly of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

Born in Hartford on January 31, 1967, he was the son of Tadeusz and Alicja (Wroczynski) Skrzypek. He was raised in Plainville, and was a graduate of Plainville High School. He pursued many careers throughout the years, spending the past 15 years as an employee of Security 101. Known for his love of sports, he was

a Miami Dolphins and Boston Red Sox fan, and had a passion for cooking. Mark will be greatly missed for his kindheartedness and love for his family, leaving them with many cherished memories.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his sisters, Annette and her husband Cory Minella and Christine and her husband, Steve Giudice; and was a beloved uncle to his nieces and nephews, Courtney, Emily, Sydney, Lyndsey, and Ryan. He also leaves his aunt and uncle, Barbara and Dennis Vidal; his cousins, Chris and Janet Vidal and their children, Halina and Carolina; Elizabeth Lagasse and her children, Tyler and Maxwell; Irene and Paul Valenta and their children, Nick and John and their grandson Aedan; as well as his extended family in Poland, and last but not least, his faithful companion, his dog "George". He was predeceased by his grandparents, John and Halina Wroczynski and Joseph and Julia Skrzypek.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. Committal services followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Family and friend gathered on Sunday, from 1-3 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. Memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 S. Canal St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com](http://www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com)

## ~ Richard M. Lessard ~

57, of Plainville, passed away Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. He was surrounded by his loving family as he ended his battle with cancer.

He leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Barbara (Peterson) Lessard; his son, Robert Lessard; his daughter Alyse Thompson and her husband, Kevin Thompson; his brother Raymond Lessard and his wife, Gail Lessard; his sister Renee Delahunty and her husband, Phillip Giuliani; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was born on Jan. 9, 1958 in Bristol He spent the earlier part of his life growing up as a resident of Southington, attending and graduating from Southington High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Central Connecticut State University. He remained in the heavy equipment parts and repair business for the majority of his life.

He was predeceased by his beloved mother and father, Roger and Rita Lessard of Southington.

A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in his honor, at DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington. We celebrated his life with photos, speeches, poems, stories and anything else you would like to share to remember how wonderful Rick truly was. Calling hours were Tuesday. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery on Wednesday at 11 am.

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**Dear Editor:**

As I sat at my desk and reflected back on the year 2015, at The Plainville Community Food Pantry I thought this was a perfect time to thank everyone for their overwhelming response to all our appeals throughout the year. Once again, thank you to all of the Grantees, Foundations, Individuals, Businesses, the Plainville School's Staff and Students, Town of Plainville Employees, Plainville Town Council, the Plainville Police and their Union, Plainville Fire Company, The Plainville Chamber of Commerce, the Plainville Churches, everyone who volunteered or donated items to the Fill the Truck at Gnazzo's, the generous Donations of Holiday Food and Toys, to our Secret Santa's, for all who attended and/or helped with the Dinner Dances, the J. Timothy's Golf Classic, Northeast Produce Golf Tournament and all those involved in the Wings and Wheels fundraiser, The Plainville Community Food Pantry Board of Directors, my Staff & Volunteers.

It is because of the generous spirit of you and the community that allowed us to accommodate the needs of the less fortunate here in Plainville.

Once again, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your continued commitment to helping others.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and a very prosperous New Year.

*Happy Holidays!*

Susie Woerz, Executive Director  
of the Plainville Community Food Pantry

## Medicare Open Enrollment: 5 Things You Need to Do

Routines help keep us focused, organized and even healthy. However, if your health routine doesn't include preparing for Medicare's Open Enrollment, now's the time to kick start a new healthy habit.

If you have a Medicare health or prescription drug plan, Open Enrollment runs through December 7 and is the time you can make changes to your plan. Even if you're happy with your current coverage, you might find something that's a better fit for your budget or your health needs. If you miss an Open Enrollment deadline, you'll most likely have to wait a full year before you can make changes to your plan.

If you find that your current coverage still meets your needs, then you're done. Remember, during Medicare Open Enrollment, you can decide to stay in Original Medicare or join a Medicare Advantage Plan. If you're already in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you can switch back to Original Medicare.

