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Joshua Brunelle's Tribute to His Mom



Joshua in memory of his mother, she loved Christmas, decorates his home for her. He and his Dad will hold the lighting on December 3rd at 6 pm They request you bring a non- persiable for the Plainville Food Pantry. This is the 4th year that their home at 15 Hillscrest Road will celebrate the Christmas holiday by lighting the display from December 3rd to January 3rd from 6 pm to 9pm. The box for the Plainville Food Pantry will also be available for your donations. Joshua was assisted this year by friends Neil Baker, Nicole Chapman and Mykla Termini.

Take a peek Town News...... 4 Cross Word Puzzle......15 December/January Birthdays......30 Schools in Review......12 & 13 Obituaries......35 & 36 Pet Page......39

Community Fund Receives Check From PumpkinFest



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P-l-a-i-n-v-i-l-l-e faves and raves

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

{ Jack raves}

I don't ususally use coupons, but I saw the ad in the Hometown about a new restaurant in town and figured I would give a try. Boy! am I glad I did the food was great and the service very friendly. I wish Mr. Guerin much success.

{Susie faves}

J. Timothy's Buffalo Sauce is the BEST! I always enjoyed the Wings at the restaurant. Because I am not able to get to the restaurant as often as I would like (I have two small children) now I can enjoy the sauce at home. Gnazzo's Supermarket carries it for our convenience

{Rick raves}

Rob, owner of Executive Press is an on hands person. He makes sure your printing needs are perfect and delivered on time. Rob has helped me out of many jams in my business. Good Luck in your new location!!

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Town Manager Robert E. Lee ~ Report to the Town Council ~ Meeting of November 21, 2016 ~

Linden Street Committee Recommendation

- Over the last several months, the Linden Street Committee has been meeting with the Linden Street School Principal and other school administrative personnel to come up with a plan for the front portion of the school property along East Maple Street. They have developed a plan that includes new sidewalks, a fence along a portion of East Maple and Linden Street, the placement of the Old Linden School limestone façade, and other items that were previously located in the former courtyard.
- The demolition project is pretty much completed except for some minor punch work items. The project is also coming in under budget. The latest budget numbers indicate that the overall project will be under budget by approximately \$330,000. Because there are state grant funds involved, the local share of the project is expected to have a surplus of over \$160,000.
- The installation of the new sidewalks as proposed would cost in the vicinity of \$38,000 with a contingency included. A quote for the installation of a 4' decorative fence is \$14,280.
- The proposed design also includes a location for the old bell and a birdbath that were previously located in the courtyard. The plan also locates a future gazebo in the front portion of the property as well as a possible small garden.
- One unique component of the proposal is a sundial to be donated by the DiMinno Family in memory of their daughter Mary Rose. I would like to introduce Mr. Kevin DiMinno and ask him to step forward and

Excerpts from Happenings Report

On Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6:30 - 8 p.m.,

the library will ring in the winter season

with a Holiday Celebration complete with

hot cocoa, children's stories by the fire and

face painting. The evening will conclude

with a performance by the Plainville Wind

Adults are invited to a coloring session

on Thursday December 8 from 6:30

- 8:30 p.m. Materials are provided

but participants can bring their own.

Refreshments will be served compliments

If you're feeling crafty come to Shell

Crafts with Gail Farrar. The program will

be held Wed. Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. Registration

The Library and the Plainville recreation

Dept. will team up to sponsor a Splash

Party Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Friday, Dec.

30 from 12 - 1 p.m. The swim is open

to everyone and will be held at the High

School. Call the Recreation Department at

860-747-6022 to sign up. More Library

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at the library is required.

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to speak to the donation of the sundial.

In conclusion, Town staff is seeking to move forward with the sidewalk replacement, fence installation and façade relocation utilizing some of the surplus monies. These three items are not expected to exceed \$60,000.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Phase 1

- The first phase of the Roberts Street Extension Buy-Out Program has been completed. Fourteen homes were acquired and demolished. The total cost for Phase 1 was \$3,005,248.42. FEMA and State Bonding reimbursement ended up at \$2,993,135.56. This left a local share of \$112,148.86. The local share covered a portion of the demolition and closing costs which were not eligible for state reimbursement. The FEMA Grant paid for 75% of the demolition and closing costs.
- The Town had previously appropriated \$100,000 towards the project. Based on the final amounts, the Town will need to appropriate an additional \$12,148.86 for Phase I.
- The Phase II Project is moving forward as well with five of the nine properties already purchased. The estimated Phase II local share is \$71,536. Town staff will prepare an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$83,685 to cover both Phases of the FEMA buy-out program.

Non-Treated Road Salt and Treated Road Salt Bids

Town staff is proposing to purchase 1,000 tons of Non-Treated Road Salt under the State Contract price of \$73.17 per ton. The vendor is Cargill Deicing Technology of North Olmstead, Ohio.

local chapter of the Salvation Army. These

events held over the past six years have

been a great success and receive positive

feedback from both the officers who donate

their time as well as the Salvation Army.

- Town staff is also proposing to purchase 800 tons of Treated Road Salt from DRVN Enterprises, Inc. of Wethersfield, CT for \$81.50 per ton. This matches the low bid price per ton for "Clear-Lane Green Salt" that was submitted through a recent CRCOG Bid. Town Public Works staff prefers the "Brown Ice-Be-Gone Salt because they have experienced better
- There are two items under New Business regarding these recommendations.

Plainville Housing Authority Request

- The Plainville Housing Authority would like the Town to submit a Small Cities Application in the amount of \$800,000 that would be used to make much needed handicapped accessibility improvements to the bathtubs in 80 of their housing
- Town staff was not planning to submit a Small Cities Grant Application during the upcoming round as there are still monies to be spent on housing rehabilitation from a previous grant.
- Town staff will work with the Housing Authority to prepare an application for submission to the State. No action is required by the Town Council at this time.

Financial Dashboard - October 2016

The Financial Dashboard was included in the information provided for this evening's meeting. This information was posted on the Town webpage last Friday.



December 10, from 8am - 3pm. It will then be closed for the winter season and re-open next spring

The landscape in front of the Municipal Center was renovated by Eagle Scout candidate Ethan Lepore. He and his team completed the work on Saturday.

PLAINVILLE TAX ASSESSORS

We are in the sewer collections and the tax payer has till December 1, 2016 to pay their bills without any penalties'. The good news is the 1st is on a Thursday so they have till 7:00pm to make their payments.

PLAINVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

- The last day of leaf collection will be Saturday, December 3, weather permitting. 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. Please do NOT rake leaves onto the road or obstruct walkways.
 - Only leaves will be collected. Please remove all large sticks and debris. NO BAGGED
- Monday thru Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you have any questions please call the Department of Physical Services at 860-793-0221 ext. 208
- The last day the Town Transfer Station will

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

- AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. AT THE PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER: This course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, local hazards, accident prevention measures and more. No written or onthe-road test required. Upon completion of the course, your insurance company must give you a discount of at least 5%. The cost to take the class is \$15.00 for AARP members providing a membership number and \$20.00 for all other attendees. Sign up at the Senior Center between 9:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Monday through
- **COFFEE** HOUR, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10:30 A.M.: An informational and support meeting conducted by Wayne Rioux, a Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home and is for all Veteran's over 60 and their spouses. Please call the Senior Center to sign up.

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PLAINVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

News Page 10

The Plainville Police Department will be holding their 7th Annual Stuff a Plainville Cruiser with Gifts' on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Connecticut Commons Shopping Plaza for the purpose of collecting new, unwrapped toys, clothes, gift cards, donations, etc. to benefit the

Friday. **VETERAN'S** LEAVES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Residents may bring their leaves to the Town Drop-Off Center on Granger Lane during the month of November at no charge

be open for the 2016 season is Saturday,

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

Transfer Station Closing

Dominick Moschini Superintendent of Roadways

The Town's Transfer Station on Granger Lane will close for the winter season on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

If you have any questions,

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From My Balcony

By Jeannette Hinkson

Pure and simple, the election has come to a close and from the vote the people it seems have had enough of politicians and they decided to try something else. I can only compare this race for president like a movie about an old plow horse that was entered in a race with thoroughbreds, the thoroughbreds knew the track and every trick in the book, they knew how to run the race to their advantage but the one thing they didn't count on was the old plow horse had heart. On the day of the race the jockey for the old horse showed up drunk and when the race started the old horse lost a shoe on the first turn but then something happened and the crowd began to cheer and this cheering spurned on the old horse and even though the favored thoroughbred knew all the tricks and was so sure she was going to win just misjudged the old horse and she didn't have the will of the people behind her. In the final stretch, with the crowd on their feet, the old horse came from behind, with a jockey hanging on for dear life and dust in his eyes, that long shot dug in and passed the field and crossed the finish line to the cheers of the crowd. Now, the bookies weren't happy, that favored filly wasn't happy nor were her owner and all the people that laid out thousands of dollars figuring when she won she was going to make them all rich as she had done in the past. Those that laughed at that old horses left the track with their tails between their legs but the people that bet on the old horse were the winners and we can only hope we the people will all be the winners whether we bet on that old plow horse or not. This is not THE END but perhaps a new beginning.

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From the Desk Of.....

Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire LUMP SUM

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT

One of the more unknown benefits of Social Security is the possible lump-sum payment upon the death of a spouse. Certainly, the passing of a spouse is never an easy emotional and/or financial time. The lump-sum payment that I am referring to is only a minimal aid to help with final expenses. This payment does not relate to monthly Social Security allotments. It is a one-time payment.

A surviving spouse or child may receive a special lump-sum death payment of \$255 if they meet certain requirements. Generally, the lump-sum is paid to the surviving spouse who was living in the same household with the worker when he or she died. If they were living apart, the surviving spouse can still receive the lump-sum if, during the month the worker died, he or she was already receiving benefits on the worker's record or became eligible for benefits upon the worker's death. The surviving spouse's eligibility would pertain to their claim for SSI, SSD, or retirement benefits.

If there's no eligible surviving spouse, the lump-sum can be paid to the worker's child (or children) if, during the month the worker died, the child was already receiving benefits on the worker's record or became eligible for benefits upon the worker's death. This would again be determined as to the eligibility of the child (or children) through application to SSA.

In terms of timing, an eligible surviving spouse or child who is not currently receiving benefits, must apply for this payment within two years of the date of death. Again, this only concerns this one-time lump-sum payment of \$255. There are other survivor benefits that mainly pertain to using the deceased work history to increase monthly benefits.

Social Security is a complex government program that most everyone ends up paying into. Hopefully, this article helps for those who qualify for this payment. Because whether you are in need of this payment or not, you should view it as money that was already paid forward. This is not just a hand-out.



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Plainville AARP 4146 News

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- 1. The next trip is to Foxwoods Casino on December 6, 2016. The cost is \$25. Bonus package included. We go directly to the casino and return home around 5:15. In case of inclement weather, check WFSB TV the evening before or the morning of for cancellation notice.
- 2. **Mohegan Sun Casino-** January 10 2017. Lvs. Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville at 8:00 sharp. Returns to Plainville around 5:30. \$25.
- **3. Outer Banks, N.C.** April 18-25- We will visit Colonial Williamsburg (VA), Oceanfront hotel at Virginia Beach, visit Norfolk Naval Base, Cruise on the Rudee Flipper for and oceanfront dolphin watch, 3 nights at Oceanfront hotel (Nags Head), visit Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, and much more. On the way home, we stop in Baltimore Maryland for the evening with time for shopping and a dinner cruise. Leave from Plainville, Ct Price \$1524 pp dbl \$2124 single. Warner Theatre presents FOLLIES and lunch at San Marino Rest. In Waterbury \$98- Leave from Plainville, Ct
- 4. **Trip to Harlem, New York** on May 24, 2016. Price \$112. Includes tour of Apollo theatre, lunch at Sylvias Soul Food Restaurant, Tour of Harlem and sites of old Jazz Clubs, and mansions and a trip to the Garden Conservatory in Central Park. Minimum walking required. \$112.00 transportation, gratuities, meal.
- 5. **May 7, 2016 Follies at the Warner Theatre-** Lunch at San Marinos Restaurant in Waterbury and then off to the historic Warner Theatre \$98
- 6. **June 20 2017 Sail Boston 2017.** See the Tall Ships.Lunch at one of Bostons great rest. (incl) then board a Boston Harbor Cruise ship and sail past the beautiful tall ships. \$132 includes round trip, lunch, cruise and gratuties

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Dan Carter 4,488 Richard Lion (L) 116 Jeffrey Russell (G) 113

Representative in Congress

*Elizabeth Esty 6,019 Esty (Working) **736** Clay Cope 4,672

Cope (Independent) 196 **State Senator**

Michael Nicastro 4,573

*Henri Marin 6,464 Martin (Independent) 415

Representative 22nd District Elizabeth "Betty" Boukus 2,993

* William A. Petit, Jr. 7,271 **Petit (Independent)** 651

Registrar of Voters

*Susan Abram 5,293

*Beth Gasparini 5,811

Absentee Ballots

Absentee 395 + Military 1 + Overseas 10 + Election Day Registration 199= Total **605** Grand Total Voters on Active List

11,537

Names Checked as Having Voted

9,105

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Editorial:

"GET THE HELL OUT"

From the desk of the Editor J. Hinkson

Another year has passed for better or worse. We have seen the passing of friends, family members and things have happened that frighten us around the world. Change in our government and change in governments of other countries has caused many of us to worry about all our futures. We have depended on those that were elected to oversee the direction of our lives and they have failed greatly. The term "politically correct" has become new

words that have changed our lives more than anything I can think of. We have stopped prayer in schools because, it might offend someone. National prayer day in Washington has been stopped by President Obama, because it might offend someone. Some don't stand for the National Anthem, because it might offend someone. The National Anthem is not sung in schools because, it might offend someone. Some do not sauté the American Flag at public events because, it might offend someone. The American flag has been removed from U of C at Irvine as well the as Hampshire College campus in Mass. and other schools of higher learning because, it might offend someone. My question is WHO IS THIS SOMEONE? If these people might be offended by our flag and the things the rest of us have held so dearly for

hundreds of years then go someplace where you will find you won't be offended. Go to some third world country like North Korea where if you don't look like you are listening to their leader's speech you will be

A reporter asked some kid from Hampshire College what country would he go to where he could find more freedom than the United States of America and he didn't have an answer. President Obama has allowed Muslim prayer day in Washington but not National Prayer Day. Whose side is he on?

