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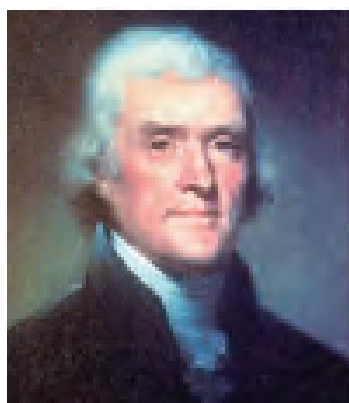
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faves and raves

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

{Alice raves} If you ever need an electrician, no job is too big or too small for Jeff Petillo. His work is of the best I have ever seen. I called him for a problem I had in my kitchen. It was the fan, he came right over in a few minutes it was fixed. Price was fair. I got his name from the ad in this paper.

{Betty Faves} I received the most beautiful flower arrangement from a friend for Valentine's Day that lives in New York and the Always Bloomin Floral Salon here in Plainville did an outstanding job. If you question sending flowers site unseen, you can count on Always Bloomin, they do the best!

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

Town Council Notes

February 17, 2015

Town Auditors

- Nikoleta McTigue, CPA from Blum Shapiro is here this evening to give a report on the results of the FY14 Town Audit which has recently been completed and is available for review on the Town website.
- Nikoleta is also available to answer any questions that you may have regarding the Town audit.

Old Linden Street School – Public Forum

- A forum seeking input from residents regarding the potential use of the Old Linden Street School building was held on Thursday, February 5th here in the Town Council Chambers. At the beginning of the forum both Jeff Kitching and I gave a presentation regarding the cost of renovation, the limitations of the site, and the work that had been done to date to get to the point of recommending the demolition of the building.
- It was pointed out that almost three years ago the Town Council appointed the Old Linden Street School Study Committee to make a recommendation regarding the future of the building. The Committee met for about a year and held 15 meetings and two public hearings. After much discussion and little public input they recommended the demolition of the building.
- During the forum there were several suggestions made for possible future use. These suggestions included a potential vocational technical school, opening a day-care center or renovating the building to use as a community center similar to the Elmwood Center in West Hartford.
- The Community Center suggestion is a new concept and may be something that should be explored, but locating it in the Old Linden Street School is simply a bad idea. Most community centers, including the one in West Hartford, have gathering spaces such as a gymnasium, an auditorium or a commercial kitchen where large groups can use the facilities. The result of the forum is that there is simply no viable use for this building, a building that is almost twice the size of the Municipal Center that currently has a leaking roof, has hazardous materials issues, and would require a complete renovation of all of the interior and exterior structure at an estimated minimum cost of over \$6 M.
- First, I believe that there are people who simply do not want to see the building taken down for “nostalgic” reasons. They either went to school there or bemoan the fact

that we are losing some part of our history. And I do understand that sentiment. But I also believe that there were equally as many people who did not want their taxes going up to take down the building. I also think there were many people who thought that there were other uses for the building such as senior housing or could be sold to a private entity for development. I also think there were many people who did not know enough about the issue – so the reaction was to vote “no”. The reality is – that there are no other potential uses for the building that are cost effective or make sense. So the question becomes – does the Town spend \$6M + to renovate a building that has limited use with no parking while ignoring the current conditions relating to traffic and safety issues with the current school use?

- I would propose the following course of action. I would recommend that the building be demolished and that a driveway be constructed in close proximity to the remaining structure. This driveway would be used for parent pick-up and drop-off during the school day alleviating the serious traffic problems that currently exist at this time. I would also propose that the remaining land bordered by East Maple Street and Linden Street be developed into a park that would include parts of the Old Linden Street School including the brick and limestone elements. I am working with Kastle Boos to come up with an artist rendering of the park that I plan to present at the next Town Council meeting. Finally, I would propose that the \$1.1M local share estimate come from the Towns' unallocated fund balance. This would negate the need to bond for the project and not impact the mill rate in future years. In the end, this is a one-time revenue (i.e. fund balance) that is an appropriate use against a one-time expense – the demolition of the building that will not impact the taxpayer's pocketbook.
- I will be better refining this recommendation for the next Town Council meeting.
- I also encourage residents to view the Public Forum video that has been posted on the Town website so that you can better educate yourself on this issue.

LED Streetlight Conversion Program Update

- Town staff is recommending that ESCO Energy Services Company of Lenox, MA be engaged to develop and implement a Street Light LED Conversion Program for Plainville. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Sludge Hauling and Disposal Contracts – Water Pollution Control

- One of the significant costs from the operation of the wastewater facility is sludge handling. The estimated cost of hauling sludge from the

plant to the Mattabasset facility in Cromwell is almost \$150,000 a year. The Town had a long-term contract with Waste Technology Transfer. Water Pollution Control Superintendent Joe Alosso recently reviewed the terms of the contract and determined that the Town could save some significant monies by contracting with some other entities. He contacted some hauling companies, including our existing hauler, and the low quote was submitted by J & M Transport of Rhode Island for \$165. per load. J & M Transport recently was the low bid in Southington for similar sludge hauling work. The next low quote was submitted by JP Noonan for \$200 per load. Our existing hauler did not give a quote but was currently charging the Town significantly higher than the quotes of J&M and JP Noonan.

- Town staff is recommending that the Town Council approve the J & M Transport proposal for a three-year contract for \$165 per trip. The contract calls for an increase of two percent in each of the following two years.
- Town staff is also recommending that the Town Council approve the Mattabasset District proposal for a five-year contract of \$195 per dry ton of sludge received. This contract also has an escalator clause of 2% in each year in the remaining four years.
- It is estimated that, by accepting both of these recommendations, the Town will be able to save close to \$65,000 per year or 40% from what we were previously paying for this service.
- The proposals have been reviewed by the Town Attorney.
- There is an item under New Business regarding these recommendations.

Consultant for Small Cities Application

- Town staff is preparing a grant application for Small Cities Funding. The application is due in early April. Town staff interviewed two consultants that could be used to assist with the application to provide professional and technical services should the grant be awarded. Town staff is recommending that L. Wagner and Associates be engaged to perform these services.
- All fees associated with these consultant services would be reimbursed through the grant and L. Wagner would not be compensated unless the Town was successful in securing the grant.
- L. Wagner has worked for Plainville for many years on numerous Small Cities Projects and have done a good job.

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Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Application

- The Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is applying for a statewide incentive grant that involves shared services on a regional basis. Town staff is recommending that the Town of Plainville express an interest in three of the CRCOG's proposed applications namely: the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Regional Service Management System and the Statewide Geographic Information System (GIS) Ortho Imagery Flight.
- The grant application requires that municipalities express their interest as part of the application process.
- There is an item under New Business regarding the required resolution.

Memorandum of Understanding – Royal Realty, LLC

- The Economic Development Agency is recommending that Walker Crane be given a three year tax abatement of 30% from the previous year's Grand List assessment for a proposed 17,000 square foot addition to their facility. The estimated cost of the expansion is \$800,000.
- There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

Sidewalk Clearing

- Section 1 of the Town Ordinance regarding snow removal from sidewalks reads: 8. Sidewalk Clearing
- Section 1 of the Town Ordinance regarding snow removal from sidewalks reads:
- The owner and the tenant of any premises adjacent to a sidewalk shall remove or cause to be removed any snow from said sidewalk, to make the same safe for use by the general public, within twenty-four (24) hours of snowfall, and shall remove any ice, or fully cover any ice with sand, ashes or similar substance within twenty-four (24) hours of formation. Violation of this section of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$25.00. Each twenty-four (24) hour period in which said owner or tenant fails to remove said snow or ice, after notice of violation, shall constitute a separate offense. If said owner, tenant or occupant of any premises adjacent to a sidewalk fails or neglects to remove, or have removed, any snow or ice from said sidewalk, the municipality may remove, or have removed, said snow or ice for reasons of public safety, and the expense of same shall be borne by said owner, tenant or occupant. The municipality shall have the right to lien said premises adjoining said sidewalk by causing a certificate of lien to be recorded in the Town Clerk's office within sixty (60) days from completion of such snow or ice removal.
- The Police Department is responsible for enforcing this Ordinance and over the last several snow storms they have contacted numerous property owners and have written several tickets for those that have not cleared their sidewalks as required by the Ordinance.

Generally when the police make contact with a property owner the sidewalks get cleared fairly quickly to avoid a ticket being issued.

- However, there are still some property owners that have failed to clear the sidewalks forcing pedestrians to walk in the street and is causing a safety issue. This is a particular problem for those properties that involve vacant land, have been abandoned, or are under foreclosure with no one taking responsibility for its maintenance.
- Town staff has developed a procedure whereby, if the property owner does not clear the sidewalk in a timely manner, the Town will hire a contractor to remove the snow and lien the property. The procedure calls for the police department personnel to attempt to contact the offending homeowner after the 24 hour period has gone by. Whether or not contact is made, if the sidewalk is not cleared within two days after that time period, the Town will bring in a contractor to remove the snow and lien the property. In essence, the property owner will be given 3 days after the storm has ended to remove the snow before the Town will have a contractor do this work.
- Town staff has arranged for two local contractors to remove the snow for the remainder of this winter season. These are subcontractors that are currently performing work for the Roadways Department and they have the equipment and capability to perform the work.
- This proposal will require the Town to front the monies for this work to get reimbursed somewhere in the future. Town staff will keep an accounting of each expenditure and report this to the Town Council on a regular basis.
- Next fall the Town will put out a bid for services for this work. No action is required by the Town Council at this time but I do welcome your input on the proposed procedures that I just outlined.

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HAPPENINGS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF February 17, 2015

• The Recreation Department reports that they had another successful Recreation Yankee League swim meet this past Saturday, February 14th. It was an all-day event run at the High school with over 1,000 people in attendance.

• Recreation is running a Boston Trip scheduled for Saturday, May 30th with the bus leaving the Municipal Center at 8:00 a.m. and leaving Boston at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$40.

• Plainville residents and business owners are reminded that snow covered fire hydrants are a major factor in delaying the fire department response to the extinguishment of fires. The Fire Department asks that in the interest of public safety all citizens with a fire hydrant in front of or located nearby their home or business clear snow from it for at least 3 feet around.

The time that is saved by the responding fire department may play a part in the saving of life and property. "This is very important. We ask for everyone's cooperation by helping us help you". With the type of weather we are having and more snow forecast within the next week, please take the time to locate and uncover your nearest fire hydrant.

• The Tax and Assessing Department report that they are working on the elderly, veteran benefits and getting ready to send out delinquent notices. They are also getting the list together for the next tax sale. The tax sale from last year will be over February 20 at 4:00pm, this Friday which is the last day for the owners to redeem their property.

• Plainville resident, Russ James, will give a talk at the library about his new book, "A New England Lobster Tale" on Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.

• If you have questions about Medicare, Medicaid, housing options, Alzheimer's help, caregiving or home care, stop by Stephanie Soucy's office at the Plainville Senior Center on February 23rd between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. to talk about all your questions. Open to Plainville residents only.

• With a ten minute appointment and a few drops of blood, you can know your numbers for cholesterol, good (HDL) and bad (LDL) cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose. This form of testing does not require fasting. The cost is \$10.00, payable at the appointment; call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to make a cholesterol screening appointment today.

• There are many new and exciting Outdoor Adventure trips planned for the month of February so check the newsletter for complete write-ups.

• Don't Be Hungry This Winter: Now that the cold weather is in full effect the Senior Center would like to remind you of the many resources that Plainville has to offer to service town residents through tough times. Plainville Community Food Pantry can be reached at 860-747-1919, Food Share at Sunset Village, 20 Stillwell Drive, is open to residents 62 and over and can be reached at 860-747-5909. In addition there is a food share program at the Seventh Day Adventist Church open to Plainville and non-Plainville residents of any age. For more resources in Plainville and surrounding town please see the February 2015 Senior Center Newsletter.

• The Senior Center is looking for volunteers that may be interested in teaching a class at the Plainville Senior Center on Android or Windows Tablets or cell phone use. If you are interested please call the Center at 860-747-5728.

• Computer Classes: The Senior Center is offering a Free Beginners Computer Class on Mondays, February 23 & March 2nd from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Center is also offering Computer Course I on Mondays, March 9 & March 16th from 1:00-3:00 p.m., which expands on the beginners class teaching students Windows 7, how to save and use documents on your hard drive and more. Computer Course I has a fee of \$25.00 plus the cost of a textbook. There are still seats available for both classes, call the Center for registration information.

• The Knitting and Crochet group is looking for donations of soft yarn/ home spun yarn. This yarn will be used to make scarfs, hats and prayer shawls for cancer patients at St. Francis Cancer Center. Please bring all yarn donations to the front desk.

• The celebration to honor Ruth Hummel had to be cancelled. However, a video was made at the Senior Center on February 6th. Councilperson Kathy Pugliese arranged with High School Principal Steve LePage to have the Video teacher, Dave Gaignard and a student record the memories, stories and tributes about Ruth and they went to the Historical Center to video the room renamed in her honor. The video has been delivered to Ruth.

Area Legislator to Host Town Hall Meeting Mar. 9

Sen. Henri Martin, will host a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, March 9 at the Bristol Public Library's Meeting Room 1.

The legislator invite the public to hear an update from the State Capitol, and residents are encouraged to ask questions about any issue.

The meeting will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Residents from Plainville are encouraged to attend.

Those who cannot attend may call Martin at 860 240-0022

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We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation.

**Larry A. Sutherland, Fire Marshal
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NOTICE: To All Residents

The Town of Plainville Roadways Department is issuing this Notice to the residents of the Town of Plainville

It is illegal to discharge snow from driveways, parking and sidewalk areas into the public roadways.

Discharging snow into the roadway hinders cleanup operations and is a hazard to motorists. Beginning immediately, the addresses of residents who discharge snow into the public roadway will be forwarded to the Police Department for appropriate action.

Damaged Mailbox Policy:

If during snow removal operations a mailbox is damaged due to direct contact of the plow, the Town or its subcontractor is responsible for the damage. Damage caused by the snow discharged from the plow is the resident’s responsibility. It is the resident’s duty to make sure that your mailbox and post are made and maintained to withstand a New England winter. **To report mailbox damage notify the Roadways Department at 860-793-0221, ext. 208.**

It is the resident’s duty to make sure that your mailbox and post are made and maintained to withstand a New England winter. Some plastic mail boxes in New England’s subzero temperature may not always survive.

