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PLAINVILLE'S VETERANS GROUPS PRESENT PROGRAM AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

"SOLDIER" by: George L. Skypeck



Shown above are representatives from various Veterans groups in Plainville at Veterans Memorial Park. Each representative presented thoughts as they honored veterans past and present on November 11th. The "Soldier" poem was read by a veteran attending the ceremony.

I was that which others did not want to be.

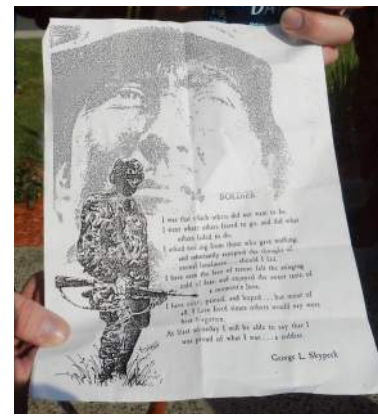
I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.

I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness ... should I fail.

I have seen the face of terror; felt the stinging cold of fear; and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.

I have cried, pained, and hoped ... but most of all, I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.

At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was ... a soldier.



The 5th Annual Plainville PumpkinFest presented a check for \$7,000 to the Plainville Community Fund at their wrap-up meeting on November 12th, 2019.

In past years the festival has made up more than half of the money awarded by the community fund each year, said Robyn Poulos, its vice co-chairperson. "When we get money like this it gives us a greater opportunity to do more," she said.

To date, the Foundation has awarded grants from the Fund totaling over \$82,000 to organizations and programs working to improve the lives of Plainville residents. The Fund was established at Main Street Community Foundation by a group of committed community leaders in Plainville who were interested in creating a permanent resource for charitable programs and projects that would enhance the quality of life for Plainville residents.



Photo credit: Devin Leith-Yessian, Record-Journal staff

Poulos gave credit for the event's continued success to Kris Dargenio, the festival's organizer, who she said has grown it every year since she started it in 2015. In that time it has raised \$32,500 for the fund.

"The continued success of this event has everything to do with ALL the volunteers, especially the ones standing with me here today. I may be the big mouth

of the bunch but THEY are the heart & soul of this hometown event. Without each & every one of them giving of their time & talents, the event wouldn't even be possible!" said Kris Dargenio.

Pictured left-right: Carol Stauble, Robert Lee, Robyn Poulos, Lisa Perrotti, Kathy Pugliese, Dawn Angelillo, Kris Dargenio, Tammy Lombardo, Helen Bergenty & Val Dumais.



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Plainville Property Transfers

542 Camp St: Simone Development LLC of Plainville to Andrew P. Chyra, \$160,000 on 10/16/2019

124 Ledge Rd: Brett Kucharczyk of Plainville to Scott H. and Rosamaria Paradis \$459,000 on 10/18/2019

11 Macarthur Rd: Linda T. Macdowell of Plainville to Andrew Marotta, \$80,000 on 10/15/2019

59 Prentice St: Jacqueline Harvey of Plainville to Julian Sohon-Tucker, \$158,500 on 10/17/2019

14 Red Stone Hill: Ryan B. and Sarah Jason of Plainville to David P. Thibodeau and Priscilla B. Sastri, \$330,000 on 10/11/2019

114 S. Washington St Unit 17: Caroline D. Miller of Plainville to Slawomir and Anna Lojewski, \$80,000 on 10/11/2019
105 Westwood Ave: Dennis C. and Linda M. Ruel of Plainville to Tesly L. Coello-Izaguirre, \$150,000 on 10/11/2019

58 Bartlett St: Steve and Joanne D. Ford of Plainville to Kayla Wedman, \$180,000 on 10/21/2019

15 Cody Ave: Mark A. Dryden of Plainville to Michael J. Mangiulli and Jessica N. Vaughn, \$225,000 on 10/21/2019

108 Glenwood Dr: Norris Rose M Est and Katherine Norris of Plainville to Jeffrey A. Gross and Mara Maislen, \$205,000 on 10/24/2019

12 Lena Ave: Scott H. Paradis of Plainville to Talisha Foy, \$315,000 on 10/21/2019

115 Red Stone Hill: Nancy Stefanski of Plainville to Veronica James, \$267,000 on 10/21/2019

156 Whiting St: Anthony J. Dezenzo of Plainville to Todd C. Palazzolo, \$180,000 on 10/23/2019

185 Whiting St: US Bank of Plainville to Darmoros Realty LLC, \$122,900. on 10/22/2019

58 Bel Aire Dr: Michael J. and Lori Pleines of Plainville to Jeremiah Arocho, \$292,000 on 10/28/2019

41 Condale Ln: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Jeffrey P. and Carey J. Beausoleil \$475,000 on 10/28/2019

17 Cornell St: Michael J. and Matasha R. Fekete of Plainville to Andrew J. Kristof, \$163,000 on 10/30/2019

5 Jude Rd: Diane Kemp and Terri Segarra of Plainville to Bryan S. S. Forman and Jenna M. Roberts, \$227,000 on 10/30/2019

4 Seneca Rd: Richard A. Bonacum of Plainville to Kevin M. Brouillard \$239,900 on 10/28/2019

4 Shirley Ct: Sean C. Ohidy of Plainville to Bryan D. Webster, \$159,000 on 10/28/2019

12 Ashford Rd: Christopher Bracken of Plainville to Marcyanna Carlone, \$164,900 on 11/4/2019

29 Bel Aire Dr: Peter P. and Marianne S. Zablocki of Plainville to Emily and Kevin VanFleet, \$228,500 on 11/7/2019

12 Great Plain Dr. Unit 12: Mark A. and Karen A. Ward of Plainville to Anish Shukla, \$380,000 on 11/4/2019

18-a Johnson Ave: Golebiewski Edward Est and Mirek Golebiewski of Plainville to Charles K. Dingle, \$275,500 on 11/5/2019

Samuels Xing Lot 110: Carrier Holdings LLC of Plainville to Lars K. and Courtney L. Dahlgren, \$399,964 on 11/1/2019

14 Spruce St: Brian Mikolajcik of Plainville to Eric Mckee and Julia Galica, \$279,000 on 11/7/2019

3 Tillage Ct Unit 3: Bong H. Moon of Plainville to Anurag K. and Manju Jha, \$286,000 on 11/6/2019

Leaf Collection & Transfer Station

From the Desk of:

Dominick Moschini Supt. of Roadways

The final leaf collection is underway and residents are asked for their continued cooperation by raking their leaves to the curbside as soon as possible. Leaves raked to the curbside will be collected through Dec. 4, 2019 weather permitting.

The Transfer Station will be closed for the winter months until early next spring. The last day the Transfer Station will be open will be Saturday, December 7th.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Physical Servicers at 860-793-0221 ext. 208

between 8:00am - 4:00 pm Monday thru Wednesday, Thursday, 8:00am - 7:00pm and Friday, 8:00 am - Noon

Renter's Rebate

The Assessor's Office is making appointments to take applicants for Renter's Rebate Program for elderly and disabled renters. Income requirements for single people, \$36,000; for married couples, \$43,900. Appointments will be at the Senior Center. Call 860-793-0221, ext. 244.

Winter Parking Restrictions

The Plainville Police restrictions for winter overnight parking is effect from December 1st to April 1st.

Steps to Be Taken by Property Owners

When Sewage Back-up Occurs

If a back-up occurs during business hours call: Normal Business Hours - Monday - Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm

Water Pollution Control Department: (860)793-0221 Ext. 228

If a back-up occurs during non-business hours call: Non-Business Hours - Nights, Weekends & Holiday

Plainville Police Non-Emergency Line: (860)747-1616

Once contacted a WPC Maintenance crew will be notified of the situation and will arrive to determine if the backup is from the main sewer line. If it is, they will clear it. If the blockage is not in the main sewer line then the WPC Maintenance crew will direct the property owner to contact a licensed drain layer/plumber.

Thinking about starting a business?

Contact:

The Economic Development Commissioners For Assistance

860-793-0221 ext. 210

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

November 18th - Town Council Meeting

Agreement Between Board of Education and Education Association (Teachers Contract)

- Steve LePage, Superintendent of Schools, is here this evening to give a summary of the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the Education Association (Teachers Contract)
- The Contract was filed with the Town Clerk on October 31, 2019. Unless the Town Council rejects the contract, it will go into effect on December 1st.

Discussion with Valley Water Systems

- On November 6, 2019, I met with Don Vaughn and Valley Water representatives to discuss the proposed ion exchange system for the Woodford Avenue Pump station. Also present at this meeting were representatives from the Office of Consumer Council and the Public Utilities Regulatory Agency.
- The purpose of installing the ion exchange system is to significantly lower the hardness of the water supplied by this aquifer. After the system is installed, Valley Water intends to use this wellfield as the main supplier of water for Plainville.
- Valley Water has received proposals from several consultants for the design of the ion exchange system and is expected to award a contract in early December. They are anticipating that bid documents will be finalized by the end of June 2020 and that bids will be received in the Fall of 2020 with installation occurring in the Spring of 2021.
- Valley Water also informed PURA and the OCC representatives that they plan to submit a "general rate case" next Spring. This proposed rate increase would not involve the improvements to the Woodford Avenue wellfield. Valley water last submitted a "general rate case" ten years ago.

CCM Property Tax Reform Commission

- CCM has created a Commission to "craft a new property tax relief initiative" to bring before the residents of Connecticut in 2020. I have volunteered to be one of 37 Mayors, First Selectman and Town Managers to serve on this Commission. It should be noted that Connecticut's property tax collections averages almost \$3,000 per person which is the third highest amount in the United States. Plainville's property taxes account for 68.6% of the total revenue for the Town Budget.
- The Commission will seek to tackle three main questions namely: 1.) How best to fund services other than relying heavily on property taxes; 2.) How to deliver services in the most cost-effective manner; and 3.) How state government can effectively stabilize its surging pension and retirement benefit costs.

- The goal of the Commission is to come up with a recommendation that would reduce property taxes by a minimum of 25%. Once the Commission has finalized its work, CCM intends to launch "an intensive grassroots campaign" to inform voters of the recommendations.
- I have already attended the first meeting of the Commission and look forward to participating in this worthwhile and long overdue endeavor.

Polling Locations

- A recent staff meeting was held to discuss polling locations in Plainville. There are four polling locations in Town. They are located at Toffolon School, Linden Street School, Wheeler Elementary School and Our Lady of Mercy Gymnasium. The review was done due to safety concerns, especially when school is in session during voting.
- Present during this meeting were Steve LePage (Superintendent of Schools), Police Chief Matt Catania, the Registrars of Voters, the Town Clerk and the Town Manager.
- The current policy is that school is not in session on Election Day each year. It was also pointed out that school will also not be in session when Presidential Primaries are held once every four years. The issue at hand is what should be done, if anything, when state or local primaries are held in early September. This is not a yearly occurrence and is generally not known whether one will happen until mid-summer.
- The participants looked at possible alternative voting locations and/or the consolidation of voting districts. Due to parking considerations, especially during Presidential elections, practical new polling locations could not be found. Additionally, changing the polling locations for the fall primaries could be confusing to voters.
- The recommendation of the Town staff was to keep the present voting locations and provide a police officer at the three schools in those instances where a primary occurs in early September.

BAN Sale

- The Town recently received five bids from financial institutions for Bond Anticipation Notes totaling \$4M. The notes would mature on May 21, 2020 after which the Town would permanently borrow monies over a 20-year period.
- These monies would be used to pay for the Town's share of the Wheeler Elementary School Project which is currently running ahead of schedule and below the authorized appropriation.
- The low bid was submitted by TD Securities with a net interest cost of 1.4149%. A previous BAN issued earlier this year had an interest cost of 1.55%.
- The result is that borrowing \$4M for six months will result in a net

interest cost of \$27,550.

OSHA Inspection – Police Department

- An Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) inspection was conducted at the Plainville Police Department on June 25, 2019. The inspection was the result of a complaint filed with their office. The inspection was completed the next day on June 26, 2019.
- On September 18, 2019 two letters were received from the Ct Department of Labor – Division of Occupational Safety & Health. The first letter detailed several violations along with a fine of \$280. This letter required the Town to abate the violations by November 27, 2019. The second letter detailed a "Letter of Significant Findings" and requested a response from the Town by October 15, 2019.
- On October 15, 2019 a response was sent listing the actions being taken to comply with the violations. A second letter dated October 17, 2019 detailing the plan to address the "significant finding" was sent as well.
- To date, the Town has corrected all but two items that were cited by OSHA.
- The first of these items is the "accumulation of dust present on the fabric walls" in the Dispatch Area. The fabric walls act as a sound attenuator for this room. After review of this item, it was determined that the fabric walls need to be removed and replaced with a wall covering that can be cleaned on a regular basis (non-fabric) and still act as a sound attenuator.
- A proposal dated October 21, 2019 was received from Vibrasciences, Inc. for the installation of "Soundseal class 1 fire rated Fiberglass Acoustic panels". The cost of this installation (including removal of current system) is \$15,633.
- The second issue is the installation of an exhaust system for the Evidence Room. A proposal dated October 14, 2019 was received from Modern Mechanical Services, Inc. to perform this installation. The price for this proposal was \$7,975.
- OSHA is requiring that these two items be abated by November 27, 2019. The total cost to address them is \$23,608. Currently there is approximately \$27,000 remaining in the "Unclassified" Account (830).

- It is recommended that the Town Council approve moving forward with these two proposals. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation. Chief Matt Catania is also here this evening to answer any questions that you may have as well.

Memorandum of Agreement – Homeland Security Grant Program

- The State Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection is the designated recipient and State Administrative Agency for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Program for FY19. Plainville is part of Region 3 and the Capital Region Council of Governments is the coordinating agency for this grant program. The State has allocated \$358,659.20 to Region 3.
- There is an item under New Business that would authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for the use of these monies for regional purposes as determined by CROG.

Small Cities Program Grant Award

- Last month the State notified Plainville that we were awarded a Small Cities Grant in the amount of \$1.5M to make improvements to the Woodmere Manor and Centerview Village Senior Housing Complexes managed by the Housing Authority.
- There is an item under New Business that is required by the State of Connecticut in order to move forward with the grant award. The resolution recognizes that Plainville is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the Small Cities Program and authorizes the Town Manager to file the Grant Application and to execute the necessary documents to participate in the program.

Financial Dashboard

The Dashboard has been posted on the Town web page.

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Plainville Public Library Offers On-Site Social Worker

In partnership with Hartford Healthcare, the Plainville Public Library offers on-site office hours with a professional clinical social worker every Tuesday from 1-5 pm. Community members may access this free, valuable service on a walk-in basis or by calling the library for an appointment at (860) 793-1446. This effort is generously supported with grant funding from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain and the Main Street Community Foundation.

"We are excited to kick off this unique approach to better serving the under-served in our community," states Trish Tomlinson, Library Director. "This outreach is meant to enhance, extend and support the excellent work of the existing social services departments and organizations in and around Plainville."

The Berlin-Peck Memorial Library and the New Britain Public Library are also beneficiaries of this service, with the social worker spending one day per week at each library. The grant was conceived and authored by Berlin-Peck Library Director Helen Malinka, who graciously invited her neighboring colleagues to partner on the grant.

Robert Lee Town Manager Invites You to "Open office hours"



Town Manager Robert Lee will hold "open Office hours" at the Plainville Library from 6 to 8 pm on December 4th he will be joined

by Police Chief Catania and another session on January 4th.

Robert Lee said, "I'm available to discuss the proposed budget for the next year, as well as any other items of interest as it pertains to the town"

The library fireplaces will be lit for everyone's enjoyment during these sessions. Light refreshments will be offered during your fireside sessions.