Children wanting to sing the National Anthem on capitol grounds were stopped and only after Fox news reported this to the people those children were allowed to sing. There should be a place near the memorials set up so choirs from around the world could come and sing our National Anthem whenever they want.

This is our America and if you don't like it "GET THE HELL OUT," and it sure won't offend millions of Americans, myself included. You do have freedom of speech but when you riot in the streets, loot, destroy businesses, kill police officers and burn the American Flag that our brothers, sisters and fellow countrymen died so you might have, that is when you should go to jail or be exiled to a country of your choice. Again, I will say, if you didn't get it the first time, "GET THE HELL OUT" and take all those professor that have been feeding you this crap with you. Amen. Perhaps we can get our American back, some of us aren't offended by the way it was.



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"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. Ronald Reagan

Letters to the Editor for the February Edition

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

Plainville Community Fund Grants

The Plainville Community Fund is an endowed fund at the Main Street Community Foundation established in 2006 by a group of committed community leaders. The first grants were awarded in 2008 and the total through 2016 is \$50,000.00 and are listed below:

2008 Plainville Blue Dolphins Parents Association

New scoreboard at the Plainville High School pool

Plainville Boy Scout Troop 67 (New tents for the troop)

Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development-

Community of Concern Project

Plainville Community Food Pantry-Holiday food baskets

St. Philip House-Nutritional food items, unreimbursed medical expenses and unexpected prescription costs

2009

Almada Lodge – Times Farm Camp, Corp Plainville youth at the Channel 3 Kids Camp Plainville Adult and Continuing Education Summer classes in Adult Basic Education/GED **PARC**

PARC 101 Adult Education Program

Plainville Community Food Pantry - Holiday Food baskets

2010

Boy Scout Troop 67 - To purchase 4 tents

Cub Scouts Pack 49 - Camperships for scouts with financial need

Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters

Mentoring program for Plainville youth

PARC

Work Right program

Middle School Of Plainville - An initiative to encourage reading 2011

Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters

Mentoring program for Plainville youth

Plainville Community Food Pantry - Holiday food baskets

Plainville SK8Park Project - Skate park equipment

Wheeler Clinic, Inc.

Materials for the education services horticulture program

YWCA New Britain (Plainville Students)

Bully Proof program for third and fourth grade students

2012

New Britain Symphony

Family concerts and a concert for Plainville 5th grade students

WiiFit for the Healthy Living Program

Plainville Community Food Pantry

Holiday Food baskets

Plainville/YMCA Project Graduation

Plainville High School project graduation

YWCA New Britain (PLAINVILLE STUDENTS)

Prevention education program at Plainville High School

2013

New Britain Symphony

Concert for 5th grad Plainville students

Plainville Board of Education

Go Green project at Linden Street School

Plainville Board of Education

Family Math night at Plainville Elementary School

Plainville Choral Society

Financial assistance for youth in the summer theater program

Plainville Historical Society (Archival storage boxes)

Plainville/YMCA Project Graduation

Plainville High School project graduation

Town of Plainville

Resurface the walking track at Norton Park

2014

Environmental Learning Centers of CT.

Habitat assessment at Frank T. Wheeler School

Living in Safe Alternatives

Attendance at a conference for foster care youth

Middle School of Plainville

Read, Right and Run program

New Britain Museum of American Art Plainville student's art show

PARC (Tables for programming)

Plainville Choral Society

Financial assistance for youth in summer theater program

2015

Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development

Underage drinking prevention program for parents and the community

Plainville Community Food Pantry - Holiday food baskets

Plainville Community Schools - Family math and science nights

Plainville Parks & Recreation Department

Summer concerts at Norton Park

New Britain Museum of American Art

Plainville student's art show

New Britain Symphony - Two concerts at the Plainville Library

2016

Linden Street School -Playground EQuipment

Plainville Food Pantry - Holiday Baskets

Plainville Community Schools - STEM Program Night

P.H.S. Interact - Annual Senior Citizens Prom

Junior Achievement of New England- Plainville Students

St. Philip House - Nutritional food items, unreimbursed medical expenses

Anyone interested in making a contribution to Plainville Community Fund may do so at any time by donating online at www.mainstreetfoundation.org or by sending donations to Plainville Community Fund/Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership.

"Bountiful Basket Competition"

Plainville Community Fund recently held its annual "Bountiful Basket Competition" and raised over \$2,200 to benefit the Fund, which provides grants to organizations serving Plainville residents.

The competition was held from October 6-8 at Gnazzo Food Center. Local organizations, businesses and individuals provided themed baskets to be bid on.

"Thank you to those who donated the baskets as well as all those who purchased tickets," said Robyn Poulos and Rich Piotrowski, co-chairs of the event. "The great success of this fundraiser will directly impact the lives of Plainville residents."

Baskets were donated by: AARP Chapter 4146, AME Zion Church, Berarducci Realtors, Frederica Order of Eastern Star, Faith Bible Church, Gnazzo Food Center, Main Street Community Foundation, Plainville Chamber of Commerce Plainville Community Fund Advisory Council, Plainville Democratic Town Committee, Plainville Fire Company, Plainville Republican Town Committee, Gina Rosado,

The committee would also like to thank the "TumpkinFest Committee" for their gift of \$6,000.00 to the Plainville Community Fund.

Plainville Rotary Club, UBI Federal Credit Union, Wheeler YMCA.

Now that the election is over, can we get on with life?

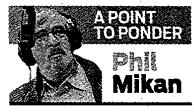
The last year or so has been a time of REM.

We as a country have been in a state of rapid eye movement. This is the state some people say we are in when we either enter a hypnotic or trance state. It is as though we were as a nation brainwashed, and here we are now on the other side of that reality. The train ride is over, and we are here at the station.

The question is: Where is the station? Many Americans wanted someone from someplace other than the land of Oz to lead us, especially the Emerald City (Washington, D.C.).

The voters have tried this at other times and have always seen the assimilation of the outsid-

ers into the Washington ether. fined. But this time all Americans The outsiders seem to assimilate much faster to the demands of the



Washington society than immigrants do to the demands of the American society.

We see the same old players from the Bush years being tossed in as possible players in this change-up government, and little by little, the promises that were

made are being restated and rede-

want to see a government with the primary goal of supporting the American people.

Regardless of what you feel. President-elect Trump will be the president of all the people, and that's the point of this election: Trump must bring the people back to Washington. "We The People" want an American president to fight hard for our children and their future.

The people can and do expect

This is the third time the people have spoken at the polls in six years -- have the people of Oz gotten the message? This is most definitely a horse of a different of government is in the hands of Republicans. They better not forget why they are there this time. 'God Bless America and all the

American people. A point to ponder.

Phil Mikan is the host of the Phil

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

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Benefit fair December 17, Saturday, 12-4pm will be collecting food and cash donations for The Plainville Food Pantry

20 Unique vendors will include mediums, chair massage, jewelry designs, all natural health products, weight loss programs, natural skin and body care, natural personal care, essential oils, reiki, massage, reflexology, nutrition guidance, and more....Complimentary beverages and snacks, anda Free Book or CD to the first 25 attendees.

The event will be held Saturday from 12pm-4pm on December 17. At The Loop Banquet Facility 311 East St (Rt 10) in Plainville, CT

More details online at: www.YourHolisticEvents.com

Holiday Events- Check Here.....

Breakfast with Santa Claus Sunday, December 11 from 8:30 to 10:30 am at Our Lady of Mercy gym

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December and January Programs in the Children's Department Plainville Public Library

Storytimes: Call the Children's Department (860 793-1450) to register for the following:

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 – 5)

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (No class 12/19, 12/26, 1/2, or 1/16,)

Stories, rhymes, songs, educational activities and crafts.

Baby & Toddler Storytime (ages 0 - 23 months)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (No class 12/20, 12/27 or 1/3)

Stories, fingerplays, songs, and playtime for socializing and learning. Two Much **Fun** (two-year-olds) Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (No class 12/22, 12/29 or 1/5) Stories, rhymes and lots of music and movement. PJStorytime (ages 3 and up with a caregiver) Thursdays, December 8 and January 19 at 6:30 p.m. Stories, a snack and we'll wish upon a star. Children may wear their pj's and bring a stuffed friend.

Sign Language Storytime (8 – 15 months at 10:30 a.m.; 16 – 24 months at 11 a.m.) Beginning Wednesday, January 25

Join Stacy from Einsign for stories incorporating basic sign language.

"Flying Fingers" Knit & Crochet Group meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. For all ages – kids, teens and adults. No registration necessary.

Special Programs: Call the Children's Department (860 793-1450 to register.

Gift Making Event (all ages)

Saturday, December 10 at 1 p.m.

Come visit our gift-making stations to make personal gifts to give to your friends and family. **Bring an empty box to carry your gifts home in.

Books & Cooks; Everybody Bakes Bread (grades K – 5)

Wednesday, January 18 at 4 p.m.

We'll read this story about all the different types of bread made in different families, knead some dough to bake, and sample a wide variety of bread and dips.

Celebrate Chinese New Year (all ages)

Saturday, January 28 at 11 a.m.

Join us to celebrate the Year of the Rooster! We'll make lanterns, dragons, and more to celebrate.

Winter Reading Program (all ages)

Begins January 3

Pick up our winter reading log and color in a square every time you do an activity on our list. Complete the goal for your age group and earn a free book and raffle ticket for a prize!

Winter Scavenger Hunt begins December 27! See if you can complete our scavenger hunt when you visit the library. No sign-up necessary.

December Vacation Events: Call the Children's Department (860 793-1450 to register.

Mini Movie Theater – Antarctic Antics (aimed at preschoolers)

Tuesday, December 27 at 10:30 a.m.

A movie outing for the little ones. You love the books, now see them animated. We'll watch some beloved stories and have a yummy snack.

<u>Creature Teachers (all ages)</u>

Tuesday, December 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Creature Teachers will visit the library with a variety of live animals!

Let's Move Together (ages 2-5)

Wednesday, December 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Kids and caregivers are invited to join us through a busy, fast-moving half hour of music and fingerplays. Grab a friend and join the fun!

Magical Mixtures (grades 2 – 5; space limited)

Wednesday, December 28 at 1 p.m.

We'll make several different mixtures to play with. We'll also make an edible dough!

The Great Lego® Build (all ages)

Thursday, December 29 at 11 a.m.

We'll pull out all our Legos® so you can have a blast building with them. Family Dinner Theater – Finding Dory (PG) (all ages)

Thursday, December 29 at 6 p.m.

Bring your blanket and your supper to eat while enjoying this family-friendly movie.

Noon Year's Eve Party

Friday, December 30 at 11 a.m.

We'll have party games, crafts and snacks and a special bubble wrap stomp to counting down to the "Noon" Year!

PLAINVILLE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY STROLL Thursday, December 1st 5 pm to 9 pm

Santa Claus will arrive at the Firehouse to visit with the children.

Maps will be handed out for the STROLL to 12 locations in the center of town.

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Stones, 2 East Main St., Harmony Message and Spa, 77 East Main St. and

Plainville Library, 56 East Main St.

After visiting the 12 locations on the map, participants may enter the map

drawing raffle for prizes.

For more details check: Facebook com/PlainvilleTreeLighting 2016

The Cubs Win the World Series, Welcome to a Brand New Game, the Same Old Game By Francis Rexford Cooley

The Chicago Cubs finally ended the longest championship drought in American Sports History with their four games to three besting of the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. The Cubs last won the World Series in 1908 when they took the Series in five games from the Ty Cobb led Detroit Tigers. Much has changed in the World, America, and Baseball since the Cubs last won.

In 1908 Emperors sat on the Hapsburg and Chinese thrones, a Sultan ruled the Ottoman Empire and the world had yet to see the First and Second World Wars nor the Cold War. The United States had only forty-six states as Arizona, New Mexico, and Hawaii were still territories and Alaska had yet to even be organized a territory. The population of the country was estimated at 88.7 million compared to the 324.6 million today. New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio were the most populous states while today it is California, Texas, and Florida.