THE MANUFACTURING INNOVATION VOUCHER PROGRAM

The State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development recently announced the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund Voucher (MVP) Program. Aaron Knight of the State Department of Community and Economic Development informed Plainville officials that the MVP initiative provides matching grants to manufacturers in our area for a wide variety of purposes including: market analysis, workforce development & training, business development, patenting & licensing, testing & research, prototyping development, process improvement, technology counseling, innovation services, automation equipment, compliance & monitoring activities, and tooling development & manufacture. Other uses as deemed eligible by DECD may also be considered on a case by case basis.

Grant amounts range from \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00. After reviewing the program, the overall assessment offered by Plainville’s Director of Planning and Economic Development is that the program can be used to help manufacturers undertake innovative projects that will improve productivity, efficiency and competitiveness. Funds are available on a first come first served basis, and applicants must match grant awards on a dollar for dollar basis.

Those interested in learning more about the program should contact Paul Striebel at the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, an arm of the State Department of Economic and Community Development, at 860-282-4231. More detailed information on the program can be found on the MVP website at <http://ctmvp.ccat.us>.

“The funding this program provides appears to be geared toward a wide variety of uses,” said Director of Planning and Economic Development, Mark DeVoe. “I would urge Plainville’s manufacturers to look closely at this initiative.”

32 Years of Yearlong ~ Bottle Drives ~

Plainville Water Pollution Control is still conducting its yearlong bottle drive. Over the past 32 years, we have donated thousands of dollars raised through this bottle drive to local organizations in our community. We would like to thank all who have supported us.

Because of this support we have once again given the Plainville Community Food Pantry **\$2,000.00**.

If you would like to make a bottle donation, please call (860) 793-0221 ext. 228 between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

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“Young at Heart”

Sr. Center News

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH THE IRISH MUSIC GUY

The Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street will be holding a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Tuesday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. Kevin Farley, “The Irish Music Guy” is returning to the Center with a brand new show that includes music, jokes, humor and more. Following the show enjoy a NY Deli style old fashioned corned beef sandwich, coleslaw, half sour pickle, chips, beverages and dessert. Cost for this celebration is \$7.00 per person, due at time of registration. Sign-up has begun at the Senior Center. Call for more information, 860-747-5728.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN MEETING

If you are a grandparent or relative who is raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, you are not alone. Millions of children are living in grandparent-headed households. Join us for our Grandparents/Relatives Raising Grandchildren informational and support meeting, on Tuesday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. Open to grandparents or relatives raising children of any age, birth to high school. Share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren. Funding for the program is made possible in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging. Call the Senior Center to sign-up (860)747-5728.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be held at the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on Tuesday, April 21 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This course covers the effects of aging and medication on driving, local hazards, accident

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

The cost for the class is \$15.00 for AARP members, providing a membership number and \$20.00 for other attendees. Register in person at the Senior Center, Monday-Friday 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Payment is required at the time of registration, cash or check only.

QUESTIONS FOR THE SOCIAL WORKER

Stephanie Soucy, Plainville Senior Center Outreach Coordinator, will be available to answer questions on a “walk-in basis” (no appointment needed) on Mondays, March 9 & March 23, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Stephanie will be available to answer questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare Savings Program, Housing Options, Alzheimer's Help, Caregiving, Homecare, etc. No registration is necessary for these one-on-one meetings. This program is open to residents of Plainville, 60 years of age or older or their caregivers. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, for more information.

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JANUARY 2015 BOWLERS OF THE MONTH

The Plainville Senior Center Bowling League announced that Jan Delois, Barbara Schultz & Dan Hurley won the title of Bowlers of the Month for

January 2015. The league meets at Laurel Lanes, 136 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 per person, per week and includes three games of bowling, open bowling discount card, automatic scoring, and free weekly beverage.

Bowlers of all abilities, including beginners, are welcome to join this fun league. To receive more information or to join the league, contact Frank Robinson, Bowling League President, at 860-747-2918.

DENTAL CLINIC BACK AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Community Health Center, Inc. will provide a dental clinic at Plainville Senior Center, 200 East Street, on April 14 & 15, 2015. Appointments must be made through the Community Health Center, contact Beth Killian, Program Manager directly at 860-347-6971 ext. 5163. A registered dental hygienist will provide a dental hygiene exam, dental cleaning, sealants and x-rays when appropriate. The cost is \$30.00 for individuals without insurance. Help in paying for the dental clinic (scholarships) may be available for Plainville individuals over age 60, with a monthly income below \$1,429 (single) or \$1,925 (married). For scholarship information contact Stephanie or Ronda at the Senior Center. Funding for scholarships is made possible, in part, by a grant through the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

IPAD CLASS

The Plainville Senior Center along with instructor Evelyn Morin will be holding an iPad Basics class starting in April. Learn how to use the basic functions of your iPad, surf the Internet, download “Apps” and more.

This class runs on Wednesdays, April 8th – May 6th and has a fee of \$25.00 per person, plus the cost of a textbook. You must bring your own iPad to every class. Sign-up begins on March 4th. This class is open to Senior Center members only and is limited to 8 participants.

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"Trust but Verify": Maryland: Marine banned from Daughter's School Marine Dad Banned from School Property; Daughter Gets Failing Grade for Refusing Islamic Indoctrination –

The Thomas More Law Center Steps In.

The Thomas More Law Center (TMLC) today announced its representation of John Kevin Wood, and his wife Melissa, in their battle with La Plata High School in Maryland over the Islamic indoctrination of their 11th grade daughter in her World History class. Their daughter was required to complete assignments where she had to affirm that "There is no god but Allah" and the other Five Pillars of Islam.

The case gained national attention when the school banned John Wood from entering school property after he objected to the religion of Islam being taught in his daughter's history class and demanded that she be given an alternative assignment. The school refused. Wood, a former Marine who served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and lost friends in that action, saw firsthand the destruction caused in the name of Allah and that Islam is not "a religion of peace;" and he would not budge from his position.

The Thomas More Law Center (TMLC) is a national public interest law firm based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. TMLC Senior Trial Counsel, Erin Mersino, and Maryland attorney, Michael F. Smith of The Smith Appellate Law Firm, represent the Wood family. Yesterday they filed a request for records relating to the case under Maryland's Public Information Act.

On October 22, 2014, John Wood discovered that his daughter was being forced to repeat religious tenets of Islam as a part of her World History class assignment. She was required to write how the prophet Muhammad was visited by the Angel Gabriel and preached that there is only one true god, who is Allah. The assignment made her write that Mohammad is the messenger of Allah and that the Qur'an is holy text. The assignment required her to affirm that "Allah is the same god that is

worshipped in Christianity and Judaism" and that the "Qur'an is the word of Allah revealed to Mohammad in the same way that Jews and Christians believe the Torah and the Gospels were revealed to Moses and the New Testament writers." The assignment also forced young women such as the Woods' daughter, to fill in the following sentences: "Men are the managers of the affairs of women" and "Righteous women are therefore obedient."

When John Wood discovered the Islamic propaganda and indoctrination, he was rightfully outraged, and that evening unsuccessfully tried to contact the school by phone to voice his objections. Wood witnessed firsthand the destruction caused in the name of Allah and knows Islam is not "a religion of peace." He served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and lost friends in that action. On 9-11, Wood responded as a firefighter to the smoldering Pentagon. He refused to allow La Plata High School to subject his daughter to Islamic indoctrination despite the threatened academic consequences.

The next day, October 23rd, Wood had a phone conversation with a La Plata vice principal where he again reiterated his objections to his daughter being indoctrinated into the religion of Islam. He asked how the religion of Islam could be taught when schools are prohibited from teaching the religion of Christianity.

The following day, October 24th, John Wood spoke with the high school principal. The principal refused to allow an alternative assignment and threatened that if his daughter, a high school junior with college hopes, did not complete the religious assignment on Islam, she would receive a failing grade.

Commenting on the case, Richard Thompson, TMLC's President and Chief Counsel stated: "Adding insult to injury, in an arrogant and unnecessary display of power, La Plata's principal issued a written "No Trespass" notice, which denied this former Marine who stood in harm's way defending our country including the principal and her staff, any access to school grounds. The school's actions not only dishonored John Wood's service, but the service of all men and women in our Armed Forces who defended our nation from Islamic violence. True to his Marine training, John Wood stood his ground. He did not retreat. Yes, his daughter has received a failing grade in her World History Class. But the story is not yet over."

SHARE THIS~Watch the nightly news for more.

OLD LINDEN STREET SCHOOL

"It's Been Good To Know You"

By Bob Doolittle

After the November election, and question on the fate of the old school, the two parties went back to their respective headquarters and shortly the results became final. Linden Street School to remain intact by a vote of over 62%. Mr. Saunders then said the voters did not understand the question. A few weeks ago Mr. Lee said they did not vote on keeping the school, just our share of the money to take it down. Dah, if the money isn't appropriated (*over 1/2 million has to go to a public vote*) isn't that the same thing?

In the past week or so, Mr. Lee held a public meeting to discuss the fate of the school. It seems he pulled out all of the stops, had all of the town officials and others there to answer -- "NO, We can't do that." It seems that nothing was even going to get a look at possible future usage proposed by the citizens.

The Town Council was asked a question, didn't answer it, just looked at the floor.

Over the years we have lost a lot of schools. Broad Street (*Tarrant*) is being used for housing. Trask School in the Shuttlemeadow/south end and is now a Naval Reserve Center. The old High School which became the Junior High School is now privately owned and used and looks better than ever in appearance. The point being, you have not put any thought or effort into trying to keep Old Linden as a useful building for the townspeople.

To demolish the school, the Town's share is 1.1 million, the state kicks in the rest. Actually, we are kicking in more. The states share is being paid for by our tax dollars.

The school will probably be demolished, but all we asked is to **TRY to find a useful fit for the community.** Don't just make it a parking lot! Voters, which ever way you are leaning on the subject, go and vote. Call your Council members, write letters to the newspapers. Show the town that what happens in Plainville, you care.

The November election is just around the corner. I have already heard two people say that they are strongly thinking of running for Town Council as unaffiliated candidates. I personally think that the two established parties are getting too friendly with each other, for it seems when they vote it is usually 7 for an 0 against. **Republican, Democrats, Independents, Unaffiliated or whatever, when you get voted in, you become a Plainvillite and should be working to improve the town and move us forward.**

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“Memories of a Lifetime”

By Leslie Teffs

I was sitting at the kitchen table with my dad one day. He had the newspaper opened to the obituary section. All of a sudden, he came out with, “Why is it that nobody says anything good about a person until they’re gone? Now all of a sudden he’s a great guy!” I never thought about it before, but maybe he’s right.

We may think our actions show others how we feel. Maybe it’s not enough. Sometimes feelings need to be spoken. My motto has always been, “I don’t want any regrets when my time is up” With that being said, I want my parents, (Mary and Don) to “Know” how much they’re loved.

My mom and dad are the two main people in my life. They have always been there for me, no matter what. Both are loving, caring, old-fashioned, down to earth, with a sense of humor. Perfect traits! I can honestly say, “They’re my best friends.”

I have such special memories. It never mattered what we did, we always had a good time, and still do. Whether we go to Rockcats games, Concerts, museums, or just sitting at Dunkin Donuts, the time is always special! I feel so fortunate. I have been blessed from the day I was born, with such “great” parents. Words can’t even express the love I have for them. My heart runneth over! Thank you Lord, for my beautiful parents! My precious,everlasting gift!! God bless you both, now and always!!!

An Act of Affirmative Consent

Senior Communications Major at the University of Connecticut

Devin Keehner, 22, a student at the University of Connecticut, has grown concerned over the chilling effect that proposed bill S.B. No. 636, An Act of Affirmative Consent, may have on student’s due process rights. These concerns led him to pen an op-ed in March edition of the Plainville Hometown Connection..

Devin urges lawmakers, journalists and school administrators alike to take these concerns seriously. He would also like to remind them that, “Student’s will not allow themselves to be used as political scapegoats for politicians and administrators who have failed to properly prosecute sexual assault through the criminal justice system. ”

Please read the article below for additional information.

Under a newly proposed bill in the General Assembly, men and boys accused of sexual assault are one step closer to being presumed guilty until proven innocent. Originally, it was only in the court of public opinion that the possibility of innocence could be neglected, but this dangerous train of thought, which runs contrary to civil society, has now permeated our academic and legislative institutions.

The recently introduced bill, An Act Concerning Affirmative Consent, is co-sponsored by Sen. Mae Flexer, D-Killingly, and Rep. Gregory Haddad, D-Mansfield. Not much is known about the act other than it will institute affirmative consent — a poorly defined term — into campus conduct codes across the state. Affirmative consent is already included in codes at the University of Connecticut and Yale University. The bill will clarify existing policies about consent and will extend the rule to all colleges and universities in the state, Haddad said.

The text released so far only states that, “affirmative consent, which means affirmative, conscious and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity, as a key element in determining whether sexual activity was consensual.” A similar bill passed into law in California gives one a more complete, if not more concerning, glimpse into Connecticut’s future.

This sister bill in California expands on the concept of affirmative consent asserting that, “Lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent.” Is that to mean consent must be verbal? If not, would moaning and other signs of enjoyment count? Surely, affirmative consent has to mean something more than he or she seemed to enjoy the encounter; otherwise, what would be the point?

This law must also be viewed in tandem with the Obama administration’s insistence, through the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, that schools adjudicate such cases based on the preponderance of the evidence — that said offense is more likely to have occurred than not — and not the standard of beyond reasonable doubt used for criminal cases. How are colleges to determine if affirmative consent was likely granted? Assuming the alleged assault took place in private, it’s one person’s word against another.

The true effect of these policies will be to muddy the waters enough for kangaroo courts — made up of school administrators and bureaucrats — to find any sexually active individual guilty of sexual assault.

If lawmakers seriously believe this to be the threshold for sexual assault, then why just college students? After all, according to a recent report issued by the Bureau of Justice Statistics women who go to college experience rape and sexual assault at a rate of 6.1 per 1,000, while women of the same age and not attending college experience sexual assault at a rate of 7.6 per 1,000. Perhaps the lawmakers lack the political resolve to make affirmative consent the law of the land, but they can at least hold themselves to a higher standard.

