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## The Mary Rose Faith DiMinno Memorial Sundial



Since ancient times people have been awed by the movement of the sun and acknowledged it as the source of light and life. All cultures, dating back to pre-historic times, celebrated rituals of the winter solstice with wonder and magic. Throughout the centuries they used circular and spiral decorations, candles, bonfires, seasonal food and rejoicing. Stonehenge is thought to be a temple to the two solstices.

This phenomenon occurs each year when the sun reaches its southern most

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This year in Plainville the winter solstice occurs on December 21 at 11:28 a.m. Our sundial stands sentinel for the first time.

May your winter solstice be magical....*Janice Eisenhauer*  
.....*Rich Ireland photo*

## "Merry Christmas to All from The Brunell Family"



**Joshua Brunelle** of 15 Hillscres Road is busy with the annual decorations at his family home for the Christmas holiday. On Saturday December 9th at 6:00 pm the neighborhood will join in the Christmas spirit with the lighting of the decorations.

The public is invited to join the festivities, refreshments will be available.

## Take a peek



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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!*

{ Jake faves} For Sewer & Drain Service, John Pulaski, Owner of DDD is the man to call when you have drain problems. The service is fast and the prices are reasonable. Call John if in need!!

{Sue raves} I attended a "Tastefully Simple" Home Cooking demonstrations Party the other night. Cassandra Clark, the Consultant, had products to make delicious and easy to prepare meals. Boy, I have been doing a lot of extras to prepare meals. Now life is a little easier. By the way, Cassandra is a resident of Plainville.

{John faves} I am a man of few words. My favorite store is Gnazzo's Food Center!! Has been and with always be. Friendly, Best meat in town & Prices are always right.

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# Robert E. Lee, Town Manager's Report to Town Council NOVEMBER 20th Meeting

## State Budget Impact

- The State Budget adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor would reduce state aid to Plainville by \$1,033,720 from what was anticipated in the Town Council Budget. Major reductions were made to ECS (-\$958,499 or minus 8.9%) and Elderly Circuit Breaker reimbursements (-\$150,000 or minus 100%).
- Last Friday the Governor announced that he was making further reductions to state aid to municipalities which he called "holdbacks". These "holdbacks" further reduced state aid to Plainville by an additional \$870,285, bringing the total reductions to \$1,904,005. This is a reduction of 16.27% from what was anticipated back in the spring. The Education Cost Grant reduction alone is \$1,823,324 representing 96% of the loss in revenue for Plainville.
- This loss of revenue represents 1.38 mills which is equivalent to a 4.2% tax increase.
- Towns that adopted a budget or levied taxes for the current year (FY18) before the state adopted its budget (i.e. Plainville) may change their education budgets and levies if the state budget provides less state aid than the municipality projected.
- Any reduction of the education budget could not exceed the loss in the ECS. For Plainville, the ECS loss is \$1.8M.
- At this point in time, the Town Council can consider the following options to address the significant decrease in state aid. The Town Council can reduce spending allotments in the current fiscal year, including reducing the education budget, the Town Council can adjust the tax levy for the January second half tax bills, cover the loss with the use of unassigned fund balance, or any combination of those three.
- If adjustments were to be made to the General Government Budget in the current fiscal year, one option is not to fill several current open positions. The current full-time open positions are in: Roadways, Buildings & Grounds, WPCA, and the Assistant Director in the Library.
- The Town Council could also delay/eliminate the purchase of several items in the Capital Improvement Plan Budget. A copy of the current status of the CIP Budget was included in your information package for this meeting. Other operating cost reductions could be considered, however, these would most likely result in service reduction as well.
- My recommendation would be for the Town Council to either

schedule a Special Meeting to discuss and determine a course of action or appoint a sub-committee of the Town Council to report back in December with a recommendation.

## Renters Rebate Program

- In addition to the reduction in state aid, the Cities and Towns will now be responsible for contributing to the renters rebate program. This is a program that provides reimbursement for CT renters who are elderly or totally disabled and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room, or living in a cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for the program.
- This was a program created by the State Legislature and funded 100% by the state budget, until now. It is unclear at this time whether the Renters Rebate shift was included in the Governor's "holdbacks". If not and based upon what we currently know, it could result in a further reduction in state aid by \$22K to \$52K. Currently, Plainville residents who qualify for the program are receiving a total of \$104,000 in renters rebate checks.

## School Buildings Project Update

Meetings continue to be held with staff at the Department of Administrative Services regarding the Wheeler School project. These meetings are necessary because the current size of the school exceeds the space requirements for a new building.

- D.A.S. has qualified the school for "renovate like new" funding, however, it was necessary to reduce the cost of the project below \$450 per square foot. As a result, O & G has reduced the project cost by \$705,000 to \$22,805,000. D.A.S. also confirmed that the project will be put on the priority list after some updated student projections are submitted.
- The state budget included a bonding amount of \$453M for school construction authorizations for FY18.

## Phosphorus Upgrade Project Discussion

- Last Thursday (November 16th) a Public Information Session was held on the Phosphorus Upgrade Project for the Water Pollution Control Plant. A flyer describing the project and inviting residents to attend the Session was included in all of the sewer use bills that were mailed on November 1st.
- Bond Counsel has prepared the Ordinance that would authorize the Town to appropriate \$15,761,000 towards the project. The next step would be to hold a Public Hearing on the Bond Ordinance. Town staff is recommending that this be held before the next Town Council meeting on December 4th.

A referendum is currently planned for Tuesday, January 30th.

- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

## Town Council/Board of Education Joint Budget Meeting – 1/11/18

- The annual joint meeting between the Town Council and the Board of Education to discuss next year's Town Budget has been scheduled for Thursday, January 11th at 6:00 pm in the Plainville Library Auditorium.
- The purpose of the meeting is to give the Town Council and Board of Education an update on the current year's budget and a preview of what is known regarding next year's budget. Please mark your calendars regarding this joint meeting. The meeting will be open to the public as well.

## Dog Park Discussion

- The Dog Park Committee has made a recommendation to utilize town land located at the end of Norton Place Extension for a future Dog Park. If this location is approved by the Town Council, the Dog Park Committee will begin fund raising efforts to pay for the construction of the facility.
- The Town Council had previously discussed having a Public Hearing on the proposed location. Town staff is looking for direction as to if or when the Public Hearing can be scheduled.

## Temporary Healthcare Structures

- Several months ago the Town Council had a work session on Public Act 17-155 regarding temporary healthcare structures. The Planning & Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on whether to opt out of the new legislation.
- A list of pros and cons associated with this new legislation was developed and reviewed by the Commission. After the Public Hearing (in which there were no public comments), the P&Z voted to opt out of the Act and asked staff to begin preparing some regulatory amendments so that this could be addressed on a local level.
- To opt out of the Act, the Legislation requires a two-step process. The P&Z action completed the first step. The second step is for the Town Council to render their own decision by formal vote to opt out as well.
- There is an item under New Business should the Town Council wish to concur with the P&Z recommendation.

## Opioid Crisis

- Several months ago, the Town was invited to join a lawsuit with the City of Waterbury against the large pharmaceutical corporations to recover the monetary damages that Plainville has incurred to cover opioid related health care

and rehabilitation costs, and to enable cities and towns to provide additional services needed by individuals, and their families.

- The lawsuit is intended to begin the process of holding those responsible accountable for the costs incurred by the cities and towns related to opioid use. Several cities and towns have joined Waterbury in this effort.
- Town staff had recommended participating in the lawsuit which would not cost the Town as it would be done on a contingency basis.
- The Town Council decided several months ago to delay making a decision on whether or not to participate in the lawsuit. If desired, Town staff could arrange for the Law Firm to attend a Town Council meeting to answer any questions that you may have.

## Financial Dashboard

- The Financial Dashboard was included in the information for tonight's meeting as well as being posted on the Town website. Scott Colby will review the Dashboard for this evening's meeting.

## Happenings – Scott Colby

- RoYAL Realty Memorandum of Understanding
- The Economic Development Agency is recommending a tax abatement for the construction of a 22,000 square foot addition to Walker Crane and Rigging located in the Farmington Valley Corporate Park. RoYAL Realty is the real estate arm of Walker Crane and Rigging.
- The EDA is recommending a 40% reduction in the assessment of the new addition for four years. It is worth noting that Walker Crane started out with a building with an original size of 33,600 square feet. The new addition, when completed, will bring the total building square footage on the property up to nearly 127,000 square feet or almost four times its original size.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.
- J.D.A. Lawn Sprinklers, LLC – Small Business Loan Request
- The EDA is also recommending a small business loan in the amount of \$40,000 to JDA Lawn Sprinklers, LLC to be used to expand their business and to hire new employees. The company is also seeking to apply for a matching grant through the State.
- The loan would be paid back over a five-year period with an interest rate of 2.93%. The EDA will secure a mortgage from property owned by the recipients of the grant.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

## UNABLE TO ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

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**Happenings by:  
Scott Colby**

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**PLAINVILLE PUBLIC WORKS**

- The Town's Transfer Station on Granger Lane will close for the winter season on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 3:00p.m.
- Leaf collection in the Town of Plainville will continue through December 1, 2017 weather permitting. Please be sure to rake your leaves to the curblin as early as possible. Be sure not to block sidewalks or walkways. **GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED - ONLY LEAVES.** No sticks or stones. If your street has an island on it, please **DO NOT** put leaves on the island. Bagged leaves will not be collected at curbside. However, you can bring them to the Drop-Off Center at the Transfer Station on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. During the month of November the Drop-Off Center will be opened Monday thru Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, for LEAVES ONLY.

**PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER**

- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Center!  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 11:30 A.M.**
- This special meal is for Senior Center members and any Plainville resident who is 60 years of age or older who will be alone this Thanksgiving. Join us for a delicious homemade, traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Volunteers will provide transportation for those who need a ride to the Center. You must register in advance, and please let us know when you register if you will need a ride. If you are home-bound and

would like a dinner delivered to your home, call the Center. There is no charge for dinner, but donations are greatly appreciated. We are grateful to The Pines at Bristol for generously donating apple and pumpkin pies for our Thanksgiving Dinner. Call the Senior Center to sign up.

**FREE BALANCE ASSESSMENTS**

By appointment only, November 30, 1- 2:30PM or December 14, 1- 2:30PM Apple Rehab is offering these ten-minute balance assessments, at which the therapist will determine your balance level and risk for falls. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 for an appointment.

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

The State of CT Energy Assistance Program is available to income eligible residents to help assist in lowering winter heating costs. For more information or to see if you are eligible, call the HRA Energy Department at 860-582-7490. HRA has taken over for BCO and is located at the same address: 55 South Street, Bristol. **YOU MUST APPLY EVERY YEAR.**

**VETERAN'S COFFEE HOUR AT THE SENIOR CENTER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 10:30 A.M.**

- Jason Coppola, Veterans Service Officer from the Office of Advocacy and Assistance in Waterbury will share how he and his colleagues are available to help Veterans in securing their benefits. He will familiarize you with the available benefits, and can help with the application process, and follow-up as needed. **FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES.** Please call the Center to register.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS ON THE HARTFORD AREA TRANSIT STUDY**

- Come share your thoughts and learn about potential local bus service changes and improvements

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**PLAINVILLE FIRE COMPNY**

- The Plainville Fire Company will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 7:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. at the Plainville Fire Headquarters. This is a full family breakfast open to all ages. The cost for adults is \$8.00 and children 6-12 is \$5.00. Children under the age of 6 are free.

**From the Desk of:  
Dominick Moschini,  
Superintendent of  
Roadways**

**Transfer Station Closing**

The Town's Transfer Station on Granger Lane will close for the winter season on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please call Physical Services at 860-793-0221 ext. 208

Monday thru Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Thursday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**From the Desk of:  
Mark DeVoe  
Economic Director  
Grand Opening &  
Ribbon Cutting  
Friday, December 1st  
Please Join Us!!**

In this day and age of corporate business and national chains, we tend to lose that feeling of community that comes from doing business with local sole proprietors. The days of small mom & pop shops are quickly dwindling. While we continue to value all of the businesses in our community, it is especially refreshing to announce the grand opening of Plainville Community Pharmacy.

Plainville Community Pharmacy is located at 170 East Street in the former location of Arrow Drug. They are in the same plaza as Starling Physicians, formerly Grove Hill Clinic.

**Plainville Food Pantry**

Plainville Community Food Pantry is in need of the following items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper products, kids snacks/beverages, canned fruit, tuna, boxed potatoes, rice. Any donation is appreciated. If you cannot drop off during our normal business hours, Gnazzo's Food Center has a food donation drop for the Plainville Food Pantry. There is a barrel right next to the cashiers. Thank you for your continued support.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

**Thanks, Scott Unnever  
Warehouse Manager  
Plainville Community Food Pantry  
(860) 747-1919**

**Public Meetings Scheduled on Comprehensive Transit Service Analysis of CTtransit New Britain / Bristol Division**

Capitol Region Council of Governments Will Be Hosting a Final Round of Public Meetings to Gather Feedback on Potential Local Bus Service Improvements.

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) will be holding a final round of public meetings to gather input from transit riders and other community members on service improvement options as part of the Comprehensive Transit Service Analysis of the New Britain/Bristol Division of CTtransit. The Comprehensive Transit Service Analysis is a collaboration between CRCOG, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, CTtransit, and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments. The purpose of this effort is to evaluate existing route effectiveness, identify areas of unmet transit need, and recommend bus service improvements to increase ridership and convenience within the communities of Berlin, Bristol, New Britain, Plainville, and Southington. Feedback from the upcoming meetings will be used to critique the presented service change recommendations, which will then be incorporated into the effort's Final Report.

Open house meetings will be held from 5pm-7pm. At 5:30pm, each open house will feature a short presentation about the study and potential improvement options. Study maps will be on display before and after the presentation, and study team members will be on hand to answer questions.

Interested individuals can learn more about the study at [www.HartfordTransitStudy.com/New-Britain-Bristol/](http://www.HartfordTransitStudy.com/New-Britain-Bristol/).