Baseball in 1908 reflected America of that era. The sixteen teams of the National and American Leagues stretched from Boston southwards along the Atlantic Seaboard to Washington D. C. and westward as far as St. Louis, Missouri representing a total of ten metropolitan areas as Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and St. Louis had more than one franchise. The percentage of the American population living in "urban" areas as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau was only 45.6% at the 1910 Census compared with 80.7% a century later. The Tigers and Cubs traveled to each others respective ballparks, Bennett Park for the Tigers and the West Side Grounds for the Cubs, by the rail. Both ballparks were essentially wooden structures as the boom of steel and concrete baseball stadiums was still a few years away. Tiger Stadium would open in 1912 and Wrigley Field in 1914. For hometown fans to follow their team on away games during the Series they would watch the newly invented electronic scoreboard giving updates of the game in progress using telegraph wires to transmit the game summary across the country as the first radio station "San Jose Calling" would not begin broadcasting until the next year, WWJ-AM in Detroit would not receive the first broadcast license in the U.S. until 1920, and KDKA would not broadcast the first Major League Baseball game by radio which featured the Pittsburg Pirates until a year later in 1921 Television would not see its first American station until W2XB in Syracuse began broadcasting in 1928 and W2XBS (WNBC) would not broadcast the first Major League Baseball game from

Ebbets Field until 1939 between the Dodgers and Reds. For sports fans in 1908 Baseball was the "National Pastime," the NHL would be founded in 1917 the year the Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war on the German Empire and the Central Powers, the NFL would not be founded until 1920 as the APFA with Jim Thorpe as President of the league, and the NBA did not come into existence until 1946 the year both Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, and President-Elect Donald Trump were born. Baseball was the national sport and would move with the population growth of the country. Teams would move with American population growth in the 1950's. The A's of Philadelphia would move first to Kansas City then to Oakland in 1968. The Doves of Boston would become the Braves then move to Milwaukee then to Atlanta in 1966 winning one World Series in each city. Both NL teams in New York would move, The Giants to San Francisco and the Dodgers, known in 1908 as the Superbas, to Los Angeles. In 1961 The Washington Senators would move to Minnesota to become the Twins with Washington receiving an expansion team also known as the Senators only to have that team relocate to Texas to become the Rangers in 1972. Only the Browns of St. Louis would move eastward going to Baltimore to become the Orioles in 1954. Kansas City and Milwaukee would be gain teams to replace the A's and Braves respectively with the expansion Royals and the relocated Pilots of Seattle who became the Brewers (Seattle would gain its own replacement with the expansion Mariners). Washington D.C. would wait several decades to get a new team finally getting the Nationals when the Expos moved from Montreal Canada just over a decade ago. Western and Southern American cities would receive teams in a series of expansions of the league starting in the 1960's, Houston, San Diego, Denver, Phoenix, Tampa, and Miami got MLB teams.

Baseball teams may have moved, the technology in which fans follow their hometown heroes has changed but in the end the game stays the same. Three strikes make an out, three outs per half inning, nine innings to complete a game. And in the end the goal is, as comedian George Carlin famously said, to "go home." It has taken over a century for the Cubs to win their third World Series, much has changed, but the chant "The Cubs Win" is still as sweet.

Francis Rexford Cooley has suffered the life-long affliction of being a Cubs fan passed onto him by his Mother.

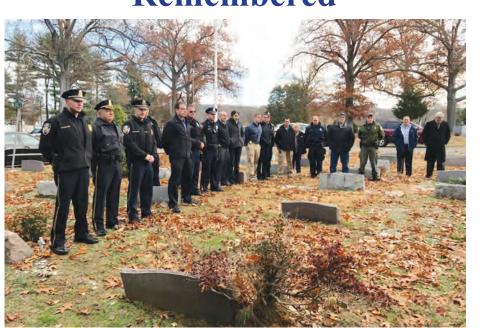
"They was More the Cubs were the World Series!"

"They won Mom, the Cubs won the World Series!"

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Officer Robert Holcomb Remembered



Shown above are members of the Plainville Police Department along with Town Officials at the gravesite of Officer Robert Holcomb. Officer Holcomb was shot and killed on November 21, 1977 while answering a residential burglary call. Every year since, the Plainville Police Department have gathered on November 21st to share "Coffee with Bobby" in memory of his sacrifice while performing his duty.

> Happy Hanukkah Merry Christmas

Happy Prosperous New Year From My Family to Yours Emily Labrecque

Knights of Columbus Honor Deceased Members



The Knights of Columbus honored their deceased members with a Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Pictured with the Knights are Deacon Robert Berube and Father John Brinsmade, Pastor of Our Lady Of Mercy. The Grand Knight Phil Plourde is pictured, front row far right.

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Mobile Crime Unit Visits Plainville High School



Students in Jill Miller's Forensics classes at Plainville High School recently enjoyed a visit from the Connecticut State Police Crime Scene Van, arranged by Plainville's Detective David Posadas. During the visit, students toured the van and Detective Farr described the evidence collecting and processing equipment. Detective Kelly explained about career paths and shared many interesting experiences and

BOARD/SCHOOLDISTRICT RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

The Plainville school district has been recognized with several awards from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), according to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett. The Plainville Board of Education received CABE's highest leadership recognition; the CABE Board of Distinction Award - Level 2. This award is presented to school districts in Connecticut that meet a comprehensive set of criteria in the following categories: board leadership / student achievement, board member professional development, policy, community relations, and related organizational leadership. This is the eighth consecutive year the Plainville Board of Education has received this award. The CABE Board of Distinction Award - Level 2 will be presented during the CABE Convention Leadership Awards Reception on November 18th. "The Board of Education is truly dedicated to the children of Plainville Community Schools. I am sincerely appreciative of all they do and the CABE acknowledgement is a testament to their ongoing support," commented Dr. Brummett.

Plainville Community Schools also received four 2016 CABE Excellence in Educational Communications Awards. In recognition of the good work that is being done on a daily basis, CABE established the Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications in 1975. This year, Plainville Community Schools' awards include: Parent Handbook Category: Award Winner – Middle School of Plainville Student / Parent Handbook, Computer Generated Projects Category: Honorable Mention – 2015-16 Quick Facts Informational Bookmark, Website Category: Honorable Mention – Plainville Community Schools website, and Going Green Category: Honorable Mention – Going Green essay.

MSP Students Learn About Leadership



Students from the Middle School of Plainville attended the Connecticut Technology Student Association (TSA) Officer Leadership Workshop on Oct. 26th at Cabella's in East Hartford, CT. Saylor Tompkins, Annalisa Little, Bella Saturski, Logan Motta, Chris Brojek, and Nate Masco participated in team building and leadership activities that were run by the TSA state officers. According to faculty member and advisor to the TSA chapter Camille Westfall, "This is the 22nd year that our school has participated in TSA. The state competition will be Saturday, March 25th at Killingly High School."

For more information visit TSAweb.org

Wheeler Fourth Graders Measure Pumpkins



Fourth graders at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently honed their measurement and graphing skills with pumpkins!

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PHS Science Department Hosts Genetics Expert



The Plainville High School Science Department recently hosted world renowned speaker Dr. Sam Rhine at the high school's annual Genetics Conference. PHS Honors Biology and UConn Early College Experience (ECE) Biology students attended the event, together with students and faculty from 14 other schools throughout Connecticut. During the conference students had the unique opportunity to hear one of the top educators in the nation present the most current genetic information. Dr. Rhine has presented this topic to students and adults across the globe for the past 30 years.

PHS Hosts College Fair



More than 100 colleges, universities, technical schools and branches of the military were in attendance at the Plainville High School College Fair held on October 28th



Anti-Bullying at Wheeler School

Students at Frank T.
Wheeler Elementary
School recently attended
an anti-bullying
assembly with guest
speaker, Tommy James.

In a fun, interactive way James reviewed with students what constitutes bullying and how to respond to children who pick on other children. He passed out book marks with his W.I.T.S strategy (walk away, ignore, talk to an adult, tell them to STOP).

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag....



Middle School Students Learn about Manufacturing



25 seventh and eighth grade students from the Middle School of Plainville, together with faculty members Camille Westfall and Kim Coyle recently attended a field trip to "Manufacturing Mania" in Cromwell, Connecticut to celebrate Manufacturing Month. The event was presented by the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology. Students participated in three manufacturing and design process sessions where they were faced with a design challenge to solve. The students worked in groups with peers from local schools and participated in brainstorming, problem solving, and critical thinking while using the design process to solve the needs of the challenge. The Middle School students showed a high level of excitement and engagement throughout the day, and also participated in a "Vendor Meet & Greet." Regional manufacturing companies showed students what it means to manufacture a product, discussed tools and machinery used in that process, reviewed what is manufactured in Connecticut, and talked to students about the education needed for success in the Manufacturing field

Wheeler Students Visit Library



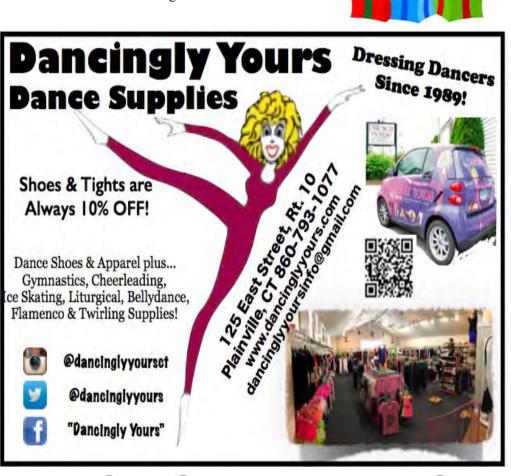
Kindergarteners from the Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently took a field trip to the Plainville Public Library where they saw a puppet show featuring the opera edition of the Three Little Pigs,took a tour of the library, and enjoyed a coloring craft!

Fire Safety Month at Toffolon School



The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Preschool classes celebrated Fire Safety Month with a visit from Plainville Fire Marshall Larry Sutherland and a fire truck! Sutherland spoke to the preschool students about the importance of 9-1-1, and "Stop, Drop and Roll" for clothing that catches fire. He also asked the students to have their parents change the batteries of their home fire alarm twice a year at daylight savings time, and to plan an escape route out of their home with their parents in the event of an emergency. Outside, the preschoolers had an opportunity to climb into the fire truck and to sit in the cab.







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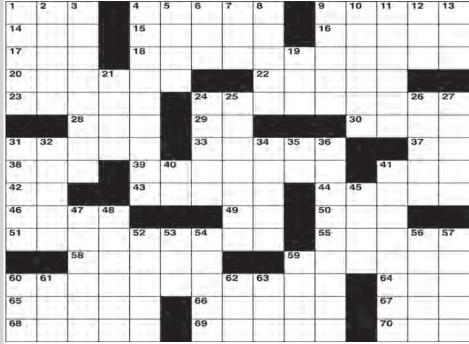
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When you confront a problem you begin to solve it. Rudy Guilianni



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2016 Mini Holiday Shopping Guide

I have updated my Holiday Tech Shopping Guide for 2016. 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.
- Amazon Fire HD 10" Starting at \$229.99 Bigger Low Price Android Tablet
- Samsung Galaxy Tab S2 Starting at \$399 Consistently among the best available. 9.7" screen.
- Apple iPad Pro 9.7" Starting at \$599 Quality and Ease of Use. Fast, light
- Apple iPad Pro 12.9" Starting at \$799 Typical Apple quality with a large screen
- Microsoft Surface Pro 4– Starting at \$799 Full Windows 10 tablet, Laptop power,

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

- Intel processor- Look for "Skylake" or "Kaby Lake" 6th & 7th generation 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).
- Look for "convertibles", "hybrids", or "2in1s" if you want the features of a laptop and tablet.
- 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 is the go to Operating System.
- 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 and Apple iOS)

- Google Pixel 5" Display Pure Android experience, buy from Google, activate on all major carriers.
- Google Pixel XL 5.5" Display Pure Android experience, buy from Google, activate on all major carriers.
- Samsung Galaxy S7 5.1" Display Samsung custom Android experience, available on all major carriers.
- Samsung Galaxy S7 edge 5.5" Display Samsung custom Android experience, available on all major carriers.

Apple iOS:

- iPhone 7 4.7" Display, Latest and greatest, available on all major carriers.
- iPhone 7 Plus 5.5" Display, Colorful options, available on all major carriers.
- iPhone 6s 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 S Latest and greatest. Adds 4k, HDR. Great all around living room entertainment center. Starting at \$299.
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 - Google Home \$129 Google Now 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.
 - Gift cards for music, TV, movie fans at iTunes or Google Play Store.
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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.

I really would love to hear from you with ideas for future columns. Please email me at

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year. Happy Holidays to all! JIM

jim.phc@gmail.com with ideas and suggestions.

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MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS DECEMBER 7

It is time to review your Medicare Choices. During Open Enrollment you can change plans as needed to meet your current health care needs. If you are satisfied with your current plan you do not need to make any changes. Stephanie and Bette are available at the Senior Center to meet with you can go over the options available for 2017.

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THE RABBIT HOLE

It's Always The People With The Dirty Hands.... Pointing The Fingers

Donna Ziccardi

Welcome to the Rabbit Hole. I changed the name of my column because we are at a cross roads in our nation where the "truth" is going to call the shots. The "truth" that has been hidden from We the People for decades by our own government with the help of Mainstream Media and the Educational System. This "truth" that I speak of is going to be a hard pill to swallow and most will not believe me (at first) and some will be angry at me for exposing it. So, come with me, if you DARE, down the "Rabbit Hole" that leads to the True Nature of Reality.

Reality came to my door the night of October 31, 2016, Halloween Night. As I do every year, I readied myself with a generous bowl of candy, anticipating young smiling faces of all ages, all genders, all races and nationalities and religions....and yes all neighborhoods. I handed out 188 pieces of candy and I think we only have a dozen children on the street. But that is fine, as the Night of Halloween in my memory of my youth, has been a night of joy, creativity and candy. But this Halloween Night delivered to my door discrimination, fear, hatred, aggression and child abuse. Never, before, in my life have I ever experienced the censoring of candy due to one's political affiliation.