If these legislators stand behind these requirements, they should empower the Office of State Ethics to issue civil penalties against public officials who fail to obtain affirmative consent during sexual intercourse or, for that matter, if their sexual partner is under the influence of alcohol. This would subject public officials to the same vague regime that many students already find themselves living under. Alternatively, they could do something of substance.

To be clear, rape and sexual assault are heinous crimes, which is exactly why politicians and school administrators should deal with these attacks the same way they would deal with any major offense — by informing the police. Instead of muddying the waters with dual investigations, crimes like these should be reported directly to the police. After all, we don’t expect schools to investigate on-campus murders. Rape and sexual assault should be treated with that same level of professionalism.

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The man convicted of killing Officer Holcomb, Gary Castonguay, was recently granted parole. He has been scheduled to be released from prison in July. Officer

Holcomb's family wasn't notified of the parole hearing. They were outraged when they learned of the decision. Officer Holcomb's family will get a chance at a March 25 hearing to object to the decision to grant his killer parole.

The Holcomb family is hoping and praying that the Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles will reconsider its decision. Many of you want to know how you can help the Holcomb family.

Here's how:

1. Email the parole board at ct.bpp@ct.gov today to protest the release of Gary Castonguay.
2. Copy me on the email at Henri.Martin@cga.ct.gov.
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Main Street Community Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications from local students as well as grant applications from area nonprofit organizations through its General Grant Cycle and the **Plainville Community Fund**. All guidelines, eligibility criteria and the applications are available on the Foundation's website, www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

A total of 60 scholarships are being offered this year through the Community Foundation to local residents who wish to pursue their educational dreams. These scholarship funds target many diverse areas of study and are available to students at various points of their educational careers. The 2015 Scholarship Directory, which lists all scholarships and eligibility criteria, and the link to the Foundation's online application are available on the Foundation's website.

Nonprofit organizations serving Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and/or Wolcott may be eligible to apply for grants through the Foundation's competitive General Grant Cycle, while organizations serving Plainville residents may be eligible to apply to the Plainville Community Fund. Applications and eligibility criteria for the General Grant Cycle and the Plainville Fund are posted on the *Foundation's website*. Contact: 860-747-2040 or 860-583-6363

Wheeler Students Celebrate 100th Day of School



Kindergarteners at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School recently celebrated the "100th day of school" with a number of activities including counting by ones and tens up to 100, making hats with ten strips of ten, and counting 100 steps in the hallway.

In photo: Wheeler School Principal Andrew Batchelder with kindergarteners celebrating the 100th day of school

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

The Plainville High School Counseling Department will hold a College Planning Night for juniors and their parents.

When: Tuesday, March 10th
Where: Plainville High School Room 403
Time: 6:30 pm

\$200,000

Scholarship Dollars

Application deadlines are fast approaching for nearly \$200,000 in 2015 scholarship dollars available through funds managed by the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain (CFGNB).

Scholarships are available to 2015 high school senior class students in Plainville and other towns.

Though deadlines for application vary by scholarship and town, the vast majority of deadlines arrive in late March. Accordingly, students and their parents are encouraged to act promptly.

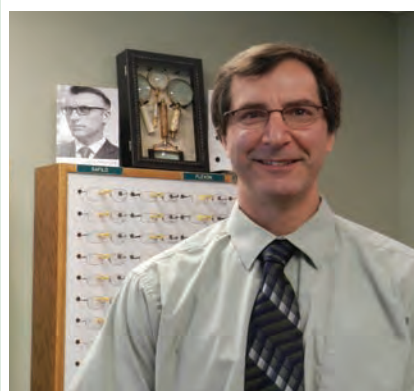
How to Apply for CFGNB Scholarships:

Students enrolled in a public high school should speak immediately with their guidance counselors, who have detailed information on the available scholarships, deadlines and the application process.

Students enrolled in private, parochial, charter or magnet high schools should visit the scholarship section of the Community Foundation's website (www.cfgnb.org) for detailed scholarship application information.

For more information on CFGNB scholarships, contact Kaylah Smith, Program and Scholarship Associate, ksmith@cfgnb.org.

Established in 1941, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain connects donors who care with causes that matter in Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington. It does this by raising resources and developing partnerships that make a measurable improvement in the quality of life in each of these communities. For more information, visit www.cfgnb.org



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5th Graders Attend Leadership Workshop



Fifth grade student leaders representing Linden, Toffolon, and Wheeler elementary schools recently attended the CAS (Connecticut Association of Schools) 22nd Student Leadership Training Conference at Naugatuck Community College in Waterbury, Connecticut. The goal of the conference was to demonstrate the use of a multi-talented method to find the best approach toward developing quality leadership skills. Students attended at least three workshop sessions that included productive thinking, communication skills, decision making models, and creative problem solving through small group interactive role playing. A presentation on role playing of trustworthiness, caring and several other positive ways that encourage being an advocate for themselves and others concluded the event.

Librarian Visits Wheeler School



Plainville Public Library Children's Librarian Kim White recently visited kindergartners at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School, where she read books, sang songs and did "felt stories" with the students.

SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS FOR PARENTS IN Connecticut

Parents across Connecticut have a variety of K-12 education options for their children. Families in the Constitution State can choose from the following education options for their children: traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, and homeschooling. The state has also enacted laws making it easier for children to attend traditional public schools outside of their zoned districts, policies known as open enrollment. For information contact the State of CT Education Commission

Book Buddies at Wheeler School



Amy Mahtaney's third grade class members at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School are serving as "Book Buddies" to kindergartners in Kirsten Penner's kindergarten class. The third graders are helping the kindergartners work on retelling stories.

Wheeler Students Knit



Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School Library Information Teacher Joyce Goldberg, recently held a knitting event for students in grades 3-5. Students earn tickets for working hard and displaying excellent behavior. The tickets are exchanged for activities of their choice such as the learning to knit activity.



May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow...

And may trouble avoid you wherever you go

Irish Blessing

Meagan Cameron Soccer Star Receives Soccer Scholarship



Plainville High School senior soccer player Meagan Cameron signed a National Letter of Intent on February 4th at Plainville High School to play soccer at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Palm Beach, Florida.

Toffolon Pre School Students Learn About Animals



Louis Toffolon Elementary School preschool students in Anne Phelan's classroom recently had the opportunity to put their Winter Animal Unit of Study into action, thanks to a visit from animal expert Nick Diaz of the Hungerford Nature Park in Kensington, Connecticut. Mr. Diaz provided a demonstration of six animals relevant to a number of books read in the preschool classroom including, The Mitten and The Hat by Jan Brett. The students learned about animal habitat, their diet and their sleep patterns. They were also able to touch and interact with each animal.

TOFFOLON PRE-KINDERGARTENS CREATE VALENTINE MAILBOXES

Students in the Pre-kindergarten classes at Louis Toffolon Elementary School, together with their parents and family members, recently built and decorated "Valentine Mailboxes" for a Valentine's Day exchange. The project provided a great opportunity to involve parents in the learning process during the school day.



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Plainville Knights of Columbus Council Achieves Prestigious Star Council Award



Over the past two years, the brothers of the Plainville Knights of Columbus Council stepped up their involvement in traditional programs, took on several new initiatives, and found that building fellowship while working together for the common good yields a win-win life experience. On top of members' personal growth, the Council was recently recognized with the designation of Star Council by the national Knights of Columbus organization.

The Star Council Award is the highest distinction a Council can realize. It recognizes outstanding achievement in service program activities, membership, and insurance. This past year, Plainville Council 3544 conducted and reported programs in each of the Knights of Columbus national program service categories: church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth.

The members were busy in their support of the Church, with the Honor Guard participating in the 40 Days for Life program, Eucharistic adoration, and assistance in Diocesan promotion of Reconciliation during the Lenten season.

The community, family, and youth category qualification was fulfilled through the perennial hosting of the International Basketball Free Throw Championship, the Council's key role in support of the OLM parish picnic, and the hosting of an annual Christmas party for Council members' extended family.

Brothers were effective within the Council itself, as well, building fellowship with Council recognition, monthly meeting raffles, membership drives, and weekly informal social nights; all important contributors to the success of the Council in the past year.

Members' promotion of the culture of life is ongoing with the hosting of monthly Rosary hours for life and on-site prayer support at abortion clinics in the area. Through sharing the news of their service and fellowship with the community and parish, the Council membership grew in number, exceeding the Star Council Award quota of 7 percent net increase. In addition, Council insurance membership grew with the surge, also exceeding the Award quota of 2.5 percent net increase.

PHOTO CAPTION: At a state awards ceremony, the Connecticut State Deputy, Thomas Vita (left) presented the Star Council Award to the immediate past Grand Knight (2013-2014) Mark Germain (center) and present Grand Knight Ted Doiron (right).



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\$5.00 per artist with all proceeds will be donated to support local art groups.

The exhibit will run from April 4th to April 25th

and will include a reception day so you can meet and greet everyone. Date of reception to be determined.

We had a wonderful time last year with great art in every medium. The age range of our participants was from 11 yrs to 86 yrs. It is amazing to see the talent of our local artists.

Sponsored by the Amateur Art Group. If you would like to join us, or know someone else who would, please contact Carol Webster at 860-793-2960 or Peg Nappier at 860-747-1399 for further information.

Local Author Talks

About Lobsters

Long time Plainville resident, Russ James, will talk about his new book, "A New England Lobster Tale: Growing up with Homarus Americanus" at the Plainville Public Library on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. James is originally from Voluntown, CT close to the Long Island Sound and starting fishing there. The book is an autobiographical story of growing up with lobsters in a small New England town. He will be talking about their life cycle and habits that he learned from research and watching them in his own salt water aquarium. He will also talk about the great 1999 die off of the species and his theory about the cause.

In addition, James is a chef. He won first place in a national lobster festival "cook off" held in Maine and share his recipes. He was one of five chefs invited to participate in the contest.

The program is free there is no registration.

Peter Chase, Library Director
Plainville Public Library

Mark Your Calendars.....AARP TRIPS

AARP Trip Day of Irish Celebration: Thursday March 12, 2015. The comedy of George Casey from County Clare Ireland and the Irish Step Dancers at the Fox Theatre at Foxwoods Casino Promotional pkg included. The price is \$74.00

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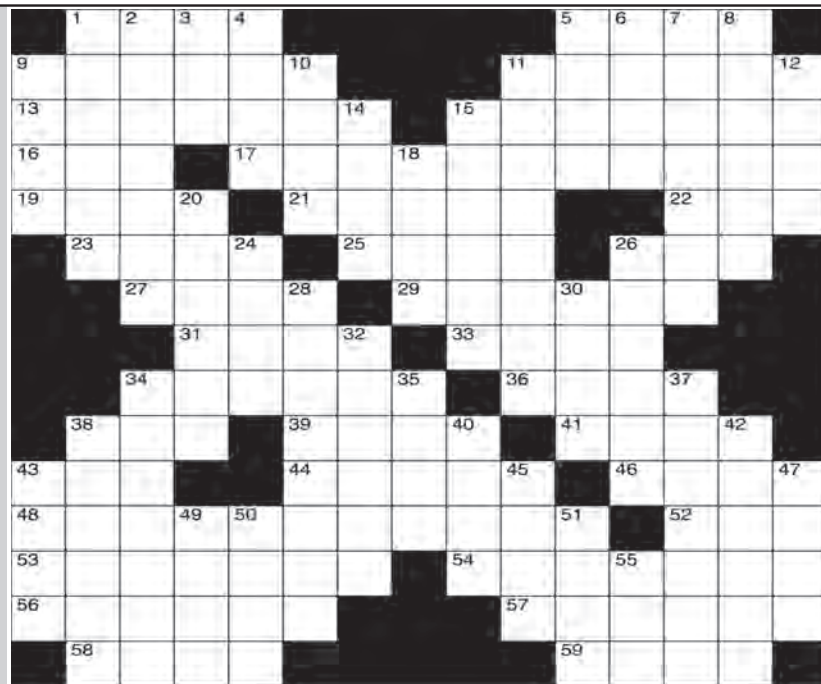
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- 16. SMALL SHELTER
- 17. CAVALIERS' #23
- 19. DIGITS
- 21. FRENCH KINGS' NAME
- 22. WINTER TIME IN COLORADO
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- 6. __ ROMEO
- 7. LOST WEIGHT
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- 15. DEVISED A NEW PHRASE
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- 32. EXPRESS SORROW
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- 47. CHEEK
- 49. MURRE GENUS
- 50. MULTIPLE
- 51. LIST OF NAMES CALLED
- 55. NO (SCOT.)

Answer on page 38

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

Free Email Account Class

Kari Burgess, Adult Services Librarian, will give step-by-step instructions on how to setup a free email account using Gmail on Wednesday, March 18th from 9-10 a.m. at the Plainville Public Library. Participants will only need to attend one of the free sessions.

Once created, an email address gives people the ability to keep in touch with family and friends, receive up-to-date information from favorite businesses, register for newsletters, coupons, and special offers from countless websites, purchase goods online (i.e. Amazon) and create other web accounts (i.e. Facebook) if desired. No prior email address is required to register for an email account and participants can use the library's public computer to access their new email account anytime. It would be helpful for students to bring their cell phones if they have one although it's not required. Participants must have basic mouse skills, a basic understanding of the internet and how to navigate a website.

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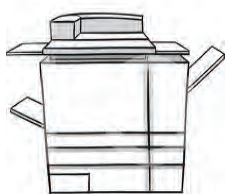
By Jeannette Hinkson

While vacationing in Florida I have the opportunity to speak to many persons from all over the United States and Canada. Persons of all creeds and colors are concerned at the direction our country and its leaders are taking. I spoke to a woman who fears for her safety and for the safety of her family because of the area they live in. She said she would move but she can't sell her home because of the people and their uncontrolled children that roam the streets day and night. Gangs have moved into what was a beautiful area and police seemed to be at a loss of how to handle the ever growing crime. We had a long conversation about the shooting of Michael Brown and the riots in Ferguson, Missouri. It was reported that after that shooting young people looted and burned the businesses in Ferguson and stole TV's, clothing, shoe and electronics. No one ever reported when these children brought their loot home did one parent make them take the stolen goods back or give them to the authorities. I am sure these parents are enjoying the TV's, clothing and other things their children stole, so the parent must sanction their actions. Couldn't these parents be arrested for receiving stolen goods? Teachers in the schools must have an inside track on all the new clothing their students showed up with. Isn't anyone in Ferguson Missouri honest? The parents of Michael Brown are seen on TV portraying their son as a sweet little boy in his cap and gown or sporting his headphones. Was he listening to gospel music? They don't show him or his friend pushing around the clerk in the store where they stole merchandise. Did anyone get charged with any of the crimes that took place in Ferguson, Missouri or was anyone investigated with the exception of the police officer? I bring this up only because of an article that appeared on internet news.