The library is located at 56 East Main Street.

TRANSFER STATION CLOSING FOR SEASON

The Town of Plainville's Transfer Station located on Granger Lane will close for the winter season on December 7, 2019 at 3:00pm.

Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x208.

CommunityFund Celebrates Its Plainville Roots

Although the Town of Plainville celebrated the 150th anniversary this past summer with a town-wide picnic, historical tours of Plainville were held on October 5th. Trolleys took participants around to 12 sites where volunteers shared the historical background of the sites.

Accompanying the tour were brochures bringing awareness to the historic locations. These brochures are also available at local businesses and organizations so individuals and families can do the walk on their own and at their convenience. The Plainville Community Fund at Main Street Community Foundation awarded the Town of Plainville a \$1,500 grant this past spring to support the historical walking and trolley tour.

The grant awarded for the 150th Anniversary Celebration is just one of 80 total grants that have been distributed from the Plainville Community Fund since its establishment in 2006. To date, the Foundation has awarded grants from the Fund totaling over \$82,000 to organizations and programs working to improve the lives of Plainville residents. The Fund was established at Main Street Community Foundation by a group of committed community leaders in Plainville who were interested in creating a permanent resource for charitable programs and projects that would enhance the quality of life for Plainville residents.

Grants have supported causes such as domestic violence prevention programs in the high school, food baskets at the food pantry, concerts at the park, educational opportunities for students and families, and enrichment activities for all ages.

The Plainville Community Fund relies on the donations of individuals, families and businesses. These donations help meet the changing and emerging needs of Plainville. Contributions can be made at any time to the Plainville Community Fund by donating online at www.mainstreetfoundation.org or by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

For more information on Plainville Community Fund or Main Street Community Foundation, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

The Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$18.5 million in grants and scholarships.

Celebrating National Philanthropy Day

National Philanthropy Day (NPD) is a special day set aside on November 15th each year. This is a day to celebrate the charitable work that everyone does to make a difference and create lasting impact in their communities. It recognizes the great contributions that philanthropy—and those people active in the philanthropic community—have made to enrich our world.

NPD was originally conceived of and organized by Douglas Freeman in the 1980s, and the first official events were held in 1986 after President Reagan signed the official NPD proclamation. The day provides an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of giving and all that it has made possible.

On this National Philanthropy Day, Main Street Community Foundation wants to celebrate the extraordinary change that fundraising and philanthropy have helped to create in your communities, specifically through two of the Foundation's community endowments – the Women & Girls' Fund (WGF) and the Men & Boys' Fund (MBF).

Improving life skills. Workforce development and training. Building self-esteem. Opportunities for inclusion. The WGF and MBF impact local lives and they allow generous individuals to be part of creating extraordinary change in communities.

The Women & Girls' Fund, which was established in 2001, has the mission: Make it possible for women and girls to improve the quality of their lives. Through donations, both large and small, the WGF has awarded over \$550,000 in grants to date to improve the conditions and opportunities for women of all ages.

The Men & Boys' Fund, established in 2016, has the mission: Make it possible for men and boys to improve the quality of their lives, increase self-sufficiency and make a positive difference in their community. In the short time since it was established, the MBF has already awarded over \$20,000 in grants.

Both of these Funds serve all six communities in the Foundation's service area (Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott) and are guided by volunteer Advisory Boards. Additional volunteers carry out the committee work, including fundraising and community outreach.

The Founders of these Funds were true philanthropists at heart. And the people who have continued to help achieve their missions follow in those same footsteps.

If you are interested in becoming a philanthropist by donating your time, talents or treasures, these Funds are just two of the many ways to become more engaged, get involved and participate in the work of the Community Foundation. To learn more, call the Foundation office at (860) 583-6363 or visit: www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

Our 27th Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Stroll is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 13th ~ We Hope You Can Join Us!
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AAA Speaks Out: Deer Strikes Cost Big Bucks

This is the time of year when Connecticut motorists are most likely to strike a deer and, AAA warns, there is a high price to pay, both literally and figuratively.

In the last five years, at least two people have been killed in crashes involving deer and more than 275 injured, according to UConn Crash Data. And, even those who are able to walk away from a deer collision physically unharmed, may still pay a steep price.

AAA Insurance statistics indicate that last year, across Connecticut, the average claim for a deer strike was more than \$4000.

With that in mind, AAA is warning drivers to limit distractions and look out for the animals, especially during the morning and evening commuting hours when deer are most active at this time of year, pursuing a mate.

"Safety is priority one, so first and foremost we are encouraging motorists to adjust their driving behaviors to prevent a collision," says Greg Lauria, Regional AAA Insurance spokesperson. "But also important in minimizing risk is making sure your vehicle is appropriately covered".

Collision with a deer or other animals

is covered under the comprehensive portion of your automobile policy.

In the event of a collision with an animal, AAA recommends:

- If possible, immediately move the vehicle to a safe location, out of the roadway. Safety is priority one.
- Once you are in a safe location and no longer driving, call the police.
- Put the vehicle's hazard lights on, whether it is light or dark outside.
- Avoid making contact with the deer/animal.
- Contact your insurance agent or company representative as quickly as possible to report any damages.
- Take photos of the damage if you can do so safely and without entering the roadway.

AAA has some tips to help prevent a crash or to reduce damage from an animal collision:

- Pay attention to the bright yellow 'deer crossing' signs. They are there for a reason.
- Keep your eyes moving back and forth, scanning the road and side of the road for any movement.
- Limit distractions - always.
- Be especially at dusk and dawn, the typical commuting hours, when deer are most active.
- Use high beams when there's no oncoming traffic.
- Slow down, and, if you see one deer, watch for others to appear - deer rarely move alone.
- *Always wear a seatbelt.*

Plainville Chorus Society's 50th Anniversary Concert December 13th & 14th

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
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Snow Date 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15th

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More information

Michael Fox (860)477-8000

Plainville Public Library Events

December Movie

Blinded by the Light will be screened on Thursday, December 12th at 1:00 pm, and Saturday, December 28th at 1:30 pm. Blinded by the Light is about a British-Pakistani teenager who learns to live his life, understand his family, and find his voice through the music of American rock star Bruce Springsteen. This film is rated PG-13 and runs 1 hour and 58 minutes. No registration is necessary.

Holiday Piano Performance by David Eberly

On Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 pm, pianist David Eberly returns to the Library to perform a medley of holiday classics. To register for this program, visit the Library's website at plainvillect.com/library and click on "Calendar," or call the Library at 860-793-1446.

Holiday Open House with the Plainville Flute Ensemble

On Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 pm, enjoy holiday cheer & refreshments during a performance of seasonal favorites. To register for this program, visit the Library's website at plainvillect.com/library and click on "Calendar," or call the Library at 860-793-1446.

Marlene Hoerle's Life in Plainville

On Saturday, December 7th at 2:30 pm, 85-year-old Marlene Hoerle will discuss her book, Riches to Rags to Riches, and her experiences as a lifelong resident of Plainville. To register for this program, visit the Library's website at plainvillect.com/library and click on "Calendar," or call the Library at 860-793-1446.

Shell Craft with Gail Farrar

On Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm, participants will create holiday ornaments out of seashells. Open to teens & adults; space is limited. To register for this program, visit the Library's website at plainvillect.com/library and click on "Calendar," or call the Library at 860-793-1446.

AARP 4146 TRIPS

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There are no casino trips for December, January and February.

March 17 – CELEBRATE ST. PATRICKS DAY AT AQUA TURF. Irish entertainment, dance to the Maclean Avenue Band and enjoy a corned beef & cabbage and baked scrod dinner with all the fixings. \$50 and you drive yourself.

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Hometown Connection Editor

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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We are looking for more volunteers to fill committee vacancies. We have something for everyone, so please consider helping our dedicated team plan an entertaining and successful graduation celebration.

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If you're regularly experiencing dizziness, imbalance, spatial disorientation or vision disturbances, you may have a vestibular disorder. More than 35% of adults in the United States aged 40 years and older (roughly 69 million people) experience vestibular dysfunction at some point in their lives.

The vestibular system lies in your inner ear and is responsible for your body's sense of movement in space. Problems in this system can cause dizziness and imbalance. One of the more common symptoms is vertigo, which is the feeling that you or your environment is spinning (though it is important to note that not all dizziness is vertigo).

There are a number of possible reasons, both related and unrelated to the vestibular system, individuals may experience dizziness and imbalance. Some of the more common causes include:

- Positional Vertigo (BPPV)
- Vestibular Hypofunction
- Concussion Related Dizziness
- Labyrinthitis
- Vestibular Neuritis
- Side effects from medication
- Non-Vestibular Related Balance Issues
- Muscle imbalance or weakness
- Musculoskeletal injury, especially in the neck
- Neurological disorders

It is important to address your dizziness and imbalance in order to avoid falls, and physical therapy can often be the answer!

Many physical therapists are trained in evaluating dizziness and balance disorders, and can help you get back to moving and living without fear of falling. Experienced clinicians can perform thorough exams to help determine the most appropriate treatment for cases of dizziness and/or vertigo. Treatment may include maneuvers to eliminate vertigo, vestibular rehabilitation therapy, exercises to improve your stability, posture and walking ability, and exercises to strengthen muscles imbalances. A PT's main goal is to help decrease your dizziness, increase your safety with daily activities and improve the quality of your life.

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Tolls and Governor Lamont's Transportation Plan

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

Governor Lamont has presented his new, updated Transportation Plan for Connecticut. It is an ambitious plan covering roads, rail, water, and air. It includes a scaled back implementation of tolls on Connecticut highways renaming them "user fees." While it is apparent to almost all that Connecticut needs to repair and update the State's transportation infrastructure the Governor's plan is problematic both in implementation and funding. Part of any transportation infrastructure plan's long-term success is its feasibility. Can the state afford it? Will the proposed projects work? Do these projects fit and work with existing infrastructure? In the case of Governor Lamont's plan there are some glaring questions that have yet to be asked, including can these projects be done in a less expensive manner? Do they fit within and augment existing infrastructure? Are they realistic?

Part of Governor Lamont's plan includes expanding Tweed Airport in New Haven or Sikorsky Airport in Stratford for more commercial flights to create a regional airport to augment Bradley in Windsor Locks. In both cases the airports would require lengthening of their runways for modern commercial jet airliners as mandated by the FAA. In the case of both airports there is little community support for such a project and there has been vocal opposition to prior attempts to lengthen and improve the runways and airports. It is doubtful in either case that actual political support exists for these plans. Likewise the Governor's plan to speed up MetroNorth service between New Haven and the New York border relies heavily on a radical restructuring and rebuilding of the existing rail line to "straighten" the track. This is similar to the Obama Administration's proposal for the Amtrak lines along the shoreline a decade ago that would have decimated shore communities as the rail lines were straightened to provide faster high speed rail. The opposition to such a radical plan that would have decimated

a number of towns' commercial and residential areas was bitterly opposed and failed. It is highly probable that the shoreline towns of New Haven and Fairfield Counties will bitterly oppose Governor Lamont's plan to radically recreate the rail lines to the detriment of existing commercial and residential neighborhoods.

On the revenue side Governor Lamont's insistence on tolls has crossed over to the bizarre. As part of the toll plan Connecticut would put a gantry up on I-684 in Greenwich. I-684 connects I-84 in Brewster, N.Y. to I-287 in White Plains, N.Y. and is just over 28 miles in length. The Interstate crosses into Greenwich for a total of 1.4 miles and there is no exit or entrance to the highway in the State of Connecticut. Governor Lamont is essentially attempting to tax New York commuters to pay for Connecticut projects. While this may appeal to some it is poor policy and will almost certainly fail after costing the State of Connecticut enormous legal costs. Federal law requires motorists on Interstate Highways to have the opportunity to exit prior to a toll which Lamont's plan does not. The Constitution expressly forbids states from imposing imports and duties at its borders and on products from other states. Simply put Connecticut will be sued over this and will lose.

It is obvious from these limited examples that Governor Lamont's transportation plan is ill conceived and poorly thought out. It contains pie in the sky projects that have been rejected before and in all probability will be again. It also contains revenue streams that will not happen (the I-684 toll gantry). If Connecticut is to improve its transportation infrastructure a serious analysis of what needs to be fixed, what needs to be improved, how such improvements will work with existing infrastructure must be done, and what can we afford as a state must be done first. After nearly two years in office the Lamont Administration has yet to come up with a realistic and serious plan, and seems to be fixated on only figuring out new ways to tax the residents of Connecticut while dreaming up pie in the sky ways to waste more taxpayers monies.....

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 - 5. W. AFRICAN LANGUAGE
 - 9. A WAY TO OPEN
 - 11. A TYPE OF PIGEON
 - 13. JAPANESE WARRIOR
 - 15. PELVIC AREAS
 - 16. NO SEATS AVAILABLE
 - 17. NOT WORKING
 - 19. IN A WAY, SOAKS
 - 21. GROWING OUTWARD
 - 22. RITZY LOCAL ___ AIR
 - 23. TELEGRAPHIC SIGNALS
 - 25. METRIC UNITS
 - 26. LARGE WINE CASK
 - 27. FIBER FROM THE HUSK OF A COCONUT
 - 29. GETS UP
 - 31. FRENCH RIVER
 - 33. WITNESSES
 - 34. THEY MAKE GREAT NEIGHBORS
 - 36. THE SUN DOES IT
 - 38. USED TO STORE ASHES
 - 39. FIRST CHINESE DYNASTY
 - 41. NETWORK OF NERVES
 - 43. WORD ELEMENT MEANING EAR
 - 44. METRIC UNIT OF LENGTH (BRIT.)
 - 46. TRIBUTARY OF THE DANUBE
 - 48. OFF-LIMITS
 - 52. APPEAL EARNESTLY
 - 53. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE THEM
 - 54. COMMERCIAL FLYING COMPANY
 - 56. ACTED OUT IN PROTEST
 - 57. TOOK TO THE SEA
 - 58. CUCKOOS
 - 59. DROVE FAST
 - 14. PRIVATE SCHOOL IN NEW YORK
 - 15. JACKSON AND TOWNSHEND ARE TWO
 - 18. SOLDIER IN AN AIRBORNE UNIT
 - 20. TAKEN ILLEGALLY
 - 24. CAPITAL OF VALAIS
 - 26. MALE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS
 - 28. STATE CAPITAL
 - 30. ONE WITH SUPERNATURAL INSIGHT
 - 32. STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN
 - 34. JAI ALAI ARENA
 - 35. STAR WARS ANTAGONIST
 - 37. FREESTANDING STRUCTURE
 - 38. THE IDEAL PLACE
 - 40. THE EXTENDED LOCATION OF SOMETHING
 - 42. MADE LEVEL
 - 43. DISTINCTIVE SMELL
 - 45. GREEK GODDESS OF DISCORD
 - 47. GOT OLDER
 - 49. TYPE OF MONKEY
 - 50. TRAVELS TO
 - 51. GEOLOGICAL TIMES
 - 55. EDGE
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. TRAPPED
 - 2. ABOUT OSMOSIS
 - 3. ROMANIAN MONETARY UNIT
 - 4. FORM OF PERSIAN
 - 5. COLD WIND
 - 6. LEAVE OUT
 - 7. SMALL VEHICLE
 - 8. A LITTLE OFF
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The Food Pantry is collecting new and gently used winter coats for both adults and children, children coats are especially needed.

The Food Pantry is also looking for volunteers to help sort food and donations on Thursday and Friday mornings. Volunteers are also needed to drive their van to grocery stores and pick up food.