Time and again I witness the mental illness of progressive liberalism. The degenerative psychosis of pathological narcissism that is spreading across our country, stealing the minds, hearts and souls of the American people to the detriment of our great nation. Among the parents accompanying their children that night, where mothers who instructed their children not to come to my door because of my support for Donald Trump, as if Donald Trump is a very bad man and I must be a very bad lady. Someone to be censored and looked upon in an unfavorable manor. I will never forget the looks of scorn and hatred, especially from one woman who stood at the foot of my driveway, drilling me with what appeared to be her personal "Zombie Curse". I was even admonished by a "tween" who DID take my candy but let me know how detestable I am for voting for Trump. The Little Brat! Teach your children well, my friends.

And what exactly ARE you teaching your children? You are teaching them to ignorantly hate, bully, discriminate and you must be teaching them to rob and steal as my yard has been vandalized 4 times since I put up my Trump yard signs. OH!? You are

not teaching them all those fine liberal qualities? Well, they must be learning them somewhere because a new breed of delinquent and all around "pain in the ass" is forming called the Social Justice Warrior (SJW). If they are not being influenced by what they experience at home, they must be indoctrinated into this new cult at school or maybe church and definitely by the trash they are feed on TV, especially from the lies and the inverted reality brought to you by the Mainstream Media.

I would like to give a "Shout Out" to the "High Schooler" who robbed my yard the night of October 28th. I know who you are, I know where you live, I know your marker number and I know where you go to school. SMILE, you're on candid camera. Go to the Plainville Police Department with \$80 to replace the items you stole from my yard, leave it with Sergeant Roper and we will "call it a day".

I know for a fact, even in town, this new breed of socially diseased SJW have in the past been encouraged by the Democrats to steal Republican yard signs, and told "nothing will happen to them because they are still in school and the cops will let them go". Isn't that child abuse? Encouraging a minor to commit a crime? Teaching your children to hate people because of their beliefs? Is this how adults act? Do everything and anything to get your candidate elected even if it means breaking the law, and then when your candidate loses, even though the machines were rigged and the media lied to get her elected, you tell your Minion SJWs to go forth and riot, commit crime, destroy property, harm innocent people, even kill, block roads, call for the rape and decapitation of Melania Trump and for the assassination of Trump himself, while blaming all your barbaric unacceptable behavior on TRUMP? Do you realize how deplorable you are acting? How narcissistic and pathological?

Our youth is being paid to riot, steal, intimidate and physically harm Trump supporters by such liberal organizations as MoveOn.org, Black Lives Matter, Craig's List, Occupy Wall Street, Change.org, the Democratic Party and even institutions of higher learning, with the encouragement of mainstream media, funded by the money of the Clinton Foundation and the guy the whole world hates right now, George Soros. Go on Craig's List and you will see the ads for yourself. Heads of colleges and even politicians such as Governor De Blasio, tell the rioters NOT to stop, but to continue to exercise their right to "peaceful protest".

I have a NEWS Flash for all you "geniuses"! What is happening across America, with the blessings of our Muslim President and our corrupt Congress, is not "peaceful Protesting" but "deliberate rioting for profit", Domestic Terrorism, interfering with Americans' civil rights to live in a safe society and interfering with the safe commerce of this nation.

Now I will show you the difference between the Mental Illness of Progressive Liberalism and the Moral Integrity and Intellectual Superiority of Trump supporters. Instead of crying like immature children, rioting, destroying property, blocking roads and highways and interfering with commerce, the so called "Deplorables" gathered in a think tank, used their brains and are presently bringing forward the Largest US Class Action Law Suit against the driving forces behind such violent and destructive rioting and civil unrest. When the Progressive Liberals go Low, the Trump Nationalists go HIGH!

Through the direction of Mr. Scott Binsack, MFA, et al is putting together "Project No Tolerance", the largest US Class Action Federal Lawsuit, with the pro bono help of the BEST constitutional lawyers of this land, in response to the treasonous and deliberate domestic terrorism this country has ever seen, by such national enemies and traitors to this country as George Soros, the Clinton Foundation, institutions of learning, Craig's List, the Democratic Party, MoveOn. org, the BLM, any organization or person who has promoted or instigated people to protest in such a way as to interfere with the public safety, daily lives, civil rights and the normal commerce of this country. This lawsuit will even include individuals who have donated to such organizations that have promoted this civil unrest or anyone collaborating with said persons and organizations, and this includes the Mainstream Media.

Under a Civil Class Action Lawsuit, we have the right to ask the federal courts to enjoin (stop) immediately, the civil unrest that is tied to and fueled by George Soros, the Clinton Foundation and any organization funding and backing any actions that fuel and/or incite such unrest. A Cease and Desist. The plaintiffs of this lawsuit also have the right to instruct the courts to FREEZE the ASSETS of the defendants named above.

Also included in this "brain child" of Mr. Binsack, We the People can now file a Criminal Complaint to the US Attorney's office and the Department of Justice to hear all the facts and evidence and call a Grand Jury to start a criminal investigation of George Soros, Bill and Hillary Clinton and all the people and organizations involved in funding and promoting civil unrest and treasonous acts against Americans and country with the intent to undermine the Republic.

If our Muslim President will not do his job to protect the citizens of this country and if CONGRESS will not do its job to keep our Muslim president in line, Then We the People will exercise our constitutional right to do so. Peacefully and Legally. The difference between Trump Supporters and the Progressive Liberals is the Trump Supporters chose to do things peacefully and legally and the Liberals chose to break the law and throw violent tantrums like the spoiled mongrel brats that they are. Almost like they are demonically possessed.

So in closing, I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yes, I said CHRISTMAS! Deal with it, Snowflake!

I will be posting up to date information regarding Mr. Binsack's "Project NO Tolerance" on my blog at www.livechemicalfree.blogspot.com.

Correction: In the November Issue.....

The engagement announcement of Nicole Marie Gauvin to John Joseph Homnick V title was wrong **Homnick** is the correct spelling of his last name.

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I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my readers and as the song goes,

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96 Camp St.: Alpha Lotomia Inc of Plainville to Paul M. Brousseau, \$158,000 on 09/28/2016

64 Fairbanks St.: Paul Labowski of Plainville to Timothy Helmecki, \$145,000 on 09/26/2016

135 New Britain Ave., Unit 13: Patrick A. Tufano of Plainville to Anthony W. and Marion M. Virello, \$240,000 on 09/27/2016

69 Northwest Drive, Unit 44: Tracy S. Mulick of Plainville to Courtney P. Galotti and Michael D. Hughes, \$146,000 on 09/26/2016

21 Bel Aire Drive: Lauren Dabbo of Plainville to Joseph L. Todisco, \$220,000 on

Chimney Crest, Lot 17c: Valley Residential Group of Plainville to Lawrence W Biskupiak RET and Lawrence W. Biskupiak, \$226,000

5 Cree Circle: Basile Patte A Est and Edward H. Smith of Plainville to Oak Land Developers LLC, \$150,000 on 10/06/2016

11 Hemingway St.: FHLM of Plainville to David E. Rockwell, \$160,000 on 10/07/2016

12 Hough St.: TWM Development LLC of Plainville to Kevin W. Gallagher, \$340,000 on 10/03/2016

111 Laurel Court: Jason Penta of Plainville to Misty Real Estate LLC, \$226,000 on 10/05/2016

1 Town Line Road, Unit 7: Teddy J. Theriault and Comnty Economic Dev Fund of Plainville to Comnty Economic Dev Fund, \$45,000 on 10/04/2016

237 Unionville Ave.: Gary Herman of Plainville to Eric J. and Tina M. Melanson, \$135,000 on 10/05/2016

172 White Oak Ave.: Lisa M. Horan of Plainville to Oakley and Traceylee Ellis, \$146,700 on 10/03/2016

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8 Norton Place Ext.: Robert L. and Michelle M. Renta of Plainville to Plainville Town Of, \$218,000

89 Tomlinson Ave.: Nancy Sewell and Debra Treichel of Plainville to Ejup Doroci, \$170,000 on 10/17/2016

232 W. Main St.: Walter Realty LLC of Plainville to Walter Hermann, \$130,000 on 10/18/2016

58 Belmont Place: James and Melissa A. Mcelrath of Plainville to Luther F. and Paul S. Kilmer, \$173,000 on 10/24/2016

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86 Russell Ave.: Rena Charette of Plainville to John and Renee Hearn, \$214,000 on 11/01/2016

38 Bartlett St.: Jan K. Gudewicz and Katarzyna D. Cwalina of Plainville to Thomas and Mikele Cater, \$215,000 on 11/02/2016

106 East St.: Michael Michaud of Plainville to 106 East Street LLC, \$295,000 on 11/03/2016

4 Elizabeth Court: Drew D. and Tambri E. Majkowski of Plainville to Renald R. Jason, \$173,000 on 11/01/2016

5 Mill Road, Unit 5: Jocelyn Damgaard-Ensinger of Plainville to Daniel J. Brachman, \$309,900 on 11/02/2016

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Kwanzaa Principles Presented in Original Musical



The Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc. presents its 27st Annual Kwanzaa Celebration on Friday, Dec. 30 at 7 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, the show is presented in collaboration with the Waterbury Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, a women's service organization devoted to enriching and sustaining African culture and people of African descent.

Karen Lynne Gatling, of Waterbury has been involved in arts enrichment programs at the Queen Ann Nzinga Center since age 4. Now a senior in high school and a member of Girls, Inc., a girl empowerment program, she is serving as an ambassador between the two programs. With sponsorship from The Links, several teenagers from Girls, Inc. will join QANC participants and attend rehearsals, learn about Kwanzaa and perform in this year's celebration.

Along with traditional Kwanzaa rituals of African Drumming and Dance, the Libation Statement, candle lighting and positive affirmations, the Queen Ann Nzinga Center participants will perform in a musical entitled "A Change in Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles) High School." Based on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the show 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 musical to

capture the Kwanzaa concepts in action.

The performers include a mix of professionals, children and teenagers who will offer an eclectic show consisting of Gospel, Jazz, Soul, Pop and Hip Hop music. The celebration will feature music from Nzinga's Daughters, Nzinga's Watoto, legendary soul singer Betty Harris and others.

The performance is made possible thanks to funding from the Greater Hartford Arts Council, American Savings Foundation, City of New Britain, J. Walton Bissell Foundation and George A. and Grace L. Long Foundation.

Tickets: \$15, general admission; \$10, seniors and youth. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show begins at 7 p.m.

About Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc.

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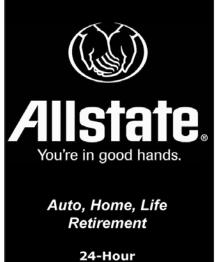
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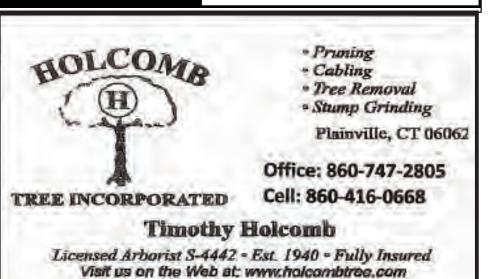
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Questions call 860-747-4119

Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

Let's Do This!

Personally, I look forward to all the possibilities and promise of a Happy New Year. It's a fresh start, sort of like an Etch-a-Sketch. Blank slate. All Good.

I've been giving some thought to what I want to do differently in 2017. How about You?

Many New Year's resolutions revolve around losing weight, getting into shape, eating healthier, having more energy and reducing stress.

We would love to find the magic quick fixes to these matters. Unfortunately, quick fixes either don't work long term or become too hard and tend to fizzle out in February. Perhaps we can tackle this together and achieve long-lasting success.

"To your Health" Coaching Support

My goal for 2017 is to help make Plainville a healthier community. To do this, the format of this feature article will change from one of separate healthy behavior topics to a year long, step by step program that will support you to achieve your health goals.

This program is for those serious about making sustainable change.

Here's how this will work.

Each month, you will receive new action items, motivation and support materials so you can take the incremental steps to become your most vital self. This will be a steady change process; and, hopefully, one that will give you time to develop new habits each month. At the end of the year, you will have adopted sustainable changes that are now part of your daily lifestyle. Consider what it will feel like to go into 2018 feeling healthy, full of energy and at your optimal weight.

Let's Get Started

Action Plan for December/January: December is not a great time to change your eating habits. Too much temptation and we don't want to add stress to a time that should be joyous. However, it is a great time to clarify goals and lay the foundation for success.

1) Write down your Health Goals for 2017. Research shows that people who write down goals are more likely to achieve them. Make sure your goal statement is specific, time bound and includes a high level overview of how you plan to achieve the goal. Doesn't need to be perfect. You can update this at any time. Here's an example.

"I want to attain my optimal weight (fill in the blank) by (fill in date). To achieve this, I plan to modify my eating and lifestyle habits, one step at a time. I will listen to what my body needs and reward it with nutrient rich food. I will learn how to not give in to cravings that might give me a temporary satisfaction, but also make me feel sluggish, bloated and negatively affect my mood and self-image.

I will integrate good habits that work for me and not get sidelined by comparing myself to what others are achieving. I recognize that we are all unique individuals and what works for another may not work for me. I will I check with my health care professional to be sure that these changes to diet and lifestyle will not negatively impact any pre-existing medical conditions."

2) Answer these questions:

a. What will it mean to me to achieve this goal?

b. Who else in my life will benefit from my achievement of this goal?

c. What are the 1-2 obstacles I need to address to ensure my success?