Just in case you didn't read it, it seems a company doing business as Alternative Ballistics has come up with a device police officers can affix to their guns so if they have to fire their weapon it will not kill the criminal. The way this works is, if an officer feels he will have to fire his gun he must attach a ping pong shaped ball on the barrel of his service revolver so when he fires his gun the bullet will be incased in the ball and it won't kill the suspect. It is reported this device is going to be used and tested by the entire, 55 man police force in Ferguson. Is someone crazy or is this a joke? I can only picture what happens when an officer goes out and attempts to apprehend a suspect only to learn the suspect is a wanted killer and the suspect is armed. The officer then remembers he has to put this device on his revolver so he won't hurt this killer. While the officer is looking for his balls, what do you think the suspect is doing? If the suspect has a gun I think the last thing he is looking for are his balls. What do you think?

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The Plainville Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Boston on Saturday, May 30th. The bus departs from the Municipal Center at 8:00 a.m. and leaves Boston at 7:00 p.m.

The bus will drop off and pick up in the Quincy Market area where participants will be free to pursue their own interests. Participants interested in visiting The John F. Kennedy Library & Museum will be transported to the Museum and returned to Quincy Market.

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TEA PARTY PATRIOT NEWS

By Gene

WAKE-UP AMERICA!

The Tea Party has done a lot for the United States of America! Those who have been bashing the Tea Party lately haven't been paying attention to the good it has accomplished.

After Barack Obama took office and immediately rushed through his "stimulus" package, he embarked on a mission to socialize America and fired the CEO of General Motors, a private corporation, which he had no legal authority over; then insulted our allies, England and Israel; then bowed down to a foreign leader, etc. That's when the Tea Party formed. It got so strong that the GOP gained control of the House of Representatives.

Being implemented hand-in-hand with the new national curriculum standard being pushed on schools, called **COMMON CORE**, is government surveillance of students. Despite the fact that COMMON CORE has been in the works for years and already spread its tentacles far and wide under the radar, Americans are gradually waking up to the plot. Opposition to the standards is soaring as well. In Congress, lawmakers are making various moves to stop the scheme. At the states level more than a few state governments are working on efforts to withdraw.

Even the states that refuse to join COMMON CORE -- *NOT TO MENTION HOMESCHOOLERS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS*--may find themselves ensnared in the program due to national testing, college education requirements, and more.

Who are these organizations and their meanings? (Look them up) Taliban - Caliphate - Hamza - ISIS - Brotherhood of Men - Houthi - DHimmitude (DHIMMAM) - Algaeda - Hizbub - Tahair - Alshabab Is this religious fundamentalism?

"Mohammed is Allah's Apostle. Those who follow him are ruthless to the unbelievers but merciful to one another" Qur'an 48:29

Who was that 26-year-old Jordanian who was burned alive in January?

Since we cannot or will not accurately identify the enemy, we are almost certainly doomed to lose this war.

Would it be in his lifetime, the Prophet Mohammed himself was mocked and lampooned by his contemporaries? His response was to pray for the mockers. He taught that one responds to a bad act by a good act until the mocker becomes a friend.

Over the past few years, as we've educated people on **AGENDA 21** and its UN origins, the natural reaction by concerned citizens and property rights activists has been to rush into city hall and accuse their elected representative of enforcing international policies on the town. This has, of course, been met with skepticism and ridicule on the part of some of the officials (*and encouraged by the NGO stake holders and planning organizations that stand in the shadows*), including ICLEI and the American Planning Association (APA) have worked overtime to paint our movement as crazed conspiracy theorists wearing tin foil hats and hearing voices.

"THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BE FOOLED, ONE IS TO BELIEVE WHAT ISN'T TRUE; THE OTHER IS TO REFUSE TO BELIEVE WHAT IS TRUE."

Soren Kierkegaard (1813 - 1855)

WAKE UP AMERICA!

NOTE: *The Tea Party Group will resume their roadside rally again in the Spring in Southington, Rt.10 (in front of Starbucks). Please join us if you can. In the meantime let's keep up the "good fight"!*

Friend, Write to your U.S. Senator & Congress Men

Republicans in the House and Senate are working hard to advance common-sense legislation that will boost our economy. Yesterday, Congress passed a bipartisan bill to approve the Keystone XL pipeline. Yet President Obama threatens to veto the bill as soon as it reaches his desk.

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WHY HOLLYWOOD IS SLOWLY DYING

Under this system, each state would set up proper training schools for film acting, including instructor certification.

Current methods used are obsolete and originate from theater acting. Many actors with potential give up after paying hundreds of dollars to teachers who cheat them out of their money.

The Psychophantic System, which I developed based on psychological principles, is the only complete way to become a successful film actor or help one to become a better communicant in life. Each state would create a film community within itself in the areas of acting, screenwriting, technical personnel and cooperation with unions.

Not only would the federal and state level national film production force give tax credits in pre-production, production, post production and technical personnel, but it would assist filmmakers in finding additional funding or in-kind donations to produce their films.

A team effort would create thousands of jobs, generate new businesses and expand existing ones. Student actors in each state would be trained in the Psychophantic System. Unions would be instructed to cooperate and match or beat the fees other countries impose. Screenwriters, future producers and directors would be educated to expand their creativity instead of covering up their work with four-letter words, nudity and overdone special effects.

They would be taught how to search out new ideas instead of playing off old, tired storylines and let the actors tell the story. Consider the fact that most G, PG, and PG-13 movies do better at the box office than those rated R or MA.

The National Film Production Force, or NFPPF, would also restructure the old worn out film commissioner approach. Many commissioners do little or nothing to develop a film community in their state or major city. They primarily rely on movie and TV projects to come to them.

Instead of actors and film crews running from state to state or other countries looking for jobs, they would find work in their own neighborhood.

One of the top money-making industries in the U.S. 20 years ago was the film and TV industry. It continues to shrink every year because of globalization and backward thinking. America should be exporting films for global audiences and stop sending projects to our foreign competitors.

If you are as concerned as I am about the tremendous loss of revenue, new businesses and jobs that a constructive and productive NFPPF could bring, then contact your senators and representatives in Washington and tell them you want the National Film Production Force put into action now.

Also, feel free to contact me for more information.

Television and motion pictures are one of our greatest forms of cultural expression in America. They inform, entertain, educate and enlighten. This precious resource is being threatened by manipulation, lack of common sense and foresight. Let us work together and end this dangerous trend.

Dr. Richard R. Reichel

ABOUT DR. RICHARD R. REICHEL

Dr. Richard R. Reichel has a long and varied experience in the film and TV industries, from actor and director to casting and cameraman. He holds multiple degrees, including one in film production and a doctorate in counseling psychology. Reichel, the author of "Everybody is an Actor" (www.everybodyisanactor.com), was the first to produce a TV program about Asian cultures in America. He is credited with persuading film star Jackie Chan to come to the U.S. to make movies. Dr. Reichel created an innovative and comprehensive acting system that immerses participants in the culture of film production while helping them become the character with impressive time efficiency. Dr. Reichel is the lone crusader for the restoration of the United States film and television industry and a positive form of training film actors. He has been a guest on talk shows across the nation. He is on Facebook, Youtube, and other internet links. Contact him at everybodyisanactor@gmail.com or hollywoodeastinternational@gmail.com

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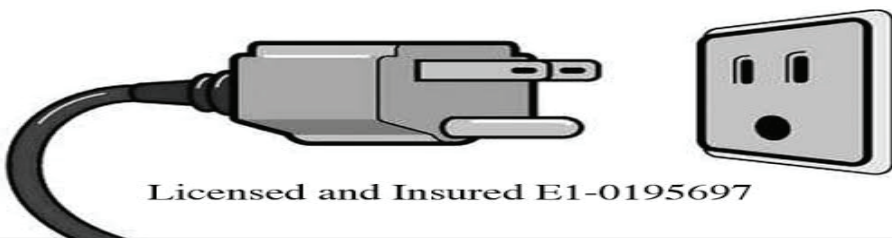
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Healthy-Behaviors

By: Linda Coveney, Certified Health Coach, AADP

Time for Some Green!

Hooray for Spring! I thought it would never arrive. Now is the time for all of us to finally thaw out and to find our lawns again. After this blistery winter (which I hope is gone by the time this goes to press), here are some things we can look forward to:

- Sunshine and warmth without the benefit and dust from our furnaces or wood stoves.
- Going outdoors without having to put on an extra 20 pounds of clothing.
- Flowers peeking out and ready to delight us with their colors.
- Longer days.
- Washing all the accumulated salt and dirt from our cars.
- Opening our windows and letting some fresh air in.
- Focus on Health. Actually, I feel better just thinking about these things.

As we think about Spring and March in particular, Green is the color that comes to mind. Since a very popular March holiday is St. Patrick's Day, perhaps you want to make Green your lucky color this month.

There are so many benefits to adding more greens to your diet. While greens are good all year round for health, in the winter, we tend to eat more warming, healthier fat foods to help us endure the elements. Maybe you are starting to discover that these comfort foods and lack of inactivity from the winter is showing up as a few extra pounds. You want this added weight to melt away as much as you want to see the snow disappear.

Did you know that greens are the number 1 food you can eat to improve your health. You get a wonderful return on leafy greens – lots of nutrients without the calories. Leafy greens are full of fiber and other vitamins and minerals that can help protect you from heart disease or diabetes. They are the "miracle pill" that also fills you up. It's an All you can Eat Buffet Diet.

Take a lesson from the gorillas. According to an article by Dr. Fuhrman in 2011, gorillas thrive quite well on a diet of endive, dandelion greens, romaine lettuce, green beans, alfalfa, apples, and bananas. In fact they eat 10 pounds/day. The zoo altered their diet and started feeding them a diet of nutrient-fortified, high-sugar, high-starch processed food. As a result, heart attacks in gorillas living in captivity went up. After one year of being returned to their natural diet of fruits and vegetables, the gorillas lost over 65 pounds and the signs of heart disease was significantly reduced. Think about your diet. Is it mostly fresh whole food or does it come in a box. Would you benefit from a change?

There are many ways to incorporate greens into your diet. Here are just a few: raw, steamed (use water or broth vs. oil), wilted, in soups, as a replacement for bread in a sandwich, instead of crackers or chips with dips, or in smoothies. Look at your meal plate each day and take note of how many vegetables you are consuming and how you might make a better choice for this power-packed food group.

One thing is for sure, you want to maximum your Green dollars by keeping your greens fresh for as long as possible. There's a better way to store your greens in the refrigerator than keeping them in the plastic bag from the grocery store. Take kale, spinach or romaine lettuce as an example. Don't wash your greens until ready to use, but take a paper towel and pat off the water on your vegetables. Remove stems, tear into the size you would normally use and put in plastic or better yet, glass container. Line container with a paper towel, add the greens, another layer of paper towel and repeat until full and then cover. Not only will the greens last longer, but also your greens will be ready to wash and use when you are. This is a little trick to make it easier to eat more greens as well.

Make Green your color of choice this month.

Discover new ways to enjoy these vegetables and find out how much better you will feel.

Here is a recipe if you are planning to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a nice healthy bowl of cabbage soup (see recipe in column to the left) and some green beer (optional).

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Enjoy your St. Paddy's Day Cabbage Soup Recipe

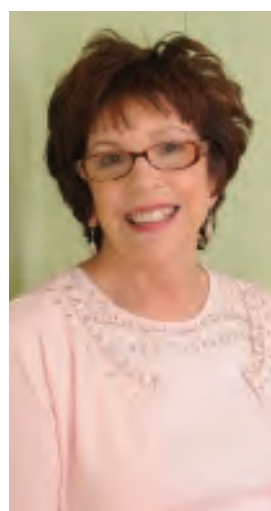
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, 1 onion, chopped, 1 clove garlic, finely chopped, 1-2 carrots, cut into 1/2 -inch pieces, 1-2 celery stalks, cut into 1/2 -inch pieces, 1/2 - 1 full head of cabbage – depending on size of the cabbage, 3 cups water or vegetable broth, Freshly ground black pepper, Salt to taste

1. Put the oil in a large, deep pot over medium heat. When hot, add the onion and garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until soft, just a minute or two. Add the carrot and celery and keep cooking and stirring until brightly colored and hot, about 2-3 minutes.

2. Add the parsnips and cabbage, bay leaf, and water; sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper. Bring to a boil, then turn the heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally.

Since this is soup, you can easily substitute vegetables or add sweet potatoes or green beans to this recipe.

Add more water if necessary and season to taste. Add some ginger and turmeric if you like! Enjoy!



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Plainville Websites Are an Excellent Source for Residents

The Town of Plainville provides its residents with numerous informative and helpful resources for information about the local government. Here are some of the municipal websites and available resources for our community.

The Town's main website (plainvillect.com) shares important and informative information about what's going on in Plainville. As of this writing the home page has information about snow removal policies, reminders about clearing snow from fire hydrants, Red Cross disaster readiness information, financial updates, budget meeting schedules, and other updates to the website.

One of the newest features of the site is automated mapping and assessor's information containing GIS data for the entire town. It is a fascinating resource making a tremendous amount of public information freely available to residents. There are links to an event calendar with council, board, and commission meeting schedules. If you would like to stop getting phone books, there is a link for opting-out. You can also sign up for CT Alerts on your phone, text messages, and emails should there ever be a major disaster in CT.

Meeting minutes and agendas are available from various committees, commissions, and the town council.

Besides contact information for each of the town's departments, there are some specific details...