5. Check your plan's star rating before you enroll. The Medicare Plan Finder has been updated with the 2016 Star Ratings for Medicare health and prescription drug plans. Plans are given an overall quality rating on a 1 to 5 star scale, with 1 star representing poor performance and 5 stars representing excellent performance. Use the Star Ratings to compare the quality of health and drug plans being offered.

These are a few easy ways to get a jump start on your Medicare Open Enrollment. For more information you can, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), and say "Agent." TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. Help is available 24 hours a day, including weekends. If you need help in a language other than English or Spanish, let the customer service representative know the language. You can also visit a local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor! SHIP counselors provide free, one-on-one, non-biased Medicare assistance.

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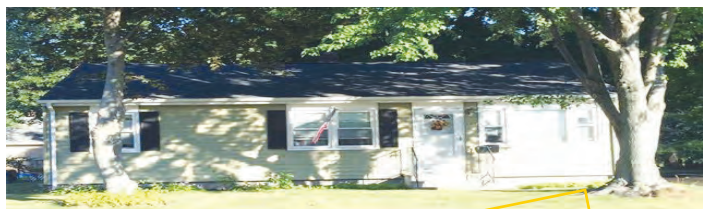
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**From the Desk of:**

*HELEN BERGENTY*

*Plainville Republican Town Committee Chairman*

Our next meeting will be to endorse candidates for membership of the Republican Town Committee, it will be held on Wednesday, January 6th, 7 pm at the Municipal Center. On page 6 is the Legal Notice of the caucus. If you have any questions call 860-747-3905, leave your name and phone number and I will return your call.

The Town Committee's Christmas and Victory Party will be held at Pagliacci's on Wednesday, December 9th. This is an "Open Invitation" for you to join us. The cost is \$23.00 per person for dinner and a Cash bar. RSVP deadline is noon December 9th. choice of 6 entrees. We will make our selection of entree and pay the night of the party. Please call Laura Peterson 860-747-6474 or 860-747-3905 leave your name and number of persons attending. For the sitting set up, we need that information in advance. "Thank you and see you at the party."

A sincere thanks to all the voters of Plainville that voted and helped the Republicans to retain control of the Town Council and Board of Education. Also a sincere thanks to all the candidates, Town Committee members and volunteers that helped make it possible.

"It is a pleasure to be part of the Town Council and try to be part of the solutions that affect our town" said Town Council Chairman, Kathy Pugliese. "It's gratifying that the voters believe that we have been doing a good job for the citizens, they want us to continue on that path and go forward with some more plans. It's always good to know that your team has done what it said it would do and continue to do the best for the town" said Kathy.

*"Merry Christmas & A Happy Prosperous New Year"*

From All the Members of Plainville Republican Town Committee

## BEHIND THE MIKE By: Michael Aun

<http://www.aunline.com/blog>

### INFANT WISDOM

I was my walking my twin grandsons Keenan Christopher and Cameron Jeremy around the lake front of East Tohopekaliga in St. Cloud, Florida and we talked (actually babbled) to one another.

The greatest wisdom in the world will emerge from the inspiration harbored in the love of an infant grandchild, especially if you're an old geezer like yours truly. This exercise that I enjoy almost every Sunday evening is now a rite of passage.

I'm their Jiddo, the Arabic word for grandfather, pronounced Jiddy. I am unabashedly enthralled by these little guys... and I guess it shows. When I need a "mental fix" I drive the five miles over to Viviana and Christopher's house because a visit with my buddies makes my day.

My most peaceful moments are when Keenan and Cameron fall asleep in my arms, content to know that they are safe and secure. They are teaching me lessons every day like it's more important to be nice than to be right.

My sweet little granddaughters Ashley and Ava long ago taught me the gift of giving. Ashley's latest round of gifts to me is to make me are pumpkins and snowmen made out of beads. I proudly display by bead pumpkins all over the house and my snowman on the radio button in my car. Never say no to gift from a child.