Current items of critical need include chunky soups, ramen noodles, pasta sides pouches and rice side pouches, au gratin or scalloped potatoes, coffee, tea, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned spaghetti, juice boxes hamburger helper, canned hash, instant oatmeal, maple syrup, mustard, relish, and mayonnaise, dish soap, bath soap, individually wrapped toilet paper towels, and Gnazzo's gift cards to be used to purchase items throughout the year.

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Q-3: I enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan that was supposed to start on the 1st of the month. I haven't received my Insurance Card or any information about my new Plan, and I have a Doctor's Appointment scheduled. What should I do?

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If you have any specific questions, please feel free to give me a call at 860-965-0091

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Some Excerpts from Sharia Law for non-muslims by William Warner. CSPI. and also New American Volume 34 No. 12.

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Wheeler Students Practice Math With Pumpkins



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School fourth graders recently practiced math skills using pumpkins! They participated in a variety of estimating, measuring and graphing activities with their pumpkins.

STEM Club Works on Project



Students in the Linden Street School After School STEM / Game Club facilitated by faculty member Christine Mazzarella, recently worked on creating a catapult. The object was to launch a piece of candy as far as possible.

Christian Collin Named Athlete of the Week NB Herald

Junior PHS Quarterback Christian Collin was named Athlete of Week by The New Britain Herald. Collin led the Blue Devils to victory with a recent 34-7 win against Avon. The quarterback used his passing and running skills to help get the win.



Congratulations to Christian and his team and best wishes for continued success!

Linden Students Participate in Writing Celebration



The Linden Street School Reading Incentive Committee, facilitated by faculty members Jill Mullins and Tahlya Stevenson, hosted its first Writing Celebration of the 2019-2020 School year. This celebration honored outstanding writers in Kindergarten through grade five, who have demonstrated strong effort and stamina in writing, while highlighting the big work of their grade level unit of study. Students showcased outstanding ideas, organization, elaboration, and use of craft moves. The planning, drafting, editing, and revising employed, resulted in outstanding pieces and thoughtful conversations. During the celebration, students shared their pieces, as well as areas in which they are most proud, brainstormed tips they would offer to peers, and shared their practice and insights.



Plainville Board of Education Swears In New Members



Newly elected and re-elected Plainville Board of Education members were sworn in prior to the November 11th Board meeting. The ceremony was conducted by Plainville Town Clerk, Carol Skultety.

In photo:

Plainville Town Clerk Carol Skultety swears in newly elected and re-elected Plainville Board of Education members: Brent Davenport, Laurie Peterson, Deb Hardy, Rebecca Martinez, Crystal St. Lawrence, and Foster White.

PHS Students Assemble for Choices Matter



On November 6th, Plainville High School juniors and seniors attended an assembly featuring motivational speaker and author Chris Sandy, from the Choices Matter organization. The speaker and organization address youth groups across the country on the impact of underage drinking and driving in young people's lives. The presentation featured Sandy who shared his own experiences with this topic and how it impacted him personally. The assembly was arranged by School Resource Officer Jessica Martins and was made possible through funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation.



Wheeler Students Learn About Voting

Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School fifth graders recently completed a unit of study where they

learned about the voting process and voting rights in Connecticut. They then listened to speeches by fellow fifth graders from across Connecticut who are running to be the next "Connecticut Kid Governor." They analyzed the issues presented and cast their votes for the person they thought would best represent themselves and their peers.

Plainville Schools Upcoming December/January Calendar

December 23-January 1st
Holiday Recess

January 20th
Martin Luther King Day

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...



Schools in Review

Board of Education Recognizes Everyday Heroes for November



Middle School of Plainville faculty member Melinda Buthe and Support Center Tutor Steve LeSuer, together with Louis Toffolon Elementary School staff member Lisa Santiago, were recognized as the district's Everyday Heroes for the month of November. They were honored at the November 11th Plainville Board of Education meeting.

SNOWBALL
~ SHEL SILVERSTEIN

I MADE MYSELF A SNOWBALL,
AS PERFECT AS COULD BE,
I THOUGHT I'D KEEP IT AS A PET,
AND LET IT SLEEP WITH ME.

I MADE IT SOME PAJAMAS,
AND A PILLOW FOR ITS HEAD,
THEN LAST NIGHT IT RAN AWAY,
BUT FIRST - IT WET THE BED!

FUNNY CHRISTMAS
Homemade poems
GIFTS MADE EASY

Linden School Students Awarded "Detective Badges"



Superintendent Steven LePage and Assistant Superintendent David Levenduski recently delivered "top secret" word detective badges to Linden Street School first graders who have been working diligently on their word solving skills in hopes of becoming "word detectives".

In photo: Superintendent Steven LePage and Assistant Superintendent David Levenduski together Linden Street School first grade teacher Karen Dinsmore and her first grade class members who received their "word detective" badges.

PHS Students Tune Up Snow Throwers



Students in Mark Chase's Transportation Technology course at Plainville High School have been assisting the school district's Facilities Department by tuning up several of the snow throwers used throughout the school district in town. Students worked in teams to inspect service and replace those parts that were worn or no longer functioning properly. "This is a great learning experience for our students. They are able to apply what has been learned about mechanics, power and energy toward a practical application. It is also an opportunity for students to give back some of the knowledge and skills they have acquired in the class," said Chase.



PHS Student Receives Award



Plainville High School senior Travis Lavigne have been awarded the Farmington Valley Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS) Superintendent / Student Recognition Award for leadership service to the school, academic prowess relative to ability, and service to others in the community. Middle School of Plainville eighth grader Valiantsin Kasabrukhu also received the CAPSS Superintendent / Student Recognition Award. A luncheon ceremony was held at the Farmington Country Club on November 8th.

In photo: Plainville High School Principal Carl Johnson, Travis Lavigne, and Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.

MSP Students Art Club Create Holiday Ornaments



In photo: Rebecca Curtis, Aingeala Sanchez, Brianna Ballinger, Emma Muldoon, Isabelle McGhee, Adelisa Jahic, Cadence Collin-LaVoie, and Tara Adamo.

Students from the Middle School of Plainville's Art Club answered Governor Lamont's call for Christmas ornaments designed by Connecticut's Middle School students, which depict the theme, "Christmas in Connecticut: Past and Present." Art Club students worked together under the direction of Middle School Art teachers Lori Vigue and Laura Meehan to create ceramic ornaments in the shape of Connecticut. The ornaments were then decorated with various holiday and local themes. One ornament was sent to the Governor's residence to represent the Art Club.

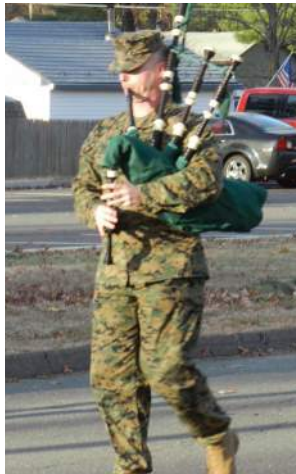
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WELCOME HOME MARINES!

The Marines arrived at the Plainville Marine Center early on a Saturday morning as a Marine playing the "Bag Pipes" played as the three buses that were escorted by motorcycle StatePolice entered the parking area. The Plainville High School band played for the hundreds of Marine families and friends who were there greeting their loved ones. The 160+ Marines served in Afghanistan for approx 8-9 months.

The Plainville V. F. W. Post 574 hosted the Welcome Home event and Thomaston Savings Bank donated all the coffee & donuts!

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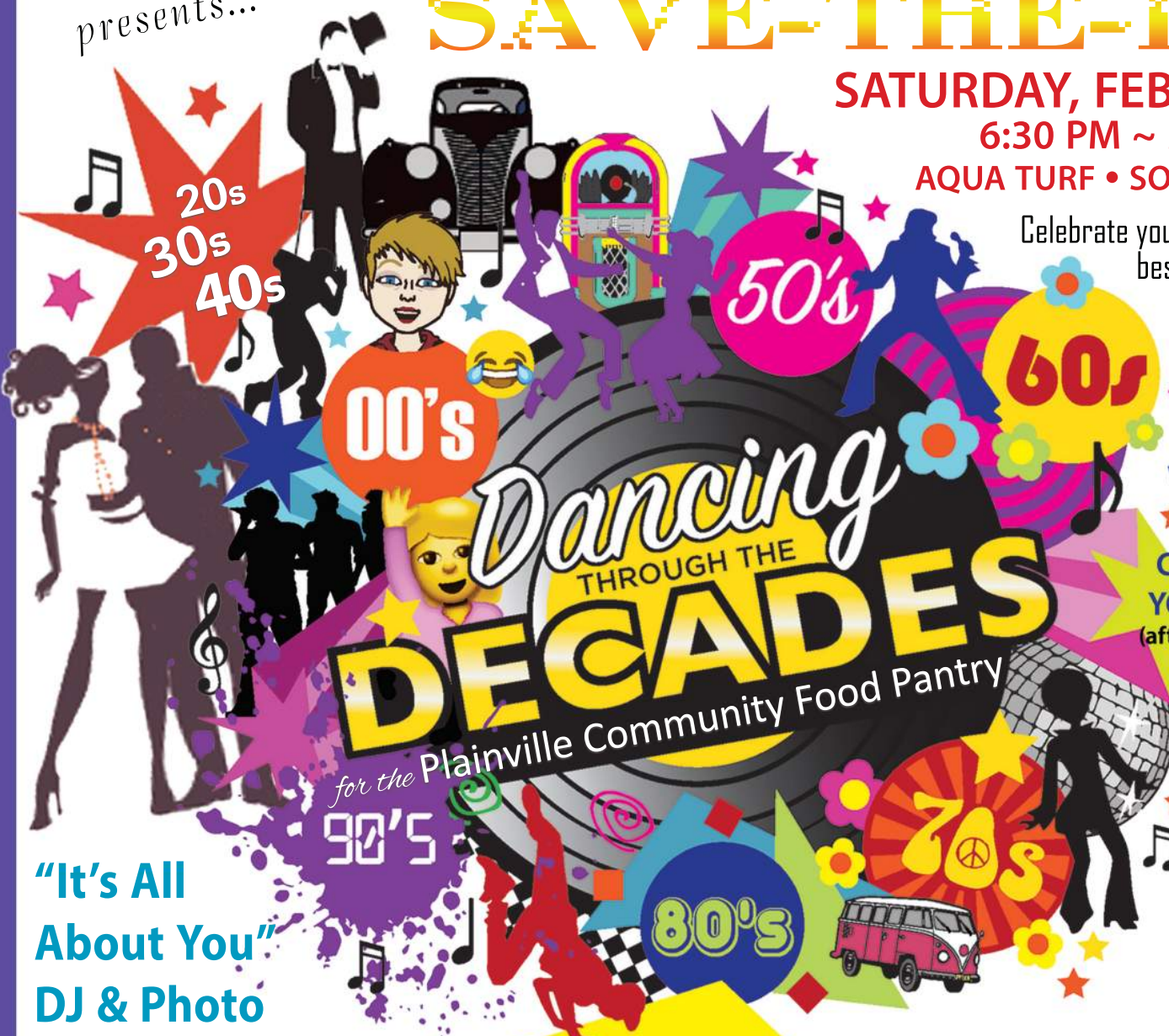
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Young at Heart - Senior News

TEE-SHIRT TO SHOPPING TOTE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
1:00 P.M.

Some beginner sewing machine skills and a clean, new or used tee-shirt is all you need to create a fabric shopping tote for your groceries! Evelyn Morin will lead this free class for 10 participants. The larger the shirt, the larger tote bag you will create! Check out the sample in the Senior Center display case! Sign-up began November 5. Bring your own tee-shirt.

CHORAL GROUP SING-A-LONG & CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
2:00 P.M.

Our Senior Center Choral Group will be on hand to entertain us and lead us in singing Christmas carols, while anyone who wants to can help decorate the Senior Center's Christmas tree! Cookies and cocoa will be served. Sign-up now!

DEMENTIA & CAREGIVING: FOCUSING ON THE PERSON WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE DISEASE

TUESDAY, DEC. 3, 2:30-4 P.M.

Do you care for someone with dementia? Do you want to learn more about its progression and good communication? Join us for this 5-week program. Hartford Healthcare Independence at Home will offer complimentary respite care at the Senior Center to provide activities and supervision for loved ones while family members attend the program.

Presented by Patty O'Brian and Michelle Wyman, dementia specialists, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, and funded by the North Central Area Agency on Aging. Co-sponsored by Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging and the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). Respite care funded by NCAAA. Sign up began September 4. In person or phone call registration only.

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AARP

SMART DRIVER CLASS THURS., DEC. 12, 9:30 A.M.

This course covers the effects of aging and The Plainville Chamber Of Commerce would like to welcome Alexandria Edman ,for No Worries Errand Service, to our Chamber!

Alexandria has lived in Plainville her whole life and just loves her hometown. Her passion is to help anyone in need, she will be there. .. She will go above and beyond to I meet the needs of her customers! Please feel free to contact her anytime by phone 860-558-6973 or by email alexandriaedman@gmail.com medications on driving, local hazards, accident prevention and more. Upon completing the course your insurance company must give you a discount of at least 5% off your auto insurance. Cost is \$15 for AARP members providing a membership number and \$20 for all oth-ers. Limited to 25. Program ends about 1:30 p.m.

STAYING ON YOUR FEET IN ICE AND SNOW

WED., DEC. 18th, 1:00 P.M.

Sometimes, there's no way to avoid a fall. If you are aware of the inevitability of a fall, you can at least pre-prepare to fall properly. At this free program, learn how to fall down the correct way — forwards or backwards. Get all the details on how to do it safely to reduce the risk or lessen the severity of injury. Presented by Lisa Murawski, exercise physiologist, GoodLife Fitness. Sponsored by Southington Care Center. Sign-up has begun.

Donations

The Senior Center Always Needs Sympathy, Get Well and Thinking of You Cards! We send cheer, get well and sympathy cards to our members who could use a lift of their spirits. If you wish to donate cards, please bring them to the Senior Center's front desk. We appreciate it! *We do not use religious cards or mass cards.* If you know someone who needs a smile, please let us know! Thank you for helping to bring sunshine to some-one in need!

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

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Alexandria has lived in Plainville her whole life and just loves her hometown. Her passion is to help anyone in need, she will be there. She will go above and beyond to meet the needs of her customers! Please feel free to contact her anytime by phone 860-558-6973 or by email: alexandriaedman@gmail.com

Basically, I started a list of services. subject to be updated with other ideas as a personal shopper of any kind, grocery shopping, post office errands, pick up dry cleaning, municipal building errands including pulling permits etc, picking up prescriptions, Amazon returns at Kohl's which is a great thing because they offer a discount for doing returns there plus it's free. Also I am offering a 10% senior and military discount for all services. I charge by the hour up to \$25 but for errands, for partial hours it would probably be \$10 to \$15 per service. There are other things I will also do, just contact me and I will get back in touch if you need more info. I will be running errands like a normal business day 8 a.m. to 5 pm.



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The Digital Divide

This digital world is divided into two parts. The first part is exemplified by a fourteen-year-old grandchild who can use her thumbs and mouse to navigate digital and online information and services in the blink of an eye. Maybe when she is 80 years old her thumbs will be crippled from constant clicking, but for now, she is a guru of the digital world.