- Building Department has permit information, shed, pool, and deck regulations, solar info, and more.
- Police Department page has documents and forms, Police news and more.
- Public Works has information about bulk pickups, electronics, hazardous waste, and leaf collection, transfer station hours, and more.
- Recreation Department has park and pool information, youth and adult programs, concerts and special event information.
- The Senior Center page has a newsletter, meal program, energy assistance, and health services and other helpful tools.
- The Town Clerk page has links to information about licensing, certificates, forms and applications, Justice of the Peace, and more.

Do you own a business in Plainville? Economic Development resources are available including financial assistance, job creation, and tax incentives. I would say we all have an interest in the success of businesses in town. A link is also available to the Plainville Chamber of Commerce and the Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

If you are looking to move to Plainville, among the many resources is information about fair housing initiatives and opportunities.

The geek that I am is always looking for tools to make my life easier. One of my favorite resources is the ability to view and pay my car taxes on the site. A modest \$1.95 fee allows me to pay my tax bill securely and electronically via credit card or electronic check.

Of course you can get full texts of the Town Charter and Ordinances as well as budget information.

Plainville Public Schools has a wonderful website (plainvilleschools.org) containing information about the school district, event calendars, Board of Education information, curriculum details, and school, administration, and student activity details galore.

The incredible **Plainville Volunteer Fire Company** (plainvillefireco.com) has a nice website with all the information you need about the department, members, membership, contact information, and fire safety tips. There is also a link for residents to listen in on the live department dispatch radio system.

Plainville's Public Library website (plainvillelibrary.org) gives you access to a town and statewide catalog search, audio book and e-book downloads, research tools, event calendar, and more. They also have a Facebook page with regular updates about library happenings. ([facebook.com/PlainvillePublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/PlainvillePublicLibrary))

The Plainville-Southington Health District website (pshd.org) has helpful information about local health programs, events, forms, and publications.

While independent of the Town of Plainville, this very newspaper is available online (plainvilleshometownconnection.com) with each month's newspaper going back at least a year. This paper is another tremendous resource for community information and news. Thank you for reading, and be sure to share our website with relatives and residents that are currently away for the winter or living elsewhere.

If you have any questions or ideas for future columns, please email me at jim.phc@gmail.com with ideas and suggestions.

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AAA Speaks Out: Drugged Driving

The goal is an ambitious one: To eliminate substance-impaired driving.

To reach it will require the education and cooperation of state and federal agencies, doctors, pharmacies, organizations such as AAA and its members, and of course, the public at large.

It also will require the realization that drugs can affect drivers just as much as alcohol.

Historically overlooked, drugged driving has become an increasingly hot topic in the overall battle to reduce impaired driving. Like alcohol, drugs -- even in small amounts -- can also negatively affect motor skills, balance and coordination, perception, attention, reaction time and judgment.

The number of overall deaths attributed to drunk driving has declined overall since 1995 and the percentage of all traffic deaths that involve an alcohol-impaired driver has plateaued, remaining relatively unchanged at about one in three over the past decade.

Meanwhile, the percentage of drugged drivers is rising. A National Highway Traffic Safety Administration survey in 2009 found that 18 percent of fatally injured drivers tested positive for at least one illicit, prescription or over-the-counter drug -- an increase from 13 percent in 2005. And in the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 10.3 million people, or 3.9 percent, reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs during the year prior, up from 3.7 percent.

Drugs and alcohol often are used in combination, and drugged driving figures are almost certainly underreported because blood tests for drugs other than alcohol are inconsistently performed or not taken at all.

"Whether it's legal, illegal or over the counter, people just don't appreciate how dangerous these substances can be when it comes to their driving," said National Transportation Safety Board Member Mark Rosekind. His organization has used "Reaching Zero" as its unwavering motto since adding "Eliminate Substance-Impaired Driving" to its top 10 transportation safety priorities on the NTSB Most Wanted List in 2013.

AAA is on board. The federation has announced its intention to focus on substance-impaired driving as a single issue, recognizing that alcohol and drugs should be addressed together -- rather than independently -- as causes of impairment. In addition, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety plans an increased focus on impaired driving research.

Rosekind, who spoke on impaired driving at the 2014 AAA Annual Meeting, said increased discussion is being held among government agencies such as the NTSB, NHTSA and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

AAA regularly participates in two national impaired driving prevention coalitions, including a new Leadership Roundtable that meets quarterly and is facilitated by AAA at the request of the NTSB.

"There are a lot of independent roles that we play, but we're all after the same thing," Rosekind said. "Even where there's an overlap of agendas and interests, we can still come together and try to move things forward."

As part of the effort, AAA is embarking on a comprehensive educational effort for the public in 2015 to examine drugged driving and its effects.

In the AAA Foundation's 2013 Traffic Safety Culture Index, 56.3 percent of drivers surveyed perceived that "drivers using drugs" are a somewhat or much bigger problem than it was three years earlier. And 60.9 percent said that people driving after using illegal drugs are a very serious threat.

Two more questions to which "zero" is the ultimate answer.

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Chairman Labriola Responds to Governor Malloy's Budget Address

HARTFORD— Connecticut Republican Party Chairman Jerry Labriola Jr. released the following statement today in reaction to Governor Dan Malloy's budget address.

"The budget unveiled by Dan Malloy today looks very familiar. It taxes too much, spends too much, and doesn't do anything to address the excessive high cost of living and working in Connecticut. Worst of all, this budget breaks virtually all of Malloy's campaign promises. He said he wouldn't raise taxes, but under this budget the state will extract more sales taxes from hard working families. He said he would support job creators but he is increasing the business registration fees and extending the corporate surcharge "indefinitely". This is a raw deal for Connecticut taxpayers."

"Despite Connecticut's lagging economy, the governor is also proposing to take \$830 million more from the pockets of Connecticut's families and business owners. He increases spending by three percent -- in the face of a looming deficit -- and proposes a large transportation initiative without offering a way to pay for it."

"The fact is we remain a state where most residents struggle to make ends meet and chronic budget shortfalls are now the norm. Despite Dan Malloy's spin, we will continue to sing the blue state blues until a pro-economic growth Republican legislature is elected next year

Déjà Vu All Over Again?

Statement from AARP Connecticut State Advocacy Director, Claudio Gualtieri on Governor Malloy's Proposed Budget Cuts to Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE):

"Increasing the cost-share on frail seniors who receive services under the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders was a bad idea every time it was proposed by the Rell Administration, and it's still a horrible idea. State legislators have repeatedly rejected similar proposals in the past because it's been proven that increasing the cost-share doesn't save the state money in the long run, and has the potential to harm the health and well-being our state's most frail and vulnerable seniors.

"The Connecticut Home Care Program is a critical first line of defense that helps keep seniors out of nursing homes and allows them to receive care at home – where they want to be. Increasing the cost-share will force people off the program or require them to cut recommended services, potentially harming their health. This one-two punch of more than doubling the current cost-share and freezing access to Level 1 of the program will force more seniors into more expensive nursing facilities and end up costing the state – and taxpayers – more money in the long run.

"A recent AARP survey found that 44% of families already contribute their own money to the care needs of their loved ones. Increasing the cost-share will further burden family caregivers who are already providing billions of dollars in unpaid care to help their loved ones live independently at home. If the Governor is truly interested in supporting families and balancing the state's finances, he should rescind this proposal and instead continue to focus efforts on helping more people get the care they need at home." **BACKGROUND:** A brief history of the CHCPE cost-share -- A cost share was initiated for state funded Home care program participants effective January 1, 2010. Initially the cost share requirement was 15% of the cost of the service plan. Section 21 of Public Act 10-79 reduced the share to 6%, effective July 1, 2010. This was increased to 7%, effective July 1, 2011, as part of the budget process. Currently, it remains at 7%. NOW, Gov. Malloy is proposing going back to 15%!!

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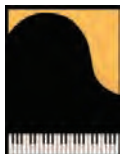
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Wishing for Spring

By: Sally Miller

I woke this morning and I wished for spring. The weatherman was on TV smiling and looking ecstatic at the amount of snow expected today. As far as I am concerned, he is fired. The weather is threatening to dump 5 more inches of snow onto the 8 inches we already have and now I need the magic of spring ... I am waiting for the earth to wake up and show its colors. Blankets of white snow are so tiring, boring and confining. My whole week has been turned around with the threat of snow. I pulled the shade and I watched the cardinals flip from tree to tree and they were chattering to each other. Are they asking, "When is spring going to get here"? They got louder and more consistent, probably telling their stories of how they are trying to survive this horrible winter.

I imagine spring in my mind. The trees will begin to show their beautiful green leaves. The leave laden branches will reach out as if they are yawning and stretching after a long wonderful nap. The glorious colors of spring are cheerful and make me smile with delight. My soul becomes warm and content. Crocus will push their way to the top of the earth and say, "here I am world", I may be small but I am here and I am beautiful." If flowers were human they would be singing beautifully as they begin to populate the garden. Varieties of birds would sing while each try to outdo the other and they would join in on the sonata of the earth's orchestra. The bright spring sun will rest its light on the pussy willows and the forsythia will adorn the gardens with lemony yellow blooms. I yearn for the smell of spring as the delicious scent of spring rain and flowers drift through open windows. I love the rituals of spring -washing cars, raking old leaves, planting new flowers and friends in the neighborhood beginning to gather just as the flowers have begun to gather in gardens. These thoughts stay in my mind as I slip under my electric blanket, turn it to high and watch the snow invade my yard.

District Level Results in Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship



The local winners from the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship held in January competed at the district level contest hosted by the Plainville Knights Council on February 8th. The Plainville winners competed against sharpshooters from Southington and Cromwell. District champs advance to a regional contest on March 21 st in Cheshire where they will compete against all the winners in the Northwest region of the state. District contest winners from Plainville were Laren Matteo, Casey Roberge, Joseph Capozzi and Cheyenne Emmendorfer.

Winners of the Plainville local level of competition in the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship competed last week in the district level hosted by the local Knights Council 3544. Front row left to right are Morgan Levesque, Laren Matteo, Kyle Gelt, Aiden Payne, and Daniel Emmendorfer. Back row left to right are Olivia Heslin, Casey Roberge, Cheyenne Emmendorfer, and Joseph Capozzi. Missing from the photo is Ryan Snyder.

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Chamber of Commerce "State of the Town"



Participants in the Chamber of Commerce State of the Town included (front) Rich Williams, Kathy Pugliese, Maureen Saverick. (back) Mark DeVoe, John Bosse, Robert Lee and Jeffrey Kitching.

During the annual State of the Town event hosted by the Plainville Chamber of Commerce, town officials and staff reflected on the number of achievements that took place in 2014 while addressing what is to come in the new year. Town Council Chairperson Kathy Pugliese recognized the improvement in Plainville's bond rating by Standard and Poor from A+ to AA+. Plainville has now been rated just below the highest rating the agency gives.

Pugliese said the bump in the bond rating is important, especially since the town is looking into accomplishing some new school renovation projects and roadway paving projects. "It acknowledges the superior financial strategies that we have in place," said Pugliese. "If the town does decide to go out for some future borrowing, we will be able to get a substantially lower rate at that point."

Calling Plainville's current financial status positive, Town Manager Robert Lee said the town's current debt service schedule is declining. Lee said the current debt service payment equals \$4.71 million, representing 8.5 percent of total town budget expenditures. Over the next six years, Plainville's debt service payments are scheduled to decrease by 32 percent or \$1.5 million. The Town Council recently agreed to change the name of a road leading to the new cancer treatment center off of New Britain Avenue. Formally known as Nike Road, the Council decided to name it "Journey Road." The cancer center, along with its medical office building, is expected to open soon. A ribbon cutting is expected in the spring, said Lee.

Also presenting on behalf of the Town was Mark DeVoe, Director of Planning and Economic Development, who spoke about the newly available GIS mapping system. This is a tremendous asset for those needing to access property lines and lot locations in the Town. John Bosse, Town Engineer, also detailed the long term capital plan to repave streets in the town. Some of the streets have not been paved in almost 30 years.

Plainville Community Schools had a successful year in 2014, as it received a \$950,000 state grant through the efforts of State Representative Betty Boukus to install a turf field at the high school. Late last year, the Tinty family donated \$500,000 toward the project. Those funds will pay for the additional turf on the high school's softball field as well as a practice/utility field for soccer and baseball.

Reflecting on the past school budgets, Kitching noted that over the last five years, the district has maintained its schools and rolled out all initiatives to improve the quality and value of education while avoiding \$4 million in spending. "This is something the entire community can be proud of," said Kitching. "This is something the Board of Education is keeping in mind as we develop our budget." (see details at left and below).



- ## Quality & Value
- Revised Board strategic plan, mission and goals
 - Curriculum Upgrades: CCSS and 21st Century Skills
 - Full-day kindergarten for all students
 - Recognized for positive climate and culture
 - High-quality recruiting and retaining
 - New math program K-8
 - 1-1 and BYOD device programs (Chromebooks)
 - Additional health education at MSP
 - Literacy resource teachers K-5
 - Support for school climate Initiatives (PBIS)
 - Annual technology replacement plan
 - Veteran's Day recognition into school calendar
 - Emergency management plans and safety upgrades

- ## Quality & Value
- Technology support staff (Town collaboration)
 - Revised budgeting process and successful Town votes
 - Expanded clubs, activities and athletics at PHS and MSP
 - Reorganized after-school enrichment program
 - Energy-Education/Cynergistics
 - Additional maintainer and PT custodial
 - Restructured HR/Payroll Department
 - Mutually beneficial teacher contract
 - Additional security at PHS and residency monitor
 - Instrumental music in grade 4
 - College and Career Readiness Center
 - Student Success Plans grades 6-12
 - Redesign of Professional Development System

Audit report yields positive results for Plainville

By BRIAN M. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

PLAINVILLE — With Town Manager Robert E. Lee preparing to unveil his 2015-16 budget on March 5, the Town Council announced Tuesday that the Government Finance Officers Association has, for the 13th straight year, named Plainville a Distinguished Budget Award winner.

In an audit report, available for viewing on the town's website, plainvillect.com, Finance Director Robert Buden wrote that, to qualify for the award, the town's budget document had to be judged proficient as a policy document, financial

plan, operations guide and communications device.

"The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated service of the entire staff of the Finance Department," wrote Buden. "We wish to express our appreciation to all members of the department who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit also must be given to the town manager and especially to the Town Council for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the Town of Plainville's finances."