3) Take 3 Breaths to make a better choice. Whenever you find yourself hitting one of these obstacles, i.e. going back for a second helping or reaching for a sugar rich snack,

first take 3 deep belly breaths. Then, make the better choice. If you don't make the better choice at the moment, make a note of what you could have done, as sometimes these alternatives are more visible to us after the fact.

- 4) Find a buddy. You will receive monthly support from me through the Plainville Hometown Connection. In the meantime, you will increase your success if you pair up with at least one person who shares you values about health. You can keep each other motivated and perhaps find ways to increase/start your exercise practice.
- 5) Slow down when eating and begin to listen for signs you are full.
- 6) Start your day with a glass of filtered water and increase your intake throughout the day.

That's 6 items, but it's over two months – You can Do This!

Feel free to send me an e-mail to let me know your goals and your success stories. While I may note some of this information in future publications,

I will never divulge your name. Continued on Page 21



Linda Coveney

Integrative Nutrition Health Coach |Insights® Discovery Expert| Speaker | Become your most vital self at work and home!

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

For more information about health coaching, wellness workshops or team and personal effectiveness, contact Linda at www.healthy-behaviors.com or lindacoveney@healthy-behaviors.com

Ask the Brayne...

Q. Is it against the law to walk in the roadway when there are sidewalks on the street? I question this because of the abuse of the roadway in Norton Park, very dangerous for the walkers and also for the drivers.

A. Here you go...\$92.00 ticket. Chief Matthew Catania

Sec. 14-300c. Pedestrian use of roads and sidewalks. Required to yield to emergency vehicle. (a) No pedestrian shall walk along and upon a roadway where a sidewalk adjacent to such roadway is provided and the use thereof is practicable. Where a sidewalk is not provided adjacent to a roadway each pedestrian walking along and upon such roadway shall walk only on the shoulder thereof and as far as practicable from the edge of such roadway. Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder adjacent to a roadway is provided each pedestrian walking along and upon such roadway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of such roadway and if such roadway carries motor vehicle traffic traveling in opposite directions each pedestrian walking along and upon such roadway shall walk only upon the left side of such roadway.

(b) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb, sidewalk, crosswalk or any other place of safety adjacent to or upon a roadway and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close to such pedestrian as to constitute an immediate hazard to such pedestrian. No pedestrian who is under the influence of alcohol or any drug to a degree which renders himself a hazard shall walk or stand upon any part of a roadway.

(c) Each pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to any authorized emergency vehicle, as defined by section 14-1, approaching such pedestrian and emitting any audible signal or displaying or making any visual signal reasonably indicating that such vehicle is being operated in an emergency situation. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to relieve the driver of such an authorized emergency vehicle from any duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway or from the duty to exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian.

(d) Except as provided by sections 14-299, 14-300, and 14-300b to 14-300e, inclusive, each pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to each vehicle upon such roadway.

(e) A violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

(P.A. 78-309, S. 4; P.A. 84-429, S. 68.)

History: P.A. 84-429 substituted reference to Sec. 14-1 for reference to Sec. 14-1a, repealed in the same act.

Cited. 27 CA 513. Plaintiff's failure to comply with Subsec. (a) demonstrated negligence on her part and precluded recovery under Sec. 13a-149, the municipal highway defect statute

Q. We always hear about important items being eliminated because of the state budget. Is anything being done to alleviate State Welfare?

A. Some States are drug testing people on Welfare, it is up to the State politicans to start doing something about it. All I can say is contact your representatives in the State and Washington about finding work, so they can get off welfare.

Q. The question about the purpose of the large ROCK at the Little Leaque Park?

A. In my reserach I was unable to get an answer, I checked with every Town Department without any results. If anyone reading this has the answer please contact me.

Q. How do I submit questions to you?

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

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

Thank you for the above questions. Keep them coming!!

I will be looking for your questions for the February issue.

Have Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year! Thanks, Bill Brayne

To the Voters of Plainville and All Plainville Hometown Connection Readers

Thank you for re-electing me as your state senator.It's an incredible honor to represent all of you - an honor which I will never take for granted.

I promise to uphold the trust and confidence you have placed in me to be your voice in Hartford.

I love this state. With your help, input and advice, I will continue fighting to

pass pro-taxpayer policies which move Connecticut down a new path of greater economic strength and fiscal responsibility while still caring for our state's most vulnerable citizens.

I look forward to working closely with Rep.-elect Petit. I tip my hat to outgoing Rep. Betty Boukus, who has given so much to Plainville through her many years of effective and dedicated public service.

We all feel strongly that Connecticut is a great state with so much potential. Together we can, and we must, build a brighter future for our families and children. Contact me at any time at Henri.Martin@cga.ct.gov or at 860-240-0022. Thank you again for your support.

State Senator Henri Martin

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Creamy Quinoa Breakfast Bowl

Reduce mid-morning cravings with a nutrient rich breakfast.

³/₄-1 cup of cooked Quinoa*,. Substitute 50- 100% water with coconut or almond milk for a creamier mixture.

Top with cut apples, raisins, ground cinnamon and a little extra warm nut milk. Add 1 tablespoon of Chia Seeds (optional)

*Rinse quinoa well before cooking to remove the bitter taste. If you prefer, you can use steel cut oats instead of quinoa. Both can be cooked the night before and heated up in the morning to save time.

This breakfast is rich is protein, fiber and healthy fats, with just a little sweetness and carbs to satisfy your taste buds.

What's next

In February, we will focus on key foods to add into your diet and how to avoid empty calories and toxic foods. I'll provide a healthy recipe to get you through Valentine's Day.

To your health!

Note: A health coach is a guide who has been trained in holistic health coaching to help individuals reach their own health goals. A health coach is not acting in the capacity of a doctor, psychologist or other licensed or registered professional. Any advice given by the Coach is not meant to take the place of advice by these professionals. If you are under the care of a health care professional or currently use prescription medications, you should discuss any dietary changes or potential dietary supplements use with your doctor, and should not discontinue any prescription medications without first consulting your doctor.

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WAKENING UP OF AMERICA

BY GENE, TEA PARTY MEMBER

"Quiz custodiet ipsos custodies" (Who's Watching the Watchers?) Is a Latin phrase found in the work of Roman poet Juvenal (Satire VI, lines 347-8)

Now that the dust is settling, the last chapter in the book is yet to be written. The progressives still can't believe what just happened. With the paid rioters breaking windows, throwing stones, setting fires people should go back to work and students back to their classes. HE WON, SHE LOST,. He has unified the silent majority, the grass roots patriots, the closet conservatives, the Tea Party and the JBS Groups and has frightened the progressive libs. D.T. has wakened up the silent majority and they are not the Deplorables. A quote from Michael Reagan's column (the eldest son of President Ronald Reagan) "once a candidate is victorious in the primaries, debates and election, all should give them their full support even if there remains some philosophical differences."

Let us not forget George Soros' evil misdeeds in America with his intention to incite race wars on US soil. He dropped 33 million in a single year to deploy his paid army of bussed in agitators and co-opted Black Lives Matter protesters to invade inner cities whenever. By the way, as power hungry puppets spawned from the same criminally psychopathic pond, the Muslim Brotherhood waters still run deep all over.

Watch out for the Founding order of the secret Order of the ILLUMINATI. The Council of Foreign Relations with the likes of Angelina Jolie and 15 other high profile card-carrying members of treasonous elitist "think tank". They are meeting right now to undermine President-Elect Donald Trumps promise to America,

Nine Generals and one Col.' the Obama Adminstration has summarily dismissed for no other reason than they are great American Military citizens. Why?

Why are our political leaders, despite the facts, willing to expose the nation to such potential danger? Nothing has provoked the ire of America's bipartisan political class as much as Donald Trump's proposal that the U.S. should suspend the acceptance of refugees from Syria and other terrorist-supporting nations until we find a way of perfecting the screening process to ensure that we are not admitting terrorists of terror sympathizers. On its face the proposal was not unreasonable. Most of these refugees do not have adequate documentation-vetting intelligence agencies do not have sufficient information to determine whether or not they have terrorist connections or intend to engage in terrorism, and the heads our security agencies have warned that active terrorists will inevitably slip through security screening cracks. Nor is it as if there was no reasonable alternative. Wouldn't it have been better as Trump and others have suggested, to address the refugee crisis by setting up security zones in Syria and other Middle Eastern countries where refugees could find safety and where Muslin nations might feel obligated to help finance their care? (Some excerpts from Hilldale College EDU forum October 2016 Volume 45#10)

Just 35 words from the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among those are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

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I hope it was a great Thanksgiving and have the Merriest Christmas and see you all in the New Year. Our Standouts will begin again in the Spring!!



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To the Editor:

I am writing to express my deepest thanks to the people of Plainville for all the support that you have given me over the many years that I have served as your State Representative. While the outcome of last week's election was not what I had hoped, I will always love my hometown and all of its people.

It has been both a pleasure and an honor to represent Plainville. I could not have asked for a more fulfilling way to spend the last 22 years of my life. I cherish the memories of meetings, events, phone calls, school visits and more that gave me the opportunity to interact with residents of all ages and walks of life. I have gotten to personally know so many of you and hope that the warm and positive relationships will continue. I also hope from the bottom of my heart that the work I have done for Plainville will continue to enhance the quality of life in our community.

The campaigns are over and the voters have made their decision. It is now time for all of us to move forward as one country, state, and town. Last Tuesday night, I personally congratulated Dr. Petit on his victory and I do so once again here. I wish him the greatest success in his role as our new State Representative and have offered any assistance that I can provide. I know that he will work hard and do his best for everyone.

May you all enjoy the upcoming holiday season as a time of peace and good

Sincerely, State Representative Elizabeth "Betty" Boukus

Letter to Donna Ziccardi,

My mother, Maria Wynkoop, is friends with your mother and she gave both your articles in the Plainville Hometown Connection dated November, 2016 plus your Mom's address (and yours).

Truth tellers like you need to be encouraged and applauded. Freedom of a free press with unadulterated news must be preserved and you have shown that this is still alive.

Rarely have I come across such truth (I read Wikileaks) in print. Facebook, You tube and other social media is my news source. CNN and the other mass media

Now that President Elect Trump is our country's main hope for the future in many ways (God keep him safe), your type of reporting is critical.

Thank you for your frank and accurate information. Please keep up the excellent

Sincerely, Donna Lockhart Hodge

Plainville Police Remind Residents of Winter Parking Ban

The police department is reminding residents that the town's winter parking bank will soon take effect. Beginning December 1st and running through April 1st, vehicles will be prohibited from parking on the street for more than an hour between midnight and 6 a.m. on any day, not just during winter weather. Violators will be fined \$50 and will have to pay for any towing, moving parking and storage of the vehicle.

Police also reminded residents that they are responsible for removing any ice or snow on a sidewalk adjacent to their properties within 24 hours of the accumulation. Ice may be covered with sand or a comparable material if it cannot be removed. Violators will be fined \$25 each day they are found in violation. During snow removal, residents are prohibited from moving it into the road. This can also incur the violator a \$25 fine.



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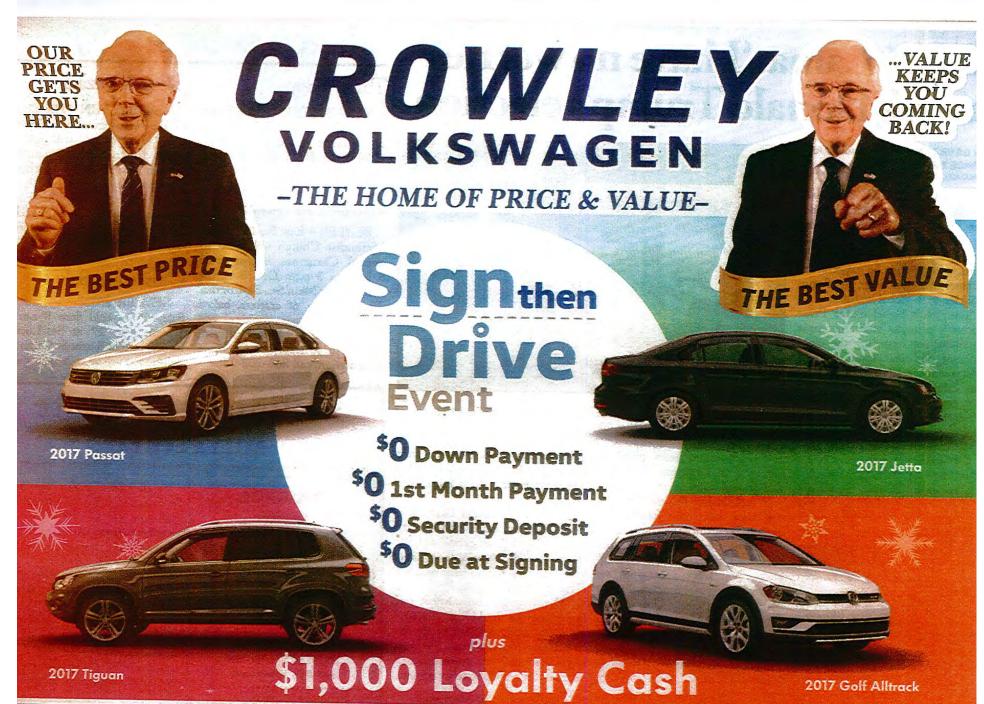




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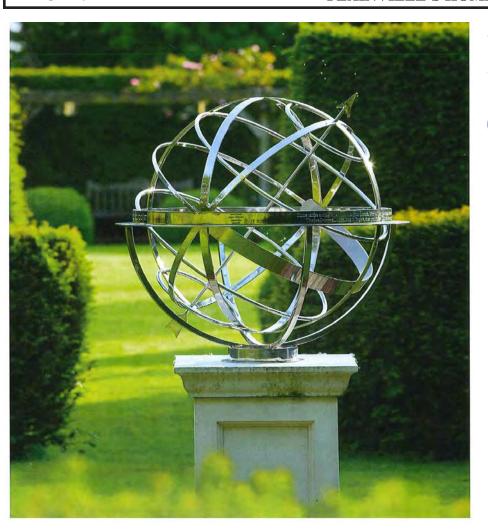
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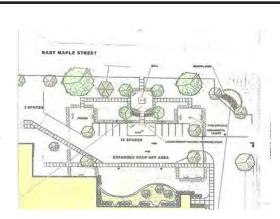
Shown above, is an example of a sundial being commissioned by the DiMinno Family in memory of their daughter Mary Rose. Mary Rose was a student at Linden Street School when she passed away on January 4th, 2013. Although Mary was born with difficulties she fought back from so many times, "her face and eyes would light up the world when she smiled" as told by her Dad Kevin. She was often described as "the pillar of strength" by her family who loved her dearly. No matter what happened to Mary, she was always putting a smile on someone's face with her infectious personality, spunk and sense of humor.