The other part of the digital world is grandma, 80 years old, good thumbs, but little clue on how to use or operate modern communication or equipment. This could almost be comical, except that it has real life consequences. A wonderful client in her 90s needed to replace her washer and dryer. The new ones were installed and then the trouble began. The washer was a top loader, and she could not reach over the top to retrieve the clean laundry from the bottom. A step stool can solve it, but that is not always a safe solution for someone whose balance is not as good as it was 80 years ago. A worse problem was the controls. She has the strength to turn dials and knobs, but the profusion and confusion of digital displays and pluses and minuses instead of hot, cold, whites or colors was very confusing. And the displays are not easily apparent as they depend on what touch screen is touched. To make matters more confusing, she could not hear thebeeps that signaled end of cycle or whatever. This can lead to significant aggravation and frustration.

A potentially dangerous situation can arise with the electronics built into the operation of newer cars. Grandma may have her 18-year-old car with only 27,000 miles on it and she loves that car. Not to mention that she is proud how she has gotten her moneys worth out of it. Often people think it would be safer to get that 2019 model with all the newest safety features. But if all the new gadgets with the electronic features

I live in Plainville, just like my parents and grandparents before me that established their home in Plainville, CT in the early nineteen hundreds. My grandfather



Joseph served as first selectman for a couple terms. Fast forward to 2017, I had an opportunity with Otis Elevator Company ... Instead of losing my job in finance that I held for 28 years, I could move down to West Palm Beach. My decision was clear right from the beginning. I could not leave Plainville, nor the home that I built on my grandparents property. It was and is very sentimental to me. I care about this town and its residents. And , recently during an unexpected gap in employment, I decided that starting an errand service would be something that would be very fulfilling. Especially helping people who may be homebound, elderly, or just need an errand done for the holidays etc. My thought process is there is no job too small!. As well I will go above and beyond in any job that I do for the residents of this town. I am a dependable person and a good communicator. I look forward to the opportunity to serve this community.

Alexandria Edman

lead to confusion, and indecision in making driving decisions, the safety features could be counterproductive. Sometimes the familiar can be an advantage over the latest electronic controls and warnings which are not familiar. So when making that decision on a new car, think about both the car and the person driving.

One of the saddest days of my life was watching my mother try to change her TV channels with her portable phone. She had lost all ability to discern the TV remote from herportable phone. Often people have shared similar stories about their parents.

The real point of this article is to give food for thought to families trying to help their elderly parents or grandparents continue to be self sufficient. Both the equipment, whether TV, appliances or automobiles, and the operation, due to cognitive and physical ability, and familiarity with today's digital world, need to be considered. Now I have to go and ask my wife to change the TV channel to the Patriots game, as she has the Giants on.

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You have the right to live a life without Anxiety and Depression!

Anxiety and Depression is a medical condition, just like any other medical diagnosis.

If you had high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or

diabetes... You would expect them to be treated, and managed to the highest maximum potential. The expectation for managing Anxiety and Depression should not be any different.

If you experience signs and symptoms of anxiety or depression consistently for more than one or two weeks... Assessment by a Mental Health Clinician should be considered.

Depression and anxiety is very sneaky and can progress in stages.

It spreads into every aspect of your life, making it very difficult to complete activities of daily living.

It can affect your appetite, either increasing it or making it difficult to eat at all. Loss of pleasure in things you used to enjoy can occur. Increased difficulty sleeping at night, but still feeling tired, lethargic and unmotivated during the day is common. Difficulty maintaining concentration and focus often occurs and can subsequently lead to isolation from others.

Depression and anxiety can make you feel isolated and alone and feel like no one else is able to relate to what you are going through. After which, self blame enters the picture. Questions arise, such as... Why am I so miserable and sad? I should just be happy, however, I'm not. Others around you will even make comments similar to... "You should be happy" or "You have a great life, family and friends - what do you have to be sad about?"

If it were that easy to make these symptoms go away, no one would ever be sad or depressed.

I challenge anyone reading this who is struggling with any of the above to seek treatment. You wouldn't let a medical condition persist, so why let mental health negatively affect your life.

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A. *President Franklin Pierce and the first President to establish the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the White House lawn was Calvin Coolidge.*

Q. It is rumored that the football from the Plainville-Southington game of 1937 is in Plainville.

A. *Someone took it and we would like you to share it with us at the Historical Society!!*

AS OF THIS PRINTING NO ONE HAS REPLIED. PLEASE HELP ME IN THE SERCH!

Q. Everyday fast food items, the Hot Dog and the Hanburger sold around the world. Who invented them?

A. *The Hot Dog at the St Louis World's Fair in 1904. A Bavarian named Anton Feuchtwanger sold the Hot Dogs and lent his customers gloves to hold the Hot Dog. They never returned the gloves, he hired his brother (a baker) to make buns to hold the dog instead. The Hamburger comes from "Hamburg" Germany and invented by Charlie Nagreen at the Outagamie County Fair in Seymour, Wisconsin in 1885.*

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

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

Next Issue of the Hometown will be December!

Thank you for this issue questions. Please keep them coming!

Happy Holidays!!

Life With Wanda



While traveling to other parts of the country I have found what might be a stasis symbol in one part of the country might take on a whole new meaning in another area of our country.

In New England if you get a new car or a new home your friends react differently than the way they act, say in Florida. After a trip south to visit friends I was a guest at an AARP meeting and although the members did many of the things we do right here in Plainville there was something new added to their gathering. Many of the members used canes, just like our members. There were many members that used walkers, like our members and that is where the competition begins. I found there are many grades of walkers; some people had the standard walker with two tennis balls on the legs so they glide along. There were some seniors that had an upgraded walker with four wheels and hand brakes as well as a seat and basket, which were very nice indeed but there were members of the group that pointed out the size of the wheels on these units. It seems there is always someone in the crowd that knows all about everything and they always have the best one you can buy.

It was about that time a woman entered with her new walker that had pneumatic tires, chrome handle bars, a padded back rest, a custom yellow paint job and shock absorbers as well as a name plate with her name inscribed on it. Everyone wooed and awed over this unit but it made me wonder where was this woman planning to go that she needed shock absorbers on her walker?

I'm sure Medicare didn't pay for that sucker. No sooner was this woman about to take her seat a man drove in on his new scooter that sported a high back seat; head rest, high and low beam headlights, horn, mirror, lighted instrument panel, front and rear storage basket, two cup holders one of which doubled as a holder for his cell phone, raised suspension, along with a trailer towing package and a port for charging his cell phone. The man was proud to tell everyone his scooter could reach a top speed of eight miles per hour. I wonder who will come up with something to top that one at their meeting next month.

If they ever start selling these things in Connecticut they better come equipped with a snow plow.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

To: All Civic &
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From: The Editor

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FROM MY BALCONY

By: Jeannette Hinkson

The football season is upon us and everyone seems to watch the games on Thanksgiving Day, after the big meal, or let's say it starts out that way. By the second quarter you will find a lot of open mouths and snoring coming from the living room, den or man cave but that's alright with me. I'm not much of a football fan nor do I find some of the players are good role models for our young men of today.

On Saturday November 16th, 2019 the TV was on while I was doing some housework and it was tuned to a football game between Navy and Notre Dame. It wasn't a great game and Notre Dame trounced the Navy team something awful but the thing about it took place after the game when the two teams locked arms, hugged and sang together in an act of true sportsmanship. It was indeed a moment everyone should have witnessed. The Navy team, as well as the team from Notre Dame, showed true sportsmanship and the United States Naval Academy can be proud of the men and women they are producing as our leaders of tomorrow.

Now, on that same Saturday November 16th, 2019 another football event was held and I don't really know what it was all about but from news reports it was to promote a football player by the name of Colin Kaepernick. Some of you might remember him as the player who would not stand for our national anthem when it was played prior to the start of a game and his actions resulted in his contract not being picked up. If any of you might notice they no longer play

the National Anthem before football games, what a shame, all because of this young man. Nike, who Kaepernick represents, also pulled their Betsy Ross sneakers that were to be released for 4th of July, 2019 because, as I refer to him, creepy Kaepernick objected to the new sneaker. I guess he felt these red, white and blue sneakers, with their circle of the thirteen stars that represented our original thirteen states were a symbol of our country or something and that he objected to..

One woman said they pulled them because they were racist. Question: How were the racist? (I for one will never buy another Nike product.)

Now, I wonder what those in the sports world, that object to our flag, National Anthem or patriotism would say to another football player by the name of Patrick Tillman. For those of you who do not know of Pat Tillman or don't remember him, he was also a football player and eight months after 9-11 he turned down a 3.6 million dollar contract with the Arizona Cardinals and joined the U.S. Army to fight for our freedom, flag and the National Anthem that Kaepernick and Nike find offensive. That same flag, National Anthem and the freedom Kaepernick and some other players disrespect and refuse to stand for. Perhaps someday Colin Kaepernick and the rest of those that refuse to stand for our flag will get to meet Patrick Tillman because on April 22, 2004 Pat Tillman lost his life in Afghanistan defending our flag and what it stands for. *Pat left a wife and family along with the rest of us to enjoy the freedom to watch whatever we want on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and all year long.*

Decorating Your Home for the Holidays

By: Laura Davis, Owner of the Light Hangar Company

With less than a month before Christmas Day, it's officially time to take those dusty boxes out of the attic (or basement) filled with Christmas decorations. I did just that the other day and boy, my house was a mess! I had wreaths, bows, snow globes, stuffed snowmen, a manger, garland and, of course, the tree ornaments. As I happily began to scatter these joyful decorations around my home, I noticed that I was placing decorations in the places that were the foundation of my home such as the doors and windows, fireplace, bookcases and the dining room table. Why was I not thinking of my lighting fixtures as a part of my home's foundation? They are every bit as important as the other pieces and furniture in my home. Lighting fixtures are often assumed to be decorative enough by themselves, but we can always add just a bit more Holiday cheer, can't we?

The number one place I would add Christmas decor to would be the chandelier over your dining room table. This is a place of gathering for family meals and you definitely want to wow your guests. If you have a traditional chandelier then definitely add that garland. The beautiful greenery will go with any finish and completely transform the fixture into something out of a magazine. Lay the greenery in a circle around the fixture to look like a wreath hanging over your table. If a whole strand of garland seems too

much, use a few evergreen boughs to achieve the same look. Other natural items you might think to add are pinecones and berries for a splash of color.

If greenery isn't your style, you can still add a little pizzazz to your chandelier. Draping colorful ornaments over the fixture is a popular idea using items you probably have leftover. Use colorful patterns and styles in varying heights to give your fixture visual interest. Clear snowflakes or icicles hanging from your chandelier can make your dining room look like a winter wonderland. And don't forget a well-placed bow (or two) will also do the trick.

These same thoughts apply to the pendants in your kitchen. A bit of greenery will tie your kitchen into the rest of the Christmas wonderland you've created. The kitchen is often a place where function over fashion is welcomed, but the pendants are out of your way and the perfect place to add more cheer.

Last, but not least is your bathroom or power room. This will be one of the most visited places during entertaining and one not to be forgotten. Again, greenery atop your vanity light will have a huge impact on the space and bring it together with the rest of your home.

My last Holiday tip is this: Enjoy the moments. There is so much pressure to have our home look perfect for the Holidays. It takes an entire month of prepping, planning and decorating to get to that one day. Enjoy the moments during that month that make it all worthwhile. We all have so much to be thankful for.

Notary Public ~ Helen Bergenty

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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!

{Joe faves} First I want to say my favorite Newspaper is the *Hometown Connection*. *It takes me a few days to read all the local news and your advertisements. Speaking of advertisements, I called Jeff of the Petillo Electric Company for some service for my home and I would highly recommend him.*

{Susan raves} *May I suggest Mangiafico's Bakery and Pastry Shop on East Main Street for all your Holiday needs. All the pastries are baked in their shop, everything is just like mother used to make. The cookies make an ideal hostess gift if you are invited out for dinner. You will be pleased with everything you taste.*

E-mail your "fave or rave" in today to be in the **February** issue. Praise your contractor for doing a good job or tell us about your favorite restaurant, store, or service you received by a professional.

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

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

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

West Main Pizza's popularity is not due to great food only, but also because of its family-friendly atmosphere and Pete's dedication to the community. The restaurant's success is also attributed to his family. Agnes, as well as their children, Katherine, Lynn, and Michael, have worked very hard and proudly for their family's establishment.

"I would like to thank all of our customers who have supported us over the last 47 years. I am proud to celebrate this anniversary and 47 years of business in Plainville." *"Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year"*

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December brings the final month of our town's 150th birthday year. It was the pleasure of the Historical Society to host and sponsor some of the celebratory events. We appreciate your interest, support, and attendance.

THANK YOU!

It takes a fair number of people and long hours of prep work to put together our part of the town's Sesquicentennial Celebration. I would like to thank the following people: Rose Stanley, Gertrude LaCombe, Dee Martin, Bill and Barbara Petit, Sal Santacrose, Sue Neston, Gregg Stanley, Rachel St. Onge, Snappy Seniors, Rosemary Morante, David Pipeling, Nancy O'Toole, Kathy LaBella, Crystal St. Lawrence, Cheryl Provost, Sue Deroscher and Executive Press.

Nancy Eberhard, President

CHRISTMAS, 1969

A 50-FOOT STEEL Christmas tree loomed over the front of Cooke's Tavern in December of 1969. It weighed 3000# and was decorated with red, green and blue ropes, and 400 multi-colored lights. The choir from Our Lady of Mercy Church and children from Mary Immaculate Academy sang carols at the lighting ceremony and were then entertained by Raymond Galvin, owner of Cookes.



Down

- 2. He was an internationally recognized breeder of milking cows
- 3. He holds over 100 patents and received the Scott Award
- 7. She was an international recognized poetress, one of England's favorites
- 8. Plainville's Governor of CT
- 10. The name the villagers originally wanted for their town

The Historic Center and the Museum Shop

will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9 o'clock and noon. Use the office door (on the right). It will also be open following the town tree lighting on December 13. The building will close for the holidays on December 19 and reopen on Monday January 5, 2020.

VETERAN'S DAY

We welcomed visitors in the early morning on Veteran's Day. It was good to see so many Viet Nam Vets and a Plainville family who now lives in California among those who came. The simple refreshments and music were enjoyed, along with the conversations about years past in Plainville. We all paused quietly at 11 a.m. for the one-minute fire whistle courtesy our volunteer fire department and the church bells. A focus group to gather information about our Viet Nam vets is being discussed. Thank you for coming.

*.....household angels, white and golden
in the sun greet us with the sweet old
welcome*

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERY ONE.

... Louisa May Alcott

Warm Up With Us

Following the Plainville Tree lighting

Friday, December 13

4:30 – 8 P. M.

Lions Club Hot Chocolate
(Bring Eyeglasses for Lions' Reuse)

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29 Pierce Street

Across

- 1. He was an intranationally recognized artist
- 4. She was a famous mystery writer of the mid 20th century
- 5. She was the 1st African-American woman to serve on the Board of Education
- 6. Name of the canal that put Plainville "on the map"
- 8. Original name given to the area that would become Plainville
- 9. The Plainville native who was the first African-American police officer in Boston, appointed in 1878 and served for 40 years.
- 11. The organizer and 1st president of the Plainville Historical Society

JANUARY PROGRAM

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 2 in the afternoon.

After the canal, came the railroad. Gary Gurski, railroad worker and lifelong train enthusiast will speak to us about the Plainville line in its heyday, where he worked between 1970 and 1982. He will talk about his personal experiences and the people who kept it all on track. He will take questions after his presentation. A sure cure for cabin fever, you are most welcome.

ABOUT LAST MONTH...