Lee presented an award to

Assistant Town Manager Shirley Osle, who, he said, was primarily responsible for drafting the budget.

"This is a very significant achievement for the town," said Lee. "We had to meet nationally recognized guidelines on effective budget presentation."

Osle thanked Buden, the Finance Department and the interns who helped her prepare last year's budget.

"I'm very honored that our town of Plainville has received this recognition," said Osle. "Not many communities do, and it is not easy to get."

During the council meeting, Byron Treado, chairman of the

Airport Commission, reported that a four- to six-year, \$4 million project to improve Robertson Airport would soon start. The airport, built in 1911 and bought by the town in 2009, plans to cover the expenses at no cost to the town. Upgrades will include runway paving, new lighting systems and installation of a universal GPS system to assist pilots coming into the airport at night.

"When this project is completed, you'll be looking at a brand new airport that is one of the best in the state," said Treado. "Our airport makes a modest profit annually and has been self-sufficient from the start."

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Dental Health

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



In the United States, 20 million teeth are extracted each year. The consequences of tooth loss can have devastating effects on overall health and self-esteem, yet fewer than 10 percent of patients seek information prior to the loss of a tooth. Because of fear, lack of knowledge or finances, many people wait until pain sets in before seeking a solution. By then, it is often too late.

Many people assume that tooth loss is an inevitable result of age. However, most factors that contribute to tooth loss can be controlled much earlier in life. Poor oral hygiene habits, such as not brushing and flossing daily, cause decay and gum disease that can ultimately lead to tooth loss. Consuming foods and beverages that are high in sugar, carbohydrates and acid content can cause irreversible damage to the teeth and gums. Bad habits such as smoking and chewing tobacco can also be culprits. Overall, many people are simply not informed about how the process of losing a tooth begins and the traumatic consequences it can have on a person's overall health and well-being.

Tooth loss, or edentulism, is when one or more teeth fall out or are extracted due to injury or disease such as mouth trauma, tooth decay or gum disease.

Kids, adults and seniors are all at risk for tooth loss, especially if proper oral hygiene is not practiced. Although tooth loss is typically associated with the elderly, research suggests that nearly 27 percent of patients experience their first tooth loss between the ages of 21 and 30. Tooth loss is expected to increase with aging baby boomers, perpetuating a phenomenon among a generation of people that saw their parents fall victim to tooth loss due to lack of dental care.

Kids: As kids become more active, they are susceptible to two types of traumatic tooth loss – premature loss of a baby tooth or loss of a permanent tooth due to injury or neglect. Children should wear protective mouth guards when playing sports, and parents should consult a dentist immediately in the case of an injury.

Adults: Most people do not know that gum disease is the leading cause of tooth loss among adults. Tooth loss is also linked to smoking, heart disease and diabetes.

Seniors: As people age, plaque accumulates and becomes harder to eliminate. Gum recession, older fillings and dry mouth put seniors at a higher risk of losing their natural teeth.

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Plainville Historical Society

On Saturday, March 21st at 2:00 pm the Plainville Historical Society, will present a program by the

Connecticut born singer and songwriter Dan Ringrose. He has been entertaining people for over 30 years. He will be signing Irish songs in a rich baritone which has been described as stunning. He has appeared on television and radio, as well as having sung in the Plainville Area. For more information, call (860) 747-6577. The building is handicapped accessible.

2015 PHS/YMCA PROJECT GRADUATION NEWS

The next meeting for the 2015 Plainville High School Project Graduation is **Wednesday, March 4th, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.** Project Graduation is an all night alcohol and drug-free party, held for Plainville High School Seniors right after the graduation ceremony. The party is held at the YMCA the night of graduation and is filled with many fun activities. All Senior and Junior parents are invited to attend the meetings.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:
Wednesday, April 8th, 2015
Wednesday, May 6th, 2015
Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015

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Who will be the next... "MR. PHS"

which will be held on **Thursday, March 26th, 2015 at 7:00 pm** in the Plainville High School Auditorium. Senior Boys will be judged on dancing, talent, swimsuit, formal wear, and Questions & Answers. **\$5.00 tickets** will be sold at PHS and also at the door the night of the event. Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm. **COME ON DOWN and CHEER THEM ON!!!!**

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listed that will attack Israel. The leader of these
five nations is Gog of verses 1-3. Gog, comes from
the land of Magog who is also the chief prince
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Magog was the area between the Black Sea and
Caspian Sea which would be present day Russia
and the Baltic Nations. The places of Meshech
and Tubal were places in what is known today as
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president (current or future) of Russia. According
to Ezekiel 38:5-6 there are four nations that join
alliance with Russia. The first one is Persia.
We know that Persia is what is known today as
Iran. The second one is Ethiopia which is not the
Ethiopia today but Sudan. The third one is Libya
which is still Libya today. The fourth one is Gomer
and the house of Togarmah which are places in
Turkey. So these five nations (Russia, Iran,
Sudan, Libya, and Turkey) are going to join forces
to attack Israel. Just look at your news concerning
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Joey is the second youngest Daytona 500 winner in history, behind only Trevor Bayne, who was 20 when he pulled off upset victory in 2011.

From the Desk Of.....

Thomas A. Wurz, Esquire Social Security Hearings

The procedure applying for and being granted social security disability benefits and/or supplemental benefits can be a long and daunting process. For most, the culmination of this process is an administrative law judge hearing. This hearing takes place if the claimant has been denied benefits and is seeking review at the hearing level. I hope to alleviate some of the mystery and anxiety of how the hearing is conducted with this article.

The lead-up to the hearing is sometimes the most important part of the whole process. The claimant is given the opportunity to provide all medical documents that support their claim as well as an accompanying memorandum of law. Most claimants will want to be represented at these hearings so their appointed counsel may draft and supply the memorandum. It always helps to have someone who knows the law and has been through the process to aid you at the hearing level.

On the day of the hearing, it is important to arrive early at the hearing office so that you may review your complete file. Also, if there are cancellations you want to be available to have your hearing early. If you fail to be on time the administration may dismiss your claim or reschedule you to a much later date. The administration is currently back logged for several months, which is exactly the kind of lengthy waiting period nobody wants.

So now everybody is at the office and ready to proceed. The people that will be present include the judge, court reporter, vocational specialist, claimant and claimant's appointed representative. The hearing will proceed with the judge asking the claimant a series of questions pertaining to their ailments. Once the judge is finished, the claimant's representative will have the opportunity to ask follow-up questions to the claimant. Next, the judge will look for testimony from the vocational specialist and claimant's appointed counsel will have the opportunity to ask follow-up questions to the specialist. If there is no more argument, then the hearing is concluded.

The whole process takes a couple of hours with the actual hearing lasting anywhere from 10 minutes to 45 minutes. Once concluded, the judge's decision will come in the mail in about 1-3 weeks. If favorable, back pay and monthly payments will be forwarded to the parties. If unfavorable, the claimant will have an opportunity to file an appeal with the appeals council. This appeal will be to determine the validity of the judge's ruling.

Hopefully, this relieves some of the confusion concerning social security hearings. While the hearing process is not easy, it may be less daunting with the aid of a knowledgeable representative. So, if you find yourself applying for social security benefits do not hesitate to seek counsel. FYI – most all representative fees are paid by the Social Security administration.



Attorney Thomas A. Wurz is an associate of his father Attorney Theodore J. Wurz, LLC in the law office of Attorney Richard Witt at 132 East Street. Attorney Wurz is a graduate of Avon Old Farms School in 2001, Providence College in May 2005 on the Dean's list and Juris Doctor Program at Western New England College School of Law in May 2009. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and U.S. Federal Court in 2010. His activities and interests are Secretary of Sports Entertainment Law Club at WNEC and is a Special Olympics Volunteer.

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First Bible Baptist Church Announces New Pastor and Return of Sarra Family



Pastor Brad Brandon is the founding pastor of the growing congregation of Berean Bible Baptist Church. For over 15 years he has been teaching and preaching the word of God in a practical, yet powerful way. God has given him a great gift and passion to simplify the principles of Scripture, in a

way that helps us know how they apply to us individually.

He currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Faith and Freedom Coalition. With this organization, much work is being done to protect and defend our religious freedoms, not only in the U.S., but also abroad. He also serves as President of the Board of Directors for Total Life Care Center. TLC is a pregnancy crisis center that is saving young lives every single day. This organization is one of the most effective in helping young women and girls choose life when they find themselves in the difficult situation of being pregnant.

Pastor Brad Brandon and his wife (Tonya) are homeschool parents of eight children. He is a business owner and has worked as both a political and business consultant. He also worked as a Sr. Political Consultant for Minnesota for Marriage and is currently a consultant to the Center for International Studies in Minnesota (a subsidiary of the U.S. State Department).

Education

- Pillsbury Bible College
- Graduated from Concordia University with a bachelors in Organizational Management
- Graduate student at University of Minnesota
- Certified marriage and family counselor through B.C.I. (Biblical Counseling Institute)

Work History

- Sr. Pastor at Berean Bible Baptist Church. (12 years)

- Host of Word of Truth Radio Show, Drive Time afternoon radio program in Minneapolis (major market)
- Sr. Political Consultant for national and state campaigns
- Department Manager for Former U.S. Senator Rudy Boschwitz
- Independent Business Consultant for Non-profit and For-profit companies.

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- President of Total Life care
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- Consultant to the MN Center for International Studies (subsidiary of the U.S. State Department)



Sarra Family

John and Lorna Sarra (long time residents of Plainville, CT) are returning to the USA and to our church family here at First Bible Baptist Church for a 6 month furlough after having served as Missionaries to the Sub Sahara Desert region of Zambia, Botswana, & the Republic of the Congo in Africa for the last 20 years. They have

established over 300 churches in the Bush areas of these countries. John has also trained every pastor who is pastoring these churches. He has also started 3 Bible colleges and also established Deaf ministries and Bible colleges to train the deaf. They are also very much involved in starting and maintaining several Health Clinics in the Bush areas of these countries. FBBC is looking forward to having them with us for the next 6 months. They are here report to the church here and most importantly, to see their youngest daughter, Tashann Sarra get married this May.

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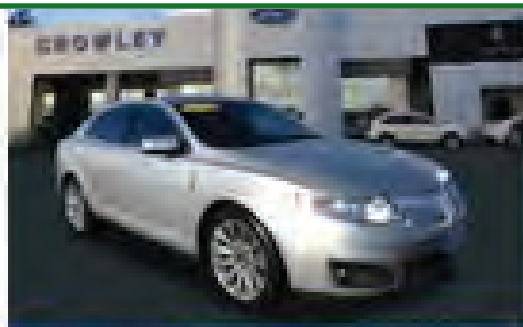


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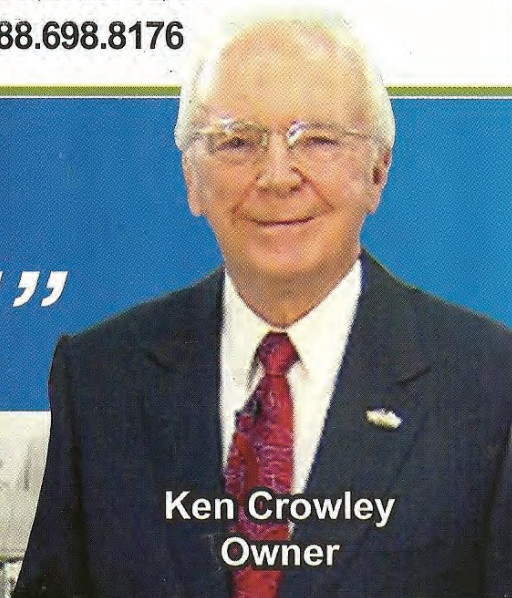
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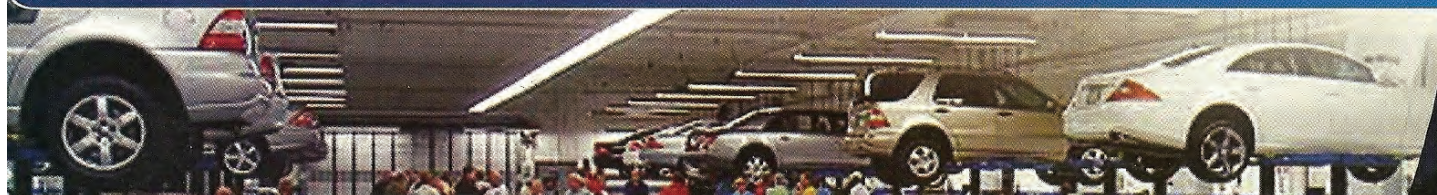
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Adam Hushin Completes Eagle Scout Project



Adam Hushin, (left) Plainville Boy Scout out of Troop 67 at Plainville United Methodist Church, this past August oversaw the project he chose to help him attain Boy scouts top rank of Eagle. The project Adam chose was to build a bat house. The house was built with the help of his fellow scouts and was installed at Session Woods in Burlington, CT. Shown below are pictures of the final bat house and his team of helpers.

Statistics have shown that the bat population is declining and the purpose of the structure will help the bat population by giving them a safe place to rest and re produce. Congratulations Adam.



Bat House Installation



Crew finishing the Bat House Project

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OBITUARIES

~ Gertrude I. Ahlgren (Ibitz) ~



89, of Plainville, passed away on January 24, 2015, in Rhode Island. Mom had the toughest resolve and independence of anyone you could meet. She greatly enjoyed attending and engaging in activities at the South Kingstown Adult Care Center, cherishing the many new friends that she met over the last couple

of years while she lived in Rhode Island with her son and daughter-in-law.

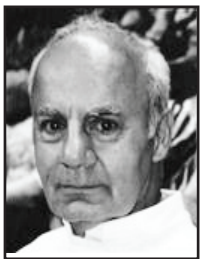
She was predeceased by her beloved husband Kenneth E. Ahlgren. Born in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Johanna (Judd) Ibitz. Mom was an insurance agent for the John Cooke Company, a florist with Flowers by Sharpe. She was a longtime volunteer with the Plainville Historical Society and a member of the Friends of the Library.