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

**OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS  
Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

Presentation at 5:30pm, Open House from 5pm-7pm  
Berlin-Peck Memorial Library, Meeting Room  
234 Kensington Road, Berlin  
**Thursday, December 7, 2017**  
Presentation at 5:30pm, open house from 5pm-7pm  
New Britain Public Library, Community Room  
20 High Street, New Britain

CRCOG does not discriminate on the basis of disability or language. Individuals who need auxiliary aids or translation services for these meetings are invited to make their needs known by contacting CRCOG at (860) 522-2217 ext. 4279 at least five days in advance.

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The Chapel will also be available to rent for services or memorials, please contact our Superintendent at 860-747-2314.

The Plainville Cemetery Association, Inc. now has a page on the Town of Plainville website, under boards and commissions.

The page contains: contact information, cemetery rules and regulations, pricing, history and mapping. Please view.

## Upcoming PHS YMCA Project

### Graduation Events

We are currently selling Taste 2018 books for \$25, which provides you hundreds of dollars in coupons for area shopping, retail, restaurants, and entertainment. These books are great gift ideas for the upcoming holiday season.

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Thank you, Christine Millette  
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## And Where are They Now?

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*Just call us at 860-747-4119 or e-mail us your story and perhaps even a picture at hmtnn@comcast.net*

## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year's Pumpkin Festival, held in downtown Plainville on October 21st. It takes an army of committed volunteers to bring this type of event to fruition, and in Plainville we are fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers who did just that! Some of these individuals include Shirley Osle and Kris Dargenio, Event Chairpersons, and volunteers who assisted with the Pumpkin Patch, the Kids Parade, Entertainment, Advertising, Marketing and everything in between. They include: Colin Regan, Scott Unnever, Laura Heslin, Kathy Pugliese, Dawn Angelillo, Andrea Saunders, and Tammy Lombardo. In addition, a huge thanks to the students from Plainville, Farmington and Southington who also volunteered their time. In addition to volunteers, the event would not have been possible without the generosity of the event sponsors and those who purchased advertisements. This event is a critical support to the success and viability of The Plainville Community Fund. Thanks to the efforts of all those who made the PumpkinFest a success, we are able to continue to provide grants to individuals and organizations in town in an effort to improve and enhance our Plainville community. Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make this year's PumpkinFest a stellar event!

*Sincerely, Dolly Chamberlin*

*Past President*

*Plainville Community Fund*

*True Story: The following story location has been changed to protect the innocent and our paper. Good thing someone invented the eraser!*

I had my first run in with town officials. Here you need a "resident permit" to park at beaches and other places. So I filled out the required form which has to be signed stating your name and address, and then a statement that says, "By signing this application I certify that this is my permanent residence and all information to be true." So I signed it and showed up at the tax collectors office to get my "resident parking" permit. That is where they are issued. You have to come with application, current vehicle registration. I presented my paperwork to the clerk and she did not even look at my signed application, but only at the vehicle registration. My car is registered (for now) at my mother's residence in New York (of which I am the legal owner). The clerk said, "Your car is registered in New York." I said, "Yes." She replied, "Are you going to change it?" I said, "No." So, she said, "Well, you have to be a taxpayer to get a sticker." To which I replied, "It doesn't say that. It says Resident Permit." She said, "That means taxpayer." I said, "Taxpayer and resident are different things." Clearly she was not amused. "Well, I have to look into to this." She went into the back office to consult with someone. Needless to say I was wearing my clerical clothing. After about five minutes she came back to the front and said something to the effect that well, we really aren't supposed to do this but we will give you a sticker. So it is. I just looked and now on the Oceanside web site it is now called a.....get ready for this....."resident/taxpayer permit." So I am still a resident...and shortly I will be a taxpayer because the mill rate is much better here than at Mom's. save about \$150 in car taxes.

*Great story & true!!*

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# IT Jim's 2017 Mini Holiday Tech Shopping Guide

It is that time of year again. Here is the 2017 Mini Holiday Tech Shopping Guide. 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 8", 10" – Starting at \$79.99 – Bigger Low Price Android Tablet
- Samsung Galaxy Tab S3 – Starting at \$599 – Consistently among the best available. 9.7" screen.
- Apple iPad 9.7" – Starting at \$379 – Quality and Ease of Use. Fast, light
- Apple iPad Pro 10.5", 12.9" – Starting at \$649 – Latest model, Apple quality with a larger screen
- Microsoft Surface Pro – Starting at \$799 – Full Windows 10 tablet, Laptop power, 12" screen.

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

- Intel i3, i5, or i7 processor- Look for "Skylake", "Kaby Lake", or "Coffee Lake" 6th, 7th, 8th generation processor.
- 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)

#### Android:

- Google Pixel 2 – 5" Display - Pure Android experience, buy from Google, activate on all major carriers. Also available on Verizon directly.
- Google Pixel 2 XL – 6" Display - Pure Android experience, buy from Google, activate on all major carriers. Also available on Verizon directly.
- Samsung Galaxy S8 – 5.8" Display – Samsung custom Android experience, available on all major carriers.
- Samsung Galaxy S8+ – 6.2" Display – Samsung custom Android experience, available on all major carriers.

#### Apple iOS:

- iPhone X – 5.8" Display, Latest Next Gen phone, no home button, face unlocks. Expensive!
- iPhone 8 – 4.7" Display, Update of iPhone 7, available on all major carriers.

- iPhone 8 Plus – 5.5" Display, update of iPhone 7 Plus, available on all major carriers.
- iPhone 7, 7+, 6s, 6s+ – Still great phones for budget conscious, available on all major carriers.

### Gaming Consoles: Playstation 4 is the better gaming console. Xbox One X is great entertainment console.

- Xbox One X – Latest and Greatest, 4K, HDR, Great all-around living room entertainment center. Starting at \$499
- Xbox One S – 4k, HDR. Great all around living room entertainment center. Starting at \$249.
- Playstation 4 Pro – Latest and greatest. Adds 4k. Great gaming system with entertainment features. Starting at \$399.
- Playstation 4 Slim – Great gaming system with entertainment features. Starting at \$299.
- Nintendo Switch – Great for the Nintendo game fan. Starting at \$299

### Virtual Reality Headsets:

- Playstation 4 VR – Virtual Reality Headset Accessory for Playstation 4. Starting at \$299
- HTC Vive – Virtual Reality Headset Accessory for PC. Starting at \$599 Requires VR Ready PC.
- Oculus Rift – Virtual Reality Headset Accessory for PC. Starting at \$399 Requires VR Ready PC.
- Samsung Gear VR – Starting at \$79.99 – Virtual Reality Headset for Samsung phones
- Google Daydream View VR – \$79 – Virtual Reality Headset for "Daydream Ready" phones. (Pixel)

### Other Tech Gift Ideas:

- DJI Spark – Beginners Drone – For the curious photographer looking for aerial shots. Starts at \$499
- Amazon Echo – Starting at \$50 – Google Now/ Siri for the home.

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

*I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and blessings in the New Year. Happy Holidays to all! IT Jim*

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## From the Desk Of.....

**Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire**

### CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR THE GRINCH

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

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

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

I hope this doesn't dampen your holiday spirit, but reinforces what should truly be what is important during this season of togetherness. Thank you for another year of support and I look forward to continuing to bring you informative and interesting articles in the year 2018!

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## The Poinsettia

by:

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### The Poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*)

is a plant looking for renewed respect. The on slot of competitors has been chipping away at the holiday staple for years. The nursery that I've been using for 32 years has decreased from 500,000 to 375,000 the number of poinsettias that they grow. It's not that they are losing business it's just that folks are gravitating to other plants. Cyclamen, Thanksgiving or Holiday Cactus, Amaryllis, Hibiscus and Anthurium just to name a few. The Aztecs used the plant to make a red dye, they also used it as an antipyretic medication to reduce fever.

The plant's connection with Christmas began in 16th-century Mexico, where legend tells of a girl, known as Pepita, who was too poor to purchase a gift for Jesus's birthday. As she walked to the church that night with her brother he encouraged her to pick weed flowers from the side of the road and place them on the altar, as the Lord would not care what type of flower but, the thought was more important. As the clock struck 12 midnight the scrub flowers turned to Crimson blossoms known as Flor de Noche Buena, meaning "Christmas Eve Flower" to Pepita's delight.

The origin of the poinsettia in the United States goes back to 1825 when the first ambassador to Mexico Joel Robert Poinsett discovered the plant on his travels through the country. Although Poinsett was a diplomat his turn passion was horticulture. Upon his return from Mexico Joel brought back the plant to South Carolina where he had greenhouses, he started to propagate and give them to his friends.

The red leaves of the plant are known as bracts. The green leaves that do not turn red are referred to as leaves. The flowers are the little green/yellow berry like buds. The red bracts are there to announce to the pollinators that the plant is ready to be pollinated. Poinsettias have been known to grow to as tall as 20 - 25 foot trees in their natural habitat of Mexico.

Albert Ecke on his way from Germany to Hawaii 1900 after reading an article on the warm islands in National Geographic, stopping in San Diego and fell in love with the area and a girl. Albert decided he liked the area so much that he stayed permanently, eventually he started a dairy and an

orchard. To sell his goods he opened a road side stand. He became intrigued by the poinsettias in his travels through Mexico so much so that he started to grow and sell them from his stand. The plants were selling well at the stand, and he expanded.

When a nursery placed an order for poinsettias Ecke would send extra plants to be grown by the nursery which were to be distributed locally. His instructions were to send the extra plants to television stations, churches and other places where people would gather. The extra plants were given out free to be displayed from Thanksgiving to Christmas creating demand. Ecke also appeared on television himself to promote the plants for the holidays and he created the market nearly single handed. Today the Ecke ranch produces 70% of the US market and 50% of the international market for Poinsettias.

### Are Poinsettias Poisonous?

It's an urban myth that has spread. An American Journal of Medicine study of 23,000 cases reported to Poison Control Centers showed no fatalities and that exposure usually does not result in any type of medical treatment. An Ohio State University study found that a child of 50 lbs would have to eat 500 bracts (red poinsettia leaves) to accumulate levels of toxins found to be harmful and if you ever tasted one leaf I don't know how you would ever eat another.

December 12 is National Poinsettia Day.

### What to do After the Season?

After the holiday you can cut back the poinsettia plant to about 1/3 it's size. Fertilize with that blue stuff at 1/4 label strength every time you water. East, South or west window is best. Grow the poinsettia all summer, cutting it back one more time in early June. Allow the plant to grow the rest of the summer. Starting mid-October start to strictly limit light to 8 hours a day and 16 hours a day of darkness. Once the leaves start to turn red you can put the plant in regular light. Your poinsettia should produce those red bracts for you to enjoy for the season.

Please keep in mind that the Poinsettia is not meant to be kept year-round. It's a glorified flower arrangement. You spend \$20.00 dollars on flowers and they last 10 days. If you spend \$20.00 on a Poinsettia and it lasts 45 days, then you got your moneys worth. If you do keep the plant repot in quality potting mix. Our homes are not the natural habitat for plants. Plants will tolerate our environment but only for so long.

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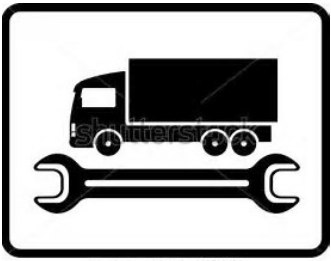
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"We offer family portraits, event photography, digital photography, which is the ability to take and print pictures on site," explained DiCosimo, adding he takes school portrait in over 50 schools from around the state.

Other services the local photo shop provides are photography for corporate events, company head shots, pet photography, printing and digitizing old photo slides and photo restoration, which can involve anything from putting back together old photographs to reprinting photographs with minor scratches removed. A photo booth at a rate of \$750 for three hours is also available.

"We've gotten into drone shooting" said DiCosimo, adding his new certified and trained service can be useful for anyone with aerial photography and video needs, from real estate to building



inspections.

At his office, Jeff houses all the equipment necessary to take, edit, and produce portraits. In the studio, Multiple backdrops, curtains and props, from educational bookshelf backdrops, to solid colors to basketballs and rocking horses are available for use.

"We can fit families (as big as) 15 in the studio." said DiCosimo. Anything more we can go outside or I can meet them at their house, or wherever they like."

By also having printers in shop, two of which can print 300, 8x10 portraits an hour, Jeff explained that he is also

able to meet the potential immediacy of customers.

"We've had people say they've needed photos that day and we've been able to help them."

With a larger printer that can print anywhere from 44 inches wide by 7,8,10 feet, however long a customer needs it to be, DiCosimo said he can print those, along with wall murals, He can also print the traditional 40x60 portraits.

DiCosimo has also been the Plainville Chamber of Commerce president for the past year.

Going forward, Jeff would like to hand his business off to his daughter, Candace,

"She has a great business mindset and skillset." he said. "I know the business will be great."

*By: Charles Paullin*  
*New Britain Herald Staff Writer*

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## DISTRICT HONORS VETERANS WITH SCHOOL DAY ACTIVITIES



Plainville Community Schools held a number of activities and programs across the school district on November 10th, to honor and recognize veterans.

Linden Street School began the day with a flag raising ceremony, which included a moment of silence and patriotic songs. In the afternoon, the Linden community gathered with veteran guests for a whole school assembly that featured grade level presentations, songs, poems, readings and instrumental performances. Students at Linden also created cards and paper flowers for veterans in attendance.

At Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, students, faculty and staff, together with invited veteran guests participated in a ceremony that included Girl Scouts, musical selections, guest speaker and veteran Foster White, and a recognition program for all veterans in attendance.

Louis Toffolon Elementary School hosted a reception for veterans and their families, followed by a wreath laying ceremony with pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students that included several patriotic songs.

The Middle School of Plainville honored veterans with a comprehensive program for students, invited veteran guests and their families. The program included musical selections, military spokespersons, recognition of veterans and more. Brunch was also provided for guests, and visual displays adorned the school's entryway. In addition, the Middle School community recognized the 55 Grateful American Coins that staff and students purchased to thank 55 veterans in the local community.

Plainville High School hosted a breakfast for local veterans and featured a musical performance. In addition, the high school held a door decorating contest in honor of veterans, and complimentary photographs were taken of veterans and their families on that day.