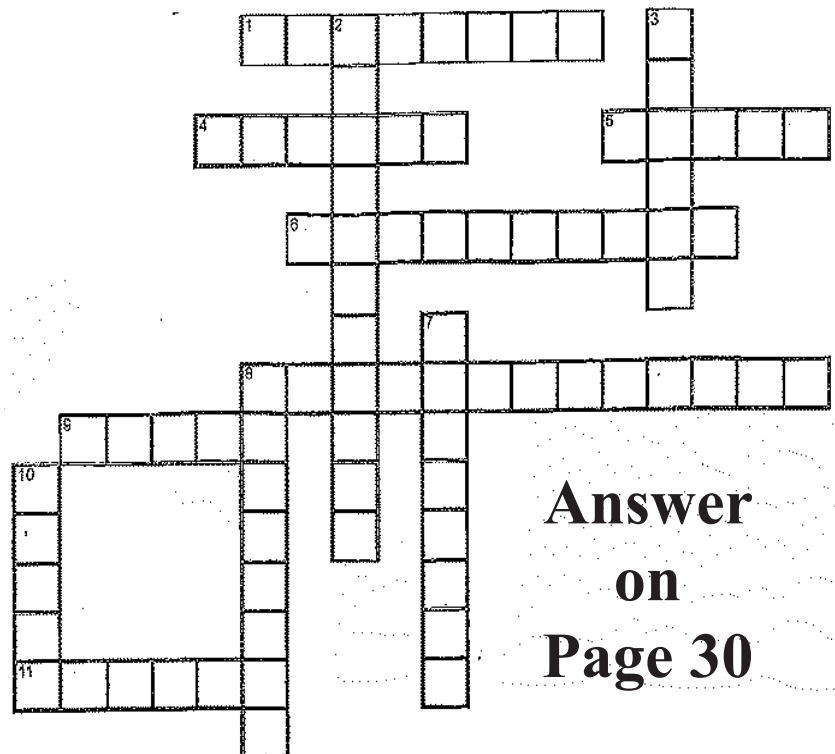
Ted Griffin, author of the poem in the last issue, was a Plainville person. We have scant information about him, only that he belonged to the Roper family who donated his poignant war poem for archiving.

MORE about the Temperance Fountain: The ladies of the WCTU filed their final accounting with the town in September of 1908. The land was leased from the railroad for \$1 a year. The ice, in season, was donated by the two ice merchants, Cook Stone and Ice Co., and "Mr. Bryant", lamp service by Weisbach Lighting Co., and water by the local Water Co. They expressed gratitude to Selectmen Peter Prior and Charles Calor for "sympathy and active interest." W. J. Dentis is mentioned and Rodney Hart, who "skillfully laid the cement." They submitted bills. Additional charges were for lumber, manhole covers, hose and nozzle and removal of one tree. The report is signed by Mrs. Hattie Temple, Mrs. Chloe Warren and Mrs. Anna Snow.Gert Lacombe did the research on this.

About the picture of the 1937 PHS football team, pictured are the Salomone brothers: Alfred #14 and Frank #4.

THE PUZZLE BELOW ON PLAINVILLE SUBMITTED BY Nan Eberhard

PLAINVILLE



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Santa Claus is Coming to Town December 13th

This Christmas season is the 27th annual tree lighting. After the tree lighting on December 13th is the Holiday Stroll on December 14th & 15th.

The tree lighting begins at 5 p.m. with caroling by the Plainville High School Band and chorus. Community leaders will offer their holiday messages after the caroling.

Speakers will include Jeff DiCosimo, Chamber Chair, the Rev. Raymond Smialowski of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Town Council Chair Kathy Pugliese, Town Manager Robert E. Lee, Lt. Eric Peterson of the Plainville Police Dept. State Rep. William Petit, Jr. Steven LePage, superintendent of Schools and Marco Palmieri, Plainville Merchants Association.

Brittany Gutierrez, first grader at the Wheeler Elementary School will then light the tree and call for Santa.

Santa will arrive on the Fire truck. Children are invited to the Firehouse to enjoy their visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Gnazzo's Food Store donated the cider and cookies. Candy canes donated by the Park and Recreation Department.

People's United Bank offered the Horse-drawn carriage rides, starting at 6 p.m. in front of Bolo's Bakery.

At the Historic Center, Auntie Claus will be serving hot chocolate, courtesy of the Loins Club.

The stroll will be Saturday and Sunday with special activities, raffles, and specials throughout the town. Participating merchants and organizations include: Main Street Diner, Bolo Bakery, Lil'Plant shop, Trenta Tavern, Light Hanger Co. 50 West, Studio 466 Salon & Spa, Euro Homecare, El Paso Restaurant, Flipping and Stones. Plainville Methodist Church offering homemade items for children to pick up as holiday gifts. Also the Salvation Army will be collecting donations to give back to the community.

The Plainville Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank everyone for all their assistance.

The Mighty Chestnut

By Linda Coveney

Does The Christmas Song... "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire..." stir up childhood memories of past holidays or other winter celebrations with family and friends?

For me, it creates an image of a magical time of the year when everything seems perfect. Presents under the tree, the house beautifully decorated, fun family parties full of laughter, song and delicious food. Everyone looking glamorous. All from a child who is blissfully unaware of all the time, money and work that goes into making these precious memories.

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

Chestnuts grow in a large spiny sharp burr ball. They are cradled in a velvet-like environment inside this protective

enclosure. Mother's Nature's way of protecting its fruit.

The Mighty Chestnut Tree, which once ruled the forest in North America, provided this delicious nutty fruit that supported wild life and returned important nutrients to the soil. A fungus largely took out the Chestnut tree in the early 1900's. Thankfully, due to the hard work of scientist and growers, this species is coming back. Chestnuts are flavorful gluten-free food. They contain proteins and have the lowest fat content of any edible nut. Chestnuts are full of vitamins, B-complexes and many minerals. They are a good source of fiber. Chestnuts are relatively low in calories when compared to other natural seeds and nuts.

Roasting Chestnuts is easy. Preheat oven to 425°F. Wipe the chestnuts off with a damp cloth and set them flat side down on a cutting board. With a sharp knife, make an x-shaped cut on the round side of the chestnut to prevent them from exploding in the oven. Place in a roasting pan and check after 15 -20 minutes once the skin starts to peel

away. The nut inside should be soft and chewy and it's a fine line between just right and too dry. Carefully remove from pan. You might want to put in a towel to let them steam and then crush to make this easier to peel without burning your fingers. They are harder to peel when cold, so you won't want to make them too far in advance of when you plan to eat them. If they do cool, you can put them in oven to re-heat.

As you welcome in the New Year think about the Mighty Chestnut Tree that survived and now thrives due to the support of people that care. Perhaps you know someone who is experiencing a hardship or feeling overwhelmed and could use some caring support. Our kindness can make a huge difference in a person's life. When we help others, they thrive and we also gain, sometimes more than we give.

*Wishing you
Happy Holidays and
a Healthy and
Happy New Year!*

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The Christmas Doll

By: Sally Miller



Years ago, they did not make dolls of color. We always received a doll with blue eyes and blond hair. Then, one year, when I was about 9 years old, a doll of color was produced and we happened to see it while shopping with Mom. She was the most beautiful doll I had ever seen.

Both my sister and I wanted that doll so much but knew that it was quite out of the question. As small as we were, we knew that we had to be denied certain extravagancies. This was so out of the question, we didn't even ask for it, even though we both wanted it more than anything else in the world. The price on the doll was \$50 because it was so rare. Fifty dollars back then was equivalent to \$150.

Christmas morning came and we devoured the foodstuffs in our stocking and then we began to open boxes. My sister and I had each had a small box that looked like a doll box and we opened them. We each received a beautiful handmade doll. We hugged Mom and continued to open the rest of the presents.

Afterwards, we went into the kitchen for a wonderful breakfast and sitting at the table was the beautiful doll of color with a tag, "Merry Christmas to

Sally and Carolyn. I came to play with both of you. We hugged OUR doll on this most wonderful Christmas of all.

Merry Christmas to All!

Christmas 2019 is so different than Christmas years ago. The anticipation of the season seems to be missing.

We would receive a card from Gram with a piece of her Christmas tree enclosed. When we opened it, we were overwhelmed with the smell of Christmas.

Now we receive a few card and then receive many, many text messages wishing us a Merry Christmas.

People rush to buy on the internet during "Black Friday" instead of taking time to make things for the family. Gifts seem to be based on who receives the most expensive is the "most loved".

When I was a little girl, we had stockings filled with nuts, sticks of gum, a tangerine and little things we could enjoy before the big event.

I remember one Christmas. We were not well off by any means and we knew that it was near impossible to get the gifts we really wanted.

Officer Robert Holcomb

By: Jeannette Hickson

It was a Monday night some forty two years ago when a call came into the Plainville Police Department reporting a burglary in progress at a home on Hollyberry Lane; our town. Sgt. Lloyd Woark was the duty officer and he dispatched Officer Robert Holcomb to investigate the incident. Even though decades have passed many of the residents of Plainville can recall the event as though it happened yesterday.

That night stands out in the minds of the men and women of the department, as well as the employees of the town as the Police Department occupied the ground floor of the town hall at that time and even though most of these people have retired they carry the scars of the events of that dreary night to this day.

Officer Holcomb, after arriving at the scene of the break-in, encountered the burglar and after a short pursuit Officer Holcomb was wounded. At that time the men of the Plainville Police Department not only keep law and order in our town but also operated our ambulance service.

When news of the shooting was received at headquarters Officer's John Buxton and William Buden were dispatched to the scene. With Officer Buden at the wheel and Officer Buxton tending to his friend in the rear of the ambulance it was a mad dash to New Britain General Hospital but to no avail and nothing could save Bob Holcomb.

Sadly Officer Holcomb left a wife and three year old son but more than that he left the men and women of the

Plainville Police Department with a scar that has remained with them to this very day.

At the time the department was under the commanded of Chief Frank Roche and for the remainder of the time he served as Chief, until his retirement and beyond, the death of Officer Holcomb had a direct impact on him.

To this day, on the anniversary of the death of Officer Holcomb, friends, family, fellow officers, both past and present; gather at Bobs grave site and have a final cup of coffee with him.

When an officer is killed in the line of duty, and we hear of it much too often latterly, it affects not just their family but every life he or she has ever touched.

Residents of the that officer's town or state recall that officer and how he or she responded to them in their time of need. When you hear on the news of the death of an officer anywhere in our country, think of what his or her entire department feels, his community as well as his family and friends.

This article was written with the assistance of Jane Dickman Buden recently retired assessor for the Town of Plainville but at the time of this tragedy was the records clerk working for Chief Roche at the Plainville Police Department.

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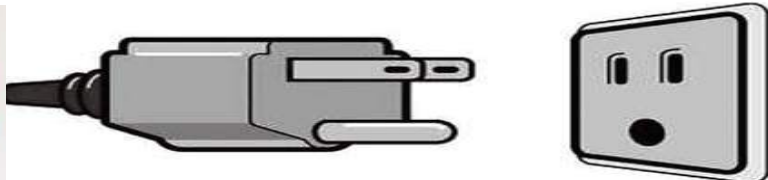
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"A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood"



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

A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood (2019)

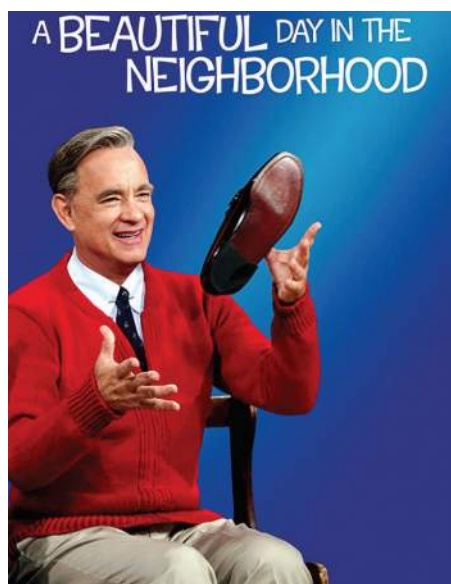
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (original title)

PG | 1h 48min | Biography, Drama | 22 November 2019 (USA)

Director: Marielle Heller

Writers: Micah Fitzerman-Blue, Noah Harpster

Stars: Tom Hanks, Matthew Rhys, Chris Cooper



dressing to what Hanks really achieves here. He embodies the very essence of what Fred Rogers lived, breathed, practiced and preached every day of his life.

Unfortunately, the filmmakers have chosen a particularly cutesy storytelling motif that flies in the face of the story they are portraying within it and it undermines the entire enterprise.

Directed by Marielle Heller ("Can You Ever Forgive Me?"), from a script by Noah Harpster and Micah Fitzerman-Blue, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" is based on a 1998 Esquire cover story in which Tom Junod, represented here by a fictional character named Lloyd Vogel (Matthew Rhys), the magazine's star feature writer is assigned to write a feature profile on Fred Rogers as part of the magazine's American hero themed edition. Vogel's work up until this assignment had mainly consisted of hard hitting profiles on newsworthy individuals that were often critical and unflattering. It should be noted that this

film is about Vogel and the emotional struggles he is facing during the time he is sent to conduct the interview of Mr. Rogers. The journalist is a deeply troubled man, whose cynical view of the world stems from a hatred toward a father who deserted the family when he was still a child and while his mother was suffering from a terminal illness. He has distanced himself from his loving wife Andrea (Susan Kelechi Watson), hasn't truly bonded with his infant daughter and refuses to reconcile with his father Jerry (Chris Cooper). He is skeptical of the whole persona around Mr. Rogers as well and finds it difficult to hide the animosity brewing inside him.

What this film does wrong is the way it is framed. In what I expect the filmmakers thought to be a fitting and clever conceit, they approach the story from the point of view that we, the audience, have just plucked ourselves down in front of our living room television set to find out what new and interesting life lesson the congenial and wise Mr. Rogers will be exposing us to this time. He ushers us in as always and we still marvel at the sense of warmth we feel from his welcoming gestures and his off key vocalizations. We get our giddy glimpse at the miniature sets of the neighborhood with the trolleys, trains, towers, cars and planes and we are immediately comfortable with our surroundings. Sitting next to an easel with a large cardboard display featuring various doors with protruding handles to open them with, Mr. Rogers invites us to meet a new friend of his. He opens the door to reveal a photo of Lloyd Vogel and begins to tell us a little bit about him thus introducing us to the film's primary story arc. This total blunder of a vehicle in which to have the events of the film unwind is further emphasized in transitional moments as the miniature planes, trains, trolleys and cars are used to move us from one scene to the next. Clever?? Perhaps in a lighthearted comedy. Here it just distracts from the importance of the familial drama being played out.

Yes, Lloyd, has major daddy issues. There is a scene at the wedding for his sister's third marriage where he runs

into his father, Jerry (Chris Cooper), for the first time in years. Lloyd resists all efforts on his father's part to agree to a peace treaty which culminates in him hauling off and sucker punching dear old dad when the man mentions his son's mother.. Lloyd has so much rage that he punches his dad in the face. The very next day, his father has staked out his apartment in an effort to force his son to open up a dialog with him. Lloyd, however, will have none of it. He needs to make his way to "the neighborhood" and have his first encounter with the ubiquitous Mr. Rogers.

The interview doesn't quite go the way that Lloyd would have imagined it. He has his probing questions to ask and does so with his usual straight to the gut style but Rogers is more interested in asking questions of his interviewer. Lloyd finds this disconcerting and is unprepared to handle the shrewd maneuvering of this odd little man. Of course, as the film progresses, Lloyd learns some valuable lessons from Mr. Rogers which help him come to terms with his problems and resolve them. Heller, proved far more adept at handling the material in the lovely little character study in "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" She gets the richness of the intimacy shared by people in a disharmonious family. She peels back the layers of a fractured love between two people desperately looking to rediscover the intimacy they had shared. But scenes that seem silly in the context of it all ruin the dynamics. When Lloyd is reduced to standing on the patio of the miniature castle alongside a puppet...well... that's a spoiler for me.