Her enjoyments were flowers, gardening, puzzles, being a grandma and most recently being a great grandma. She will be greatly missed by her children, Russell and Brenda (Dewyea) Ahlgren of Wakefield, Rhode Island, and Jeffrey Ahlgren of Chugiak, Alaska. She leaves lasting memories to her treasured grandchildren, Christopher and his wife Katharine, Emily, Courtney and Travis Ahlgren, three great grandchildren, Ryan, Hadley and Kendall and two brothers Robert and Frederick Ibitz both of Plainville. Gert will also be missed by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her much loved brothers and sisters, Louis, Frank, Raymond Ibitz, Johanna (Ibitz) Mamonis and Freda (Ibitz) Moran.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street Plainville CT. held a service of remembrance and burial will followed in West Cemetery, Plainville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to South Kingstown Adult Day Service, Re: garden deck replacement project, 283 Post Road Wakefield, RI 02879 or Michaela's Garden c/o Petit Foundation P.O. Box 310, Plainville, CT.

~ Joseph Franklin Aivaz ~



81, of Plainville, husband of Barbara (Chapman) Aivaz died peacefully on Thursday, February 19th surrounded by his loving wife and children.

Born in New Britain on August 2, 1933, he was the son of the late Joseph I. and Veronica (Shamlian) Aivaz.

A resident of Plainville since 1954, Joseph was a 33-year member of the Plainville Police Department, retiring as a Lieutenant in January of 1992. During the Korean Conflict, he served as a Sergeant with the U.S. Army, earning a Bronze Star for Valor.

An active member of the community, Joe was a longtime supporter of youth-based activities, credited with being a founding member of the Plainville Police Association's Penville Pond in 1961 as well as a respected coach for the Plainville Midget Football League's Browns. In addition, he served as President of the Plainville Police Association, Chairman of the Conservation Commission and was on the Board of Directors of the Plainville Community Chest. In 1965, Joseph received the Distinguished Service Award from the Plainville Jaycees as Outstanding Young Man of the Year. A lifelong freshwater and saltwater angler, Joe loved the time he spent with his fishing buddies, especially his sons and grandchildren. In his later years, he returned to his childhood hobby as a pigeon fancier, and enjoyed watching them take flight on summer evenings. His favorite winter pastime included cheering on the UCONN Women's Basketball team with his family at Gampel Pavilion.

Most importantly, were the memories made by the simple acts of love for his children and grandchildren, thus leaving an unmatched legacy. In addition to his beloved wife, Barbara, he is survived by his children, Barbara Willard (Gary), Susan Fabrizio (Louis), Stuart Aivaz (Laura), Sandra Soultatos, and Lt. Col. (ret.) Jeffrey Aivaz (Michelle); grandchildren Amy Fabrizio Hayes (Brian); Sara Fabrizio; Joseph and Kristina Soultatos; Katherine Willard; Cameron, Chloe, and Charlotte Aivaz; Madison, Connor, and Preston Aivaz; and great-grandson Colin Hayes. He dearly loved his siblings Benjamin Aivaz, Ruth Frisk (Stuart), Josephine Sabino and Veronica Sypek (Raymond), and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Michael, Jonathan, and Robert and sisters Lucy Benjamin and Anna David. Amongst those he left behind are his wonderful friends and neighbors including "the gang," all of whom he considered family.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. Burial services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lt. Joseph F. Aivaz Scholarship Fund, c/o the Plainville Police Association, P.O. Box 375, Plainville, CT 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit:

www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Yvonne (Corriveau) Berard ~



78, of Plainville, beloved wife of Raymond Berard, passed away on Friday, February 20, 2015 at Aurora Health Care Center, New Britain.

Born on July 9, 1936, she was the daughter of the late George and Ella (Pelletier) Corriveau. She was raised in the New Hampshire, where she attended local schools, and settled in Plainville

shortly after her marriage to Raymond, with whom she shared 61 years. She was a familiar and well-liked crossing guard near Linden Street School, for more than ten years, a job she thoroughly enjoyed. A devoted wife and mother, her proudest role was becoming a grandmother, and found the greatest amount of joy in spending time with her family. She was a kindhearted and generous woman, who will be greatly missed, leaving many cherished memories.

In addition to her husband, Raymond, she leaves her son, Robert of Plainville; her two grandchildren, Ryan and Shannon; her siblings Jeannette (Armand) Lavallee, Yvette Depelteau, and Richard (Pauline) Corriveau all of Manchester, NH; Georgette Koronkiewicz of Indiana, and Constance (Bill) Goodspeed of Florida. She was predeceased by her brothers Fernande and Roger Corriveau, her sisters Rita Turcotte and Gertrude Gagnon and leaves her in-laws, Bertrand Turcotte, Edward Gagnon, and Gertrude Corriveau, all of Manchester, NH; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters in-law, Lionel Depelteau, Dorothy Corriveau, and Albin Koronkiewicz.

Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville held a prayer service at the conclusion of the visitation. In lieu of flowers, Yvonne may be remembered with contributions to the charity of the donor's choice. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Marion (Mays) Main ~



79, of New Britain, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Born on March 29, 1935, she was one of seven children to the late Herbert and Florence (Tuttle) Mays. Raised in West Hartford, she was a graduate of Hall High School and the University of Hartford. She married her childhood friend, George, with whom she shared 55 years of marriage and raised three children. Marion was an engineer, working for Smith-Gates Corporation in Farmington for close to thirty years. She was a woman of strong faith and longtime member and volunteer at St. Francis Church in New Britain, where she was also a member of the ladies guild. She enjoyed quilting, travelling, and was a member of the Plainville Senior Center, where she leaves many friends. Above all, she was the matriarch of her family; a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, who will be greatly missed.

In addition to her husband, George, she leaves her children, David Main and his wife, Kim of MN; Nancy Main of New Britain, and Karen Cox and her husband, Phil of Plainville; her six adored grandchildren, Bobby and Marisa Main, Ty and Christopher Cox, and Amanda and Evan Main; and her great-granddaughter, Malina Main. She also leaves her sisters, Patricia Lockey, Joanne Masse, and Kathleen Clark; and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers and a sister.

A celebration of Marion's life and a prayer service was held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. Marion may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Senior Center, 200 East St., Plainville, CT 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Robert J. Hartney ~



74, of Plainville passed away Thursday January 29, 2015 at his home.



Mr. Hartney was born May 29, 1940 in New Britain a son of the late John Francis and

Nora (Nosal) Hartney and has been a Plainville resident since 1971. He was a graduate of E.C. Goodwin Technical

High School in New Britain and was a Corporate Executive at Pratt & Whitney retiring in 2004 after many years of service. Mr. Hartney was a member of the Bristol Fish and Game Association for more than 45 years and proudly served his country in the US Air Force.

He leaves his daughter and son-in-law Cathleen Hartney and Thomas Russo of Stamford, his daughter and daughter-in-law Noreen Justice and Sue Justice of Burlington, his daughter and son-in-law Trina Hartney Machesney and Stephen W. Machesney of New Haven, his brother Francis Hartney of Farmington and his grandchildren, Dana Justice of Newburyport, MA, Taylor Pascoe of Stamford, Liam Hartney Machesney and Aquinnah Hartney Machesney both of New Haven.

Bailey Funeral Home 48 Broad Street in Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. Burial will be held privately. If desired memorial contributions in Roberts memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105. For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Virginia (Pierce) Chauvy ~



81, of Southington, formerly of Plainville, passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at Bristol Hospital.

Born in Flint, MI on January 4, 1934, she was one of five children to the late George and Laverne (Smith) Pierce. She resided in Plainville where she raised her family of four and was a longtime member of the Congregational

Church of Plainville, and settled in Unionville before moving to Southington. She worked in the hospitality and food service industry, both at United Technologies and for Pagliacci's restaurant, where she dedicated more than thirty years. Virginia was a loving mother, and took great pride in her grandchildren. She lived a life full of genuine kindness towards everyone she met, and enjoyed the simple pleasures of being surrounded by her family and taking frequent trips to Cape Cod. She will be greatly missed, leaving many cherished memories.

She is survived by her son, Mark Bruzas and her son-in-law, Bruce Gilmore of Middlefield, her daughter, Joy Cipollo and her partner, Kim Hoffman; her daughter-in-law, Myrta Bruzas; her six adored grandchildren, Tom and Wendy Cipollo, John Cipollo, Christopher and Eileen Colwick, Leah and Rob Danieli, Jered and Vivianna Bruzas, and Schon Bruzas; her brother, Bill Pierce; and many nieces, nephews. Predeceased by her husband, Paul Chauvy, she leaves his children, grandchildren and extended family. She was predeceased by her son, Michael Bruzas and daughter, Sherry Phaneuf; two brothers, and a sister.

Virginia's family extends their gratitude to the Helping Hands of Bristol Hospital Hospice and Home Care, especially, Maureen, for the comfort and care shown to her.

A memorial service in celebration of Virginia's life was held at the Congregational Church of Plainville, United Church of Christ, 130 West Main St, Plainville. Bailey Funeral Home, Plainville assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, Virginia may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

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~ Anita (Scapellati) Morgen ~



89, of Plainville, beloved wife of the late Frederick E. Morgen, died Sunday (February 15, 2015) at home surrounded by her loving family.

Daughter of the late Anthony C. and Rose (Arata) Scapellati, she was born and raised in New Britain and lived in Plainville since 1960. She graduated from New Britain High School and attended Moody's Secretarial School. A 16 year member of the New Britain Y.W.C.A. staff, she worked at the information desk, was Secretary to the Health & Recreational Director, Interim Teen Age Director and for 15 years as Secretary/Administrative Aide to the Executive Director. She left to raise her family but continued her involvement with the "Y" as a volunteer serving on its Board of Directors and as its Secretary. She also served on many of the standing committees chairing the Health & Recreation, World Fellowship and Personnel Committees. Her volunteer work in the community included the Red Cross as a Junior Hostess at the former Avon Old Farms School for the Blind and as a Gray Lady at the Veterans Hospital in Newington following World War II. She was an active volunteer for the CT Yankee Girl Scout Council serving on several committees, chairing the Personnel Committee, as a Brownie Girl Scout leader, and with her husband as Senior Girl Scout leader. She also volunteered for the Heart, March of Dimes and Cancer Organizations. Her volunteer work was recognized by awards from the Y.W.C.A. as "Volunteer of the Year Award" and from scouting receiving the "Thanks Badge" Girl Scouting highest award. She was a charter member of the New Britain Secretaries Club serving on various committees and as President. She was also a member of the National Secretaries of America. She was a lifetime member of South Congregational Church (over 70 years) serving on many committees and as Superintendent of the Nursery Department for nine years.

Anita is survived by two daughters, Nancy Selnau and her husband William of Bristol, and Patricia Hart and her husband Richard of Burlington; one brother Albert Scapellati of Kensington; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Scapellati also of Kensington; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband Frederick, Anita was predeceased by a sister, Frances Murphy and her husband John; a brother, Salvatore A. Scapellati, and a sister-in-law, Esther Scapellati.

A funeral was held at South Congregational Church 90 Main Street, New Britain followed by burial at St. Mary Cemetery. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Red Cross Central CT Chapter, 79 Broad Street, Middletown, CT 06457 or to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

~ Raymond Warren Rexinger ~



54, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, January 23, 2015.



Born in New Britain on February 2, 1960, he was one of three children to the late Ralph and

Joan (Sullivan) Rexinger. He grew up in New Britain and Avon and graduated from Avon High School, and served his country in the U.S. Navy. He moved to Plainville to raise his family. A master carpenter, Ray could repair or build just about anything and used his skills generously, lending a hand to anyone in need with his time and expertise. He worked for a number of years at Maric Builders, Cove Point and later as an independent contractor, meeting many friends along the way. An outdoors enthusiast, he spent his free time hunting, fishing, and playing an occasional game of golf. Known for his bold sense of humor, Ray lived his life simply, and was never concerned about material things, just the love he showed to his family and friends. He truly left an impression with everyone he met, and will be greatly missed.

A devoted father of four, he leaves his children, Raymond, Jr., Rebecca Rexinger and Jamie McConnell, Rayanne and Jason Chasse, and Ashley Rexinger, all of Plainville; his adored grandchildren, Jonathan, Cameron, Joseph, Corey, the apple of his eye Elliana, and his little fighter Skyler; his brother, Robert, sister Diane Rustic, his forever brother in law Ricky Underwood, and his nephew, Robert Storrs.

Funeral services in celebration of Ray's life were held at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Elizabeth Morse ~



Elizabeth lived a long, full life, staying at home until she passed away on February 17. In her earlier life she kept her age a secret, telling anyone who asked only that she was old enough to vote. More recently, she was ok with people knowing she was 96, but she did prefer to celebrate un-birthdays. Elizabeth was

born in 1918 to Alphonse and Mary (Spielman) Mayrhofer in Bristol, CT. After difficulties with her birth, she was rushed to St. Joseph Church to be baptized and remained a devout Catholic. After moving to Plainville she joined Our Lady of Mercy Church and served in many volunteer capacities, helping wherever she was needed. She spread her positive attitude by telling people to "Have a Rainbow Day" and practiced the lost art of mailing cards and handwritten notes to friends and family. She was never at a loss for words and filled any silent moments at family gatherings with laughter. If she knew you, and you were ever in need of prayers, you were covered. She met her husband Richard, recently back from WWII, at a dance at Lake Compounce. They were married in 1947 and had 6 children. Richard died in 2006. She was also predeceased by an infant son Timmy, and her siblings Dick, Cel, and Rita Mayrhofer. In recent years her body was failing but her mind remained sharp with a fantastic memory for dates and a strong desire to keep up with current events and the family. She was fortunate to be able to live in her home until the end, but that would not have been possible without the wonderful, loving care of Simone Smith. Simone and her "Little Betty" stayed up late talking and laughing. Simone added a spark to Little Betty's life, and for that, the family will always love her. Elizabeth leaves behind her children, Mary and husband Walter, James, Joseph and wife Susan, Robert and wife Melissa, Peter and wife Peggy, as well as grandchildren Bridget Alfieri and husband Michael, Mavis Morse-Corman and her husband Jason, Shane Morse and his girlfriend Megan, and Elizabeth Morse and her boyfriend Phil. In 2013, Elizabeth became a great grandmother to Nicholas Alfieri who brought her great joy. She is also survived by her sister Gert Greenleaf, many nieces and nephews, and her friend and maid of honor, Dot Beaucar. She also leaves step-grandchildren Heather Nadeau and husband Patrick and their sons Connor and Logan, Shannon Chamberlain and her husband Stephen, and Tara Scrivano and her husband John. Family and friends may gather at the Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville, on Monday, February 23 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services for Elizabeth will be celebrated on Tuesday February 24, at 9:00a.m. from the funeral home to Our Lady of Mercy Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Committal services will follow in Plainville West Cemetery. Please celebrate her life by doing for others and making a contribution to a charity of your choice. And don't forget to have a Rainbow Day. As she would say. "Pass it on." For additional information or to leave words of condolence please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ George Reinwald, Jr. ~



80, of Plainville, passed away Monday January 26, 2015 at his home. He was the husband of Ann (Roy) Reinwald.