## Plainville Schools Have Monster Dash!

On October 28th students, family, & community members from the three Plainville elementary schools participated in the Plainville "Monster Dash"



held on the grounds of the Middle School. Students and family members were encouraged to wear costumes. Race participants wore flag football belts throughout the race course. At designated sections of the route, participants ran through a "Monster Zone," where volunteers (including Middle School students) dressed up as monsters and tried to pull the flags from the participants. At the end of the race, participants received a certificate based on how many flags they had left.

## PLAINVILLE STUDENTS HONORED AT 30th ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD PRESENTATION

Twelve Plainville students received the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS) Superintendent / Student Recognition Award and Certificate of Excellence at the 30th annual Superintendent's Award Presentation held on Friday, November 3rd, during a luncheon at J. Timothy's Restaurant.

The students are: Sophia Leonetti and Phillippe Brochu, Linden Street School; Marissa Miller and Matthew Corriveau, Louis Toffolon School; Melak Al Rubaye and Charles Hills, Frank T. Wheeler School; Keira Guarco and Michael Haddad, the Middle School of Plainville; and Dominika Mis, Spencer Steeves, Hannah Zelasko and Luke San Juan, Plainville High School.

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

## Toffolon Students Create Message of Kindness



Inspired by the book "There's Only One You" by Linda Kranz, Students at Louis Toffolon Elementary School created their own unique and creative rocks that have messages of kindness. The rocks were later used to create a Kindness Rock Garden located near the entrance of the school. Students, staff, families, and community members helped create a beautiful space with positive and kind messages to be shared with everyone.

## Plainville High School Hosts Genetics Conference



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 several 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 worldwide for the past 30 years. This year, the program's focus was on cancer. Dr. Rhine explained that there are over 200 kinds of cells in the body and consequently over 200 types of cancer, each being different genetically. He discussed how cancer begins, ways to reduce risks of cancer, and some things that we can't change relative to the disease.

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...*



# Schools in Review

## MSP VEX IQ Team Performs at CABE Conference



*Front row: Dan Talarico, Caitlin Stilwill, Seth Lahoud, Nick Grabowski  
Back row: Assistant Coach Laurel Schwartz, Jacob Keen, Coach Camille Westfall, Konrad Koc, John Marfia*

Middle School of Plainville faculty members Laurel Schwartz and Camille Westfall, together with members of the VEX IQ team from the Middle School were invited to spotlight their award winning Robotics program at this year's Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) conference held in Groton.

## PHS Hosts College Fair



More than 100 colleges, universities, technical schools, branches of the military, and foundations were in attendance at the Plainville High School College Fair held on October 20th!

## Everyday Hero Recognized



*In photo: From left - Susanne Bajek, Janet Alfano, Mark Alfano, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maureen Brummett and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Andrea Saunders.*

Plainville Community Schools' Data Integration Specialist Mark Alfano was recognized as the district's Everyday Hero for the month of November. Mark was nominated by Linden faculty member Susanne Bajek, and was honored at the November 13th Plainville Board of Education meeting.

## PHS DECA Group Attends Leadership Conference

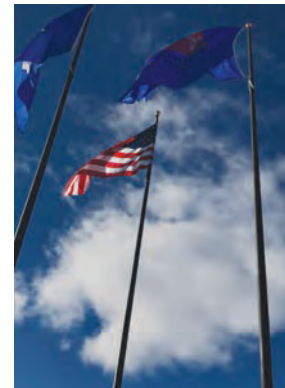


*From the left: Christina Lopez, Tyra Fletcher, Jenny Francisco-Cruz, Brianna Chapman, McKenzie Casale, Victoria Wnorowski, Anna Morawska, Sara Pierscinski, Agata Kuczynko, Alana Hussey, Benjamin Royce, Paige Madigan, and Cheyenne Emmendorfer.*

Plainville High School DECA members and faculty member / DECA Advisor Trevira Boatright, recently attended the CT DECA Fall Leadership Conference held at the University of New Haven. The student group participated in multiple workshops including Entrepreneurship, Careers, Sports Marketing, How To Influence People, Dress for Success, and a Shark Tank competition. The conference included more than 650 high school DECA students in attendance. PHS senior Cheyenne Emmendorfer was among four students from other schools who won third place in the Shark Tank competition.

## Veterans' Day At Toffolon School

*photos by: Lori Consalvo*



## PHS STUDENTS REFURBISH AND DONATE BIKES TO LOCAL YOUTH AS PART OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROJECT

Students in David Marchesani's Transportation Education classes at Plainville High School have completed the refurbishment of a batch of bicycles as part of a community collaboration project with the Plainville Police Department and the Plainville Community Food Pantry. Thanks to a grant from the Elizabeth Norton Trust fund for tools and supplies, broken and unclaimed bicycles donated from the police department and the community were refurbished to "like new" condition by the high school students. "Students in all of the transportation courses help to make this project successful. Each student has an opportunity to inspect and repair a bicycle. The bike shop is setup to operate like a car dealership; students are learning a real world skill-set that they can use at work. Not only is this a great learning experience, it also allows the students to give back to their community," explained Marchesani. "The goal of the project was to fix and repair broken bikes to give back to the community so people who need them

would have a functioning mode of transportation that is reliable and will last awhile," explained senior Patrick Jay. The bikes were then subsequently donated back to local youth through the Plainville Community Food Pantry.

The high school students who worked on the bikes shared their enthusiasm about the project. "It was a great experience being able to donate my time in class with fellow classmates to give back to the local community," said senior Nick Cianchetti. "Every day we had different class projects, but we knew we had to do the community bike project first, and they were our number one priority in the shop. The happiness of the kids came first before our other shop projects," added junior Jason Mills.

The high school students expect to complete the refurbishment of another group of bikes for the community before Christmas.

"This project provides our students with a unique opportunity to blend curricular instruction with a real world chance to give back to our local community. I am very proud of our students in Mr. Marchesani's classes to help those who need it most," noted Plainville High School Principal, Roberto Medic.



*Of The United States of America*

2017 Plainville High School Graduate

FROM THE DESK OF:  
Dominick Moschini,  
Superintendent of Roadways



Kyle Ross graduated in the army on Nov. 2nd at Fort Leanardwood, Missouri. Kyle is the son of his proud parents of Scott and Dana Ross.

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection in the Town of Plainville will be extended until December 8, 2017 weather permitting. Listed below is the schedule of areas to be covered on the first collection (schedule of areas are subject to change):

- Central Area
- West Main Street Area
- Farmington Avenue Area
- South End/Red Stone Hill Area
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- Metacomet Area
- Northwest Area
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# Life With Wanda

I wish you and your family A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR and would like to warn all my senior friends of the pitfall of the new cell phones you might get for Christmas. After a certain age we seem to learn things the hard way as in the case of my friend. After receiving a new phone, as a birthday gift, she said she had this thing called an APP that allowed her to go onto something called face time and when she calls her children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren she can not only talk to them but she can see them as well. She related how she even went on a tour of her daughters' new home and even went for a ride with the great-grandchildren shopping for a Christmas tree.

She was really enjoying this new feature and all we heard about was that darn phone and everything her family did until just this past week when something happened that

changed her mind.

It took me a while to get it out her but it seems she kept her phone with her at all times so she wouldn't miss a call, even in the shower.

While taking a shower she put it on the ledge and if it rang she just pushed speaker, but never realized it was also on face time.

Buy the time someone in the family called and told her she was showering on face time. She figured she had several conversations with some telemarketers and even with the pastor from the local church.

Now I know why they call it an APP because you are "apt-to" get into a lot of trouble, if you don't know what you're doing with those new fangled inventions.

(Maybe we have a great-grandchild that can show us how to use our new phones.)

## Plainville High School Career Day

Career Day was held on November 30th at Plainville High School. THE EVENT POINT PERSON: was Steven LePage, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

**Event Specifics:** Plainville High School was host to the 6th annual Career Day program for students in grades 9-12. This is the largest Career Day event on record, with more than 70 presenters and 40+ career sectors represented. Speakers included representatives from a variety of career fields including engineering, business management, legal, trades, medical, sports management, graphic design, culinary, computer information systems, law enforcement and more. Many of the speakers are also alumni of Plainville Community Schools.

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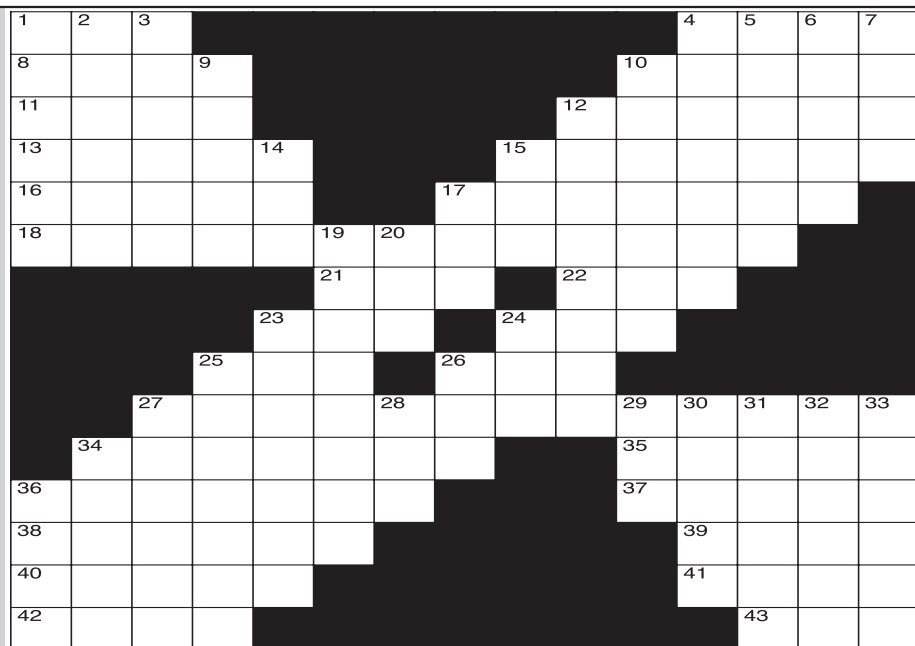
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Thanks to ALL the volunteers, sponsors, advertisers, vendors & attendees who helped make this year's event another HUGE SUCCESS!!!

*Kris Dargenio, Co-Chair*



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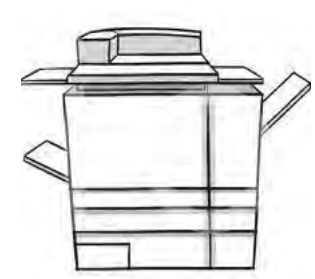
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## Pure Act of Kindness

Something happened to us on Thanksgiving that I felt should be recognized.

Marcia works at CVS pharmacy, in Plainville, in the pharmacy dept. We've worked with her for years and has always been friendly to me & my mother, Bailey Twiggs.

Unfortunately, my mother was placed on hospice a few months ago. One day, while at CVS, I saw Marcia & told her about mom and you could tell that she was genuinely upset about the news.

Last week I went to CVS to pick up a prescription and Marcia & I starting chatting about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. She stated that she was cooking a huge turkey and having family and friends over. I told her that our family wasn't around and that since it was just me and my mother, I wasn't going to cook a huge meal.

On Thanksgiving afternoon there was a knock on the door. Marcia was standing there with a huge shopping bag full of food to surprise my mother. She left her dinner party to bring us turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green bean casserole, carrots and cranberry sauce.

It brought us so much joy that someone as special as Marcia thought enough of my mother to stop by to let her know that she was thought of and that somebody cares about her.

Marcia deserves a very special thank you and recognition for her pure, sincere, unselfish act of kindness.

*On this Thanksgiving, we were very thankful that there are special people like Marcia in our lives.*

*Sincerely,  
Donna Twiggs*

**Donna,  
Thank you for sharing your  
Thanksgiving  
"Act of Kindness"  
experience with Marcia.  
It is a wonderful world  
after all!!**



## The Christmas of Yester Year

By: Sally Miller

The little boy sat in the living room at Christmas. The spirit of Christmas engulfed the room with the smell of evergreens and coffee cake. In this year of the 1940's times were hard. This made the little boy so grateful for everything he had.

His grandfather was smoking a pipe as he and the little boy anxiously listened to the old RCA radio to hear if Santa was anywhere in the area. The excitement of that moment made him wiggle with excitement.

He looked tenderly at his grandfather, a strong and gentle man who he also considers to be his father. His grandfather had a love for the little boy that was so great that he could not say the words out loud. The two sat in silence listening to the old radio.

His Grandmother was in the kitchen making coffee cakes for all of her family, neighbors and friends. He sighed as the bouquet of cinnamon and vanilla entered the living room.

Grandma entered the room (flour on her apron) to play her favorite Christmas carol on the piano – Silver Bells. The mantels were covered with evergreens and the kitchen looked awesome with nuts and fruits (only seen at Christmas) adorning the table.

Later that day, they attended Christmas services at church. The little boy began to smile as the boxes of aromatic oranges are brought out. The church began handing out a wonderful orange to each child at Christmas. How breathtakingly fragrant and cold the tangerine was to his touch as his small fingers wrapped around that very precious gift. He looked down at his hands as he felt coolness and he closed his eyes as he let the wonderful smell of the orange permeate his senses. Oh, how grateful he was for this special gift.

After church, he visited his Aunt and was so disappointed to see that she did not have a Christmas tree. He ran home through the snow to tell his grandmother.

His grandmother told him to do whatever he thought was best. The little boy ran to the shed and got the little axe his grandfather had given him. He went into the woods and cut down a small tree, went home and decorated it before taking the Christmas tree to her house.

*As he handed her the tree he wished her a  
"Merry Christmas"  
and now I wish each and every one of you a very  
"Merry Christmas."*

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## TO ALL AMERICANS, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

As I write this article I am so angry at the father of Liangelo Ball for his verbal attack on President Trump and statements he has made to the press I feel President Trump should ask the Chinese one more favor and ask that they request the U.S. Government extradite LaVars' son back to china for punishment and see how he feels about that.