I call all my grandchildren "hyetti," an Arabic word which means you are "the breath of my life... my heart." Their generosity to me has helped me to be more giving to others. If we seek, we will find the lessons of life in our children and grandchildren.

Cameron and Keenan's father Christopher, whom we affectionately call "Gutt," taught me a valuable lesson when he was only a child. I once asked him why he befriended one of the neighborhood kids, who most children disliked, and he responded "Dad, everybody needs a friend." Remarkable assessment.

Cameron and Keenan have taught me the importance of being goofy, my way of having fun with them in their fifth month of life. They laugh at Jiddo and brighten my day with every little giggle.

When Cameron grips my fingers with his two little tiny palms, I know he's ready to play Patty-Cake, Patty-Cake. We sing it together. My heart melts when he grips my fingers, clearly a signal that he trusts me. It touches my soul.

I'll take those walks around East Lake Toho with me to my grave. They'll be among the happiest moments of my life, right up there with being on the football field as ball boy with all three of my sons Cory, Jason and Christopher at a St. Cloud High School football game.

As these memories with my family fly by, I'm reminded that the closer you get to the end of the roll of paper towels, the faster it gets to the end. Now I'm desperately trying to catch up on cashing in on golden memories.

I spent the first three quarters of my life pursuing the dream of wealth and success only to learn that the greatest wealth lay comfortably on my lap and at my feet in the form of my hyetti's. Money can't buy that kind of happiness nor those spectacular memories.

Two of my grandchildren are a lot like yours truly. Ava and Cameron are sort of grumpy like their Jiddy. In fact, Viviana and Christopher have nicknamed Cameron-Jiddy Junior. Under those hard outer shells though are kids that want to be loved and appreciated, of that I'm sure.

Each day, they challenge me to forgive others for if you do not you are only allowing them to continue to hurt you. Forgiveness, not time, seems to heal all wounds.

I got ugly early in my life and realize that good looks wasn't one of the attributes I would have in my brief tenure on earth. Ignoring this fact didn't change this fact, but when I look into the eyes of my four grandchildren, I see that true beauty lay in who they are, not how they look.

So as I enter the winter quarter of my life, I finally have come to understand that it's more important to surround myself with people who love me, not people who adore me; people who harbor happiness, not bitterness; people who enjoy the mountain climb much more than their arrival at the peak.

Indeed, love is your grandest gift you'll ever receive from your family. Count your blessings for the infant wisdom.

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So how can you say "Bone Appetit" to Fido this holiday while still keeping your hungry hound happy and healthy?

According to canine health and wellness experts at Milk-Bone, Plainville dog parents can start by avoiding these Top 3 major doggy health hazards:

#### 1. DOGGY HAZARD #1: LEFT OUT LEFTOVERS

Many dogs get sick not from being fed directly but because they climb up on the table and eat huge quantities of food when humans aren't there.

#### 2. DOGGY HAZARD #2: FOOD NO-NOS

Don't give your dog turkey skin, turkey or poultry bones, onions, grapes, raisins, fatty foods, or other holiday items that are harmful or toxic to dogs.

#### 3. DOGGY HEALTH HAZARD #3: DENTAL DAMAGERS

Avoid plastic bones, ice cubes, antlers, and bully sticks -- all of which can cause painful doggy tooth fractures.

#### SAMPLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR JESSE VASQUEZ

Q: When Fido is begging for food under the Holiday table what can you safely give your gour-mutt instead?

A: Try giving your dog a dental treat (such as a Milk-Bone Brushing Chew) -- a bone that tastes like a treat and cleans like a toothbrush. Treats made for dogs keep dogs occupied and have none of the hazards of human holiday foods.

Q: What should I do if Fido is really hyper active with all of the people and food around the house during Thanksgiving?

A: Make a point to get him a lot of exercise before the Holiday meal or your guests arrive. Check out our fun infographic on the most popular Holiday doggy exercise workouts at this link:

>> <https://prhacker.box.com/milkbone-thanksgiving-tips>

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