The sundial is being commissioned by artist David Haber from England. The armillary sphere is a fully functional sundial crafted and calibrated to specific locations making it a highly accurate time piece. The DiMinno family has been working with the Linden Street Committee to determine the proper location for Mary's Sundial. The work will take approximately 4-6 months for completion.

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<u>SUNDAY SERVICES</u>

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Boy Scouts.....Tuesdays, 7 PM
AA.....Sun., Mon. & Wed., 7 PM
Al-Anon....Mondays, 7 PM
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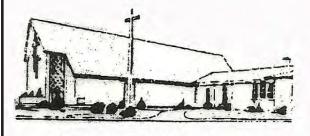
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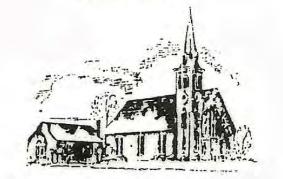
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Submitted by Shirley Bloethe Owner of The Loop

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Thank you, Avis Flanders

ARTICLE A SHOCKER!!

The article on page 9 of last years December/ January issue regarding charities was a shocker.

Names of Charities can be misleading. The

Good Will charity was the real shocker!!!

I cut the article out of the paper and will refer to it often.

Thank you for the information.

Mary Ziccardi



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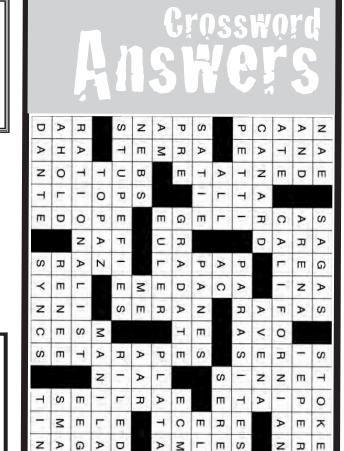
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Grace

bySally Miller

I went Christmas shopping today. I was pushed, snarled at, and almost run over. Whatever happened to graciousness? Some other names for grace are decency, mercy, kindness, charity and

benevolence. Some have forgotten to embrace and practice grace in our lives. As I rode down Route 10, people in cars were cutting each other off, honking horns, making negative gestures to one another and actually rolling down their car windows and yelling at each other.

Let's have grace start with us. Let the car that needs to cut in, actually do so. They may have an emergency that you are unaware of. Hold a door for someone, speak to someone first and share a smile. It doesn't cost anything.

I went to a convalescent home today and visited someone critically sick. He smiled as I entered. He had the grace, as sick as he was, to make me feel welcome. As we left, we were rushing past a woman with a cane who had come out of the home to sit in the sun. I am saddened to say that she spoke to people first and told them to have a great day. She smiled as she said this. Some people didn't even respond. It reminded me to slow down and practice one of the simplest things in life - GRACE. Today, we are moving so quickly that we seem to forget the niceties.

As the holiday nears, I thought about the fact that we have lost a lot over the years: Neighborhoods tend not to remain constant. People move around due to change in careers. The opportunity to do something nice for a neighbor or friend may no longer exist. We may not even know our neighbors like we used to. Christmas caroling on streets doesn't happen anymore, stores don't decorate like G Fox, D & L and other stores used to decorate. The feeling of the holidays years ago was effervescent. Now we seem to muddle through the shopping and the holiday itself. Years ago, we would walk down Main Street and greet people as well as stop and talk. This activity fostered the state of grace. Now we run into a mall from the parking lot and rush back out. Most people don't have time to make gifts for others instead of trying to buy the most expensive one you can find. Simply baking someone a favorite cake, pie or cookies can be one of the most wonderful gifts you can give.

I will try hard to practice GRACE and allow that to become my gift to many on this Christmas 2016 and all year long. I wish all of you the most wonderful holiday ever and I send you a smile.

Jared Demmons Excels in Sports and Classroom



Jared Demmons is a senior Student-Athlete at Plainville High School. In a true sense he is a student first, but loves to compete in sports.

First and formost, Jared has excelled in the classroom and will finish second or third in his class ranking, while playing three varsity sports-cross country, basketball and track.

Jared is a member of the National Honor Society, the French National Honor Society and the Science National Honor Society (which he was elected treasurer).

Jared has excelled at taking college level courses. (AP, ECE

classes and UConn Chemistry courses) and will have approximately 30 college credits at the time of graduation. He has the SAT scores and the high school GPA to apply to Ivy League schools and is hoping to attend Dartmouth College or Bryant University, with a possible career in Actuarial Science next year.

In sports, Jared is the co-captain of this year's cross country team and could also be the captain of this year's varsity basketball team and co-captain on the track team. By the time his athletic career is over, Jared would have earned 7 varsity letters, earning 3 in basketball, 2 in cross country and 2 in track, Jared is also unique for cross country runner-he is 6' 1" and 175 lbs...hardly a typical cross country runner at that size. He is probably not the most gifted athlete, but he is the most dedicated and focused young man in both his eduction and in sports. Jared is that unique example of a student who has managed to balance success in both the classroom and on the field, competing at the highest levels in three varsity sports.

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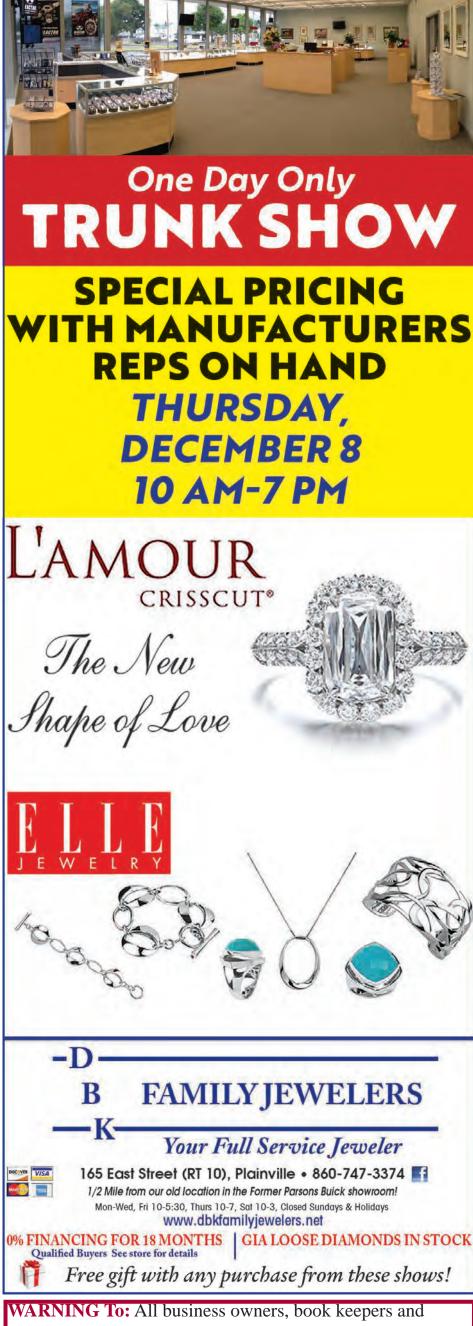
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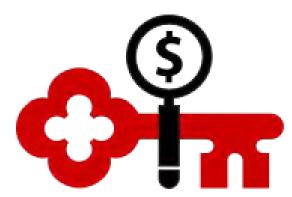
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~ Andrew J. Cannarella ~



93, of Plainville, husband of Lucy (Jarvis) Cannarella for 69 years, passed away on October 31, 2016 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain.



Born on November 22, 1922 in Johnstown, PA, to Gaspare and Lucia (Vasques)

Cannarella, he was a resident of Plainville for 49 years. Andrew served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II before returning home to begin his long and happy marriage to his wife, Lucy. Andrew worked as a machinist for New Britain Machine and then spent 25 years as an employee of the U.S. Postal Service, delivering the mail and befriending dogs throughout New Britain before retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was an avid golfer and a sports enthusiast. If he wasn't on the golf course, he could be found cheering on his favorite sports teams, the Yankees and whichever teams his grandchildren happened to be playing for and spoiling everyone's dinners with ice cream and Coke, sipping a coffee at McDonald's, or treating the neighbor's dog to a biscuit.

Besides his wife Lucy, Andrew leaves behind a son Thomas Cannarella and his wife Gail, daughter Nancy Niedzwiecki, daughter-in-law Lynn Corbatt and five grandchildren – Allison, Matthew, Susan, Sara, and Max. He is predeceased by his son Danny, sister Mary and brothers, Sam, Paul, and Norbert.

Funeral services in celebration of Andrew's life were held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Andrew can be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111.

~ Andrew W. Egri ~



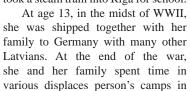
passed away peacefully on November 18, 2016. He was born on October 10, 1954, the same date as his grandfather Andrew J. Egri in 1887. Andy enjoyed life to the fullest. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and enjoyed playing cribbage. He did volunteer work at the VA in Newington and the Plainville Food Pantry. He was a graduate of Plainville High School, class of 1972.

Andrew was the first born son to John J. and Kathryn J. Egri of Plainville. He was the older brother to his sister Joyce D. Wollenberg of Plainville, Brother of John J. Jr and his fiancée, Rosemary Gray of Bristol and his sister Sharon A. Egri of Plainville. He leaves his daughter, Katrina Radil and her fiancée David Jones, 2 grandchildren, Jaiden and Kailey Radil of Bristol, uncle to his nephews, Todd A. Wollenberg, Glenn M. Wollenberg and his wife Jacy of Warren, Sean R. Wollenberg and his fiancée, Brianna Cedergren of Bristol. He also leaves his friend and lifetime partner, Jaime Birchall of Stafford Springs and her two sons, Kyle and Parker who Andy considered his own sons. Andy will be surely missed by all of the people his life touched.

A celebration of his life was held at the American Legion 7 Race Avenue in Plainville on Saturday December 3, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m. A private funeral service will be held for his family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Andy's name may be made to the Plainville Food Pantry P.O. Box 233 Plainville, CT 06062. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville had care of arrangements.

~ Ilga Dzidra (Mezitis) Merrill ~

born June 12, 1931 in Riga, Latvia. When a girl, she lived on her aunt's farm where she tende3d cows, then took a steam train into Riga for school.





Tannwald, Czechoslovakia, and finally Wurzburg. Sponsored by Lyman Farms, her family came to the United States in 1950. After working at the Farms, she moved to Pierson Greenhouses in Cromwell. Because her schooling continued even in the camps, she attended Woodrow Wilson High School, graduating in 1951. She attended the University of Bridgeport, earning a degree in Dental Hygiene, and then worked in that profession for several years until marrying in 1960. She was a member in good standing of Sigma Phi Alpha, Gamma Chapter. In recent years, she became very reluctant to be photographed. She was an avid gardener, artist, beachcomber, cornfield archaeologist, and bird and bear watcher.

Ilga leaves her husband of 56 years, David B. Merrill of Plainville, and sons Dailies Merrill and Tails Merrill.

Ilga wished no funeral, no memorial service, no flowers, only that she be remembered kindly. The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has care of arrangements.

~ Amada Espinosa ~

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Amada (Cintron) Espinosa, Née, Amada Cintron Correa 93, of Plainville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on October 23, 2016 at Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs, FL. She is now reunited with her beloved husband of 53 years, Alberto Espinosa, who predeceased her in 1996.

Amada is survived by her daughters, Connecticut Supreme Court Justice

Carmen Espinosa, of Plainville and Maria Espinosa, of Sanford, FL; her son, Miguel Espinosa and his wife, Elaine Miller, of Sanford, FL; her grandchildren, Elisa Van Kirk, Emily Van Kirk, and Daniel Van Kirk, Michael Espinosa and Steven Espinosa, and Robert Hamm; her great- grandchildren, Starleigh Hamm, Angelina Hamm, and Matthew Espinosa; several nieces and nephews; and her sisters, Doris Maldonado, Rosa Morales, and Sarah Cintron. She was predeceased by her husband, her parents, and her siblings, Angel Cintron, Carmelina Rodriguez, and Alegita Lucca.