In case you don't recall, the son of LeVar Ball was one of three UCA basketball players arrested in china for shoplifting sunglass from a Louis Vinton store and it is rumored those sunglass had a price tag of around \$2,000. Now, father LaVar Ball says shoplifting isn't such a big deal, really? Just ask anyone in the retail business and see if it is or isn't a big deal to them.

The next stupid statement the father made is he would have thanked Donald Trump if he had put his son on Air force I and brought him home. Would the secret service have allowed three thieves' on Air Force I? If these boys were left in China perhaps they would have been returned in five or ten years minus a hand. Maybe Mr. Ball should have a talk with the parents of Otto Warmbier of Ohio whose son was returned to them in a coma and died a few days later for taking a political poster. I feel Mr. Ball can't thank President because he is a bigot and can't look past the color of his skin but there are two things I would like to say to Mr. Ball; I never want you, your son or anyone in your family in my place of business and to the readers of this article perhaps you can watch for the names of any of the Ball children I am sure they'll be in the news again and I doubt it will be for anything a parent will be proud of.

*Signed; John Q. Citizen*

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# The Circumspect Critic

## by Robert James O'Dell

### “The Song of Bernadette”

### “The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima”



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



#### The Song of Bernadette 1943

In 1858 France, a young peasant girl claims to have seen an image of a “beautiful woman” while out doing her chores. Her account becomes public knowledge and when the higher autocracy hears of it, they go on an immediate campaign to debunk the child's claim.

This film was made in 1943 while World War II was at its height overseas and at home people were looking for anything to hold onto that would give them hope of something better than the foibles of man. Hollywood was more than happy to oblige.

Based on a popular novel by Franz Warfel, adapted for the screen by the prolific George Seaton, Director Henry King was charged with bringing this inspirational story to the silver screen. What he accomplished was a multiple Academy Award winning (4 wins out of 8 nominations including Jennifer Jones for her sympathetic performance as the titular character) film that is as great an experience watching today as it was when it premiered 74 years ago.

With strong attention to detail and a meticulously chosen cast, King has constructed a massive canvas without losing the intimacy of the story being told. We get to know the lives of these peasant people who live a hard but content life under difficult circumstances. We understand their struggle, their close knit family ties, their strong religious beliefs and their even greater fear of the autocracy they live under. These are simple but determined people that we are comfortable getting to know better.

From the moment Bernadette reveals her encounter with the “beautiful lady”, her life goes into a downward spiral. At first met with skepticism and outright anger by the people of her village, she and her family become ostracized by neighbors. Then when the political and religious autocracy catch wind of her claim, she is subjected to an all out campaign to discredit her. She is unflappable in her claim even as it takes a toll on the people she loves. She doesn't understand the negative response she is receiving. The opposition goes from trying to label her emotionally breaking down. In the meantime, people from all over have heard the tale of the young girl who saw the Virgin Mary and are descending on the little village in overwhelming numbers.

Jennifer Jones is luminescent as Bernadette. She perfectly captures the innocence and determination of this young girl and effectively portrays the emotional whirlwind that her character experiences. You can see it in her angelic face and feel it in her vocal tenor. This is truly a memorable performance.

She is ably supported by a fine cast of classic character actors. Charles Bickford as the local pastor who at first doesn't believe young Bernadette but starts to have second thoughts and Vincent Price as her main prosecutor make the biggest impression after Jones but there are fine performances by the likes of Lee J. Cobb, Ann Revere and Gladys Cooper. (I know, I know, you

have absolutely no idea who any of these folks are.)

Yes, the film is dated in some of the technical concerns but they didn't have the luxury of what filmmakers have at their disposal here in the 21st Century. But this is classic filmmaking at its best. I have watched this film dozens of times throughout my life and hope to watch it a dozen or so more.

#### The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima 1952



In 1917, in the village of Fatima, Portugal, three children, a brother, his sister and their cousin come upon a lady in a cloud who tells them of man's fate.

I know what you're thinking. This sounds very familiar. Haven't I heard this before? Yes, the plot has many similarities to The Song of Bernadette. What we have here is a story based on fact. People, to this day, visit the spot in Fatima where these occurrences took place. It has become a holy shrine for many. And though this film isn't at the level of Bernadette, it is still a memorable, inspirational and uplifting film.

Filmed on location by director John Brahm bringing a nice level of

authenticity to it, the film follows in the footsteps of the aforementioned predecessor while managing to carve out a niche of its own. A script by Crane Wilbur and James O'Hanlon does play down the intense political aspects of the story but beautifully realizes the religious themes. With three charismatic child actors playing sympathetic roles to grab the attention of the audience and the depiction of a religious miracle that has never been disproved, the film has plenty going for it.

Gilbert Roland, a great character actor from this time period, gets to play the lead here and he shines in doing so. As a sympathetic friend of the children who doesn't believe their story but sets himself up as their primary defender, Roland brings all his natural charm and gravitas to the role. He commands the screen when he is on it and provides a portrait of a good man that is one of cinema's best. Susan Whitney, Sammy Ogg and a very young Sherry Jackson are all very believable in their roles and earn our attention and sympathy as we follow their struggle against the powers who want to squash religion altogether. The church itself also wants to bury this emergence of a religious miracle as they know it will bring the presence of the hostile regime that is out to stamp out religion completely. Taunting and terrorizing the children is Frank Silvera playing an opposing adversary and seemingly relishing the opportunity. The cast of mainly character actors (you know the type; you know the face but just don't know their names) lend impressive support. Among them are Jay Novello, Richard Hale and Angela Clarke (who besides her role also provides the voice of The Lady in the Cloud), all providing solid performances.

As in Bernadette, the rumor of this miracle brings thousands to the Fatima sight. Unlike Bernadette the film provides for some what they will consider a more satisfying ending. No spoilers here, my friends.

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# AAA Speaks Out: Distraction Down? Don't Believe It.

Recently, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported that the number of fatal crashes went up by more than 5% last year, a disturbing trend no doubt. But that same annual report determined that distracted driving is down. Great news, right?

## Don't believe it.

I certainly don't and neither do most police officers or traffic safety folks I know – including, I would bet, some who work at NHTSA, the organization that analyzed the numbers.

This is not to suggest that anyone has misrepresented or mischaracterized the data. The problem is the origin of the data itself, which is police reports.

Why is that a problem? Because if the driver in a fatal crash was speeding, police can tell. If the driver in a fatal crash was not wearing a seat belt, police can tell. Or, if a driver was drunk, again, police can tell. But police would be the first to acknowledge that, more often than not, when investigating a fatal crash – or any crash for that matter - they just can't tell if the driver was distracted. Sure, in some cases there may be a witness or investigators could examine phone records but they rarely do, especially if, as an example, the driver was speeding or drunk. Case closed.

And, of course, it's not just the phones that have increased driver distraction. The day before NHTSA released its report suggesting driver distraction is down, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety released research that indicates new in-vehicle technology is distracting drivers like never before – in some cases for up to 40 seconds.

How can police investigating a fatal crash tell if the driver had been looking at his dashboard map instead of the road?? They can't.

If you want to give the NHTSA numbers weight, consider this. The greatest increase in fatal crashes involved pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists – in other words, those who are most difficult for a distracted driver to see.

The holidays are fast approaching and soon we will be wishing each other Happy New Year. But, for many families across Connecticut the holidays will only be another sad milestone spent without someone lost on our roadways.

There is no point in pointing fingers. The only point here is whether distraction is up or down, it is still far too deadly and all too common.

And I don't think any of us really need numbers to know that.

## Patricia 'Pat' Richards Local Travel Agent Retires



Pat has been a travel agent for over 40 years and 34.5 of them at the Plainville AAA office. Pat has seen many changes in the travel industry over the years. When Pat started as an agent, airline tickets were hand-written, bookings were made over the phone. Then later tickets were printed on a special printer. Now, of course, everything is done via the internet, tickets are electronic and boarding passes are on your cell phone.

People use travel agents because of their experience and expertise - one person who can take care of everything, including any problems and, to her clients, Pat was all that and more.

In her tenure as an AAA agent, she has helped thousands of travelers.

There are many folks in the Plainville area who are going to miss Pat and her sense of humor. Having Pat work on a trip for you was an experience you enjoyed and looked forward to repeating.

Pat is from the greater Philadelphia area and has a family home there that she will retire to. Her last day at AAA is November 18. Her fellow agents in the Plainville office will be taking care of all of her clients to ensure that the transition goes smoothly.

## Kwanzaa Principles Presented in Original Musical



The Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc. presents its 28th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. at the historic Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St., New Britain. Kwanzaa, an African-American cultural 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.

Again this year, the show will be 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.

The celebration will include the traditional Kwanzaa rituals of African drumming and dance, reading the Libation Statement, lighting candles and making positive affirmations. In addition, the Queen Ann Nzinga Center participants will perform in a musical, called "Change at QANC High." It begins with kids not working together, and because of this, they lose their basketball game. As the kids start to apply the principles of Kwanzaa, positive results ensue.

Based on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the show demonstrates how the concepts of this holiday can be applied to everyday life. Playwright Rebecca Trapp, who had been involved with the Queen Ann Nzinga Center since childhood, wrote the script for the musical to capture the Kwanzaa concepts in action. Students in the program have modified and updated it this year.

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 and the City of New Britain.

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.*

QANC is named for a 15th Century African queen who protected her people from being sold into slavery. The name symbolizes the organization's aim to empower young people with life skills, academic support and experiences to thrive. QANC, in its 28th year, is a nonprofit 501(c)3 that serves a diverse, multi-racial and multicultural population of children and teens by providing arts and cultural enrichment in a multi-generational setting. The program uses the performing and creative arts to help participants achieve goals, build self-esteem, develop strong values, gain an appreciation of culture, learn about the rich African heritage and understand cultural diversity. <http://www.qanc.org> or [qancinc@gmail.com](mailto:qancinc@gmail.com)

### *About The Links, Incorporated*

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation. The membership consists of 14,000 professional women of color in 281 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. The Waterbury Chapter engages in partnerships with organizations with similar values and missions in support of Waterbury-area communities.

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# FROM MY BALCONY

**By: Jeannette Hinkson**

There are so many scandalous goings on lately it is hard to pick one over the other. Women are coming forth, after 40 years, and reporting some man, that is now famous, made advances toward them.

**Question:** What took her so long? Some big shot in Hollywood made advances and exposed him to male and female movie stars and some of these "stars" were "shocked" to learn of these allegations are appalled by that bit of news. I don't believe there is anyone in the country that doesn't know about the casting couch in Hollywood unless you live under a rock or on an island that doesn't even have a radio or any contact with the outside world.

Let's take a look at these "movie stars" that seemed so shocked, most of which have had a number of relationships with more men than they can count or perhaps even remember who they were for that matter and the fact this guy exposed himself to them is unbelievable!

If anyone believes that there is still room under that rock. How many times have these women stripped down to their birthday suit on screen, not just in front of the camera but with a full camera crew watching while they gave their best love performance.

How about the public, perhaps we were and are appalled when watching a western, with the grand children, on a Saturday and the heroine removes every stitch of clothing, along with the male co star; shouldn't we be appalled?

I thought I would name a few of these actresses so I Googled the questions, "What actresses have done nude scenes and found we don't have

enough space in the entire paper to print all their names. I feel, as many others do the morals of Hollywood are that of a flea or less.

It reminds me of the story of the son of Hollywood star playing in the park and he says to another child, "Who is your father?" and the other child answers with the name of his dad and the first child answers, "How do you like him, we had him last year?" I don't believe there is a woman that hasn't had some guy make a pass at them but when they bring it up forty years later they aren't reporting the incident

I think they are just reminiscing or looking for that fifteen minutes of fame. If the allegations are true and this man tried to molest her as a child then why didn't she report it so some other child didn't fall victim?

Why did she get in the car with this man when she said her boyfriend was picking her up? Perhaps he is a pervert but who is telling the truth, you be the judge.

Now, new allegations that State Senator Al Frankin assaulted some woman, if they keep it up we won't have a Senator, Congressman or president left to run the country. I don't believe there is a man that never made a pass at a woman or a woman that hasn't had to slap a face or two.

Is what these men did worse than what a sitting president did in the White House? Here are a few presidents you might recognize that had affairs, namely. Thomas Jefferson, Grover Cleveland, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, George H.W. Bush and above all let us not forget good old Bill Clinton.

There are probably others but they have never been caught or were protected by the press.

*I won't even go into the Congress or Senate.*

# "Salvator Mundi," and the Christmas Season

**By Francis Rexford Cooley**

"Salvator Mundi," (Savior of the World) attributed to the master artist Leonardo da Vinci sold at auction for \$450.3 million dollars at Christie's Auction House in New York City. The price included the fees being paid to the auction house. The painting of Jesus with his right hand raised in the position to give a blessing and his left hand holding an orb (representing Heaven perhaps rather than Earth) garnered the highest price for an art piece at auction surpassing the \$179.4 million dollars Pablo Picasso's "Les Femmes d'Alger" (Women of Algiers) version O sold for in May 2015. News reports of the sale naturally focus upon the price of the work and it's history as a "hidden masterpiece" by Leonardo, it's sale for \$90 in 1958, the establishment of it's authenticity as Leonardo's work, and it's restoration. Nary receiving a mention in this coverage is the aesthetic beauty of the work, the mastery of Leonardo's technique that has earned him his reputation as an artist of the ages, nor the meaning of the subject of the painting, the Christian iconographic imagery in the painting, and religious meaning of the title of the work. The coverage has essentially ignored the Christian elements of the work and Christianity's role in Leonardo's canon of work which includes "The Last Supper." The focal point of the news stories regarding Leonardo's painting of Jesus is financial and Christ is all but forgotten much like how the holiday season itself is viewed today.