The film also concludes curiously with a scene of Mr. Rogers, alone in the studio, sitting at a piano, calmly playing a melodic song when suddenly he pounds on the lower keys (a manner to express anger he had referred to earlier in the film). Now, as the film fades to black, we are going to try to explore the complexities of his character?

Ratings: Acting: 100% Directing: 70% Script: 82% Cinematography: 90% Entertainment Value: 85%



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so that it would be clear that the business being evicted had the potential to have all their possessions on the property removed as part of the eviction. This change in the law seems to fall in line with residential evictions as tenants being evicted from their homes run the risk of having their personal possessions removed if they fail to leave after judgment has been rendered against them. Ultimately, under the old law a commercial tenant would run the same risk, which is exactly why the law should be definitive in its language. Most of the time landlords do not want what is in any given space. Regardless, it is about having all parties properly notified.

While no business ever wants to be in such a circumstance the reality is they might find themselves there... even if it is not their fault. There are always pros and cons to renting, but the most important thing is being well informed about what the terms are in your lease and your rights as a renter in a commercial setting.

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Talk with your prescriber. Aspirin is not right for everyone. Ask if aspirin's benefits to you balance its risks to you. Risks are bleeding in the stomach or brain.

Your prescriber will tell you how much aspirin to take. Taking more aspirin than your prescriber tells you to take will not make it work better. Higher doses can increase the chance of bleeding.

Aspirin can cause bleeding or bruising. If you get cut, it may take a little longer to stop the bleeding. Also, aspirin can upset your stomach. If aspirin upsets your stomach, take it with food or milk. Less common but serious side effects are bleeding in the stomach or brain. Bleeding in the brain can cause a stroke. Watch for black or bloody stool, stomach pain, vomiting, or a sudden severe headache. If any of these things happen, call your prescriber right away or get emergency help.

Take your aspirin once a day, every day, at a time that's best for you. Enteric-coated or buffered aspirin might feel better on your stomach than plain aspirin. But they don't prevent bleeding in the gut. There is no proof one kind of aspirin works better than another.

It is important to take aspirin if your prescriber told you to take it. This is true even if they did not give you a prescription for it. Stopping aspirin can increase your risk of having a heart attack or stroke. Talk with your prescriber before stopping aspirin.

Let your pharmacist know you are taking aspirin. They can check for drug interactions. Ask your prescriber or pharmacist before taking any medication or supplement. This includes nonprescription medications

like naproxen or ibuprofen. Your prescriber might have you take aspirin with another drug that also reduces clotting of blood. This can further increase your risk of bleeding. Watch for black or bloody stool, stomach pain, vomiting, or a sudden severe headache. If any of these things happen, call your prescriber right away or get emergency help.

MYTHS ABOUT ASPIRIN

You'll hear myths about aspirin... suggesting certain formulations or administration times lead to better cardiovascular outcomes. Help dispel the myths.

MYTH: Plain aspirin works BETTER than enteric-coated aspirin.

Absorption may be better with plain or chewable aspirin than enteric-coated, but there's no proof plain aspirin prevents more CV events.

Recommend chewing plain aspirin during a heart attack...but chewing ANY kind of aspirin is okay in a pinch.

MYTH: Enteric-coated aspirin causes less GI bleeding.

No, because bleeding risk is mainly due to aspirin's systemic effects.

But enteric-coated or buffered aspirin may limit dyspepsia.

MYTH: Aspirin MUST be taken with food.

Taking aspirin with food may lessen dyspepsia...but there's no proof it reduces GI bleeding. Tell patients to take aspirin with a full glass of water... either with or without food.

MYTH: Taking aspirin TWICE daily OR at bedtime improves outcomes.

No, not for CV prevention. And higher doses may increase bleeding risk.

As a preventive therapy, aspirin may be prescribed for people who don't have evidence of cardiovascular disease but do have one or more risk factors, such as high cholesterol, a history of high blood pressure, diabetes, a family history of heart disease, cigarette smoking, obesity, physical inactivity.

But again, using aspirin therapy if you haven't already had a heart attack or stroke is debated, and some researchers question which risk factors warrant the therapy.

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Here are some interesting points to think about prior to 2020, especially to my friends on the fence, like moderate Democrats, Libertarians and Independents and the never Trump Republicans and those thinking of "walking away" from the Democratic party.

* Women are upset at Trump's naughty words -- they also bought 80 million copies of 50 Shades of Gray.

*Not one feminist has defended Sarah Sanders. It seems women's rights only matter if those women are liberal.

***No Border Walls. No voter ID laws. Did you figure it out yet? But wait... there's more.**

*Chelsea Clinton got out of college and got a job at NBC that paid \$900,000 per year. Her mom flies around the country speaking out about white privilege.

*And just like that, they went from being against foreign interference in our elections to allowing non-citizens to vote in our elections.

*President Trump's wall costs less than the

Obamacare website. **Let that sink in, America.**

*We are one election away from open borders, socialism, gun confiscation, and full-term abortion nationally. **We are fighting evil.**

*They sent more troops and armament to arrest Roger Stone than they sent to defend Benghazi.

*60 years ago, Venezuela was 4th on the world economic freedom index. Today, they are 179th and their citizens are dying of starvation. In only 10 years, Venezuela was destroyed by democratic socialism.

* Russia donated \$0.00 to the Trump campaign. Russia donated \$145,600,000 to the Clinton Foundation. **But Trump was the one investigated!**

* Nancy Pelosi invited illegal aliens to the State of the Union. President Trump invited victims of illegal aliens to the State of the Union. **Let that sink in.**

*A socialist is basically a communist who doesn't have the power to take everything from their citizens at gunpoint ... **Yet!**

* How do you walk 3000 miles across Mexico without food or support and show up at our border 100 pounds overweight and with a cellphone?

*Alexandria Ocasio Cortez wants to ban cars,

ban planes, give out universal income and thinks socialism works. **She calls Donald Trump crazy.**

*Bill Clinton paid \$850,000 to Paula Jones To get her to go away. I don't remember the FBI raiding his lawyer's office.

*I wake up every day and I am grateful that Hillary Clinton is not the president of the United States of America.

The same media that told me Hillary Clinton had a 95% chance of winning now tells me Trump's approval ratings are low.

"The problem with socialism is that sooner or later you run out of other people's money."— Margaret Thatcher

Margaret Thatcher

* Maxine Waters opposes voter ID laws; She thinks that they are racist. You need to have a photo ID to attend her town hall meetings.

President Trump said —

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What Will The Next Decade Bring?

When I think about 2020-2029, the next decade, it brings a lot of uncertainty to my mind. But one does not need to fear the future if he knows Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

We are about to celebrate Christmas, a remembrance that Jesus Christ, the eternal God, came to earth to take upon Himself a human body through the virgin birth of Mary. He went to the cross to pay for the sins of the world in order that mankind might be saved. He rose again the third day and ascended to heaven having promised His disciples that He would come back (John 14:2).

Those who trust the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior are given eternal life (John 3:16). Although I do not know what the next decade will bring, I am assured through the Scriptures that Jesus Christ will never leave me nor forsake me (Hebrews 13:5). All born again believers have a wonderful future! We will be in heaven one day and then come back with Jesus Christ to earth to rule and reign with Him for 1000 years (Revelation 20:4-6).

Those 1000 years will be characterized by true peace, righteousness, and justice. The earth will be entirely different as we are told the desert will blossom like a rose (Isaiah 35:1-2). Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?

If not the next decade could be frightening. You need not go through life fearful and uncertain. Jesus Christ offers you life, eternal life. Recognize that you are a sinner and Jesus Christ the only Savior (John 14:6). Ask Him to come into your life and be your Savior (Romans 10:13).

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Sunday Liturgy - Church

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

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Weekday Liturgy

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

Devotions

Rosary- Monday to Saturday before the Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

Arrangements can be made for any sick person to be anointed. Holy Eucharist is brought to the homebound by our Eucharistic Ministers and the parish clergy.

Children's Mass, Dec. 1, with refreshments to follow, 10:30am Mass, First Sunday of Advent
Breakfast with Santa Dec. 8, 8 - Noon, \$4 adults, \$1 Ages 13 - 18, 12 and younger FREE, 19 S. Canal St., Parish Center. St. Anthony will be hosting a Christmas Boutique of hand-made ornaments, baked goods, and small gift items.

Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Masses are 8am & 6pm, Mary is the Patron Saint of the United States

Come prepare for Christmas with us! On Sunday, Dec. 15, 4:30pm, Our Lady of Mercy will host a Community Carol-Sing in the church, All are invited! Plan to attend, bring a friend and enjoy singing favorite sacred Advent and Christmas carols. Admission: 1 canned and/or household item to be donated to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, 94 Broad St., Plainville

Christmas Drama, Dec. 21 after the 4pm Mass, 94 Broad St.

Christmas Eve Masses, 4pm & 10pm

Christmas Morning Mass, 10am

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Christmas week, Dec. 23 - 27.

New Year's Eve Mass, Tues. Dec. 31st 4pm

New Year's Day Mass, Jan. 1st 10am

OLM Blood Drive, 9am - 2pm, 19 S. Canal St.

Children's Mass,

Grade 8 will be hosting, Jan. 5, 10:30am

Jan. 12, OLM Breakfast, 8 - 10:30am, \$4 adult,

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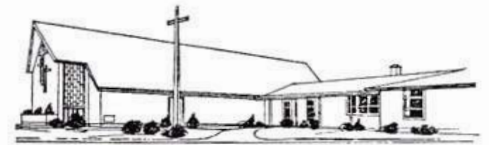
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Burning Mouth Syndrome

Burning mouth syndrome (BMS) is a common, but complex problem that causes patients to experience a burning or scalding pain on the lips and tongue (and sometimes throughout the mouth). There are often no visible signs of irritation, and the cause of the syndrome may be caused by various factors, ranging from the onset of menopause to psychological dysfunctions to vitamin deficiencies. BMS may affect up to 5 percent of Americans and usually occurs in people over age of 60.

Though members of both sexes are susceptible to BMS, it occurs more frequently in older women) between 18 and 33 percent of post-menopausal women are estimated to have (BMS). The syndrome is also called glossodynia (tongue pain) and stomatodynia (mouth pain). BMS is not a form of nor can it cause cancer.

More than 1 million adults in the United States, mostly women in their postmenopausal years, are affected by a poorly understood and difficult-to-diagnose condition known as burning mouth syndrome (BMS)

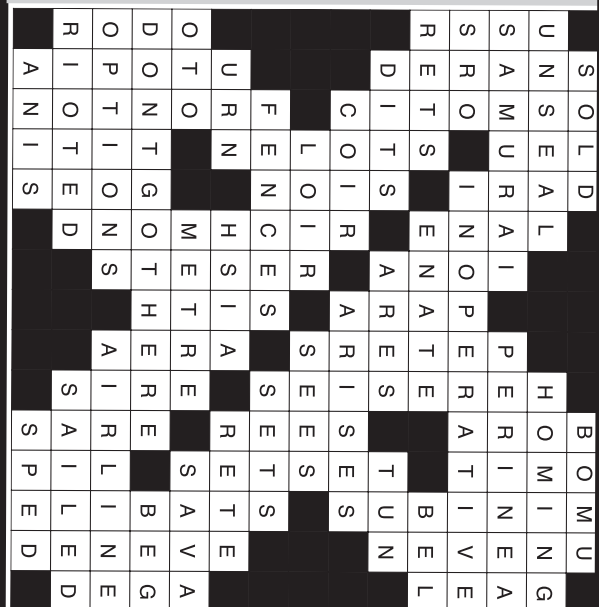
The chronic disorder is characterized by pain and a burning sensation in the lips, palate and tongue. It is sometimes accompanied by dry mouth, thirst, altered taste perception, changes in eating habits, irritability, depression and reduced desire to socialize and interact with others.

Anxiety and depression may be a precursor that triggers this difficult-to-diagnose syndrome, according to a report in the September/October 2003 issue of General Dentistry, the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) clinical, peer-reviewed journal.

Oral habits of anxiety and depression may include repetitive tongue thrusting and bruxism (teeth grinding), which can irritate the mouth and lips and have been reported to cause BMS symptoms in up to 70 percent of patients suffering from chronic disorder.

*If you See Something,
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Crossword Answers



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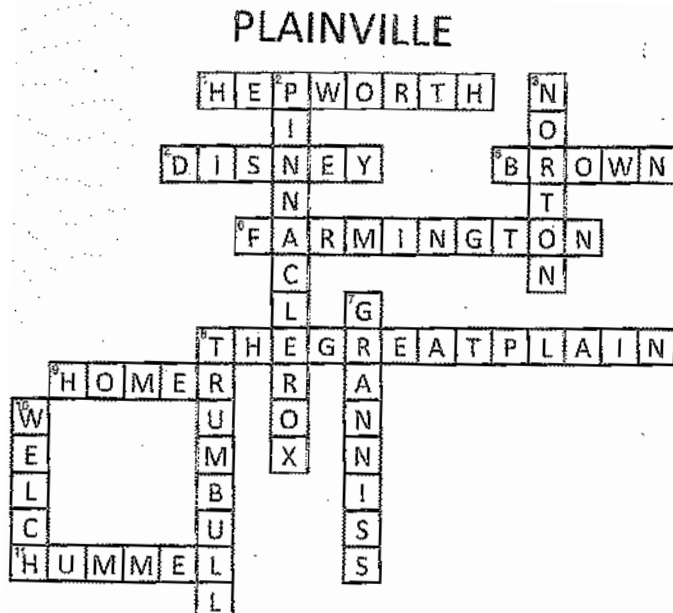
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- 2 cups sifted cake flour
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- 1 cup softened butter
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- 1 cup chopped salted cashews

Sift the flour and baking powder together. Work the butter and sugar together until mixture is smooth. Mix in the flour and cashews thoroughly. Refrigerate at least an hour before baking. Divide the dough in half. On a lightly floured board roll out one portion at a time (keep remaining portion in refrigerator) about 1/3" thick. Work fast because of the richness of the dough. Cut into 2" squares. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet in a 375 degree oven for 15 minutes. Decorate as desired. Makes about 3-1/2 dozen.

Historical Society Puzzle Answers



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Officer Holcomb's Fellow Policemen Pay Honor to Him Every Year



Chief's Assistant Eddie LePage present memorial wreath to Chief Catania and Lieutenant Peterson.



Retired Officer Miller accepts memorial wreath from Chief's Assistant Eddie LePage- retired Officers Grandbois and Dean Buden salutes



Retired Officer Dean Buden and his faithful companion "Annie" Dean delivered a graveside prayer.



Retired Officer Gary Miller-Andre Grandbois-Dean Bude respectively; share their experiences and memories about Officer Holcomb to officers, Holcomb family and friends.



Robert Holcomb's family and friends share memories



Officers listen to the retired officers deliver their remembrances speeches.

Officers as they complete another year of Honoring.....

fellow Officer Robert Holcomb

Many of the Officers are too young to remember that fatal day in Plainville.

May God be with our Plainville Police Officers and Law enforcement personal all over the World!!