Amada, or "Mama," will be remembered for her passionate, selfless and limitless love for her family who adored her beyond words. Her greatest joy was being surrounded by her family. Gatherings at her house will always be remembered for the delicious Puerto Rican food she cooked and the smells of "sofrito" that permeated the house. She loved watching marathon sessions of "Law and Order," her English soap operas and Spanish "novelas." She had wonderful sense of humor and an engaging smile that lit up the lives of those who knew and loved her.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Amada's life was at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Entombment will be held in the mausoleum at Saint Mary Cemetery, 1309 Stanley Street, New Britain. Contributions in memory of Amada can be made to Hospice of the Comforter, 605 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.BAILEY-FUNERALHOME.com

~ William Eugene Fowler ~



84 of Plainville CT, passed away at home on November 19, 2016.

He leaves behind



his wife of 23 years, Viola (Madore) Fowler; his 2 daughters from his first Linda (Fowler) Collin

marriage, Linda (Fowler) Collin and her husband Roger Collin Jr.;

Robin (Fowler) Furlong and her husband Patrick Furlong and his grandchildren Ryan and Sara Collin and Nicole (Furlong) Roussel; his great grandsons, Gavin and Liam Roussel. Gene also leaves behind his loving step children and their spouses; daughters Patricia and Raymond Marin; Sandy and Davis Hebert; sons, George and Carolyn Crossley and David Chicoine. Gene shares 6 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grandchildren with his wife Viola.

Born in NC, Gene was raised in SC along with his 3 brothers and 4 sisters by their parents, Berley and Bertha (Rainey) Fowler. His surviving siblings still live in the Greenville area. He left SC to join the military, becoming a medic in the Air Force. He earned the rank of Corporal. After discharge, he moved to CT, where he raised his family. Gene built a career in the auto body trade. This led him to one of his passions, stock car racing. He raced at the Plainville "Tinty" race track, earning the nick name Feather Foot Fowler. This inspired his life long love of NASCAR. Gene had a 50 year career with the Parsons Buick Co of Plainville. He loved his customers and coworkers. After retiring from the body shop, he stayed on part time to run the car wash, well into his 70's. Gene was proud of his long affiliation with the American Legion, Post 33. His last position with the Legion was that of Sgt. of Arms. His friends at the Legion will remember his easy smile and his exceptional skill with a pool stick. He will be missed by all.

Calling hours were at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. A private burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation the Wounded Warrior Project 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256.

~ Marie Yvonne (DeBay) Hoskins ~



91, of Bristol and a former longtime Plainville resident, passed away Monday November 21, 2016 at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. She was the loving wife of 51 years to the late Raymond Hoskins.

Marie was born July 29, 1925 in Plainville, a daughter of the late Daniel and Anna (Dagenais) DeBay. She was a graduate of Plainville High School. After graduation Marie worked at

General Electric in Plainville for many years. Marie enjoyed crafts, crocheting, knitting and cooking, but she especially loved being a homemaker and taking care of her family.

She leaves her daughters, JoAnn Prisco and her husband Tony of Bristol and Susan Malinoski and her husband James of Alabama, her grandchildren, Tracy Bullock and Christopher Davis, her great grandson, Collin Bullock, many loving cousins and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Edward DeBay.

Raymond who passed away on September 11, 2005 and Marie spent 51 years together and have waited 11 years to finally be together again. Their wishes were to simply be laid to rest together in peace. Burial services for Raymond and Marie will be held privately in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Bristol.

~ Paul P. Mallia ~



67, of Plainville passed away suddenly on November 12, 2016 in the comfort of his home. He was born on March 17, 1949 in New Britain son to the late Michael and Sebastiana (Cultrera) Mallia, Sr.

Paul was a resident of Plainville for many years and a member of the Plainville United Methodist Church. He was a champion father and stellar grandfather. He inspired others to be a better person, to be a better parent. His unique spirit shined with

soul with others by molding minds as a professor of mathematics and coaching students in life and sport. He celebrated God in the church and in all aspects of life. He is deeply loved and will be forever missed. His children Jim, Jill, and Kimberly Mallia thrive to live by his incredible legacy.

Paul is survived by his son, Jim Mallia; his daughters, Jill and Kimberly Mallia; his grandsons, Dallas and Nathaniel Artis; his granddaughter Isabella Artis; his sister. Diane Mann:

light of love, kindness, warmth, and generosity. Paul shared his

Artis; his granddaughter, Isabella Artis; his sister, Diane Mann; his brother, Rick Mallia; his niece and nephew, Crissi and Jeff Mann; his niece and nephew, Kyle and Kristin Mallia; and his niece, Angela. He was predeceased by his parents, Michael and Sebastiana Mallia, Sr. and his brother, Michael Mallia, Jr.

Calling hours were held on at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. Funeral services were from Bailey Funeral

Street, Plainville. Funeral services were from Bailey Funeral Home for a memorial service at Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Paul can be made to the Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill or to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

~ Eleanor (Studwell) Nichisti ~



78, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2016 at Village Green in Bristol. She is now reunited with her loving husband of 51 years, Ronald W. Nichisti, Sr., who predeceased her in 2007.

Eleanor was born on May 28, 1938, in Cos Cob, CT daughter to the late George W. and Mildred (Brown) Studwell. She was a resident of Plainville for the majority of her life.

Eleanor was a talented knitter and had a love for music.

She is survived by her four children: her daughter, Beatrice P. Garvin and her husband, Thomas, of Yemassee, SC; her son, Ronald W. Nichisti Jr. and his wife, Cynthia, of Orrum, NC; her son, Warren Nichisti, of Ohio; her son, Earl Nichisti, of Plainville; her grandchildren: Jeremiah Nichisti and his wife, Linda, Mattheau, Ashley, and Derrick Nichisti; her great-grandchildren: Carly, Kaleb, Maddix, Isabella, Aiden, Ryley, Kanince, Julianna Nichisti, Alexus Demaine, Cole and Carter Marrero; her brother, Allan Studwell; her brother-in-law, Gary Nichisti and his wife, Edith; her sister-in-law, Jean Nichisti; and several nieces and nephews.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. A service in celebration of Eleanor's life was held at the conclusion of the calling hours.

~ Aurore "Marie" Pelletier ~



95, of Plainville, passed away peacefully with her daughters by her side on November 17, 2016 at Apple Rehab in Plainville. She is now reunited with her loving husband of 50 years, Albert B. Pelletier, who predeceased her in 1996.

Aurore was born on January 19, 1921 in St. Agatha, Maine daughter to the late Josefphil and Marie (Albert) Ayotte. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Aurore's

all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed and her family will forever cherish the memories they have shared with Aurore.

Aurore is survived by her children: Ruth and her husband, Ronald L. Pelletier, Sandra Pelletier, and Karen and her husband, Richard Levesque; her 13 grandchildren; her 28 greatgrandchildren; her siblings, Alcide Ayotte and Hilda Bossie; and many nieces and nephews. In addition, she was expecting a greatgreat-grandchild. Besides her husband, Aurore was predeceased by a daughter, Arlene "Secia" Pelletier and a son, Ronnie A. Pelletier, and her siblings, Cora Albert, Leonide Ayotte, Cecile Ouellette, Lawrence Ayotte, Claire Nadeau, Annette Nadeau, and Yvette Plourde.

Aurore's family will forever be grateful for the staff of Annex 2 at Apple Rehab in Plainville for their exceptional care and comfort they provided to their loved one. A special thanks to friend and caregiver, Loretta Bennett.

Funeral services were from Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Aurore can be made to Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, 1579 Straits Turnpike, Middlebury, CT 06762.

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~ John F. Murphy ~

92, of Bristol, passed away on October 24, 2016 at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford. He is now reunited with his best friend, William "Bill" Day.

John was born on September 20, 1924. He was always the life of the party and enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved to play bingo and to take trips to the casino.



Funeral Services in celebration of John's life were held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 12PM at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville.

~ Georgette (Pelletier) Plourde ~



87, of Plainville passed away on November 13, 2016 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. She was the loving wife of Gilbert Plourde for

Georgette was born on October 23, 1929 in Madawaska, Maine, daughter to the late Albert and Alice (Cyr) Pelletier. She was a resident of Plainville for many years and a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy

Church. She enjoyed playing cards and reading, but above all loved spending time with her family who were all very important

In addition to her husband, Gilbert, Georgette is survived by her son, Gilman Plourde and his wife, Linda; her daughter, Maxine Zdunek; her daughter, Joan Green and her husband Larry; her siblings, Bertrand Pelletier, Joe Pelletier and his wife, Diane, Blanche Pelletier, Lorraine Raymond and her husband, Albert, Marcy Potvin, Thelma Thibideau, Rolande Pelletier and her husband, Anthime, and Jeanne Pelletier and her husband, Adrian. She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 19 great- grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Philip Plourde and her siblings, Abel Pelletier, Noel Pelletier, Aurore Sirois, Berniece (Dufour) Pelletier and Germaine Pelletier

Funeral services were from Bailey Funeral Home then for A Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Georgette can be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

~ Lucky E. (Dudikoff) Powell ~



of West Hartford (formerly of Plainville and Avon, CT) passed away suddenly late Wednesday evening, November 16, 2016 at St. Francis Hospital (Hartford) in the company of her husband and daughter. Lucky was the loving wife of Jason B. Powell for just over 50 years.

Lucky was born in July of 1945 in San Juan, Puerto Rico daughter to the late George Dudikoff and Esther

(Correa) Dudikoff.

In addition to her husband Jason, Lucky leaves behind the joys of her life, daughter Jessica Powell Beganski and grandchildren Cheyenne and Alexander Beganski (all of West Hartford, CT); her brother George Dudikoff, of San Francisco, CA; and several dear cousins, extended family and friends. Although she is close to her relatives and a wide circle of friends, Lucky was a friend to everyone she met. Indeed, to a fault, she continually put others before self.

Before graduation from Plainville High School, Lucky was honored to be selected as Hartford's Miss Puerto Rico. She is well known in Plainville and law enforcement community, having served the Plainville Police Department for many years as the administrative assistant to four chiefs of police. She found this especially rewarding in that it allowed her insight into her husband's police career. It was during this time too that she noted the unique role and demands of women who worked for chiefs of police and responded by working with two other women to found the statewide Chiefs of Police Secretaries Association (COPSA) as a means for collaboration and development. Today with 55 member departments, COPSA has evolved into an organization that has received recognition and support from chiefs of Police. At her retirement, Lucky was proud to be named an honorary detective for the Plainville Police Department in recognition particularly of the support she provided to detectives.

Lucky has also been a long term and exemplary citizen in volunteering her time to her church and to the Women's Club of Plainville. Her effort to provide the Plainville club with a legacy led her to compose an award winning scrapbook detailing work of the club. She has served in various capacities to prepare Easter baskets for a girl's home, birthday baskets for the Plainville Food Pantry, and raise money through fashion shows, the balloon festival and the sale of the now famous Lucky's Fudge to support the Women's Club scholarship program.

A service in celebration of Lucky's life was held at the Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Redstone Hill, Plainville. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Lucky can be made to: Women's Club of Plainville Scholarship Fund, C/O Phyllis

Roche, 79 Tomlinson Ave, Plainville, CT 06062.

~ Douglas Gene Rich ~



70, of Plainville, CT passed away peacefully on November 8, 2016 at the VA hospital in West Haven.



Born in Britain to Marjorie (Immacolatta) Arena Rich and Eugene Rich, he grew up in

his grandparents' block at 37 Chestnut

Street with many aunts, uncles, and cousins. At age 12 his family moved to the wilderness of Sunrise Ave where he spent many days trapping, shooting, milking cows, playing baseball and fishing with his father. Doug graduated from E.C. Goodwin Tech Class of 1964 as a carpenter. His first job included building an entire house. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and served in Vietnam as a Quarter Master, heavy equipment, repair and demolition expert, Spec 5 199th Light Infantry Brigade, 87th Combat Engineers. He was proud of his service to his country.

Raising his family in Plainville, Doug enjoyed carpentry projects at home, working on his salt-water aquarium, camping with his family and family trips. He spent many days fishing, cutting wood and hunting at the Farmington Hunt Club with his father-in-law. He enjoyed an annual trip to Vegas and spending time at the family campsite in Salem.

Doug worked for the City of New Britain, Fafnir Bearing Co., and owned Towne Footwear in Kensington. Recently, he worked as an Orthotist at Footprints Shoes where he enjoyed many good friendships with co-workers and customers.

Doug leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Evelyn Quistberg Rich, his son Jeffrey and his wife Alanna, his daughter Marsha Lowe and her husband Peter, the joy of his life: grand-daughter Harper Gene Lowe, and his beloved little black dog Jazmin. In addition, his sister Claudia and husband Edward Hojnowski, brother Robert Rich and wife Beverly, Aunts Vivian Arena, Millie Arena and Rose Rund and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family appreciates the excellent care Doug and his family received at the VA, especially the numerous Yale Physicians in the Oncology Dept. and the caring staff in West Haven.

Funeral services were from Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street in Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial with full military honors followed in Saint Mary Cemetery, 1309 Stanley Street in New Britain. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Doug can be made to Plainville Fuel Bank, 54 South Canal Street, Plainville, CT 06062.

~ Alexander F. Rudolewicz ~



95, of Plainville, passed away Saturday November 5, 2016 at the Village Green of Bristol. He was the loving husband of 67 years to the late Rosina (Bruce) Rudolewicz.