Before Halloween was even over the Christmas items were overflowing from the shelves at retailers. Before the Thanksgiving turkey is in the oven one's mailbox is stuffed with "Black Friday" circulars and mailers, television and radio airwaves are broadcasting "Small Business Saturday" promotions, and one's computer is deluged with "Cyber-Monday" offers as retailers scramble to entice the public to spend any and every cent of discretionary income possible in their brick and mortar or cyber-store. The onslaught of advertisements will continue unabated through New Year's as "Christmas Sales" morph into "after-Christmas Sales" promoting a never-ending mad dash of spending fury through the end of the year. The role of consumer spending during the Holidays from Thanksgiving to Christmas until New Year's is vital to the economy. The term "Black Friday" refers to the fact many retailers do not reach profitability until after Thanksgiving and consumer spending in the last weeks of the year can make or break these businesses.

Lost in the mad dash of sales and spending is the actual historical role of the Holidays themselves. Thanksgiving, established by the Pilgrims, to give "Thanks" to God for the blessings they received in their

journey to the New World and in their establishment of their community. Puritans of New England viewed Thanksgiving as one of the most important holidays with Thanksgiving sermons by prominent ministers receiving publication on occasion. After the Continental Army's victory over the British at the Battle of Saratoga, the turning point of the Revolutionary War, George Washington declared a Thanksgiving. President Lincoln set Thanksgiving as the final Thursday in November during the Civil War. Congress and President Roosevelt established Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1941 in the immediate aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The holiday is Thanksgiving and National Day of Prayer. While grace accompanies the traditional Thanksgiving dinner at many tables across America one watching the media today would think the focal point of the holiday is to line up in a queue and prepare to shop until one drops.

Popular American culture often celebrates the consumerism now driving the Christmas experience. Ralphie obsessing over getting a Red Rider air rifle in "A Christmas Story," Arnold Schwarzenegger battling Sinbad over the last Turbo Man action figure in "Jingle All the Way," Chevy Chase's Christmas meltdown over the lack of a bonus to pay for his conspicuous consumption during the holidays in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." The focus of Christmas has, for the media, popular culture, and American business, become the stocking stuffers, the gifts under the tree, the consumer spending that feeds their bottom lines. Lost in all of this is the celebration of the Birth of Christ, the meaning of the coming of Jesus, his ministry, his role to Christians as "Salvator Mundi," Savior of the World, their savior. Like Leonardo's masterpiece portrait of Jesus as savior, the actual holiday of Christmas has been reduced to an expensive financial transaction.

Leonardo is considered the greatest of artists. His works evoke awe and inspiration. His works humble other artists in Leonardo's mastery of technique and subject matter. To see a Leonardo in person is to be in the presence of a miracle of art. The value of Leonardo's "Salvator Mundi" is not in its price but in its beauty and grace. Likewise the joy of Thanksgiving and Christmas is not in the accumulation of material items but the gathering of family and friends to thank the Creator for the bounty of one's life and to honor the birth of Jesus, who is the Savior to Christians across the world.

*As a boy named Charlie Brown once asked, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?"*

**The answer is:  
it's not to be found in a store.**

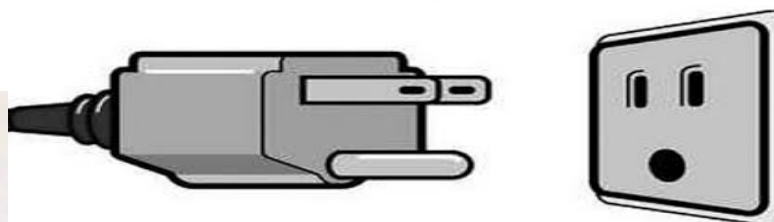
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# Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

## Set the tone for a Healthy and Rewarding 2018!

By: Linda Coveney

It's the Holidays. That means more time with family, parties, shopping, baking, travel and all things in between.

While decking the halls can be happy and fun, the obligations, preparations, and added activities can also add stress and anxiety to our lives. Here are a couple of tips that might help you be mindful, less stressed and feeling healthy and powerful this season and throughout 2018.

**Relationships:** The most important healthy relationship you can have is with yourself. This means making you a top priority. I'm going to paraphrase a post from Facebook, which sums this up very nicely. "I said "No" today because I was busy. Just not busy in the way most people understand. I was busy taking deep breaths, busy

calming my restless mind, busy telling myself that my health matters." Taking a time out won't put you behind. It will strengthen your focus on your priorities and help identify and eliminate unnecessary activities. Focus on spending time with positive people who lift your spirits and share your values.

**Sleep:** Good quality sleep is essential for good health as well as learning and memory. Ideally, you should wake up fully refreshed and ready to face the day.

If you have trouble falling or staying asleep during the night, you might want to try a relaxing cup of tea such as chamomile. Many claim that a cup of warm milk (dairy or nut milk) with a ¼ tsp of turmeric powder, 1 tsp ghee or coconut oil, and a pinch of ginger, nutmeg and cardamom powder topped with a little honey to taste can be very calming as well.

Use the power of the lavender scent. Put a little lavender oil on a cloth or mesh bag filled with lavender leaves and tuck into your pillowcase. Drift off to a peaceful sleep.

**Gratitude Journal:** Writing down everyday occurrences that you are grateful for is a good way to end the evening on a positive note and release anger or negativity that can flood our thoughts and result in a restless night. Holding on to anger can add to belly fat and I'm sure that is not on your list of priorities for 2018.

**Healthy Eating:** Now is not the time to let go of your healthy eating practices. There's a lot of temptation out there. While few of us really want to eat just a salad at a holiday party, there is a case for eating a nutritious snack such as raw veggies or a healthy fat such as avocado before leaving the house. This will help to reduce hunger and control portion sizes. Moderation is the key for both food and alcohol. Watch out for empty calories that might make you feel groggy the next morning. Reach for a glass of water or seltzer and take

a few breaths before you take another bite or drink. Wake up proud that you valued yourself and your health more than a sweet treat. Incorporate this plan to achieve your goals in 2018.

For those times when you do indulge a little too much, add spices that are natural digestive aids to reduce bloating or discomfort. Ginger and peppermint tea are good stomach soothers. Find what works for you.

### *Have a very Happy, Healthy Holiday Season and New Year!*

If you want a specific topic covered in future columns, e-mail me at lindacoveney@comcast.net

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4. If you bump into an Old Person on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.
5. Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.
6. Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.
7. Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.
8. It's Old People who remove their hats while eating in a restaurant in respect for the ladies and guests.
9. It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.
10. This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

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## Plainville Property Transfers

**8 Harvest Ln Unit 8:** Keith M. and Keegan M. Scelia of Plainville to Bryan J. and Brie A. Campbell, \$314,000 on 10/10/2017

**79 Loomis Ave:** Alcide J Ayotte of Plainville to Adrien J. Lagassie and Elise Zompanti, \$140,000 on 10/6/2017

**34 Pershing Dr:** Timothy Fanning of Plainville to Nicholas R. and Stephanie Mucci, \$171,000 on 10/10/2017

**50 Pierce St. Unit 22:** Erica M. Bordonaro of Plainville to Jenavieve Gara, \$125,000 on 10/10/2017

**37 Provencher Dr:** Mankus Alice B Est and Gary Mankus of Plainville to Christopher Cook, \$167,900 on 10/06/2017

**29 Wayne Dr:** Anne M. Fredrickson and Bank of America NA of Plainville to Wojtek Sztachelski, \$99,500 on 10/06/2017

**179 Westwood Ave:** John J. and Jolene A. Kwasnik of Plainville to Emanuela and Erton Hysenllari \$186,250 on 10/06/2017

**19 Cody Ave Unit B4:** Mark Drydan of Plainville to Thomas A. Wodnicki, \$126,000 on 10/16/2017

**33 E Broad St:** FNMA of Plainville to Ut Nguyen \$140,099 on 10/16/2017

**114 E Main St:** EB Realty LLC of Plainville to Carmine and Mary Castiglione, \$100,000 on 10/13/2017

**66 Hollyberry Ln:** David S. Williams of Plainville to Roseann and Richard G. Szmeyer, \$285,000 on 10/18/2017

**35 Ledge Rd:** FNMA of Plainville to Darek P. Palewicz, \$115,500 on 10/12/2017

**5 Maria Rd:** Garry Thibodeau of Plainville to Charles P. and Jennifer M. Hills, \$370,000 on 10/16/2017

**22 Metacomet Rd:** Alicia R. and Thomas A. Bakunis of Plainville to Gianna Mennone, \$247,000 on 10/16/2017

**131 Milford Street Ext Unit A9:** Heidi A. Coughlin of Plainville to Mariusz Muszynski, \$65,000 on 10/17/2017

**75 Robert St:** Phoukhong and Oumaphone Siboriboun of Plainville to Plainville Town of, \$181,000 on 10/12/2017

**190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 11d:** Laura J. Edwards of Plainville to Christine M. Edwards, \$159,900 on 10/20/2017

**248 Unionville Ave:** Virginia C. Brandi of Plainville to Phoukhong, \$250,000 on 10/16/2017

**40 Metacomet Rd:** Theresa S. Soli of Plainville to Raymond P. Soli, \$155,000 on 10/27/2017

**Samuels Xing:** JNS Development LLC of Plainville to Neris V. Valverde and Ernesto A. Jerez, \$427,003 on 10/25/2017

**190 Tomlinson Ave Unit 6d** Mark M. and Cristin M. Kochanowicz of Plainville to Stacey Pietrowicz, \$144,000 on 10/23/2017

**94 White Oak Ave:** Quinn A. Kizis of Plainville to Stephanie Pesapane and Jeffrey Magoveny, \$137,500 on 10/24/2017

**257 Cooke St Unit B:** Brian P. Girardin of Plainville to William P. Frederick, \$68,000 on 10/31/2017

**32 Fleetwood Dr:** Sharon Giggey of Plainville to Connecticut Homes R Us, \$170,000 on 10/31/2017

**48 Forestville Ave:** Anne M. Skempris of Plainville to Javier Galarza, \$80,000 on 10/31/2017

**18 Homestead Ave:** Stella Properties, LLC of Plainville to Mary Mc sweeney and Ashley Gentner, \$208,000 on 11/01/2017

**66 Atwood St Unit 13:** Murphy Alan D Est and Sheri M. Morrison of Plainville to Mackenzie A. Pader, \$100,000 on 11/09/2017

**6 Hittleman Ct:** Howard M. Smagler and Wells Fargo Bank NA of Plainville to Stella Properties LLC, \$126,361 on 11/07/2017

**187 N. Washington St:** Desell Family LLC of Plainville to Veronica Bonura and Phillip Huntington \$141,800 on 11/07/2017

**100 Northampton Ln Unit 14:** Rafal and Malgorzata Nowak of Plainville to Amanda Savio, \$138,500 on 11/06/2017

## TRUMP PENCE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER AMERICA IS BACK

During his historic trip to Asia, President Trump demonstrated his strength and leadership on the world stage once again. In his meetings with world leaders, the President fought for fair and reciprocal trade agreements, working to end years of imbalanced trade that has left too many Americans behind. The President also secured new business deals with sales by American companies totaling at least \$300 billion that will produce new jobs for American workers. As he reported on the success of his trip, including making progress to advance peace and prosperity in Asia, the President said it best: "America is back!"



## WAKE UP AMERICA BY: GENE Patriot Tea Party News "BE QUIET AND EVERYTHING WILL BE OK?"

That's what the high-jacker's said on the two planes that flew into the World Trade Center in New York city on 9/11.

### BE QUIET, ALLAHU AKBAR

Maybe US Senator Eugene McCarthy in the fifties was right and knew more than he could tell. Communism (Marxism) like Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin instituted in Russia, Communist Manifesto by infiltrating the US Government. A Communist is just like a Socialist and Liberal but in a hurry.

Liken today Islam is trying to interject into US Law and the Constitution, SHRIA LAW by all different parties like ANTIFA, Muslim Brotherhood, Occupy Wall Street, ACORN, ISIS, and ISIL.

Webster defines a "Republic as a state in which the sovereign power resides in a certain body of the people. "The Elector" and is exercised by Representatives elected by, and responsible to them. In a Republic, law makers are confined to interacting legislature that does not violate rights granted to them by the Constitution, which says much about what may not be legislative. It remains to the elector to be sure their legislatures stay within the confines of the CONSTITUTION. As Ben Franklin said as he was leaving the Continental Convention someone asked him the kind of government he gave us and he replied "A Republic, if you can keep it"

Like the pledge of allegiance says "to the Republic and which it stands for."

Now the local elections are over and the dust is settling NO the all important 2018 election has already has started momentum. There is a resistant out there, and a resistance to the resistance should be formed.

As stated in the November 2017 in the Home Town Connection a legal citizen and a voter wrote to the paper and his main question was about draining the swamp and the quote was "what are you going to do with all the alligators, snakes, and slugs that are left in the slime called Washington?"

### Wrong Teaching

Today, we can hardly tune into the news without hearing about college kids rioting, marching, and crying in their "safe spaces" over the "offensiveness"

of the Constitution. And if that isn't enough we continue to hear about the consistent degradation of education - how students once obligated to take Latin, Philosophy, and ethics can now entertain their minds in "the Cultural of Miley Cyrus" and Tree Climbing" Don't believe me? Do a quick Google search on "Stupid College Courses." You'll find classes such as "Zombies in Popular Culture" (Columbia). "How Does It Feel in Dance?" (Oberlin), and "The Joy of Garbage" (Berkley). Is this really happening? Has it really become this ridiculous? The outreach of the Department of Education to the faults of policies such as No Child Left Behind and the absurdness OF THE COMMON CORE. The argument that you need a course to diversify my mind is a political statement. Their using modern political ideologically ways to force you to see culture in a certain way.

These classes aren't open minded places where conservative kids are allowed to equally argue with non-conservative kids. (I've seen it myself in high school debate classes.) These are places where the liberal position is the only position. They teach one way and one way only. Maybe with little or no other choice.

Its time to Wake Up America and abolish the department of education. You need to take back our schools, for the sake of only our children, but our society and culture.

(Some excerpts from The New American Magazine, Volume 33, No. 7)

"A Government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on support of Paul" (George Bernard Shaw)

Do you feel that the problem of unreimbursed medical expenses for illegible aliens is causing tax payer/funded health care costs in your state to increase?

With local elections just passed, do you believe prospective voters should be required to establish their US citizenship?