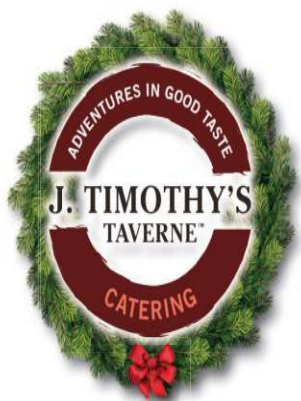
Plainville Senior Center Celebrates "CHIEF OF THE YEAR"

Plainville Police Chief Matt Catania

Chief Catania was named the very first "Chief of the Year" at the Community Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition Dinner earlier this year. The Chief of the Year event was sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Yale and the Peace Islands Institute. He has led the Plainville police force for nearly nine years. The Chief gave a short presentation on how similar (or different) "real life" policing is, compared to televised cop shows!. This special cake and coffee was served.



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On Sunday, November 17, 2019 a concert was held at Mohegan Sun Arena featuring country music superstar KEITH URBAN who kicked off the campaign.

Funds raised through the concert and via other fund-raising activities will be contributed to organizations working to address opioid use disorder in Connecticut.

CTR's charitable foundation is now accepting grant applications (until noon on December 19, 2019) and vetting organizations to ensure funds are put to a great use.

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Let's help save lives together. End the stigma - it's an illness, not a choice.

KEITH URBAN Concert was a sell-out as 8,000 concert goers attended.

The young ladies that attended are steady Country Western fans as you can see they were really having a wonderful evening.

It was with pleasure that they help with this very important fund raiser because they know Keith Urban's popularity made this a huge success.



Pictured before the concert are the young ladies mentioned in the article. From Left to Right: *Barbara Lostocco of Bristol, Elaine Maloy of West Hartford, Pat Lostocco of Plainville and Joyce Hayes of Farmington.*

“This is a wonderful cause, knowing that people with this disorder, will be able to get help. Opioids affects people from all walks of life” said Pat Lostocco.

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine

PARTICIPANTS: President Zelenskyy of
Ukrain Notetakers:

The White House Situation Room

DATE: TIME July 25, 2019,

9: 33 a.m. EST AND PLACE: **Residence**

The President: Congratulations on a great victory. We all watched from the United States and you did a terrific job. The way you came from behind, somebody who wasn't given much of a chance, and you ended up winning easily. It's a fantastic achievement. Congratulations.

President Zelenskyy: You are absolutely right Mr. President. We did win big and we worked hard for this. We worked a lot but I would like to confess to you that I had an opportunity to learn from you. We used quite a few of your skills and knowledge and were able to use it as an example for our elections and yes it is true that these were unique elections. We were in a unique situation that we were able to achieve a unique success. I'm able to tell you this following, the first time, you called me to congratulate me when I won my presidential election, and the second time you are now calling me when my party won the parliamentary election. I think I should run more often so you can call me more often and we can talk over the phone more often.

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The President: (Laughter) That's a very great idea. I think your country is very happy about that.

President Zelenskyy: Well yes, to tell you the truth, we are trying to work hard because we wanted to drain the swamp here in our country. We brought in many new people. Not the old politicians, not the typical politicians, because we want to have a new format and a new type of government. You are a great teacher for us and in that.

The President: Well it's very nice of you to say that. I will say we do a lot for the Ukraine, we spend a lot of effort and a lot time. Much more than the European countries are doing and they should be helping you more than they are, Germany does almost nothing for you. All they do is talk and I think it's something that you want to look at but the United States has been very very good to Ukraine. When I was talking to Angela Merkel she talks Ukraine but she doesn't do anything. A lot of the European countries are the same way so I think it's something that you want to look at but the United States has been very good to Ukraine. I wouldn't say that it's reciprocal necessarily because things are happening that are not good but the United States has been very very good to Ukraine.

President Zelenskyy: Yes, you are absolutely right. Not only 100%, but actually 1000% and I can tell you the following; I did talk to Angela Merkel and I did meet with her. I also met and talked with Macron and I told them that they are not doing quite as much as they need to be doing on the issues with the sanctions. They are not working as much as they should work for Ukraine. It turns out that even thought logically, the European Union should be our biggest partner but technically the United States is a much bigger partner than the European Union and I'm very grateful to you for that because the United States is doing quite a lot for Ukraine. Much more than the European Union especially when we are talking about sanctions against the Russian Federation. I would also like to thank you for your great support in the area of defense. We are ready to continue to cooperate for the next steps specifically we are almost ready to buy more Javelins from the United States for defense purposes.

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The President: I would like you to do us a favor through because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine, they say Crowd strike. I guess Ukraine has it. There are a lot of things that went on, the whole situation. I think you're surrounding yourself with some of the same people. I would like to have the Attorney General call you or your people and I would like you to get to the bottom of it. As you saw yesterday, that whole nonsense ended with a very poor performance by a man named Robert Mueller, and incompetent performance, but they say a lot of it started with the Ukraine. Whatever you can do, it's very important that you do it if possible.

President Zelenskyy: Yes it is very important for me and everything that you just mentioned earlier. For me as a President, it is very important and we are open for any future cooperation. We are ready to open a new page on cooperation in relations between the United States and Ukraine. For that purpose, I just recalled our ambassador from United States and he will be replaced by a very competent and very experienced ambassador who will work hard on making sure that our two nations are getting closer. I would also like and hope to see his having your trust and your confidence and have personal relations with you so we can cooperate even more so. I will personally tell you that one of my assistants spoke with Giuliani just recently and we are hoping very much that Mr. Giuliani will be able to travel to Ukraine. I just wanted to assure you once again that you have nobody but friends around us. I will make sure that I surround myself with the best and most experienced people. I also wanted to tell you that we are friends. We are great friends and you Mr. President have friends in our country so we can continue our strategic partnership. I also plan to surround myself with great people and in addition to that investigation, I guarantee as the President of Ukraine that all the investigations will be done openly and candidly. That I can assure you.

The President: Good because I heard you had a prosecutor who was very good and he was shut down and that's really unfair. A lot of people are talking about that, the way they shut your very good prosecutor down and you had some very bad people involved. Mr. Giuliani is a highly respected man. He was the mayor of New York City, a great mayor, and I would like him to

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call you. I will ask him to call you along with the Attorney General. Rudy very much know what's happening and he is a very capable guy. If you could speak to him that would be great. The former ambassador from the United States, the woman, was bad news and the people she was dealing with in the Ukraine were bad so I just want to let you know that. The other thing. There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it. It sounds horrible to me.

President Zelenskyy: I wanted to tell you about the prosecutor. First of all I understand and I'm knowledgeable about the situation. Since we have

won the absolute majority in our Parliament, the next prosecutor general will be 100% my person. My candidate, who will be approved by the parliament and will start as a new prosecutor in September. He or she will look into the situation, specifically to the company that you mentioned in this issue. The issue of the investigation of the case is actually the issue of making sure to restore the honesty so we will take care of that and we will work on the investigation of the case. On top of that, I would kindly ask you if you have any additional information that you can provide to us, it would be very helpful for the investigation to make sure that we administer justice in our country with regard to the Ambassador to the United States from Ukraine as far as I recall her name was Ivanovich. It was great that you were the first one who told me that she was a bad ambassador because I agree with you 100%. Her attitude toward me was far from the best as she admired the previous President and she was on his side. She would not accept me as a new President well enough.

The President: Well, she's going to go through some things. I will. Have Mr. Giuliani give you a call and I am also going to have Attorney General Barr call and we will get to the bottom of it. I'm sure you will figure it out. I heard the prosecutor was treated very badly and he was a very fair prosecutor so good luck with everything. Your economy is going to get better and better I predict. You have a lot of assets. It's a great country. I have many Ukrainian friends, their incredible people.

President Zelenskyy: I would like to tell you that I also have quite a few Ukrainian friends that live in the United States. Actually last time I traveled to the United States, I stayed in New York near Central Park and I stayed at the Trump Tower. **UNCLASSIFIED** I will talk to them and I hope to see them again in the future. I also wanted to thank you for your invitation to visit the United States, specifically Washington DC. On the other hand, I also want to ensure you that we will be very serious about the case and will work on the investigation. As to the economy, there is much potential for our two countries and one of the issues that is very important for Ukraine is energy cooperating on energy independence. I believe we can be successful and cooperating on energy independence with United States. We are already working on cooperation. We are buying American Oil but I am very hopeful for a future meeting. We will have more time and more opportunities to discuss these opportunities and get to know each other better. I would like to thank you very much for your support.

The President: Good. Well, thank you very much and I appreciate that. I will tell Rudy and Attorney General Barr to call. Thank you. Whenever you would like to come to the White House, feel free to call. Give us a date and we'll work that out. I look forward to seeing you.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you very much. I would be very happy to come and would be happy to meet with you personally and get to know you better. I am looking forward to our meeting and I also would like to invite you to visit Ukraine and come to the city of Kyiv which is a beautiful city. We have a beautiful country which would welcome you. On the other hand, I believe that September I will be in Poland and we can meet in Poland hopefully. After that, it might be very good idea for you to travel to Ukraine. We can either take my Plane and go to Ukraine or we can take your plane, which is probably much better than mine.

The President: Okay, we can work that out. I look forward to seeing you in Washington and maybe in Poland because I think we are going to be there at that time.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you very much Mr. President.

The President: Congratulations on a fantastic job you've done. The whole world was watching. I'm sure it was so much of an upset but congratulations.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you Mr. President bye-bye.

OBITUARIES

~ Jeannette L. DeBlois ~



77 passed away in the comfort of her home in Litchfield on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. She is now reunited with her beloved grandson, James DeBlois.

Jeannette was born on April 17, 1942, in Saint Francis, Maine daughter to the late Alphonse and Mary (Hutchison) Bouchard. She resided in the area of Southington and Plainville for most of her life and was a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Jeannette enjoyed bowling, playing cards with her sister, Pat, Bingo and trips to the casino with her friend Joanne and her late friend, Marta. She was a competitive person who was good at winning all the games she took part in. She was a true people-person who loved being in the company of others, especially her adored grandchildren, and she will be missed dearly.

Jeannette is survived by her son, Robert F. DeBlois Jr. and his fiancé, Diana Stolting; her daughter, Pam (DeBlois) Styers and her husband, Chris; her grandchildren, Christopher and Carson Styers, Kelsey Scarfo and her husband, Paul, and Sheena Miller and her husband Kyle; her 7 great-grandchildren; her goddaughters, Donna Goodrow and Diane Hayes; her siblings, Anita White, Vivian Fotter, Dick Bouchard and his wife, Mary, George Bouchard, and Patricia Murphy and her husband, David. In addition to her grandson and her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, Ben, Reggie, John, Joan, Jo, and Theresa Bouchard.

Funeral Services in Celebration of Jeannette's life were at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St., Plainville for a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Burial will be held privately. Donations in memory of Jeannette can be made to a charity of your choice.

~ Joseph Francis Kelliher ~



92, of Southington, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 8, 2019 at Sheriden Woods in Bristol. He was the husband of Lois (Bighinatti) Kelliher, with whom he shared 65 years of marriage.

Born in Hartford on February 27, 1927, he was the youngest of five children to the late John T.

and Johanna (Curran) Kelliher. Raised in Hartford he attended local schools, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944. He proudly served his country for two years during W.W. II, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1946. A founding member of the Patrol Craft Sailors Association, Joe was an integral part of their membership and coordinating of reunions which he travelled countrywide to attend. During his marriage to Lois they raised their family in New Britain, before owning the Town House Motor Inn in Cambridge, NY, later returning to Southington upon their retirement. A man ahead of his time with technology, he was on the forefront of electronic scanners and computers at Pitney Bowes, where he worked for more than 30 years, and remained computer savvy until his 90's. He is now pain free and at peace, reunited with his siblings and infant daughter who predeceased him.

In addition to his wife, Lois, he leaves his daughter Kathleen Kelliher of Plainville; his son, James Kelliher and his wife, Pamela of FL., 2 grandsons, Shawn and Chad; along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his infant daughter, Lora; his sister Genevieve who helped raise him, and his brothers, John, Henry and Timothy.

In lieu of flowers, Joseph may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT, 3000 Whitney Ave, Suite 233, Hamden, CT 06518.

Funeral services in celebration of Joe's life were held from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass. www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Lena Morante Gawrys ~



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our Mother Lena Morante Gawrys on Sunday, November 10, 2019.

Lena was born in Plainville, in the house that her father built on Shuttle Meadow Rd, on August 31, 1923 to the late Rocco and Domenica (Daddario) Morante.

She graduated from Plainville High School in 1941 and upon graduation went to work at General Electric known to many then as Trumbull's. She loved to reminisce about the wonderful friendships, summer vacations and having her picture taken with Ronald Reagan when he visited the local company.

However, the highlight of her employment was meeting Stanley "Gaga" Gawrys. As a great softball pitcher for Trumbull's, he caught her eye and they shared 49 years of marriage together.

Lena was also employed for many years, at Marion's Lingerie Shop in Plainville owned by her neighbor and good friend Marion Piotrowski.

She leaves behind to mourn her passing her daughters Chrissy Gawrys and Kathryn Kershaw and her son-in-law David, who was like a son to her.

She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law Frank and Clara Camp and her brother and sister-in-law, Julius "Doc" and Anne Morante.

She also leaves special nephews and nieces, Dr. Francis and Nora Camp, Charles Morante, Kathie and Paul Lickwar, Joanne Thibault and Karen Camp as well as many great-nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends; her wonderful caregiver Lori Korngiebel and her nurse, Joan Walsh.

Lena also leaves a special cousin, Rosemary Morante who spent countless hours with her over the years as well as Milt and Pat Kershaw who always brought a smile to her face.

We want to thank Dr. James St. Pierre, his wife Tarra and their daughters for the phenomenal care and compassion they have given to our Mother, and to the nurses and staff at the Jerome Home for their excellent care.

Lena may be remembered with contributions to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 0611 or to the Jerome Home, 975 Corbin Ave, New Britain, CT 06052.

Honoring Lena's wishes, her family will celebrate her life privately. Plainville Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

~ Armand Giroux ~



93, of New Britain, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 3, 2019, joining his beloved wife, Elizabeth (Deminski) Giroux, who predeceased him by 28 years.

Born in Canada on May 8, 1926, Armand was a lifelong resident of New Britain. He attended local schools, and tried to join the U.S. Navy

at the age of 17, but had to eagerly await his 18th birthday to officially enlist. He proudly served his country during WW II, returned back to his home town upon being honorably discharged and began working for Corbin Russwin / Emhart. A master toolmaker, he later went on to work for Sirois Tool from which he retired as one of the experts in his field. After retirement he could be found on the golf course, at the New Britain Senior Center, or tending to his garden and its native tomatoes that his entire family was able to benefit from well into his eighties. He also loved to play cards with his friends and family; he didn't often lose. A man of great strength and independence, he will be missed, leaving many fond memories.

He is survived by his daughter, Joan Litteral of Plainville; his son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Mary Giroux of IL; four adored grandchildren, Stephanie Leifert and her husband, Jeremy, Wendi Litteral, Matthew Giroux and his wife, Beth and Jessica Howser and her husband, Ryan; and three great-grandchildren, Maddux Giroux and Benjamin and Hannah Howser. He also leaves his brother, Maurice, sisters, Irene Boiczuk and Rita Buggie, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Alphonse and Sara and brothers, Leo and Raymond.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A funeral mass followed at the funeral home. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.plainvillefuneralhome.com.



~ Lorraine (Litke) Woerz ~



103, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 8, 2019.

Born on April 4, 1916 to the late Gustav and Angela (Sirko) Litke, Lorraine is now reunited with her beloved husband of 70 years, Arthur, who predeceased her in 2009.