Alexander was born July 31, 1921 in New Britain, son of the late Joseph and Frances (Zalenski)

Rudolewicz. He was retired from Emhart, Inc. where he had worked as a Machinist. Alexander proudly served his country in the United States Army Airforce during World War II. He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement, spending hours building in his workshop. He also loved fishing. Alexander was a devout Catholic and a long time communicant of Sacred Heart Church in New

He leaves his son, Bruce Rudolewicz of Forestville; his daughter, Frances Lord of New Smyrna beach, FL; his grandchildren, Francine Johnson, Morgan Lord, Laura LaRosa and Alan Rudolewicz; and his great grandchildren, Jessica Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Sydney LaRosa and Ava LaRosa. He was predeceased by his brothers, Val and Stanley and his sister, Helena.

Funeral services and burial will be celebrated privately. There were no calling hours. The Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville has care of arrangements.

Bette Mae Quirk ~



will be held privately.

82, of Plainville, Ct. passed away peacefully on November 6, 2016 at home with her beloved partner of 38 years, Paul Spielman, by her side.

Bette was born on December 23, 1933 in Montpelier, VT to the late Walter Holden and Dorothy Soper. She graduated from Plainville High and then worked and retired from Abel Transmission of Plainville. She loved boating in Niantic, crafting

with friends, and playing cards with her life-long friend and godmother to her son, Florence McCauliff.

She leaves behind her partner, Paul; her son, Donald W. Angels and his wife, Veronica, of Bristol; her grandson, Donald A. Angels; her niece and her son, Lauren and Eric Holden, of New Britain; and many wonderful friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her twin brother, Robert Holden and her husband, Robert Quirk.

A service in celebration of Bette's life was held at the Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Redstone Hill in Plainville. Burial

~ Paul G. Roy ~



75 of Plainville, passed away Friday November 4, 2016 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. He was the loving husband of Merry (Tobey) Roy.



Paul was born May 21, 1941 in Bristol a son of the late Edward F. and Eliza (Morin)

had also worked as a Machinist for several years. He proudly served his country in the United States Army in the 1960's serving in Alaska at Fort Greely. Paul enjoyed golf, bowling and photography and loved to follow UCONN women and men's basketball, but most of all loved to fish with his family in Maine. He was a Communicant of Saint Matthew Church in Forestville. Besides his wife Merry, he leaves his sister Marie Levasseur

Roy. He had worked as a Letter carrier for the United States

Postal Service in Avon retiring after 22 years of service. Paul

of Bristol, his four stepchildren, Laurie Doolan of New Hartford, Rick Wilson of Hartford, Lisa Alexander and her husband Scott and their 2 children Jeffrey and Spencer of Port Charlotte, FL and Linda Wilson of Lebanon and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Raymond, Edward and James.

Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. A Mass of Christian Burial was at Saint Matthew Church in the Forestville section of Bristol. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc. 54 South Canal Street Plainville, CT 06062 or to a charity of the donor's

~ Doris L. (Helm) Savino ~



85 of Plainville passed away peacefully, Sunday October 23, 2016 at Apple rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville. Doris was born January 21, 1931

in New Britain a daughter of the late Albert and Minnie (Parker) Helm and was a longtime Plainville resident. She was a graduate of Plainville High School in 1949. Doris was a seamstress by trade and worked from

home, she also loved quilting. Doris worked for the Plainville School System in food service retiring after 22 years of service. After her retirement, she volunteered for many years at the Plainville Senior Center, where she was involved with the daily lunch program. She was also a volunteer at P.A.R.C. where she helped with their bowling and other activities and outings. Doris will be remembered as a very loving and giving person.

She leaves her children, Robert McLellan and his wife Laura of Willington, Suzanne Martin and her husband Edward of Southington, James Romano and his wife Cathleen of Plainville and Glenn Romano and his girlfriend Linda Maribello of Plainville, her sister Lois Garrity of Southington, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son mark McLellan and her sister Ruth Hoyt.

Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Burial will be held privately. The family requests that flowers be omitted and memorial donations be made to the Plainville Senior Center 200 East Street Plainville, CT 06062 or to the Connecticut Humane Society 701 Russell Road Newington, CT 06111.

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~ Helen (Yacheski) Steele ~



85, of Bristol formerly of Plainville, passed away Friday October 28, 2016 at Village Green of Bristol. She shared 63 years of marriage with her late husband Raymond N. Steele.

Born in New Britain on December 16, 1930, Helen was one of eleven children to the late Walter and Pauline (Bielski) Yacheski. Raised in New Britain, she attended local schools and had worked as a Health Aid and

Scheduler for the New Britain Visiting Nurses Association, the McLean Home in Simsbury, as well as various other health care companies. She married her childhood friend and neighbor Ray in 1951 and settled in Plainville where they lived for 55 years raising their family. Helen enjoyed cooking, traveling and making trips to their Cape Cod home for more than 20 years, but mostly, Helen enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Helen leaves her children, Kathy Zurek and her husband Stan of Plainville, John Steele and his wife Cathy of Plainville and Jeff Steele of Forestville, her sister Irene Gaber of Southington, six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters and her daughter-in-law, Sue.

A service in celebration of Helen's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 133 Plainville, CT 06062 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

~ Robert J. Tardiff, Sr. ~



loving father and son, of Plainville, passed away suddenly early morning on November 22, 2016 in the comfort of his home at the early age of 66. He was the son of Marie Regina (Raymond) Tardiff and the late Joseph Lucien Tardiff.

Robert was born on September 4, 1950, in Caribou, Maine and was a resident of Plainville for many years. He attended Plainville High School and

later went on to work for Stanley Black and Decker for 43 years until his retirement. Robert was a sports enthusiast who loved the New England Patriots. He enjoyed hiking and fishing. Above all, Robert adored his two sweet twin grandchildren. He was a loving, humble, caring man who would do anything for anyone in need. This statement holds true knowing that Robert was the loving caregiver to his mother for the last several years.

In addition to his mother, Robert is survived by his son, Robert J. Tardiff, Jr. and his wife, Tina, of Burlington; his grandchildren, Robert J. Tardiff III and Makayla Tardiff; his sister, Diana Uyematsu, of Hawaii; his brother, Gerald Tardiff, of Plainville; his sister, Carol Tennkas, of FL; his brother, Roger Tardiff, of ME; his sister, Ann Marie Tardiff, of Plainville; his step daughter, Kendra Hanchett, her husband, Bill and their son, Austin; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Michael Tardiff and his longtime girlfriend, Lucille Chassi.

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Robert's life was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Robert can be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

~ Anne J. Vincenzi ~



of Forestville, passed away on November 17, 2016, two days before her 93rd birthday.

She was married to Edward Vincenzi and leaves her daughter, Elaine Edwards and her son, Edward Vincenzi and his wife, Lynn. In addition, she leaves her grandchildren, Andrew and Jessica, and her 3 great-grandchildren.

Anne graduated from Plainville High School in 1941. Following graduation,

she worked for West Works and General Electric. Also, she worked in the cafeteria at Toffolon School in Plainville. Anne and Edward moved to Madison where she worked in the cafeteria at the elementary school.

The family wishes to thank Sheriden Woods Nursing Home in Bristol for the care she received.

A service in celebration of Anne's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial followed in West Cemetery, Plainville.

~ Sophie (Urbanowicz) Witz ~



93, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at home, surrounded by her

She was the beloved wife of the late Henry Witz with whom she shared 62 wonderful years of marriage. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late John and Rose Urbanowicz, she attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from New Britain High School. She

was employed by Stanley Works until her retirement. Sophie was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church and was involved in many parish activities and organizations. She enjoyed travel and, among other destinations, made several trips to Poland. Sophie was a wise woman who was very supportive of her family. A loving mother and grandmother, she leaves her two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald and Nancy Witz of Kensington and Leonard and Jean Witz of New Britain, and her three grandchildren, Stephanie Rose, Gregory and Jeffrey Witz. Sophie also leaves her sister, Genevieve Turek of Farmington, and several nieces and nephews.

We are grateful for the loving care she received from her long-time caregivers, Aldona Kurdaciova and Krystyna Korab. We are also grateful for the care and support she received from the Hospice Staff of Hartford HealthCare. Burritt Hill Funeral Home, 332 Burritt St., New Britain, assisted the family with arrangements. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Sacred Heart Church, New Britain. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.burritthill.com.



~ Mary (Wiezalis) Zukis ~



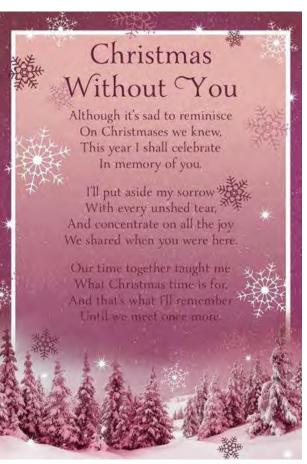
95, of Plainville passed away on Saturday November 19, 2016.

Mary was born on August 7, 1921 in Hartford to Casimer and Cecelia Wiezalis and lived there until moving to Plainville in 1952. She was the widow of Peter G. Zukis, to whom she was married for 29 years. After moving to Plainville, Mary was a stay at home mom for many years and then worked at Connecticut Spring in

Farmington until her retirement. She was a devoted member of Our Lady of mercy Church. Mary loved life and enjoyed dancing at the Polish Home in Hartford, Knitting, crocheting and was a remarkable cook. Her recipes will live on for generations to come. Above all she enjoyed her family and friends. Always ready with a smile and a laugh, she brought joy to all who knew

Beside her husband and parents, Mary was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph and Charles Wiezalis, and sisters Frances Pribyson, Helen Grabek and Ceil Folcik. She is survived by her daughter Patricia Swingle and her husband Paul of Jaffrey, NH and sons Peters Zukis and his wife Karen of Talent, OR and Paul Zukis and his wife Shirley of Farmington, CT. She leaves five grandchildren, Nathan, Alyssa, Martin, Marshall and Erin, four great grandchildren, Lucas, Sadie, Harper and Ford, and numerous nieces and nephews. The family extends its sincere thanks to the staff, Dr. Bogdansky and her friends at Apple Rehab in Plainville for their exceptional care and friendship.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville, CT. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville assisted the family with arrangements.



It's unrealistic and unfair to make Trump use a blind trust

By DAVID B. RIVKIN JR.

and LEE A. CASEY Suggestions that President-elect Donald Trump put his business holdings in a "blind trust" to avoid potential conflicts of interest are unrealistic and unfair. Such a trust would not eliminate the virtual certainty that actions Trump takes as president will affect his personal wealth, for good or ill. The step is not required by law. And presidents who have chosen to use this device held very different assets than Trump's. He can keep his holdings and adopt a reasonable system to avoid conflicts and reassure the American people that the Trump administration is

acting ethically.

To establish a blind trust of the sort used by his predecessors, Trump would not merely have to liquidate a securities portfolio and permit an independent trustee to manage those assets. He would have to sell off business holdings that he has built and managed most of his life, and with which he is personally identified in a way that few other business magnates

These businesses also provide employment for many thousands of people, including his children. All of it would have to go. This liquidation would by definition take place in the context of a "buyer's market," and so Trump

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would also be required to accept a vast personal loss in financial worth. Those suggesting the blind trust model must understand that their proposal is a poison pill Trump will not swallow.

Moreover, requiring Trump to liquidate his holdings would discourage other entrepreneurs from seeking the presidency, leaving the field clear for leaving the field professional politicians investors. Given that and the American people have made clear their disgust with Washington's elite, creating a disincentive for businesspeople to seek the presidency is not in the public interest.

Trump has suggested that he will let his adult children run the family businesses during his

presidency, and there is nothing in the Constitution that prevents this arrangement. The emoluments clause, often invoked as the reason Trump must sell his businesses, is no bar.

This constitutional provision prevents the president (and any other federal officer) from accepting gifts or compensation from foreign states. It does not limit Trump's ability to benefit from dealings with non-state foreign entities.

Whether a "state-controlled" entity falls within the emoluments prohibitions traditionally been addressed on a case-by-case basis, depending principally on how independently

actual government.

such an entity operates from an

nor regulations limit the president in this area. Presidential candidates and presidents must disclose their finances, but the president is not covered by the principal financial conflict-of-interest law, and the relevant regulations specifically exclude the president. Indeed, it is doubtful that Congress could constitutionally limit the president's personal investments or business activities consistent with separation of powers principles.

Likewise, neither federal law

Of course, Trump's wide holdings will likely raise real or perceived conflicts of interest during his presidency. Establishing a blind trust would have helped him address those concerns. There are, however, other measures that the president-elect can take to avoid conflicts. He can establish firewall between himself and his adult children with respect to family business affairs. They would agree to give him no information about their business dealings, and he would pledge not to discuss those dealings with them.

In addition, his children could promise to refer any potential transactions involving foreign corporations or other entities to the White House counsel's office or the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel to analyze whether it would raise concerns under the emoluments

clause. If the answer is yes, then they will avoid that transaction. The president himself would not be informed of the request or determination.

Finally, to the extent he wishes to seek advice about public policy from his children -- which he appears to have done frequently before his election can consult the White House counsel's office about whether discussing a particular issue with them would create potential conflicts of interest. Most government issues do not have a direct impact on the hospitality industry and simply taking action that is good for the economy as a whole would not give rise to a conflict.

It is clear that Trump cannot satisfy all of his critics, but these measures are both reasonable and

They would - or should reassure most Americans that his administration is acting with probity.

Rivkin and Casey, who practice appellate and constitutional law in the District of Columbia, served in the Justice Department under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Rivkin also served in the White House counsel's office in the George H.W. Bush administra-



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