Citizenship is the most cherished thing our nation can bestow. Our governing class ought to treat it as something special. We ought to put the interests of our citizens first and welcome those foreigners best prepared to handle the duties of citizenship and contribute positively to our country. When we do, our fellow Americans will begin to trust us once again.

*With the coming holidays, enjoy the Merriest of Christmas's and a New Year's Wake up for America.*

## President Teddy Roosevelt and being an AMERICAN in 1907

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an

American ... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag ... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

***Theodore Roosevelt 1907***

## Senator Martin Participates in Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the of 102nd Infantry

State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) recently participated in the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the 102nd Infantry at the State Capitol in Hartford. Co-Chair of the Legislature's Veterans Affairs Committee, Sen. Martin spoke about the 102nd's deep history in Connecticut and how the Veterans Affairs Committee works to serve and improve the lives of Connecticut's veterans.

"It was truly an honor to help recognize and celebrate such a prestigious group," Sen. Martin said. "The 102nd has given Connecticut and our nation a legacy of enduring freedom."

Sen. Martin represents the communities of Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, and Thomaston.

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# Jane (Dickman) Buden

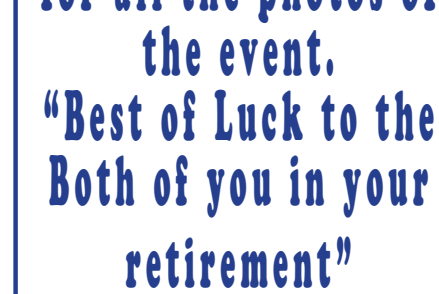
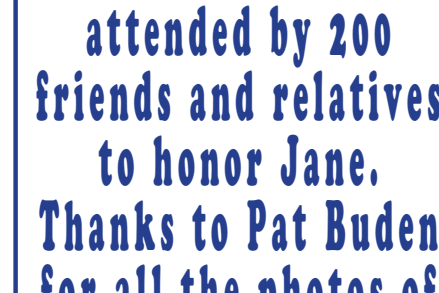
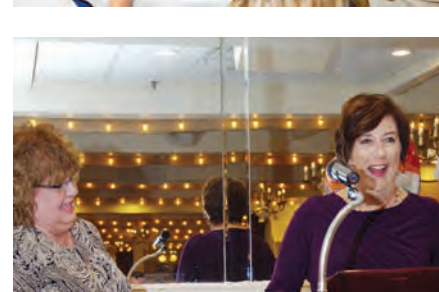
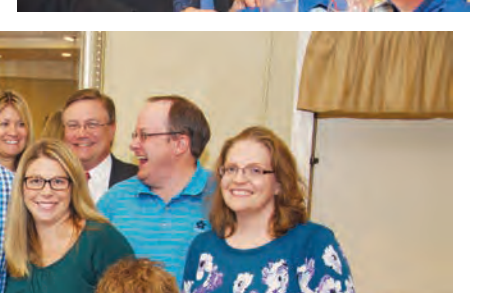
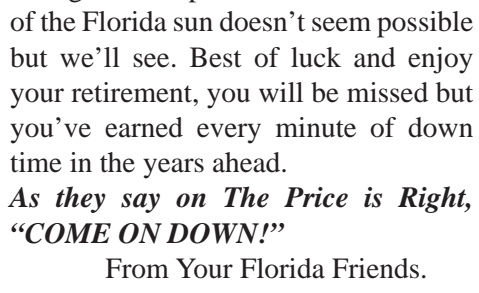
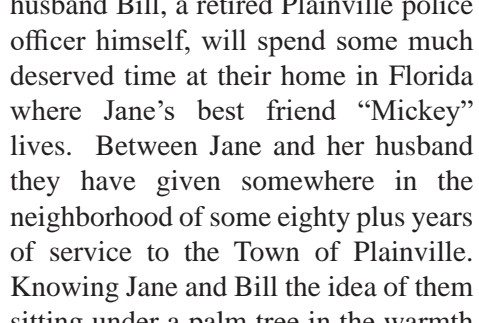
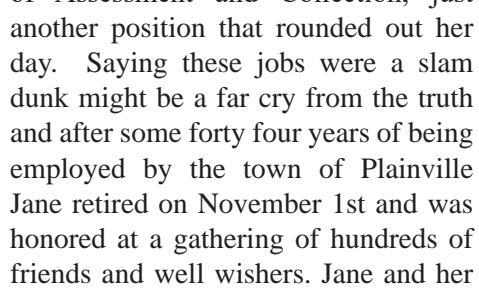
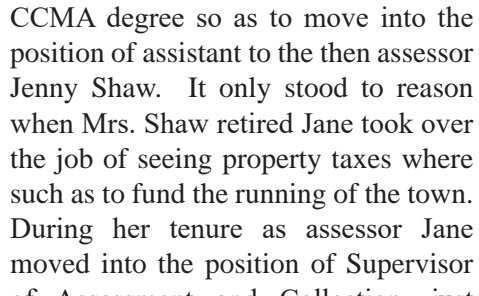
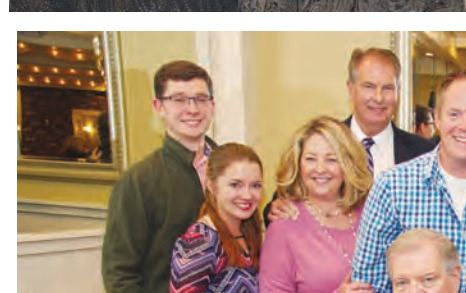
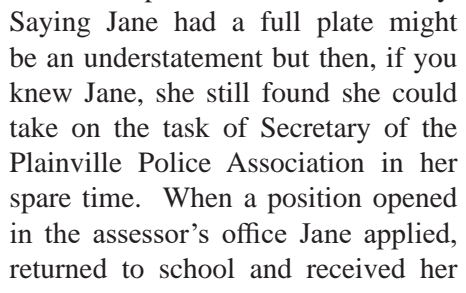
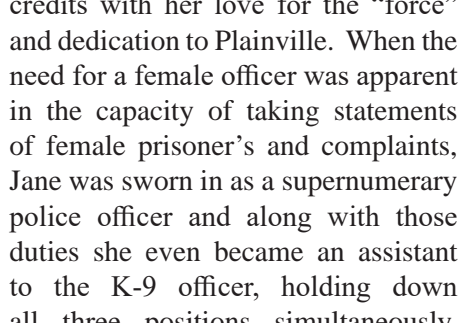
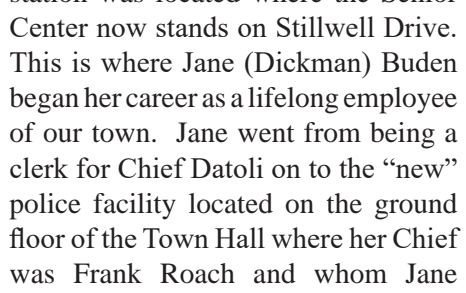
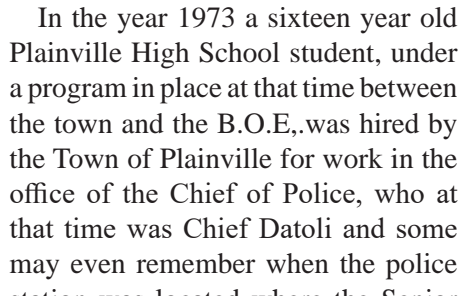
## Jane wore many Hats for the Town of Plainville ~ Happy Retirement!!

In the year 1973 a sixteen year old Plainville High School student, under a program in place at that time between the town and the B.O.E., was hired by the Town of Plainville for work in the office of the Chief of Police, who at that time was Chief Datoli and some may even remember when the police station was located where the Senior Center now stands on Stillwell Drive. This is where Jane (Dickman) Buden began her career as a lifelong employee of our town. Jane went from being a clerk for Chief Datoli on to the "new" police facility located on the ground floor of the Town Hall where her Chief was Frank Roach and whom Jane credits with her love for the "force" and dedication to Plainville. When the need for a female officer was apparent in the capacity of taking statements of female prisoner's and complaints, Jane was sworn in as a supernumerary police officer and along with those duties she even became an assistant to the K-9 officer, holding down all three positions simultaneously. Saying Jane had a full plate might be an understatement but then, if you knew Jane, she still found she could take on the task of Secretary of the Plainville Police Association in her spare time. When a position opened in the assessor's office Jane applied, returned to school and received her

CCMA degree so as to move into the position of assistant to the then assessor Jenny Shaw. It only stood to reason when Mrs. Shaw retired Jane took over the job of seeing property taxes where such as to fund the running of the town. During her tenure as assessor Jane moved into the position of Supervisor of Assessment and Collection, just another position that rounded out her day. Saying these jobs were a slam dunk might be a far cry from the truth and after some forty four years of being employed by the town of Plainville Jane retired on November 1st and was honored at a gathering of hundreds of friends and well wishers. Jane and her husband Bill, a retired Plainville police officer himself, will spend some much deserved time at their home in Florida where Jane's best friend "Mickey" lives. Between Jane and her husband they have given somewhere in the neighborhood of some eighty plus years of service to the Town of Plainville. Knowing Jane and Bill the idea of them sitting under a palm tree in the warmth of the Florida sun doesn't seem possible but we'll see. Best of luck and enjoy your retirement, you will be missed but you've earned every minute of down time in the years ahead.

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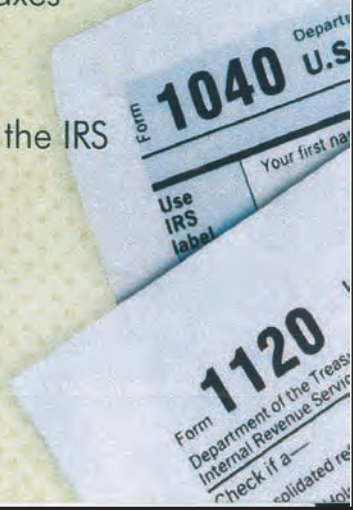
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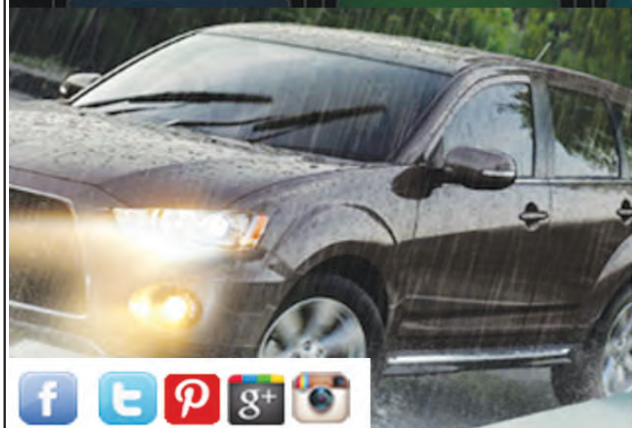
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 @ cobplainville-org.webs.com

## A Rejected Savior

Just over 2000 years ago the angels announced to the shepherds out in the field tending to their flocks this most glorious message, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:10-11).

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 Tuesday Ladies..... 9:30 AM  
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 AA.....Sun., Mon., & Wed., 7 PM

### DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHEDULE

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
 GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP  
 WITH HOLY COMMUNION:

(Celebrated with Gluten Free Bread)

Sunday, December 3, 10 AM  
 SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL  
 WITH HOLY COMMUNION:

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Sunday, January 14, 10 AM  
 UMW CHRISTMAS TEA:

Sunday, December 3, 4 PM

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

Wednesday, December 13, 1 to 6 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

Sunday, December 17, 10 AM

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP:

Sunday, December 24, 10 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP:

Sunday, December 24, 5:30 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

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Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25, 7 PM



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**Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study (13 weeks)**

Corinthians- 7 p.m.  
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 Potato Fellowship - 6 p.m.  
 Men's Tuesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.  
 "Getting to Know God"  
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
 "Time To Pray" Prayer Meeting  
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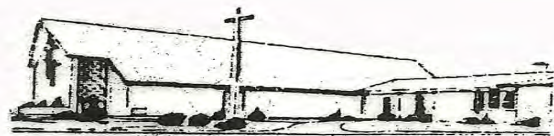
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# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

"HAPPY & HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!"

- 1ST GEORGE FENSICK  
RICHARD CASE
- 5TH JEAN WOOLVERTON
- 6TH GENE WOOLVERTON
- 7TH DOLLY CHAMBERLIN  
TINA WISHART  
FRANK MANAFORT
- 8TH CHRISTINE SWIATEK
- 10TH JOE PLOURDE
- 11TH PEG LEE
- 12TH STELLA LAURIE
- 18TH THERESA TIERPACK
- 19TH SAL SANTACROCE  
LAURA TIERPACK
- 21ST FILOMENA D'ONOFRIO
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STEPHANIE HAYES WILSON
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BETH GASPARINI  
FRANK BOUTWELL  
CATHERINE BADOLATO
- 28TH ROBERT NEIDERMYER
- 30TH JANET MASTRIANNI  
TERRIE PEDROLINI
- 31ST OLGA STEPNEY



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3RD MARIA WYNKOPP
- 4TH BETH BERGENTY JOHNSON
- 5TH NORM ORTNER
- 6TH MIKE BACZEK
- 7TH SANDY
- 8TH AVERY & REAGAN BERGENTY  
JO ROSINSKI  
JESSE GNAZZO
- 9TH RUTH OLSON
- 10TH JOEL EDMAN
- 11TH JOYCE HAYES
- 14TH DARLENE BENSON
- 19TH ED STAGIS
- 20TH MARIE CASSIDY
- 24TH ROBERTA LALAMA
- 25TH PETER WOOD  
LARRY SUTHERLAND  
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**PS: If you want to announce your own Birthday and/or Anniversary, just call.....It pays to advertise!!**

*Happy*  
*49th*  
*Anniversary*  
*December 28th*  
**Robert & Christine**  
**Swiatek**

## Eternally Grateful

To the editor:  
 Sincerest thanks to the voters of Plainville for their support in the November 7th election.  
 The voters demonstrated their approval of the Republican team and for that I will be eternally grateful.  
 Our pledge to keep Plainville thriving will be honored during the next two years as we handle many critical issues vital to our continued prosperity.  
*Kathy Pugliese,*  
*Chairperson of the Town Council*



**AARP Trips:**  
 For information about trips to come call:  
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## TASTE BUZZ..... Christmas Tree Sandwich

- 20 slices white bread
- 1- 4 & 1/2 ounce can deviled ham
- 1- 3 ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons orange marmalade
- 1 - 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 tablespoon milk
- Green Food Coloring
- Wide strip of orange peel

To cut out tree shape (triangle) start at top center of bread slice, cut down to right corner of slice, then down to left corner. Trim remaining crust; repeat to make twenty trees. Combine deviled ham, cream cheese and marmalade. Spread half the slices deviled ham mixture, top with remaining slices. To form loaf, stand sandwiches upright on a platter. Chill. Combine cream cheese, cottage cheese, milk and 4 drops coloring. Cut out 10 stars from orange peel. Frost loaf with cream cheese mixture. Place stars on center top of each sandwich. At time of serving, cut between stars to separate sandwiches, Serves 10.