Mr. George Reinwald was born December 13, 1934 in the Bronx, NY a son of the late George and Anna (Etzal) Reinwald and was a lifelong Plainville resident. George was a graduate of Plainville High School Class of 1953 and had attended the University of Connecticut. George was a Branch manager in the vending industry, retiring after many years of service. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who was an active volunteer, coach, and umpire for the Plainville Little League and was also active with the Cub Scouts.

George is survived by his wife, Ann, of 57 years. He leaves his children, Thomas of Plainville, John and his wife Laura of Plainville, Barbara Mitera and her husband Glenn of Concord, NH, Marie Lennon and her husband Peter of Bristol, Theresa Boains and her husband Doug of Unionville and Diane Hastings and her husband Michael of Charleston, SC, 11 grandchildren and his brother Rudolph Reinwald. He was predeceased by his sons, George, III and Joseph.

A Mass of Catholic Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad Street in Plainville. Burial will be held privately. There are no calling hours. The Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street in Plainville took care of arrangements. All donations can be made to Saint Jude Children Research Hospital. For additional information or to send words of condolence please visit: www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

~ Brayton Roger Tompkins ~

93 of Plainville passed away on Feb. 18 2015 with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Mary Alice (Niklich) Tompkins for 68 years.

Brayton was born April 7, 1921 in Hartford, CT to Brayton Ransom and Luna (Wooster) Tompkins but had lived in Plainville for 92 years. In addition to his wife, Brayton leaves a family he was truly proud of; three sons Robert Tompkins and his wife Margaret of Rotunda West, FL, Dr. Vernon Tompkins and his wife Mary Ann of Southington and Stephen Tompkins of Vooheesville, NY; grandchildren Jeffrey Tompkins of Burlington, CT, Jason Tompkins and wife Robyn of Fairfield, CT, Laura Mondana and husband Peter of Plainville, CT, David Tompkins and wife Anna of Plainville, Daniel Tompkins and wife Rhyan of Tampa, FL, Quinn, Connor and Paige Tompkins of Voorheesville, NY; also great-grandchildren Zachary, Ian and Shane Tomkins of Burlington, Ryan and Evan Tompkins of Fairfield, Hayley and Peter Montana of Plainville, Julie and Joanna Tompkins of Plainville. Brayton graduated from Plainville High School in 1939 and from Bentley School of Accounting in 1941. He was employed by Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company (later GE) until his retirement in 1979. He was in the Army Air Corp from 1942 to 1946 including service in the USA and the China Burma India Theatre. While stationed at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, IL., he met the love of his life, Mary Alice, in St. Louis, and they were married on March 29, 1946 in Campbell Hill, IL. Brayton was very much a sports enthusiast (Red Sox and Girls UConn Basketball). He was an officer in Little League, midget football, Athletic Backers Club as his sons participated in those activities.

Together with his wife Mary, Brayton enjoyed square dancing for over 40 years and made many friends from that activity. He was an avid reader and followed the news closely. He attended Contemporary Issues discussions at the Plainville Senior Center for many years. Following his retirement Brayton volunteered his service in several activities including the CT Radio Information Service for the Blind, Plainville Historical Society, and visiting people in nursing homes. He was a believer in giving something back to society. He was an active member of The Plainville United Methodist for 67 years. He was a member of Fraternal Franklin Lodge of Masons.

A memorial service was held at the Plainville United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Plainville United Methodist Church, Red Stone Hill, Plainville, CT, 06062.

~ Concetta F. (Richie) Vincenti ~



91, beloved Mother, Grandma, Great Grandma passed away February 3, 2015.

She was born on October 8, 1923 to Angelo Richie and Florence (Santangelo) Richie. She is preceded in death by her son Gerald Vincenti, her husband Aldo Vincenti and her son-in-law Michael Debboli. She is dearly

loved and will be missed by her sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Patricia Vincenti, Paschal and Donna Vincenti, and her daughter Alda Jean (Vincenti) Debboli, along with her grandchildren Brian and Brooke Vincenti, Paul and Vanessa Vincenti; Jared, Paschal, Ryan Vincenti, Nicolas and Michael Debboli, Jr. and her great grandchildren, Lucas and Emme Vincenti, Isla and Avery Vincenti.

Connie was blessed in life and was a strong, beautiful, caring and giving woman. A loving mother, loyal wife, caring grandmother, delighted great grandmother, a wonderful sister and sister-in-law. She lived a full life and enjoyed friends while partaking in the Italian Womens Civic Club, loved listening to opera, playing the organ, enjoyed gardening, collecting coins, always a scrabble winner, shuffleboard champion, poker player, driving her 1963 Chevy Impala and chef to thousands of children in the Plainville school system where she worked for 25 years before retiring to Niantic, CT and Vero Beach, FL in 1988. She was much loved by those who were lucky enough to know her. She was a beautiful person with a generous spirit and a wonderful mother who raised her family with traditions, morals, principles and taught them to be strong and independent. Family meant everything to her. One of her greatest joys was her grandchildren spending summers with her in Niantic, and the most wondrous feeling in life, seeing and celebrating moments with her fourth generation, her beautiful great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy, 94 Broad Street, Plainville. Burial will be held privately. There were no calling hours. The Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad Street, Plainville, CT is assisting the family with arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

SCRATCH and PECK

By: LEESHA

GUN SAFETY

Without going through the entire Constitution and Bill of Rights, we need to address the **Right to Bear Arms.**



In early American times (300 years ago), it was necessary for man to protect his village or town, his family, and homestead. This was the Militia. Today, we have local and state police, National Guard, and the Military. He/she also used their guns for procuring meat to nourish their families. That was then, This is now.

Target shooting and recreational hunting are the only reasons we need guns now, and yes, even sometimes for protection!

However! Guns are all around us! Licensed or illegal, they are here! They are fairly easy to come by, I have been told. Because they are, I propose that the Police Department, the NRA, or whoever is responsible, start teaching **gun safety** to everyone, including all of our students and their parents. I am not promoting gun ownership for anyone, but simply awareness that the prevalence of guns in every town should be a part of the school curriculum, as much as music, art, sports, and computer technology.

Some young hot-shot upstarts, along with some of the old dinosaurs, don't really like to look at the future; and especially, what has transpired in the past. But, there it is staring us in the face; history has a way of repeating itself in many ways.

Gun control is as likely to work as Prohibition did. Some got very rich as run runners, speakeasy proprietors, and moon shiners. Others who could not afford the "good stuff" went blind or died from "bathtub" gin. Rich or poor folks could obtain the illegal "hootch".

Today, guns are a subject of controversy. Normal, law-abiding citizens can buy a gun and be licensed to own and/or carry it at a great deal of expense and time. As for the rest of the non-law-abiding people, guns are so much easier to obtain and for only a small price. These are the ones to be aware of!

If you own a gun, be responsible, store it where kids or nosy house guests cannot put their paws on it. Hide it or lock it up in a secure place. Generally, keep guns and ammunition separately. If you have a gun in the house, make all family members aware of it and the safety measures that serve to protect all of you.

If you should come across one of the "bad guys" with a gun, **TRY** to stay calm. It can happen almost anywhere, places you least expect. Do not run. Do not attack that person. If he/she starts shooting, drop to the floor and protect your head and body as well as possible. Always assume that the gun pointed at you is loaded! And the person holding it is dangerous. If you have a cell phone, try to call 911 if you deem it safe for yourself and others. That is, thankfully, a rare scenario, yet it can and does happen.

If you do have a gun(s) in your home, follow the most basic safety rules:

- (1) Always Point a Gun in a Safe Direction.
- (2) Assume That Any Gun, at Any Time, is Loaded.
- (3) Keep Your Finger off the Trigger.
- (4) Know What You're Shooting at.
- (5) Be Familiar With Your Gun.
- (6) Don't Shoot At Hard Surfaces (including Water)
- (7) Don't Rely on a Safety Mechanism.
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- (9) Use the Right Ammo.
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It is important that we volunteer our time to get involved to work for the betterment of our town, state and country. By working together, everyone doing just a little, we can do a lot.

To get information about becoming an Associate Member and/or getting an application to join, call Brent Davenport, Vice-Chairman at 860-637-0806.

The meeting date is Wednesday, March 25th at 7 pm

4th Annual Comedy Night

The Plainville Police Union is holding its' fourth annual Comedy Night on Friday June 12, 2015 at 8pm. The show is part of a fundraiser for the Plainville Police Union. The Plainville Police Union is actively involved in the community including sponsoring a little league team, a P.A.L. Basketball team and PHS sports teams. The union has also sponsored concerts in the park, grants for the Senior Center, donations to the Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development, D.A.R.E., and many other groups in Plainville.

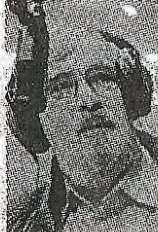
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Dave Posadas, President, Plainville Police Union

Wondering if President Obama has love for America

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani made a statement the other day that caused a real storm — not just in media, but in general. He said Mr. Obama, our president, has no love for America, not the kind of love he and most Americans feel for this country.

A POINT TO PONDER



Phil Mikan

That got me to thinking about love for America. I do love this country, as did my father and his brothers and sisters, and there was a bunch of them all born here, offspring of Eastern European

immigrants. My grandparents got up and left their country because it was awful there. America afforded great opportunity, better than anything they could ever hope for in the old country; and that's how they referred to the European world — the *old* country. America was new, and they could do better — anything was better than the world of royalty and fixed classes. They all grew up on farms and were the poorest of the poor. The poor are the majority of

America's immigrants. That's who comes here: the people with hope, grit and a desire for something better for their families — the dream of America. The immigrants' children fought and died for this country — their country — and came home from war ready to pursue their families' right to happiness. *And they did.* They loved this country for all its faults and favors; they became the backbone of the country's the work force. They came here in desperate hope and did well. They fell in love with this country, their country. I believe our president is ashamed of America

and is always apologizing for the country he claims. He may lead us but I don't think he loves us. Why is that, I wonder?
A point to ponder.

Phil Mikan is the host of the Phil Mikan Show on WMRD 1150/WLIS AM 1420 daily at 10 a.m., and the Weekend Corner Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. You can reach him at phil@philmikan.com.

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Do You Have a Puppy or Dog ?

The Plainville Recreation Department will be sponsoring Dog Obedience classes. The first class will be held without the dog on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Recreation Department Whiting Street (next to the Post Office)

The remaining six classes with dog will be held on Saturdays at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. All classes are held at Norton Park. The classes teach basic dog obedience behavior and control as well as insight on behavior problems for ages 6 months and up.

All vaccinations must be current.

To register or for further information please contact the Recreation Office at 860-747-6022.

Pet Page

“By: Cathy, The Pet Spa at Twin City”

Is It Really So Tough To Get Old?

While we all know that getting older results in changes, it doesn't have to be terrible. In fact, if you're a cat or dog, getting older can be quite comfortable.

Arthritis is a common complaint in older pets, especially dogs. This can be made more painful by a pet having to carry too much weight on the involved joints. Switching to a senior or weight loss formula is a very simple way to deal with this problem. Of course, we must remember that treats have calories, sometimes lots of calories! Using vegetables such as carrots or green beans as treats works for many dogs without adding unwanted extra calories. Using a senior formula typically has the added benefit of added glucosamine for those arthritic joints.

There are many supplements now available for senior dogs. Many of these are designed to relieve arthritis, usually with glucosamine as a major ingredient. Other ingredients which target arthritis, such as chondroitin, MSN, ester-C and anti-inflammatory herbs, are often added. You may need to try a particular supplement for your pet to find out if the particular combination in that supplement is the one that works the best for your pet. In addition to supplements in powder, liquid or chewable tablet form, functional treats are now available. These are treats that contain a therapeutic amount of one or more supplements within the treats, and are given to a pet in amounts based on the pet's weight.

Older joints can also be comforted by use of orthopedic bed, which provide the right amount of support for comfort. The extra support also makes it easier for older pets to get up from the bed.

Other products can also increase an older pet's mobility. Ramps can allow pets to easily get into and out of vehicles (or onto and off of furniture if you choose). Special harnesses are available that support a dog's rear quarters for dogs with weak back legs. For pets who can no longer take a long walk with you, strollers are available so that your dog can rest as needed during the walk.

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Next month we'll discuss senility, more properly referred to as cognitive issues.

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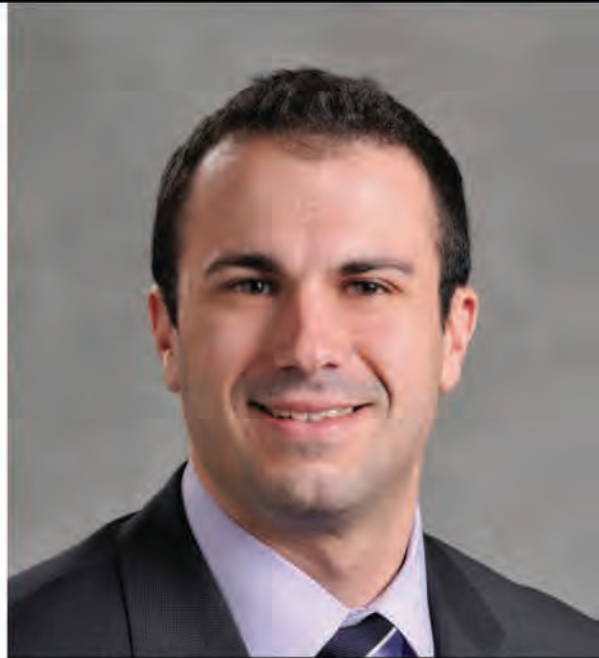
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