Lorraine was a charter member of Grace Lutheran Church where she served as the organist for over 45 years. She was involved in the Little League Auxiliary, was a Girl Scout Leader, and Treasurer of the Ladies Guild at Grace for many years.

Lorraine leaves her children Susan (Ronald) Stockman of Oxford, Gail (Gary) Ferreira and James (Susie) Woerz all of Plainville, her 5 grandchildren Scott (Casey) Stockman, of Tiverton, RI, Staci (Joseph) Monzillo, and Steven Ripley of Plainville, Sarah (Nicholas) Brzozowy of Farmington and Justin Woerz of Plainville along with her 7 great-grandchildren Amber and Emily Monzillo, James and Madison Brzozowy, Sophia Ripley and Siena and Cora Stockman, along with a niece and nephew. Besides her parents and husband, Lorraine was predeceased by her twin sister, Dorothy.

Our family wishes to thank the nurses and aides at Touchpoints of Farmington who were so kind to Mom

over the last three years. Our thanks also to the staff of Seasons Hospice who comforted her in the final weeks.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lorraine's memory may be made to Grace Lutheran Church or the Plainville Food Pantry.

Funeral services in celebration of Lorraine's life were held at Grace Lutheran Church, 222 Farmington Avenue, Plainville. Calling hours were held prior to the service at the church. Private burial will follow at West Cemetery.

The Plainville Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com



Hurricane Camille Not Just Another Storm, Many Who Lost Lives Found

A descriptive in-depth report of the devastation caused by Hurricane Camille and of the heroic efforts of servicemen and volunteer students in the disaster areas has been written by Anthony O. Famiglietti, airman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando R. Famiglietti, 127 Division St. A graduate of Sacred Heart High School and University of Connecticut, Airman Famiglietti has been in the Air Force two years. He was assigned to Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center, Miss., last January. His wife, Heidi, collaborated in the report which follows, in part.)

By ANTHONY FAMILIETTI

During these months (since January) I had become acquainted with much of the Gulf Coast landscape which now lies cluttered with debris. The picture here is somewhat comparable to that witnessed by Waterburyans of the Brooklyn section in the aftermath of the flood of Aug. 19, 1955. However, the destruction here is more devastating and also more widespread. In comparison to the tornado that passed through our own Bunker Hill and Fairmount sections several years ago, Camille was a monster swallowing everything in her path.

For days, the residents along the coast had been preparing for Camille, hoping and praying that the storm would spare the area. Windows were boarded or taped, huge fishing boats were brought inland where it was almost certain that they'd be secure, mobile homes were anchored and lawn furniture was taken inside to protect against their becoming missiles in the thundering winds.

Inside homes, bathtubs were filled with water and pantries were being stocked full—it was perfectly clear that the area was experienced in such matters, having weathered many brutal storms in its long history.

In my opinion, it was precisely that fact which led to the high number of deaths. The many elderly persons who perished had stayed behind because they had done so before; as far as they were concerned it was just another storm. Unfortunately for those who lost their lives, Camille was not just another storm.

Due to the emergency situation (Aug. 18) I had been called to duty at the hospital, leaving my trailer and personal belongings behind. My wife, Heidi, was permitted to come to the hospital with me. She was not alone as the families of my fellow supply-men had come also and we had set up a makeshift barracks for them in the hospital's linen room.

After our families were secure, we began the long wait, protected by the thick walls of the Keesler Medical Center. All the men of Medical Supply, with the exception of two who were on leave, had responded to the



A.O. FAMILIETTI

alert and were standing by ready to render supply support to the area in the event it was needed.

I shall attempt as best I can to give the people of Waterbury a true picture of the aftermath of a truly great Hurricane.

The morning of Aug. 18 was clear and cool and many birds were in the sky, perhaps they, too, were anxious to see what was left to their homes. Until now we had only received the radio reports and as yet no one had received any reports from persons who had actually been through the damaged areas.

The first such reports we received came from several Seabees who had come to the hospital in an amphibious vehicle for the purpose of obtaining medical supplies. They told us that cars were still submerged in water and that trees and other debris were strewn everywhere.

Normally our hospital is primarily committed to supporting our own wards and a few scattered off-base military installations. Overnight we had become a central distribution facility for the badly-stricken Gulf Coast.

Not only were we issuing supplies to civilian rescue units, we were also called upon by two Gulf Coast hospitals, each of these having been damaged, to furnish them with supplies needed to treat their patients. Throughout the day, we loaded trucks destined for the various emergency disaster treatment facilities. By nightfall, we were all ready for sleep, but there was no time as requests for supplies kept coming in. The next 48 hours were as hectic as the first 24, with little or no let-up.

Because we were issuing such a great amount of supplies, naturally our own warehouse had to be restocked.

This task was accomplished with the help of planes, both military and commercial, which were landing regularly on the flight line at Keesler and at Gulfport Airport. Scores of helicopters were subsequently used to furnish supplies and medical personnel to areas inaccessible by car. These same aircraft also served to evacuate badly-injured persons to Keesler Hospital.

My first opportunity to visit the disaster area came when we

were released from duty in order to survey our own damages. Fortunately, my trailer had survived and somehow escaped serious injury. Just three spaces down from my trailer, however, Camille had not been so kind. She had overturned a beautiful trailer, destroying everything inside save but a few dishes and clothing. Several trailers, including my own, had been blown off their supporting blocks but this was a minor problem, already corrected by all of us at the park.

The trailer park is located behind a supermarket that sits just off U.S. 90. My wife and I do most of our shopping there so we were quite familiar with the scenery on the beach across the highway. We walked down to the market and could see a huge pile of debris that had come to rest in the store's parking lot. Several "treasure seekers" (or looters as they are more commonly called) had already invaded the pile and were loading trucks with anything valuable that could be salvaged.

As we stood there we gazed across the street to the beach where on several occasions we had sunbathed. As often as we had passed this way, we could not remember what used to be on the beach side of the strip at that point. After thinking for awhile, we recalled two gas stations and a restaurant that had stood directly across from the market. To say the least, this site was incredible!

All along U.S. 90 there were piles of bricks and wood which made the highway impassible. Only one lane of four was open and this traffic was limited primarily to military and other emergency vehicles.

Further down U.S. 90, the popular miniature golf course had vanished, the only landmark being a huge cement dinosaur at the entrance to the course. Somehow it had escaped Camille's terrifying winds as it stood proudly amidst a pile of rubble. Adjacent to the golf course where one of the areas largest attractions had been, there was nothing, the amusement park was gone. In this low-lying area of Biloxi, the waters had risen some 20 or 30 feet, it is miraculous how anything on the beach was left standing.

There are many, including myself, who believe that the area was actually subjected to several tornadoes for even along the low-lying beach area there were buildings that had apparently been untouched by the storm. In some housing projects miles removed from the beach, houses had been completely demolished and yet in the same project and in some cases the house next door was perfectly clean of even the slightest amount of damage. Of course, there were many reports describing the area as a mass of rubble, but for the most part, the damage inland was in spots where the "tornadoes" had touched down.

For days we heard reports that the death toll would exceed 500 and perhaps reach 1,000. Numerous accounts of bodies lying on the beach spread throughout the area and in three days the count had reached 200. The count rose steadily as missing persons reports kept coming in.

In comparison to the areas off-base, Keesler had managed to survive the storm. For the most part the damage was limited to fallen trees and flooding of a majority of the officers' homes in the base housing areas. These homes are situated to the rear of the base lying on the Biloxi Bay. During the storm the bay had risen about

15 feet above normal, leaving six feet of water in many homes. This massive clean-up operation has been accomplished under the supervision of the base civil engineers who recruited hundreds of young student airmen in performing the task.

I could not adequately tell the whole story of the disaster without lauding the efforts of the thousands of young students who have worked on clean-up crews both on and off base. During the first few critical days, I worked with many students, never once hearing the slightest complaint. We had somehow made a game of the hard chores which faced us and had successfully accomplished our mission. Not only Keesler, but the entire Gulf Coast is indebted to these young men for their uniting contribution to the total mission.

As a final note to my already long story I would like to make some personal observations and confessions which have been brought about as a result of this horrible disaster.

Prior to the hurricane I had my doubts about the Gulf Coast. I did not especially care for many of those people that I had come in contact with here. There was always an air of distaste for the military, as many stores and businesses were reluctant to grant charge accounts to military personnel.

On the whole, I had promised myself never to return to this area once my tour of duty had ended. As the heat and humidity are unbearable here, I will probably not return, but settle in Connecticut where the climate is much more favorable. However, I have been inspired during the past week by the wonderful spirit of the people of the Gulf Coast.

Despite the horrible living conditions and threat of disease, everyone pitched in lending bits of food and clothing to those less fortunate. In an area where the average Negro is a second-rate citizen, blacks and whites worked side by side sharing what little they had. For a time the hatred and bigotry had been pushed back into the minds of those in need. For me, this togetherness was by far one of the most inspiring times of my life. I have never seen so many with so little give so much.

I can honestly say that the people of the Gulf Coast are not cold as I had formerly believed, but rather they are as brave and as kind as any group I have ever known. I am proud to be a part of them. I hope that the citizens of Waterbury will be inspired by the efforts of the people of the Gulf Coast.

Make My Day....

by:

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Have you ever had someone do something that made your day? Be it an employee of a business, a police officer, town worker, neighbor or even a co-worker that you would like to thank. Perhaps you would like to thank a neighbor for a kindness and we would like to help you give this person recognition for a job well done. If this person works for a local business we are sure his or her employer would love to hear his or her employee is going that extra few steps to help their customers.

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I was shopping at Staples and in the checkout line was a lady with a large carton of copy paper. As she tried to lift it out of her carriage the young man next in line rushed to her rescue and put it on the checkout, then he put it back in the carriage. She left the store. Now as I left the store, yes, you guessed it that same young man rushed to her car and put all her items in the car for her. I thought this young man's mother and father brought him up right. Something that is missing today.

Susan A.

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(ATTORNEY ANTHONY O. FAMILIETTI RETIRED IN DECEMBER 2014.)

Plainville Cemetery Association

The Neal Chapel at the West Cemetery will be closed for the Winter and reopen

April 1, 2020

If you would like to schedule a visit during this time, please contact the Superintendent at 860-747-2314.

Thank you, The Plainville Cemetery Association Inc.

Good News ~ In Case You Missed it!!



Partnership Fact Sheet: Businesses

The once-a-decade population count provides rich data on communities, including trends in the population, projections of growth, and information on demographics. These data are valuable to businesses—they help inform better decision-making regarding business expansions, closures, hiring strategies, and other business practices to decrease perceived risks and increase return on investments. Join us to spread the word about the importance of the 2020 Census and help ensure a complete and accurate count.

As a partner, you become part of a powerful network of government, nonprofit, corporate, and community organizations. Together, we can develop solutions to effectively reach everyone and encourage them to respond to the 2020 Census.

BENEFITS OF A COMPLETE COUNT

A complete count of every person living in the United States has tremendous benefits for you and for your customers and employees.

Census data:

- Provide the basis for distributing grants for economic development and inform business decisions, such as local business expansion.
- Create projections of growth and help you identify prime locations to open new operations or shut old ones.
- Help business owners enhance hiring practices and identify skilled workers.
- Offer valuable information on your customer base, including income levels, household size, and homeownership, which can further inform business strategies such as pricing and locations.
- Determine how much funding your community receives and its representation in government.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A 2020 CENSUS PARTNER

You can make a difference—no matter how much time you're able to commit. As a trusted voice in your community, you have an important role to play in the success of the 2020 Census.

These are some of the many ways you can get involved:

- Host a workshop with your company's leaders, employees, or influential partners to discuss possible solutions to 2020 Census challenges.
- Use U.S. Census Bureau tools, information, and messaging in creative ways—such as in newsletter articles, on co-branded products, and in social media content—to raise awareness of the 2020 Census.
- Provide information to your employees and customers about the importance and benefits of participating in the 2020 Census. You can even invite Census Bureau officials to speak to them.
- Add 2020 Census digital content to your Web site and link to 2020census.gov.
- Encourage your customers to work for the Census Bureau, and share this link with them: 2020census.gov/jobs.

2020 CENSUS PARTNER RESOURCES

As a 2020 Census partner, not only will you help ensure that the people you work with are accurately represented, but you will also be able to use Census Bureau resources to improve your community.

You will have access to personalized Census Bureau workshops on effective use of data, one-on-one support from our data trainers, and Census Bureau data products such as these online tools:

- QuickFacts: Find the most frequently requested information at the national, state, county, and city level.
- Response Outreach Area Mapper: Access socioeconomic and demographic profiles and learn about hard-to-count areas.
- Census Business Builder: Browse a variety of tools to help start or grow your business.

Visit census.gov/data.html to explore more data tools and resources.

INTERESTED IN PARTNERING WITH THE CENSUS BUREAU?

National organizations interested in partnering with the Census Bureau can contact the 2020 Census Partnership Program at census.partners@census.gov to share ideas about how we can work together to ensure a complete and accurate count.

State and local organizations can reach out to their regional census center using the contact information below.

New York Phone: 212-882-2130

E-mail: New.York.rcc.partnership@2020census.gov

We look forward to welcoming you as a Census Bureau partner.

For the latest updates on the 2020 Census, visit 2020census.gov.

KEY MILESTONES

- September 2018—The Census Bureau's recruitment Web site went live: 2020census.gov/jobs. For each decennial census, the Census Bureau begins recruiting thousands of paid census takers to help ensure a complete and accurate count. Interested applicants can visit the Web site to apply for a variety of jobs beginning in 2019 and through summer 2020.
- April 2019—The 2020 Census Web site goes live: 2020census.gov. This site will be available in multiple languages and will provide downloadable materials, answers to frequently asked questions, and more information about how individuals and organizations can help spread the word about the 2020 Census.
- August 2019—New Statistics in Schools classroom activities are available online: census.gov/schools. The Statistics in Schools program provides resources for teaching and learning with real-life data.
- January 2020—The first enumeration of the 2020 Census takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska. Local census takers must get a head start while the frozen ground allows easier access to remote areas with unique accessibility challenges.
- March 2020—The public can begin responding to the 2020 Census online at 2020census.gov. Replying by mail or phone will also be an option.
- April 2020—Every 10 years, we observe Census Day on April 1.
- June 2020 through July 2020—Census takers go door to door to count people who have not responded to the 2020 Census. Census takers are Census Bureau employees and will provide proof that they are official government personnel.
- December 31, 2020—By this date, as required by law, the Census Bureau reports to the President of the United States the population count and the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives to each state.
- 2021—Initial 2020 Census data are made available to the public on census.gov.

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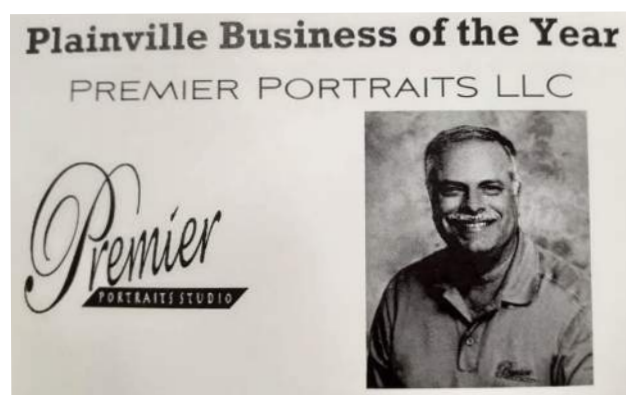
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Marie Leavitt ☆

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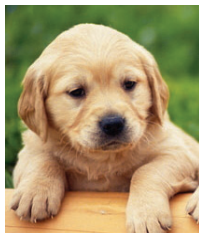
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