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*To share your favorite recipe e-mail to: hmtnn@comcast.net or mail to: Hometown Taste Buzz, 27 Sherman St. Plainville, CT 06062*  
*Please send your Valentine Party treats by January 15th to appear in the February issue.*  
*Thank you, Avis Flanders*

Maybe this could be the start of a small business section - to give area business a chance to describe what they sell?  
 Cassandra Clark, Thank you again!  
*"Thank you for the suggestion. We invite all businesses and/or professionals to e-mail: hmtnn@comcast.net your description to help start "A Small Business Section" in our next issue. If anyone would like to volunteer to coordinate this section, please contact us at 860-747-4119*

**Notary Public**  
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### Plainville United Methodist Church Monthly Pot Luck Suppers

The first Pot Luck Octoberfest was held October 15th.

The second supper was October 22nd and was our "Linus Blanket Sunday" following worship.

It is a no sew fleece tied Blanket workshop which we create blankets to be distributed through "Project Linus" to children and youth locally who are seriously ill or traumatized, otherwise in need of comfort and warmth. Our church has been involved with this mission outreach program since 2010. The church holds a Potluck Supper every third Sunday in the winter months with different themes.

*"Everyone is Welcome"*

### Fallen Officer Holcomb Remembered At Annual Gathering



Shown above, retired officers Garcia and Buden pay respects at the annual wreath laying ceremony in memory of Officer Robert Holcomb killed in the line of duty 40 years ago.

### South Merrimack Christian Academy

Soccer Players Left to Right: Nate Whitten, Cole Rasmussen, Conner Mann and Giavin Ross played at the Plainville High School Soccer Tournament.

The Soccer players were guests at the Fairfield Inn the same night of the Republican "Meet The Candidates" event. The young men stopped in when they heard it was a political affair and were very interested in learning about some of our problems in Connecticut.

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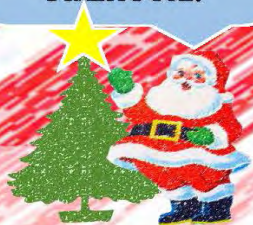
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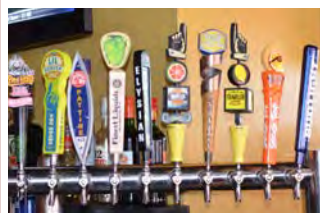
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The Li'l Plant Shop rooted itself in the heart of downtown Plainville at 52 West Main Street. Jeff the plant guy, his wife Pat and daughter Carli wanted to bring their passion to the public for everything green. Step into the Li'l and transport yourself into plant paradise. The Li'l is filled with beautiful and exotic topicals to delight your senses. A quick look around and you will see some of the usual suspects Peace Lilies, Pothos, Philodendron. Look a litter deeper into the green and discover Monstera, Alocasia, Zebra plants and Venus Flytraps. The ancient Japanese artform known as Kokedama (Moss Balls) hang from the ceiling and are found throughout the shop.

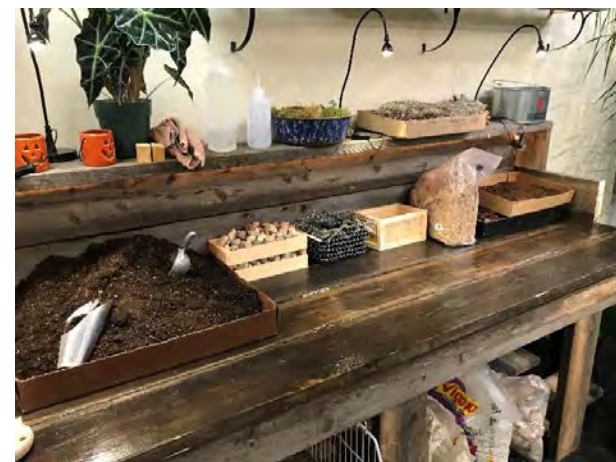


as mosses, stones, lichens.. While you create your masterpiece one of the friendly plant crew here at the shop will give you care tips on light, watering, placement and maintenance. Don't forget to check out the air plants in the front cases and on the racks throughout the store maybe an aerium (an air plant terrarium) is more your style. Live plant jewelry is also on display at the Li'l check out the jewelry display case. Bonsai are nestled in their own corner of the shop. Jeff, an avid bonsai enthusiast is always willing to teach about his favorite hobby. Look for Bonsai classes coming in December and January on Saturday afternoons. Call, Text, E-mail or Facebook the shop for details or to sign up for any class find the schedule on our Facebook page.

Jeff, the plant guy got his start along with his wife Pat 30 years ago in the interior plant scaping business. Installing and maintenance of high quality tropical plants. The two serviced the plant needs of many companies in the greater Hartford area along with holiday decorating. For the past 10 years as a therapeutic horticulturist Jeff has been entertaining folks with his innovative gardening programs at local assisted livings, skilled nursing facilities, senior centers, garden clubs and libraries. In addition to

gardening programs Jeff the plant guy builds custom raised bed planters TheGo2Garden. These custom raised beds are accessible and come in different sizes. Vegetables and flowers of all kinds can be grown in these planters.

Jeff and Pat also decorate outdoor planters/urns for various businesses and homes with seasonal plants throughout the year.



The Li'l Plant Shop is an extension of this trios love for plants. The Li'l offers classes, workshops and planting events on the regular. For birthday parties and private events, a private room is available adjacent to the shop at Plainville Pizzeria.

The Li'l Plant Shop offers unique plant designs for weddings, showers and proms.

Gift certificates available in all denominations.

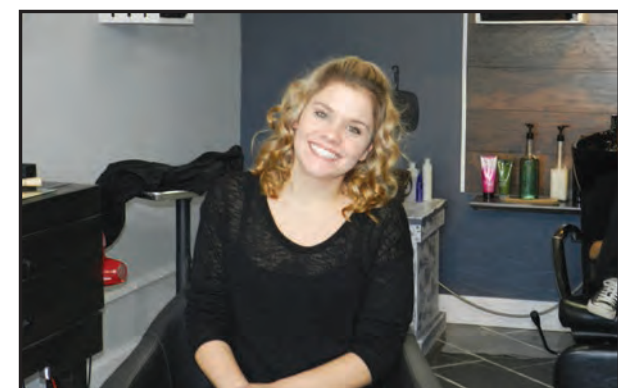
***This shop is a must see!!***

Come in out of the cold this winter season and green yourself up at the Li'l Plant Shop. Downtown, 52 West Main Street, Plainville, CT

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## Welcome Salon Margo

*Angie DeRosa, New Britain Herald Reporter*



PLAINVILLE-A new hair salon on East Street plans to offer more than just haircuts.

Salon Margo opened on Oct. 19 at 448 East St. Owner Marguerite Swan, a 25-year-old who grew up in the foster care system, said when she was younger she never imagined that she would own a business one day.

"This was a stepping stone that I no longer have a boss and I can build something that no one can take away from me," Swan said.

As a kid, Swan bounced around different homes in various towns. She went to Cos Cob Elementary School in Greenwich, and then moved to Wolcott, which became more of her permanent residence.

In 2010 Swan graduated from Wolcott High School, and during that same year her foster mother opened a children's salon.

Hair was not something Swan initially had a passion for, but she soon realized her natural talents for the skill.

"I've always been a hands-on, visual person so hair was easy for me," Swan said.

She added, at first she was not interested in cutting hair, but rather making hair products, which is what she did at her foster mother's salon.

Through her foster mother's convincing, she enrolled in Belle Academy of Cosmetology, but

felt like she wasn't reaching her full potential in her education and at home.

At 19, Swan was kicked out of her foster home in Wolcott, and was taken in by Nancy and Frank Puglisi of Farmington.

"They reconstructed me and gave me unconditional love, which allowed me to grow into the person I never thought I would be" Swan said. "(They) helped me seek my goals, while guiding me through the emotional wreckage of my past."

With the Puglisi's support, she transferred to a Paul Mitchell school to complete her certification and soon after started working at David's Salon in Unionville while attending Tunxis Community College for business administration.

Once she obtained her associates degree, Swan realized college was not for her and that she was learning more by working at different hair salons than taking courses.

"(Moving around salons) showed me you need to have a skill in order to survive. School was never for me, at Tunxis I was just going through the motions just to get a piece of paper," Swan said.

Thanks to her new foster mother, Nancy Puglisi who works for the New Britain Board of Education, Swan was given the opportunity to work with elementary school children in New Britain's Summer Enrichment Experience (SEE) program, which encouraged her to not only make positive change in her life, but the lives of others.

"It inspired me to create a team, specifically for the young kids who may slip through the cracks," Swan said.

Once her business is fully established, Swan plans to work with the Plainville community and start up programs that utilize the youth to give back to the community and learn life skills as well as give them a source for guidance for kids who may have been in her same situation to see they can follow their dreams.

"I don't want a pity party, I just want people to know we're not all degenerates, we're people too," said Swan. "I have a soft spot for the kids, I want

them to grow up and know you don't have to go to college and there are other things out there."

For now, Swan's focus is ensuring her salon serves as a welcoming experience for all guests and is tailored to their individual needs.

This starts with creating a cozy, lounge-like atmosphere with rustic décor from up-cycled pieces and Pinterest inspired projects and carries on throughout the hair services.

"They choose how they want their hair done, but if I don't think they should follow through with a particular hair color or hair style I'm going to be honest with them," said Swan. "I want women to feel beautiful, for some of us hair is one of our biggest securities."

Women can also get complementary wine with their service, or tea and coffee.

Every day police and fire personnel can receive a haircut with a tea tree scalp massage and complementary beer for \$15. On Veterans Day Plainville Police and Fire Departments can receive a free haircut.

Swan plans to have an official grand opening sometime in January or February, but will remain open daily and take walk-ins.

In a time where apps like Instagram makes millennials hungry for thousands of likes and follows, especially for beauty services, Swan said she doesn't want to be famous.

"I want to do something different. I want to stay small, but leave a powerful impact."

To schedule an appointment or learn more contact Salon Margo by call or text at 860-573-9228 or email salonmargo2k17@gmail.com.

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## OBITUARIES

### ~ Marcel R.J. Boilard ~



86, of Plainville passed away Tuesday November 14, 2017 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain with his devoted family at his side. He was the loving husband of Maryange (Vielleux)



Boilard with whom he shared 62 years of marriage.

Marcel was born in New Britain a son of the late Joseph R. and Alice (Camden) Boilard and was a longtime Plainville resident. He was a tool and die maker at Delto Tool in New Britain retiring after many years of service. Marcel proudly and honorably served our country in the United States Army in the 7th Division during the Korean War where he was wounded in action and received a Purple Heart and 2 camp Stars. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the American Legion Brock Barnes Post 33 of Plainville. He was an avid duckpin bowler, New York Yankee and UConn Huskies fan and enjoyed pitching horseshoes. Marcel loved fishing, hunting and his log cabin in Vermont, where he had held family reunions. He enjoyed vacationing to Las Vegas with his sister Carmella, her husband Donald, his nephew Michael and the Duke. He also loves gardening, raising rabbits and his canine companion Hailey. Marcel was a longtime Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Besides his wife Maryange, he leaves his children, Suzanne Skrzypek and her husband Paul of Southington, Robert Boilard and his wife Lisa of Plainville, JoAnn Robideau and her husband Brian of Bristol, Roxanne Moore and her husband David of Plainville and Lisa Soucie and her late husband Wayne of Plainville, his brothers, Norman Boilard and his wife Lucille of Plainville and Paul Boilard and his wife Sheila of Vernon, his grandchildren, Heather, Michael, Justin, Crystal, Andrew, Shawn, Jacob, Sarah, Jessie, Brianna and Bella, his great grandchildren, Skylar, Ethan, Christian, Nolan and Jaden and many nieces and nephews. Marcel was predeceased by his daughter, Alice Moore and his sisters and their husbands Carmella (Boilard) and Donald McKeon and Ida (Boilard) and Emile Michaud.

Funeral services in celebration of Marcel's life were held from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial with military honors followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Mulberry Gardens of Southington Adult Daycare 58 Mulberry Street Plantsville, CT 06479.

### ~ Lucy (Jarvis) Cannarella ~



94, of Plainville, passed away comfortably in her home on November 3. She was predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Andrew J. Cannarella. Born July 13, 1923 to Sebastiano and Rosa (Arcidicono) Gervasi in New Britain, CT, Lucy

grew up playing with her cats, dogs, and horses on the family farm until she was old enough to sneak out for long nights of dancing with friends. She lived in Plainville for 50 years and spent many years working as a machine operator for General Electric. Mitzi to her friends, she always maintained an active social life, hosting her monthly card games and attending outings with the Plainville Senior Center. Her family was everything to her, and when you were in her home, you were family. She could often be found in a lawn chair next to her husband cheering on her grandchildren's various athletic teams or attending their concerts. She'll be remembered for her traditional family gatherings on Christmas Eve. Lucy never had a bad word to say about anyone and was never without her engaging sense of humor. She was loved by everyone who knew her and will be missed dearly.

Lucy is survived by a son, Thomas Cannarella, and his wife Gail; daughter Nancy Niedzwiecki; daughter-in-law Lynn Corbatt; five grandchildren: Allison, Matthew, Susan, Sara, and Max, and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her son, Danny; sister, Anna; and brothers, Michael, John, and Paul. Funeral services in celebration of Lucy's life was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Lucy can be made to Bristol Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 977, Bristol, CT 06010.

### ~Linda JC (Dalke) Ferguson ~



64, passed away on November 2, 2017 surrounded by her family. Born in New Britain, CT on January 5, 1953, she grew up in Plainville, CT until moving to Bristol, where she resided until she passed away.

Linda was the Founder of Happy Hookers, a Craft club where she enjoyed crafting with her friends. She was an avid drinker & collector of Pepsi products; she loved the Lobster Fest, but most of all spending time with her Family and Friends.

Linda is predeceased by her loving husband, Ronald E. Ferguson and leaves behind her loving brother, Richard Dalke and his wife, Annette, of FL, along with their two children, her nephews, Marc Dalke and his wife, Courtney and Brian Dalke. She leaves behind her three daughters, Jackie Fuller and her husband, Paul, of Alton, IL; Michelle Wells and her husband, Tom, of Mansfield, CT; Theresa Seabrook and her husband, Stanley Seabrook, Jr., of Colchester, CT and all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Linda also leaves behind her cat, Jack.

The family would like to thank Loraine Boulanger, who faithfully was with Linda during her illness, transporting her to appointments and caring for her during this time. We would also like to thank Bristol home care and hospice staff as well as the Bristol Cancer Center for all the care, love and attention they gave to her. Special thanks to all of Linda's family and friends who helped care for her during her illness and short hospice stay.

Funeral services were at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville, CT. Burial will be at the Plainville West Cemetery. Repass location will be announced at the home going service for Linda.

### ~ Raymond R. Caya ~



95, of Plainville passed away Wednesday November 8, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of the late Shirley (Rivers) Caya, who



was the love of his life and with whom he shared 69 years of marriage.

Raymond was born December 12, 1921 in Grand Mere, Quebec, Canada a son of the late Herve' and Rose (Gauthier) Caya. He proudly and honorably served our country in the United States Army-Air Corps during World War II in the South Pacific attaining the rank of Sergeant. Raymond worked in the clothing field and was employed at Lands Men's Shop and later Raymond's Men's Shop both in Bristol, retiring after many years of service. Along with his wife Shirley, he was a Tupperware distributor in the 1970's. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 3544 of Plainville. His faith was very important to him and he was a longtime Communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Raymond will always be remembered as a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Raymond leaves his daughter, Shirley L. Caya of Bristol, his grandson Troy R. Caya of Bristol, five grandchildren, his great grandson, many nieces and nephews and Grace Dagata, who Raymond and Shirley raised as a daughter. He was predeceased by his son, Jerry Caya, his brothers, Benoit and Roger Caya and his sister Mona Caya.

Funeral services for Raymond was celebrated on from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial followed in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Plainville. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Knights of Columbus Council 3544 55 Whiting Street Plainville, CT 06062

### ~ Mary Lucille "Ceil" (DePinto) Sisson ~



96, wife of the late Clarence Sisson, passed away Monday November 13, 2017 at Apple Health and Rehab of Farmington Valley in Plainville, where she had resided for the past several years. She was the daughter of the

late John and Pasqualina (Monofi) DePinto. She is survived by her son John and his wife Kathryn of Plainville, Grandchildren Paul Sisson and his wife Amanda of Bristol, Marc Sisson of West Palm Beach, Florida, Karyn Wyskiel and her husband Mark of Bristol, great grandchildren Taylor and Landon Sisson and Lena and Tyler Wyskiel, her sister Betty Zita and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Anna Conti, Paulina Catalina, Rose Kelly, Marion Goodrich, Angelina DePinto, Margaret Serantino and Louise Tufano, her brothers, Albert, George, James, Jerry, Louis, John DePinto and Harold DePianta.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all the nurses, aides and staff members at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley and Seasons Hospice for their excellent and compassionate care of Mary.

Funeral services in celebration of Mary Lucille's life will be held on Thursday beginning at 9:00 a.m. from the Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville to Our Lady of Mercy Church 94 Broad Street in Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Saint Mary Cemetery in New Britain. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Raymond G. Corsini ~



After a courageous battle with cancer, Raymond G. Corsini, 85, of Plainville, CT passed away on November 24, 2017. Born on February 24, 1932 in Bronx, NY. After serving in

the Army during the

Korean War, Ray's entrepreneurial spirit steered his career until he retired. Ray's compassion, work ethic and commitment to the community guided his success. He used his knowledge of local housing to connect tenants to HUD housing. He was also instrumental in establishing St. Philip House and The Plainville Affordable Housing Corporation, both organizations service people in need. Ray was involved with many charitable organizations throughout the community.

Ray was an integral part of Our Lady of Mercy Church, having been an active parishioner for over 50 years. He served on many boards including: The Central Connecticut Regional Substance Abuse Action Council, Main Street Community Foundation, Tunxis Community College Foundation, Girl Scouts, and most importantly, the Wheeler Clinic. Ray's kindness will live on through these philanthropic organizations and the work that they do in the community.

In his free time, Ray earned a Master Gardener Certification through UCONN. He used that knowledge to support numerous community gardens created to feed local food banks. His passion for learning continued when he joined The Wine Society. He became a mentor to many amateur winemakers and created wonderful memories throughout the years.

Ray is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lorraine (Trieste) Corsini. He is also survived by his loving children, Lori (Corsini) and Dave Brantner, of Charlotte, NC and Mary (Corsini) and Michael McDonald of Chalfont, PA. Ray, also known as Pop Pop, was adored by his seven grandchildren: Collin, Casey, Emily Brantner and Samantha, Ally, Corinne, Kelsey McDonald. His famous egg crême root beer floats, the "works" pancakes, and homemade pizza will continue among the traditions carried out by his grandchildren.

We were blessed to learn many lessons from Ray. Everyone who met him was touched by his vibrant, kind soul, his incredible positive attitude, and his passion for life. He will be sorely missed, but we know that his deep faith will allow him to be in a better place free from the constraints of his illness.

Many thanks to UCONN Health and the team of doctors, nurses, and support staff for caring for Ray during his cancer treatment. Their dedication to finding a cure and compassion towards Ray was admirable. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to UCONN Health's Neag Cancer Center <https://uconn.givecorps.com/causes/1219-neag-comprehensive-cancer-center-fund> or Wheeler Clinic [www.wheelerclinic.org/giving](http://www.wheelerclinic.org/giving).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 11 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery. The viewing will take place on Saturday morning from 9 to 11 AM at the church.

## Heaven Needed Mom

*A beautiful garden now stands alone,  
missing the one who nurtured it*

*But now she is gone,  
Her flowers still bloom,  
and the sun it still shines,  
But the rain is like tear drops,  
for the ones left behind.*

*~ Miss you Mom ~*

## ~ Johanna Lanzl ~



87, beloved wife of John Lanzl (predeceased), passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2017. She was born to the late Michael and Karolina (Zankl) Dirrigl on November 17, 1929.

While born in Brooklyn, New York, Johanna was raised by family in

Walderbach, Germany until after WWII, when she and her husband immigrated to the United States to start and raise a family. Johanna worked as a homemaker and lived in Plainville for 70 years. Johanna was a wonderful cook and always had something tempting to eat for anyone who visited her kitchen. She enjoyed knitting, trips to the casino, and fishing right alongside of her husband at the Bristol Fish and Game Association.

Johanna is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, John J. and Debra Lanzl, of Plantsville, and her daughter and son-in-law, Heidy and James Kaine, of Plainville; her grandchildren, Elisa, Eric and Jill; her great grandchildren, Ella, Madeline, Carter, and Sierra; her brothers, Robert Dirrigl, of Marlborough and Herbert Dirrigl, of Plainville; her sister, Greta Moore, of Plainville; and her extended family of nieces and nephews. Johanna was predeceased by her sister, Karolina Bernier, of Las Vegas, Nevada.

We wish to deeply thank our friends who provided loving care and support to our Mother. A special thank you goes to our Mother's dear friend of over 50 years, Ruth, for her steadfast support and love.

A service in celebration of Johanna's life was at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial followed in Forestville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, we ask donations be made in our Mother's name to The Bristol Adult Resource Center, PO Box 726, Bristol, CT 06010-0726.



## ~ Nancy (Benke) Muir ~

84, of Plainville, wife of Norman E. Muir, passed away Saturday (October 28, 2017) at her home. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late

Raymond and Mildred (Peterson) Benke, she lived in Plainville since 1955. Nancy was a graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1950, and worked in Family Services at the New Britain Superior Court for 13 years, retiring in 1995. She was a member of First Lutheran Church, the Altar Guild of the church; Lutheran Church Women; and the Plainville Senior Center. Nancy loved to travel and was an avid fan of the UConn Women's Basketball team.

Besides her husband Norman, she is survived by a son, Robin "Rob" Burns of Seattle, Washington; a daughter, Bonnie Burns Arcari and her partner Dawn Taylor of Middlefield; and four grandchildren, who were the focus of her life, Audrey, Amy and Timothy Arcari all of Middlefield, and Alexa Muir of Williamsville, NY. She was predeceased by her first husband, Richard W. Burns and a son, Richard "Ricky" Burns.

A Memorial Service was at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial was private in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CT Breast Health Initiative, 185 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)



## ~ David Russell Sears ~



79, of New Britain, passed away Monday October 30, 2017 at his home.

David was born February 19, 1938 in Hartford a son of the late Fred and Doris E. (Stalker) Sears. He attended Plainville schools and

was employed by the Town of Plainville on the Street Department retiring after 34 years of service. David was a member of the New Britain Quartette Club for over 40 years, where he took great pride in caring for the clubs flower gardens. He was a fan of UCONN Huskies Basketball and the New England Patriots. David was an avid puzzle maker and card player and also enjoyed trips to the casino and bird watching.

David leaves his companion and partner, Patricia Gordon of New Britain, his daughters, Lori Sazinski and her husband John of South Windsor and Susan Spisak of Bristol, his son Russell Sears of Middletown, his sisters, Nancy France of Unionville, Alice Rudy of Plainville, Patricia Thompson of Iowa, Linda Young of Texas and Joan Griffin of Arizona, his brother, Ronald Sears of Florida, 5 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Shirley Sears and his brother, Mark Sears.

Family and friends gathered at the Bailey Funeral Home.. Funeral services and burial will be celebrated privately. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## ~ Margaret M. Theriault ~



100 years old, a longtime Plainville resident, passed away Saturday, November 25, 2017 at the Jerome Home in New Britain.

She will join her late husband, Claude, and sons, Reynold and Norman. She leaves two sons, Kenneth and Armand, of Plainville, two daughters, Claudette Fuller and Jackie Landon, of Fla., and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held on Thursday, November 30 at St. Joseph Cemetery.

## My Picture of God

God is my friend. He listens as I pray.

When I am lonely or anxious,

His presence calms me

and helps me through the day.

When I am overwhelmed with family

strife,

Promises to be kept

or the workload ahead,

His strength supports my life.

When worried about loved ones

who are ill,

Or in time of trial,

He tells me "reach out,

love and comfort them."

This makes my life worthwhile.

I look around and see

new life springing up

and birds singing in the morning.

Rain cleansing the earth,

and the sun after.

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*Photo: from left to right - Laurie Peterson, Plainville Board of Education Chair Andrea Saunders, Foster White, Deborah Hardy, Becky Tyrrell, State of Connecticut Department of Education Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell, Nicole Palmieri, and Crystal St. Lawrence*

The Plainville school district has been recognized with two 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. According to CABE, this award has been established to appropriately recognize boards of education which are truly exemplary. Only boards which have achieved Level 1 distinction at least twice in the prior four years are eligible to receive the Board of Distinction Award. This is the ninth consecutive year the Plainville Board of Education has received this award. The CABE Board of Distinction Award – Level 2 was presented during the CABE Convention Leadership Awards Reception held on November 17th.

“The Board of Education received special acknowledgement for earning the CABE leadership award for nine consecutive years. This rare achievement is something to be very proud of and a testament to the Board's commitment to our schools,” noted Superintendent Brummett.

Plainville Community Schools also received a 2017 CABE Excellence in Educational Communications Award. 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' social media effort in launching a district Twitter account was recognized with an honorable mention in the Social Media awards category.

“Plainville Community Schools recognizes the importance of a positive and comprehensive communication plan. The launch of Twitter last year and the redesign of our website this year, exemplify our commitment to communicating effectively with our stakeholders. I would like to thank Lynn Davis, Director of Community Relations, for her tireless efforts that ensure we excel in this area,” added Dr. Brummett.

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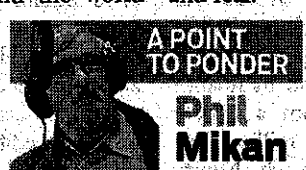
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## Columnist looks forward to the coming of Advent

Next Sunday will be the first epiphany, when you realize in all of four Sundays before Christmas. your being that something is true and real. For Christians around the world and around the country, it will be the start of the Advent season, the beginning of the Christmas season. So, for those of you who remember that Christmas was a season of 40 days of celebration and giving thanks for the birth of man's savior, it ends with the Epiphany: The recognition of Christ as the son of God by the gentiles. Truly an



of Kings, the Bethlehem candle. The third candle is the shepherd's candle — the candle of joy for the world for the Lord of Lords is upon us. The fourth Advent candle is the angel's candle: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her king." The season of love, hope and joy is upon us. The wonders of his love — Christmas is the wonder of a savior who still today calls us to love each other. Enjoy the coming weeks and remember the child we celebrate. Lighten our darkness. We

The nativity portrays this as the coming of the three kings — the Magi — to worship the spiritual king of mankind. The first candle of the Advent is the hope of the coming of the savior, the child who is to represent man before his father. The second Advent candle speaks to the prophets preparing the way for the coming of the King

beseech thee, oh Lord!  
A point to ponder.

*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 Liberty Square, New Britain, CT 06051*

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